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Where Qantas flies across Southern Skies



LAKE to

- Finschhafen.
- Rabaul.
- Torokina.
- Vella Lavella.
- Yandina.
- Honiara.

LAKE to

- Madang.
- Wewak.
- Awar.
- Angoram.
- Maprik.
- Rabaul.

LAKE to

- Finschhafen.
- Rabaul.
- Kavieng.
- Manus.

MADANG to

- Wabag.
- Baiyer River.
- Mt. Hagen.

- Kerowagi.
- Chimbu.

LAKE to

- Nadzab.
- Kaiapit.
- Arona.
- Aiyura.
- Kainantu.
- Bena Bena.
- Garoka.
- Minj.
- Chimbu.
- Kerowagi.
- Kup.
- Nondugl.
- Banz.
- Mt. Hagen.
- Ogelbeng.
- Baiyer River.
- Wabamunda.
- Wabag.

PT. MORESBY to

- Abau.
- Samarai.
- Esa'Ala.
- Losuia.
- Woodlark Is.
- Debcyne Lagoon.

PT. MORESBY to

- Abau.
- Samarai.
- Esa'Ala.
- Losuia.
- Rabaul.
- Queen Carola Harbour.
- Buka.
- Inus.
- Kieta.
- Buln.
- Talasea.
- Moewe Harbour.
- Lindenhafen.
- Jacquinet Bay.

LAKE to

- Bulolo.
- Wau.

LAKE to

- Garaina.
- Pt. Moresby.
- Cairns.
- Townsville.
- Rockhampton.
- Brisbane.
- Sydney.

PT. MORESBY

- Yule Is.
- Kerema.
- Wana.
- Kikori.
- Lake Kutubu.
- Lake Murray.
- Daru.

PT. MORESBY

- Kokoda.
- Higatura.

MADANG to

- Garoka.
- Kainantu.
- Aiyura.
- Arona.
- Dumpu.
- Gusap.
- Madang.

NORFOLK IS.

- Sydney.

SUVA to

- Noumea.
- Sydney.

SANTO to

- Vila.
- Noumea.
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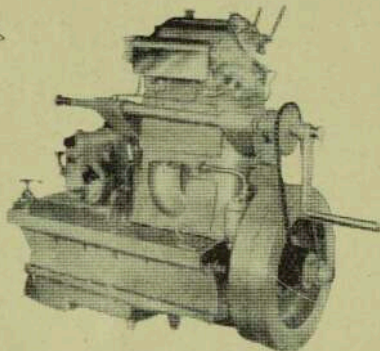
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20 h.p.
at 1,200 r.p.m.

Built-in reducing gear gives propeller speed of 780 r.p.m. Hand starting. Electric starter extra if required.

Overall dimensions :

Length —48½ in. (1,231 mm)
Width —24½ in. (622 mm)
Height —43½ in. (1,108 mm)
Weight —1,512 lb. (686 kilos)



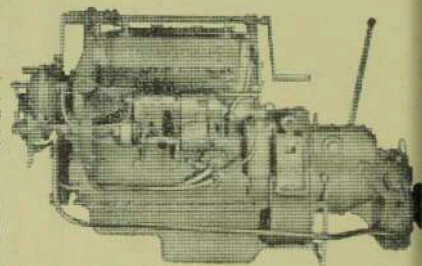
TYPE RTR4 DIESEL

25/30 h.p.
at 1,500/1,750 r.p.m.

Direct drive to propeller or with 2-1 or 3-1 reducing gear. Hand starting, electric starting extra, or electric starting only. Oil operated reverse gear extra, if required.

Overall dimensions :

Length —52 in. (1,321 mm)
Width —27 in. (685 mm)
Height —35 in. (889 mm)
Weight —1,100 lb. (499 kilos)



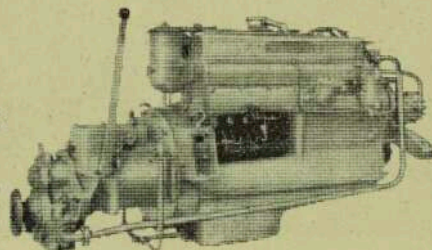
TYPE RTR6 DIESEL

40/50 h.p.
at 1,500/1,900 r.p.m.

Direct drive to propeller or with 2 to 1 or 3 to 1 reducing gear. Oil operated reverse gear extra, if required.

Overall dimensions :

Length —62½ in. (1,589 mm)
Width —24½ in. (622 mm)
Height —37 in. (940 mm)
Weight —1,428 lb. (650 kilos)



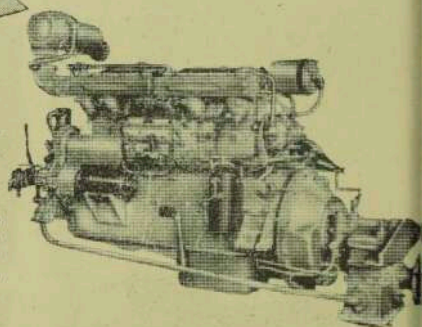
TYPE RNR6 DIESEL

60/90 h.p.
at 1,200/1,600 r.p.m.

Direct drive to propeller or with 2-1 or 3-1 reducing gear. Oil-operated reverse gear.

Overall dimensions :

Length —85 in. (2,160 mm)
Width —28 in. (712 mm)
Height —54 in. (1,372 mm)
Weight —2,240 lb. (1,016 kilos)



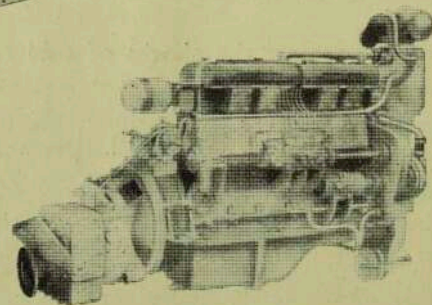
TYPE RZ6 DIESEL

85/125 h.p.
at 1,200/1,600 r.p.m.

Direct drive to propeller or with 2-1 or 3-1 reducing gear. Oil operated reverse gear and fresh water cooling standard. Mirror-handled pairs for twin-screw at no extra cost.

Overall dimensions :

Length —90 in. (2,286 mm)
Width —31 in. (787 mm)
Height —63 in. (1,599 mm)
Weight —3,080 lb. (1,400 kilos)



TYPE DB2

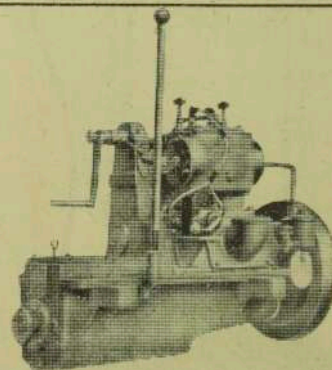
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Built-in reducing gear gives propeller speed of 700 r.p.m.

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Length —38 in. (966 mm)
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Weight —672 lb. (305 kilos)



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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

There are now comparatively few ship-lines running on regular time-tables to the Pacific Islands. The following times are only approximately correct—are subject to much alteration at notice:—

Sydney-Suva-N. America

Canadian-Australasian liner Aorangi (100 tons) maintains regular two-weekly sailings—Sydney-Auckland-Suva-Tulu-Victoria-Vancouver, and return

RMS AORANGI

.. Nov. 8	Jan. 10	Mar. 13
.. Nov. 12-13	Jan. 14-15	Mar. 17-18
.. Nov. 16	Jan. 18	Mar. 21
.. Nov. 23	Jan. 25	Mar. 28
.. Nov. 29	Jan. 31	Apr. 3
.. Nov. 30-	Feb. 1-7	Apr. 4-10
Dec. 6		
.. Dec. 6	Feb. 7	Apr. 10
.. Dec. 13	Feb. 14	Apr. 17
.. Dec. 22	Feb. 23	Apr. 26
.. Dec. 25-28	Feb. 26-28	Apr. 29-May 1
.. Jan. 1	Mar. 3	May 5

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

Bulolo, modern liner, sails about six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Dregerhaven - Rabaul-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Last departure from Sydney probably December.

Malaika, freighter with some comfortable passenger accommodation, sails varied schedule about every seven days—usually Sydney - Samarai - Lae - Manus-Rabaul-Samarai-Sydney. Last sailing end of November. Details from Burns, Philp & Co.,

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

All modern MV Matua, carrying 100 passengers, runs about every 4-5 weeks: Zealand-Suva-Nukualofa and Vavau (Tonga) - Niue - American Samoa - Apia (Western Samoa)-Suva-Auckland.

A new motor vessel (Tofua) will be added to this service at the end of November.

Sails from Union SS Co.

Zealand-Cook Is.-

Niue-Samoa

MV Maui Pomare (40 passengers) maintains fairly regular service between Zealand and Rarotonga (Cook Islands). Alternative calls at Niue and Apia (Samoa).

Sails from NZ Government Shipping

Sydney-Norfolk Is.-

N. Hebrides-Solomons

Steamer Morinda, 40 passengers, runs about 6 weekly intervals: Sydney-Norfolk Is. (alternative)-Vila and N. Hebrides ports-Honiara (Solomons), and direct to Sydney.

Sails from Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Sails of Messageries Maritimes Line, from Marseilles, via West Indies

and Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Maritimes.

Small motor-ships Polynesian (Messageries Maritimes) and Neo Hebrides (H. C. Sleigh, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular service between Noumea and Sydney.

N. America-French Pacific Is.- Samoa-Fiji

Pacific Islands Transport Line (Norwegian) run a regular freight and passenger service between Pacific coast ports in USA and Canada and Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Hebrides with Motorship Thor I.

AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

1. Australia (or NZ)-Fiji-Hawaii-N. America

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

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Thur. and Sun.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Seattle-Portland.

Sun. and Wed.—Return via same route.

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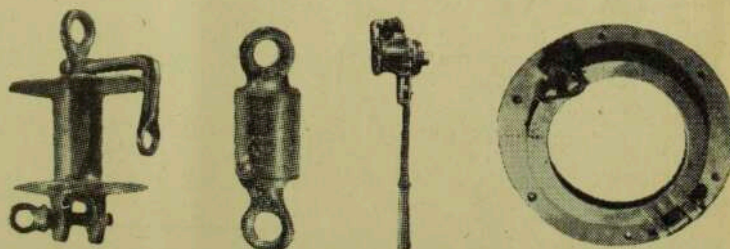
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—Dep. Auckland-Nadi-Canton-Hono-u-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

Dep. Vancouver and S. Francisco erneratively; thence same route to ckland.

CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

ate Wed.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)—Canton-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

ate Wed.—Return by same route.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

ervice by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

uesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)

Depart: Arrive:
y, 7.45 pm Bris., 10.30 pm
11.40 pm Moresby, 6.30 am
by, 7.30 am Lae 8.50 am
nects at Lae with DC3's for Wau,
(Wed); and (Sun.) Rabaul, direct.
Mon., Thur., Fri. (DC3's)
y, 8.15 am Bris., 11.15 am
ne, 12 noon Rock'ton, 2.20 pm
on, 2.40 pm Towns., 5.15 pm
(overnight)

Depart:
Townsville (Tues.,
Fri., Sat., 5.20 am
Moresby, 11 am
Cooktown, 8.15 am
Moresby, 11.40 am
Lae, 2 pm

Arrive:
Cairns, 6.30 am
Cooktown, 7.55 am
Moresby 11.10 am
Lae, 1 pm
Madang, 3.15 pm

Via Cairns, Towns., Brisbane, with optional call at Rockhampton.

Monday (DC3)

Rabaul, 7 am Moresby, 10.20 am
Moresby, 10.50 am Cairns, 2.10 pm
Cairns, 3.10 pm Towns. (over-
night), 4.30 pm

Towns., Tues.,
8.15 am Brisbane, 1 pm
Brisbane, 1.45 pm Sydney, 5 pm

SOUTHWARDS

Tuesdays (DC3)
Madang, 3.45 pm Lae, 5 pm

Wednesdays (DC3)
Wau, 11.30 am Lae, 12.35 pm

Saturday, Thursday (DC3)
Lae, 5.45 am Moresby, 7.05 am
Moresby, 7.35 am Sydney, 10.15 pm

Wednesday, Sunday (Skymaster)

Lae, 10.30 am Moresby, 11.40 am
Moresby, 12.40 pm Bris., 7.10 pm
Bris., 8.25 pm Sydney, 11 pm

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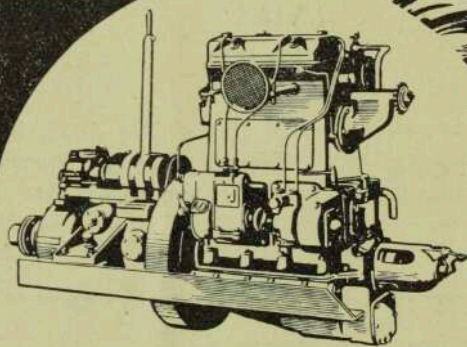
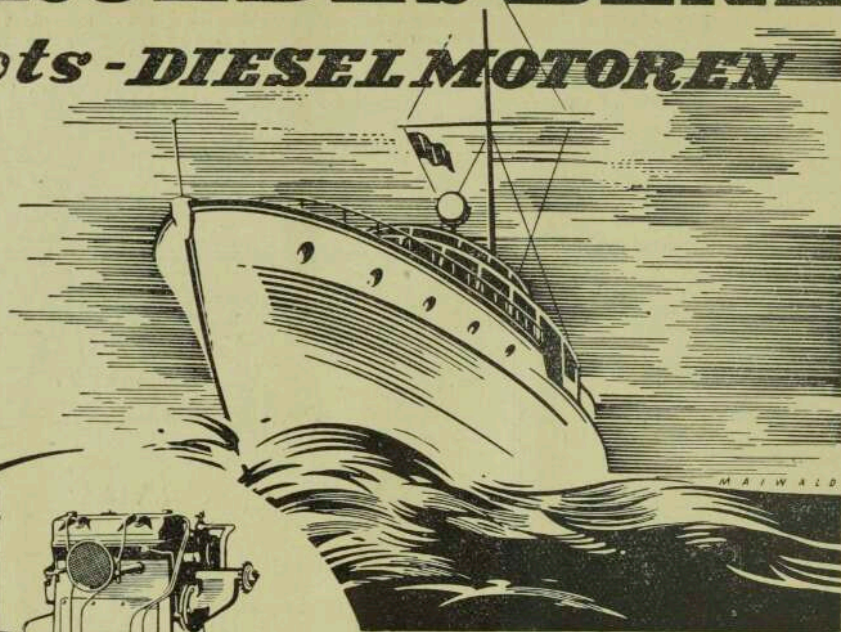
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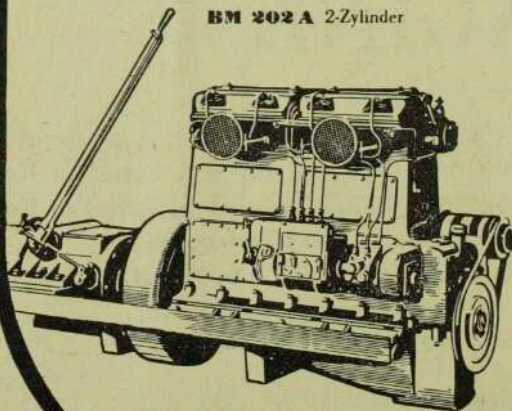
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Sundays and Wednesdays

Depart: Arrive:
Sydney, 7.15 pm Bris., 10 pm
11 pm Moresby, 6.30 am

Mondays and Thursdays
Moresby, 9.30 am Bris., 5 pm
6 pm Sydney, 8.30 pm
This service connects at Moresby with
planes of Mandated Airlines, which
provide service to all points in New
Guinea.

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas
LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.
Lae, 8 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul,
Lavieng, Manus (3 pm).
Returns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), same
route.

LAE-MADANG-GENERAL SERVICE
Every Monday.

LAE-MADANG-WEWAK-RABAUL-GENERAL SERVICE
Every Thursday.

MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)

Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional),
Ikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate
Wednesday; returning same day.

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Catalina)
Alternate Monday.—Dep. 9 am—Abau-
amarai-Esa'ala-Losuia (overnight).
Alternate Tuesday.—Return to Moresby,
via Deboyne Lagoon, Samarai, and
Abau.

MORESBY-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

In Alternate Weeks, by Catalina
Alternate Monday.—Moresby-Abau-Sama-
rai-Esa'ala-Losuia-Rabaul.
Alternate Tuesday.—Rabaul-Q. Carola Har-
bour-Buka-Kieta - Buin (Bougainville)
and return. Inus optional.
Alternate Wednesday.—Rabaul - Talasea-
Deboyne-Jacquinet B., and return. Linden-
hafen optional.
Alternate Thursday.—Rabaul - Losuia-Esa'
a-Samarai-Abau-Moresby.

MORESBY-N.E. PAPUA (DH84)

Tuesdays and Fridays

Moresby (7.30 am)—Kokoda (8.20 am)—
Sigatara (8.55 am)—and returns to
Moresby 10.15 am direct.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DH84)

Days.—Madang (7 am) to Goroka,
Kainantu, Aiyura, Arona, as required.
Returns to Madang (noon).
Days.—Madang (7 am) to Wabag,
Mayer R., Hagen. Optional: Kerowagi,
Kimbubu. Returns to Madang (noon).
Days.—Lae (6.30 am) to Wabag, calling
at any of: Nadzab, Kiaipit, Arona,
Aiyura, Kainantu, Bena, Bena,
Goroka, Chimbu, Kerowagi, Kup. Non-
gl. Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Ogelbeng,
Mayer R., Wabamunda. Return to
Lae.

LAE-GARAINA (DH84)

Days.—Departs 7 am; returns 9 am.

LAE-WAU-BULOLO (Drover)

Lae.—Tues., Fri., Sat.
Wau.—Tues., Fri., Sat.
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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

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Alternate Monday (DC3).—Lae (dep. 6
am) - Finschhafen - Rabaul - Torakina
(Bougain.) - Vellalavella - Yandina -
Honiara (BSI) (arr. 4.25 pm).
Alternate Tuesday.—Honiara (dep. 7 am)-
Yandina - Vellalavella-Torakina-Rabaul-
Finschhafen-Lae (arr. 3.15 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

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Nooumea, and return.
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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymaster
Alternate Thursdays; returning same day.

9. Sydney-New Hebrides

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Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, Wed., 9.30 pm	Nooumea, Thur., 6.30 am
Nooumea, Thur., 8.00 am	Vila, Thur., 10.35 am
Vila, Thur., 12.5 pm	Santo Thur., 1.20 pm
Santo, Fri., 6.00 am	Vila, Fri., 7.15 am
Vila, Fri., 8.15 am	Nooumea, Fri., 10.55 am

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Suva, Mon., 3 pm

Suva, Tue., 6 am
Noumea, Tue., 10.30 am
Noumea, Tue., 12.30 pm
Sydney, Tue., 7.45 pm

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

By NZ National Airways, with DC3's
Sundays.—From Auckland, returning same day.
Alternate Sundays.—One additional service, same day. See also table No. 8.

12. Sydney-Auckland

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
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13. Sydney-Wellington

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
Dep. Sydney, Mon., Wed., Thur., Sat., 10.30 pm.
Dep. Wellington, Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., 11 am.

14. Melbourne-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC4
Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 9.20 pm; arr. Ch'ch., 9.15 am.
Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 11 pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

By Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solent Flying-boats.
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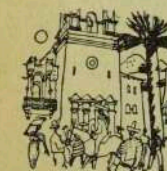
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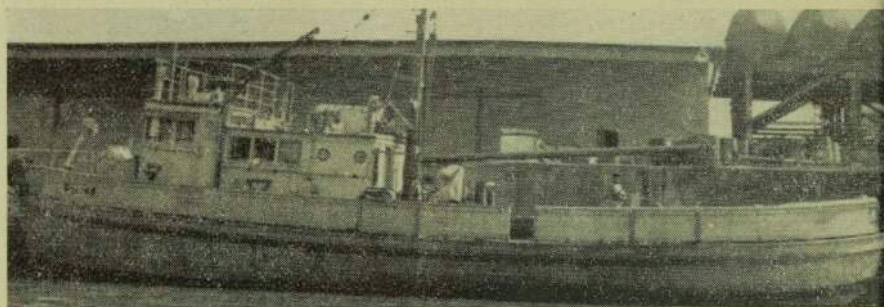
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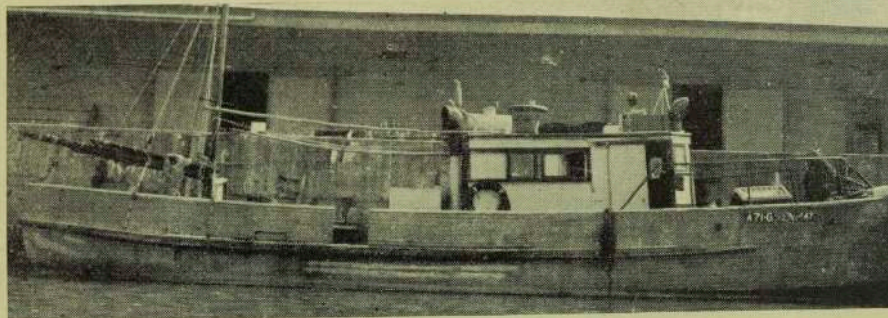
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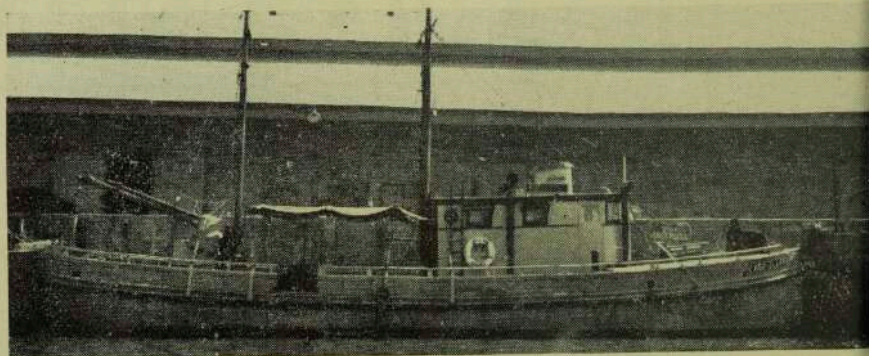
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Mr. Churchill's Appalling Task

On October 25, the electors of the United Kingdom threw out of office the last Socialist Government left in the British Empire. Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand now are lined up with the United States and the Western democracies in an attempt to resist the Communist bloc, and restore sanity to this disordered world.

It may be five years too late. Anglo-American Powers should have taken control of the world in 1945 and held control until mankind had recovered from World War II. The Americans were in a position to do this; but the British, in Britain, Australia and New Zealand, went on a mad Socialist spree which partially wrecked the Empire, so disturbed both the economy of the nation and the morale of the people that they now seem unable to offer any effective defence to the creeping advance of the underground forces of the Reds.

Churchill is back at the helm in London; and, on the radio, one hears in his voice the same bulldog tenacity that we remember so well in 1940. But the old man is faced with problems that literally are terrifying.

A Parliamentary majority is small—less than 30. The fact that nearly half the British electorate of over 30 millions voted for a futile, fumbling and utterly edited Socialist suggests that a range change has come upon

the people who, only a decade ago, triumphed in disaster at Dunkirk and came undefeated through the London Blitz.

PRIOR to 1939, Britain had about £2,000,000,000 invested overseas. She spent it all in 1939-45, literally in helping to keep the world safe for democracy. British economy, and British standards of life, were partly based on the income from those two thousand million pounds. After 1945, Britain had either to replace her enormous overseas investment by working overtime or substantially lower her living standards.

Under Socialist direction, she did neither. The Attlee Government nationalised the industries which should have been encouraged to recapture world markets; it spent countless millions and immeasurable energy on "welfare" plans for the masses; and it encouraged the natives of Empire countries in Asia and Africa to engage in all kinds of nationalist dreams and enterprises. For five out of six years of office, it refused to see that the USSR was planning world conquest.

Britain already faced bankruptcy when Attlee came in. How, then, did she carry on? Actually she has been kept going for six years by gift money from America. The United States partly from goodwill, partly because they know that the collapse of the British Empire may open the way to Moscow's triumph, have spent countless millions in propping up

the British economy. In so many words: the American taxpayer has paid for nationalising Britain's railways, and equipping Britain's industrial masses with dentures and spectacles.

NOW, the Socialist spree is over. Churchill, ten years older, and probably heart-broken by the things he has seen happening in those ten years, applies himself to the tasks that should have been his in the great days of victory in 1945. Britain's Treasury is empty, and Britain's accounts are in the red to the appalling amount of at least £700,000,000 per annum. The restored industries of Germany and Japan already are biting deeply into Britain's overseas markets. Her Asiatic Empire is almost all gone; she has suffered an enormous loss in Persia; the protection of Malaya against the Reds and of the Suez Canal against the Egyptians, is costing her an incalculable amount; and the nationalist poison, planted by the Socialists, is working overtime in Africa.

And, just over the eastern horizon, the Communist Empire threatens at any moment to take Western civilisation by the throat.

Churchill may again save Britain and the Empire; but he cannot do it unaided. He must receive American help in 1951, just as he did in 1941.

Having seen the indescribable mess the Socialist Government made of British affairs in 1945-51, and remembering that the British electors did not throw out the Socialists in 1949, and put the Con-

servatives in by only a narrow majority in 1951, the United States would be completely justified in refusing further help.

But that would mean opening wide the gates to Stalin. America, alone, cannot hold back the Reds. She can depend completely upon Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Scandinavian nations. She can place only partial reliance upon the other small Western countries, and upon France and Italy. Italy and, in a lesser degree, France, are still influenced by deep Socialist penetration.

A strong Britain, giving power and inspiration to the whole British Empire, is the one thing America needs to provide her with the reserve strength to defy and, if necessary, overthrow the Muscovite conspiracy.

WE may expect to see America making the best of it by giving all possible support to Churchill. Of all the world's leaders, Churchill has the greatest capacity for bold thinking; and,

remembering the Anglo-French Union which he proposed to France in the black days of May, 1940, it would cause no surprise at this time, if he suggested an Anglo-American Federation, to take the control of world affairs out of the pusillanimous hands of the already discredited United Nations.

Here, in the Pacific we already have an Anglo-American Federation, in all but name. Here in the Pacific, too, it would seem that France is very close to the Anglo-American set-up—much closer than in Europe. Maybe, out here, our perspective is clearer.

If Britain goes, all is gone—the Reds will destroy us piecemeal. Our hope lies in Churchill, supported by America. France, always realist, probably would join an Anglo-American Federation. Thenceforward, the going would be safer, and easier. But if Britain, under Churchill, fails to make the grade, the outlook is not one that should be contemplated by persons of weak stomach.

Fijian Battalion—Is Malaya Sufficiently Important?

THE announcement that a battalion of Fijian troops will be sent to Malaya next year to fight against terrorists, has revived war-time stories of their exploits in the Solomons and Bougainville. Their fame as jungle fighters—particularly on night patrols—is known far beyond Fiji.

The "war" in Malaya is now an Empire show—Gurkhas, Dyaks, African coloured troops, Australian airmen, regiments of English and Scottish troops—and obviously the Fijians want to be in it. If you look no deeper than that you must applaud their patriotism.

It has been calculated in Australia that, on a population basis (and taking the whole population of Fiji, not just the Fijians) Australia would have to send 40,000 men to Malaya to do as well as the Fijians propose to do.

Australians, when they must, make pretty good soldiers. Yet, at the present moment, volunteers for a campaign in Malaya would be more likely to number 400 than 40,000. The business of fighting terrorists in Malaya may appeal to the individual Australian adventurer, but it makes no call at all upon mass patriotism.

In Fiji, on the other hand, it is unlikely that there will be any difficulty in recruiting 1,000 men. The average young Fijian, with the simple Fear-God-Honour-the-King philosophy that much of the Empire shed long years ago, will probably regard this, or any other campaign, as a super football-game. He likes Army life with its discipline, comradeship and the business of fighting.

But is there nothing better that 1,000 of Fiji's brightest young men can do than fight terrorists in Malaya—if fighting terrorists in Malaya is all the Battalion will be asked to do? Doubts have already been expressed as to the wisdom of it by individuals in Fiji—although it is admitted that Fijians are suited to this type of warfare.

The anti-terrorist campaign in Malaya now has lasted longer than World War II. It seems no nearer an end, and it is probable that something is needed other than more Colonial troops.

In the meantime, it would be idle to suppose that the withdrawal of these young men from Fijian life is not going to have repercussions. Nor, with the example of World War II's aftermath still with us, can we believe that soldiering necessarily fits a man for a bigger and better civilian life.

The Fijians, as a race, still have one very large domestic problem to solve. Will it be made easier by fostering this football-game mentality which comes so fatally easy to them? Or would not the Colony, and the Empire, be better served in the long-term view, by encouraging the Fijians to stay home and attend to their business; to learn to work and plan for the future?

No doubt Authority weighed these pros and cons of commonsense against the need for patriotism and preparedness in the face of present world unrest, before making this decision. But something more is needed from Authority to justify this move in the eyes of the public.

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It flew from Lae, via Honiara, Nauru; but not, apparently, on to Tarawa—although the Administration at Tarawa had been at pains to prepare the big airstrip at Bokini (one of the islets of the Tarawa atoll) for the expected arrival.

Western Pacific High Commissioner is being divorced from Fiji. If the Territories concerned are not added to Australian administration, the new headquarters will be Honiara (BSI), whence Solomon Islands and Gilbert and Ellice Colony will be governed. (See article elsewhere).

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Ocean Island is the most important section of the G & E Colony. The plane from Nauru to Tarawa flies right over Ocean Island, but cannot land there because there is no air strip. Perhaps that can be remedied.

Caroline and Marshall Islands (American Trust Territory) has just been added to the geographical scope of the South Pacific Commission. There will be closer cooperation now between Micronesia and the South. The new Qantas service could be very easily extended to cover the main centres in Caroline Islands and Guam.

It is a matter for the Governments concerned. They are chartering the planes. So far, the new route is not a Qantas enterprise.

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Although no official announcement is expected before the new year, speculation about the next Governor of Fiji is persistent.

Many names are mentioned. Those most frequently heard are those of the late Colonial Secretary in Fiji, Mr. C. G. Nicol, (now in Hongkong) and the present Governor of British Honduras ("young" Sir Ronald Garvey), who is well known and favourably known in the South Pacific.

P-NG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Election of Three Members

THE new Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea, which will hold its inaugural meeting on November 26, will consist of the 26 members whose names were given in the October PIM, and the Europeans, elected by popular vote on November 10.

A number of organisations refused to take any part in the election, on the ground that it was ridiculous to devote any time to the selection of three elected representatives in a Council of 29 (26 of whom were nominees of the Administration). A considerable portion of persons entitled to vote were shut out from voting by the early closing of the polls. The candidates were as follows:—

PAPUA

(Port Moresby, Samarai)

MR. J. R., Company Director, PM.
MR. J. L., solicitor, PM.
MR. M. M., sales manager, PM.
MR. E. A., public accountant, PM.
MR. N. F., commission agent, PM.
MR. F. R., planter, Rigo.

NEW GUINEA MAINLAND

Wau, Bulolo, Madang, Saidor, Wewak, Chimbu, Kainantu, Goroka.)

MR. S. B., dentist, Wau.
MR. E. C. N., planter, Lae.
MR. C. M., planter, Lae.
MR. N. H., farmer, Wau.

NEW GUINEA ISLANDS

(Rabaul, Kokopo, Kavieng.)
MR. T. Donald, planter, Rabaul.
MR. P. A., clerk, Rabaul.
MR. Gilbert, businessman, Rabaul.

When counting ceased on Saturday night, November 10, the winning was the position:—

PAPUA (664 enrolled)—James, leading Cromie, 155.

ISLANDS (479 enrolled)—Barrett, leading MacKenzie, 80.

MAINLAND (537 enrolled) — Jacobsen, 148, leading White, 66.

As there are numerous postal votes to come in, and as the poll is on the preferential system, the final result probably will remain in doubt for a week. The poll will be declared on November 17, which is the deadline for the receipt of postal votes.

The short notice given of the election, and the infrequent mail service in many areas, obviously cut back the number of enrolments.

THE FORMAL OPENING

The formal opening of the Council on November 26, will be attended by the Administrator of the Commonwealth (General Sir John Northcott) the Minister for Territories (Mr. Paul Hasluck) and a Federal Parliamentary delegation including Senator Caltrige and Messrs. Timson and Leslie (from the Government side) and Senator Sanford and Mr. Nelson (Opposition).

Europeans in P.M. Lakatoi Mishap

DURING a fishing party off Port Moresby on October 28 a native lakatoi belonging to Mr. Fred Harris of Port Moresby was swamped, and the 10 occupants clung to it for 18 hours before being rescued by a launch.

Those on the lakatoi were Mr. and Mrs. F. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ireland, Mr. Gerhardt Matthiesen, of the Danish survey ship Galathea, Mr. R. J. Ammer, Mr. H. Shepherd and two natives.

All were suffering from shock, exposure and immersion.

NO MAJOR COPRA DECISIONS

Planters' Hopes Regarding MOF Contract

THE export levy on copra exported from Papua-New Guinea is regulated by the Customs Tariff Ordinance, just issued in Canberra.

The levy is substantially the same as before, except that the deduction for the stabilisation fund is substantially reduced.

The Territories Minister, on November 1, said that marketing arrangements in relation to Papua-New Guinea copra, including the stabilisation fund, are "still under consideration."

They have been under consideration for months. Nothing yet has been done to fix the future of the Stabilisation Fund, now well in excess of £1,000,000; nothing seems to have been done to secure revision of the MOF contract price, due for renewal within three months; and the copra millers of Australia still are getting New Guinea copra at a favourable rate based on the MOF contract, instead of paying world-market rates for it, as their competitors are obliged to do.

Consideration of these matters has been promised by a succession of Ministers and high officials, to a succession of planters' deputations.

Now that the British Socialist Government is out, South Seas planters hope for some review of the MOF copra contract. Prospects are not bright. Britain is in very serious economic trouble now, and the Conservatives will not do anything likely to increase her overseas indebtedness.

NEW PRICE IN AUSTRALIA

It was officially announced, on November 7, that the price charged Australian millers by Production Control Board for New Guinea copra had been revised, to provide among other things for increased freight rates and for a higher charge for top grade (Plantation Hot-Air). The new prices are:—

	Per Ton
	£ s d
Plantation Hot-Air	76 0 0
FMS	75 0 0
Smoke-Dried	74 7 6

LONDON, Oct. 4—Copra prices are steady at £90 to £95 per ton, cif. Straits, £94; Philippines, 220 dollars, cif; Dutch East Indies, Coprafond selling freely to Continent; Ceylon —no business. Coconut Oil—Straits, £138/10/-; Ceylon, £141, cif.

South Pacific Commission in Session

(Report on Page 119, This Issue)



Lassalle-Sere, Senior Commissioner for France, as Chairman, formally declares the Eighth Session of the South Pacific Commission, at a meeting held at Commission Headquarters at Noumea, New Caledonia, on Monday, October 29.

Governor Angamarre Arrives at Noumea

Noumea, Oct. 22.
M RAOUL ANGAMARRE, newly appointed Governor of New Caledonia and High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Pacific Ocean, Madame Angamarre, their daughter and Mr. Jouanin, Chief of Cabinet, arrived at Noumea on October 21, by the regular Qantas from Suva, after travelling from France via the U.S.A.

In a speech, the new Governor recalled the days when he was serving in the New Hebrides, 20 years ago. He also expressed some wonder at the news that the Caledonian economy was in a poor state, the budget deficit amounting to 78,000,000 C.F.P. francs or approximately £A.1,115,000.

NEW ELECTORAL REGULATIONS FOR FIJI

FIJI has completely revised her electoral regulations for holding Legislative Council elections.

One of the most important changes is the appointment of the District Commissioners of the Southern, Eastern and North-Western Divisions as returning officers instead of having the Registrar General in Suva as the sole Returning Officer. One result of this will be that votes will be counted soon after polling finishes, by each of these officers instead of all the ballot boxes having to be returned to Suva before counting began, as in the past.

Under the new Regulations, Indian voters will be able to cast postal votes for the first time—provided they can sign their names in English handwriting. It is said that it is "not considered reasonable to expect returning officers to identify thumb prints or signatures in Indian script."

FIJI GOLD FOR OPEN MARKET

IN October, the Government of Fiji announced that following a directive from the International Monetary Fund on gold sales, 40 per cent. of the gold mined in the Colony may now be sold on the open market.

Australians interested in Emperor and Loloma Goldmines Fiji, are of the opinion, however, that the conditions under which this percentage may be sold severely limits any benefits the mines might get. They call it a "conscience saving move" on the part of the Fiji government.

Conditions are that the gold must

High Cost of Giving Oranges to NZ

Cook Is. Grants, £103,000;
Maui Pomare, £55,000

OUR great-grandfathers who believed, with reason, that colonies were assets, would see little sense in the way these affairs are managed to-day. In the South Pacific it costs the taxpayers of Australia and New Zealand millions to keep their territories financially afloat, but, fortunately, most taxpayers seem not to know about it.

Australia spends millions annually in Papua and New Guinea where before the war they got along with an annual grant to Papua of £30,000 or £40,000.

New Zealand is in much the same boat. It was revealed in Parliament, in Wellington, recently, that whereas before the war the Cook Group cost NZ about £17,000 annually on grants and subsidies, last year education alone in the Group cost £43,000; Health, £46,000; and Public Works, £37,000. The Cook Islands grant for 1950-51 is £103,899.

Last year, says a report to NZ Parliament the islands (presumably still referring to the Cook Islands only) imported £473,000 worth of goods and exported £228,759 worth. The Government apparently makes up the difference between income and expenditure.

The only benefit the New Zealand taxpayer gets from the ownership of the Cook Group is an inadequate supply of what must be the most expensive oranges in the world. Apart from the grants quoted above, it cost the Government last year £55,109 to keep their ship Maui Pomare on the NZ-Cook Is. run in order that oranges could be brought to the Dominion. In 1949-50, Maui Pomare's loss was £29,000 and in 1948-49, £52,000.

It was expected, by the NZ Government and others, that the introduction of the USS Co.'s new Tofua would release Matua for the Cook Islands fruit trade, but this is not to be (see elsewhere this issue).

be processed or semi-processed; and that the buyer must possess a valid import licence for the country of final destination; that the gold be used for professional, industrial or artistic use (not for hoarding) and that all sales must be for dollars.

The Financial Review (Sydney) says that the last stipulation is likely to be the most restrictive as premiums are often paid for gold by those who have no dollars but would like them and because most legitimate users of the metal can get supplies through orthodox channels.

THREAT OF INCOME TAXATION IN PAPUA-N. GUINEA

A SHUDDER went through the Australian Pacific Territory when Treasurer Fadden, outlining his budget in early October, said his Committee on Taxation considered that incomes earned in New Guinea, Papua and Norfolk Island should not continue to enjoy exemption from income tax.

The Treasurer said that the Government, forced to reduce its proposed grants to Papua-New Guinea, must seriously consider whether Papua-New Guinea interests should not contribute more in the way of direct taxation.

Since then, there have been endless uneasy discussions concerning the Government's intentions, but not one further official word on the subject.

Non-economic considerations come into the matter. Papua and Norfolk Island could be directly taxed; but New Guinea and Nauru (both of which really have something to tax) are Trust Territories and Canberra may have difficulties in imposing income taxation there.

Furthermore, there will be bitter opposition by all the Territories to income taxation, if they are not to have representation in the Commonwealth Parliament.

Already, indirect taxation upon the Territories is so heavy that much of the profit that was found in copra and gold a few years ago has disappeared.

Mr. Fadden's expert Committee said that "income tax is not the proper field for assisting particular industries." But if income tax is added to their other burdens, good many sound industries in the Territories—which Australia pledged to encourage—will simply fold up.

Fiji Premium Bonds Bill Passed

THE bill authorising the issue of Premium Bonds (whereby you may get £1,250 for an investment of £5) was passed by the Fiji Legislative Council at its session which commenced on October 25.

Details of this unique way of raising money were published October PIM.

The bill authorising another loan of £1,000,000 in debentures bearing three to four per cent. interest was also passed.

Mataika Tuicakau, the Fijian who became shot-put champion at the last Empire Games will soon leave for the United Kingdom where he will study physical education at Loughborough College.

DETAILS OF CURRENT EXPENDITURE IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

THE national Budget, presented in Australia at the end of September, showed that, in the period ending June 30, 1952, it is proposed to spend the following sums in Papua-New Guinea:—

	£	£
	1951-52	1950-51
at to Administration for expenses, including native welfare, development, war damage and reconstruction ..	5,371,000	4,356,991
ting P-NG Laws ..	6,000	6,000
ool of Pacific Administration ..	20,000	19,487
ping service ..	58,000	88,650
nents on behalf of former Administrations ..	59,400	22,745
or. of plantations, roads, ..	35,000	8,919
ary services ..	1,000	978
ort on Administration ..	4,000	—
to Timber Invest'n ..	2,000	—
house maintenance ..	7,650	7,948
ing l'house vessel ..	7,650	—
Total ..	5,571,000	4,511,718

Hidden away in sections of the Budget, other than Territories, are amounts like these, earmarked for expenditure in or in connection with the Territories:—

Guinea civilian war pensions, education benefits and medical treatment ..	£31,000
(Last year, £26,475.)	
aries for personnel of Works & Housing Dept. Papua-New Guinea ..	£44,651
(Last year, £20,571. This makes provision for 1 Director, £2,016; 1 assistant, £1,644; 23 engineers, architects, etc., £20,525; 5 senior clerks, etc., £5,050; 1 accountant, assistant accountant, £2,260; 11 clerks, £9,536; and 4 foremen, £3,620.)	
Buildings, works, fittings, furniture, for Dept. of Works & Housing ..	£25,000
(Last year, £2,698.)	
lighthouse equipment ..	£20,000
lighthouse services ..	£20,000
lighthouse vessel ..	£2,000

The foregoing adds more than £100,000 to the formal total of 5½ millions; yet there are protests in the Territories because expected allocations have been "cut," and of unwilling retrenchments are being Southwards.

These are the Territories which—

pt for a beggarly £40,000 p.a.

n to Papua—were self-support-

before World War II; and were,

ed, passing rich on the revenues

derived from their planting

mining industries.

What has happened since 1942? Ask the post-war Socialist regime, which multiplied staffs, mollycoddled and partly demoralised native labour, and (in the beginning) went after private enterprise (described as "exploiters") with a big axe.

There are no details of the £5,371,000 noted above. Some of it, presumably, consists of the money for public works which the separately-controlled Works and Housing organisation has been sent there to spend.

Incidentally, the £44,651 provided for Works and Housing salaries lists only 47 technicians. Early in 1951, there were 1,000 Europeans in the employ of Works and Housing in Papua-New Guinea. Evidently, the 47 are members of the Commonwealth Public Service, and about 950 are, like the native workers, casual employees.

No ordinary person could tell, from the Australian Budget, what moneys actually are ear-marked for New Guinea. For example, the Departments of Civil Aviation, and of Defence are spending large sums in the Territories, in addition to the £5½ millions, but none can say how much.

The expenditure of £5½ millions (in addition to at least a million of local revenue) in one year in Papua-New Guinea seems high; yet it is at least £1 million short of what had been planned, before Australia's finances, were "Faddenised" in August. Maybe, it was just as well that the Australian financial earthquake occurred — all this lavish expenditure, plus the incredible waste that has been taking place in certain directions, has been creating in New Guinea a false economy that inevitably must have led to trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shirt, of the London Mission Society and their two small children were in Sydney on furlough in November after spending two years on Beru, Gilbert Islands. Mrs. Shirt described Beru as a "thin covering of sandy soil and stubble, with a few coconuts and pandanus." Virtually all of their food was brought in on the mission ship, John Williams, which called every six months.

Sir Alan Edward Rose, K.C. has been appointed Chief Justice of Ceylon. He served in Fiji as Chief Police Magistrate from 1929 until 1931, when he was transferred as Crown Counsel, Northern Rhodesia. He was knighted last year.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF THE JAPS

A Memorial in Nauru

A MEMORIAL to Lt.-Col. F. R. Chalmers, C.M.G., D.S.O., a former Administrator of Nauru, and to others who lost their lives during the Japanese occupation of Nauru was unveiled at Nauru on November 11 by the Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Paul Hasluck).

When the island was evacuated in February, 1942, Lt.-Col. Chalmers, (who was appointed Administrator



The late Colonel Chalmers.

as from October 22, 1938), Dr. B. H. Quin (Government Medical Officer), and Mr. W. Shugg (Medical Assistant), elected to remain on the island to care for the native inhabitants.

Two members of the British Phosphate Commission staff—Mr. F. Harmer and Mr. W. H. Doyle—also remained to look after the Chinese labourers and the Commissioners' equipment.

Nauru was occupied by the Japanese from August 25, 1942, until September, 1945. Investigations following the enemy's surrender disclosed that in March, 1943, Lt.-Col. Chalmers and the other four Europeans were murdered by the Japanese as a reprisal against the destruction of a number of Japanese planes by American bombers. Despite an intensive search no trace was found of their burial place.

The Nauru War Memorial is in the form of a column mounted on a square concrete base. A memorial plaque is fixed in each face of the base and mounted on the column above each plaque is a laurel wreath and sword. The memorial

plaques commemorate respectively: Lt. Col. Chalmers and the four other Europeans murdered by the Japanese; Nauruans, Chinese and Gibertese who lost their lives during the Japanese occupation; and servicemen associated with Nauru who paid the supreme sacrifice in either World War.

The official party travelled, via Honiara (Solomons) in a Qantas plane, and included: the Minister for Territories and Mrs. Hasluck; the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Territories (Mr. Howse), who acts for the Minister in matters affecting Nauru; Mrs. Ramage, daughter of the late Lt.-Col. Chalmers (as the representative of the bereaved families); Lt.-Col. W. P. Devonshire and Mr. H. B. Walker, representing the 27th Battalion A.I.F., of which Lt.-Col. Chalmers was in command at the time of the 1918 Armistice; Mr. L. Wigmore, official war historian; Mr. T. J. S. Arthur, Regional Director of Civil Aviation in Papua and New Guinea; Mr. Lloyd Carr, of the Commonwealth Department of Health; and an official photographer.

It was announced that service on which they travelled (from Lae, New Guinea, via Honiara, BSI) has only just been inaugurated by Qantas in order to link Nauru with Australia.

Advantage was taken of the occasion for an official inspection of the island by the Minister.

A Fijian Methodist Missionary, **Penaia Sati**, with his wife and child, is now at work in Arnhem Land.

Qantas and Air Freight In New Guinea

THE confused position in relation to the finances of air transport companies is illustrated by recent developments in Papua-New Guinea.

Last month, the Administrator of New Guinea, with Ministerial sanction, issued instructions that all Government air freight should be reserved for Qantas. The view was taken that, as Qantas provides the backbone of the air services which make life possible in the Territories, and as Qantas cannot avoid losses on these services, Qantas should be helped by the Government.

There are several private airline operators in Papua-New Guinea. Government freights are important to them. Loss of such business might cripple them.

Complaints were made to Canberra. Some Government members said the new order contravened the Government policy of encouraging private enterprise.

Within a week, the Australian Government asked the NG Administration to withdraw the order allotting all freight to Qantas; and this was done.

Mandated Airlines Not To Carry Mail

BECAUSE they consider that they are being made a convenience of, New Guinea's biggest privately-owned airline, Mandated Airlines, have decided

that they will carry no more air mail in the Territory.

Qantas Empire Airways, Government-owned operators, receive a subsidy from the Government to carry mails but MAL receive only ordinary freight rates.

MAL carried mails twice weekly to Wewak, Madang and Rabaul and the decision will mean a curtailment to mail services for residents of these districts.

HIGHER RATES FOR PIM

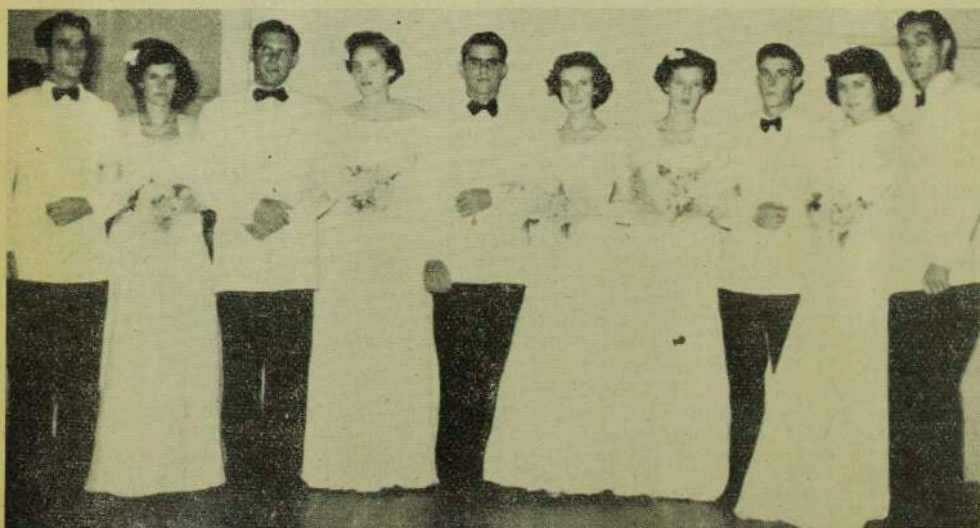
AFTER the end of the year, we shall be obliged to increase the charges for Pacific Islands Monthly subscriptions, and for advertisements. Details will be given next month.

During 1951, there have been four major increases in basic wages in the Australian printing industry, and another rise is likely in February. In the same period, paper has very substantially increased in cost. Postage has gone up by about 50 per cent.

In an effort to avoid raising rates we reduced the page size of the PIM in August, thus reducing costs of paper and postage. But those economies have been more than wiped out by further rises in wages and material.

All Australian manufacturers are in the grip of this mad spiral, to which there seems no end. These constant rises in prices of products are unsettling and irritating—but we cannot avoid them, if we are to remain in business.

Port Moresby Debutantes



Five young ladies of Port Moresby made their debut at the Michaelmas Ball held to raise funds for the Roman Catholic Church. The debutantes, shown here with their partners, were Anne Frith, Margaret Brazier, Margaret Gracie, Peg Smith and Patrice Drewe.

—Papuan Prints.

AVE UNREST

ONONESIA

L the evidence available indicates that political unrest and economic and civil disturbances are increasing in nesia.

was reported in London early October that Dutch planting ests were abandoning their erties in the East Indies because ersistent and uncontrolled loot- y the natives. The Amsterdam ing Co. lost 500 acres of ca; and, out of 1,625 acres it nder cassava, 865 acres were letely looted. The Anglo- h Co. had similar experiences.

the end of October, the Prime ster of Indonesia reported the very of "a plot fomented by a gn nation to assassinate Presi- Soekarno and overthrow the ernment."

September and October, as the t of rioting and general dis- the Government had arrested y people—estimated at 15,000.

e Danish scientific expedition Galathea was in outlying parts e Indies in September. The or, Mr. Haakon Mielche, a ber of the party, reported in ey that there was unrest, rang- from covert disorder to open ing, in several places visited.

e Australian Returned Soldiers al conference, in November, unded that, if the Dutch were ed to leave Western Guinea, Territory should be added to alian New Guinea, as a trust e United Nations, and not ndered to Indonesia.

e Governor of Dutch New ea, and Senior Officers, paid a e-days' courtesy visit to Port esby early in November.

RE EXPLODES OLD JAP BOMB NEAR RABAU

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Oct. 25.

GRASS fire that broke out near the Native Police Barracks, Rabaul, on October 22, caused ld Jap mortar bomb to explode.

he blast shook houses a quarter mile distant. The bomb itself hed through the roof of a al house and landed six feet a native prisoner without do- him any harm.

ll grass fires in this area are er given a wide berth.

Micronesia Groups Added To S. Pacific Commission

ON the initiative of the United States, the Trust Territory of Micronesia (Caroline, Marshall and Mariana Islands) has been added to the geographical scope of the South Pacific Commission, although the Micronesian groups lie generally between 5 and 10 degrees north of the equator.

An agreement, embodying the change, was signed on November 7 by the representatives of the six nations which constitute the Commission, and who were then in session in Noumea.

The change embodies plain commonsense in a way seldom seen in such governmental organisations. The three Micronesian groups, although slightly north of the equator, have exactly the same problems of administration, health, education, food, and communications as are found in the 15 groups which lie between New Guinea and the Marquesas, south of the equator; and they will benefit much from this contact with the SPC.

An important aspect is that it substantially increases American interest and responsibility. Hitherto, America's only interest in the South Pacific Commission was through the small Territory of East Samoa

Mr. James P. Shortall, of Auckland, N.Z., has joined the Sydney staff of the Pacific Islands Monthly. As a radio officer, Mr. Shortall has travelled extensively in the Islands, especially in Polynesia, and he has been a prolific writer on Islands subjects.

Pouvanaa a Oopa Re-elected in Fr. Oceania

THE lively interest taken in September in the election of a member of the French Chamber of Deputies to represent French Oceania served to direct public attention, more than ever, to M. Pouvanaa a Oopa, the picturesque gentleman who was elected in October, 1949, and who again appeared at the head of the poll.

The candidates included Pouvanaa a Oopa, M. Emile Edouard Vernaudon, M. Francis A. Sanford, M. H. Hoppenstedt, and M. Alexis Bernfast. All are respected and esteemed.

M. Bernfast has been associated with Wallis Island, and is well-known in the Eastern Pacific. M. Sanford is a young man, with a clear-cut and ambitious programme. M. Hoppenstedt is a well-known lawyer. M. Vernaudon has a good record, and would have been a capable Deputy.

Pouvanaa a Oopa is the son of a Dane, and his mother was a native of Huahine. He served in World War I, and his son in World War II, and he professes a great love of France, and of French culture. He cannot speak any language except Tahitian, which handicaps him in the National Assembly. He is a man of strong personality, and noted for rather forthright views. He is opposed, for example, to the practice of making the French National Day (July 14) a Tahitian holiday. It is reported that he has been recently in hots with some very high French officials.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kearsley returned to Suva, Fiji, by the October Matua from a holiday visit to the United Kingdom.

Tongan Cabbage Patch



This year, as shown here, thousands of perfect cabbages were grown by Mr. Frank Green at the Wesleyan Mission plantation, Toloa, a few miles from Nukualofa, Tonga. Other vegetables such as tomatoes, beans, carrots, potatoes, lettuces and beetroot are also doing very well. Tonga's soil is very fertile, but they have all the usual leaf-chewing pests which have to be kept in check through spraying.

—Photo by Hettig.

Sterling Shaky Copra Growers Fear Another Blitz

Letter to the Editor

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD of October 18, said: "Increasing weakness of Sterling has raised the possibility of further devaluation"; and a special article in "The Australian Financial Review," discusses the course that Australia should follow if Sterling should be further devalued against the dollar.

This is ominous reading for the copra producers, who are bound to Sterling under British Ministry of Food contracts, whether accepted by them voluntarily, or forced upon them by British Colonial Office wallahs.

The big swindle of 1949 is still fresh in the minds of the planters. Sterling was devalued approximately 30 per cent. then without any revision of the nine-years contracts. The action of the Australian Government in following suit by devaluing the Australian pound, in line with Sterling, softened the blow to some extent; but it did nothing to guard the planters against the rising costs, consequent on the revaluation of both currencies.

We all know the extent to which rice, tinned meats, copra bags, trade goods, fuel, etc., have increased in cost since devaluation.

NOW, it looks as if it will be on again. The Belgian Premier, a few days ago, stated that European currencies (with a few exceptions) were very weak in relation to the Dollar, and that the pressure for devaluation was so great that it was feared that Sterling would be unable to withstand it.

As we all know, had it not been for the strenuous efforts of Sir Arthur Fadden to avoid loss of the exchange premium on primary products exported overseas, the Australian currency would have been revalued to parity with Sterling long ere this, with a loss of 25 per cent. to producers of primary products, including copra. If Sterling is again devalued, it is doubtful whether the Australian Country supporters would have sufficient strength within the Government to withstand the forces who desire to see a reversion of the Australian pound to parity with Sterling.

In addition to the immediate loss of 25 per cent. to copra producers, we should face a further period of rising prices, similar to what has occurred in the last few years in the various items making up the cost of production.

Nor can it be expected that the British MOF would do the decent thing and revise the copra purchase contracts to bring them into line with world prices. Unfortunately,

£23,870 FOLLOWED £50,000 DOWN THE SINK Memories of the New Guinea Timber Lease Case

IT is interesting to learn, from an examination of the last two Australian Budgets, that the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the case of the New Guinea Timber Leases cost the Australian taxpayers just under £24,000.

In 1949-50 the Treasurer put aside £5,000 for the inquiry. He paid out £21,610. In 1950-51, still optimistic, he earmarked £90. Actually, in that year, he paid out £2,260. For this year he allocates nothing. We hope he is right.

Although the Royal Commission exonerated the Honourable Eddie Ward, Minister for Territories, of any complicity in the affair, and the latter went back to the House of Representatives to chirrup happily on the front Labour bench, the case was a foul and smelly thing; and from the viewpoint of national morality and political decency, the inquiry was completely unsatisfactory.

The Queensland timber firm, Hancock and Gore, paid the racketeers a cash sum of £50,000. All the King's judges and all the well-paid investigators who assisted them, failed to discover the destination of most of the big sum.

Farrell's plea that he did not get it seemed to be borne out by the probate granted on his estate.

The authorities decided that Ray Parer did not get it — a decision apparently supported by the fact that Ray now is working very hard for a modest livelihood in small ships in New Guinea.

The British MOF has shown in no uncertain manner that it is more concerned with obtaining copra at the lowest possible price than with the ethics of the matter.

The victims of the nine-years MOF contracts should declare themselves without loss of time. The spirit of the nine-years contract was broken in a callous, and cold-blooded manner by the refusal of the MOF to acknowledge any need for revision at the time of the 1949 devaluation of Sterling. Any further attempt to work the same swindle should be met by immediate action on the part of the planters.

It would be better still to take time by the forelock and state plainly and unequivocally that, in the event of devaluation of either sterling or the Australian pound, they will regard any failure to increase the contract price as being equivalent to a repudiation of the contract by the MOF; and that, in such event, they will insist on selling their copra on the open market.

I am, etc.,
EX-SOLOMONS.

Jock Garden insists that he got none of it—he came out of gaol desperately poor man.

The learned Commissioner was emphatic that the hitherto spotted political fingers of the Honourable Eddie Ward were not befouled one penny of this £50,000.

Well, in the name of common sense, WHO got the £50,000?

The losers seem to have been Hancock & Gore, who tried to get a business advantage, and were coolly robbed of £50,000; Mr. Jock Taxpayer, of Australia, who paid £23,870 for privilege of knowing that the Honourable Eddie Ward was politically spotless and undefiled and Mr. Jock Garden, who ended his long public career in a common gaol.

NO WAR COMPENSATION FOR BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

THE general secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society of N.Z., Rev. A. H. Scrivener, flew to the Solomon Islands in August to appeal to Mr. John Dugdale (Minister of State for Colonial Affairs in Mr. Attlee's Social Government), for reconsideration of claims for war-damage compensation. Mr. Scrivener reported:

Mr. Dugdale gave us an interview at the time of his visit to Roviana (New Georgia) and we were able to show him how utter our District Institution and other stations had been destroyed. (The battle for Munda airfield, in June 1943, was fought around the Methodist mission headquarters at Roviana lagoon).

"He gave us an attentive hearing and complimented us on having presented a strong and clear case. He considered our claim just and expressed personal sympathy with it.

But he doubted whether anything could be done in the matter by the British Government for the following reasons:—

- (1) H.M. Government had agreed in 1949 that there should be no war damage compensation scheme in respect of the Solomons.
- (2) The implication of other claims if the Methodist Mission claims were granted.
- (3) The inability of the Protectorate to find the necessary funds.

"Mr. Dugdale thought there was a bare possibility of a small grant to cover the personal losses of the Mission staff, but urged us not to count on it."

S MORINDA FOR SCRAP-HEAP

THE old Burns Philp steamer Morinda, which maintains a regular passenger and freight service between Sydney, Norfolk and, the New Hebrides, and Niara (Solomon Islands) is due for final retirement next year. The service will be carried on by a more modern vessel.

The Morinda has been a feature of Western Pacific Islands life for nearly 40 years. She was introduced to the Pacific trade by Burns Philp & Co. in 1913. All her contemporaries—Induna, Matunga, Mata, Marsina, Mindini, Mataram, Musia, Montoro—have been lost or scrapped, long since.

LOMONS TIMBER INDUSTRY

Morinda's last and notable public service is the inauguration of a new timber industry between the Solomons and Australia. To meet an insatiable demand for timber in Australia a new company has commenced producing timber in Guadalcanal; and the Morinda, in November, brought a cargo of 300 tons of logs, to an immediate and profitable market in Sydney. This may be the beginning of an important industry for BSI.

The only other timber industry in BSI is an enterprise working on kauri pine of Vanikoro, which is being cut on a large scale and shipped direct to Melbourne. This industry was established before the

IG WOMEN'S CLUB OF SYDNEY

THE New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney held a successful American Morning Tea on November 11 at the Feminist Club. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Beer, Mr. and Mrs. Birrell and Mrs. F. S. Stewart.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Feminist Club, 77, King St., on December 17. The Secretary would like to have names of all New Guinea children likely to be in Sydney on that day, and ages of same. The adults' cocktail party will be on Thursday, December 20, at 6.30 pm and all New Guinea will be welcome.

Captain T. Baigent, New Zealand, has returned to the Dominion after a period with the Fiji Military Forces. He was accompanied by Mr. Baigent, who held a clerical position in the Public Relations Office, and was also the popular and able secretary of the Fiji branch of the British Red Cross.

FIJIAN BATTALION FOR MALAYA

Public Opinion in Colony is Sharply Divided

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 5. **O**VERSHADOWING even the Melbourne Cup—normally an overwhelming preoccupation in Suva in early November—the official decision to send a Fiji native battalion to assist the British troops against terrorists in Malaya has produced the biggest controversy of its kind in Fiji's recent history.

Every indication, whether open or behind the scenes, seems to lead to the conclusion that responsible European opinion is rigidly opposed to the move.

IN an official statement that Fijian Forces would take part in the campaign against terrorists in Malaya it was said that the decision arose out of the offer by the Fiji Council of Chiefs that their services were always available to serve the King and that they appreciated the danger to the British Empire from communist activities.

The Imperial authorities thereupon indicated that assistance could best be given by the services of a battalion of the FMF in Malaya.

A battalion of troops with a small number of NZ officers, warrant officers and NCO's will be raised in the Colony immediately and will go to Malaya early in 1952 to complete their special jungle training before going into action.

They will serve in Malaya for two years. Cost of their training and maintenance will be borne by the Imperial authorities. Two battalions of the King's African Rifles from East and Central Africa are also going to Malaya for similar service.

THE Government's moral right to call upon the Fijians at a time when the Fijian people are battling to work out a system for their economic and social future is questioned, and serious doubts have been expressed in the Methodist Church, to which the majority of Fijians belong.

There has never been any doubt about the Fijian response to the appeal. The Government has been doing its best to weed out the army of prospective recruits so that the withdrawal of young men is spread as fairly as possible throughout all the provinces.

MOST of the Indian political leaders have been silent, but a very obvious uneasiness can be noted among the better type of young Indians.

Some Indians maintain that a straight forward gesture now might

help to rehabilitate the Indian Community in the eyes of both Fijians and Europeans who remember only too clearly the disastrous Indian campaign of disaffection and sabotage in the Pacific War.

Many Indians probably resent the bluntness of Europeans who openly declare that no Fijian should be sent overseas because of the menace of pro-Communist elements in Fiji; but any resentment remains unexpressed.

There have been Indian suggestions for a call for Indian recruits and, at times, signs of a rather pathetic eagerness to do something to earn a share of the Empire-wide praise that rightly goes to the Fijians.

But any suggestion of Indian soldiers being sent from Fiji runs into two formidable snags. The first is the racial and political tangle—especially in south-east Asia and the Middle East—and the second is the apparent inability of Indian youth in Fiji to produce reliable soldiers.

In the last year or so, three or four dozen Indians have volunteered for Territorial service. Most of them were quite unable to conform to Army discipline and routine, and their argumentative attitude and inexplicable psychology left a trail of wrecked tempers among the more tolerant Fijians and Europeans who, for the most part, genuinely did their best to



These are the lads who made a name for the Fijians as jungle-fighters in the Solomons.
—Photo by Rob Wright.

cope with the situation. (There is a story of a Fijian instructor who equably told an Indian section: "I'm doing my best for you, but it mightn't last if you go on like this!")

A late rumour is that Indian volunteers may be sought for a labour force to go to Suez. Like all Suva tales, it is to be treated with extreme reserve.

THERE is European support (mostly without public expression) for Mr. A. A. Ragg, a former elected member of the Legislative Council, who has stated that although Fijian co-operation is invariably given to the Government, nothing adequate has been done to recognise, reward and preserve Fijian loyalty.

Other critics maintain that in view of the world situation in general and of the situation of Fiji in particular, the sending of well-trained Fijian troops overseas may prove to be a major blunder.

Nothing has yet been said about how the recruits offering are to be weeded out. It is not known whether men in responsible posts in the Government service, including the Police and other essential services, are to be taken. Outside the Government, many industrial concerns are perturbed at the possible loss of key men for two years.

There is an angry undertone in discussions about the inability of the Federation of Malaya to put up a better show than has been apparent in the last four years, and it is frequently asked if the recent assassination of the High Commissioner (Sir Henry Gurney) has been the cause of a sudden Imperial seurry.

Such comment may be unreasonable, but when it is voiced by responsible people who do not stand to lose anything either way, it indicates a trend new to Fiji.

HOWEVER, as far as Fijian youth is concerned there is an all-out scramble to get into the Battalion. There is some evidence, however, that European criticism finds an echo among the older people.

Whether the Fiji Government has made a brilliant gesture of Empire solidarity or has committed a major blunder remains an open question. But it has, at least, stirred up more feeling than has been evident at any time since the Pacific War. Criticism can be summed up in the query: Why must every appeal for sacrifice of any kind go first to the Fijians?

Mlle. Paula Buard, of Noumea, who has been studying English and music in Sydney for three years, celebrated her 21st birthday with a party in October.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

"GIVE it a go!" said Assistant Administrator Cleland, when referring to the functioning of the new "Legislative" Council, which is due to assemble on November 26.

From Rabaul, however, where they know something of these Government-dominated gatherings from past experience, the cry is "Give it a go-by!" Despite a boycott by the Rabaul Chamber of Commerce, there are three Rabaulites who are candidates in a field of 13 for the three seats.

Of the nominated members I notice two old-time MLC's of TNG: Pat Holmes, present Secretary for Lands, and Padre Lewis, of the Methodist Mission, who was at one time connected with Administration work in Western Samoa.

As Minister Hasluck says, the Council will facilitate an interchange of views between the Official and Non-Official sections of the community. That is about all it will do, under the existing Act, and that is about all it is intended to do, I should say. It is to be hoped a Hansard will be issued of proceedings, and thus enable the public, unable to attend, to know just what does transpire in the Chamber.

If the Council really wanted to adopt democratic principles then the introduction of a secret ballot, which is being urged in many quarters these days, would meet the case. It would, at least, ensure a true expression of individual opinion.

G.W.L. Townsend, OBE, FRGS, and popularly known throughout TNG in pre-war days as "Cassa," has been giving the Territory the once-over during a holiday from Lake Success, where he is an Area Specialist with UNO. He must have noted many changes since the days when he sat at his desk in the old Neu Guinea Compagnie store in Rabaul, back in 1920. If anyone knows New Guinea it should be "Cassa," and UNO is lucky having a man of his experience content to carry the torch in this dream-eyed set-up.

I wish I could feel happier about UNO than I did about the old League of Nations; but I can't.

Remarks in October PIM (p. 15) about the cramping of George Greathead's style in the Central Highlands are very apt, and highlight an Administration policy which has been operating for years and, in the opinion of many, to the detriment of the Service and people generally—natives and non-native.

Instead of an officer being allowed to remain a long time in one area, where he could absorb the particular cultures, customs and languages, on returning from leave he finds himself transferred to another district, where entirely different customs and language prevail.

One official reason was that it enabled the officer to become acquainted with a greater portion of the Territory. Another was that it prevented the official "digging in" and wielding too much power—or accumulating too much popularity—with both Europeans and natives. Yes, knowledge of a people is power, but it takes Time to acquire that knowledge.

Eric Feldt touched an appreciative chord when he sang the praises of the Lik Lik Doctors in last issue of the PIM. And no one should know their worth better than he who has seen them back o' beyond doing their jobs, and often by-no-means-pleasant occupation.

In days gone by (I know not if the system has been changed or late, but I hope it has) LLD's tramped through the land without even police-boys to give them, in the eyes of the natives, the official status to which they are entitled. Hence difficulties arose too often in obtaining carriers or in chartering canoes.

And there was always that inherent native antagonism to medicines out of bottles instead of picked from the bush, and the lack of ceremonial, so dear to the native mind, as practised by the village medicine man. They had a hard row to hoe.

Two officials who started in the PHD and who may end up Goodness knows where amongst the heads, are Harry Downing and Bert Jones—both good coves . . . I dips me lid to the LLD's, ever time.

A timely note was struck at the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Society by President Robson when he urged the gathering of historical records of the Pacific. And that sort of task cannot be started too soon, for each year the old-timers are passing on and taking with them their store of mental notes.

It is rather surprising that with all the present-day planning one never hears of a plan to write history of New Guinea or Papua. It is time this was done.

And what about a Territories' museum, containing specimens of native arts and crafts? The best collections are over in the U.S.A.—ethnological specimens in New York, ornithological in Chicago. Why not one in Sydney? E. J. Allstrom is doing his bit insofar as tuna and fishes are concerned. I hear he has 300 birds-of-paradise in Taronga—the best collection in the world. And a few years ago it was said that the BOP would not be in captivity!

Let's get New Guinea's history down on paper and its arts and crafts properly collated before civilisation wipes them out completely.

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Another "spleen" case is reported (PIM, Oct., p. 79). Judge Kelly has tried the case no doubt recalled the many spleen cases in the last some years ago. A native with an enlarged spleen is one of the greatest dangers on a plantation. He is cranky and indolent on account of his ailment, and medical evidence shows that it is very, very easy to rupture an enlarged spleen. There should be a hard and fast rule that no native, suffering from an abnormal spleen, should be employed. It should safeguard both employer and the employee.

.. ..

Toy Kendall, Queensland Senator and a well-known skipper in New Guinea, where he spent several previous years, has often criticised N.G. shipping facilities from the floor of the Senate and, having visited the territory post-war, has his fingers on the pulse of things in the N.G. shipping world.

Now, he is personally going to see that something is done in the matter, according to a Sydney press report, which states he will spend the oncoming Christmas Parliamentary recess as skipper of a "spleen catcher," cleaning up the accumulated stocks which are giving planters a real headache.

Retirement of Mr. R. B. Kirk of Nauru

R. R. B. KIRK, manager for the British Phosphate Commission at Nauru for the last of his 29 years on the Island, has retired in Australia in early October. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Kirk and their daughter.

He has now retired and will live on a farm he has bought in Australia.

He said that new mechanical methods of digging phosphate on Nauru had enabled a record shipment of over a million tons to be sent to Australia and New Zealand in the last 12 months.

Cook Is. Still Must Rely On Maui Pomare

AUCKLAND, Oct. 20.

CONSTERNATION was felt in the Cook Islands circles when it was learned that the advent of the new Union Steamship Co's Tofua (to make her first run to the Islands from Auckland on December 21) would not assist the shipping position in the Group.

It had been assumed that when the Tofua came into the service, Matua would be diverted to Cook Islands trade—for which she was originally built. This apparently was the belief of the NZ Government also. In answer to a question asked in Parliament in Wellington on October 10, the Minister for Islands Territories said that "with additional shipping expected shortly it will be possible to bring to NZ ports all the produce grown in the Cook Islands." (It was known in Suva in early September that Matua would not run to Cook Is. See page 93, October PIM.)

In the Group there has been considerable replanting of citrus trees in the belief that additional shipping would soon be available to lift fruit.

The position with the two USS ships now is that Tofua will arrive in Auckland from the UK on December 6 and leave about December 21 for Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, etc. Matua, between December 18 and 28, will make a special trip from Auckland to Suva and return. Thereafter she is expected to supplement the Tofua's itinerary calling at Nukualofa and/or Apia

each trip and making calls also at Lyttelton and Wellington, NZ. Her exact itinerary will be announced from trip to trip.

PIM inquiries at the Auckland office of the USS Co., got nothing official but the opinion of one official of the company is that at the height of the orange and tomato seasons Matua will make trips to the Cook Islands "when other cargo vessels on the trans-Pacific run are not available."

The Cook Group is obviously to be left to the services of the hopelessly outmoded and overloaded little Maui Pomare. The position will not be helped either by the fact that Rarotonga will shortly be without an air service. (See elsewhere this issue.)

New Cook Islands RC Appointment

APPLICATIONS closed in Wellington, NZ, on October 22 for the position of Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands. (The last RC, Mr. W. Tailby, retired recently).

Salary is £1,500 per annum, plus allowances of £250, plus furnished house, free car, electric light, fuel and upkeep of grounds.

Appointment is for three years, in first instance, and successful applicant must have administrative ability and, "for preference but not essential" a knowledge of Polynesian people and Island conditions.

Mrs. D. M. Cleland was entertained extensively in Sydney in October before she left by air for Port Moresby to rejoin her husband who is the newly appointed Assistant Administrator.

Football Trophy



This trophy caused interest when it was shown in a Suva shop window in recent weeks. It was brought back to Fiji by the Rugby footballers who toured successfully in NZ in the past winter. It was presented to the Fijians by Rotorua sub-union for competition between Fijians and Maoris. The trophy is carved out of one piece of wood and is believed to be the work of a Maori.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen

LIKE a voice from the past comes a letter from Hamburg, in which H. R. Wahlen takes us mildly to task for an inaccuracy in the Pacific Islands Year Book.

The YB, describing commercial developments in German New Guinea prior to World War I, says: "... the New Guinea Company flourished. A little trading station, established by Harnsheim in the Duke of York group in 1876, grew into a large and powerful Harnsheim & Co., which later amalgamated with Forsayth & Co., ('Queen Emma's' organisation) about 1882, and became the Hamburg South Sea Company, and ranked in importance second only to the New Guinea Company."

Writing on October 22, Mr. Wahlen says that that is not correct: "I myself, and some friends, founded in Hamburg the Hamburgische Sudsee A. G.; and this company bought all the interests of E. E. Forsayth. At the same time my own firm, carried on in my own name, amalgamated with Hamburgische Sudsee A. G. ... Harnsheim & Co., continued to trade, alone. I personally took over the directorship of Hamburgische Sudsee A. G., whilst I resided at Gunantambu, near Rabaul. I left for Germany shortly before the outbreak of the Great War, after a stay of nearly 20 years in New Guinea."

When later on expropriated, the recognised claims against the German Government amounted to:—

	Gold Marks
	Millions
New Guinea Co. ...	42
Hamb. Sudsee A. G. (called "the Wahlen concern") ...	45
Harnsheim & Co. ...	13

Thus, a somewhat important section of German New Guinea history, now becoming ill-defined in the mists of time, is re-stated accurately.

The name of Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen was very well known in the New Guinea islands before World War I, and his strong personality, industry and shrewd foresight had an influence on development there between 1890 and 1910. It is interesting to know, after all these years, that he is alive and, judging from his letter, in first class physical and mental condition.

Herr Wahlen arrived there originally as a clerk in the service of the New Guinea Company; and he visited many outlying, almost unknown places. Then he left the company's service; and, a few years later, he was the far-famed "king

of the Western Isles"—Ninigo, the Anchorites and the Hermits. On Maron, one of the 14 islands of the Hermits, he built a very fine, large bungalow of hardwoods, and there he lived magnificently, like an Eastern potentate. Even to-day, after 50 years of time, and two great wars, his colourful establishment and his picturesque hospitality are vividly remembered.

It WAS for Wrapping !

THE Islands trader's most consistent and painful headache is connected with the wrapping of his goods. In Sydney, a million people buy at least one newspaper per day, and throw it away. In consequence, there always is something in which to wrap a cabbage, or a shoe, or a bottle, or an untrained pup. In the Islands, they also carry bottles, and vegetables and pups; but there is no waste paper there.

The storekeepers buy bales of it, South, and pay freight to the Islands. It doesn't matter what it is, so long as it's paper.

Not long ago, a Bougainville planter, trained to hate Reds, found himself face to face in a Chinese trader's store with a collection of Communist pamphlets. When he recovered from his horror, he reported the matter to PIM—adding that the offensive material obviously had come in as wrapping paper.

But the trader, Wong You, of Buka Passage is unhappy about it all. He says he has been in the Territory since 1912; that his loyalty to the Administration has never been questioned; and that the material really did come in as wrapping-paper.

The paragraph never was intended to cast doubts upon Wong You, who is one of the best of the old traders. It merely was published to show the sad fate of some well-planned Commo. literature.

A Mixed Race in Guam

WE are scolded severely by Mr. J. F. Coshman, of East Melbourne, because, in a recent article on conditions in Guam (page 117 of June) we refer to "natives," and the way they have become "Americanised."

Mr. Coshman reminds us that all the natives of Guam, except a few of the more personable females, were exterminated by the Spaniards; and the present population of 27,000 are a rather extraordinary and very sophisticated mixture of Filipinos, Chinese and Japanese, with the original Spanish-Chamorro cross.

They have no culture or tradition that could be called "native."

He is quite right. But the 27,000 have to be described somehow, and even if their origin is so mixed, they still are Guamanians — natives of Guam.

But there is no need to don anthropological mourning over them. They were completely ready for American culture even before the Americans arrived there.

More Memories of RLS

BY a singular coincidence, there arrived on my desk, in mid-October, a new book by J. C. Furnas, "Voyage to Windward," which is a remarkable biography of Robert Louis Stevenson; and a letter from Isobel Field, who is a step-daughter of RLS, and lived with the family in Samoa.

Furnas is now in the top rank of American writers; and a first glance suggests that this biography will add further to his fame—and his income. It bears evidence of great industry in research, and of Furnas's outstanding literary craftsmanship. We shall write about the book, after closer reading.

Mrs. Salisbury Field's letter is dated September 23, and that day she was 93 years old. Mrs. Elsie Noble Caldwell had gone from Pasadena to Santa Barbara to see the famous old lady; and the latter remarks, whimsically, that even at 93 a woman who is properly endowed can get a real kick out of a gift of food delicacies, and a pink satin bed-jacket trimmed with pearls.

Mrs. Field defends her step-father against a charge made somewhere that he was careless about his dress. She says RLS always was particularly well dressed. "He himself wrote somewhere," she says, "that a man is careless about his dress when young, but grows more particular about his appearance as he grows older."

Mrs. Strong knew Hawaii when it had a king, and Samoa before it became a German colony. She can even remember the American Civil War.

Low Tide at Levuka

A LEVUKA (Fiji) reader has sent us a drawing of the local Cession Day celebrations of October 8.

It consists of a ruled square, with nothing in it, and is entitled "Worm's-eye View."

He says: "Cession Day celebrations were marked by the usual Why Worry attitude."

"Not a flag was flown nor an addresses made to school children as in days gone by. Why there is such a poor public spirit now is

Levuka is hard to understand — we must be over 500 school children attending local schools. We have no European officials to undertake this sort of task and this seems to suit the local residents as they are all suffering from malua." Well, that is what one Levuka resident says about the other Levuka residents . . . maybe they can take it. Outsiders criticise Levuka which one daring soul has described "something the tide left when it went out in 1882") at their peril.

Royal Hawaiian— Dollars Not Pounds

R. JOHN C. FISCHBECK, manager of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, expostulates about the paragraph published in our April, 1951, issue concerning the tariff at the hotel. We stated that a double room cost about £30 per day and meals were extra and, on our standards, expensive.

He says that rates at the Royal Hawaiian range from 18 to 28 dollars for a single room and for double rooms, from 28 to 38 dollars. These rates include three meals a day and entertainment, dancing, and service such as towels, umbrellas, etc.

It seems that we must have got pounds and dollars mixed, and apologise.

Our paragraph was more in error than in anger, anyway. There are few of us who would not like to see how things are done in Hawaii and with planes shuttling to and forth like express trains it could be easy if it were not for exchange-fixers and the dollar-rollers.

Residents of Fiji (as well as Australia and New Zealand), would be happy to avail themselves of holiday in Up North rather than on the beaten routes Down South. Some of them, unfortunately, could not do it, even if the rates are in dollars and not in pounds. This is the fault of tourist organisations in Hawaii, it is just that the economic economies of residents of the South Pacific and the Americans do not seem to meet at any point.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Elizabeth Rowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grey Rowley, of Rarawai, B.A., to Mr. William Newman, of the B. Company, Fiji.

Admiral John G. Moyer, (Retd.), a former Governor of American Samoa (he retired in 1943 like a sea-going post), was taken to hospital in Auckland when the ship berthed there on October 1. He became ill soon after he and his wife joined the ship in Honolulu. They are to spend six months in NZ.

They Want to Remain Australian

From Our Own Correspondent

NORFOLK ISLAND, Oct. 25.

THE article in September PIM which suggested that Norfolk Island be handed to New Zealand, was not well received here.

It is pointed out that the Island makes about £25,000 a year from bean seed sold to Australia—and also goodly sums for flower seeds, vegetable, lemon and passion fruit seeds. Cost of administration is high—it has gone up like all other costs—and if it were not for this the Island could balance its budget and not be a drain on Australian taxpayers.

ANOTHER WHALING COMPANY

IT has recently been announced that a company has been floated in New Zealand with £150,000 capital, to conduct a whaling industry in Norfolk Island waters.

The intention is to establish a modern factory on Norfolk where every part of the whale will be utilised. It is expected that up to 200 whales will be caught each season. Deep sea fishing will be conducted in the off season for whales.

One of the by-products of the factory will be fertiliser. Norfolk Island agriculture should benefit thereby.

Two members of the company's staff were on the island recently making a survey and choosing a site for the factory.

DR. EDWARD JACOMB VISITS THE PACIFIC

AN interesting visitor to the South Pacific Islands at present is Dr. Edward Jacomb, who practised law in the New Hebrides before World War I, and wrote a useful book about the Condominium in 1914. He returned to Europe over 30 years ago, and served for a time in the Royal Navy. He had not again seen the Islands until, a few months ago, he visited Fiji and Tonga.

Dr. Jacomb arrived in Sydney in October, and went on in the November Morinda to Norfolk Island, where he has secured a bungalow, and proposes to spend a restful few months. Later, he will visit the New Hebrides.

After World War II, Dr. Jacomb—although then in middle age—studied medicine and became a qualified medical practitioner.

Dr. Jacomb made a keen study of health conditions in Fiji and Tonga. He does not like what he found in Tonga—he fears that tuberculosis there is so widespread that it actually threatens the existence of the Tongan race.

Fiji's Cost-Plus System of Import Duties

From a Special Correspondent

FIJI, for the past several years has had a system of calculating import duties that has brought much extra cash into the coffers of the Colony's Treasury, and much heart-burning to importers and consumers of goods.

Duty on all goods going into Fiji is calculated on the f.o.b. cost, plus the freight or postage as the case may be. Thus, if a resident imports goods to the value of £2 and the freight is 2/-, he has to pay duty on £2/2/-.

If the parcel is posted, then Customs officials in Fiji add the face value of the postage stamps to the cost and he pays duty on the total.

This clumsy system has, of course, many anomalies, particularly so as value is quite unrelated to weight, but it is a system whereby the Government cannot lose. One concession has been made, however, if goods are sent by air mail or air freight, the duty is calculated as though ordinary surface methods of transportation had been used. For this, Fiji citizens apparently have to thank Sir Henry Milne Scott.

The story is that Sir Henry had a bottle of medicine sent up from Australia. The cost of the medicine was about 3/- and the airmail postage about 13/-. He was charged duty on total amount—that is 16/-, or whatever it was. He fought this decision and, as a result, it was agreed that in such cases duty would be charged as though the article had been sent by surface mail.

Mr. C. F. Johnson, an overseer in charge of Nauru native labour, arrived in Brisbane on October 7 in the Triadic. He is on annual leave, and said that natives working for the British Phosphate Commission were living in £1,000 bungalows for a rental of 6/- per week. "Natives do not buy the bungalows, which remain the property of the Commission," he said.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Heather Innes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Allen Innes, of Sydney, formerly of Papua-New Guinea, to Mr. Peter Barnard, son of the late Capt. F. L. Barnard and Mrs. G. A. Rowe Williamson, of Surrey, England. An engagement party was held at the Innes' Vaucluse home on November 3.

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FIJI'S GROWING LAND PROBLEM

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, October 14.
REGARDLESS of the pledged paramountcy of Fijian interests in Fiji, certain non-Fijian interests can be counted on to take a tilt at the Native Land Trust Board whenever opportunity offers. The most frequently used line of attack are undoubtedly the opening of what is expected to be a growing-campaign as Fiji's population increases towards the danger point of 400,000. (It is now close to 300,000.)

Less than 1,000,000 acres of land in Fiji are suitable for agriculture, pasture, and of this area a substantial part is still Fijian-owned. Under the Native Land Trust Ordinance the control of all Fijian land is vested in the Board, which is charged with administering it for the benefit of the indigenous owners. The Board's annual report points out that it has functioned since 1933—"unfortunately without any capital of its own with which to set up a house for the efficient conduct of the responsibilities laid upon its shoulders."

"EVICTION" STORIES

IN SPITE of detailed Government denials, there is still a good deal of propaganda alleging that part of the board's activities is the "ruthless eviction" of Indian tenants from caneland which happens to come within the "demarcated areas" of Fijian land.

These areas are the result of the policy laid down in 1940, when the Indians agreed that portions of their land should be set aside for their present and future maintenance and that the land outside these reserves should be made available for leasing by non-Fijians under the control of the Land Trust Board.

The Board's report states again that every possible consideration is given to the limited number of tenants whose expired leases cover land taken into Fijian reserves. It is noted that the smoothness with which transfers are being made in the Western District indicate the success of the work of both the Land Trust Board and the Western Resettlement Committee, "particularly in the case of the displaced farmers themselves who have been co-operative."

The report adds that the Fijian owner is to-day more fully alive to the value of his land if it is cultivated by himself, and that, particularly in the cane and rice areas, he is "anxious to repossess expired leases and put his hand to the plough."

MR. DUGDALE'S ERROR

THE increasing Fijian awareness of the value of Fijian land for production has produced a sharp retort to a reference to "idle lands" made by the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs (Mr. John Dugdale). It has been alleged (without any correction or denial) that what the Minister mistook for idle Fijian land in Nadroga Province was European-owned land, bought years ago from Fijians at absurdly low prices, and now being held until a new road is completed. Indian sources claim that when the road goes through much of this land will be leased, probably to Indians, for about 30/- an acre.

The same district contains a

stretch of European-owned (or leased) land which is popularly said to carry the finest collection of noxious weeds in Fiji.

The idea that nobody seems to have put Mr. Dugdale right has caused a degree of Fijian resentment, and more than one European has muttered that if the British Government had presented the Fijians with a fraction of the millions squandered on groundnuts and poultry schemes in Africa, Fiji would now be an exporter of rice.

Lady Ragg, wife of Sir Hugh Ragg, of Suva, Fiji, has arrived at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, for medical treatment. Sir Hugh was expected in Sydney in mid-November.

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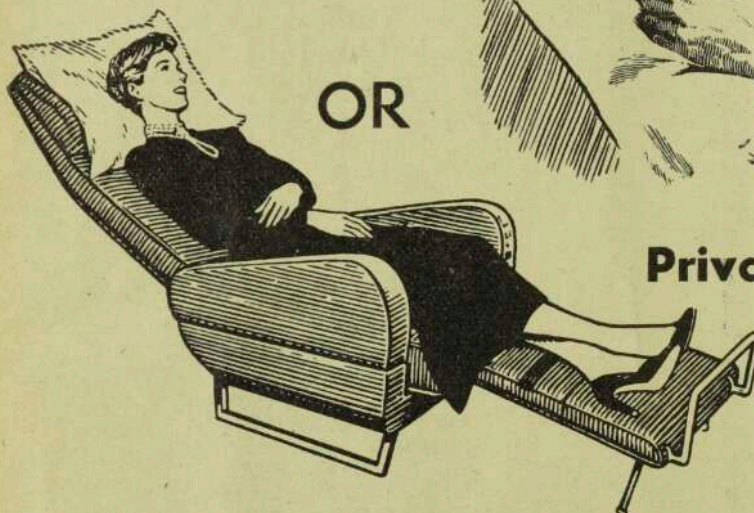
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TEAL Enterprise Should Open New Era in South Pacific

WITH the announcement on October 20 that, in November, the operation of the air route Auckland-Fiji-Samoa-Cook Islands will be transferred from National Airways Corporation of NZ to Oceanic Empire Airways, Limited, and that TEAL would extend the service to Tahiti, on a fortnightly basis, a long struggle and much mind-the-scenes argument came to an end.

It is expected that, by December, there will be a regular TEAL service, with Solent flyingboats, from Sydney to New Zealand (daily); from Auckland to Laucala Bay (Suva), Apia (Western Samoa) and Aitutaki (Cook Islands) (at least weekly); and from Aitutaki to Papeete (fortnightly).

NAC pioneered the route with land-planes from Auckland to Rarotonga (Cook Islands), via Norfolk Island, Nadi (Fiji), Faleola (Western Samoa), and Aitutaki and Rarotonga (Cook Islands), and have just completed a trouble-free record of 100 flights.

TEAL, coming in with sea-planes, makes necessary some important changes.

There is no place for sea-planes off stormy Norfolk Island, so NAC will continue to run the Auckland-NI service.

The TEAL Solents will go to Laucala Bay (Suva), which means that the Auckland-Nadi (Western Fiji) link will have to be provided by one of the non-New Zealand companies.

The Solents can get down, on the lagoon, in Western Samoa, much closer to Apia than did the land-planes, which had to go to Faleola; but there is not enough sheltered water at Rarotonga to permit them to alight there, so Rarotonga is cut out of the TEAL itinerary, and it will be necessary to provide, in the Cook Islands, an auxiliary service between Aitutaki (where the Solent lands easily in the big lagoon) and Rarotonga.

In French Oceania, the land-planes had to go to Borabora and the journey to Papeete was completed by ship; but the Solents can get down in the lagoon close to Papeete (the capital, on the north coast of Tahiti).

It can be summed up by saying that land-planes had the advantage at Norfolk Island, Western Fiji and

Rarotonga; while the sea-planes make for greater convenience in Suva (Eastern Fiji) Apia (Western Samoa) and Papeete (Tahiti), which are the three main centres of population in the South Pacific.

THE respective advocates of NAC and TEAL argued the matter at great length. The important point was that the Solents could be landed on the water close to the main centres; whereas the construction of airstrips anywhere near Suva, Apia and Papeete was either impossible, or very expensive.

While they were arguing, in 1950-51, the Australian company, Qantas, which already services Fiji, was showing a lively interest in Tahiti; so the New Zealanders finally got together and agreed on what they call their Coral Sea route.

A great deal still has to be done in providing landing-places and moorings and servicing equipment in all the sites selected, both regular and emergency; but the decisions have been taken, and the installations and new services will mark a new epoch in the life of the Polynesian section of the South Pacific.

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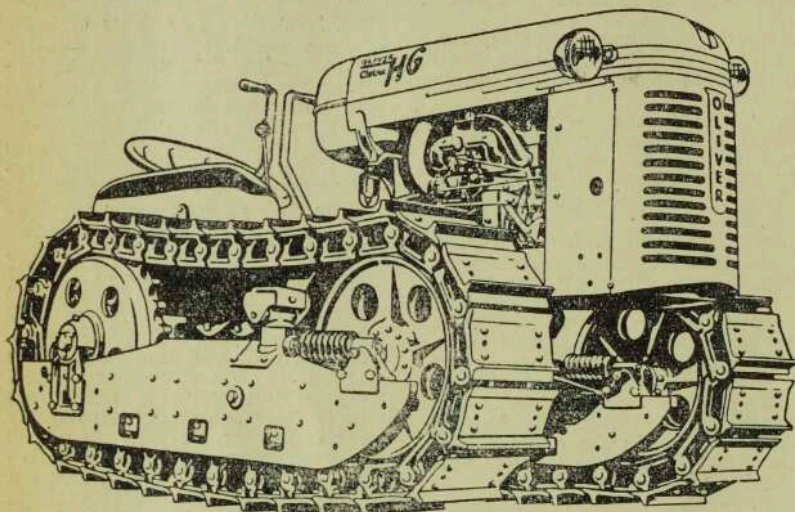
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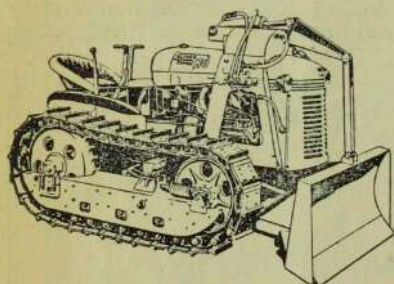
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into Auckland. The following are important considerations:—

- There is a likelihood that the new TEAL service will pay its way from the beginning. Hitherto the NZ Government has been subsidising the NAC services to the extent of between £80,000 and £100,000 per annum.

- The use of flying-boats instead of land-planes in the South Pacific is held to fit in better with the over-all plans for South Pacific defence, for which NZ takes primary responsibility. Australia did not accept this view unreservedly; but finally United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand did agree on the defence angle.

It appears that land-planes operate more cheaply between landing points; but where it is difficult to get an airstrip close to the main centre (as in Western Samoa) the cost of transportation between the airstrip and the town wipes out the flying advantage.

It was calculated that it would cost £1,500,000 to provide Tahiti with an airstrip; but a section of the lagoon can be prepared for the reception of Solents near Papeete, for a few thousands of pounds.

Furthermore, if the South Pacific services were to be run with four-engined planes (two-engined planes are not liked for overseas flying) there would have been delay, because these £250,000 Skymasters, etc., are simply not available. But TEAL have sufficient Solents to inaugurate the service at once.

Experts, however, insist that TEAL will eventually change over to land-planes.

APPREHENSION IN RAROTONGA

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ters there, it was expected that connecting service would be provided between Aitutaki and Rarotonga (140 miles to the south the Solent route to Tahiti). There is as yet, no such assurance. This, coming on top of the Union Co. announcement that, even with the advent of the new Tofua, Cook Is. will still not receive services of Matua, has raised waves of protest.

Unofficially, however, it is reported that the amphibious French-armed aircraft, now operated between Papeete and Aitutaki, may be used to provide the essential link between Aitutaki and Rarotonga, connecting with the Solent service. Alternatively, this shuttle service may be thrown open to other private operators. This Rarotonga-Aitutaki sector could provide at least a full Dakota payload each week once weekly.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce, a veteran missionary of Bougainville, has notified the Methodist Missionary Society of NZ that he will retire at the end of his present term in 1951. He had many years of service before 1942 and returned to Torokina as soon as hostilities ended.

JAP POACHERS PAY THEIR FINE AND GO

THE Japanese shell-poachers who were captured in the North-west Islands of New Guinea in August, and fined a total of over £600, paid their fines at the end of October, and the Kyoto Maru was then escorted out of New Guinea waters by Australian naval craft.

The Japs were held at Manus and given until October 31 to pay, and the authorities were making preparations to seize and sell the ship, when at the last moment the funds came along.

The Japanese had been given formal permission by the American authorities in Japan to fish for shell and similar products as far south as the equator. In fishing in the isolated Hermits and Anchorites (Northwest Islands), they were a little south of the Equator.

Mr. C. R. Palmer, a lay-worker of the Methodist Mission on Bougainville, who was invalided back to NZ in September with poliomyelitis, may be unable to return to the mission field. He and his wife gave valuable service during their first term in Bougainville.

Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, Acting Governor of Fiji was Acting Senior Commissioner for the United Kingdom on the South Pacific Commission at its eighth session of the Commission which was held at Noumea.

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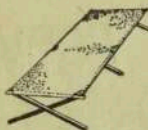
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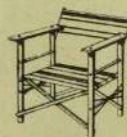
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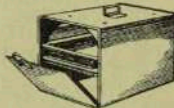


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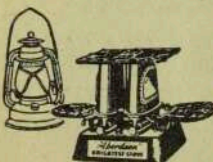
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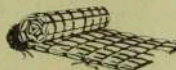
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He returned to England immediately, and proceeded to get the Pollurian ready for transfer to New Guinea waters. She was altered a good deal for tropical trade, and even sun-decks.

It soon was clear that pin-ricking English officialdom, under socialist direction, was opposed to the removal of assets from Britain.

Every possible obstacle was put in the way of the enterprise. The departure of the ship was delayed for weeks, because some genius discovered that the lifeboats were six inches too short.

Finally, Captain Coyne got the little ship away with a crew of English migrants, and a full load

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recess) the Pollurian will sail for Port Moresby at the end of November, and in the Territory she will settle down with a non-Senator captain, a first mate, two engineers, and a crew of about 22 natives. She will be owned by Bougainville Co., Ltd., a new trading concern which will be a subsidiary of Captain Coyne's English company.

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Captain Coyne has brought with him considerable equipment, calculated to assist his enterprise in New Guinea. He has acquired two substantial, powered barges, capable of going 50 miles out of Rabaul, to deliver goods and gather produce. He has obtained, from the Administration, a lease over three acres, on the Rabaul foreshore near the Customhouse, and he proposes to erect a wharf and stores there. He will take up his permanent residence in Rabaul.

VILA STAR FOUND

THE 456-ton motorship Vila Star, which became disabled in a voyage between Sydney and Vila in October, was located on November 1 by a RNZAF Catalina.

Vila Star left Sydney with Commander H. V. Creer of Sydney as master, and a crew of 15, on October 14. She met heavy weather, experienced engine trouble and was apparently unable to get her position.

She was eight days overdue in Vila when picked up by the Catalina.

MATSON SHIPS

TWO executives of the Matson Shipping Line were visiting Australia and New Zealand in October and November.

They were investigating the possibility of ships of the company coming back into the trans-Pacific passenger trade. If this were done, they said, neither Monterey nor Mariposa would be used; these had now been taken over by the US Government as troop carriers.

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Improving Apia's Wharf Facilities

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 20

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This work includes dredging and reclamation operations and the erection of new Customs offices.

When the new scheme is in operation despatch of lighters will be speeded up, facilitating the handling of inward and outward cargoes; a special passenger jetty will be constructed and the existing wooden wharf will be repaired and strengthened.

On a large reclaimed area next to the present export shed a new banana export shed will be erected. The total cost of all these improvements is estimated at £30,000 and the work will probably be completed early 1952.

The planned building of a deep harbour for Apia has now been abandoned, as such a development would probably cost in the neighbourhood of £1,000,000.

Mrs. J. Burton Turner, of Suva, Fiji, arrived in Adelaide, SA, in October to visit her parents.

New Residents

A SON was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. Lebeater of Talasea, New Guinea, on October 4. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Boyle, of Kokopo, on October 5.

On October 17 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. Garrett of Kokopo;

and on October 23, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. O. McNeil of Rabaul.

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Mr. H. Allen, formerly of the East African Colonial Service, has been appointed Secretary of the Fijian Development Fund Board.

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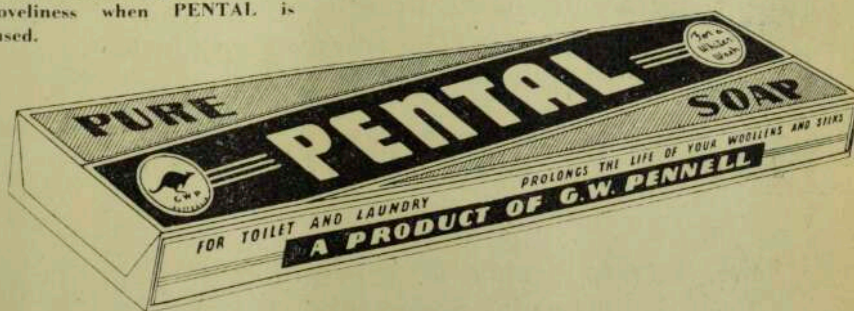
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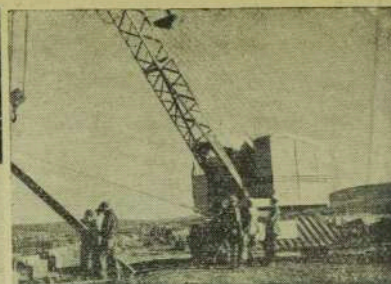
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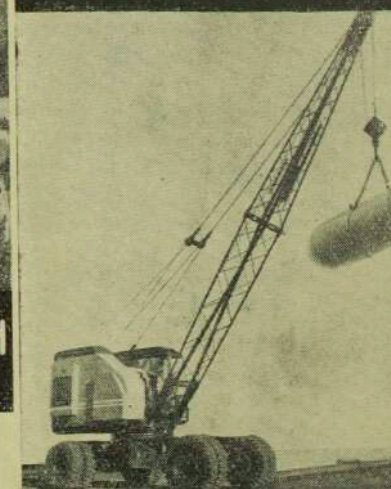
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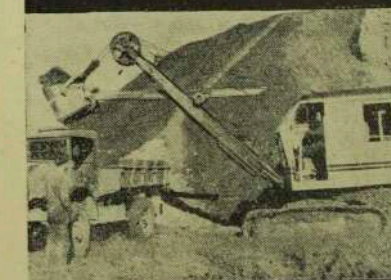
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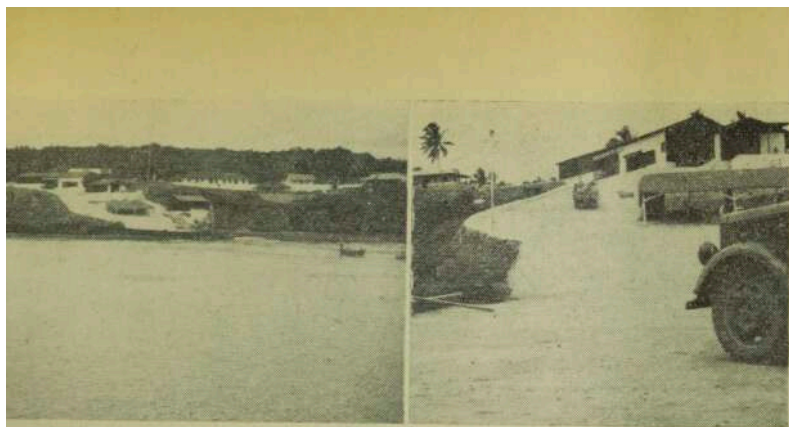
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Left: Alofi from the Matua anchored at the reef's edge—the landing and concrete ramp village on top. At Right: A close-up of the ramp, a laden lorry toiling to the top.

NOT NOW SO SAVAGE

WHEN the Matua arrives at Niue Island, the captain goes into smoke upon the bridge, and seen no more until the ship is heading out to sea again, about 12 to 16 hours later.

There is nothing to stop a ship coming out of Alofi Bay—the best anchorage the island has got—except a wind from the wrong quarter. This is hard to imagine on a calm day, the sun shining on the coral-white houses of Alofi and a flotilla of canoes carrying basket-and-hat merchants, rising and falling gently on the green water around the ship. But eventually it is something to wonder at, because this really is a place where they say about wicked shipwreckers comes true; the passengers don't matter a damn; the sole purpose of the visit is to get rid of the ship as quickly as possible and get

The ship lies close up to the edge of the reef and half-a-dozen small boats and one launch do the work of unloading and loading cargo. Once in the morning and once in the afternoon reluctantly spare an hour to ferry passengers through the narrow channel to the landing from which the incredibly steep cement ramp goes up to the village on top. (Niue rises out of the sea; you come on to it to swim or put off in boats but everything else is perched at the higher level).

One might imagine that two inches and a few large lighters might save wear and tear on the shoes of master-mariners and shipwreckers—but there would, of course, be the problem of what to do with the shoes when not in use.

The erection in the centre of the village (see photographs herewith) which looks something like a rack for drying copra, is a shelter for surf boats.

Small craft are left in the water at the mercy of wind and waves on Niue. If you sit and watch

a while, you will see canoe owners drag their craft from the water and laboriously carry them up the ramp to the village.

POSSIBLY it is in contrast with Tonga, where they have abandoned native houses in favour of unpainted timber and rusty iron and achieved an impression of thriftlessness, that Niue looks inviting. The houses are whitewashed, and the coral road is blazing white in the sun; roofs around Alofi are painted and the whole place has a feeling of efficiency.

Apparently this was not achieved without some heartburning. There have been several petitions to NZ by Niueans to have the Resident Commissioner, Mr. C. H. W. Larsen, removed from office. But Mr. Larsen remains and is regarded by those whose opinion counts as a very able administrator. He evi-

dently is a man who believes that civic pride is a virtue; and whether the Niueans were willing or unwilling, Alofi does them credit.

The roads are lined with the tombs of the departed—most of them topped off with a tombstone of dubious inscription or some embellishment such as these shown at the end of this article. Why the roadside is chosen for these graves, I cannot say—unless it is easier digging there.

The soil of Niue is rich brown but it occurs as pockets among the coral outcrops and, as can be seen here, small lumps of broken coral are mixed freely with what soil there is.

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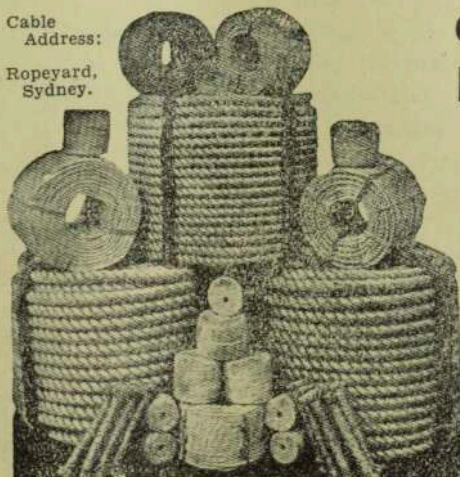
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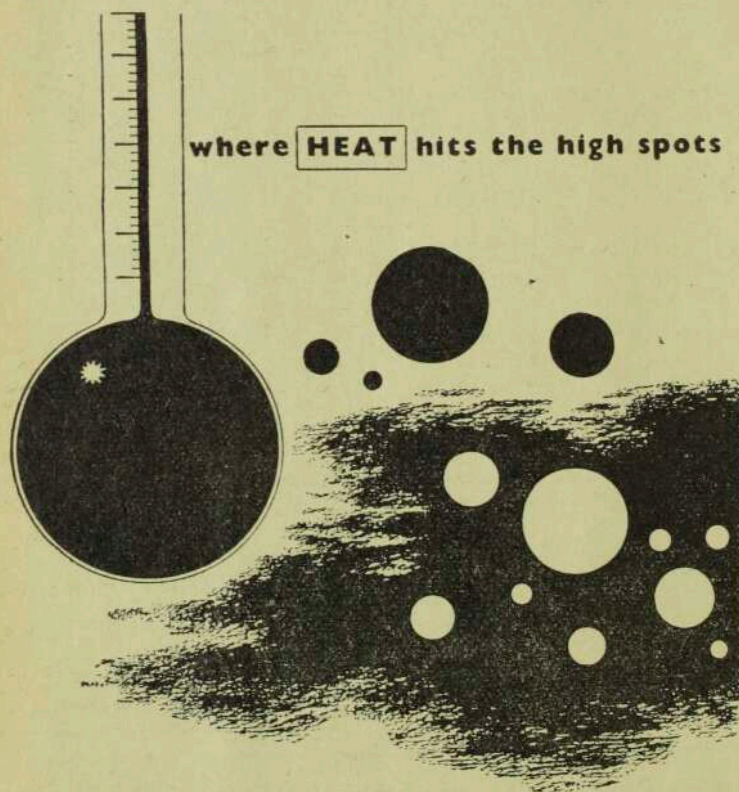
promising looking terrain seems to be capable of growing excellent coconuts and bananas, vegetables and even good timber.

Attractive pools around the rocky coastline provide excellent swimming for visitors and the local kids. This pool shown here is right next to the landing at Alofi and has its quota of naked brown youngsters.

Captain Cook, who got a pretty poor reception when he discovered

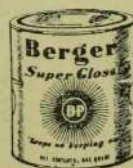
the island in 1774, would not have much reason to call it Savage Island today.

For Polynesians the islanders are regarded as highly industrious and are in demand as workers in other parts of the Pacific as well as turning out incredible amounts of basketware, hats and mats, cutting copra and growing bananas for export. However, they still have flashes of fierce independence—to



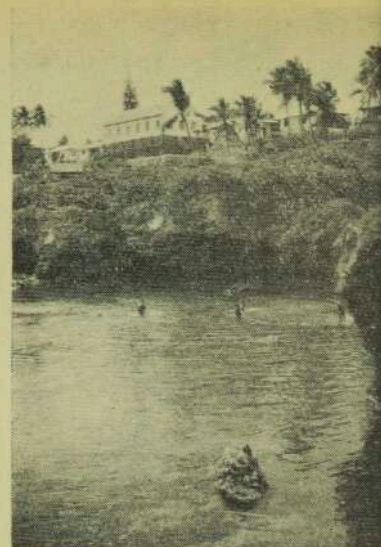
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Swimming pool near the landing.

wit, the petitions to remove the Commissioner and the fact that in one recent year they refused to export bananas (their third biggest income source) because the ship always called on a Sunday—Niueans are staunch church-goers and virtually all are adherents of the London Missionary Society.



Tombs by the wayside.

LMS affairs on Niue are under the direction of the Rev. M. C. Check, a youngish man of pleasant personality. He was sent away to NZ for medical attention in the middle of the year—to quote him "all in a bit of a flap—but I survived."

He returned to Niue in September.—JT.

Mr. Chris Palmer, a lay-worker of the Methodist Mission at Koa Bougainville, who contracted poliomyelitis, arrived back in New Zealand at the end of August after making a good recovery. None of the native folk of the mission at Koa contracted the disease.

Three Million Wasted Dollars

NOTE from IATA contains the interesting information that 65 per cent. of all international travel by officials of the United Nations Organisation is now done by air; and that the same officials now spend no less than 3,000,000 United States dollars per annum on travel. If one judges by what one can see in the newspapers, one can describe the United Nations as the most useless and most expensive institution in the world today.

Increasing numbers of earnest men are scurrying hither and thither across the world, conducting intense research into the social problems of mankind, with a view to maintaining peace and assisting human progress. And, literally every day, the relations between nations and nation, and class and class, become steadily worse—until a more pessimistic of us can see, at an innumerable distance, such an explosion as will wreck civilisation and plunge the whole world into another Dark Age.

The United Nations cannot function until some powerful force, like the Anglo-American Federation, takes complete charge of international affairs, and becomes the policeman of the world. Then humanity can be made to behave

itself, and UNO really will mean something.

It is about a million years too soon to expect humanity, from motives of brotherly love and pure altruism, to range itself on the side of the angels and UNO. How many communities are there in the world today which are completely law-abiding, without a policeman?

An awful lot more good could be done with \$3,000,000 than sending the savants and idealists babbling around the world!

Mr. H. T. Lawrence, M.B.E., Representative of the British Council in Fiji, left the Colony on October 7 for the United Kingdom. After a few months vacation, he will go to Burma to take up a post as Headmaster of a school which is to be re-opened on the lines of a British Public School in the Shan State. He will be succeeded in Fiji by Mr. C. H. Miller, now the British Council Representative in Sierra Leone. He and his wife are expected to arrive in Suva early in January.

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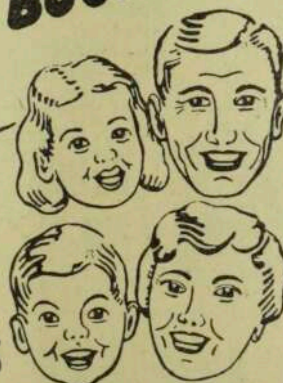
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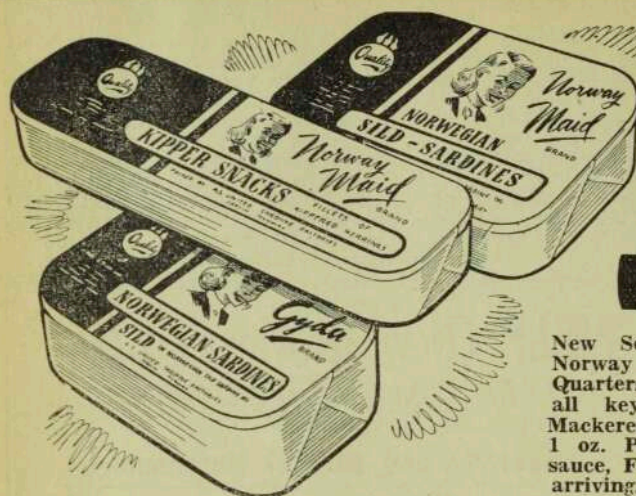
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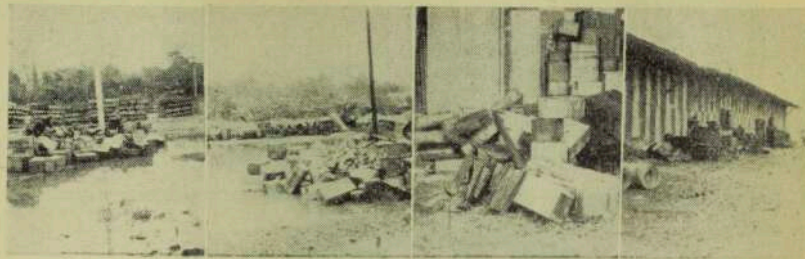
A visitor took these photographs recently to show how cargo is mishandled under present arrangements in the port of Lae, New Guinea. Reading from the left, the pictures show:—

1.—A consignment of paint, dumped in a pool of water.

2 and 3.—Smashed cases, some containing nails, others glass louvres, dumped anywhere, some in surface water.

4.—These miscellaneous goods were thrown off haphazard, under the eaves of the goods sheds. There are no gutters on the sheds—water from the occasional showers pours down on the cargo.

The traveller said: "No one cares. I thought I was back in Sydney!"



—And in Other Islands

Top photograph shows cargo being lifted from surf boats at the landing on Niue Island—ships anchor out at the edge of the reef. This old capstan is used to raise the heavier goods and dump them into lorries.

The two lower photographs show how things are done at Apia. They have no crane, and no capstan either. The first picture shows them prising full 44-gallon petrol drums out of a lighter—a most difficult job. While the photographer watched, three of the drums fell into the sea and every one of the Samoan stevedores, at one time or another, missed having toes crushed, or legs broken by recalcitrant drums.

In the bottom photograph they are levering large beams of oregon timber out of a surf boat. Once it was on the wharf a team of about 30 Samoans got on to it with ropes and hauled it right across the wharf to be stacked. The pulling team can be seen in the background.

However, in spite of such primitive methods of cargo handling, Island stevedores do wonders in cargo shifting—a little of their energy would go well on the wharves of Wellington, Auckland and Sydney.

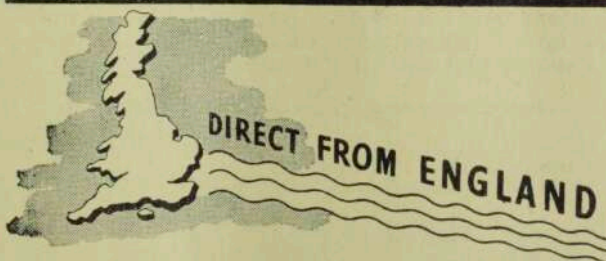


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The motor-launch Orthona, bought in Sydney by Captain Legras for the use of the Noumea pilot service, arrived in Noumea in charge of a scratch crew in mid-October. The voyage took seven days—the last 36 hours in very stormy weather. Captain and Madame Legras, who have many friends in Sydney, later returned to New Caledonia.



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LEPROSY IN NG

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GRATIFYING results in the treatment of leprosy have been achieved at the Papua-New Guinea Administration's Leper Hospital, near Mt. Hagen, by the use of two drugs, Sulphetrone and Diamadine, according to Mr. Leonard Barnard, who has been in charge of the establishment since its opening in 1949.

Mr. Barnard, a Seventh Day Adventist missionary, reached Sydney at the end of September, with his family, en route to Wellington, NZ, on five months' furlough.

Eight miles from Mt. Hagen, in the Central Highlands District, the leper hospital is financed by the Administration and run by the SDA Mission. Two SDA technical tradesmen and builders, Messrs. J. Aitken and F. L. Aveling, operate a sawmill and are converting the hospital from the temporary to the permanent stage. It will have 500 beds when completed—at present 150 patients are accommodated.

Nowadays, month by month, numbers of the first batches of Central N. Guinea natives, who originally trekked in to the hospital from all over the district suffering from leprosy, are being discharged as cured, as the result of treatment with these wonder drugs of British medical science. Sulphetrone was used mainly until quite recently, when supplies of the newer and three times more powerful Diamadine reached the hospital. Both are administered in tablet form.

Mr. Barnard served with the Australian Army Medical Corps in New Guinea during the war and later was with ANGAU. His assistants at Mt. Hagen were Sisters O. and E. Pearce, together with a large staff of orderlies and workers.

A thriving farm, run in conjunction with the leprosarium, supplies 90 per cent. of the foodstuffs needed by patients and helpers. In addition to treatment, the staff teach the hospital inmates to read and write, hold religious services for them and show educational films.

While Mr. Barnard is on leave, Dr. H. McMahon, of Melbourne, is in charge of the hospital. On his return to New Guinea Mr. Barnard plans to organise and establish another leper hospital at Hatzfeldt-haven, on the coast, between Madang and Wewak. The only other leper hospital in the Territory is at Alelaia, New Ireland.

A radio telephone service between Australia and New Caledonia commenced on November 2.

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The barge, recently purchased by Coconut Products, was in charge of a half-caste and had in tow a lighter which was being taken to Kar Kar for a load of copra.

It is understood that little hope is held of recovering the barge, but the lighter has been salvaged by the Administration trawler Koro, and has been brought back to Madang with the natives, who looked in sorry condition after their four days of exposure.

A writer in Sydney Morning Herald of October 5 is responsible for the statement that the Australian armed services are busily re-establishing the Coast Watchers—the intelligence organisation of islands men which did so much to help American-Australian operations after the Japanese invaded the South Pacific in 1942.

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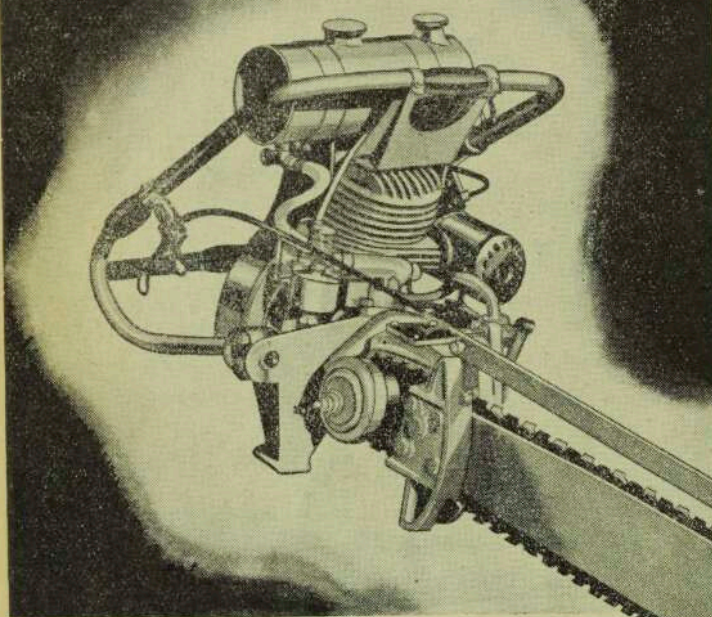
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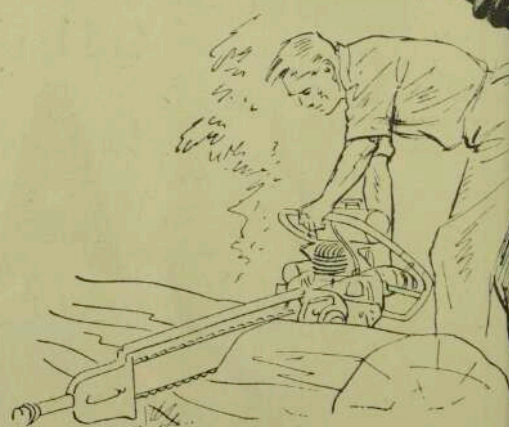
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BRITAIN AND THE COPRA PRICE

Case For Solomon Island Planters

BY J. BRYAN

THE thanks of Pacific Islands residents are due to the editor of the PIM for so readily making the pages of his journal available as a forum to spread their opinions and ventilate their grievances.

This is particularly important, because these communities have no vote and no direct Parliamentary representation. Any appeals they make must of necessity be to the officials who control their lives; and the Pacific Islands are not free from the blight of our civilisation under which officialdom becomes a wide-bound bureaucracy.

The report of the Rt. Hon. John Dugdale's meeting with the BSI Copra Board, published in September PIM, makes disappointing reading. Several matters arising from the Minister's visit are open to pertinent comment:—

• Why was the Planters' case put to the Minister by the Copra Board and not by the Planters themselves, through their own organisation?

• What authority from the Planters did the BSI Government have in 1946 to pledge itself to send all its annual production of copra to Britain, and for how long was this authority (if any such had been granted to them) to continue?

Surely it would have been more democratic if the case for the producers had been put by their own elected representatives, instead of by a Government-created body which, in the past, has shown itself to be only too ready to flout the will of the producers.

A study of the report discloses the fact that the pledge was given by the BSI Government without bothering about such trivialities as the matter of price, consent of the producers, term of the undertaking, and the possible effect upon the prosperity or otherwise of the BSI.

A third query arises: "What was the basis of the statement made by the chairman of the BSI Copra Board that "having regard to the earlier pledge, one or other (i.e.,

of the alternate contracts offered in 1948) must be accepted . . . and that . . . "the general opinion of a meeting of copra producers in 1948 favoured the long-term agreement."

In regard to the latter statement: As one who was present at both meetings in 1948, when the British MOF proposals were first offered to the BSI Planters, I say that there is not one word of truth in it, and that at both meetings the proposals were turned down, flat.

Notwithstanding the desire of the official members of the Copra Board to have one or other of the proposals adopted (preferably the nine-years agreement) not one person present, other than the aforesaid official members, spoke in favour of the agreement in the form in which it was presented; and, when the spokesman for the Planters informed the chairman of the Board that the offers were not acceptable, not one Planter or producer dissented. The MOF Agreement was never favoured publicly by anyone excepting official members of the Copra Board.

IT is hard to believe that a gentleman of Mr. Dugdale's attainments would be obtuse deliberately. Yet, why should the 1937 copra price be taken by him as a basis for comparison with present-day prices? Surely he cannot at this stage be ignorant of the fact that

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1937 prices were far from normal. So abnormal had they been over the depression years that the Custodian of Expropriated Property in New Guinea had seen fit to declare a moratorium to save planters in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea from bankruptcy.

If a basis of comparison were required, why not the years from 1920 to 1928? They would correspond more accurately with present conditions.

For the Minister to say that "If the copra price had fallen, producers would have been glad to have had the security of the con-

tract" is, to my mind, totally irrelevant.

The producers never indicated at any time that they wanted the contract; and, at two meetings called by the Copra Board in an endeavour to entice them to accept the contract, they turned it down.

Why this tenacious effort to spread the belief that the producers accepted the contract and are now crying because it did not turn out in their favour?

When the Contract finally arrived from England for signature by the Copra Board in 1951, it required the casting vote of the chairman to

secure its adoption and signing. The unofficial members of the Board (from the time it was first offered in 1948) have consistently opposed its acceptance.

REVERTING to the address by the present chairman of the Board to the Minister: He stated that "when the Ministry of Food's proposals were put forward in 1948 there was no alternative, short of the perfidious and unthinkable step of breaking with the United Kingdom, but to accept one or other of the Ministry's proposals."

If there was no alternative, why were not the producers informed accordingly, there and then. Why the farce of calling two meetings in an endeavour (which proved unsuccessful) to obtain their acceptance?

He further states: "A full public meeting was held to discuss this matter, and the consensus of opinion was that of the two alternatives, the nine-years agreement would be the most advantageous to the Protectorate as a whole, and

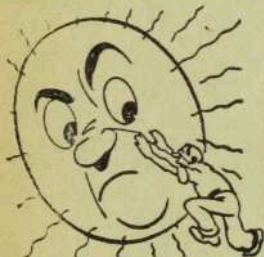
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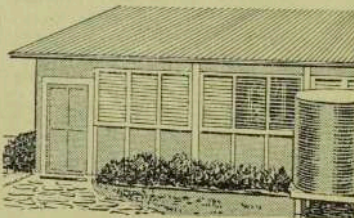
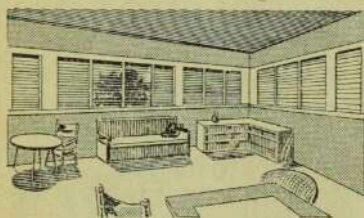
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the Ministry of Food was informed accordingly."

This is a complete distortion of facts. The consensus of opinion on the part of the producers present (who formed all the audience with the exception of the members of the Copra Board) was expressed by themselves to the meeting (and to a second meeting with the same purpose) by means of a flat rejection of the MOF offers. Only official members of the Copra Board at any time expressed approval of one or other of the MOF offers in the manner presented, and at the prices set forth.

THE chairman of the Board went on to speak of the disabilities incurred by copra-producers because of devaluation of sterling in 1949. If he honestly believed the producers were badly treated then, why did he not take the opportunity of ventilating this matter when the agreement finally arrived for signature (in 1951), instead of using his casting vote to impose acceptance upon the producers?

He said in his address to the Minister that "the price offering now under the Ministry of Food Agreement has got badly out of step with world parity in the copra market." Copra prices were just as badly out of step at the time he affixed his signature to the Agreement.

He further states: "We feel that the present position is very largely attributable, not to ordinary commercial trends which any businessman accepts as normal, but to the effects of the deliberate devaluation of the £ sterling in 1949."

One could go further than this and say the present position in the BSI is due to the Copra Board using its plenary powers to impose its views on the copra producers in face of the strong remonstrances and warnings given by the producers. It is one of the signs of the times that politicians and Government officials throughout the British Commonwealth believe they can run a man's business better than the businessman can run it himself!

MR. DUGDALE, in his reply to the meeting, stated that "the price of things is three times up and the MOF was paying four and a quarter times the 1937 price." What are the facts?

1. Rice has increased from a pre-war price of approximately £15 per ton to £100/16/- per ton at the Government store, Honiara.

2. Tinned ration-meat has increased from approximately 8d. per tin to approximately 3/- per tin, for an inferior quality.

3. Other essential plantation commodities, such as biscuits, flour,

lap-laps, copra bags, freights, etc., have increased in similar or greater proportions.

4. Wages have increased from 10/- per month to a minimum of £2 per month, and it is not disputed that the efficiency of labour has been reduced tremendously.

These figures do not substantiate Mr. Dugdale's statement regarding costs.

Two matters stand out as a result of these approaches to the Minister and a study of the history of the case:—

- It appears that the unofficial members of the Copra Board of the BSI (appointed by the Government) have been used merely

to provide a "front," and that their efforts to secure a measure of fairplay and justice have been (and will continue to be) thwarted through their inability to outvote the official members.

- The development of the BSIP is subservient to the requirements of the MOF to obtain cheap copra, and the BSIP Government's need of funds will result in a continuance of the present crippling taxation, which is without parallel under similar conditions in any other copra-producing country, and which cannot fail, if continued, in intensifying stagnation and retrogression, with a corollary that investors in the future will avoid

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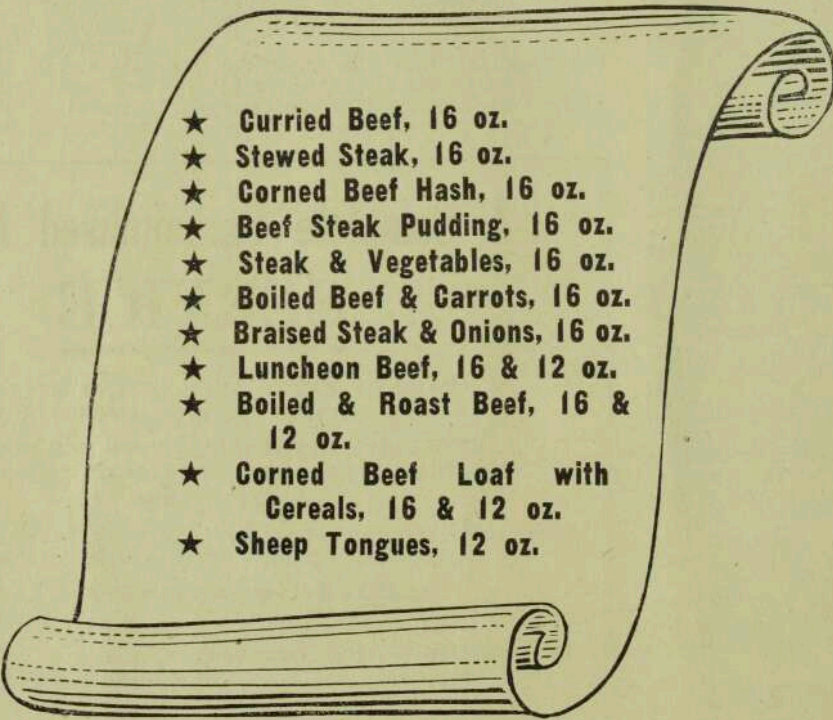
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EDITORIAL NOTE

ALL the indications were that the South Pacific copra producers would get no review of the British Ministry of Food copra contract price while the British Socialist Government was in power.

The latter has shown, in many similar cases, that it will, if it can, get an advantage for the consumers in Britain (in trouble largely owing to Socialist misgovernment) at the expense of overseas producers.

However, a general election

changed all that. The British people on October 25 turned out the Socialists and put into office men with some real sense of responsibility. The South Pacific copra producers should lose no time in again seeking a review of their case.

The BSI producers have a special case—they never accepted the Agreement. The New Guinea, Fiji and Samoan producers did accept it; and their plea for review, therefore, should be based, not on the operation of the Agreement, but on the fact that the Socialists, by the trick of devaluing Sterling, have robbed the producers since late 1949 of from £20 to £30 per ton.

Penfriend Wanted

Fourteen-years-old Nelson Wu, of 17 North Avenue, Rabaul, New Guinea, would like pen friends anywhere in the Pacific. His special interests (besides writing letters) are Scouting, sports and collecting stamps.

Mrs. Doris Booth of Cliffside, Wau, flew back to New Guinea from Brisbane in October 23. She has been appointed to the new P-NG Legislation Council as one of the three Nominated European members. The Council will have its first meeting on November 26.

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This is the Hihifo Football Team, which this year won the Hellaby Rugby Football Shield. Eleven matches were played during the season. Hihifo team won nine and drew two. The team gained high points through their fast scoring in each match and had it their own way throughout the season. Names of team in photo, reading from left:—

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Front Row: M. Huni, S. Kauavale, P. ulu, S. Malakai.

The coach is an old Newington boy, son Moulton Finau, another old Newington boy.

—Photo by Hettig.

Mr. Maurice Baker, chief of the Agriculture Department of the Cook Is., in association with Mr. Jewell, an officer of the NZ department, has been investigating the possibilities of citrus growing and other agricultural problems on Niue. They have in view the increased production of present crops and the introduction of new kinds of food plants.



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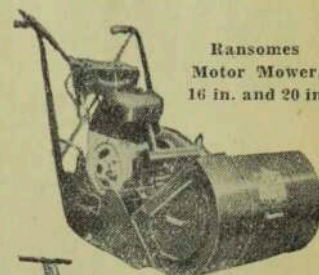
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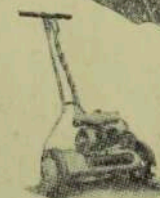
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DROUGHT IN PACIFIC ISLANDS

ALMOST the whole of the islands of the South Pacific from Fiji to the Samoas have been in the grip of a severe drought this year from June onwards.

The "dry" season in most of these islands can be anything but that and is a comparative term rather than one of fact. But even Suva, Fiji, notorious for its rain, has had a drier and colder season than old residents can remember before. Apia, Western Samoa has its lush greenness tinged with brown and

Pago Pago could not this year live up to the reputation given it by Somerset Maugham in the famous story which he called "Rain."

Northern Viti Levu, the Lau Islands, Niue, Nukualofa and Vavau are really dry and parched and in the riverless islands—Niue, Nukualofa and Vavau—vegetables and fruit crops are already being affected.

Vegetable crops have been affected in Samoa also but the dry season has not harmed the bumper cocoa crops which are now being harvested.

Although I had been told that mangoes did not amount to much in Suva because of the wetness, this year I saw numerous trees covered with large fruit. On the other side, this fruit is developing fast and most of the kids in Lautoka seem to spend their time trying to knock them off the trees in the park opposite the hotel.

Weather in Nukualofa in September was positively cold, even for a visitor from Australia; and earlier in the winter had sunk to a record low of 42 degrees.

On numerous occasions in Fiji in September it was cold enough for woollen clothes and on one occasion at Tavua I wore a sweater to bed for extra warmth.

The cold, which, in theory, should be "good" for residents did not please them overmuch. They said it gave them colds and the 'flu—and certainly there was plenty of both about.

Samoa expected that the drought would break in October—when the Palolo rose. Apparently it always rains when this phenomena occurs.—JT.

Niue Hit by Drought

From Our Own Correspondent

NIUE, Sept. 8.

NO more than a few points of rain have fallen at Niue since June.

The island is beginning to show signs of severe drought, with crops withering and bananas failing to mature.

The village people have no water at all in their tanks but the people of Alofi are a little more fortunate—a well which was sunk primarily with the view of constructing an airstrip on the island has proved a life-saver to both natives and Europeans.

The Administration has been filling 400 gallon tanks mounted on trucks and distributing water pumped from the well. The supply is proving reliable under drought conditions and it is believed that the Resident Commissioner has plans to pipe the water down to Alofi and thus establish a trustworthy supply of water in the chief village of Niue.

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It appears that although Niue did not get the proposed air strip, it at least may benefit by a good water supply.

It may also be possible to sink wells in other parts of the island to tap the subterranean supply which apparently lies at about 200 feet below the surface, in good quantity.

Dry Spell Ends in Samoa

From a Special Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 20.

THE abnormal period of dry weather which has lasted nearly three months has at last ended.

The dry spell caused an acute shortage of taros and bananas and adversely affected the copra output as coconuts did not mature to full size.

The cocoa crop now being harvested has not suffered and is expected to constitute a record yield. For months it had been difficult to buy bananas and taros in Apia

and even in outside districts of Upolu and Savaii, the Samoans had to depend on food supplies from the stores.

One astute Samoan planter who had a large area of taros on the west coast, 15 miles from Apia, is reported to have made several hundred pounds a month.

It is expected that for several months ahead only small quantities

of bananas will be available for export, as they are still badly needed for local consumption.

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—Papuan Prints photo.

Engagement

At right is Miss Elizabeth Ann Ray, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ray, Port Moresby, Papua, formerly of New Guinea, whose engagement to Mr. Bill McKenzie, of Queensland, has been announced. Miss Elizabeth was one of the first European babies born at Kieta Hospital (1933). Her father was then manager of BP's Bougainville branch; after the family moved to Kavieng and then to Mr. Ray is now merchandise manager of Steamships Trading Co. in Moresby.



G-G's IMPRESSION OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

THE Acting Governor-General of Australia (General Sir John Northcott), in a speech made in Dubbo (NSW) on October 16,

thus summarising impressions he gained during his recent brief visit to Papua-New Guinea:—

"My experience in the war, and confirmed by my visit there, is that the New Guinea natives are the most intelligent people you could meet."

Sir John said that he had addressed a gathering of more than 6,000 natives who had padded jungle tracks for days to be present at the reception.

The warriors carried axes, spears, bows and arrows "and nothing much else except feathers." He had seen natives injured in battles being treated in hospitals by New Australian medical staffs who were "doing a faithful job."

Sir John said that he had told a headman that his people should stop inter-village strife and concentrate on growing things. The native replied that "even in Australia there were some who fought" and that the natives were toiling and producing.

Sir John said that centres of population destroyed during the war were being reconstructed. "I saw great work being done by the various missionary societies and I was struck by the wonderful enthusiasm and influence that all these devoted people have upon the natives."

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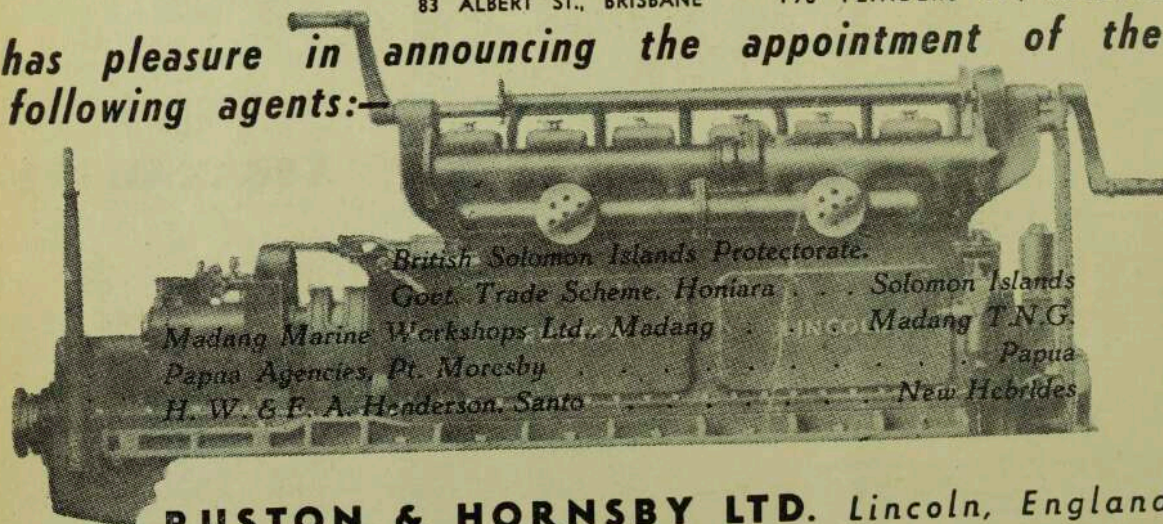
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Round about somewhere is husband Harvey Hunt—he does not seem to be doing so many things all at once, but together they make a pretty good team. They are "Hunt's Travel Agency" and, as such, have brought a new sort of tourism to Fiji. Recently they became sole booking agents for the new Fiji Airways, and this and their tourists and their other travel activities seem to keep them on the move from about 6 am until way into the night.

After sitting in their office for a while, and watching things happen, you probably will be moved to remark that they will, in time, no doubt develop ulcers. To which husband replies, "Oh, no—I'm not the type." And wife—in the middle of making a telephone air reservation or someone who wants to get to Rome or New York or Karachi or somewhere: "Think nothing of it. I've had one. I feel fine."

That's the way to treat an ulcer, actual or impending: slap back its ears and forget it!

THERE always have been tourists to Fiji, of course, and people to cater for them, but until the last couple of years such tourism was unorganised; nor could it be regarded as a major industry, as it threatens to become these days.

The organised tour and the organised tourist is something new in Fiji and that they now flow through the Colony in a steady stream during the cool months of the year is due in no small measure to the Hunt couple who took to themselves the job of looking after their wants and babying them along.

These tourists are mostly from New Zealand, and their three weeks in Fiji is a real highlight. They are not the money-frittering type: they know what they have paid for, and they are determined to get it.

To deal with them successfully I imagine that you need the patience of an angel, the wisdom of Solomon, a sympathetic heart—and lashings of a sergeant-majorish sense of discipline. But, whatever the secret, the Hunts seem to have it. They

drive with them, dine with them, listen to their woes and their enthusiasms, and send them on their way happy.

It is easy enough to hate tourists in the mass.

I often sat in the GPH on Tuesday mornings and watched them straggle in like sheep from the early NZ plane. Elderly, mostly, and looking tired and unhappy in thick Southern clothes. Or, later, I would see them gazing out over the green

lawns to the sea and the reef and their first coconuts, and squeaking that it reminded them of Mission Bay—wherever that might be. And my reaction was that, if it were left to me, I would probably slip arsenic into their pineapple juice during their very first breakfast.

BUT these people, although not spectacular spenders, are bringing a thin but steady trickle of revenue to the Colony, creating new work and new jobs. It is doubtful if many of these tourists would organise themselves a holiday in Fiji—they like their travel neatly packaged—and the Hunts, by making this one of their



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Travel agency activities have certainly helped this branch of tourism. The tourist business in Fiji still is capable of tremendous expansion—but not with existing hotel facilities. Suva has always been spoken of as the bottleneck in this respect but from recent observations I should say that the hotels on the other Side would be unable to cope with a much larger flow of tourists than they have had in the season just ending.

The Philp brothers are making great strides with the conversion of the old Bayly Hotel at Deumba, about 30 miles from Suva, on the Queen's Road. It has already found favour with visitors and residents in Fiji, and by next cool season should be able to take an increased number of guests. It is being designed for tourists—not just as another pub.

These Australians, newcomers to the Colony, are tackling the job with fresh minds and imagination. They have, too, what every tropical resort hotel should have—and which the hotel in Viti Levu has got—a good, sandy beach.

One can say, broadly, of all the hotels in Fiji that you will get a personal welcome, food and service that is now unknown in Australia and New Zealand; but they have been designed primarily for local residents and not as tourist resorts. If, for example, one could wave a wand and whisk the very pleasant little Yvua Hotel away from its present locality, and plant it down on Laveni Beach, near Lautoka—well, where you really would have something.

However, my own personal opinion is that there is in Fiji at present only one hotel that comes up to international standards of comfort, appointments, service and location. That is the Grand Pacific in Suva, sometimes referred to as the irreverent local residents as a little elephant or a morgue. If it is so, then it is the most pleasant morgue I expect to inhabit. —J.T.

EX-SERVICEMEN'S BALL

NINE hundred couples, including members of the New Guinea Womens Club and a party from Trans Oceanic Airways, attended the second ball of the New Guinea ex-Servicemen's Club, held in Sydney on October 24. The occasion was a social and financial success.

The Club now has 170 members, and is looking for more. Any man or woman who served in Papua-New Guinea is eligible. Secretary, Mr. Alan Paget, 8, Slade Road, Blandwell Park, Sydney.

Mr. J. J. Dever, of the SDA Mission, Rabaul, NG, was in New Zealand on furlough in October.

MORE COCOA, LESS COPRA FROM W. SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, October 20. SAMOAN cocoa planters are harvesting a splendid cocoa crop and large quantities of cocoabeans are already stored in Apia sheds ready for shipment to England and the USA.

It is predicted that this year's cocoa exports will be a record and amount to well over 3,000 tons.

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Copra exports this year will

probably show a smaller total than last year's.

At present there are approximately 5,000 tons on hand at Apia sheds awaiting shipment after the Nairnbank lifted about 1,300 tons for the British Ministry of Food last week.

Two more Bank liners are expected shortly to lift several thousand tons of copra, for the UK and New Zealand, and it is hoped to clear Apia sheds before the end of the year.

Miss Jeanine Tarte, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Tarte, of Taveuni, Fiji, was married in Melbourne, on October 20, to Mr. V. G. Barnden, of Sydney.



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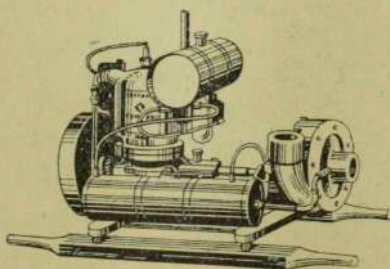
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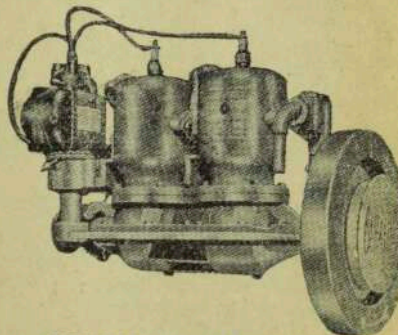
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GOVERNOR PHELPS

Tributes to His Work in Eastern Samoa

A WRITER in the PIM a few months ago commented on the unmarried condition of Colonel Phelps Phelps, and said that the natives of American Samoa probably would not like a bachelor Governor.

The comment was not intended to be offensive—in fact, it was accepted as gentle humour. Two or three old friends of the PIM have taken us seriously to task, however.

"Governor Phelps Phelps is very pleasant, kind and courteous to everyone," writes a woman resident of Samoa. "He has the welfare of the people at heart, and appears to be a very sincere person . . . The article in the March PIM was a lot of twaddle. I don't think the Samoans care two hoots whether the Governor is a bachelor or not. Any way, his wifeless state does not prevent him from entertaining often and well."

Another letter is from a missionary who has known Samoa very well, and who does not mince his words:—

"I WAS disgusted at the crude attempt to base the low attack on Governor Phelps on an appeal to Samoan custom. The references to such customs were quite inaccurate for one thing; the conclusions were absurd. The Samoans do not demand that our visitors should conform to their own social usages.

"The Samoan judges the white man by the standards of Christian morality and dignified behaviour. I say that a man is disqualified because he is a bachelor is simply ridiculous. It all depends on the man. By an odd coincidence, you published in the same number a laudatory article on an official of the Government who has lived here as a bachelor for 25 years.

"People here resent deeply such mean and low attacks on the Governor. Before he arrived we were ready to know of the splendid record of public service given by Colonel Phelps in the State and City of New York. His work for the repatriation of Greek children stolen by the Communists will not easily be forgotten.

"Since he has come to Samoa Governor Phelps has spared no effort to provide for the welfare of the people here. He has given generously from his personal income to support worthy causes.

"In his dealings with our people, whether of high or low degree, he has conducted himself with dignity and friendliness and so has succeeded in winning the hearts of all.

"Nor has his task been an easy and pleasant one. The change-

from Navy to Interior Department was bungled rather badly by the Washington bureaucrats and by their itinerant hangers-on, the would-be anthropologists who have attended on the Islands since the war like a swarm of locusts.

ONLY the sympathy and tact of Governor Phelps could have averted a strike in all Government services in Tutuila last July 1. The great was the dissatisfaction with the new pay-scale.

"The Governor returns this month from Washington where he has fought hard for funds which are needed to enable the people of American Samoa to retain some of the amenities to which they have become accustomed under the Navy. It will certainly not be the fault of Governor Phelps if the people of the United States, through their representatives in Congress and their servants in the Department of Interior, allow the happy, healthy people of Samoa to be ill-treated and neglected.

"Washington is far from Samoa. There was need for someone to bang the table and remind the bureaucrats that the US assumed responsibility for these islands over years ago, at the time of the mission. That responsibility cannot be conveniently ignored merely because the strategic picture has changed in the Pacific. Governor Phelps was the man

to tell them. Whether or not his mission will be crowned with complete success we do not know. But we do know that he has spared no effort and we are grateful to him."

The original article is not regretted, because it has given us the opportunity of publishing these remarkable tributes to the new Governor of the only American Territory south of the Equator.

A Sydney boatbuilder has re-floated the American ketch, Bachelor's Wife, which was wrecked on Lord Howe Island in September. He intends to make it seaworthy and sail it to Sydney. The former owners, Americans Mr. and Mrs. Byron Tanner, sailed her across the Pacific in 1950. They abandoned her when she went on the reef at Lord Howe during a gale.



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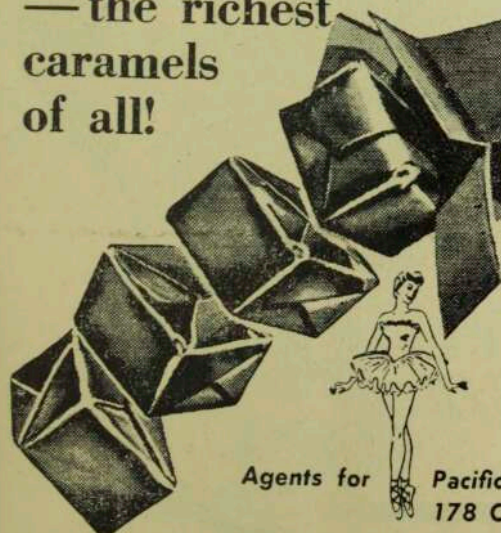
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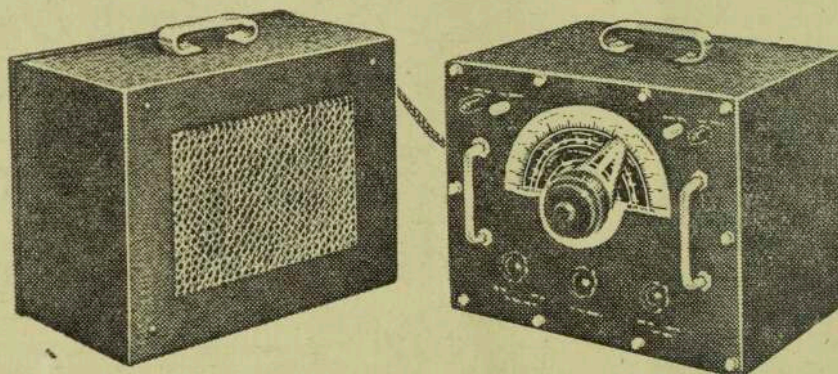
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The Moresby terminal occupies a 10-acre site about three miles out of the town. Four huge tanks, each with a half a million gallon capacity, hold motor spirit, aviation gas, industrial fuel and diesel oil respectively. Three of the tanks are on the site—relics of the Army days of 1939-45. The fourth tank is located in Port Moresby.

Most of the material used in the terminal—including all buildings and most of the pipes—were secured locally from war disposals and have therefore made few demands on scarce materials.

Pipelines from each of the tanks are connected to drum-filling and tanker-truck installations. A modern plant for cleaning, testing and painting 44-gallon drums is installed as part of one of the buildings.

The terminal is connected to discharging buoys in the harbour by the longest submarine pipeline in



General view at the opening—showing three tanks and drum-filling igloo.
—Photo by W. L. Macgowan.

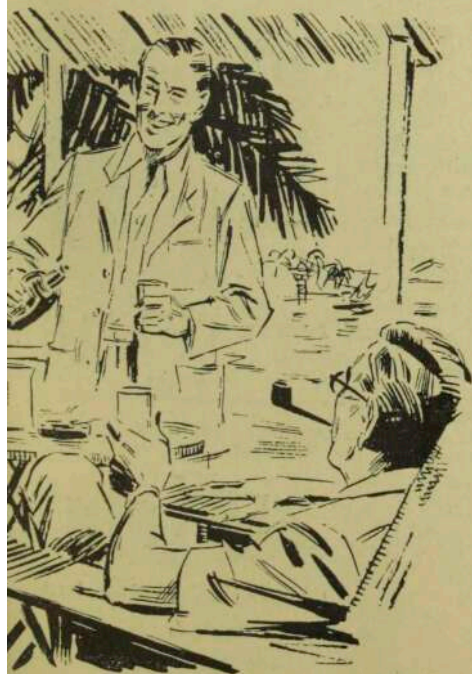
Australian waters. From the water's edge it extends 4,300 feet into the harbour and the installation of this was a major engineering problem in itself. Coral was blasted from the sea bed to pave the way, at places special concrete supporting blocks were laid, the line was built on shore to the exact contour of the ocean bed, and then the whole 4,300 feet of it was floated out and lowered into position.

The pipeline is specially coated with anti-corrosive, but as an added precaution there is also special "cathodic protection"—magnesium

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At his own expense, he is soon to send to Nondugl a power-plant big enough to supply the whole station with electric light and power.

He is also sending a loom, where, with the Nondugl wool can be turned into blankets; and sawmill equipment, which will provide timber for home building.

Dr. Ernest Beaglehole, of Wellington, the author of several books about the native people of the Pacific Islands, left NZ in October to spend two months at the International Labour Office at Geneva as a special consultant on native labour. He will continue the work started by the secretariat at a conference of experts on native labour held at La Paz, Bolivia, in January this year. He will assist in organising a field working party to study native life in some parts of South America.

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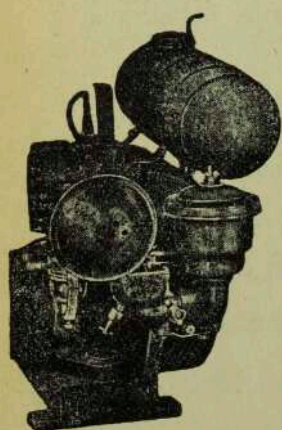


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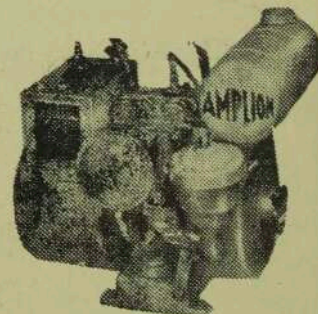
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PAPUAN POLICE LOYALTIES

A Plea For Better Instruction

P. MORESBY, Oct. 29.
WHEN he addressed 400 native police recruits, on parade at Sogeri in October, the Acting Governor-General, Sir John Northcott, brought out a point that is too frequently overlooked in our dealings with native peoples. He reminded them that, as police, they served His Majesty the King and, combined with this service, was their responsibility as police to assist and guide their own people. It is no longer the fashion among any ultra modernistic groups to speak of loyalty to the Crown, but is a fashion which could be reversed with benefit to Australians and natives alike in Papua.

Since Australia bears the responsibility, the burden and the high cost of administering the Trusteeship Territory, loyalty to the Empire as well as loyalty to the United Nations could be well combined in the New Guinea area.

The native may be sophisticated or unsophisticated, as his environment determines; but if and when the concept of loyalty and pride in service to a great ideal is explained in terms he can understand, we will get results. He has many times proved his capacity to appreciate privilege and accept the inherent responsibilities.

Throughout the post-war Government of Papua and New Guinea, official emphasis has been all on "giving" the natives this service and that, on ensuring their "welfare" and "progress." Some services are undoubtedly needed; but, for self-respect and true progress, they must develop a sense of pride in their privilege.

This is not so difficult as it may at first appear. The Territory natives are still so close to tribal loyalties, that, as these disintegrate or weaken, the reason of the rapidly changing circumstances of their lives, they need new loyalties and new associations. What finer association can be offered them than that embodied in the flag which flies at every Territory centre?

But they cannot be expected to understand this unless it is explained to them, and the King is presented to them in more comprehensible fashion than by merely photograph in a court-room where, by their limited understanding, they cannot be blamed if they associate it more with law and its penalties rather than with the good record of the British race. Australia has much more to offer primitive peoples of Papua and

New Guinea than mere material benefits and "handouts." They should be made to understand that life's real values are not weighed out in the form of groceries, cotton and bush cutlery.

Miss Shirley Jacobs, of Qantas, Lae, New Guinea, has become engaged to First Officer Richard Davis, also of Q.E.A., Lae.

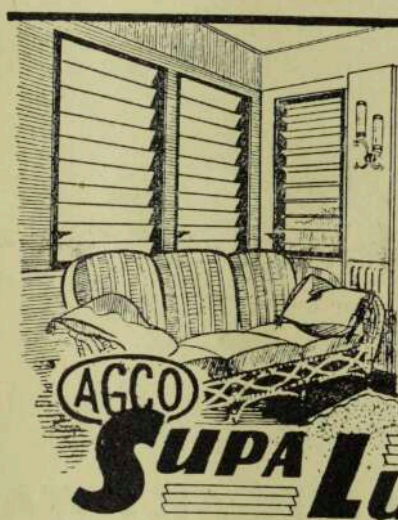
The engagement is announced of Mrs. Mardie Doyle, of Wahroonga, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McDouall of Wahroonga N.S.W. to Mr. W. S. Leslie, Headmaster of Barker College, Hornsby N.S.W. They plan to be married in the Christmas vacation. In 1938 she married Mr. H. G. ("Tiki")

Doyle and went to live on the Malaita Coast in the Solomon Islands, and later to Selapiu Plantation, Kavieng, New Guinea, from where Mrs. Doyle was evacuated in 1941. Mr. Doyle was captured by the Japanese and was lost on the Montevideo Maru, in 1942. His family are well known in Fiji.

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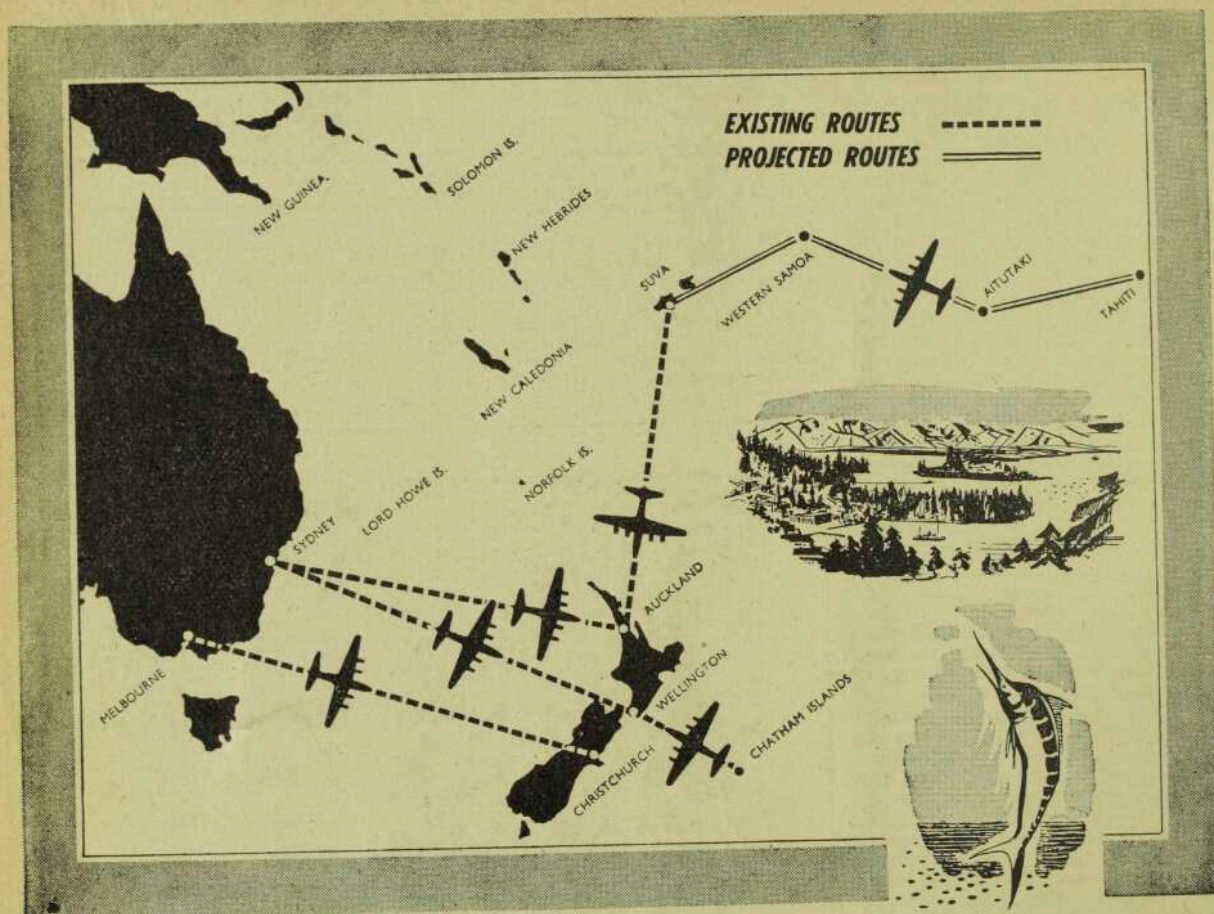
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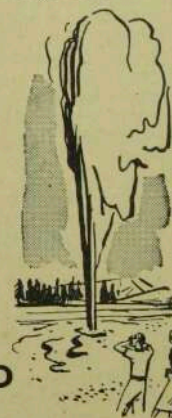
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MAGAZINE SECTION

Well Done Calliope!

IF you are a New Zealander, and started your schooldays sometime in the 20's, you may remember the story in the school reader called "Well Done, Calliope." The inference was — perhaps strictly for home consumption — that she was able to make the dash from Apia, during the famous 1889 hurricane, because she was burning good West-port coal.

It comes now as a shock to learn that the old girl was still in existence until October this year—she seems so much a part of grandfather's day, so much a pleasant, history-book legend that most people have imagined that she went to a watery grave years ago.

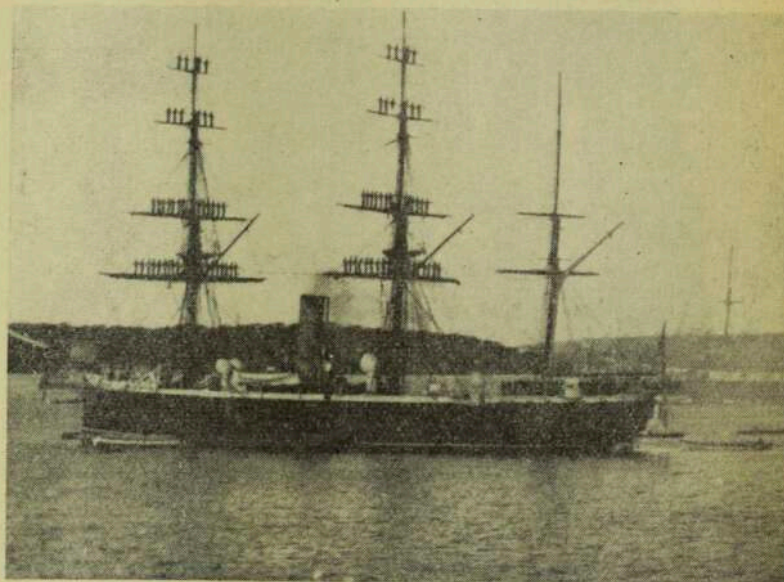
Not so—she made her last voyage last month, from the Tyne (UK) to Blyth, where she is now in process of being broken up.

Normally, Western Samoa is out of the hurricane belt and they seem not to have had such a blow since that memorable event in March, 1889. If you believe that way, you may see an omen in the fury of the elements on that occasion, for those were stirring days in the Pacific, when three Great Powers—Britain, the United States and Germany—were busy parcelling out the South Seas Islands.

Recently, in the Melbourne Herald, the Rev. C. Irving Benson, one of Melbourne's best known Ministers, told Calliope's story in these words:

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DISTURBANCES and armed rival factions on the island had brought seven men-of-war into Apia harbour — three American, three German and one British.



Calliope herself—leaving Sydney Harbour for England in 1889, repaired and all yards manned.

The corvette Calliope, sent there from the Australian squadron to watch British interests, was commanded by Captain H. C. Kane.

There were also six merchantmen and a number of small craft in the harbour.

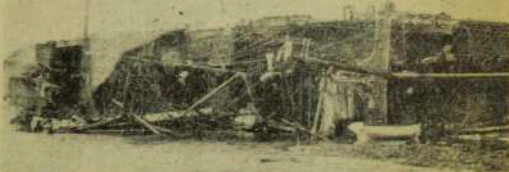
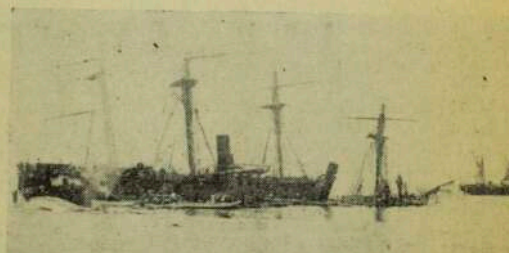
For some days the weather had been threatening and on the afternoon of March 15, the barometer fell suddenly. On this warning, every ship should have left the harbour. A dawn gale sprang up and increased to a hurricane, blowing straight into the harbour.

The German gunboat, Eber, dragged her anchor struck on the reef, and went down by the stern. Only four of the crew of 80 reached shore.

Nearly all the ships were dragging their anchors, fouling each other and drawing nearer to the jagged coral reef which fringed most of the shore of the bay.

Captain Kane surveyed the confusion and made a decision which was a moral triumph. There was only one chance of safety. He took it. (Next page.)

The American, Trenton, showing hurricane damage. Apparently she, too, tried to make the open sea, but failed. According to the story book, as Calliope struggled past her, her crew lined the rails and it was they who yelled into the hurricane: "Well done, Calliope."



The German Adler, capsized on the reef at Apia. Photograph taken right after the disaster.

Putting his engines at full speed ahead and calling on his chief engineer for every ounce of steam, he watched his moment, slipped his only remaining cable, and headed for the open sea. For hours it was doubtful if she could win through. Steaming into the fury of the gale, the Calliope made no more than one knot—but she doggedly fought her way to the deep waters.

Three days later, when the gale had blown itself out, she returned to Apia harbour to find herself the only ship afloat of those that had been in her company before the hurricane.

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CALLIOPE went to Sydney to have her storm damage repaired before sailing for Britain. But the rusted remains of Adler became a landmark in Apia Harbour—the remnants, now almost rusted away, can be seen there on the reef until the present day.

ISU ISU

I saw it growing in the thick bush,
A flame of sunset rose red flowers
with dark green leaves
and I said to the cookie:
In the bush there you will see a
red flower—
Go catchim takim come long me.

And it seems its name is isu isu;
There is a green one, a white one
and a red one.
You use it for sticks when you
plant yams—
it is strong too much and knives
will not easily cut it.
I should like to say tonight to my
friends:
"This is isu isu. You didn't find it.
Tomorrow one will be planted in my
garden to flower every month."
And the cookie is pleased because
I am pleased with something
belong Malaita.

Its flowers are on the coffee table
In a new aluminium cakatin which
makes a silver bowl:
Against broad leaves green as deep
sleep.
Splashes of glowing sunrise rose-
red flowers.
And the cookie, coming to lay the
table for dinner, thinks:
Queer missus, sitting with a gin-
and-lime in her hand,
Doing nothing but look at flowers
from a yamstick that grew up
After somebody went away and left
a garden.

K. S. POOLE.

Honiara, BSI.

A collection of flowers flown from New Guinea to Brisbane by Qantas Empire Airways was exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show held in the Brisbane City Hall recently. The flowers created considerable interest.

Tropicalities

IS IT DANCING?

TARALALA, a Fijian diversion which formerly had the tacit sanction of more or less anti-dancing mission circles, has run into trouble.

Originally a hand-in-hand rhythmic walk round a room, it has become Europeanised on the lines of more sophisticated ballroom dancing. Further, taralala at several well-known halls in Suva has gone off the rails, according to Fijian and other authorities. The most serious allegation comes from a Fijian complainant who has disclosed that at times liquor is drunk by young Fijian girls at inadequately supervised dance-halls. "As a result," says this Fijian source, "many silly things can be found to happen."—S.

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SO IT'S "TARALALA"

LOOKING over the above Tropicality I find that I apparently spelled this form of Fijian diversion wrongly in October PIM, when describing what went on at the Adams establishment in Lautoka when the CPAL travellers were there.

Taralala, I fear now, probably means something in Fijian. But me—I thought it was "tralala," something all bubble and froth, the sort of fore part of "tiddly-om-pom," and other light inanities.

I hasten to make this apology before 59 enraged Fijians, white and otherwise, write to metaphorically tell me to pull my head in.

What I would like to know now, is what the word really does mean; and who invented this form of dancing? I presume that as it looks to be about a 42nd cousin of modern European dancing it is not traditional Fijian, and as far as I know, it is not indulged in outside the Colony.

To the time of syncopated music it consists of male and female partners mooching, loose-kneed, around the room. Sometimes they just hold hands; others clasp each other around the waist (but side by side, skating attitude).

There is a little kicking up of heels in some cases, and a measure of hilarity. But others take the business so seriously they look close to death from acute melancholia.

It seems harmless enough and is a pretty sensible form of dance when you consider that most of these people have bare feet. Too bad if it falls into disrepute. However, I imagine that if the Fijians feel the urge upon them to get together and make wassail, the banning of the

taralala is not going to make any difference one way or the other.
—JT.

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WALKING—AT £10 A MILE

THE years roll on, and cars and jeeps in the most unlikely places tend to make us all a bit soft, but getting from one point to another in the shortest possible time is still a matter of honour in New Guinea.

Recently, in Rabaul, Mr. Jack Chipper won £200 from two other well-known citizens of the town, Mr. Jack Sedgers and Scout Richards, by walking the 20 miles from Rabaul to Kokopo in 4½ hours.

They said that he could not walk it in five hours. He said that he could. He set out one midnight and strode vigorously into the Kokopo Club 4½ hours later. They followed in a car.

I guess Mr. Chipper has been doing most of his travel by jeep or car or truck recently. It is obvious that Messrs. Sedgers and Richards would not have been so free with their bets if they had known him in the late thirties when



Papuan brides and grooms now wear traditional European clothes when they marry—although many of them, as this bride, go barefooted. This bridal party was photographed getting into their taxi by Papuan Prints.

the distance from Maprik (behind Wewak) over the range to his claim on the Ulahau—terrain that would break the heart of a mountain goat—was “a couple of hours’ walk, if you run.”—J.

TEETH AND SOULS

DR. G. E. HOULT, of the Methodist Mission in the BSI (head-quarters at Roviana), is a qualified dentist as well as medical practitioner.

Dentists are rare in the Islands, and thus it happened that when Dr. Hoult visited Honiara recently to represent the Methodist Mission at a medical conference at which Government grants were under discussion, he had a busy programme.

For a week prior to the conference Dr. Hoult rendered dental help to the staff of a sister mission—did more than 50 fillings and 30 extractions, repaired six dental plates and made four new ones.

Dr. Hoult is a New Zealander who accepted a call to be the Mission's medical officer in BSI when this post was vacant. He took his degree in dentistry as well as in medicine and surgery with the definite view of serving in mission fields.—AJS.

FISHERMEN PLEASE NOTE!

SOME months ago the capture of a metal-tagged swordfish on the New Zealand coast, and the mystery of who had performed the tagging, was headline news. Australia denied all knowledge; America was still investigating when last reported.

Now, their interest stimulated by this event, the Bay of Islands Swordfish and Mako Shark Club of New Zealand will this season embark on a project of tagging and releasing “about 60” swordfish to aid science in discovering just where they go when they leave New Zealand waters each Autumn.

Swordfish are caught from Alaska to the Philippines and Tasmania to Peru, but it has never yet been proved just how far any particular specimen migrates.

Anyone catching a swordfish with a metal tag marked: “Please return to Box 55, Russell, New Zealand,” will know what it's all about. (Send back the tag—not the fish!)

Special Note for American souvenir hunters: If tempted to keep the tag, you will be serving science by at least reporting the discovery and describing the tag in detail to the above address.—JS.

NZ TAXPAYERS' SOUTH SEAS FARM

RECENT advertisements by the NZ Air Department, calling for staff, including farm hands, for Raoul or Sunday Is., in the Kermadecs, some 600 miles NNE of Auckland, reminds us that

nothing is ever seen of the produce of the Government farm, though the staff includes at least three Europeans and a number of Niue Islanders.

This farm is entirely apart from the scientific staff of the radio and weather stations, although its sole purpose seems to be to keep them in fresh milk, meat and vegetables.

A number of years ago it was reported that a citrus industry was to be established by the Government on Sunday Island, but the tax-paying public of NZ are still awaiting the first shipment of oranges. All produced are eaten on the island, or aboard the Naval supply ships which regularly change the staff.

One may safely bet that this is the most costly and uneconomic farm under the New Zealand flag.

DON WILKINSON has just retired from Tanna in the New Hebrides, after 19 years as a trader on the island. For most of that time he has been running Tanna Plantations, Ltd., which he has sold to Burns Philp (N.H.), Ltd. The property consists of about 250 acres in all, a plantation and trade-store at Lenakel, and other sections of undeveloped land, some of which contains sandalwood trees.



These holdings were once owned by the notorious Ross Lewin who started cotton-planting there during the American Civil War; he became deeply involved in the native wars and was killed by natives about 1878.

Don Wilkinson, like most successful traders in the Pacific, has been greatly assisted by his wife, who was Sister Ida Malone of the John G. Paton Memorial Hospital at Vila.—BRETT HILDER.

JAP SIGNPOST BECOMES PULPIT

WHEN the Rev. A. H. Voyce, Methodist missionary on Bougainville, opened a new church up in the mountains behind Buin, recently, he was interested to see signs of the Japanese occupation of that area.

He described it as follows: “Koniquru village is a long way into the mountain area of Buin, high on a mountain top from where, on a clear day, you can see the islands of the Buin coast, and on to the Treasury Islands (Mono), out to the south.

“At the church opening it was interesting to note that part of the pulpit was made from a white Japanese sign-post with black lettering on it in Japanese characters. The bell rung to call the people to lotu was a large brass Japanese naval shell-case, 3 ft. long. In the wall of the native teacher's house was an 18-in. brass square carrying a Jap inscription.

Mr. Voyce is a veteran Methodist missionary of Bougainville, and he and his family have recently moved to their new home at Kihili. It is 1,900 sq. ft. in area, and built 6 ft. off the ground, and is described as spacious and airy. They have been occupying temporary houses since the end of the war.

Mr. Voyce served as a chaplain to the Allied Forces during the war. His knowledge of the islands was of immense value to the Americans when planning their invasion of Bougainville.—AJS.

GIVE US WINE AND NO POLITICS

A LETTER sent by a Caledonian native to the local paper “The Bulletin du Commerce” has caused a sensation in Noumea.

Victor Zeoula told bluntly the official circles here that, while the High Administration and the Council General wondered how and for what candidates the natives would vote at the next elections which are to be held in October to replace the retiring Council General, his black brothers considered the wine question.

A Caledonian Law, edicted in 1911, forbids natives to drink any wine or alcohol.

“A great number of natives in this country who fulfil certain conditions have been granted full residential rights and a so-called “European Status,” explained Zeoula. They are allowed to take part in elections, yet none of them can legally drink the wine they want as the Europeans do.

“I can assure all of you white people,” added Zeoula, “that my folks don't care about politics. They do not understand the first thing of it. They would prefer a glass of wine to any voting paper. — FREDDY DRILLON.

About Five Miles Further . . .

*Story of a Tongan
Picnic by Judy Tudor.*



Mrs. Crompton, Oscar, Mr. Crompton, young Robert and the rest of our picnic party.

RUNNING up the passage between the close-packed islands of the Vavau Group is very beautiful. Passengers dash from one side of the ship to the other in an attempt to see both sides at once. There are strange, flat, rocky islands like well-risen pancakes; and small tucked-away beaches; and palm trees and a village or two.

Even this time, when they had had months of drought, it was still beautiful. But ashore there is not much to do or to see once you have inspected the few stores and walked around the block and taken stock of the kapok trees which here, perhaps because of dry conditions, seem even more peculiar than kapok trees do normally.

Not much to do—or so you might think.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crompton Jnr. of Suva and eight-year old Robert III, were on the ship taking a holiday round-trip, and they knew Oscar. Oscar was a local Tongan who worked for one of the large stores. What they were doing without his services on boat-day I cannot imagine. And possibly they missed the truck which he had borrowed even more. For Oscar had

gathered up a dozen of his friends, the lorry, a roast pig, roast chickens, cooked yams, taro, pumpkin, sponge cake, canned peaches, thermos flask of tea and bottles of orangeade and set out to entertain the Comptons. I happened to be at the right place, at the right time, and I found myself included.

The Tongans sat at the tail of the truck's table-top smothered in leis, singing their heads off and surrounded by the eats. No wild manoeuvre of the truck as it whirled round the bends or up and down hills bothered them.

We sat at the front end, back to the cab and clutched at anything that would prevent our being flung off into our immediate but very fleeting environment.

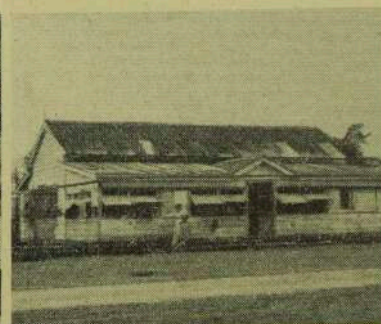
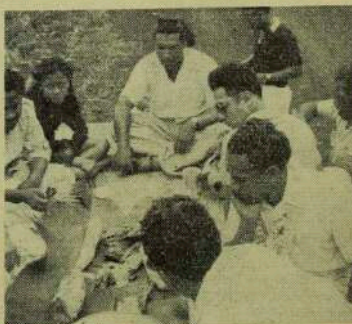
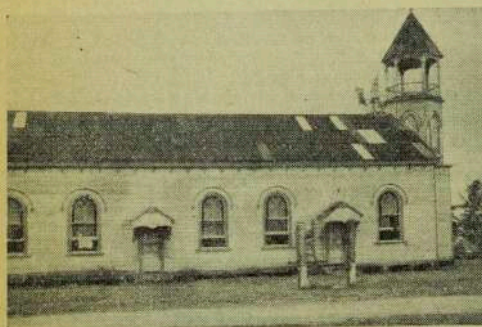
I, at least, had had only the vaguest idea that anything at all existed beyond the town limits, but apparently it did—we were headed, we were told, for a very good beach "about five miles further out." It occurred to me then that practically every distance in Tonga and Fiji is, when you ask, "about five miles." But Lord, what elastic miles!

It was when we had covered about 10 of the five miles that I think we began to spare a thought for the dire warnings that had been issued on the ship concerning the state of the motor vehicles in the Kingdom of Tonga.

"Don't go far away," we had been told, "you might have a breakdown." I had to restrain an impulse to get up at once and demand how much petrol they had. I was pleased to note that the engine sounded OK and when we at last reached the beach, a surreptitious examination of the tyres showed that there was plenty of life in them yet. The petrol position was still an unknown quantity. The gauge did not work.

A snap-conference among the European members of the party revealed the gloomy fact that none of us had a clue as to our whereabouts. But the beach was pretty, with pint-sized waves breaking over the yellow sand. We were given some orangeade to drink and went paddling; then it was time for morning tea. We had it—from the thermos flasks, plus cream cake.

We were going somewhere else, to



First and third photographs give only a dim idea of the paintlessness of Tonga—there probably is a reason why they don't paint their houses, but if so the author does not know it. In the centre, we get down to the eating business.

ake, to have the real picnic lunch. How far?" we asked. About five miles further," we were told.

HIS time I sat in the cabin with the driver but the Cromptons, being of sterner stuff, got their back-to-front position on the tray. This manoeuvre dampened the spirits of the driver; he stopped driving, got very polite, and closed like a clam. But at least my ferry now approached me decently in front instead of dashing up from the rear and whirling over my head.

We passed wayside pineapple trees, many churches and houses, with rusty iron roofs and no paint on the wooden walls, and village schools and finally we got to the top of a hill where you could see the lake (Tuanaku by name and salt water, not salt).

How far?" we asked.

About five miles further," we were told.

The land sloped away from us on all sides but there was no sign of habitation anywhere. "In which direction do you think the ship is?" we asked one another. But in no one had a clue.

Somehow our hosts were persuaded that the lake was not for us that trip and it was decided to go right there. The roast king-pig was unwrapped from its banana leaf dust-jacket. The chickens were dismembered. The fish and vegetables handed round on platters. We ate with our fingers and the food was delicious.

When we got back to the wharf it was something of an anticlimax to find the ship still there loading bananas. She was still there several days later.

As we waved a last goodbye to our hosts, Mrs. Crompton remarked effectively: "That was real Tongan hospitality. All I did was to inquire if Oscar if there were anything to do in Vavau . . ."

Mr. E. K. Laws, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kenya, has been selected for the post of Commissioner of Police, Fiji. He will spend six months on leave in the UK before going to Fiji to take up his appointment.

Sister K. Joubert, Sister-in-charge of the Wau Hospital, went on leave in late August for six months' leave in Australia. **Sister Mack**, who is well known in other parts of New Guinea, has arrived to take her place. Another new sister at Wau Hospital is **Sister Hill**, who has taken the place of **Sister Rodgie**, who recently left to be married.

She Was the Village Witch

By Wm. A. Gamble

IN a curious way, in the war years, I found evidence of a witchcraft incident in the Solomons over 40 years ago.

On the morning of December 20, 1943, an officer and 21 men from the 30th (NZ) Battalion landed on Gizo, a small island 16 miles from Vella Lavella. I was with that outfit. Gizo was under Japanese occupation when we reached that part of the Pacific and our reconnaissance group was detailed to verify a report of the enemy's evacuation.

Everywhere was evidence of enemy activity. Foxholes and slit trenches, partly overgrown, pitted the beach, and the results of merciless strafing from Allied aircraft were obvious. Buildings, in which concrete air-raid shelters had been constructed, were riddled ruins.

Soldiers on active service invariably collect souvenirs, and we were no exception. Some of us entered an old hut, possibly at one time owned by a chief. The interior was a scene of chaos and disorder. Bits of furniture and old papers littered the floor.

One Kiwi, feeling curious, reached for one of the documents. It was a 12-page copy of a report written to the Resident Commissioner by his assistant, Hazelton. Dated October 17, 1903, it told an unusual story concerning the behaviour of the natives in that locality. The date was October 17, 1903, but the typescript was still clear and legible.

"I have received unfavourable reports concerning the brutal treatment of a woman at Ingavas Village, Rubiana Lagoon," wrote Hazelton. "It was asserted she was a witch and causing illness. Although I believed the statement to be merely founded on rumour, I decided to investigate."

Hazelton describes how he interrogated several suspects. This resulted in a woman named Myago being called for examination on board the schooner Simbo, in Gizo Harbour, and led Hazelton to Tata-Puraka, Rubiana Lagoon, where he arrested four natives, Wongi, Pindrew, Ingava and Hinducka, who had exercised considerable power over the village.

It was certain, he said, that they were directly responsible for the cruelty. Myago declared that these men had authorised her punishment but did not personally carry it out.

"Following further investigations," says Hazelton, "I regard a second group—Nally, Savekero, Ear and Meanbully—guilty to the extent that they should have been aware that, had they refused to carry out the instructions of Wongi, Pindrew

and company, their refusal would have been upheld by the Resident Commissioner."

Myago described how she had been hung from sunrise to 4 p.m. by one arm and one leg. She showed Hazelton the scars made by the rope cutting into her flesh, and the bruises from the undue strain on her muscles. Her death had been decided on, she said, and had it not been for the intervention of a man named Wheatley she would have been left to die. Her wounds were healing, thanks to medicine given her by the white men.

As the second group of natives still insisted they had been acting under instructions from the ring-leaders, the blame was placed on the men first interviewed. They claimed to have been made to believe that Myago was "barr" (Rubiana for witch). Unless she was killed, everybody in the lagoon would become ill; in fact, they declared, some were already ill as the result of her presence.

An option of a £6 fine, or 12 months' imprisonment, was given. Some of the money was promptly paid and the balance given to Hazelton within three months. The whole village was fined £100, to impress upon the natives that a similar offence would receive no leniency.

The villagers were not in the position to provide the fine in currency so native trade was accepted. The unique inventory of that era shows that payments were made in porpoise teeth, turtle shell, whalebone, walrus tusks and canoe paddles. A whaleboat and sails completed the payment, and were held for a period of three months during which they could be redeemed on payment of £35 in English currency.

Barbarous native customs no longer exist in the Solomons. Credit for the eradication of superstitious beliefs and inhuman ways of living must go to the missionaries of all denominations. Their lot is not an enviable one. They have ventured to lonely outposts where tropical diseases, unhealthy climates and arduous conditions are everyday routine. These men and women ask no reward except the satisfaction of seeing improvement in the character of the natives whom they assist and educate.

During World War II, the Pacific natives were invaluable as guides and scouts and the "fuzzy-wuzzy angels" became famous. New Zealanders who fought in the Islands gathered a first-hand knowledge of the splendid work of the missionaries.

Memories of Pre-War N. Guinea

BY OLD-TIMER

FOLLOWING the arrival of the Expropriation Board in New Guinea, after World War I, many Germans were given jobs, whilst awaiting repatriation to their homeland. Two of them were engaged helping on the stocktaking at the HSAG store at Rabaul. One was up the ladder counting the stock on the shelves, whilst the other sat at a desk entering the items in the stock book. The one at the desk asked his more educated partner:

"How do you spell beef?"

"B-O-E-F," said the scholar.

After lunch they changed places, and the scholar was sitting at the desk when his mate brought along a tin and slowly pointed to the letters "B-E-E-F."

"Ah!" said the scholar, "that is boiled beef. The other is roast beef!"

HIS BAD DAY

WHEN Sir Charles Marr was Minister for Home and Territories, he made a visit to New Guinea and expressed a wish to visit some of the outlying goldfields areas.

On one such trip Mr. Marr, as he then was, visited the Police Post at Surprise Creek, on the edge of the Kuku-kuku country, and decided to have a talk on the job with one or two of the alluvial miners.

Old Sam was on his claim, trying to shift a few huge stones at the bottom of a new head-race he was making. The language was a bit sulphurous, as the boulders refused to be shifted.

The Minister stopped at the top of the deep trench and coughed, and Sam looked up.

"I am the Minister for Home and Territories," Mr. Marr said.

"Well," snarled Sam, "you've got a bloody good job—you stick to it!"

ONE-ACT TRAGEDY

ACCORDING to the "Pidgin" Glossary, "Maa" is a goat; "Su-su" is breast or milk; "Banis" is a fence; and "Kai-kai" is To eat.

In the days Before, in a well known Goldfield hotel in New Guinea, the wash-boy came holding up the remnants of a lady's brassiere. With a warranted look of apprehension on his face, he said: "Missus, Maa 'e kai-kai ban belong su-su belong you!"—B.

THEY MADE PAPER FOR THREE YEARS

RECRUITING of native labour New Guinea has lost much of the romance and effort that attended it in years gone by. A successful recruiter then had to be more wily and plausible than a political leader at election time.

In those days, boys could elect to "make paper" for one, two, or three years, and the fee paid to the recruiter varied accordingly. This reminds me of the time I was making my way, per boot, from Madang along the beach tracks en route to the wild kanaka country past the end of the electric light posts, somewhere towards the Ramu.

I left the bush and came into village clearing, where I saw one of the present leading lights of New Guinea giving his brand new recruits a lesson in civilisation.

He had them sitting on the ground, lined up in front of him. On display were three heaps of commodities, desirable in the eyes of kanakas. The first consisted of a tiny heap of rice, and nothing else; the second heap was a big heap of rice, plus a stick of tobacco; the third heap was a mighty pile of rice, plus many tins of meat, numerous sticks of tobacco, colour lap-laps, bush knives, tomahawks and everything that the bush kanaka holds dear.

The recruiter was pointing to the first heap and saying, "One year." The bush kanakas would repeat after him. Then, pointing to the second heap, he repeated, "Two year." The kanakas would gratefully speak their assent. Pointing to the third heap, he kept on saying, "Three year." The kanakas agreed with enthusiasm. It was their first lesson in English and they seemed to approve.

When they were taken to Madang for signing on, and the DO asked them for how long they wished to "make paper"—whether for one year, two years, or three years—without one voice they yelled "Three year."

It was reported from London last September that Corporal Simon Siapu and his cousin, Corporal Henry Parakoro, of the Solomon Islands police establishment, had arrived in Britain to study British methods of detecting and preventing crime. They are to go to Hendon Police college for six months, and then will do duty on London beaches.

Crossquiz—No. 23

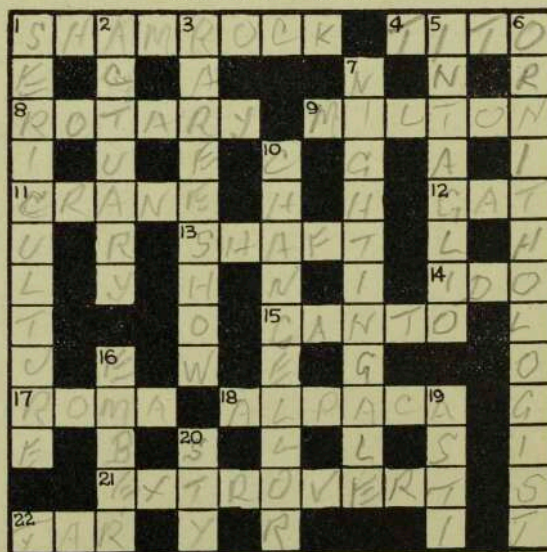
ACROSS

- 1.—What is the national emblem of Ireland?
- 4.—Who is the head of the Yugoslav Government?
- 8.—Which international association has a cog-wheel for its badge?
- 9.—Who wrote "Paradise Lost"?
- 11.—What can be either a large wading bird or a machine for raising heavy weights?
- 12.—What opening between sandbanks is also the term for the gun of an American gangster?
- 13.—What is the name for the tunnel of a blast furnace?
- 14.—Which international language was developed from Esperanto?
- 15.—What is the division of a long poem called?
- 17.—Where are the most advanced oil-bearing wells of Australia?
- 18.—What Peruvian llama provides a long silken wool?
- 21.—What type of mind is leaning more to the objective, outside world than to the subjective, inner thought?
- 22.—Which coal product may serve as a sailor on a ship?

DOWN

- 1.—What is the scientific term for silk-worm breeding?
- 2.—Who makes the calculations connected with an insurance office?

(Solution on Page 73)



A TALE OF '78

VER 30 years ago, a West Australian reader who spent many years in New Guinea, got this account of the 1878 eruption from an old Rabaul native who professed to have witnessed the event. For convenience, the account has been translated from Pidgin into straight English.

There have been two major volcanic eruptions in Rabaul within the European era. That of 1937, when the town was covered with ash and the harbour with pumice and when hitherto inoffensive Vulcan Island exploded and within days became a volcano cone 700 feet high—Matupi, erupted on that occasion.

The other big blow was in 1878, at a time when the first traders and missionaries—very few of either—were discovering New Britain and about which little has been recorded.

It appears, however, that it was at this time that Mount Mother exploded for the last time—although there is no guarantee, of course, that she will not burst forth again some time in the future; the Beeve Rocks appeared in the harbour; and Vulcan Island emerged from the sea.

As told in the following story, Matupi also erupted—and has continued emissions of steam, sulphur and gas ever since. Perhaps Matupi can be regarded as Rabaul's safety valve. In New Guinea, it appears to be apparently-extinct volcanoes which are dangerous.

This is the story told by TOMARAN, an old man of Matupi:

I remember it as a time of famine and hunger. But we of Matupi were a people of standing and prestige in our neighbourhood, for we were possessed of shell money.

Yes, much shell money we had, and some of it we now used to buy coconuts from those of the neighbouring villages who had coconut husks. These nuts we cut open and used as if for copra; but we used it for food and not for trade, so that the English trader, Bell, sat idle all day on the verandah of his house next the trade store.

For perhaps two months this famine went on, and the scarcity of everything but copra was acute, when severe earth tremors commenced, so that at times our people were thrown down and none could remain standing.

For about two weeks after these tremors began, we remained at Matupi, but by this time we were obliged to go across the bay in our canoes to Keravia, to buy foodstuffs from the market there.

One day, when many of us, bound for Keravia were some distance from the Matupi shore, with a noise like a great cannon, there burst forth out of the sea not far from a great explosion which threw sea-water high in the air.

At the same time there arose a violent north wind, so that, despite our urgent need to buy food, we turned back for the Matupi shore. All but one canoe came safe to the beach, but that one was caught by the great wave which followed and it was soon carried out of our sight.

I was stranded at La-u-ah, far up the bay, and its crew of five leapt ashore and seized whole stalks of green bananas, too green to eat without cooking at any ordinary fires, but in their hunger they ate them raw.

Fearing the owner's wrath, they quickly put to sea again, and being caught up by the great wave receding down the bay, were brought back on its crest, paddling hard to Matupi.

NEXT morning all the Matupi people stood on the beach looking at the clouds of smoke pouring from the new vent which had burst forth out of the sea. When the sun had climbed halfway to its zenith, suddenly a new opening appeared along the beach near the sea, throwing fire high up the mountain side.

Stones were shot high into the air, also dense smoke. From this smoke fell much ash, so that some of the people of Talawat, nearby, were killed.

Our people grew frightened at this, and seeing the sea no longer violent, decided to go away to the big place (Malaguna).

We embarked in our canoes, and the trader, Bell, went off to Malaguna, also.

Many in the canoes had now white skin, burnt or scalded, for the seawater had become very hot. All the fish in the sea had died, and floated, cooked, on the surface; we picked them out with our paddles and ate them.

Quantities of pumice floated on the surface also, so much that soon the water could not be seen.

Some time after we had reached Malaguna, the floating pumice got so thick that we could not thrust a canoe through it. But by this stage, no-one wished to put to sea, for the floating fish had gone bad, and so much was there that none wished to go even to the beach.

The falling ash had fouled the food in our canoes. None of what we had brought to Malaguna could be eaten, and we suffered hunger

again, and for that the people of the big place fought us.

Yes, our men stole from their gardens so that trouble arose and they cried out that they would kill and eat us. A man and a woman were killed where Komines now stands.

No ash was falling just there, and there many of us remained until all was quiet, living on saccas, for all the coconuts had now turned to wood. Then we went back to Matupi and broke up the ground for cultivation, as before.

Before the eruption the ground had been getting steadily hotter—it was this that had killed our gardens and started the famine, but now, when we returned, we found the heat had gone and we were able to till the ground and grow foods again.

The ownership of the land gave us some trouble to define, for the old boundaries could not be seen. Trees were broken, rocks covered up, and the beach was not the same shape as it had been. Many owners had died and no-one in their family group came forward to claim their land. So, after much talking, the chiefs who remained held a council. The land was re-allotted and the ownership then decided has held good till this day.

Bell's house was now under water, and on a calm day we could look down on it from our canoes.

And now the mountain sleeps; I think it will burst forth no more in my time, but will stand silent as it is today.

Mrs. F. S. Stewart, of Lae, New Guinea, was in Sydney, early in October, after circumnavigating the world (Sydney-Rome-London-New York-San Francisco-Sydney) in a matter of 35 days. She returned to New Guinea with a wide range of ideas for the decoration and equipment of her new Cecil Hotel, now the most conspicuous object on the Lae waterfront. Daughter Ela—who has attained slimness, matronliness and poise since her happy marriage last year—was at Mascot to greet her. Daughter Flora was in charge of the Jungle Hotel Cecil during her mother's absence. They hope to move from the Jungle Cecil to the modern Cecil before Christmas.

In Brisbane recently, Mrs. Thelma Price, P-NG Acting Divisional Girl Guide Commissioner, said that the white man would have to retire gracefully after he had helped the New Guinea natives to develop their own country. She is the wife of Dr. A. V. G. Price of Port Moresby and has had 16 years in the islands. Reputed to be an enthusiastic ambassador for the Fuzzy Wuzzy, Mrs. Price said that Australia's best defence against the menace of communism was to win the respect and co-operation of the Island natives.

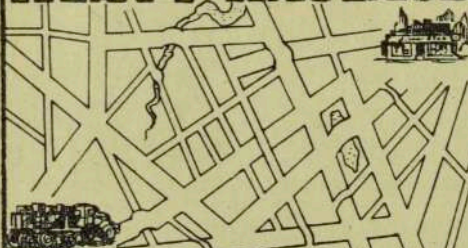
AROUND THE WORLD



WHEN I'M JUST A LITTLE BIGGER,
(IN A YEAR OR MAYBE TWO)
ROUND THE WORLD THEN I SHALL TRAVEL
AND EXCITING THINGS I'LL DO.
IN SPAIN I'LL STAY IN CASTLES,
CLIMB THE ANDES IN PERU,
AND I'LL SLEEP THE NIGHT IN GREENLAND
IN AN ESKIMO'S IGLOO.
AND THEN I'LL VISIT NORWAY,
CROSS CANADA BY TRAIN.
FROM THERE I'LL GO TO ENGLAND
(OH I HOPE IT DOESN'T RAIN!)
BUT BEFORE I TRAVEL HOMEWARD,
THERE'S A PLACE I HAVEN'T BEEN;
I WONDER CAN YOU FIND IT
FROM THE COUNTRIES THAT I'VE SEEN ?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN FIND THE NAME OF THE HIDDEN COUNTRY.
JUST TAKE THE FIRST LETTER OF THE FIRST PLACE MENTIONED IN
THE POEM, THE SECOND OF THE SECOND, THE THIRD OF THE
THIRD AND SO ON AND REARRANGE THESE SIX LETTERS
FOR THE ANSWER.

HEAVY HAULAGE.



THIS HEAVY TRAILER IS GOING TO THE STORE ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF TOWN BUT IT IS SO BIG AND HEAVY THAT IT CAN ONLY
TRAVEL ALONG WIDE STREETS AND CANNOT GO OVER OR UNDER
ANY BRIDGES. WHICH ROUTE MUST THE DRIVER FOLLOW ?

ANSWER TO LAST PUZZLE:- THE ENTERTAINER
WAS A CROONER.

What am I ?

I WAS BROKEN OUT OF THE EARTH AND
CRUSHED UP WITH SOMETHING SOFT AND STICKY. I
WAS FEELING VERY SORE AND CRUMBLY WHEN SUD-
DENLY THERE WAS A TERRIFIC HEAT WHICH GREW
HOTTER AND HOTTER UNTIL I FELT I COULD BEAR IT
NO LONGER. AGAIN I WAS CRUSHED UP - IT HURT OH
SO DREADFULLY - BUT THIS TIME I CAME OUT
SMOOTH AND SOFT.

I WAS PACKED IN A BAG AND LEFT FOR A WHILE
- AFTER ALL I HAD BEEN THROUGH, I CERTAINLY NEED-
ED THE REST ! THEN I WAS CARRIED AWAY AND MIX-
ED WITH WATER AND SOMETHING YELLOW AND
GRITTY. WHAT FUN THAT WAS !

AFTER THAT I WAS LAID OUT QUITE FLAT AND
SMOOTH AND LEFT ALONE, AND NO ONE WAS ALLOW-
ED TO TREAD ON ME UNTIL I HAD DRIED.



Puff
an'
Billie

LET'S GO AND
HAVE A LOOK
AT SNIP'S
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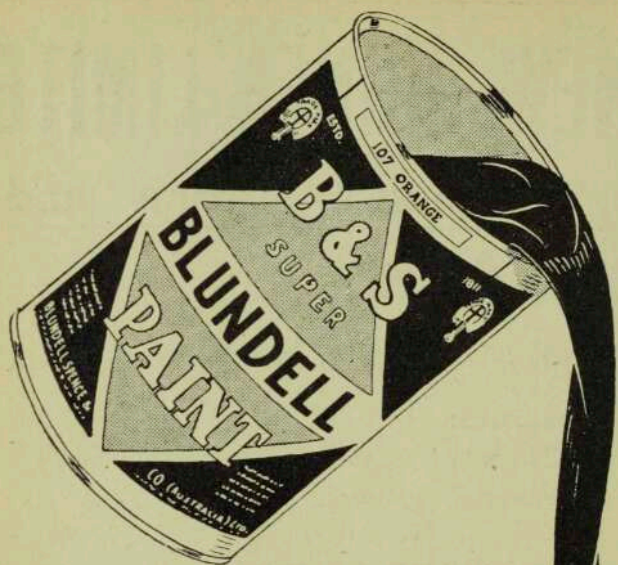
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THE SACRED RIGHT TO STRIKE

Red Poison Works Among Papuan Seamen

AS an example of the long-range effect of the Ward-Murray Socialist regime in Papua-New Guinea, and the difficulty of eradicating the influences of the 1945-50 epoch, we may quote the case of the little 300-tons coastal vessel Tarra.

While the Tarra was being fitted out in Sydney for coastal service in New Guinea, the Production Control Board, following Territories practice (and economy) sent from Port Moresby to Sydney, by air, a crew of native Papuans.

In the bad old days, when private enterprise was allowed to "exploit" the natives, teams of native labourers were usually carried as deck passengers on ships, or at freight rates in air freighters. They seemed comfortable enough, and they certainly never complained.

But the Ward-Murray reformers raised their hands in horror at the spectacle of human beings being carried as cargo, and insisted that they have the same accommodation in ships and planes as European workmen. So far as Administration is concerned, the Australian taxpayers pay for the new arrangement; and who cares about the cost to the planter!

THE large party of Papuans, having travelled in comfort by air, had to wait around the Sydney waterfront for the final fitting-out and sailing of the Tarra. The Sydney waterfront is run by the Reds. Some of them got in really effective work among the untutored savages from Papua.

At first, the captain noticed nothing wrong; but, as the little ship made her slow way into tropical waters, the Papuan crew became lazier and sulkier. Once they were in their home ports, under the eye of sympathetic officials, they displayed a remarkable new fluency on the subject of wages and working conditions.

They had been told in Sydney that they were being "exploited"—that they should demand, in a European-run ship the wages and conditions awarded to Europeans. The PCB and its officers did not take them seriously; but the Sydney waterside poison worked, and by the time the ship reached Rabaul, the crew was ripe for action.

Natives are not allowed to drink intoxicating liquor. One of the Tarra crew, striking a blow for liberty and fraternity, somehow got a "skinful"—and landed himself in gaol.

The others' demands, for higher and higher wages, became so intolerable that the skipper tried a little discipline. The whole crew thereupon declared a strike, and left the ship.

THE toe of a healthy boot, healthily applied, in the place provided by Nature for such occasions, should have been used in the beginning, in Moresby; and it certainly should have been resorted to in Rabaul.

But Papua-New Guinea officialdom would no more think of such tactics nowadays than it would deny the authority of Karl Marx. The sacred right of a worker to strike—even if he be the dupe of a Sydney waterfront Red—must not be interfered with. The crew of the Tarra, carried to Sydney by air at enormous expense, signed up under a contract, and treated with great consideration and delicacy, were allowed to go. The Tarra, urgently needed for transport work along the coasts, lay idle in Rabaul harbour.

However, we have the consolation of knowing that the Rabaul agents of the PCB are really very, very angry. They have radioed Moresby, and recommend that the Papuan

seamen's contracts be terminated in Rabaul, so that the PCB will be under no obligation to carry them back (by air, no doubt) to Papua. That will show them!

Some day, someone will introduce a note of realism into the Paradise created for native workers in Papua-New Guinea by the Ward-Murray regime.—R.W.R.

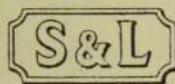
REVEALING INCIDENT IN POLICE COURT

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Oct. 25.

This week, in the Court of Native Affairs, a native from the crew of the vessel Tarra was charged with drinking intoxicating liquor. The

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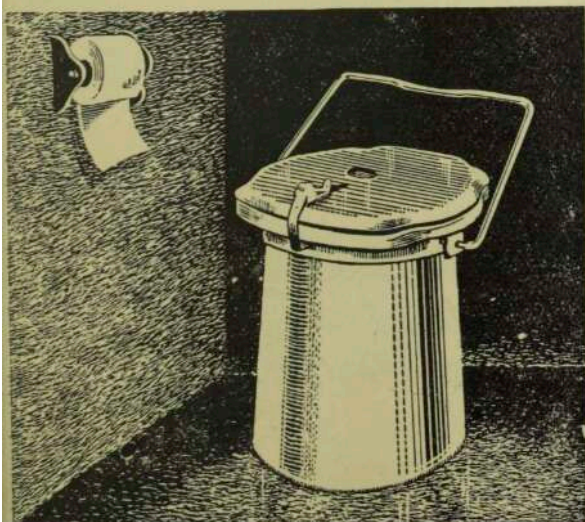
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This company produces six educational films per month. Its Wild Life series is well-known. It has decided to include "Our Islands

Neighbours" in its Social Studies series. The object of the films to be produced under the heading, "Our Islands Neighbours," is to make Australian children better acquainted with the races, customs, geography and economics of the Pacific Islands. The number of films to be produced under this heading will be governed by the number of films, suitable for production, sent in by competitors.

The Producer of Australian Instructional Films, Mr. Lex Halliday, advises that the following conditions will govern all entries:

CONDITIONS

Each script must have the endorsement of an educational officer or teacher.

Length of each script must not exceed 10 minutes. (Read your commentary very slowly to get some idea of time.)

Hints for Writing Your Script

- (i) Each script should be divided into columns, showing (1) number of the scene; (2) description of the picture; (3) appropriate dialogue against the scene.
- (ii) Slant your story so that it will be of interest and use to teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand.
- (iii) Confine your story to as few locations as possible. This will help keep production costs down.
- (iv) Quote references for your facts in case AIF's educational panel should wish to cross-check.
- (v) Remember that "each picture tells a story"—make sure your dialogue supplements, not repeats, each picture.
- (vi) Film can broaden children's horizons—help them to become good citizens—show them how other children live; so let your film have an underlying purpose.
- (vii) The little intimate personal or humorous touches count—include as many as you can without detracting from your story.

Accepted Scripts or Treatments will be judged on the following points:

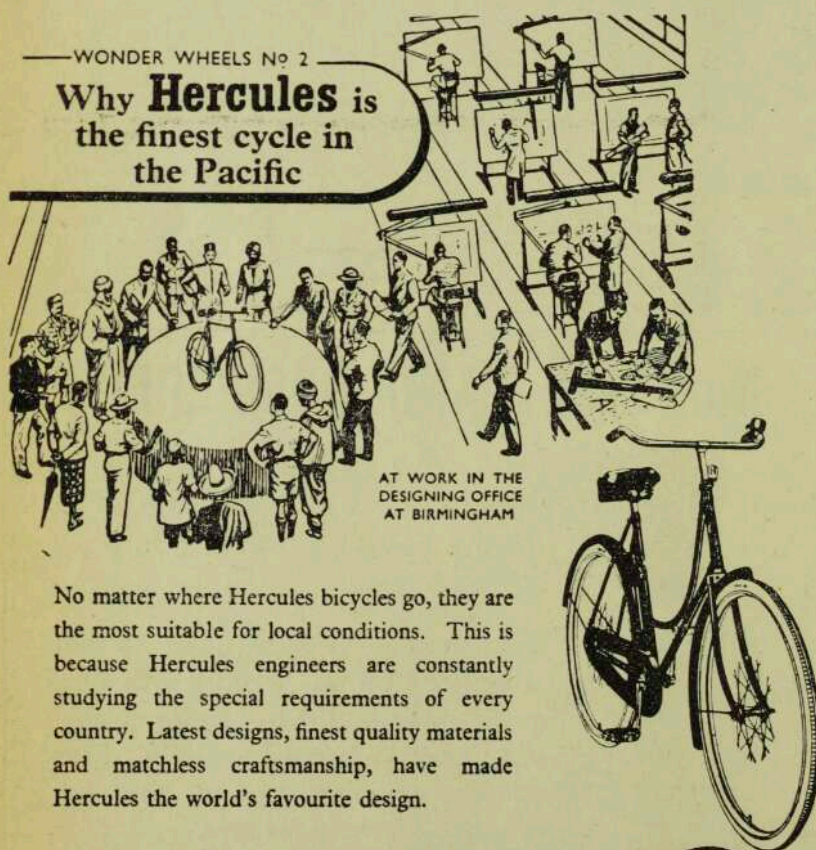
- (i) The importance and usefulness of the subject matter.
- (ii) Simplicity and clarity with which the story is told.
- (iii) Whether it incorporates good teaching techniques. (The accepted pattern is—introduction, expansion, conclusion, revision.)
- (iv) Its factual accuracy.

Brief List of Suggested Topics

Industries on your island.
Trade patterns with other islands.
Trade patterns with overseas countries.
How you receive mail and communications.
How you govern yourself—the part natives play in your government.
How your natives are educated—what they learn.
Native customs, crafts and livelihoods.
A typical day in the life of a native family.
A typical day in the life of a native child.
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Special prizes for the winning places in the competition will include a 16 mm. copy of the entrant's completed film. Entrants of all other accepted scripts will receive each a minimum prize of £10.

CLOSING DATE

Wednesday, February 20, 1952, is closing date. All entries must show post-mark no later than this date. Exceptions will be made for Islands without regular communications. Scripts that are received early and found suitable may receive the minimum prize immediately and be placed in production, prior to the final judging, and without prejudicing their chances of winning the competition.

GENERAL

While they are primarily intended for the Australian classroom, the various films arising from the competition will be adapted for theatre use, where possible. All such films will receive world-wide distribution through Australian Instructional Films (now the world's largest producer-distributor of Australian-made educational films).

The accepted scripts will be edited by AIF's educational panel, and submitted to approved 16 mm. or 35 mm. photographers on the Island concerned, for shooting the initial footage. All shooting will be done on black-white stock; and 35 mm. size is preferred, although good 16 mm. footage will be accepted.

Each script-writer should consider carefully the availability of a good local photographer, and recommend him when submitting a script. Short clippings showing the photographer's work should be attached to the entry, as well as full details of the camera equipment he would use. Once a script is accepted, and modified, AIF will contact the photographer concerning payment for shooting.

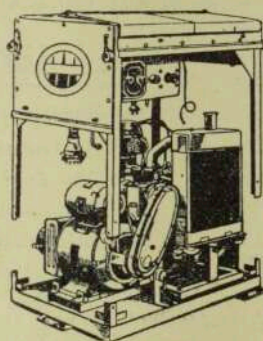
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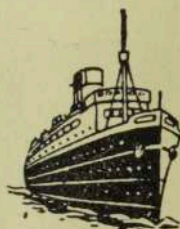
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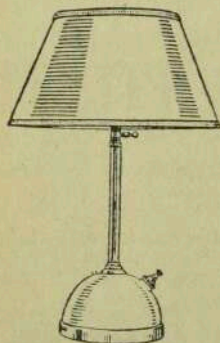
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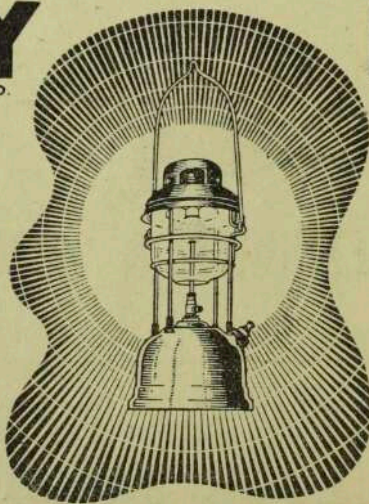
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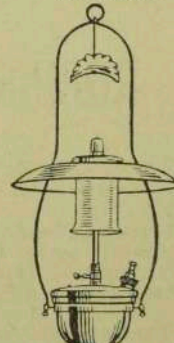


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PLAN TO BLAST CROCODILES

SSLIM, bespectacled New Zealander, Les Walsh, 39, arrived in Brisbane recently on his way to New Guinea to shoot crocodiles. He said he would have two native boys with him to harpoon the wounded croc. and drag it alongside the boat. His base for his expedition will be about 100 miles west of Port Moresby. He will hunt the crocs. at night by boat. A spotlight is fitted on the bow. He said that once you picked one out with the light, you could approach to within 10 feet.



RABAU POLICE WEDDING

This photograph of the wedding ceremony in Rabaul on August 31 when Mr. Roy Park, of the Police Department, was married to Miss Jacqueline Palmer, was taken by C. H. Meen. Miss Valerie Lange was bridesmaid and Sub - Inspector Holloway was groomsmen. The bride is the daughter of Inspector Palmer.

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SON'S MEDALS

Mrs. Lily Warren, of Pitcairn Island, shown wearing the medals of her son, Wilfred, who was killed on active service with the AIF in World War II. The medals were presented to Mrs. Warren recently. For 50 years, until 1944, when a trained nurse was appointed to Pitcairn, Mrs. Warren brought into the world almost all of Pitcairn's babies.

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ON AGAIN! 18-Footer Championships At Suva

AUSTRALIAN and New Zealand sailing organisations interested in the world 18-footer championships want to go to Suva badly

enough to pay their own travel and living expenses.

It has been decided that the championships will be held in Suva about mid-1952.

A few months ago the Suva Yacht Club asked the Fiji Government for a grant to cover the cost of having the championships in Suva, but the Government was

not interested. It seemed then that the 1952 contest would be held elsewhere.

The Suva Yacht Club will now pay only the actual cost of running the contest—the visitors will look after themselves in other respects.

Fiji's yachting season does not begin until May—at a time when the Southern clubs are usually going into winter retirement. It is expected that the contest will be held about March.

Off Again?

SYDNEY, October 17.—The SYDNEY Flying Squadron officials are seeking support from Queensland to oppose the holding of the world 18-footer championships in Suva next year.

They say that it would cost between £800 and £1,000 to send a boat and crew to Suva. "Australia is expected to provide the bulk of the fleet so why go away for a race when we have the world's best conditions for sailing on our own harbour?" asked a Sydney official.

Sydney League 18-footer officials and members of the NZ Association fixed the date and place without consulting the SFS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Kenward, Kavieng, New Guinea, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary October 23.



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SOLOMONS AND NEW HEBRIDES

Actual and Possible Administrative Changes Under Discussion

APPARENTLY making preparations for the transfer of the headquarters of the Western Pacific High Commission from Suva (Fiji) to Honiara (Solomon Islands), the Acting High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Mr. G. D. Chamberlain) visited Honiara between October 11 and 16, and carried out a number of inspections. He returned to Suva via Sydney. Plans are actively afoot for the erection of a number of new buildings in Honiara, as offices, stores and residences for staff. The staff of WPHC has increased about fourfold, or more, since the days before World War II, when the organisation was supervised quite efficiently by Mr. H. H. Vaskess and a handful of clerks.

The character of the new organisation, to come into being, early in 1952 (when Sir Brian Freeman's term as Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner comes to an end) has not been disclosed.

When Mr. John Dugdale (British Minister for Commonwealth Relations) was interviewed in Cairns in September, on his way back from the Solomons, he spoke of the pending appointment of a "Governor" for Solomon Islands and Gilbert and Ellice Colony; but that may have been misreporting.

The cost of administering the Solomons and G & E Colony already has increased enormously over 1939 figures, without adding a Governorship to the establishment. Neither the Solomons nor the G & E Colony have increased in economic or strategic importance in the last 10 years.

In fact, the importance of the WPHC is being reduced because, according to reports which are usually accurate, the Commission no longer will carry responsibility for the New Hebrides and British presentation in Tonga.

NOT one word has come from officialdom in Britain or Australia; but the report is persistent that Britain's administrative responsibilities in the New Hebrides are to be taken over by Australia, and that the French Government has agreed to the change.

While it has been officially announced that WPHC headquarters will go to Honiara, for supervision over Solomons and G & E Colony, there is a significant absence of any official reference to the New Hebrides.

It seems only logical that Australia should take over British interests in the Condominium. All commercial traffic in New Hebrides is with either France and the

French Colonies, or with Australia. The two currencies employed are French and Australian.

To a degree, the same arguments apply to the Solomons. Nearly all Solomons trade is with Australia. While the official currency is Fijian (probably because WPHC headquarters are in Suva) the currency in use is wholly Australian. Officials are paid in Fijian money which, in

terms of gold is worth 12½ per cent. more than Australia money.

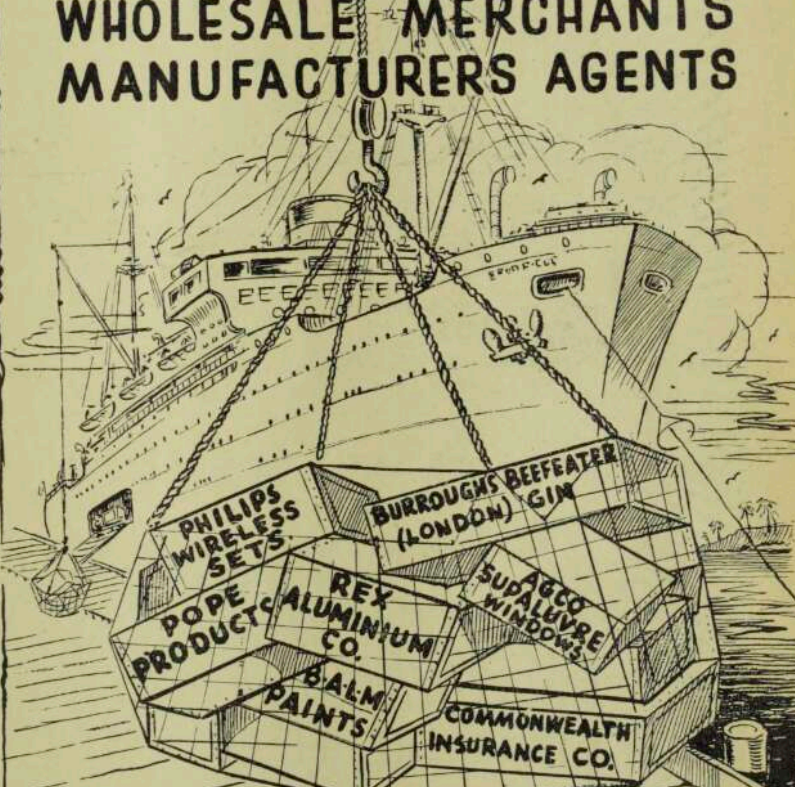
It would now be quite easy for Australia, with its large, well-trained administrative personnel in Papua-New Guinea, Nauru, and Northern Territory, to take over British administration in Solomons and Hebrides.

(See also article about new air service, Lae-Honiara-Nauru-Tarawa.)

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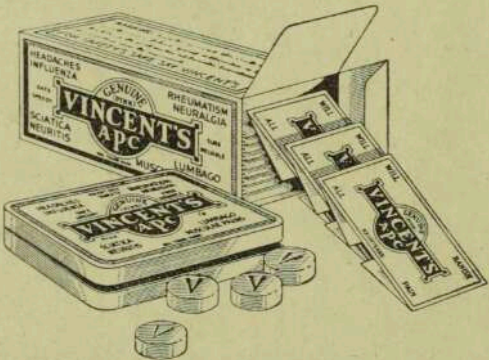
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tralia is not viewed with favour by British residents in New Hebrides. The policy of the Condominium is to interfere as little as possible with the business and private lives of European residents; and this is appreciated in a world that has surrendered itself almost wholly to "controls."

Papua-N. Guinea Wants Visit By Royal Couple

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 30. THE hope expressed at the October meeting of the Port Moresby Advisory Council that Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh would visit the Territory has popular endorsement. The Administrator, Colonel Murray, has been asked to make representations that at least a brief visit be included in the Royal Tour.

If Canberra could but realise the significance of a Territory visit would outweigh the claim of any other Australian area.

To Australians, a Royal Visit is a coveted honour and a means of giving public expression to the high regard for the British Crown and British associations. But to our natives, it would be a visit of deeply impressive realisation of what is at present only a nebularly dim concept of Royalty and all it means in the British world.

The "talk" of such a visit would travel throughout the Islands, and no other possible single event could do so much to create and crystallise native loyalty. British history over the past sad years in relation to native races should be enough to convince any Canberra official that the Territory is the last place to be omitted from the coming tour.

The King's health made a Territory visit impossible, but now that the Princess and Duke are taking his place, the matter should be very seriously considered.

Anyway, after the heavy Australian tour, a short spell in the Islands would provide a welcome break from crowds and cities.

FIJI, ALSO

Very strong representations have been made recently that, in view of the new conditions, the Royal tour next year should be extended to include the Crown Colony of Fiji. The chief obstacle is the fact that as Sir Brian Freeston's term does not expire until early 1952, Fiji may be without a Governor in March or April.

GOSPEL BY RADIO PLANNED FOR ISLANDS NATIVES

INTEREST was shown recently in Australia in a new system of taking the Gospel by radio to Pacific Islands natives, proposed by a new American-sponsored organisation, called the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship.

The plan is that a missionary, by means of specially prepared material, will broadcast, from one central point, messages in their own language to native communities scattered over thousands of miles. In other words, by this method, one missionary will do the work of several.

The Fellowship, which has headquarters in Sydney, proposes to establish an international missionary station at Darwin, wherewith to broadcast to the natives of Borneo, New Guinea and Northern Australia. Part of the organisation's plans is to place, in the villages, receiving sets which will be worked by pedal or by battery, and will be tuned to only one station. Tropic-roofed sets with fixed tunings are now being made in the Fellowship's workshops in Sydney, or assembled from parts made elsewhere.

It is not explained how the Fellowship proposes to get over such

obvious difficulties as the multiplicity of languages in New Guinea, and inducing a native village to listen to a particular broadcast at a set time. It seems that, in order to combat the peculiar conditions of New Guinea, the only way to carry the Gospel to the natives is the old-fashioned, hard way—namely, residence among them by

a self-sacrificing European, who is prepared to care for them in many ways other than that of merely preaching to them at fixed times.

Mr. Roger Charlier, of Lae, New Guinea, was married to Miss Pam Ridgley, in Sydney, on October 26. They will live in Lae.

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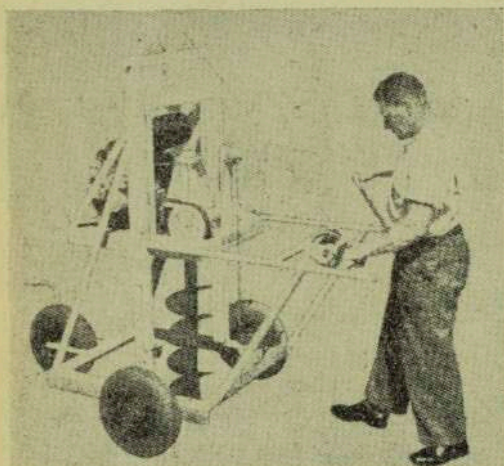
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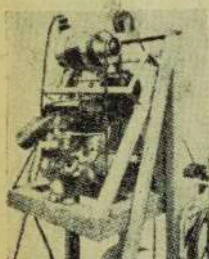
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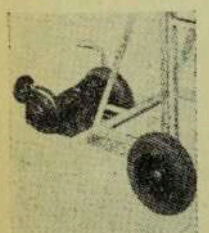


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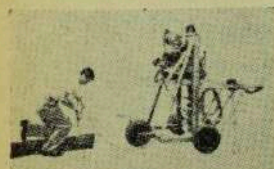
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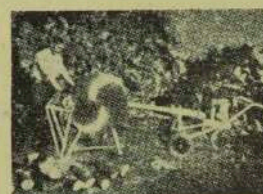
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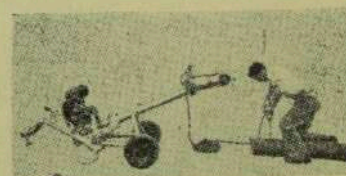
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TWO new stamps have been added to the current Pitcairn Island issues. One shows the now famous Bounty Bible and the other the almost equally famous schoolhouse both of which, in themselves, are directly connected with the postage stamp business—which, in Pitcairn, is big business.

In 1940, Pitcairn got its own postage stamps for the first time. By the end of the war sufficient profits had been made therefrom to provide for a school house, a school-teacher and a schoolteacher's residence. Mr. A. W. Moverley, a New Zealand schoolteacher, was selected for the job and in June, 1948, he, with Mrs. Moverley and their young daughter, three Indian tradesmen, and 100 tons of schoolhouse, residence and furniture, left Suva, Fiji, in the M.S. Awahou.

For the first 12 months, while workers were carrying ledges for schoolhouse and residence on Pitcairn's steep hillsides and erecting the buildings, the Moverleys lived with the Island's Chief Magistrate, Mr. Norris Young. Mr. Moverley has been more than a schoolteacher to the Pitcairners' children, however. He, with Mrs. Moverley, has taken a great interest in their social activities, started Guiding and Scouting and, above all, has been keenly interested in the romantic history of the people.

It was through his efforts that the old Bounty Bible was recovered from Hartford, Connecticut, and returned to Pitcairn in 1950. Mr. Moverley is now hot on the trail of the original John Adams' tombstone, made of Bounty timbers and Bounty copper which is in the possession of a Mrs. Moresby-White Nottingham, England. Latest advice is that it is now awaiting shipment back to Pitcairn.

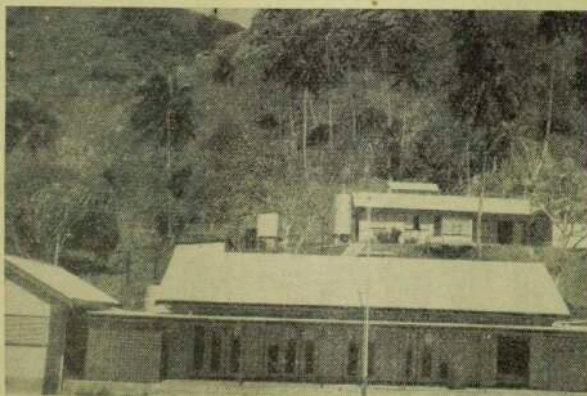
The new Bounty Bible postage stamp is designed as a permanent tribute to the generosity of the Americans in returning the relic

to Pitcairn; just as the schoolhouse postage stamp is a tribute to the work of Mr. Moverley.

However, both should be money spinners and in their turn no doubt will earn enough to provide some other amenity for this lonely speck in Oceania.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fenske, of the Lutheran Mission Station on Krankeet Island, off the Madang coast, N.G., have flown to Australia, where Mr. Fenske will undergo an operation.

Mrs. Lillian Millar, a well-known pre-war identity of New Guinea, who now is managing the North Sydney Travel Bureau in Australia, paid a short visit to Papua at the end of September to organise arrangements for the visit of a party of American tourists. They will fly to Port Moresby shortly by TOA service and stay for a time at Rouna Falls guest-house.



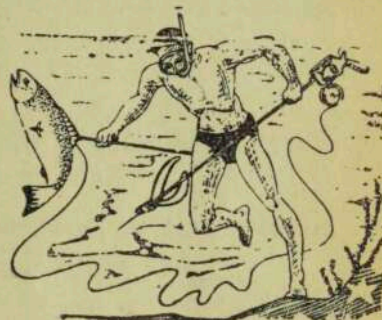
The school and teacher's residence beyond.

Fiji Soldiers Do Specialist Training in NZ

THE first group of 10 Fijian soldiers to be seconded from the Fiji military forces arrived in Auckland by the September Matua.

All the men are of non-commissioned rank. They will be in New Zealand for periods of up to two years before returning to Fiji. While in NZ they will continue specialist training in their various branches.

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overseas vessel to load there since November, 1950.

The company maintains a staff of 14 Europeans at Vanikoro, including engineers, tractor drivers, timber cutters, office workers, etc. and pays them £80 per month; but very few Europeans stay longer than one year—they prefer to get out then and pay their outward fare of £75, rather than remain for another year and enjoy leave at the company's expense. Since the company resumed operations after the war over 36 employees have departed and only one returned.

The company spent over £80,000 after the war on heavy plant and equipment, and in linking the port with the kauri forests by means of a fine road, 4 miles long; and it is estimated that, in full operation and without too much rain, it can produce 3 million feet per annum.

The Lautoka took to Vanikoro for towing logs and general service a tug-boat 35 ft. long, 12 ft. beam, powered with an 80 HP diesel. This is proving very useful.

Cost of living at Vanikoro is high. Eggs by recently chartered plane cost 10/6 dozen; fresh butter 7/1 per lb; potatoes 2/8 lb. Ordinal letters from Sydney are charged at the rate of 1/6 lb., and parcels 3/6 per lb. One employee who has a large accumulation of newspapers in his mail had to pay £10 for their

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SHOULD like, through you, to express my deep appreciation of the manner in which I was treated during my recent sojourn at Tahiti. This will be a sort of heartfelt thank-you to Tahitians in general and to Oscar Nordman in particular. They were the soul of hospitality and genuine friendliness.

I am particularly grateful to Mr. Venish, at the British Consulate; to Rene Beveridge; to Mr. Coster, agent for the Union Steamship Co. New Zealand; and to Mlle. Germaine Le Hartelle, of Papeete, for her many courtesies. And who could ask for a more interesting companion than Frederick Simpson, an old traveller and noted South Sea photographer with his great store of unusual anecdotes and pictures?

I shall never forget the Museum at Papeete whose charming hostess, Mrs. Muriel Gooding, proved willing all times to share her knowledge of the South Seas and lore of the Pacific Islands.

I mention a few by name at the risk of overlooking others who made my stay early this year an experience never to be forgotten. Especially shall I always cherish the memory of my visits with those two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mene, who were the personification of graciousness and friendliness.

A word of commendation for the efficient young lady in the office of the Papeete Branch of the Banque d'Indochine, Mm. Louise Chauvel. Her knowledge of English was a boon to any American who did not speak French; and her fine personality and charming hospitality won her as one of the valuable assets of this bank.

While every resident seems to go to his way to make visitors happy, I nominate Oscar Nordman, Chairman of any prospective coming Committee. It was my final intention to merely stop at Tahiti, but with outgoing accommodation lacking, I had to remain on the island for three months. Because of the kindness, readiness and helpfulness—all in Tahitian tradition—these three months were very happy ones.

I cannot close without mentioning the "official hosts" of the island Bora Bora—Francis and Linza Ford—well known to all world travellers and yachtsmen; and "no" Troupee, the wonderful host at Maupiti, and his charming wife.

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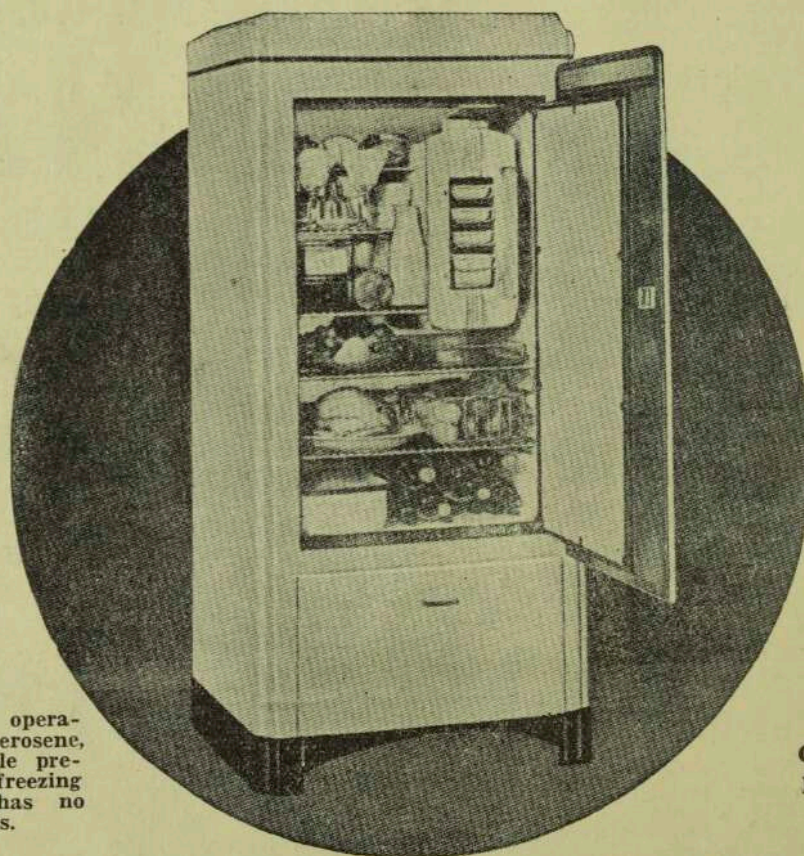
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WHAT is now a popular annual event, the Burns Philp Vila Branch Mixed Tennis Doubles tournament, was commenced on Monday, August 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Jones, and completed the following Sunday. Players were mostly BP staff per-

sonnel, but a number of guests, playing and non-playing, took part in a very enjoyable function. Mrs. Lodwick and Mr. Stegler were winners and Mrs. Jones and Mr. Chisholm were runners-up. This photograph of the happy gathering is by John Lum.



standing at Rear: Messrs. E. Lancon, C. Stegler, L. B. Bairstow, O. Small, Higgins, Kin Yee, R. Warren, O. Richards (guest handicapper), J. V. Hoey, Mesdames J. Smith (guest), L. B. Bairstow, T. Young, P. Colley (guest), S. G. Jones.

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Young (guest), O. Richards, Mlle. B. Briat (guest).

Front Row: Mesdames O. Honniger (guest), J. C. Stegler, R. Warren, E. Lancon, Messrs. S. G. Jones (branch manager), D. Bender, G. L. Chisholm, Kim Wing.

Inset (left): Mr. B. Frouin (guest).

Samoan Assembly Discusses Expenditure

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Sept. 22.

THE new Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa which was elected on April 27 commenced its first session on August 20, and remained in session until September 6. The main business before the Assembly was the discussion of the Supplementary Estimates for the current year.

The Supplementary Estimates provide for the expenditure of additional £22,460 for capital development and £31,295 on recurrent charges for the balance of the year ending December 31, 1951.

The total vote for expenditure for 1951 stands now at £762,150; while the estimated revenue for 1951 is £558,540. To meet the excess expenditure the sum of £222,625 is drawn from the Reserves.

There is a probability that we shall see the famous amphibious jeep in which Australian-born Major Ben Carlin and his American wife crossed the Atlantic. They are now in Britain, and plan to return to America via Europe, Asia and the Pacific Islands.

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Australian newspapers of September 26 are responsible for the statement that, owing to local resentment against his marriage to a Papuan girl, Mr. Cecil Abel has resigned from his directorship of the Kwato Mission in Eastern Papua, and has gone to live in a village about 60 miles away.



PROGRESS IN MEDICAL ORGANISATION IN PAPUA-N. GUINEA

GOOD work in organising a medical service for Papua-New Guinea has been done by the energetic and tireless Director of

Public Health, Dr. J. T. Gunther, the last couple of years.

Recently, in a "graduation" ceremony at the Native Medical School at Malahang, near Lae, certificates were presented by the Director to 50 native medical assistants, 10 native hygiene assistants and 3 male native medical assistants.

A steadily increasing number of this trained native personnel is being sent out into the native villages to teach the natives to observe the rules of hygiene, and to combat disease.

It is Dr. Gunther's aim to treat at least 1,000 of such natives. He is giving particular attention to the eradication of the breeding areas of the malarial mosquito, and to the care of native infants.

An Australian newspaper recently published a picturesque account of Dr. Gunther on duty in the Central Highlands. It described his grueling and comfortless but purposeful journeyings on a more or less unrun motor-bicycle, in which he seemed to escape accident by miracles.

But he is achieving marked success in putting a basic organisation for medical care in among the primitive native communities which total, in Papua-New Guinea, over one million.

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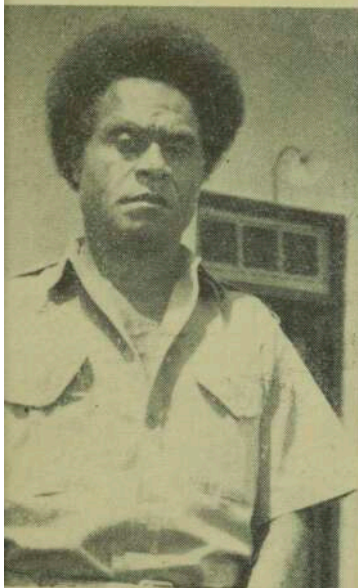
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Bravery of Fijian Policeman



This is Constable Jone Atobe, 29-years-old and a member of the Fiji Police for years, who, in September, dived from high Sigatoka Bridge to save an 18-months-old Indian girl who had fallen the river.

People on the spot, most of whom were Indian non-swimmers, told the constable that it was useless to go after the girl. Wearing heavy khaki overalls, and out of breath after running several hundred yards to the middle of the bridge, Constable Jone dived, swam to the unconscious baby, "shook the water out of her" and for 20 minutes battled in deep water. Two Indians brought a boat when the rescuer was in the last stages of exhaustion after a futile attempt to get out of his waterlogged overalls while still clinging the child above the surface.

ROUGH HANDLING OF SMUGGLER

LAKE, Oct. 1.
AFTER the Nellore berthed here to-day, a crew member strolled nonchalantly ashore. alert Customs official thought the pockets bulged unnecessarily, and followed him. The sailor hurried; so did the official. The sailor ran, and the official pursued him, and overtook him and threw him down and, after a lively scrimmage, sat on his back.

The police took the prisoner and subsequently relieved him of a fine collection of cheap watches, apparently intended for local consumption.

It is some considerable time since a smuggler was caught red-handed in this way in the port of Lake.

A group of Wewak natives, working in Madang, New Guinea, show business acumen and a community spirit. They have bought a block of land at the back of Yabob. Here they plan to build up a settlement and garden for holidays and rest periods for themselves. One asked his Master for some old roofing iron. "OK," said Master. "You can have it—but how will you get it out there?" "In the truck we bought," was the reply.

About 160 people assembled in the Commodore Lounge, in Auckland, on September 10, when the Overseas Students Association of New Zealand entertained the Fiji Rugby football team. Among those who welcomed the visitors were Mr. D. D. Sharma (president), Dr. M. Satyanand (patron) and Miss Ivy Roden (secretary). Musical items were presented by students from Fiji, Rarotonga and Samoa.

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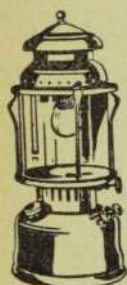
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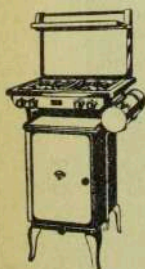
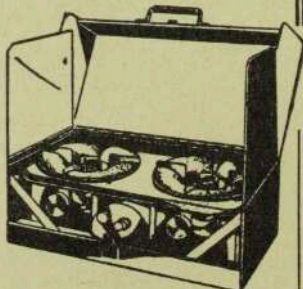
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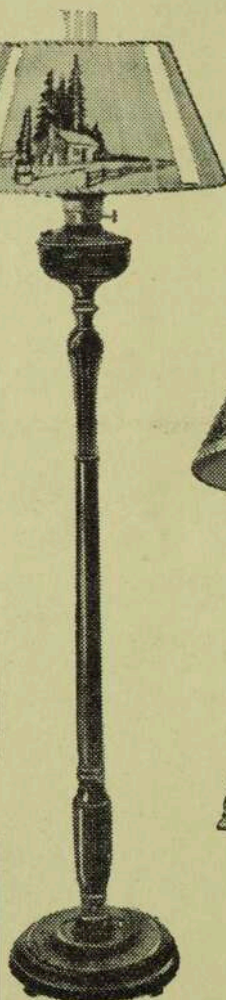
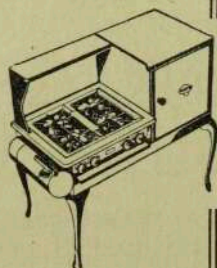


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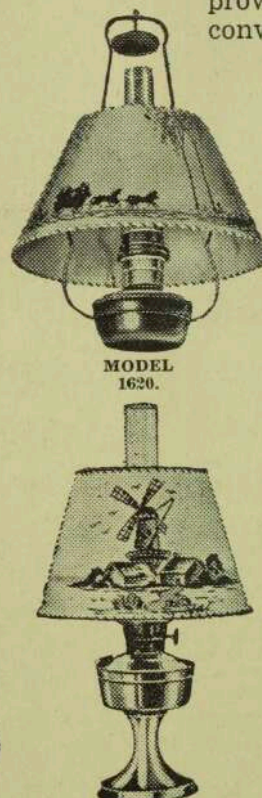
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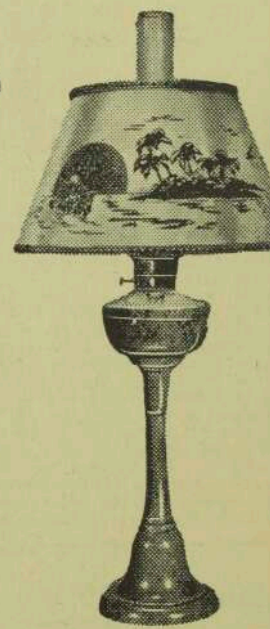
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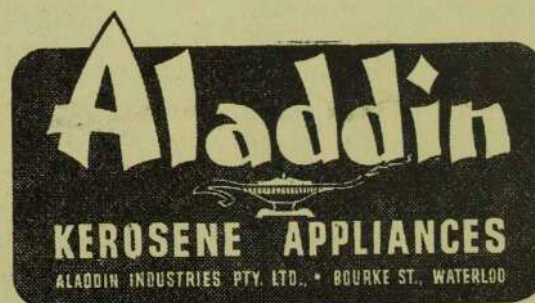


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Drasa.—The central hall, on left of the students' bures. The view is over cane fields to the sea.
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Drasa—Where They Teach Fijians To Become Cane Farmers

AT the edge of a plateau about six miles out of Lautoka looking out over a patchwork quilt of cane lands, and the Lautoka airport, is a house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Young and their young son Geoffrey.

It is a typically CSR Co. house, with ginger-coloured walls and red roof, but is no ordinary CSR establishment. Behind the house, over a green lawn, are two rows of beautifully-built bures, each surrounded by flowering trees and shrubs and paw-paw trees, a large central hall and a football field.

Altogether, it makes up what is probably the pleasantest spot in the whole Lautoka district. It is called the Drasa Agricultural Training School; and here 80 Fijian students are currently being trained to become cane-farmers. Mr. Young is in charge of the establishment.

Drasa is, of course not new. The Colonial Sugar Refining Co. began the school about 13 years ago. The aim then was to give Fijians the necessary training and, on graduation, after three years, to give them the blocks to farm under similar conditions to those afforded CSR Fijian tenant farmers.

However, in more recent years the supply of CSR cane-land for this purpose has run out and now trainees are chosen from those who can return and grow cane in their own communities or those who have access to land where they can set up as cane farmers on their own account.

Twenty Fijian boys round about 16 are chosen each year by the District Commissioners in the various districts. The Company clothes them, houses them, feeds them, supplies most of their amusement and sporting materials and gives

them 3/- a week pocket money. They also receive 10d per day deferred pay which they collect on graduation.

In return, the boys work the sugar lands which are part of the establishment, although profits from this do not cover the expense of training 80 students.

In addition to cane-farming the boys raise vegetables and poultry for their own use, and produce their own milk.

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ished with mat floors, beds and mosquito nets and a multitudinous display of pin-ups ranging from European girls (well-clothed varieties) through boxers and footballers to many coloured advertisements of this or that.

They play football and cricket in season, have boxing tournaments and dances, and in their spare moments play pranks on neighbouring Indian farmers and wolf-whistle their daughters.

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HERE'S HOPE For A Persistent Worry

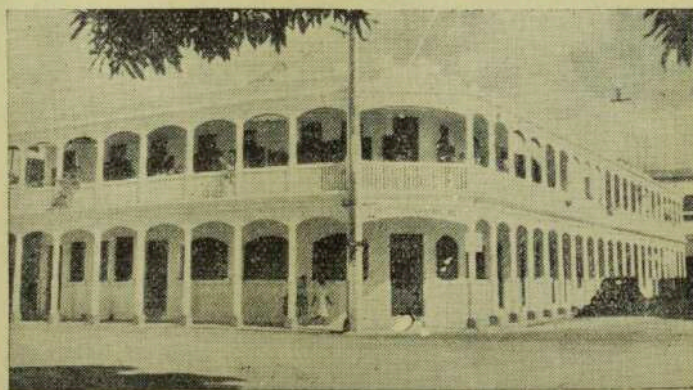
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them into the canefields as soon as they can manage to pull up weeds, or wield a chipping hoe.

To spend days weeding a cane field, or cultivating between the rows, to finish only to begin with another field, is not a Fijian idea of having fun—and Fijians like to have fun.

It takes a considerable amount of

mental adjustment for them stick at it but the flourishing canefields around the school—and the attractiveness of the school itself are proof of what they can do under supervision.

Results possibly have been a doubt in the ocean of Fiji cane farming and the majority of graduates possibly have made an indifferent success of the business once they return home, but here and there particularly where they have broken away from the traditional communal set-up, there are Fijian cane growers of much merit.

It is felt that as long as so many succeed the scheme is worth while.

PPRIDE of the school at the present time is the fact that it has contributed one representative to the Fiji Rugby team which recently toured New Zealand with success.

He joined the team in Suva at an hour's notice when one of the originals dropped out. When he came to Drasa, the Fijian superintendent of the school stripped off his Sunday shirt and tie and gave it to the chosen one on the spot. A collection of warm clothes followed and many inroads were made on the weekly pocket money to send a cash donation after him to Suva.

Drasa's representative had little English and only an imperfect knowledge of European ways.

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Next day he had reverted to Fijian and was back in the cane-fields.

BLACK EQUAL TO WHITE"

A Fijian Replies to A New Guinea Reader

Letter to the Editor

I M, of New Guinea, in an issue of PIM a few months ago, refutes the UNESCO statement of a year ago that "there is no proof that the groups of mankind differ in intelligence, temperament or other innate characteristics."

MM calls the statement "poppycock," but while he belittles the coloured races' mental ability, he does admit that the Western European learned certain things from the Arabians, Indians, Chinese and Egyptians—who certainly are not white.

Most people will admit that one's mental and physical abilities are influenced by natural environment. The Nordic people in their temperate zone can be called the Energetics—made so because it was necessary to plan ahead and work in order to eat and live the whole year round.

The negroid peoples, on the other hand—in the Pacific or in Africa—lead a comparatively easy life and hence their characteristic indolence. They did not have to think much in order to live and consequently their minds were undeveloped.

Today, in the Pacific, the Fijians, Tongans, Samoans and other Polynesians are mentally much more advanced than the Papuans, Solomon Islanders and New Guinea natives although originally they are said to come from the same stock. Probably a few hundred years ago these people were in a similar state of uncivilisation, but now there is such a marked difference between them that one could believe that there was no racial link at all.

The reason, I think, lies in the administration of the different territories.

Here, in Fiji, the Government gives education to the Fijians and they are thereby afforded some degree of cultural opportunity to realise their potentiality. In other parts of Melanesia, in the past, at

least, faulty administration has denied similar educational opportunities to native peoples, hence the Fijians' cousins in Papua-New Guinea, the Solomons, etc., appear to be much inferior beings.—I am, etc.,

Suva, Fiji. I. C. NAKAIWALU.
Sept. 20, 1951.

Mr. George Sandwith, who spent some time recently in Tonga and Fiji, left Australia in October for the United Kingdom. He made many friends in the Islands and Australia during his visit. His niece, Miss Noelle Sandwith, has settled down in Sydney for the present, where she is engaged in art work.

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More South Pacific Currency Problems

By a Recent Visitor to Noumea

It is generally known that in the French language "Merci" means thank you; but, in the English language it might mean something entirely different. If English money taken to Noumea, "Mercy" can mean "God help us."

My monetary experiences in Noumea are punctuated with the word—so, for the benefit of all English-speaking people who wish to visit New Caledonia, I give an account of what happened to me and my money while in Noumea, at as it is possible that I may wish to return to that place at some future time, I decline to give dates and will simply state that it all happened quite recently.

The facts are as follows:—
I arrived in Noumea by passenger boat and as soon as we had tied up the ship was invaded by a horde of officials. Doctors, emigration officers, passport officers, bankers and police, supervisors and inspectors and their assistants and secretaries who all came aboard.

Meanwhile, the passengers have been lined up with military precision and, after the officials have completed their salutations, they arrange themselves at various tables.

The passengers file in, one at a time, and everything goes smoothly until I come to a certain table. I am asked to show my money so that it can be counted. It is then correctly counted and placed on the table out of my reach. I am given a receipt for the correct amount and told to call at the bank in the morning (Sunday) and my money will be refunded in full.

I protest; stating that I have no cash for my immediate needs; but, I am told, it is the law and I must get it at the bank. So, I am forced to console myself with the knowledge that I have at least got a receipt for my money, my money is safe in the bank and I can get it at the first opportunity.

The following Monday as soon as the bank is open, I call for my money. My receipt is studied by various bank clerks and officials and I am then told that it cannot be paid because it has not been signed by the finance control officer at the Treasury. So, I leave the bank and walk to the Treasury to get my receipt signed.

The receipt is signed without any trouble and I return to the bank and ask for some French money, the balance to remain in the bank in English currency.

I was told that I would have to take it all out in French currency. Once again I protest—I might wish to leave the Colony and French money is useless outside of the

Colony. I then return to the Treasury once again, and ask for permission to withdraw my money from the bank in English pounds. This request was flatly refused and I was asked to please leave the office.

I agreed to leave the office, but not the building. So then, the control officers telephoned to the bank manager in French (which I do not understand), and he asked me if I would return to the bank be-

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cause he had told them to pay me. How they could now pay me I did not know, but once again I returned to the bank.

I asked what arrangements had been made for payment and was told that I could have some French money and the balance to remain in francs (French).

I said "No!" I will take some French money but the balance

MUST remain to my credit in English pounds."

I was then told that I could make a withdrawal in francs and take the balance by cheque on an Australian bank.

I HAD to refuse this offer as I felt certain that I would need more French money before I left. At this stage I gave up. This had

taken two whole days of my time. Fortunately I had friends and I had a job to do. The former looked after my needs until the latter began to bring me in enough to live on. My money remained on deposit, in the bank, the whole time I was in Noumea.

To my friends in Noumea I salute you with "Merci," but feel that a visitor to the Colony might very well hear it as "mercy."

EDITORIAL NOTE:

WHAT our reader did not explain was that he had, in the course of a world wander, stepped off at Noumea to take a job for a few weeks. He wanted to keep his English currency but there was no administrative machinery to allow him to do so legally.

Not only New Caledonia controls the entry of English banknotes. Most countries in the South Pacific—including Australia—do this, and although it makes little sense to the ordinary citizen it is part of the scheme of fixed exchange rates and currency regulations which modern man makes it difficult for himself.

Mr. V. T. Good, who has been Secretary to the Resident Commissioner in Niue Island for 3 years, spending a holiday in Australia, expects to return to the Islands in December, when he will join the staff of the Resident Commissioner in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

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From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 20.
RECENTLY the High Commissioner of Western Samoa, Mr. R. G. Powles, appointed a local committee to collaborate and assist the South Pacific Commission.

To this committee were appointed Samoan representatives and eight Government officials, but no representative of the European and the European population which comprise some 6,000 and plays a most important part in agriculture, commerce, industry and the social and economic life of the Territory. This action of the High Commissioner, which is in contravention of the declared policy of the Trusteeship Council and of the New Zealand Government, has led to strong protests and criticism.

A formal letter of protest has been addressed to the High Commissioner by the five European members of the Legislative Council. Copies of this letter were forwarded to the New Zealand Minister of Island Territories and the South Pacific Commission.

The local Committee has already had an inaugural meeting whereat they were addressed by Mr. D. R. Green, General Manager of the New Zealand Reparation Estates, on agricultural problems and by Professor Thijssen, a housing expert from Indonesia, at present studying housing in the islands, on Samoan housing problems.

The European community feels that the attitude of the High Commissioner will bring discord and unity into Samoan public life at a time when the goodwill and cooperation of all Europeans and Samoans is needed more than ever to help in the political, economic and social development of the Territory and promote and speed the progress of Samoa towards self-government.

WORK OF COMMITTEE

AMONGST projects to be discussed by the local committee (they will make recommendations to the SPC) are solar stills converting sea water into fresh water, coconut plantations, health problems, sanitation, fisheries, establishment of a model village, introduction of new cultivations and numerous other topics.

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Territories' population, defence re-
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portance warranted the change.

Mrs. Garnet Malley of Vanua
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Long Drought in Vila

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, N.H. Oct. 15.

ALTHOUGH September and October are usually dry months, accompanied by a water shortage, the present season is the driest Vila, New Hebrides, has known for years.

To date, no rain worth speaking of has fallen for almost seven months. And until the mooted water reticulation scheme begins to operate in the town area, Vila residents must still remain dependent upon the rain to fill their household water tanks.

Unless you possess a truck of your own, or can borrow one, plus a

tank which you can take to a fresh water river and fill; or can scrape up the necessary £10 or equivalent, to have a load delivered to your house, you just go with

Having a bath out of a saucepan is not the same as the real thing.

One of Vila's most attractive features is the brilliant greenness of its wild, unchecked foliage, and this time of the year, the dramatic scarlet of the poinsettias which grow at random. All this should be at its peak now, but it is not.

Even the town's telephone system work (?) on the "earth return" system have pretty well given up the ghost. The ground is so dry as to no longer be of much use as a conductor. When you want to ring someone, you pour a bucket of water over the earth-pin, first.

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At Toburua, South Bougainville where the Methodist Mission is developing agriculture project good work is being done by O. A. Fijian agricultural instructor. **Rev. A. H. Scriven**, of NZ, visited Bougainville in September said that in addition to giving valuable instruction to Bougainville mission natives, station would probably be able to grow enough food to solve the problem of that Methodist mission district.

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New Guinea Mainland

LAE, Nov. 1

[LAE Advisory Council has been advised officially that any further progress in street lighting, sealing of town roads and new water supply depends on funds being made available. Apparently the sewerage scheme also has been relegated to the background.

Shortage of funds has resulted in the cutting down of contract fire tipper trucks on the Wau-Labu road, and in slow payment of accounts.

Port Moresby completed a fine new Cross Hall, and efforts are now being made to form Red Cross committees throughout the Territory. Mrs. J. K. Murray, wife of the Administrator, is directing this campaign. Lae Council will convene a public meeting to form a new Cross branch.

Lae is proud of the new wharf and customs shed at Milfordhaven, but the approaches to these structures require attention. There is need for a car park, but acceptance of this responsibility is being passed from Department to Department in the best mainland manner.

Only 537 electors enrolled in the New Guinea Mainland electorate for the Legislative Council elections—an indication of the apathy shown towards "elected representation." In Port Moresby only, where there are seven candidates, is there any interest.

Two births have been recorded during the month—a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jones (A.W.A. technician, the Airstrip) and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Debnam (of New Guinea Goldfields, Lae) . . . Mr. Arch Byrne, Department of Trade and Customs, with his wife, has left on extended leave . . . Mr. Norman Palmer, Central Service Station, Lae, has gone to Brisbane for 8 weeks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ron Dearve have settled in at Goroka with their son, Graham, having taken over a Trading venture . . . Mr. S. Barrant, following the untimely death of his wife, has disposed of his business interests in the Central Highlands, and returned to the mainland . . . An engagement announced between Mr. J. A. Hamilton, business manager, of Orobe Construction Co., and Miss Toni White, of Sydney . . . Mr. "Softy" Weedon, manager of the Sea and Services Club, has gone on a short spell South . . . Mr. Norman B. Spence is acting as Club manager until his return . . . With the coming of Xmas, Works and housing staff are moving South for holidays in large numbers—hoping for the best on the matter of "work cuts," and their return to the Territory. It appears that Manus, where a naval programme has not been interfered with, will be the

Mecca of redundant W. and H. staff in the New Year.

First prosecutions under a police drive to keep the airstrip free of persons other than those whose

duties require them to be in the area, took place recently, when two natives of the Mumeng district were each charged "with entering the precincts of the Lae Aerodrome."

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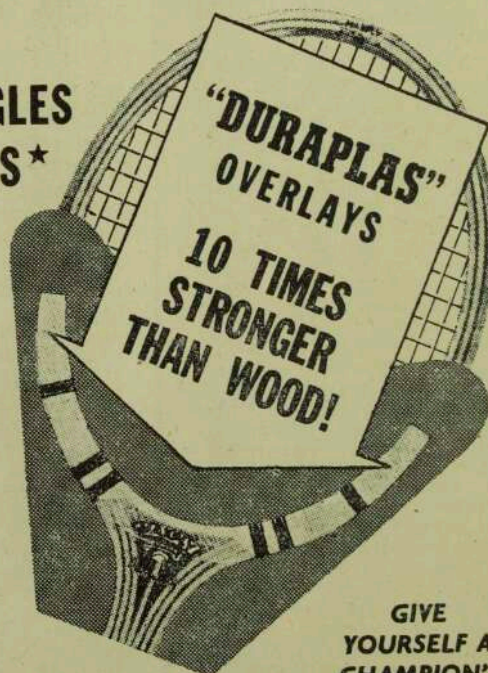
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der Section 316 of the Air Navigation Act, and were fined 10/- each. The airstrip provides a short cut to the township area from the a at the rear of the 'drome. In the future will not be confined to natives only—the European and Asiatic population have been warned that they, also, are liable to prosecution if found in the area without authority.

The opening of the Lae Golf Club, and the Lae Cricket Association, postponed through bad weather, took place during October. Some 80 players and friends at the Golf Club were entertained at the "19th hole" by the Club President (Mr. H. L. R. Niall) and Captain (Mr. C. Jeffers).

The first round of the Cricket Association matches resulted in wins for Works and Housing and Hotel Voco.

The non-activity of the Swimming Club (which started with a fare of trumpets, a solid membership fee of £3/3/-, and a ready-made pool handed over by the Administration) makes it appear that unless some immediate move to use the pool is made by the Club, the Administration will withdraw its offer, and provide a cheap public amenity for local residents.

NO QUEUES FOR RALUANA NATIVES

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, October 30. THE Luluai of the Raluana area, near Rabaul, was successful on October 25 in defeating a charge of "failing to line up for a census when ordered to do so." Some time previously it had been decided to form a Village Council, but certain natives, including this Luluai indicated that they wished have no part of it.

A Patrol Officer ordered the natives of the village to line up in order that he might obtain information in relation to formation of the Council. Some natives, including all the village officials, did not attend the line-up, and Luluais and a number of others were arrested and charged with failing to line up for census when ordered to do so.

When the natives so charged were put in gaol, a number of others from the area came along and requested that they be put in also.

When they came up for trial it was decided to make one of the Luluais a test case. Bench consisted of Messrs. Warner Shand and R. Armsby. Mr. Dudley Jones appeared for the Luluai.

The Bench unanimously held that compilation of the information required by the Patrol Officer was not a census within the meaning of the Native Regulations. The Luluai

was dismissed and other natives in custody were released on bail.

The Patrol Officer indicated that he needed time to consider the position.

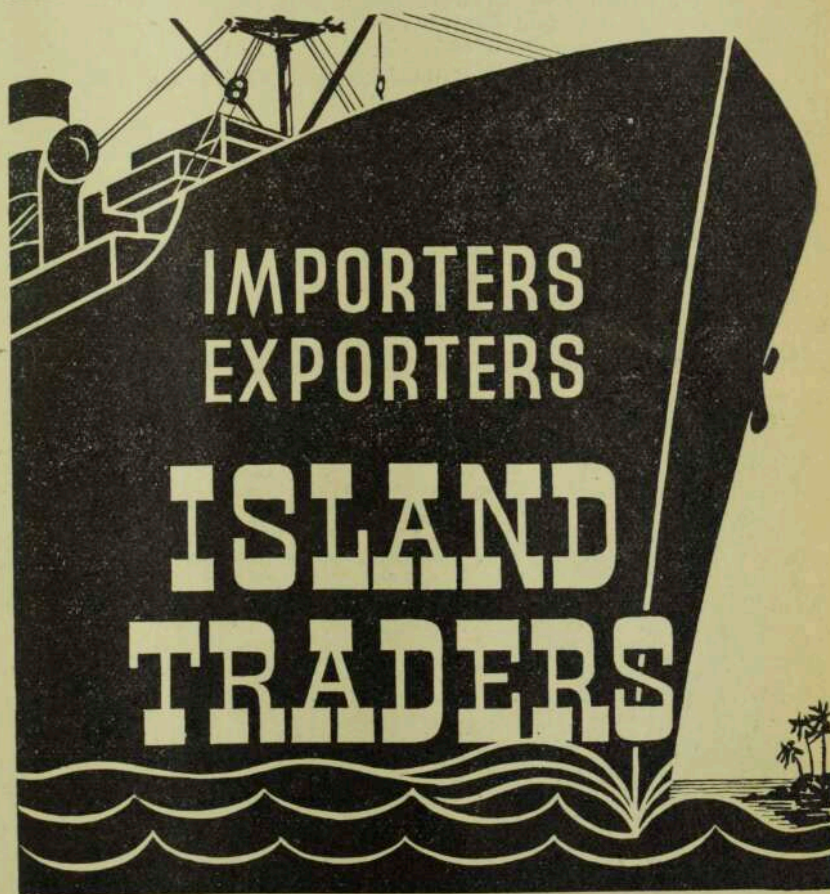
PLANTERS LOSE A USEFUL BOAT IN NG

THE sinking of the motor-boat Myong, on a Mait Island reef, near Djaul Island, north of Rabaul, late in October, was a severe loss to Messrs. Tom Prince and H. T. Allan, who have been using the vessel for some years for communication between Rabaul

and Lindenhaven, where they have the coconut plantations on lease and produce 50 tons of copra per month.

The Myong was a handy 47-footer, and could carry 10 tons of copra. She was strongly powered with a Gray Marine Diesel engine. It is not known how she got into the area of Djaul. She may have been on a charter run to Kavieng, or she may have broken down off Rabaul Harbour and been blown northwards through St. Georges Channel by the prevailing south-easter.

The vessel is reported to have broken in two and sunk in deep water.



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AMERICANS AGAIN AT MANUS

ALTHOUGH the Australian Government had not begun negotiations for joint Australian-US use of Manus, said Australia's Air Minister at the end

of October, Australia was doing its utmost to encourage the United States to use air bases on the Island.

At the end of October US aircraft had landed at Momote airfield and "established contact with the RAAF unit on Manus."

BIG SOLENTS IN A LITTLE RIVER

ONE of the Solent planes Trans-Oceanic Airways running between Sydney and Port Moresby again suffered an accident as the result of the cramped conditions imposed by seaplane movement in Hamilton Reach, in the Brisbane River.

The TOA Star of Hobart, carrying 10 passengers and a crew of five, hit a dredge when taking off Port Moresby at 10.45 pm on Sunday, October 28, and had one wing and a motor badly damaged. Captain P. H. Mathieson was then pilot.

On June 19, in somewhat similar circumstances, in the Brisbane River, the Star of Papua, in charge of Captain P. G. Taylor, struck a vessel and was out of commission for some time.

Seaplanes cannot fly from Sydney to Port Moresby without re-fueling. Controllers will not allow the use of Townsville. Other Queensland towns are regarded as unsuitable. The river at Brisbane seems to be only alternative; but conditions are not ideal for the big Solents.

Thirty New Guinea cricket enthusiasts chartered a plane to fly to Townsville, Qld., to see W. Indies play Queensland Country on October 30-31.

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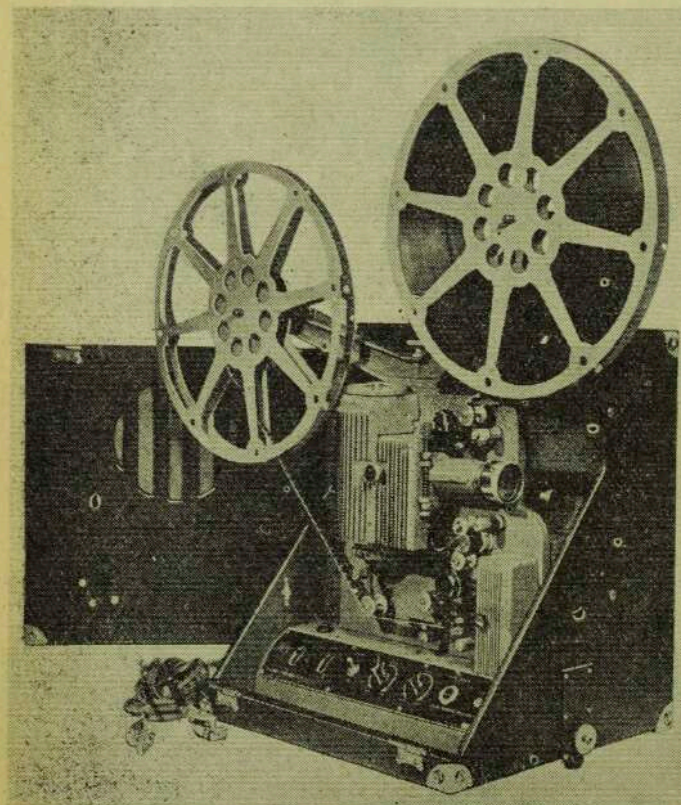
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Lost Navy Rule Seems Good To Samoans, Now

In mid-October the Governor of American Samoa, Mr. Phelps Phelps, returned to Pago Pago after two months in the US where he had gone to attempt to have the Territory's annual grant increased. Whether he was successful or not he does not know.

When the US Navy pulled out of Samoa in June this year the income of most of the local Samoans went with it. The Department of the Interior, who took over, is now looking for some way to bridge this financial gap.

The reason why the Navy left Pago Pago appears to be the result of overall US strategy, plus a hankering, in the past, by some individuals for the blessings and benefits of a civil administration.

Even those once loudest in their desire for this so-called "freedom" are now thinking nostalgically of the affluence of the days when what the Navy said, went.

The political intrigues that apparently have surrounded much of this period of change-over from Navy to civilian control, are hard to understand by anyone not nurtured in American politics. But the result is that American Samoa is at present having a lean time and that it were not for the energy, enterprise and plain generosity of Governor Phelps Phelps—who has gained the respect of every section of the community during his brief period of office—it would be a great deal leaner.

Pago Pago has been a naval and trading station for the US since 1872; the whole Territory became American in 1899.

This fortuitous happening must have been regarded as a God-given opportunity to these, the traditionally poor relations of the Samoan group—with 76 square miles of land in the entire area and that mostly in the perpendicular. And, in plain fact, the Navy thereafter became the chief means of livelihood for the majority of these people—13,000 of them to-day. Their only other means of income was the export of, at most, about 1,000 tons of copra annually.

Now, apparently without much thought as to the consequences, or the theory that if you pitch them in, they'll swim, this Navy economy has been scrapped and the inhabitants thrown back on their own resources.

THE Territory has been plagued by various theorists all striving to find the answer, but there appears to have been too many planners and not enough plans, and

the problem remains—just what are they going to do to replace the income lost through the Navy withdrawal?

The fish-cannery, which was to have resulted from the tuna fishing industry in Fiji came to nothing because the Fiji tuna refused to be caught.

Some one has suggested the canning of pineapples, but Hawaii can do all that is necessary in this line for the American market.

Banana production could be increased, probably—but the only likely avenue of export is New Zealand, which is perpetually banana-hungry, but at the same time, so sensitive on the point of dollar purchases that this appears to be quite abortive.

Cocoa, coffee? Perhaps—although remember that 76 square miles of total land area and the mountainous terrain.

The best all-round possibility lies in the establishment of a tourist industry—for which the Americans have a particular genius—and in this respect the first blow has already been struck by the application of Pan American Airways for

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permission to run a service to the territory.

It might be said that the Group is too far from America and that Australian and NZ tourists would not have the necessary dollars; that there is nothing to do; or that the climate—usually wet—is against it. But the kind of publicity that made papayefruit America's most popular breakfast dish would find the selling of tourism in American Samoa a cinch.

It is a fallacy to suppose that a successful tourist industry depends on location; or that a tourist wants to see the "real South Seas" if it means bodily discomfort.

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It matters little to the average tourist whether the native trimmings presented for his entertainment are authentic or simple tourist-bait, so long as it is amusing.

Nor is the Territory without tourist assets. A native handicrafts industry has already been developed and some of the best work in the Pacific is executed there; in Pago Pago they have the most spectacular harbour outside of Rio; and by temperament and their last 50 years of history the people seem more fitted to cope with this kind of business than most of the natives of adjacent groups who are completely apathetic about tourists and their requirements.—JT.

DECLINE IN COPRA AREAS

IF replanting is not undertaken soon, copra production in New Ireland would eventually cease, said Mr. L. W. Bell, well-known resident of New Guinea, when he arrived in Brisbane in mid-October.

He said that plantation areas were gradually decreasing in size and that there had been no coco-nuts planted since the war because of high labour costs and the relative low price that NG planters get for their copra.

Most New Ireland plantations were planted up in the German days and are now getting towards the end of their useful life.

Mr. Bell himself is expanding the area he already has under cocoa.

A radio-telephone service has been established between New Caledonia and its dependency, Wallis Island. Wallis is normally very isolated, being visited by a ship only once every six months.

Fiji Cost of Living Goes Up Again

A SHARP rise of 8 points in the unofficial index of European cost of living in Fiji has occurred since the end of the second quarter of this year.

The index number is now 212 (it is based on a figure of 100 for August, 1939).

Due to rises in the cost of living since the Salaries Revision adopted last year, a cost-of-living allowance for Civil servants has been approved.

The allowance will be 10 per cent. on the first £100 of salary plus 5

per cent. on the next £650. The maximum allowance payable will be £42/10/0 a year.

Discharges from Makogai Speeded Up

NEW drugs now in use at the Fiji Leprosy Hospital at Makogai, and the follow-up system of examination after discharge, make it now possible for patients to leave the hospital after a one year negative period.

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PACIFIC ARTISTS MEET

WHEN artists Charles McPhee and Russell Foreman met in Apia in September they made a broadcast over the local station 2AP. This photograph shows them—first and third from left respectively—with Renne Beveridge of Tahiti, who shortly afterwards became Mrs. Foreman—and Mr. L. Fowler of 2AP.

Mr. Foreman whose is well known in the Pacific as well as in Australia had been visiting Tahiti where he met his bride. Because of some local law they were not able to marry there, and were passengers on the Thor to Suva where they were duly married at the end of September.

Charles McPhee had recently returned from American Samoa—he had gone there for a few weeks and stayed three months painting commissioned portraits and landscapes for various residents who were enthusiastic about his work.

Governor Phelps Philips commissioned seven paintings, three of which are reproduced on opposite page.

These seven paintings were taken by the Governor to the United States in August—he intended to exhibit them and have them televised in support of his campaign to have the Territory's grant increased by Washington. The paintings will eventually be presented to the Department of the Interior in Washington where they will be hung permanently.

Additional works by McPhee were exhibited at a cocktail party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Surren, in Pago. Almost the whole of the paintings exhibited were sold. He was enthusiastic about the hospitality and kindness shown him by the residents of Pago during his stay.

Mr. McPhee is planning to leave Apia and go to live in Rarotonga, Cook Islands for a time.

Mr. W. E. Donovan has been appointed Fiji Accountant-General. He entered the civil service in 1921 as a clerk, was transferred to the Treasury in 1928, and was appointed Assistant-Accountant General in 1946.

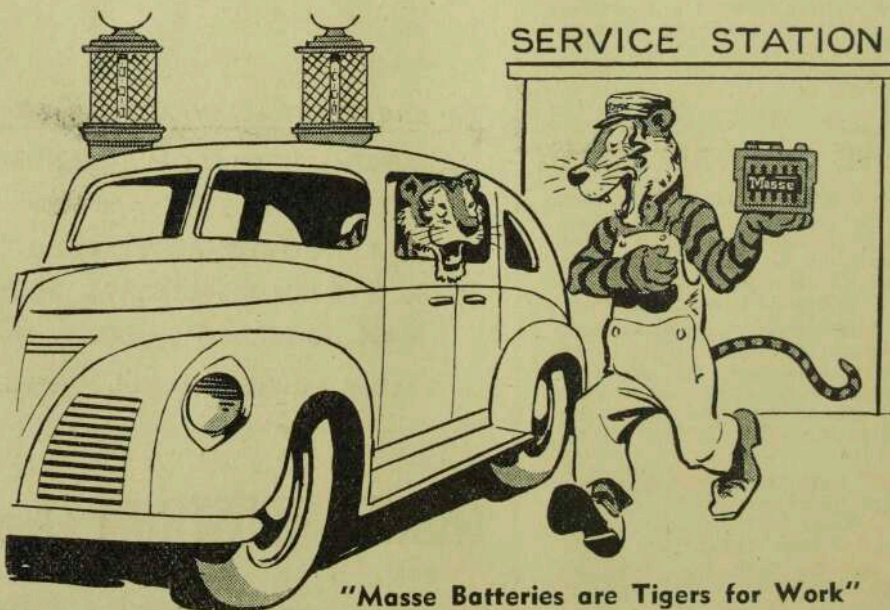
Because Canadian Pacific Airlines Ltd., have announced that they will use jet airliners on the Pacific route next year, appropriate weather surveys at high altitudes are being organised by the South Pacific Air Transport authorities.



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Samoa Banana Prospects Not Bright

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 3
UE to recent strong requests by
Samoan banana growers, buy-
ing price for bananas in cases
ported to New Zealand Fruit Dis-
tributors Ltd., the NZ purchasing
agency, has been increased 1/- per
case making the new price 8/- per
case paid to growers. The bonus
1/- per case will continue to be
paid to shippers for bananas arriv-
ing with at least a 2 inch bulge,
in good condition and quality at
New Zealand ports.

The Samoan banana industry
suffered during the recent New
Zealand shipping strike, when
plantations were neglected and
paying discontinued. The recent
boom also affected banana ex-
ports; Samoa's main food product,
coconut, was in very short supply
then, and Samoans had to fall back
on bananas. This boosted the local
price to 3/6 for a small basket and
producers found that it paid
better and saved packing and
exporting bananas for export, to find
ready sale in Apia.

There are complaints that too
much time is taken up by playing
cricket, malagas, concert parties
etc. to the detriment of work on
banana plantations.

The prospects of increasing
banana production for export do
not look bright in spite of ener-
getic efforts made by the Agricul-
tural Department to induce growers
on Upolu and Savaii to plant
additional areas in preparation for
the better opportunities for ship-
ment when Tofua and Matua will
be at Apia and provide a fort-
nightly service.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Welch, who have
recently returned to Sydney after
20 years on Fanning Island, said
that they liked it "in spite of every-
thing" and think that they will
look around for another island. Dr.
Welch sold his Sydney practice to
go to Fanning as MO for the 23
Europeans (mostly Telecommuni-
cations employees) and the natives
who live there.

Mrs. A. Hamilton Irvine, a resi-
dent of Fiji for about 50 years, left
on October 22 to make her home at

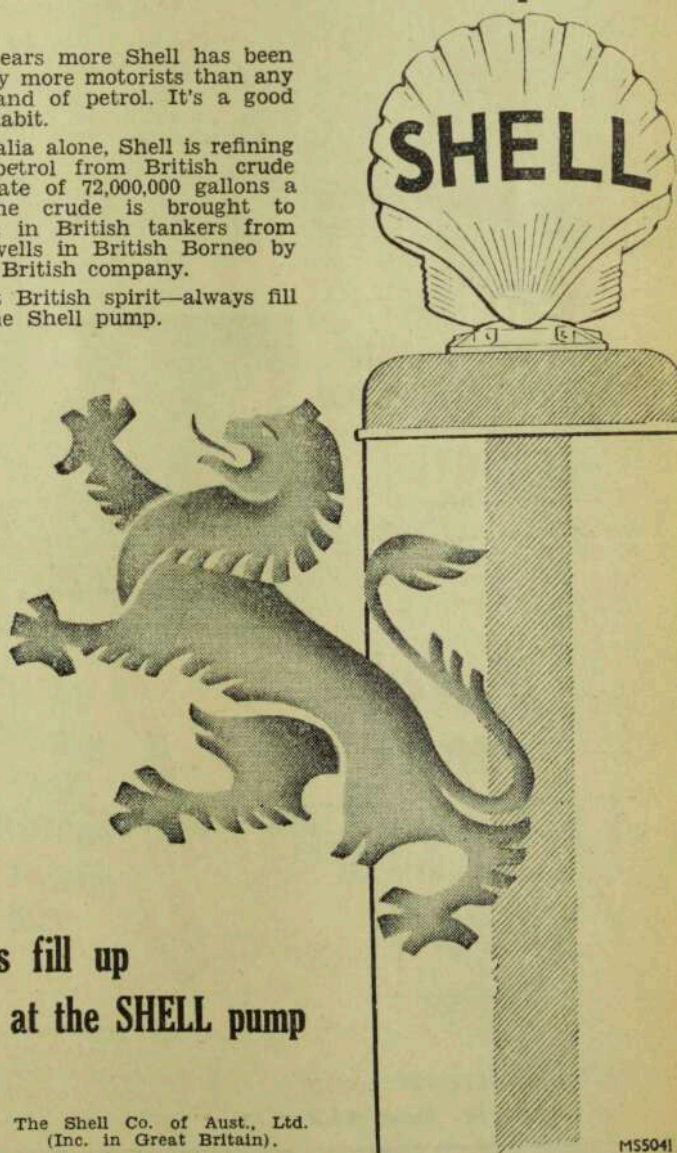
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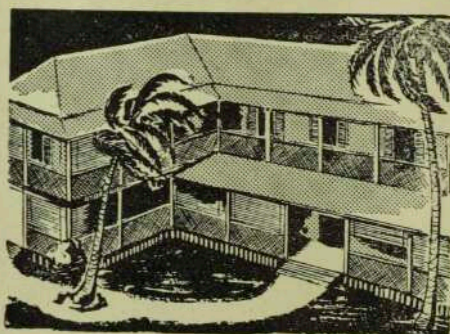
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THE GALATHEA Scientific Party on Rennell Island

THE Danish frigate Galathea which is carrying around the world a party of Danish scientists who are investigating ocean depths, and who are now in the Pacific, is moving its base from Port Moresby to Australia. It arrived in Sydney on November 14. It will be docked in Sydney; and early next year it will move on to New Zealand en route for the eastern Pacific.

The Galathea, from Port Moresby visited Honiara early in October, and, when she departed, she left behind the majority of the scientists aboard.

The scientists proceeded to Rennell Island, where they engaged in a study of the flora, fauna and people of the island. Rennell has special interest for scientists in that it is probably the world's most notable example of a raised atoll and its inhabitants appear to be an isolated "pocket" of Polynesians in Melanesia. After three or four weeks on Rennell the party were picked up by an Australian vessel to rejoin the Galathea.

Mr. Haakon Mielche, well-known Danish journalist, photographer and lecturer, who is with the Galathea as public relations officer, returned to Europe by air in October primarily to edit a number of films which he has made during the cruise. He reported that he got some particularly good material during a visit to the New Guinea Highlands. He expects to rejoin the Galathea in New Zealand.

Mr. Mielche was in the South Seas, about 20 years ago, as a member of the company of the ill-fated Danish ship Monsunens, wrecked in the Solomons. He is still remembered by old residents for his disconcerting ability as a cartoonist.

"SOLOMONS TRENCH"

The Galathea's main deep sea research in Islands waters was off Bougainville, in what is known as the "Solomons Trench," which cuts a 50-miles-long gorge into the ocean bed, and lies some five miles deep. Other scientists from the ship are carrying out other research work, and a special party is spending some time on Rennell Island.

Slips That Pass in The Type:

IN a paragraph in Sydney Bulletin congratulating Mrs. Dorise Booth, OBE, pioneer woman miner of Cliffside, Wau, New Guinea, for her recent appointment to the new P-N-G Legislative Assembly as one of the three European nominated members, it is said:—

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... her mother, who manages her mine now, did great service in N.G. during the war, as is recorded in the booklet issued by the U.S.A. forces in memory of their experiences there." We guess they mean "her brother" Norman Wilde, who is in charge of Cliffside and who certainly gave women service during the Jap war. Mrs. Booth was awarded her OBE in 1926 for her job of nursing Europeans and natives during the sentery epidemic that broke out in that year when the Morobe field is very young.

R. THIEME'S APPOINTMENT

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 22

R. H. THIEME, Samoan-born medical practitioner, who arrived here with his family from Germany several months ago, is sent by the Western Samoan Government to Fiji this month. There he will consult with the Inspector of Medical Services in the South Pacific, Dr. J. M. Cruikshank. On his return to the Territory it is expected that he will be appointed to the medical service. Because he qualified in Germany and holds no British medical degrees there has been considerable difficulty in securing an appointment for Dr. Thieme locally, though the Territory is desperately short of qualified men.

LMS WAR MEMORIAL FUND

THE London Missionary Society has opened a Papua War Memorial Fund with a target of £35,000.

The fund will be used generally to extend LMS service to the Papuans among whom they have worked for 80 years, and especially in the erection of new schools, colleges, hospitals and child welfare centres.

It is hoped that through this fund Australians and others will be able to make a tangible expression of the admiration they felt for the Papuan natives who assisted the Allied war effort in the Territory during the Pacific war.

All donations should be sent to the Rev. N. F. Cocks, Secretary in

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Placer and Bulolo Earnings

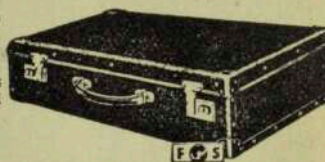
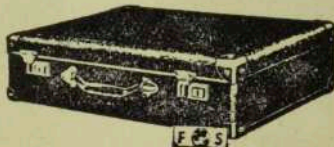
IN the year ended April 30, Placer Development Ltd. earned net profit of 44,985 Canadian dollars.

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Reports have also been in circulation that Radio Apia, Western Samoa, is shortly to carry out test transmissions on the short-wave frequencies of 3410 and 6040 kc/s in addition to the normal broadcast band frequency of 1420 kc/s. A request for confirmation of these

plans has so far brought no reply from Apia, but it is certain that if the new high frequencies are introduced, Radio Apia will be received very much better in daylight hours over a larger area of the South Pacific than at present.

From Wellington comes word that Radio New Zealand, beamed to the Pacific Islands, has recently made a seasonal change of frequencies and is currently broadcasting to the Islands as follows:—

1800 to 1845 GMT, ZL-8 on 9.62 mc/s. (1800 GMT is 6 a.m. NZT).

2100 through the day to 0645 GMT, ZL-4 on 15.28 mc/s.

0700 to closing time, ZL-8 on 9.62 mc/s. again.

Closing times are: Weekdays,

1045 GMT, Saturdays, 1120 GMT and Sundays 1000 GMT. Special Islands news at 0820 GMT.

Port Moresby Radio, Papua, very well heard as far away as New Zealand, broadcasting in the evenings at 7.28 mc/s. Yachtsmen and others heading for the area may be interested to know that a weather forecast for the New Guinea Bismarck, Solomons area is broadcast at 0915 GMT immediately after the news.

Ownership of Abandoned War Goods

LAE, Nov. 1.

AT the Finschhafen District Court recently, the local Magistrate, Mr. D. J. Parrish convicted nearly 40 natives of stealing, and three Europeans of receiving quantities of Armco galvanised iron used for culverts, etc, the property of the Commonwealth.

The natives had dug up the iron from old roads in the American base area at Finschhafen, and sold it to the Europeans.

The natives were each fined 5/6 on the stealing charge and each was ordered to return whatever sum they had received through the sale.

The Europeans—W. D. Mossman, S. F. Smith and E. E. Foad—were fined £20, £10 and £3 respectively for receiving.

This action may warn those persons who "find" something new in the district, without making report to the District Office. Should a report be made tenders are called for the articles so reported, and everyone has an equal right to tender.

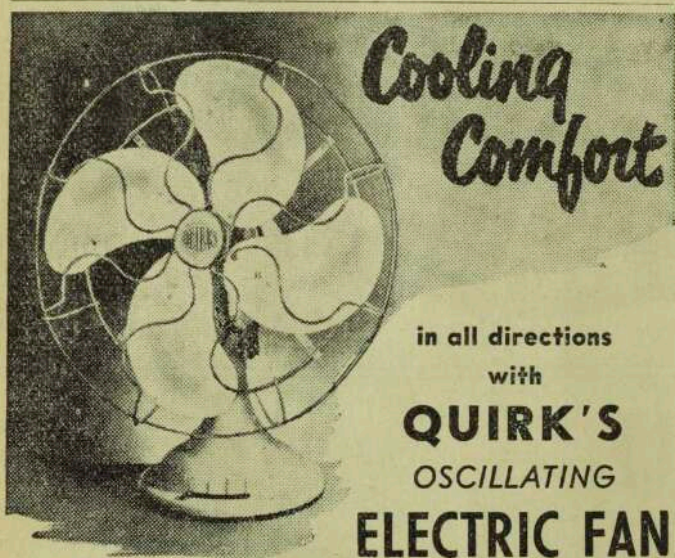
THE WRONG PEOPLE ARE PUNISHED

Editorial Note—The foregoing is a good example of the exasperating futilities of officialdom.

In the first three or four years after the war ended, abandoned war materials worth hundreds of thousands of pounds were removed from the Territory, and the Territory got no benefit whatever.

Anyone with foresight would have insisted that all this property be kept for the benefit of the Territory, which had suffered so grievously in the war. But no! Mr. Eddie Ward's Socialist Administration allowed all sorts of people to get away with enormous quantities of machinery and material, for their own enrichment; while, at the same time, the Administration called upon Australia for millions of pounds for the rehabilitation of the Territories and the payment to natives of war damage compensation.

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PAPUA-NEW GUINEA EVENTS

Peanuts : A Possible New Crop

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 31.
ANOTHER profitable line of primary production has been demonstrated by a sample shipment of seven bags of peanuts grown on the Agricultural Station in the Mekeo area of Papua.

Although this sample was soil-stained, the brokers who handled the consignment in Australia said they would be prepared to offer 1/6 per pound, in the kernel, for commercial shipments.

Peanuts were grown in the Territory before the war, but at a price of 3d. per pound they were not profitable, and the industry was never developed. Now there is a keen demand throughout the world for peanuts, and at 1/6 per pound, in Australia, they could mean a useful form of new production for the Territory.

The sample consignment was of the Virginia Bunch variety; but the agricultural officials recommend the Spanish Red type as most suitable for the Sydney market. The Department of Agriculture at Port

Moresby can supply some seed of this variety, and other stocks are available in Australia.

Peanuts grow well in practically any type of soil, although the best results are obtained from rich alluvial areas.

This crop, which involves no clearance of big areas of land, like rubber or copra, looks like a pro-

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MORE AUSTRALIAN HARDWOOD

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However, between 300,000 and 500,000 super feet of Bulolo Valley pine were loaded at Lae to re-

complete the ship's full cargo. This, with the remaining half-million of Australian hardwood, went to Manus for the big public works programme in that area. The three firms which supplied the Bulolo pine were the Bulolo Gold Dredging Co., New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., and Gold and Power Ltd.

MISSING OUT ON TOURIST PUBLICITY

Within the next few months movie audiences overseas will be watching two outstanding colour films of the Territory. One has been taken by the Fox Movietone people on behalf of Qantas Empire Airways, and the other by the Danish Galathea scientific expedition.

The Qantas film was made by Mr. Sydney Wood, who has made so many trips to the Islands that he is almost a Territorian. The job took about three months, and he used a new type of colour film which has produced outstanding results.

This film is to be screened on a world distribution basis, and emphasises the important part played by air transport in the Territory.

The second film, for the Galathea records, will be shown extensively throughout Denmark, and will go to other European countries and Britain and America on an exchange system.

Mr. Peter Rasmussen, one of the Galathea photographers, says that Central Highland films taken by the unit will be a sensation in Europe. Although the expedition has visited many countries on its voyages during the past twelve months, including Africa and India, and has taken thousands of feet of film, the photographers say that nothing in their records so far compares

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such the Central Highland material they have secured. With all this first-class publicity road, it is regrettable that the essential "bread and butter" jobs the Administration have so far excluded any possibility of capitalising on the tourist possibilities of the Territory. An organised tourist traffic could enormously help the Territory's finances. Accommodation and allied problems make tourist trade impossible in the Territory at its present stage. If these difficulties could be overcome if handled by experts. It is clearly a job for private enterprise, working with Administration co-operation.

THE ISLANDS REGIMENT

The first Commanding Officer of the Pacific Islands Regiment is Capt.-Col. H. L. Babin, who took duty at the P.I.R. Taurama Camp early in October. Colonel Babin knows the tough side of military service, as he was with the Division in Malaya, and spent years in Japanese prison camps. After he went to Japan with the Australian forces.

PCB'S SHIPPING TROUBLES

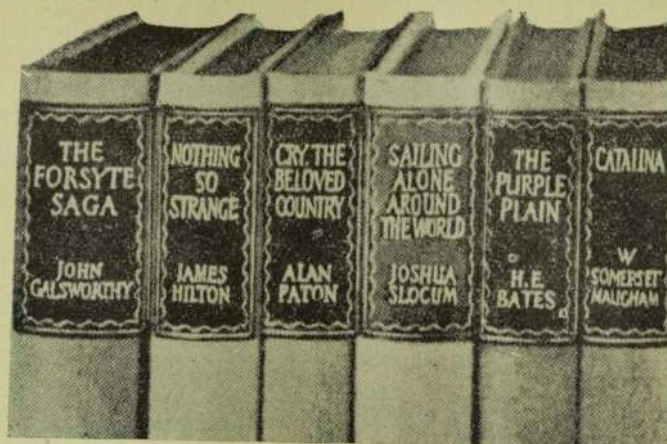
The Production Control Board ordered both gain and loss on its shipping activities in October. To find out the record, it collected the unwelcome tag-end of Sydney's waterfront troubles, by having the matter tied up. (See article elsewhere.)

Early in October, the 300-tonner *Kelanoa* managed to park herself on a reef in Kimbe Bay, on the north coast of New Britain; but got off apparently undamaged. She continued on to Witu to load copra. The rescue job was done by the 300-tonner *Tarra*, with P.C.B. marine experts aboard.

Meanwhile the hull of the ill-fated *Kelanoa* is still perched on a pile of coral niggerheads on the east of New Ireland. Since it went aground in May it has been stripped of engines and fittings, and finally the Board has called tenders for whatever is left.

Nothing much has been made public as to why this ship went aground, and the back-room boys have had several opinions on the question of calling in a ship-salvage company to refloat her. But perhaps one of the big difficulties is to get a salvage company to take over about such small fry. With present-day costs, a refloated *Kelanoa* might have involved more expenditure than she was worth. On the credit side was the reputation of the 300-tonner *Kelanoa* to be repaired after about two years' wait-repairs. The *Kelanoa* got itself aground on a reef near Madang, and was finally towed to Rabaul. There she remained for nearly two years. When PCB took over coastal shipping, it was towed to Manus,

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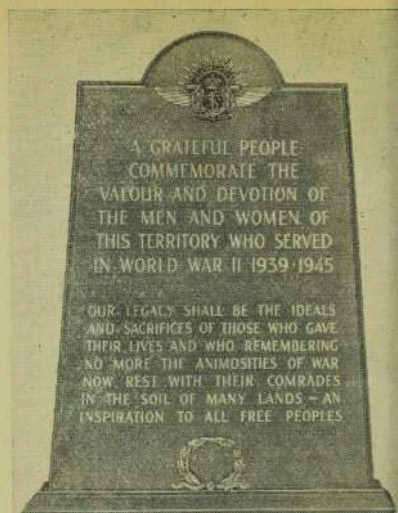
slip at Port Moresby; and at long last Kelaua is back on the coastal runs out of Rabaul.

This ship, with Tarra, will help considerably to overcome some of the shipping problems in that area. They have a margin of gain over the loss of the Kelanoa.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

The Port Moresby World War II Memorial Plaque is to be unveiled on the morning of November 11, by the Administrator, Colonel Murray.

The setting for the new memorial has been carefully prepared by the Parks and Gardens Section of the Agricultural Department which, months ago, made a grand job of



Memorial Plaque

This is a photograph of the bronze Memorial Plaque which has been set in position on a stone base beside the Memorial Cemetery in Port Moresby, and which was formally unveiled by the Administrator (Colonel J. K. Murray) on November 11. The Memorial has been paid for by public subscription. The Plaque was supplied by Wunderlich, Ltd. of Sydney.

beautifying the formerly neglected corner near the 1914-18 Memorial Gates.

The plaque is to be set into the stone wall built at the back of a small but very attractive garden which is at present one of the few green spots in the town.

Nearby will be a memorial sundial, forming the focal centre for a miniature park conjured out of what was formerly a tangle of wild growth and stray rubbish.

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The newly-formed branch of the Countrywomen's Association, at Sogeri, got away to a flying financial start when the men of the district arranged a gymkhana to raise funds for the organisation. As a result, the Branch has a snug nest-egg of about £500 and, contrary to general experience of most public bodies, the Sogeri C.W.A. found themselves with cash in hand before they had planned how to spend it.

A Sunday gymkhana appealed to Port Moresby residents and about 150 cars climbed out to the hills for the event.

WESTERN ADVISORY COUNCIL

The following are members of the Western Division District Advisory Council, with Daru as headquarters: Rev. G. E. Sexton, United Evangelical Fields Mission; Rev. W. Riley, London Missionary Society; Mr. T. A. Wyborn; Mr. T. Hollander; Mr. R. Dawson.

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Rabaul Council is Alarmed at Disrepair of Wharf

RABAU, Oct. 25.
AT their monthly meeting on October 5, the Rabaul Advisory Council discussed such assorted matters as the Government wharf, cranes, footpaths, dog tags and a park.

Those who should know are of the opinion that the wharf is now fast disintegrating and that in 12 months will probably not be fit for the berthing of overseas ships.

A member of Works and Housing Department intimated that the allocation of funds for the repair or renewal of the wharf was not in the Department's power, and the council therefore resolved to ask the Administration that adequate provision be made for maintenance and improvements to the Rabaul Government wharf.

It was decided to call the attention of the District Commission to a crane that had been overhanging one portion of the Kokopo road since the end of hostilities. Fires that were holding the crane in place were now parting and the whole thing was likely to fall across the road.

There was need for footpaths in

the town, especially along Mango Avenue and the DC has been asked to make representations to have money made available for the purpose.

The Dog Ordinance cannot be enforced until dog tags are available. It was urged that tenders be called for tags immediately—it was suggested that they be cut from old brass shell cases and stamped con-

secutively with a metal punch.

The Council asked the DC to consider the construction of a memorial reserve to commemorate those killed during the occupation, in the triangular piece of ground adjacent to the Burns Philp garage. This area was a park before the war.

It was agreed that a native type shelter should be built and rustic seats provided.

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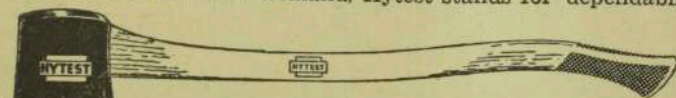
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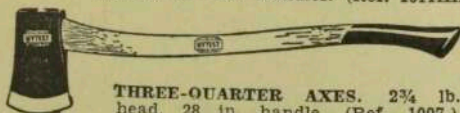
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SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

Eighth Session Opens in Noumea

THE eighth session of the South Pacific Commission commenced at Commission headquarters, Noumea, on October 29, and it was expected to last two weeks. M. Cassalle-Sere, Senior Commissioner for France, was chairman.

The Australian delegation comprised: Mr. J. R. Halligan, Senior Commissioner and Mr. W. C. Groves, Acting Commissioner; and Messrs. B. Kuskie (External Affairs); and D. T. Lattin (Territories), as Advisers.

Professor K. O. Shatwell (Australia's second Commissioner) could not attend, and Mr. Groves (Director of Education in New Guinea) acted in his stead.

As the Governor of Fiji (Sir Brian Freeston) was away on leave, prior to retirement, the British delegation comprised the Hon. A. F. R. Toddart (Colonial Secretary and Acting Governor of Fiji) and Mr. H. Vaskess (second Commissioner).

Sir Brian Freeston, who will assume the duties of Secretary-General of the Commission on the completion of his service with the Colonial Office, passed through Sydney on November 9, for Noumea, where he will take up residence in due course. During the meeting of the Commission, Mr. John Ryan acted as Secretary-General.

Research Post for NZ Economist

The Commission decided to offer to Dr. Eric Mervyn Ojala, M.Agr. Sc., B.A., Ph.D. (Oxon.), the post of Deputy Chairman of its Research Council. If he accepts, Dr. Ojala will follow Dr. Baas Becking, who resigned last year, and his task will be the direction and co-ordination of the Commission's work programme for promoting better living standards among peoples in South Pacific Territories.

Dr. Ojala is 35 and is a New Zealander. In 1943, after five years' service with the NZ Department of Agriculture, he went to the Solomon Islands as Agricultural Officer for three years. He has first hand knowledge of Samoa, New Caledonia, Fiji, and Tonga. He planned the first census of agriculture in Western Samoa in 1950. He now holds the post of rural economist to the NZ Department of Agriculture.

Quarantine Committee Formed

A special committee to draw up standard quarantine regulations for non-pestilential diseases in the South Pacific has been formed. Chairman is Dr. J. M. Cruikshank (Inspector-General of the South Pacific Health Service).

Nutrition

Miss Sheila Malcolm, an Australian nutritionist, has almost completed her field investigations in the New Hebrides on child and adult nutrition. Miss Malcolm is working in collaboration with Mr. F. Peters, a Commission biochemist, who is conducting research work on the nutritive value of Pacific foodstuffs in the laboratories of the Institute of Anatomy, Canberra.

Tuberculosis

The Commission's tuberculosis research team, under the leadership of Dr. G. Clerc (French Colonial Medical Service) completed its research work in American Samoa early in July, when it left for the Cook Islands. After studying epidemiological techniques in Rarotonga, the team left for French Oceania to carry out further investigations.

Model Training Institution

The Derrick Report on the vocational training of Islands peoples, prepared for the Commission by Mr. R. A. Derrick, (Director of Technical Training in Fiji)

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recommended the establishment at Suva of a prototype vocational training institution.

An authority of world repute in this field, Dr. F. J. Harlow has been engaged to produce detailed plans for the Commission. Dr. Harlow, who has carried out similar work for the

British Colonial Office, in Africa and elsewhere, will undertake this task early next year, after completing a survey in the Far East.

South Pacific Literature Bureau
Mr. D. B. Roberts, B.Sc., will assume charge early next year of

this Bureau, which was recently established by the Commission to promote the circulation of suitable literature throughout the South Pacific. Mr. Roberts, who is at present Acting Director of the Central African Literature Bureau, has been engaged in the production of vernacular literature and associated activities for 15 years.

The film and filmstrip libraries of the Bureau are now functioning and the first appraisal lists have been issued. It is considered the Bureau's film library will before long comprise the most complete film record in the world of the South Pacific Islands.

Co-Operatives

The co-operative movement in the Cook Islands was investigated in July and August by Mr. H. E. Maude, Executive Officer for Social Development, at the invitation of the New Zealand Government.

Housing Survey

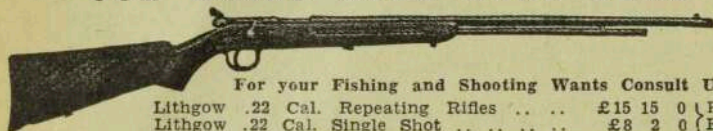
A highly qualified tropical housing expert is now conducting a basic housing survey of the South Pacific for the Commission. He is Professor J. P. Thijsse, of Bandoeng University. During September he carried out investigations in the Cook Islands and Samoa. His remaining itinerary includes visits to Fiji, New Caledonia, and Papua and New Guinea.

Two Agricultural Projects

The "Quarterly Bulletin" features two articles on agricultural projects in Fiji which the Commission is assisting by grants-in-aid.

The first, "The Breeding of Dairy Cattle for Tropical Climates," is by Mr. W. J. A. Payne, Animal Husbandry Officer of the Fiji Department of Agriculture. This experiment, which is being carried out in association with the Ruakura Animal Research Station in New Zealand, should yield important information on the acclimatisation of European-type dairy cattle to a marine tropical climate. Eight sets of identical twins are being used, making it possible to raise two groups of animals with approximately the same heredity, in two

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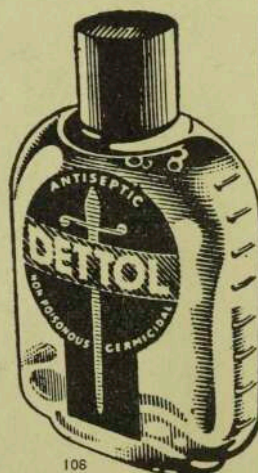
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The second article, "Plant Introduction in Fiji," by Mr. B. E. V. Farham (Senior Agricultural Officer, Fiji) describes the activities of the Government's plant introduction station, established at Naduruloulou, Fiji, for research on the introduction and distribution throughout the South Pacific of plants of economic importance.

FOOD IN HEBRIDES SHORT —AND COSTLY

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, N.H., Oct. 20.

THE recent Pacific islands food shortage was also felt in the New Hebrides.

Apart from seasonal supplies from local Tonkinese market gardeners or unless you are actually living on a plantation, practically every ounce of food one consumes in Vila is imported from Australia.

A major source of this supply was the Morinda which, after suffering damage in the hurricane earlier in the year, was laid up in Sydney for repairs for months. This vessel, with its limited space is serving, on her round trips, Lord Howe, Norfolk, Vila, Santo and the Solomons. The amount of food cargo for each of

these ports is naturally cut and food shortages have been the lot of Vila housewives.

However, the almost simultaneous arrivals of the Morinda, Polynesian, New Hebrides, Admiral Cunningham and the Thor, all carrying food cargoes, has done much to alleviate the situation. Onions from America, margarine from Suva, butter and potatoes from New Zealand were rushed (not to mention Californian garlic, big as turnips, to gladden addicts' hearts).

But each new shipment shows a prices increase over the previous

one. Current prices of a few basic items are as follows:—

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. K. B. Borron, of Mago, Lau Islands, Fiji, leave this month on a visit to United States and Britain. While in America, Mr. Borron probably will undergo some medical treatment. Son James will look after the big plantation during the Borrons' absence abroad.

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

J. A. GARNETT

THE death occurred suddenly on October 23 in Suva, of Mr. Jasper Adrian Garnett. He was 62.

He was born in Fiji and was one of the leading farmers, and a banana buyer, in the Tailevu area. He was a nominated member of Legislative Council from 1944 to 1947 and for some time chairman of the Rewa Co-operative Dairy Company.

Mr. Garnett was a keen sportsman, fisherman, and a well-known bowler. He was also a prominent Freemason.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Mervyn Harris of Waikato, New Zealand, two sons, Roy, of NZ and Kenneth, a Veterinary Officer on the staff of the Department of Agriculture; and four brothers, Hamlet, William, Lionel, and Claude, all of Suva.

MR. HAROLD RHODES

MR. HAROLD RHODES, a dairy farmer of Tailevu, died in Suva on October 24.

He was given a military funeral; a firing party from the Fiji Infantry Regiment fired a salute at the graveside.

Mr. Rhodes went to Fiji about 20 years ago from New Zealand; he

is survived by his wife, three sons, and three daughters.

MR. H. H. HEMUS

UNNOTICED by the newspapers, Mr. Harry Hemus died in Auckland on August 12, at the age of 76, thus ending 63 years' close association with the firm of A. B. Donald & Co., whose branches are scattered throughout the Cook Islands and French Oceania.

Mr. Hemus shipped out of Auckland in 1888 in the well-known Countess of Richmond, as supercargo. This vessel — later to be known as the Haupiri, when acquired by the Union SS Co. — then made regular six-weekly voyages from Auckland to Tonga, Samoa, French Oceania and the Cook Islands for the firm then known as Donald & Edinburgh.

From that first voyage — during which, incidentally, Robert Louis Stevenson came aboard in Apia as guest at an officers' dinner — Mr. Hemus made regular voyages out of Auckland for the following 58 years, for very many years as Islands Inspector for the company. In this capacity, he made his last voyage to Tahiti about 5 years ago.

It is unlikely that any man ever travelled that 2,000-miles span between Auckland and Papeete more

frequently than the late Harry Hemus. His death will be mourned by a wide circle of friends in the Eastern Pacific.

Since Mr. Hemus's retirement, the office of Islands Inspector has been taken over by Mr. Bennett, formerly manager of the Rarotonga branch.

C. W. RUNDNAGEL

AN old link with the New Guinea past was broken on October 5, when Carl Wilhelm Rundnagel died suddenly at his daughter's home in Sydney. He was 70.

He owned Reiven plantation in the Kokopo district, where he had lived since the Queen Emma days. Taken prisoner by the Japs at Kokopo in 1942, he spent his internment with the Vunapope mission internees.

He retired from NG in February, 1951. Reiven has been managed since by his son, Mr. Otto Rundnagel. He is survived by his widow, son, and two daughters.

MRS. P. HUON

AN old resident of Suva, Fiji, Mrs. Paul Huon, died on October 24.

She was a daughter of the late W. L. Coward, a planter in Tailevu. He died in 1920 and Mrs. Huon has lived in Suva since.

She is survived by her son, Mr. Carl Huon, of Suva.

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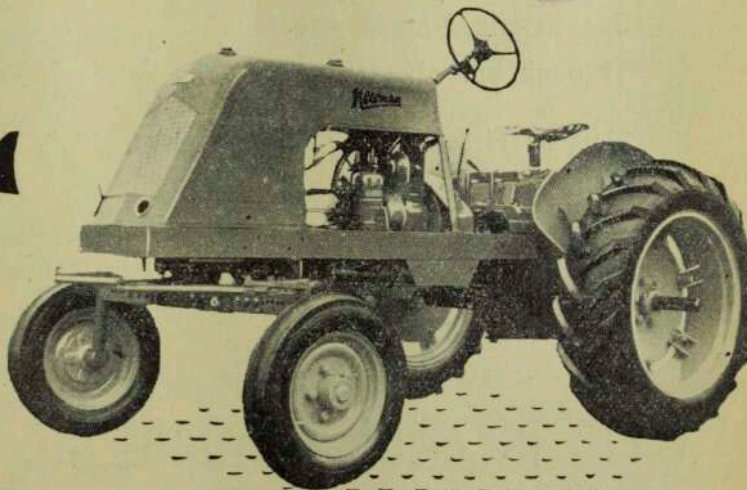
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MRS. LOUIE REAY

FIJI lost another of its pioneers at the end of October when Mrs. Louie Reay, widow of the late Mr. W. Charles Reay, died in Suva. She was 81.

Mrs. Reay went to Fiji with her

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parents when about 17. In 1890 she married Mr. Reay, then a Stipendiary Magistrate of the Colony. She took a very active part in the social life of Fiji.

She is survived by: Miss Lorna Reay, Mrs. Hazel Livingston, Mrs. Widlake (England), Mr. C. S. Reay (Commissioner of Labour, Fiji), Mr. Francis Reay, Mr. H. Neville Reay (Vatukoula), and Mr. A. G. Reay (Labasa).

Sir Henry Milne Scott, KC, of Suva, was a visitor to Sydney and Melbourne recently. He was in poor health a few months ago, as the result of excessive strain, but he has made a very good recovery. He returned to Fiji in mid-November.

WON GOODWILL OF ALL RACIAL GROUPS IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, October 14.

ONE of the few people to leave Fiji (after a two years' stay) with the unalloyed goodwill of all racial groups is Mr. H. T. Lawrence, who has gone to London en route to Burma.

As the first British Council representative in the Colony, his first major job after the establishment of a British Council Centre at Suva, was the formation of the Viti Club for young Fijian men and women.

In the middle of a probably unprecedented round of European, Fijian and Indian gatherings in his honour, Mr. Lawrence told a farewell meeting of the Viti Club that "Fiji is the kindest country I have known in my life."

After urging his hearers to maintain the best Fijian traditions, he said: "The time has gone when any racial community can keep itself entirely to itself in a small country. In Fiji each community can learn a great deal from the others, and this means a degree of give-and-take. . . . The Fijians in particular have a very great deal which they can teach others."

Mr. Lawrence's success, both personally and on behalf of the British Council, has been a notable achievement won in the face of early indifference and prejudiced ignorance of the aims of his organisation.

At one time he was accused of "putting wrong ideas into the heads of non-Europeans." Within a year, however, he had demonstrated that such widely-separated groups as the Fiji Arts Club, the Teachers' Training College and the British Council Viti Club had many cultural interests in common.

Mr. F. T. Goedicke, who has been a resident of Tonga for 67 years—he is now over 90 years old—recently left his old residence in Haapaiti and is now living at Vaini, near Nukualofa. He expects to leave Tonga, about the end of this year, to reside with his son in Devonport, Auckland. Mr. Goedicke, who became a naturalised British subject in 1884, is closely connected with the German aristocracy, and a few years ago, through the deaths of certain people in Holland, he inherited the title of Count von Asten.

The Rev. A. W. Silvester, who has been in charge of Methodist Mission activities on Vella Lavella, B.S.I., for nearly 20 years, is due to return to NZ towards the end of next year. He remained on Vella Lavella during the Jap occupation, and was decorated for his services to the Allied forces whom his mission natives aided on many occasions.

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WILKINSON-BOCK MUDDLE IN PAPUA

Officialdom Sleeps On A Strange Case

IT is time that some strong publicity was given to the Wilkinson-Bock case, which occurred in Samarai, Eastern Papua, in August.

An appeal to the Administrator, Colonel J. K. Murray, for action of some kind, was made on October 4. Up to the moment of this writing, (November 12) no decision appears to have been given. This is typical of the kind of dilatoriness for which Port Moresby has become notorious. Meantime, Lance H. Wilkinson, planter and trader, who was sentenced to 18 months' gaol for theft—and concerning whose guilt there now is doubt—is confined in Pomana Gaol, Port Moresby.

For 2½ years, Wilkinson operated plantations and trade stores in the Samarai area. Using two launches, he brought copra, etc., into Samarai, and carried his own supplies out again.

As everyone knows, Samarai's wharves were destroyed in the war; and there still are poor facilities here for small boats. Wilkinson sometimes worked weekends and

holidays, when Samarai sheds were closed. So he entered into an arrangement with Bock, who was in charge of a native labour compound for Government native labourers, on Elumera Island, about half a mile from Samarai.

Bock went in to Samarai with the labourers on a barge, twice a day.

If there was cargo there for Wilkinson, he brought it across to Elumera, and dumped it in the Government store, where Wilkinson picked it up.

THE association between Wilkinson and Bock seems to have aroused some suspicions some-



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where, and a report was made to the police. One day Mr. A. J. Phillips, Samarai police inspector, went out to Wilkinson's store, and interrogated him about goods allegedly removed by him from the Government supplies at Elumera. Phillips identified certain cases of

canned fish as Government property, and removed them from Wilkinson's store to Samarai.

Later, Wilkinson was questioned by Police Inspector Woodmansey. Wilkinson told the Inspector that he noticed the canned fish in the Government store at Elumera; that he had remarked to Bock that he had been unable to purchase canned fish for his stores; that Bock had said that his labour preferred canned meat to canned fish; and that Wilkinson thereupon exchanged five cases of canned meat for five cases of canned fish, which he sold in his stores at the same price as the canned meat.

Wilkinson stated later that Inspector Woodmansey had said the explanation would not hold water in a Court; and he advised Wilkinson to plead guilty to theft, when he would probably be let off with a small fine, and thus escape a "lot of trouble." Wilkinson agreed to do this.

There was some muddle over the case. Wilkinson pleaded guilty when it was first called; but the police then entered a Nolle Prosequi, and charged him again. Meanwhile, Wilkinson had gone to Moresby and got legal advice; as a result of which he changed his plea to "not guilty."

IT was originally arranged that both Bock and Wilkinson should be charged in that order before

the higher Court. But Woodmansey was required as a witness in Bock's case, and he was absent, so Wilkinson went up first.

The Crown's chief witness against Wilkinson was a native, who appears to have broken down rather badly under cross-examination. The police officer, Inspector Phillips, alleged that Wilkinson tried to conceal the canned fish when he called; but Wilkinson insisted that he gave Phillips every facility for a search.

Judge Bignold, on August 6, found Wilkinson guilty and sentenced him to 18 months' hard labour.

It was while Wilkinson was awaiting transportation to Port Moresby that there occurred the extraordinary series of incidents that resulted in two leading officials of the Territory appearing before the Supreme Court in Moresby on August 29, charged with contempt of Court. (See article on page 3 of October PIM.)

Judge Bignold decided that the case against Bock should be heard by another judge. The charge, the circumstances, and the witnesses were all the same, except that Inspector Woodmansey appeared in the Bock case, and said that Wilkinson had told him, before there was any court proceedings, that he had received the five cases of fish in exchange for five cases of meat. Judge Kelly, who heard the Bock case, was told that Bock's books and records had been checked and there were no discrepancies such as would have been expected if there had been a theft.

Judge Kelly found that Bock was not guilty.

THE fact that Wilkinson had been found guilty, and Bock not guilty by two different judges clearly called for some further inquiry and action by the authorities. The Samarai Branch of the RSL asked that something be done.

The only channel of appeal from a Supreme Court in Papua appears to be to the High Court in Australia—an expensive and lengthy proceeding. Wilkinson's solicitor, Mr. Dudley Jones, accordingly advised Wilkinson to apply to the Administrator for a review of the case, as the Administrator could act immediately.

Application to the Administrator was made on October 4. Expectations of quick action have been disappointed—five weeks have passed, and Wilkinson is still in the Port Moresby gaol, under sentence as a thief.

Comment is needless. If there has been no action in Port Moresby by the time this is published, the PIM will join the RSL organisation in bringing the case before the Australian newspapers and certain high officials in Canberra.

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to Papua some 20 years ago, and he and his relations are well and favourably known in the Samarai district. Lance had an unblemished wartime record as a member of an air crew in Europe. His uncle was prominently associated with Cuthbert's Misima goldmine. Apart from the fact that officialdom, in this matter, seems to have been guilty of a considerable amount of fuddling, the case — on its own merits — cannot be left indefinitely where it is.

NOTES FROM NG GOLDFIELDS

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, October 24.
DIRECTOR of Gold and Power, Ltd., Mr. Hinks, accompanied by his wife and daughter have been visiting this area for the first time in a few years. They have been greatly impressed by Wau and its surrounding countryside.

Miss Jess Leslie, who is secretary for the general manager of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., has gone to China by the Nellore for three months holiday.

Qantas have completed their new office on Wau airstrip, and are now ready for business.

Their agent in this town is Mrs. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., made a hurried trip south recently to obtain medical treatment for Mr. Davis. He is OC, Wau Department of PNGVR.

Several weeks ago the Wau Golf Club informally opened an extra three holes at the course. The

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Our Geologist, Mr. Jack Thompson, has departed on a six weeks geological survey of parts in the Garaina District. He is accompanied by his wife who is also a qualified geologist.



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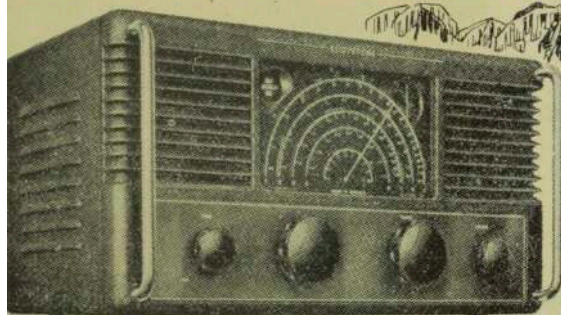
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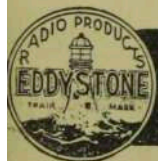


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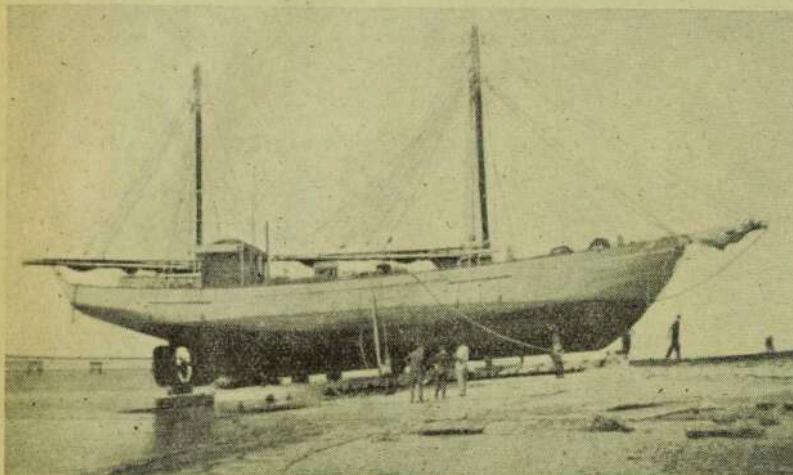
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The Solomon Islands

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Oct. 20.

BOMBS

AFTER surveying the Russells Islands, BSI, the Officer in Charge, Australian Bomb Disposal Unit, reported that the quantity of high explosives in that group was not as large as expected.

A section of this Unit will return to the Russells in November to dispose of the explosives.

WEDDING

At the Honiara Church of England on October 6, Miss Laurel Clark of Cairns, Q'ld., was married to Mr. Roy Davies, BSIP Government official.

A reception was afterwards held at the home of the District Commissioner Central. The couple had a week's honeymoon at Auki after which they proceeded to Gizo, where Mr. Davies takes over as District Commissioner Western.

SOCIETY

Honiara social clubs, by resources and energy during the past six months, now offer local residents the same variety of entertainment, sports and relaxation, as is found in the larger Pacific towns.

The Small Bore Rifle Club has made amazing progress. Weekly shoots are well attended and the standard has greatly improved.

Current champion is Mr. Eric Bubb, of the Commonwealth Bank. He scored the possible 80 points.

The Tennis Club has a large following although no champions have been discovered as yet. Mixed doubles and men's singles provide keen matches.

Mr. Ted Palmer, manager of the Trade Scheme, is the present singles champion; Mr. Bill Andrews of the Shell Company, and Mrs. V. J. Shearwin are mixed doubles champions.

Since the England-Australia "Tests" early in the year, cricket matches have been confined to Married Men v Bachelors and Under 30's v Over 30's. The Overs have proved too strong for the Unders.

Swimming and fishing are ever-green pastimes and more people are taking to bush walking and hiking. A recently reported waterfall about 20 miles from Honiara has helped to make this exercise popular.

Regular dances are held at the Hotel Woodford and the Guadalcanal Club—the Red Cross Fancy Dress Ball and President's Night at the Club were recent gala occasions.

The British Solomon Islands Society, recently formed to promote interest in scientific, technical and historical matters in the Group has a growing membership.

102 DAYS ADRIFT

THE 1,800-mile drift voyage of five Marshall Islanders (two others died on the way) ended at Epi, New Hebrides, on November

The islanders had left Kwajalein on a trading voyage on July 18 and were beset by a series of misadventures—their compass gave out, they were becalmed, then blown southwards at the mercy of a gale. They were without water, and their captain died; some weeks later another member of the party drank two bottles of after-shave lotion and also died. For food they caught some fish and ate sugar which they carried as cargo.

They tried to sail to the Philippines but without a compass actually sailed south. When they staggered up the beach at Epi they thought they had reached the Philippines.

They were cared for by a plantation owner and his wife and were later taken to Vila to await repatriation to the Marshalls.

Native members of the Presbyterian Church on the island of Epi, New Hebrides, have collected 100 wherewith to buy a site for a high school, and now have decided themselves to bear the cost of erecting the building.

Mr. Loring Hudson, who is the executive secretary of the Pacific Science Congress, with headquarters in Honolulu, and Mrs. Hudson, were the guests of the Pacific Islands Society at their Sydney meeting in October. Mr. Hudson gave the members an informative address, in which he described the organisation of the scientific bodies which now give such valuable service to the Territories and peoples of the Pacific. He also told the Society something of what the new American administration is doing in the Trust Territory of Micronesia, which the Americans took over from the Japanese after World War II. Later in October Mr. and Mrs. Loring Hudson paid a visit to Suva, on their way home to Honolulu.

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Famous Scottish novelist, Eric Linklater, who is visiting Australasia, left Sydney for New Guinea by Qantas at the end of October.

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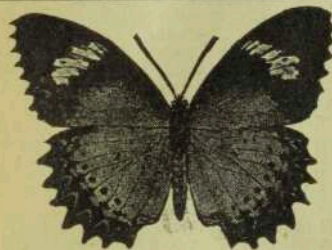
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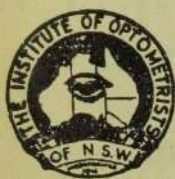
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Normal Islands sailings will now be resumed — Mulama sailing on November 16 for Honiara and Malaita; Malaita for her usual ports in late November; Morinda for Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides and Solomons in mid-December; and Mangola for New Guinea ports, early January.

Mr. E. J. Frame, general manager Burns Philp interests in Papua New Guinea, arrived in Sydney at the end of September from Europe, and immediately went into hospital, to undergo an operation. He has made an excellent recovery, and expects to return to Port Moresby at an early date.

Captain A. Everson, has retired from command of the Melanesian mission ship, Southern Cross. His place has been taken by **Lieutenant-Commander J.F.A. Neill**, who retired from the RZN last year.

Professor L. G. Baas-Becking, the distinguished Dutch scientist who is the first Deputy Chairman of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission, has been appointed to a Research Professorship in Botany at the University of Sydney.

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THE Australian representative of the British Phosphate Commission, **Mr. W. M. Webster**, with a party from Melbourne paid an inspection visit to Nauru in August.

Dr. G. M. Hayward, BPC Medical Officer, with his family returned from leave in Melbourne on the August Triona; **Miss Wheatley**, formerly Child Welfare Nurse here, returned also.

During August three BPC chartered vessels, Triona, Ivybank and Weybank, were all in port on the same day—each vessel was fully loaded with phosphate and got away on the three days following, for either Australia or NZ.

MV Anking in August repatriated 400 Chinese workers who were later replaced by 200 Gilbertese who are now living in the BPC Chinese quarters.

On the same vessel, **Mr. L. E. Cameron** arrived from Melbourne to relieve the retiring manager, **Mr. R. B. Kirk**.

The small motor vessel Nareau arrived from the Gilberts in early September with Gilbertese visitors. She took away with her **Sgt-Major Itimaera**, senior native officer in the local police force, and left behind an epidemic of colds and flu which rapidly spread throughout the island. It would be gratifying if future visitors from the Gilberts

or Ocean Island who had severe colds were prevented from landing.

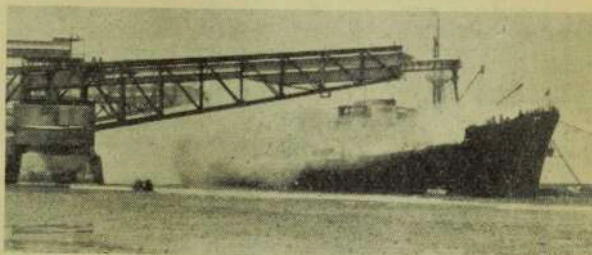
Dr. Thomas M. Robinson of the Church of England, and representing the Bishop in Polynesia, paid a visit about mid-September.

The Nauruan Tennis Tournament in connection with Commonwealth Jubilee celebrations has been played with interest and enthusiasm—it is the first tennis tournament played among the Nauruans themselves.

THIS ship, shown loading at the Cantilever is the Triadic II, formerly Levuka, third and latest addition to the BPC fleet. The cloud of dust, as the phosphate is discharged into the holds of the ship, can be clearly seen.

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Papua-N.G.—Production Control Board price: Main ports, Hot-air, £57 per ton (Kokopo, £55/12/6); Smoked, £56/7/6 (£55). Sydney crushers pay: Plantation Hot-air, £76; F.M.S. £75; Smoked, £74/7/6. Australia has 9 years' contract with UK, based on £53/15/- Stg. **Fiji**—£F59/10/7 per ton, f.o.b. Suva—producers get £F54/10/6 ton, plantation grade, Suva or Levuka; £F54/5/-, FMS; £F51-£F53, other. Fiji has 9 years' contract with UK Food Ministry.

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New Hebrides.—At Vila and Santo: approx. £A80 per ton.

Samoa.—Producers receive £S45/11/- (par with Stg.) per ton, f.o.b., Apia—based on MOF rate of £Stg.53/19/- (less £S5/7/11 Duty, £S3/0/1 Stabilisation).

BSI.—Growers get £A51 per ton, f.o.b., Honiara or Yandina (based on £Stg.53/15/- MOF price).

Tahiti.—Merchants pay 14,900 Pacific fr. per 1,000 kilos (£A106 per ton).

COCOA

Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on November 5 was £Stg.240 (£A300) c.i.f.

Pacific cocoa was quoted nominally on Sydney market in November at:—

New Guinea.—£A280 per ton, ex wharf.

New Hebrides.—Nominally £A285.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in November quoted Samoan cocoa at £S240 (£A300) f.o.b. per ton, first-grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.). London advices, dated October 4, showed No. 1 grade at £S245 f.o.b., and No. 2 grade at £S230.

COFFEE

New Caledonia.—Production exported to France at nominal equivalent of £A450 per ton, Arabica; £A400, Robusta.

Papua-N.G.—Nominally £375 to £425 per ton (c.i.f.), according to quality.

RUBBER

Sydney firms use London and Singapore rates as basis to buy Papuan rubber. Nov. 6: No. 1 grade, RSS (sellers) Spot 45½d. Stg. lb., c.i.f. London (56½d. Aust. lb.); Singapore, RSS No. 1, 152½ cents lb., f.o.b.

VANILLA BEANS

Papeete merchants recently quoted 325 Pacific francs per kilo for Tahiti vanilla beans. Sydney quotation: White Label, 18/6; Yellow Label, 18/6; Green Label, 17/5 per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE

Rice shipped from Sydney to Islands was fixed in May at £60 per ton, f.o.b., White, Unpolished and Brown. (On plantation in Papua-N.G., approx. £85.)

TROCHUS SHELL

Market for trochus shell in Sydney is still unsettled and confused—most agents state they are not interested in buying

until prices firm. Western Pacific shell price—was last quoted at approx. £175 per ton on wharf, Sydney.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

Nominal quotation is at £150-£160 per ton, on wharf, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL

By a contract between Gerdau Co (USA) and majority of Torres pearlers TI shell prices were fixed, 1949-52, at Sound grades, £A325 per ton, f.o.b., TI "D" grade, £A225; "E" grade, £A125— all plus bonuses. Independent pearlers are selling at around £A580 for Sound grades; £A465, "D"; £A340, "E."

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Sept. 13.

The following are to-day's quotations:—

Copra, c.i.f., Continental ports, per ton:—

FM Straits/Mixed DEI £93 Stg

Ceylon nominal

Philippines (bulk) \$210 US

Coconut Oil, c.i.f.:—

FM Straits (3¼%) £142 Stg

Ceylon (cyl.) £147 Stg

Cocoa, c.i.f., Stg.:—

Accra, 284/6 per cwt., London bond.

Accra, 260/- Stg., Nov-Jan. shipment

per 50 kilos, Continental ports.

Bahia, 267/10 per 50 kilos, f.o.b.

Grenada, 262/6 per 50 kilos, f.o.b.

Nigeria, 252/6 per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Cont

ISLANDS MINING SHARES

FIJI

	Aug., 1939.	Oct. 1.	Nov.
Emperor	b9/11	b10/9	s12/3
Loloma	s25/6	b30/6	b36/8

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Bulolo G.D.	b124/-	s66/-	b55/-
Mandated All.	b3/8	s2/-	b2/-
N.G.G. Ltd.	b1/10	b2/2	s2/4
Oil Search	s3/11	b3/8	b3/7
Oriomo Oil	b5/-	b2/-	s2/2
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b1/6	b1/3
Placer Dev.	b68/6	b371/-	b385/-
Sandy Creek	b1/5	s1/-	s9d.
Sunshine Co.	b6/5	s4/-	s2/6

Price of Gold.—Commonwealth Bank fixed price for gold is: Fine oz. £A15/9/10; Standard oz., £A14/4/-.

EXCHANGE RATES

The following exchange rates exist Sydney in November:—

FIJI.—Through Bank of NSW and Bank of NZ.—Australia on Fiji basis £1. Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A111/2/6; London, basis £100 London: Buying, £111/2/6; Selling, £113.

SAMOA.—Through Bank of NZ.—Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Same Buying, £A123/12/6; Selling, £A124/10/6

Samoa-London, basis £100 London: Buying, £100/7/6; Selling, £101/10/-.

Samoa-NZ, basis £100 NZ: Buying, £100; Selling, £100/10/-.

Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa: Buying, £111; Selling, £110.

PAPUA - NG.—Commonwealth Bank (branches P. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and Bank of NSW (P. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-NG as 10/- per £100.

BSI.—Commonwealth Bank (branch Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia-BSI as 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific franc most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in N. Caledonia, N. Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania.

French Bank in Sydney quotes (nominally): 141.75 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 178 Pac. fr. to £Stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US \$.

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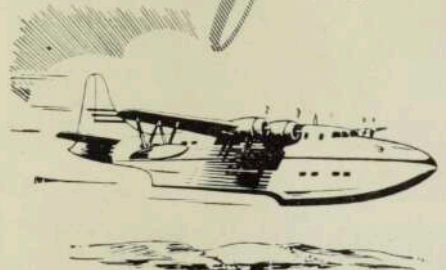
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