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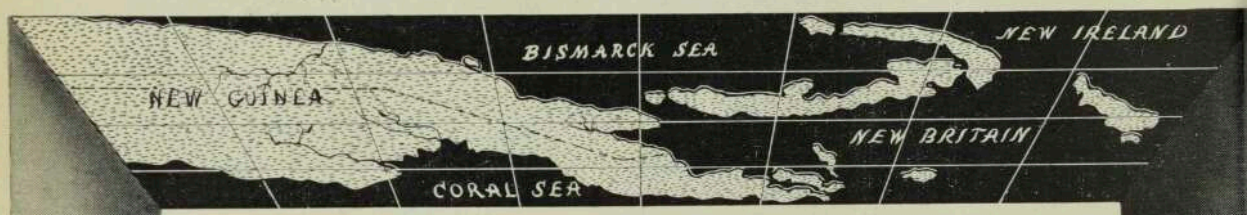
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- Rabaul.
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- Vella Lavella.
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- Honiara.

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

LAE to
- Finschhafen.
- Rabaul.
- Kavieng.
- Manus.

MADANG to
- Wabag.
- Baiyer River.
- Mt. Hagen.
- Kerowagi.
- Chimbu.

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

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- Abau.
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- Losuia.
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- Rabaul.
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- Buka.
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- Buin.
- Talasea.
- Moewe Harbour.
- Lindenhafen.
- Jacquinot Bay.

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- Bulolo.
- Wau.

LAE to
- Garaina.

LAE to
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- Cairns.
- Townsville.
- Rockhampton.
- Brisbane.
- Sydney.

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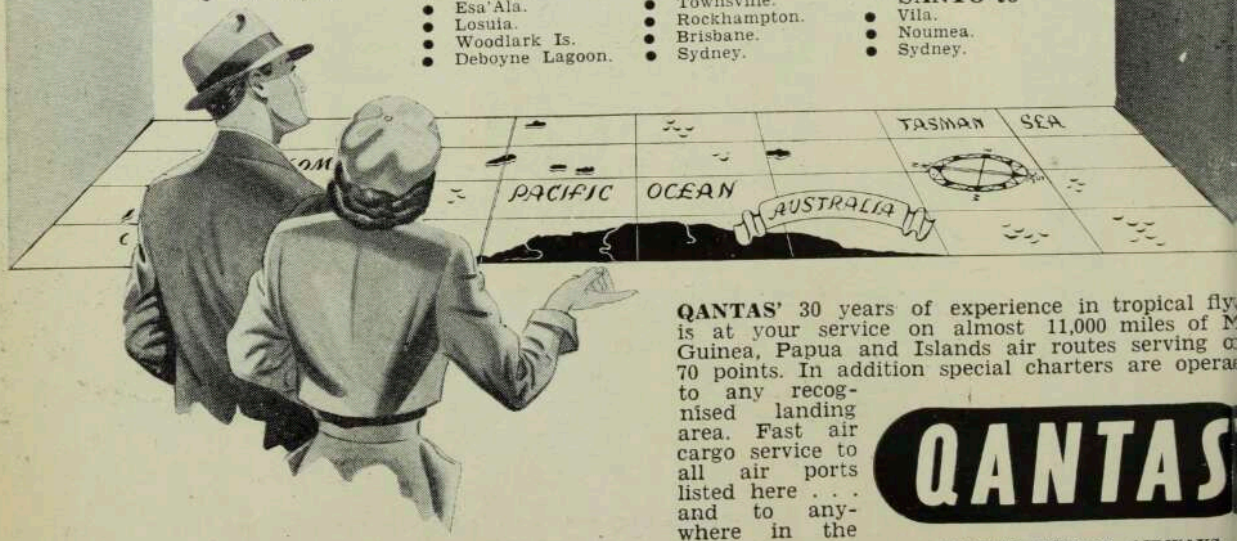
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- Kokoda.
- Higatura.

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

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- Vila.
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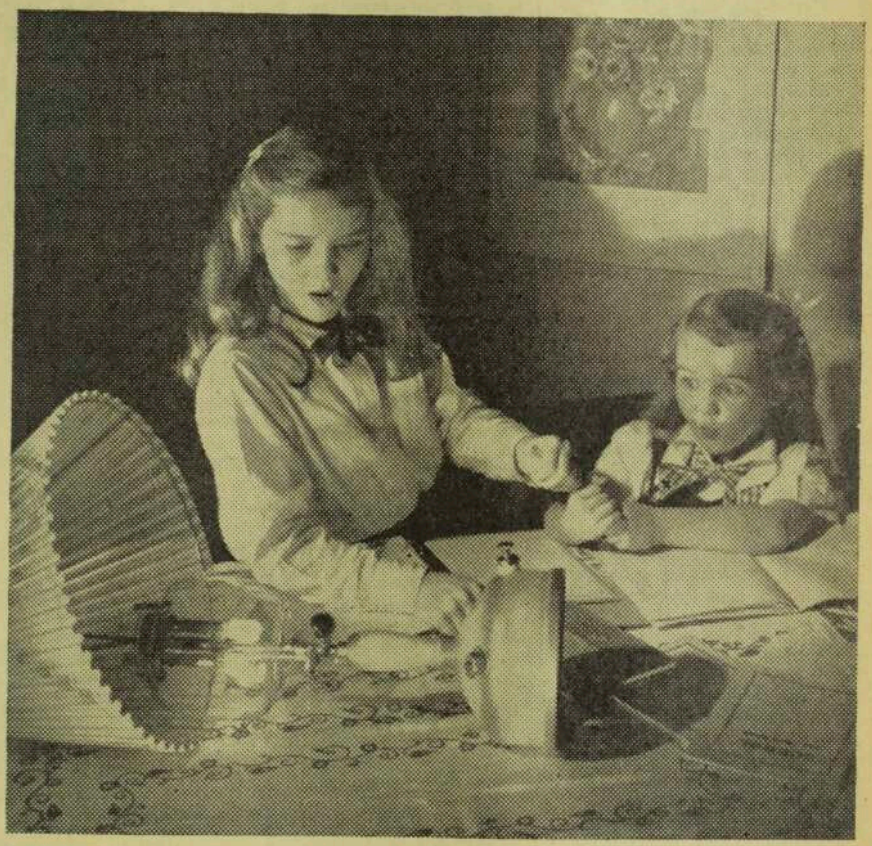
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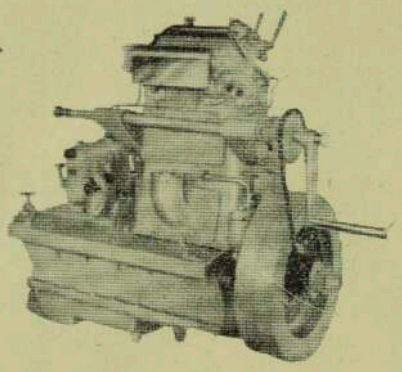
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Overall dimensions :
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Width —24½ in. (622 mm)
Height —43½ in. (1,108 mm)
Weight —1,512 lb. (686 kilos)

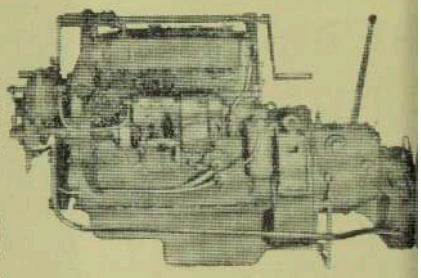


TYPE RTR4 DIESEL

25/30 b.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)

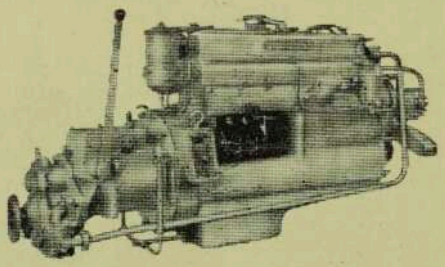


TYPE RTR6 DIESEL

40/50 b.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)

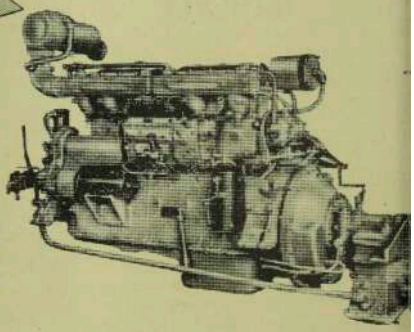


TYPE RNR6 DIESEL

60/90 b.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)

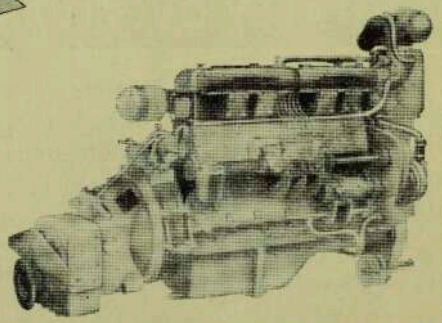


TYPE RZ6 DIESEL

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Overall dimensions :
Length —90 in. (2,286 mm)
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Height —63 in. (1,599 mm)
Weight—3,080 lb. (1,400 kilos)



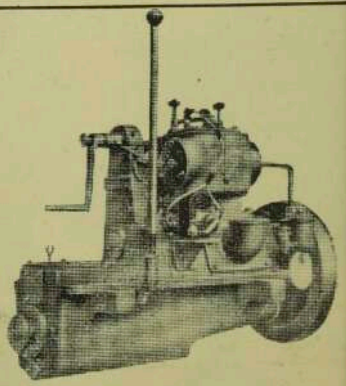
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Sydney-Suva-N. America

Canadian-Australasian liner Aorangi 7,500 tons) maintains regular two-nthly sailings—Sydney-Auckland-Suva-nolulu-Victoria-Vancouver, and return.

RMS AORANGI

d. ..	Nov. 8	Jan. 10	Mar. 13
ck. ..	Nov. 12-13	Jan. 14-15	Mar. 17-18
va ..	Nov. 16	Jan. 18	Mar. 21
a'l'u .	Nov. 23	Jan. 25	Mar. 28
t. ..	Nov. 29	Jan. 31	Apl. 3
nc. .	Nov. 30-Dec. 6	Feb. 1-7	Apl. 4-10
t. ..	Dec. 6	Feb. 7	Apl. 10
a'l'u ..	Dec. 13	Feb. 14	Apl. 17
va ..	Dec. 22	Feb. 23	Apl. 26
ck. ..	Dec. 25-28	Feb. 26-28	Apl. 29-May 1
l. ..	Jan. 1	Mar. 3	May 5

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about ry six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-narai - Lae - Dregerhaven - Rabaul-narai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney.
ast departure from Sydney December 3.
TV Malaita, freighter with some com-table passenger accommodation, sails varied schedule about every seven ks — usually Sydney - Samarai - Lae-lang-Manus-Rabaul-Samarai-Sydney.
ext sailing early January.
ll details from Burns, Philp & Co.,

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

otor vessels Tofua and Matua, from Zealand, service Suva (Fiji), Nukua-and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago o (American Samoa), Apia (Western oa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any ll of above ports at approx. five weeks rvals. Matua calls at Wellington and elton (NZ) and supplements Tofua's dule in Islands, calling at ports as cted by owners.
ofua scheduled to leave Auckland lden voyage) December 21.
atua's next sailing, scheduled January from Auckland.
etails from Union SS Co.

Zealand-Cook Is.-Niue-Samoa

d MV Maui Pomare (40 passengers) ntains fairly regular service between kland and Rarotonga (Cook Islands), alternative calls at Niue and Apia Samoa).
tails from NZ Government Shipping e.

dney-Norfolk Is.-N. Hebrides-Solomons

eamer Morinda, 40 passengers, runs about 6 weekly intervals: Sydney-olk Is. (alternative)-Vila and N. ides ports-Honiara (Solomons), and rn direct to Sydney.
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ydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

ssels of Messageries Maritimes Line, ng 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.

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SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS
Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)

Depart:	Arrive:
iney, 7.45 pm	Bris., 10.30 pm
s., 11.40 pm	Moresby, 6.30 am
resby, 7.30 am	Lae 8.50 am

onnects at Lae with DC3's for Wau, olo (Wed); and (Sun.) Rabaul, direct.

Mon., Thur., Fri. (DC3's)

iney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.30 pm
sbane, 11.30 pm	Rock'ton 1.50 am (Tue., Fri., Sat.)

Depart:	Arrive:
Rock'ton (Tue., Fri., Sat.), 2.25 am	Townsville, 5 am
Townsville, 6 am	Cairns, 7.10 am
Cairns, 7.40 am	Cooktown, 8.35 am
Cooktown, 8.55 am	Moresby, 11.50 am
Moresby, 12.20 pm	Lae, 1.40 pm
Lae, 2.15 pm	Madang, 3.30 pm

SOUTHWARDS

Tuesdays (DC3)

Madang, 4 pm	Lae, 5.15 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

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. (overnight), 4.30 pm
Towns., Tues., 8.15 am	Brisbane, 1 pm
Brisbane, 1.45 pm	Sydney, 5 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

2A. Sydney-N. Guinea

Service by Trans Oceanic Airways With Solent Flying-boat

Sundays and Wednesdays

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

Mondays and Thursdays

Moresby, 9.30 am	Bris., 5 pm
Bris., 6 pm	Sydney.. 8.30 pm

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3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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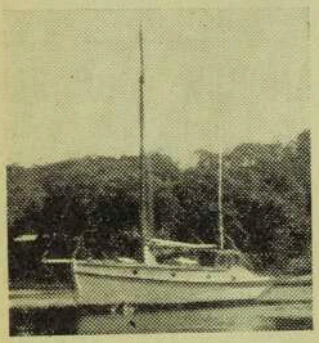
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Alternate Tuesday.—Return to Moresby, via Deboyne Lagoon, Samarai, and Abau.

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Alternate Tuesday.—Rabaul-Q. Carola Harbour-Buka-Kieta - Buin (Bougainville) and return. Inus optional.

Alternate Wednesday.—Rabaul - Talasea-Moewe-Jacquinot B., and return. Lindenhafen optional.

Alternate Thursday.—Rabaul - Losuia-Esa'ala-Samarai-Abau-Moresby.

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Thursdays.—Madang (7 am) to Wabag, Baiyer R., Hagen. Optional: Kerowagi, Chimbu. Returns to Madang (noon).

Fridays.—Lae (6.30 am) to Wabag, calling at any of: Nadzab, Kiaipit, Arona, Aiyura, Kainantu, Bena Bena, Goroka, Chimbu, Kerowagi, Kup, Nondugl, Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Ogelben Baiyer R., Wabamunda. Return Lae.

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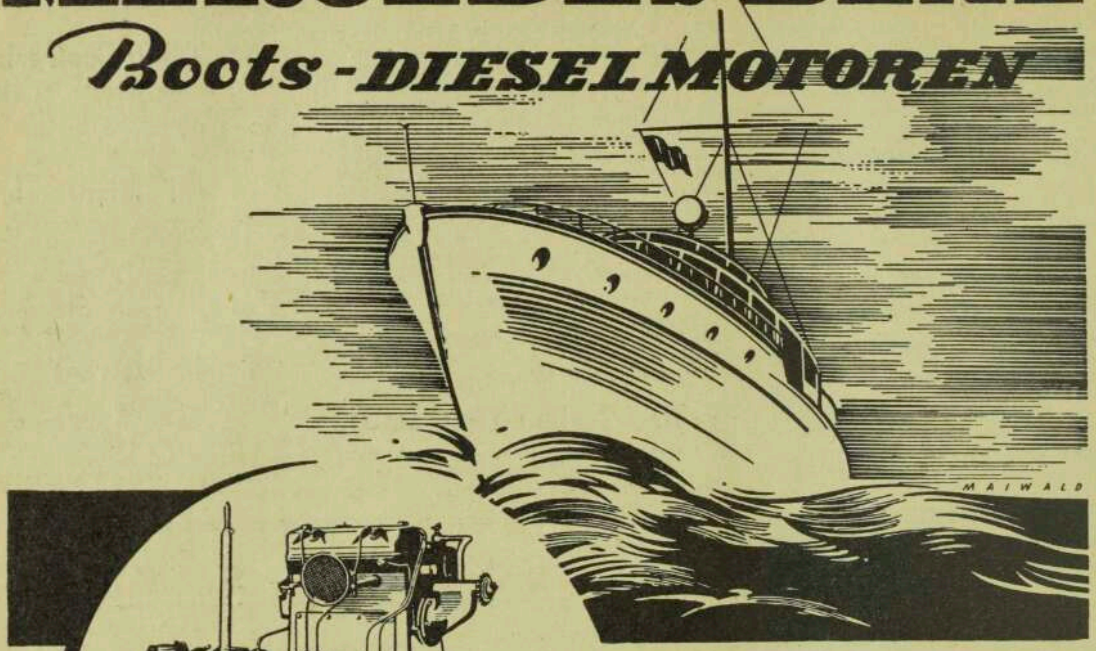
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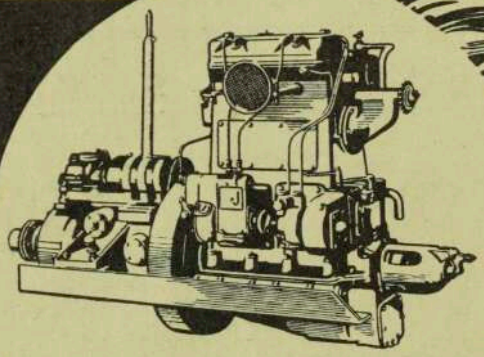
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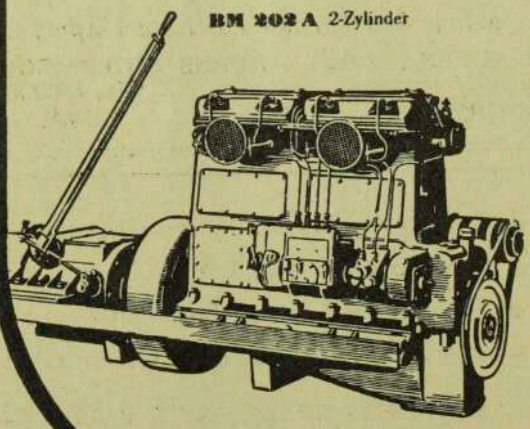
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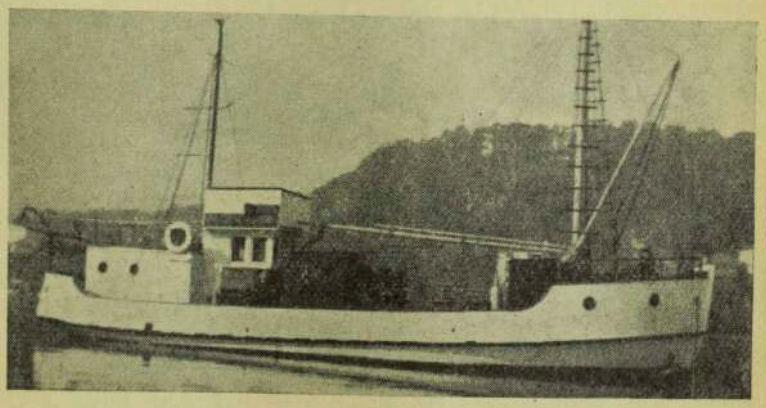
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Where Are Our Defences Against Red Asia?

HE extreme political unrest of the Oriental world is reaching down through Indonesia, l almost touching Australia.

n the last few weeks, these ngs have happened: China, ıting the Western nations in rea, is beginning to disclose rming air power. The Reds have ıpleted the invasion of Tibet, have been involved in a revoon in Siam. The Red-inspired ellions in Malaya and Indona have worsened. The antitish trouble in Persia is build- up to another outburst. There growing restlessness in Iraq, ia, Lebanon, Israel. Egypt is king itself up into war with ain. Turkey has been solemnly ned against the West by Russia.

/e here are immediately conned with events in the New nea-Indonesia area. Since the oval of the Dutch, there has n steady social, political and nomic deterioration throughout onesia. It is manifesting itself evolt in some of the archipela-, and that revolt is bound to me worse.

he Indonesian Government, ever, remains vociferous and tically aggressive. One day, it to Australia; next day, it eches at us all because Aus- ia is said to be friendly to the ch in Western New Guinea.

he Dutch, holding the Western , wish to co-operate with the ish, holding the Eastern half, he development of New Guinea, the world's biggest island, and one of the richest. It is quite a sound idea. The arrival in Port Moresby, the other day, of the Governor of Dutch New Guinea, with some of his high officials, for friendly talks, seemed a proper and logical thing.

AUSTRALIA'S "Foreign" Minister, Mr .Casey, visited The Hague in November. He was reported by the New York Times to have spoken in favour of an economic union between Dutch and Australian New Guinea.

There seemed to be nothing wrong with that. But before the Indonesians could start howling, Prime Minister Menzies hurried out a flat denial of the report; and Mr. Casey, now in London, also issued a contradiction. But the Indonesians howled, just the same.

The New York Times, which is not a sensation-monger and is generally reliable, said that Australia was most anxious, for defence reasons, that the Dutch should hold West New Guinea firmly against the Indonesians; and Mr. Casey had undertaken that Australia would, if necessary, support the Dutch in their stand. The newspaper said Mr. Casey's proposals included:

- A joint Australian-Dutch air and sea patrol around New Guinea.
- Australian aid in re-building Dutch New Guinea airfields which the United States built in the war.
- Economic co-operation in developing Dutch New Guinea's natural resources.

The reader may assess the probabilities for himself. This writer hopes that the New York Times is right.

Why should the Australian political leaders worry about the feelings of the Indonesians, whose political ineptitude is creating, every day, a wider channel for the ultimate approach of the Asiatic Reds to Australia, and all the lands of the South Pacific?

A map which accompanied an interesting article in Sydney Daily Telegraph on November 18 showed that the great air-sea base at Manus—now steadily coming back into effective occupation by American as well as Australian forces—is within 2,600 miles of Japan, Hong Kong, and all Indonesia. The strategic importance of Manus, in relation to New Guinea and Indonesia, cannot be exaggerated.

WHEN the Dutch New Guinea Governor, Mr. S. L. J. van Waardenburg, was in Port Moresby recently, he said the Dutch Government has provided Dutch New Guinea with a 3 per cent. loan of 40 million guilders; and there would be a lot more money for the development of the Territory if its political status could be fixed. The new loan will be used for the building of communications, and especially ports at Hollandia, Merauke and Sorong.

When an Australian Socialist Government connived at the removal of the Americans from Manus, and the Dutch from Indonesia, it did Australia and the South Pacific countries a disservice that can be measured only in terms

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of history. Maybe, an Australian anti-Socialist Government can undo some of that harm by establishing the Dutch in Western New Guinea, and encouraging the return of the Americans to Manus.

Australian and New Zealand Ministers are always ready to talk platitudes about their planning in certain limited sections of the Pacific. But when they are asked to express a clear-cut over-all policy in relation to a vital thing like the defence of the South Pacific against the mounting power of Red Asia, they run like scared rabbits. It would be, for us in the South Pacific, a very disheartening picture, if it were not for the growing strength and firmness of the Americans in the North Pacific.

Legislative Council Breaks Down Official Reticences

IN its issues of Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, the South Pacific Post, of Port Moresby, did an excellent job of reporting the sessions of the new Legislative Council, which was formally opened on November 26.

This was the first time that all classes in the Territory—and especially the non-official Europeans—had had an opportunity of really getting face-to-face with the Administrator and his Departmental heads, in a survey of Territories affairs.

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The Moresby newspaper, very wisely, dropped all else and concentrated on reporting the Council discussions; with the result that the Territories got the best budget of information on matters which concern them personally, which they had had since the war.

If this system is followed—frank discussions at the Legislative Council, and adequate reporting of same—much of the savage discontent that has been manifested against the Administration will tend to disappear.

Residents, with a better understanding of the Administration's problems, will be more tolerant. Officialdom, realising that it is to be subjected to merciless questioning at Council meetings, will be more inclined to hurry matters along to decision and action.

An alert Council, plus good newspaper service, should be of real benefit to the war-battered Territories.

PIM RATES ARE RAISED—WITH REGRET

AS indicated in November, we are compelled, owing to big increases and pending increases in our three main items of production cost—paper, wages and postages—to fix higher rates for Pacific Islands Monthly subscriptions and advertisements, as from January 1.

By reducing the page-size of the PIM we avoided taking this step during 1951, although costs had risen sharply. But the vicious spiral still goes on; all manufacturers are being compelled to raise their prices, or go out of business; and, with much reluctance, we can only follow suit.

The subscription for the PIM, after January 1, will be at the rate of 24/- Australian per annum, paid in advance, (single copies 2/-) for all readers in South Pacific Territories, except New Caledonia and French Oceania, where the rate will be 27/- per annum. This includes postage. Elsewhere, the new rate is 30/- per annum — United States, and Canada, 3½ Dollars.

The new rates for advertising are being sent to all persons interested. The increase is in about the same ratio—not enough to absorb all the new costs, but enough to allow us to continue functioning.

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Samoan Trade Promises A Record

APIA, Dec. 3.

THIS year's figures will show that Samoa's production and export of cocoa beans will exceed 3,000 tons, while copra exports will exceed 15,000 tons. With cocoa and copra at their present prices, it is apparent that the value of 1951 exports will reach an all time high—well on towards £1,000,000.

Exports of bananas and desiccated coconut have fallen. Owing to an acute shortage of local food, Samoans have been eating their own bananas; while the price available has not encouraged production of processed coconut.

The APC bore at Hohoro, Papua, is now down to 9,940 ft.; the IE Co's, at Omati, is at 8,921 ft. This is about as deep as they go. A third "seismic party" has arrived in Papua and is working in the region between the Turama and Bamu rivers.

Owing to ill health, **Mr. A. J. Smeaton** has resigned from the Directorate of Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd., New Guinea. Mr. W. J. Macgregor has been appointed to the vacancy.

ANOTHER £5 PER TON FOR PACIFIC COPRA

COPRA authorities in the Sou Pacific have been advised th the British Ministry of Fo proposes to raise the copra contra price for the 1952 period of t nine-year-contract, by the maximu amount of 10 per cent.

This will mean a rise of betwe £5 and £6 per ton for British cop producers in the Pacific during 19

This is nothing to be grateful f Ever since Britain, after making t nine-year contract in 1948-49, d valued Sterling by over 30 per cen British Pacific copra producers ha been deprived of about £40 per to Non-British Pacific copra growe being able to enjoy the wor market, have been getting t equivalent of £80-£120 Sterling, CI European ports.

NEW HEBRIDE LABOUR

Plans To Use Javanese ar Italians

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Dec. 3

IN Paris, M. Durand Revil Senator for Gabon, has giv to the paper he owns (La Pres de l'Union Francaise) an arti dealing with the labour problem the New Hebrides.

He says that at present only 3 Tonkinese out of 1,800 are worki on plantations, and he asks t French Government to study t matter and to establish an "Imm gration Bureau."

The French authorities introduc in the New Hebrides over 2,0 Tonkinese from French Indo-Chi on five years' contracts. The To kinese proved fairly good worke Recruited prior to World War they could not be repatriated at t end of five years owing to shippi shortage and were allowed to r main in the Condominium as fr citizens. A certain number becar small shopkeepers and the othe worked as casual labourers.

The French authorities repatriat a certain number of them duri 1948 and 1949. To replace the the French brought in Javane labourers, the first boat-load whom arrived in 1949.

In 1951, a French settler (Grazziani) arranged for Itali labourers to be introduced into t Condominium. It is said, in V and Noumea, that the first sh load of Italians has left Genoa.

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Suva Has New Mayor

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 19

The Suva Town Council on ovember 14 elected as Mayor, Mr. . M. N. McFarlane, a prominent licitor.

Mr. McFarlane was elected to the ouncil when the elective system as restored in 1949. Councillors re elected for a three-year term, ut the Mayor is elected annually n a councillors' ballot.

The retiring Mayor, Sir Alport arker, CBE, had held the post for ree years, after a long term as airman of the Government-minated Town Council. He was so the last Mayor of Suva under e municipality abolished in the 30's.

After his election, by five votes to ree, the new Mayor moved a otion expressing high appreciaon of Sir Alport's work in the unicipal life of Suva for more an 40 years.

"The change in Mayor is in no ay a reflection upon you, Sir Alort," Mr. McFarlane said. "A eat deal of your working life and ur spare time has been devoted the interests of this town and e welfare of the taxpayers. Both dy Barker and yourself are well own and respected figures in this mmunity, and we feel sure that e work you have done for Suva ll live on."

The motion was enthusiastically pported by all members.

R. MACMILLAN LEAVES S. PACIFIC COMMISSION

OR reasons which have not been disclosed, the South Pacific Commission demanded and reived the resignation of Dr. H. G. acMillan, head of the Economic evelopment section of the Research Council; and Dr. MacMillan ivises that he will be leaving the rvice of the Commission, and oumea, early in the New Year.

Dr. MacMillan was appointed in 48. He spent some 20 years as a thologist in the US Department Agriculture, and he then was in e service of other official bodies the Pacific Islands as an agriltural economist. He speaks rench, German and Spanish.

NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL

After the meeting of the Comission in October, Sir Brian Freeon, late Governor of Fiji, proeeded to Noumea and settled in to s new position as Secretaryeneral of the Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Trotter and their aughter returned to Suva in Novnber after visiting the USA and K.

AUCKLAND - TAHITI

May be Monthly Service From December 27

ALTHOUGH daily newspapers have repeatedly announced an "inaugural" flight by Tasman Empire Airways Limited between Auckland and Tahiti, the new flying-boat service actually has not yet commenced.

A Solent, carrying a large official party, passed through Suva on November 27; and, after calls at Apia (West Samoa) and Aitutaki (Cook Islands), the party was warmly feted by the Tahiti community, led by the Governor of French Oceania (M. Petitbon). But this appears to have been only the last of the several survey flights.

TEAL, in mid-December, were tentatively taking bookings for a flight leaving Auckland on December 27; with an overnight stop at Suva, no call at Apia (where landing facilities are not complete) and a stop at Aitutaki en route to Papeete. Subject to certain facilities being provided, it was hoped thereafter to run a monthly service, along the route named, with the call at Apia included. Qantas are the Australian agents of TEAL.

Vila Uneasy Over Ambrym

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Dec. 5.

NOW that there is almost continuous volcanic action at Mounts Benbow and Marram, on Ambrym Island, New Hebrides, life is becoming uneasy in Port Vila.

Mounts Benbow and Marram are sending up huge columns of smoke, and heavy clouds of pumice dust are hanging over the archipelago.

The Resident Commissioner for France, M. Anthonioz, who has arrived in Noumea for a holiday, says that Vila is suffering from the eruptions, although they are taking place over 100 miles away. A few days ago, pumice fell for hours on the town, causing damage. "And, as the weather is very dry," added the Resident Commissioner, "Vila has not much water."

On Ambrym itself, ashes in some places are now more than 4 feet deep. Much vegetation is dying off. Most plantations are being ruined and it is said in Vila that the productivity of the island is finished for a great number of years.

'Young Tony Taylor' is Called to New Hebrides

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Dec. 2

THE official vulcanologist in Papua-New Guinea, Mr. G. A. Taylor, at the request of the New Hebrides Administration, is about to make an inspection of the big volcano at Ambrym.

Mr. Taylor's first appointment was watchdog to Rabaul's volcanoes. His routine changed overnight in January 1951, when Mt. Lamington erupted. He has received much praise for his work there.

Papua-N. Guinea Travellers



John Franklin, Noel Owers and Peter Owers returned to Wau per Qantas for the school holidays.—RIGHT: Mr. H. Ricketts proceeded per plane on transfer from Shepparton (Vic.) to take up an appointment as accountant at Commonwealth Bank, Lae.

Edmund Tsang and Tommy Sieto, of St. Bernard's School, Katoomba, returned by Qantas to Lae for the school holidays.—Miss C. Grubb, who was employed in Rabaul in 1945, returned by Bulolo for one month's holiday.

Mr. A. R. Lamont, connected with the NG gold industry for the past 20 years, returned to Wau, after leave in Australia.—RIGHT (reading from left): Sister M. Anne, Sister M. Beatrice, Sister M. Jane Francis (Order of Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart) were passengers on Bulolo. Sisters Anne and Beatrice were returning to Port Moresby after visiting Ireland and France, following 17 and 23 years' service in NG respectively. Sister Jane Francis, going to NG for the first time, will be stationed at Nimoa, in the mountains of E. Papua. She is a fully-trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Briggs (Civil Aviation Dept., P. Moresby) returned after six weeks' leave in Australia, "and glad to be going back."—RIGHT: Mr. R. P. Walker (manager of Colyer Watson's Kavieng branch) returned from leave in Australia by December Bulolo.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

Left to Right—
FRONT ROW: Mrs. Doris Booth, His Honour the Administrator, Mr. D. M. Cleland.
SECOND ROW: J. H. Jones, H. H. Reeve, W. C. Groves, E. P. Holmes, C. C. Marr, Father J. Dwyer, Merari Dickson.
THIRD ROW: Simogen, C. Champion, S. Elliott Smith, W. W. Watkins, B. E. Fairfax-Ross, I. F. Champion, Rev. D. E. Ure.
FOURTH ROW: D. I. McAlpin (Clerk of Council), J. B. Sedgers, Dr. J. T. Gunther, H. L. R. Niall, C. M. Jacobson, D. Barrett.
BACK ROW: Alsoll Salin, T. P. M. Byrne, Rev. F. G. Lewis, J. R. Foldi, E. A. James, J. B. McAdam. Obscured: B. P. Essai (Clerk Assistant).
ABSENT: J. K. McCarthy.

—Photo, Papuan Prints.

In furtherance of its determination to encourage the production of rice in Papua-New Guinea, the P-NG Administration has invited the Chief of the Division

Department of Agriculture (Mr. W. Poggendorff) to visit the Territories in January. He will make a survey of both high and low country, to ascertain their suitability for rice

Western Somoa's first casualty in the Korean war was notified in an official New Zealand Casualty list on November 11 when it was announced that Gunner A. Ah Mu

Regiment had been accidentally injured while on service in Korea. Gunner Ah Mu, one of half a dozen of Western Samoan soldiers fighting in Korea, is the son of Mrs. T

P-NG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OPENED

New Channel for Reaching Moresby and Canberra

THE Legislative Council which was established at Port Moresby on November 26 is not a new thing: it is new only so far as the Papua-New Guinea combined administration is concerned. Before World War II, both the Mandated Territory of NG, and the old Australian Territory of Papua had Legislative Councils, set up to assist and advise the Administrations.

The new Council, however, has some new features, summarised thus:

- It has rather wider powers than heretofore in the making of new laws, and its general procedure conforms more than previously to that of an Australian Parliament. (But all its Ordinances are subject to acceptance by the Administrator and some, over and above that, to approval by the Commonwealth Parliament.)
- Of the 29 members, three Europeans are elected by popular vote. All the others are there either ex officio, or as the nominees of the Administrator.
- Three of the nominated members are natives.

A very wide range of subjects was discussed by the Council during its two weeks' session; but, over all, was the consciousness that, through the ex officio members, and because of its power of nomination and veto, the Council was entirely subject to the control of the Administrator.

Everyone is agreed, however, that the first session of the Council has been very successful, and a big step forward in P-NG government.

MORESBY'S HECTIC WEEK

For Port Moresby, the first was a week of ceremonies and talk.

On Saturday, November 24, the Administrator of the Commonwealth, Sir John Northcott (acting in the absence of the Governor-General, then abroad), and the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, arrived by plane.

The visitors were accommodated at Government House and that evening, at dinner, they were the guests of the Papua Club.

On Sunday, a Commonwealth parliamentary delegation of five, accompanied by the Department's Secretary, Mr. C. R. Lambert, arrived by air. Mr. Lambert went to Government House and the Parliamentarians to the Hotel Papua.

On Monday, 26th, natives gathered in their thousands to see the Inauguration.

Military units and Papuan Police paraded; the highest officials took the salute; and then everyone proceeded to the new Red Cross Hall, temporary meeting-place of the Council.

Sir John Northcott delivered an inaugural address and then, at the request of the Minister, administered the oath of office, as President of the Council, to the Administrator (Colonel Murray).

At 4 pm, the President took the chair; the new Councillors were sworn in; they were addressed by the Minister (Mr. Hasluck) and by members of the Parliamentary delegation; the President delivered an address; some of the new Councillors spoke; and the draft of the Standing Orders were tabled.

That evening, at the Hotel Papua, a Territorial Dinner, attended by all the local people who could be accommodated, celebrated the opening of the Council.

Early next morning, Sir John Northcott and Mr. and Mrs. Hasluck departed for Australia.

THE NEW COUNCIL

Later in the day, the Council dealt with various formalities and then settled down to serious discussions. The following constituted the new Council:—

President: The Administrator.

Ex Officio Members: D. M. Cleland, Claude Champion, J. H. Jones, Dr. J. T. Gunther, Ivan Champion, H. H. Reeve, W. C. Groves, C. C. Marr, E. P. Holmes, J. B. McAdam, W. W. Watkins, T. P. M. Byrne, H. L. R. Niall, J. K. McCarthy, J. R. Foldi, S. Elliott-Smith.

Elected Members: D. Barrett (New Guinea Islands), C. M. Jacobsen (New Guinea Mainland), E. A. James (Papua).

Nominated Non-Official Members

Missions: Revs. D. E. Ure, J. Dwyer, F. G. Lewis.

Native Members: Merari Dickson, Aisoli Salin, Simogen.

Non-Official Members: B. E. Fairfax-Ross, Mrs. D. R. Booth, J. B. Sedgers.

A very big business paper had been arranged.

The following are some of the main points of interest in the innumerable speeches delivered:—

CHINESE COMMUNITY

A broad outline of policy was given by Sir John Northcott. Subject to protection of the rights and future of the natives, he said, it was the intention of Australia to develop the Territory by private enterprise and by encouraging new settlement, especially by former servicemen.

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Papua-N. Guinea Election

In the elections for the Papua-New Guinea Council, Messrs. James, Barrett and Jacobsen headed the primary votes. After the allotment of preferences, the final figures were:—

NEW GUINEA ISLANDS.—D. Barrett, 150; P. A. MacKenzie, 95; G. Renton, 40; Informal, 30.

Enrolled, 496. Voted, 315.

NEW GUINEA MAINLAND.—C. M. Jacobsen, 158; S. B. Barker, 67; N. H. White, 66; E. C. N. Helton, 20; Informal, 5.

Enrolled, 537. Voted, 316.

PAPUA.—E. A. James, 268; J. I. Cromie, 223. Other Candidates: J. R. Bleck, T. F. Rosser, M. Infante, and N. F. Maloney.

Enrolled, 664. Voted, 664.

STUDENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

UNDER the Directorship of Mr. C. D. Rowley, the School of Pacific Administration, at Mosman, Sydney, is building up a sound and healthy spirit.

This is reflected in the School's monthly journal, where young officers of the Administration now are encouraged to write of their experiences and elaborate their ideas. Some of these articles are definitely helpful.

A writer in the November issue made a strong plea on behalf of District Officers for less desk-work and more time in the field. This is exactly what many non-official observers have been urging for some years. The extraordinary multiplication of form-filling duties in P-NG in recent years has tended to reduce the value of the District Services.

There was an important ceremony at the School on the afternoon of December 14, when Diplomas won by the students who had successfully completed the two-years' course were formally conferred upon the students as follows:

BROWN, K. A.	COLLINS, G. D. (1, 2, 3)
COPLEY, B. T. (4)	DRIVER, F. G.
ENGLISH, W. M.	FOSTER, L. R.
GAYWOOD, H. C. (4)	GEELAN, R. M.
JOHNSTON, W. J. (1)	KELLY, W. J. (2)
KIMMORLEY, C. W.	LIDDLE, C. W.
McCABE, B. A. (3)	McLEOD, J. S.
MURDOCH, W. G.	MARCUS, B. B. O. (1, 2, 3, 4)
ROBB, F. P. V. (1, 2, 3, 4)	SEBIRE, P. F.
SINGLE, C. V.	TOLHURST, N. M. (2, 3)
TOMASETTI, W. E. (1, 2, 3)	WEARNE, G. R. (4)
WEBB, R. A.	WILLIAMSON, K. R.
WREN, D. E.	

Figures following names indicate that that student has been given special credit in (1) History, (2) Law, (3) Colonial Administration, (4) Anthropology.

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Papua-N. Guinea News

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Dec. 10

NEW ALTERNATIVE AIRSTRIP

Construction of the new airstrip on Fishermen Island, off Port Moresby, is finished, and the aerodrome will be opened as soon as the runway is consolidated.

This is an important airfield, as it will provide an alternative landing-ground when adverse weather compels the temporary closing of Jackson's strip. Until now, when the latter has been closed, planes on the north-bound run have had to go straight through to Lae; and, similarly, south-bound aircraft from Lae were compelled to go on to the first North Queensland airport. This has involved carrying extra fuel reserve, with consequent reduction of payload.

At certain seasons in the year too, heavy mists blot out Jacksons, and planes have then had to stay on a money-wasting circling flight until the fog lifted.

UNDERGRADS AS MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Somewhere around 10 medical undergraduates from universities in Australia are going to have an exceedingly interesting long vacation over the Christmas and New Year period, working as medical assistants in the Territory.

Last year, three future medicos put in their two-months Christmas vacation on this work in the Territory, and now the maximum authorised by the Territories Minister has been raised to 10.

They will pay their own return fares, and they will help to temporarily overcome the Health Department's shortage of European medical assistants. At present the number is 20 below strength.

MORE VOLCANOES?

There are plenty of shortages in the Territory, but there is certainly no lack of volcanoes. Recently, a pilot on a routine supply flight in the Popondetta area (NE Papua) spotted a cluster of five small craters south of the Hydrographer Range, between Mount Lamington and the coast.

On the next aerial trip the official vulcanologist, Mr. G. A. Taylor, from the Sangara Seismic Station, went along and cast a professional eye over the countryside. His report said the group comprised three small, perfect cones, and two large vents, and they might be "parasitic vents of a major volcano," which might be located in the nearby Hydrographer Range. But this theory needed confirmation by a detailed survey of the district. He considered the well-preserved form of the craters suggested they were of comparatively recent origin. The slopes were grass-covered, and showed little evidence of erosion.

AIR SERVICE FOR PHOSPHATE ISLANDS

"ONE good result of the Japanese occupation of Nauru was that they left behind them a large airstrip," said Mr. John Howse, MP, Assistant to the Australian Minister for Territories.

Mr. Howse said that when he visited Nauru with the Minister in November their DC3 landed smoothly on the Nauru strip; and it now was hoped that an aircraft will, every two months, carry freight and passengers from New Guinea, via Honiara (Solomons) to Nauru, and Tarawa Island, in the Gilbert & Ellice Colony.

The plane, going from Nauru to Tarawa, flies almost directly over Ocean Island, which is the big industrial centre of the Gilbert & Ellice Colony. But there is no landing-strip on Ocean Island, which is simply a huge, upheaved mass of broken coral.

"I once made a land survey of Ocean Island," said Mr. H. E. Maude, formerly Resident Commissioner in the Gilbert & Ellice Colony, "and I think I walked over every acre of it. Nowhere is there a bit of ground suitable for conversion into an airstrip, except at enormous cost."

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Derrick returned to Suva, from the UK, in the November Aorangi.



A snapshot of a small family party at the christening of newly-arrived Jeffrey William Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reid, of Port Vila, New Hebrides. The god-parents were Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Seagoe. The photo shows Mrs. Reid, holding the baby, Mr. Reid, and Rev. James Edwards, who performed the ceremony.

DAILY SUVA-LABASA SERVICE

SUVA, Dec. 10

NOW that TEAL is taking ov the NZ-Fiji-Polynesian se vices, and NZ National Ai ways are moving out, the new i ternal air service, Fiji Airways, accepting responsibility for t Nausori-Labasa service. Fiji Ai ways will make its first regul flight on December 14, and ther after there will be a daily servic except on Sunday.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

TWENTY years make history the South Pacific Island These extracts are from t Pacific Islands Monthly of Decer ber, 1931:—

With the low prices ruling for cocon products, efforts are being made to fi new uses for the coconut. . . . An i portant development is reported from t Philippines, where scientists have demo strated the practicability of using cocon oil for diesel engines. . . . Opinion h been expressed that this will revolution the coconut oil industry.

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European planters in Western Samoa a bitter regarding the high wages they m pay their Chinese labourers (3/6 per da In no other country where Chinese coo labour is employed is the rate so hi Some planters suggest a more accepta source of labour would be found in t Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

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A C31 plane belonging to Bulolo G Dredging and operated by Guinea Airw transported on one flight, the up tumbler shaft of No. 1 Bulolo dredge fr the coast to the goldfields. The sh weighed 6,870 lbs.

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Permission for the introduction Indian coolie labour to certain pla tations was sought by Levers Pac Plantations Ltd., at the November me ing of the Solomon Islands Advis Council. The proposal did not rece warm support, but it is understood t representations will be presented again

(In an editorial note to this item, P said: "Opposition to the proposal is d ficult to understand. Native labour unprocurable; and the enormous potent wealth of the Solomons cannot be develo without an adequate labour supply. T introduction of Indian labourers a peasant farmers should be as great economic success in this Group as in F There is, of course, the social effect . but the social effect of introduci Indians to Fiji has not, so far, been bad

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The protests made by various intere against the German steamer Bremerha having unrestricted access to outports the New Guinea Territory have recei the attention of the Commonwea authorities. The responsible Minister h decided against any restrictions on Bremerhaven.

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In December, 1931, in London, co was selling at approximately £14 per t Para rubber at 4½d. per lb. In Sydn cocoa beans were selling at £32 per t trochus shell at £47 to £57 per ton.

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'PARDON' FOR WILKINSON

Queer Features of Extraordinary Judicial Tangle in Papua

FOLLOWING the publication of a statement on the Wilkinson-Bock case, of Papua, issued to he Australian Territories Minister, ewspapers and Parliamentarians, the Editor of the Pacific Islands onthly, the Papua-New Guinea dministrator, Colonel Murray, nnounced on November 23 that he ad decided to grant a pardon to ancelot H. Wilkinson, who would e released from gaol on December .

This decision makes confusion orse confounded. If the circumances entitle Wilkinson to a ardon, why keep him in gaol until ecember 22?

Virtually, the Administrator says: consider the 18 months' imprisonent imposed on Wilkinson exssive, and I accordingly reduce s sentence from 18 to four onths."

The point at issue is not the verity of the sentence but hether, in view of the sharp conct of opinion by two Supreme ourt judges, Wilkinson is guilty all.

Two men were charged with the me crime. One judge said Wilkinn was guilty. Another judge said ock was innocent. One of them is rong. The chances are even that e judge in error was the judge ho dealt with Wilkinson.

Therefore, the chances are 50 in 100 that Wilkinson is innocent, and is being wrongly held in gaol.

Why has Administrator Murray been so dainty and legalistic in his handling of this case? Why could he not show some robustness of judgment and, as soon as Judge Kelly found Bock innocent, have released Wilkinson from gaol, and ordered an inquiry into the whole judicial muddle?

Why, above all, could he not give some official attention to Judge Bignold, who, by the severity of the sentence he imposed on Wilkinson, and the extraordinary situation he created by causing the brothers Champion to be charged with contempt of Court, directs attention to a judical system that does merit some official concern?

Surely the Administrator does not imagine that this extraordinary case will end with his so-called "clemency." If Wilkinson and his friends insist that Wilkinson is innocent (in other words, that Judge Kelly is right), then they will take steps at once to establish his innocence, and collect a large sum from the Administration for wrongful imprisonment.

To serve justice, and to resist the indifference and sloth of some high officials (who would like the case to be forgotten) we shall re-state what we believe to be the facts of this, the Wilkinson-Bock Affair.

History of the Wilkinson-Bock Case

HESE details are supplied by Wilkinson, Bock and their friends, and may ntain bias. We are ready to give equal ce to the officials' side; but officialdom, this extraordinary case, has been gularly silent and aloof.

. H. WILKINSON has been a resident Eastern Papua for many years, except absence on honourable war service. his brother and his uncle (Cuthberts sima Gold Mines) are well known.

After the war, he settled down as a nter and trader, in the islands out of narai. He has a wife and small family.

Kenneth Bock (now 30, with a wife and child) was employed after the war by Misima Gold Mines. When Misima lded up," he went to Moresby, and s employed by the Production Control ard. Mr. MacDonald, head of PCB, spoken well of him. In February, 0, Bock was appointed Acting Superor of Native Labour at Ebuma Island, t out of Samarai.

ock and Wilkinson had been friends on sima. Wilkinson frequently came in m his main store by launch for supes. There is poor accommodation at narai for small boats. The wharf sheds e closed at week-ends when Wilkinson nted to get his goods. Bock went frently back and forth with native labour ween Ebuma and Samarai (half a mile ay).

To assist Wilkinson, Bock frequently picked up goods in Samarai addressed to Wilkinson and dumped them in the Government store on Ebuma, where Wilkinson picked them up at his convenience.

One day (say the defendants) Wilkinson noticed cases of canned fish among Bock's Government stores, and remarked that his people were demanding canned fish, but he could not buy any anywhere. Bock said that his labour preferred canned meat; and they agreed to exchange—Wilkinson gave Bock five cases of canned meat in return for five cases of canned fish.

They say the exchange was made openly —Wilkinson loaded the five cases of fish into his launch one day in May, 1951.

A native medical orderly, Paul Tommy, saw the cases being taken away in Wilkinson's boat. He told others and the report reached Mr. Greg Neilson, who was senior official in DO; and the latter reported to Mr. Greg Neilson, who was then acting as District Commissioner. Neilson reported the matter to Police Inspector Phillips.

Phillips waited until Wilkinson came in again; and he informed him of the complaint. Wilkinson denied theft. Phillips asked if Wilkinson would go out with him and the ADO in the Government boat, and let them examine his store. Wilkinson agreed. The inspection disclosed the five

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Reorganisation of Samoan Police Force

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 17.

THE new Western Samoan police ordinance came into effect on November 1. The Force is now on a similar basis to that of New Zealand.

Provision is also made for an interchange of members with members of the police forces of Fiji and New Zealand.

Mr. J. R. Corston, who has been Inspector of Police, now becomes Superintendent of Police; and Sub-Inspector H. Irwin, becomes Inspector.

MINISTERIAL VISIT TO W. SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, November 17.

THE newly-appointed Minister of Island Territories in the New Zealand Government, the Hon. T. Clifton Webb, will visit Western Samoa in January, travelling from New Zealand on the first trip of the new Union Steamship Company's motor vessel Tofua, which is scheduled to arrive in Apia on New Year's day, 1952.

The arrival of the new island vessel in Apia will be marked by a number of special celebrations. It is intended to hold a special Race Meeting organised by the Apia Turf Club in honour of the occasion.

ARE RUSSIAN SUBS ON THE PROWL?

AUSTRALIAN newspapers at the end of November published reports that unidentified submarines—believed to be Russian—had been seen off the Northern coasts of New Guinea.

As a result, Australian warships have been asked to exercise special vigilance.

The Australian Minister for the Navy said he did not regard the reports seriously—he had received no confirmation from official Navy circles. He added: "It would be extremely difficult and hazardous for a submarine to venture so far south at this time."

The fact remains, however, that if Russia really is planning war, one of the first things she would do would be to instruct her trans-ocean submarines (of which she has many) to make just such long-distance test voyages as would be represented by the trip from Vladivostok to New Guinea.

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PREPARING THE COCOS IS. NEW AIRPORT

THE Australian Government is making steady progress with its plan for the construction of a first-class airfield on one of the Cocos Islands, which lies far out in the Indian Ocean, about equidistant from the north-west tip of Australia and the south-west tip of Java.

Cocos will be a very important station on the new air route, via the Indian Ocean and East Africa, which may take the place of the now disturbed Indonesia - India-Middle East section of the regular airways track between Australia and Europe.

Large teams of men are now constructing the airfield, and the necessary buildings. The airport will be ready in six months.

During November, a 40-tons air-sea rescue launch arrived at Cocos, as part of the equipment there, after a 40-days voyage from Australia. About the same time, a large landing-craft was unloaded from ss Dongala.

THE RULER

John Clunies Ross (known as Clunies Ross V, he governs the little group acquired by his great-great-grandfather) has now settled down in Cocos with his young bride, whom he met while he was studying colonial development at Oxford (she was studying occupational theraphy.) She was Miss Daphne Parkinson, daughter of a wealthy Lancashire manufacturer,

The English newspapers, describing the "romance," said the "queen of the Cocos Islands" would see a ship perhaps only twice a year. But Cocos now is an Australian Territory, and from July next Mr. and Mrs. Clunies Ross will be living beside one of the world's busy trans-ocean airports.

DROUGHT, SMOKY HAZE AND 'FLU AT SUVA

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Dec. 3.

THE heat of a Suva December has followed a phenomenal period of dry weather. November was the driest for 63 years—the month's rainfall was only 1.03 ins. compared with an average of 10.29 ins.

Since September all parts of Fiji have frequently been covered by thick, smoky haze. The haze has generally been attributed to the disastrous fires in Australia, with a contribution from the normal seasonal burning-off in the Viti Levu canefields.

These persistent haze patches, sometimes hanging like a fog over south-east, west, and north Viti Levu, have caused the calling-off of the partly-completed and expensive aerial survey, which was being undertaken by a UK firm.

Almost invariably, prolonged dry weather means an epidemic of some sort in the Suva area. For several weeks now townspeople of all races have been suffering from a particularly vicious form of influenza.

HIGHER COSTS OF LIVING IN PAPUA-N. GUINEA

MORESBY, Dec. 7.

WITH the provision of a mouthpiece (the new Legislative Council) the Papua-New Guinea community seems to be due also for a series of financial shocks.

Rubber exports are to be subjected to an export tax. If the declared value is not over 2/6 per pound, there is no tax. For every sixpence in excess of 2/6, there is a tax of one penny.

In spite of resistance by planters' representatives in the Council, who declared this was sectional taxation aimed at the planter, the tax went through. Official attitude was that copra, desiccated coconut and gold paid a tax—why not rubber? The tax is expected to produce £30,000 p.a.

In spite of opposition by a large section of Council, the 10 per cent. surcharge on all dutiable goods was agreed to. This will increase the cost of many items.

A number of smaller taxes are to be imposed.

Public resentment has been voiced by the South Pacific Post, which declares that it is most unfair that taxation should be so heavy, while the people have so small a voice in the Administration.

At the same time, to the grave discontent of the traders, the Administration at the end of November, introduced price control. Here are some of the maximum prices fixed:

The landed cost, plus—

Fresh butter, 6d per lb.
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Canned corned beef, 3½d per 12 oz. tin.
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£3,000,000 Now In Copra Stabilisation Fund

ALTHOUGH there is no £3,000,000 in the Copra Stabilisation Fund (created by the Australian Government by regul deductions from payments due Papua-New Guinea copra-produce over the last five years) there st is no indication of what is going be done with the Fund.

Questioned in Parliament Canberra on November 27, t Territories Minister (Mr. Hasluc said that rules for the control a use of the Fund were being pr pared. He said there was possibility at present of the mon in the Fund being returned to t contributors.

SIR HUBERT MURRAY MEMORIAL

UNDER the direction of the P-N Administration, and with t active encouragement of t Australian Minister for Territori (Mr. Hasluck) a fund for the pr vision of a Memorial to the late S Hubert Murray, Lieutenan Governor of Papua, has been i augurated. Subscriptions are bei sought by Committees in Mores and Sydney. Australian contrib tions should be sent to Mr. C. Rowley, Principal of the School Pacific Administration, Mosma N.S.W.

Distinguished Naturalists NG Highlands



Count and Countess Gyldenstolpe, Sweden, who have now returned ho after spending some weeks at Nondu Central New Guinea Highlands. They w collecting specimens for the Stockho Museum. In the photograph, the Count holding a rare "King of Saxony" Bird Paradise.

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

IT is good to hear these Voices from the Past, as demonstrated by Herr H. R. Wahlen, in the Editor's Mail Bag (Nov. PIM).

There is no doubt but that he was a Personality Plus, long before that term came into general usage. There is one point I do not agree on in respect to his early days in New Guinea.

If my memory serves me right, he came out originally for the Hernsheim Co., not the New Guinea Co., as stated in the PIM. and it was during a trip for this company that he recognised the potentialities of the Western Islands, which he was desirous of developing on his own account. H & Co. gave him no encouragement, so he approached Queen Emma for the finance, and he agreed. That was the start of J. R. Wahlen Gesellschaft, which operated exclusively in the Western Islands.

His South Sea castle—Wahlenberg—built on Maron, in the Hermits Group, was a palatial affair—even beer were imported to range over the surrounding grounds. After the establishment of Maron the NDL steamers, en route from Sydney to Hong Kong, made it a port of call.

Another correction: Hernsheim & Co. never amalgamated with E. E. Forsayth or HSAG.

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One notable aspect of the activities of the big German firms in Deutsch Neu Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago and the Solomon Inseln was the absence of any competition in a big way. The Neu Guinea Compagnie's big holdings were confined to the mainland of Neu Guinea, Neu Pommern and Witu, with a few smaller areas on Neu Mecklenburg, HSAG, or E. E. Forsayth, concentrated on Neu Pommern, Bougainville and the outlying islands with a few on Neu Mecklenburg; while Hernsheim & Co. held areas in Neu Pommern, Neu Lauenburg and Manus, with a store and plantation at Kieta, in Bougainville, at one time doing a considerable trade with the British Solomons.

The "Long Handle Firm" (Deutschen Handels und Plantagen Gesellschaft) before 1914 had only one big store, situated at Mioko, in the Duke of Yorks (Neu Lauenburg) and was operating in Neu Guinea principally as a base for its recruiting vessel "Samoa," seeking labourers for its plantations in Western Samoa.

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Talking about the Western Islands: Only recently I received a screed from an old Island government officer. He writes:

"In the Islands I have tasted some foul beverages—i.e. XYZ's home-brew fortified with a nip of rum, and tomato "beer" at Avarua in the Cooks—but for sheer non-potableness I give Old Charlie Matthie's 'coffee' top marks! He made it himself (Aua, 1920). It looked like Instant Postum, which I believe is made from maize; but Charlie's concoction was from scorched breadfruit 'acorns' plus a root which looked like chicory, but wasn't. His 'coffee,' of which he was very proud, tasted like some of the muck dished out in the Dago joints down Railway way (Sydney). Need any more be said? It was vile and bitter."

Matthies was a real king of the Western Islands. He married into royalty on Aua, and the natives there would do anything in the world for him. When the Exproboard relieved all staff of the German firms in '20 and '21, he was allowed to remain and carry on at Aua, for no one—despite his vile coffee!—was deemed capable of continuing his work.

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In those days we had no fast-travelling launches—save the "Phyllis," that chugged slowly between Ralum and Rabaul each day; there were few auxiliary vessels; no radio—the nearest cable station was at Yap, in the Carolines; there were no cinemas, no refrigerators, no European gaol. But, withal, we lived a happy life, for we had no international body pimping on us—although we did have an Advisory Council, representing every European interest in the colony. And they had a greater say in the laws then than they have now.

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Indonesia's exports to Australia are to be increased this coming year by almost £2 million, making in all £6.8 millions; while Australia will export nearly £5 million, made up principally of flour, metals, machinery and foodstuffs, receiving from Indonesia rubber, timber, tea, kapok and coffee.

Let's hope it does not affect the exports from NG. It should be government's policy to develop NG sufficiently to supply Australia with all her tropical requirements. Give NG first preference every time.

Despite the fact that an Indonesian Trade Mission visited Australia at the beginning of this month, there is every indication that the Javanese are going to be a pain-in-the-neck in a short while.

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The Malan government in South Africa appears to be on the point of cutting the somewhat fragile painter with UNO. As a self-governing nation, it makes no secret of its antagonism towards UN, and steadfastly sticks to its guns when that organisation starts to push it around.

Its present attitude towards UNO is somewhat reminiscent of the Japanese policy, adopted in the Carolines and Marshalls before War II with the League of Nations. That country did what it liked, and got away with it. All of which shows a decided weakness in these international set-ups, and rather makes one wonder why Australia gets all hot and bothered if any member of UNO even looks sideways at our administration in NG.

At the same Trusteeship Committee meeting, when South Africa walked out, the French delegate also left the meeting in a huff. So all is not so well with our UNO masters; which is really not at all surprising.

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I was under the impression that planters, as a whole, welcomed with open arms the change in government, until I met an old-time planter from around Rabaul, down for a short leave. He is not usually given to wingeing.

"How are things?" he echoed my question. "Things are up to putty now with the new government. Rice up £50 a ton, meat up £4 a case, our cigarettes and tobacco double the price, and trade tobacco 13/- a lb, and all the time patrol officers doing everything possible to dissuade the native from working."

I was surprised to hear such a wail, for it certainly does not fit in well with the Government's urge to encourage private enterprise. But then, after all, it might have been one of John's bad days. If the rise in prices is his only complaint against the new government, then he will not be on his own, by any means. There are one or two around Sydney who are also complaining.

Administrator Murray in addressing the natives at the first anniversary of the Hanuabada Village Council: " . . . Learn to read and speak English. Learn Australian methods of production and organisation. . . ." Was he really serious about Australian production?

Frost Brothers Reach NZ in Axelle

DONALD and Ronald Frost, who were in Fiji in October, with their yawl Axelle, arrived in Russell, North Auckland, NZ, in mid-November.

They had sailed the Axelle from the United Kingdom by way of the West Indies, Panama and the Pacific Islands but now want to sell her and buy a farm in NZ. They said they had had enough of the sea and wanted some work they could "get their teeth into."

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Fiji's Indians and the Malayan Battalion

SURPRISE reaction to the decision of Fiji to recruit a battalion of infantry for the Malayan campaign, has been the expressed desire of members of the Indian community to enlist.

Although there is small chance of their offer being accepted, and although it is easy to be cynical on the subject in view of the Indian community's total lack of support of the Allied cause in World War II, most European residents of the colony hope that this indicates that they are now showing the right and proper spirit.

In his address to the Legislative Council at the end of November, the acting Governor of Fiji, Mr. A. F. Stoddart, explained that the Fijian's native background made him particularly suitable for the type of fighting required in the Malayan campaign and certainly, if first, he would be the only one considered.

The Acting Governor did not say so, but it is also a fact that unless the Indians were able to form a military unit, complete in itself, with their various religious observances, particularly in relation to food, would make their inclusion in a Fijian unit difficult. The inclusion of Indian units in the Fiji Military Forces has previously foundered on this rock of religion. Nor have recruits been amenable to military discipline.

NEW INDIAN COMMISSIONER

CONCURRENT with this recent expression of belated, but welcome, Indian loyalty, it has been announced that a new Commissioner for India has been appointed.

The position has been vacant for a year or more, since the departure of the first Commissioner, Mr. S. Waiz. The new Commissioner is Mr. A. K. Sen, who was expected to arrive in Fiji about the middle of this month.

The appointment of Mr. Waiz was made soon after India was granted independence in 1948 and at first caused some resentment in non-Indian circles as the great majority of Fiji Indians are not citizens of India, but are Fiji-born.

However, Mr. Waiz was a man of intelligence, justice and sound commonsense and became well-liked by Europeans, official and otherwise, and did not do any of the things that Fiji's Indian political busybodies hoped that he would do.

When he left Fiji, he dropped a bombshell into the middle of the Indian community—which had been taught by its leaders to demand rather than to serve—by telling them that their allegiance should be to Fiji first; that they should be prepared to serve it in peace and defend it, if necessary, in war. He said, particularly, that when, or if, he returned, he hoped to see a "Private Patel" or a "Sergeant Sharma" in the FMF and made it clear that he thought little of their non-co-operation during the Pacific war.

There was no reply to this advice on the part of Indian leaders, but most residents of the Colony agree that the friction between Indian and other sections in Fiji has lessened in the past year and that there have been signs of a consciousness that the welfare of Fiji as a whole is important, and that it is not simply a sponge to be wrung out for the benefit of the Indian community.

It may be that outspokenness is the medicine needed. The last Governor, Sir Brian Freeston, did not mince words when dealing with the Indians, apparently with salutary effect. Previously it had been the custom to handle the "Indian problem" with kid gloves.

If the new Commissioner carries on the good work started by Mr. Waiz, he can do a tremendous amount for Anglo-Indian relations in Fiji.

RECRUITING FOR MALAYA

MEANWHILE, recruiting for the Fijian Battalion for Malaya has gone on in Fiji. An Army instructor from Malaya has arrived to advise on training.

The difficulty has been not to get suitable men but to keep them away. Thousands of young Fijians have clamoured to join up.

Quotas have now been filled from all districts and it is expected that they will sail for Malaya in January and do jungle training there.

It has been announced that Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Tinker, MC, MM, a NZ permanent army officer and World War II veteran, will command the battalion. Other officers have yet to be chosen.

Col. Tinker went to the Middle East in 1939 as a driver. He won the Military Medal and rapid promotion in the desert, became a parachutist and was dropped into Yugoslavia where he fought with the partisans. He has been in Fiji with the FMF since 1949.

No Pay, No Comforts

From Our Own Correspondent

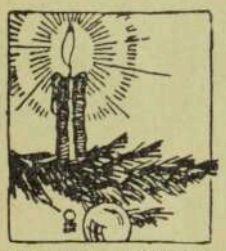
SUVA, Dec. 3.

MANY of the 1,000 recruits now in camp at Luvuluvu, near Nausori have not received a penny in pay since they enlisted more than a month ago.

An angry reaction in some European quarters has followed this disclosure; and more than sour is the comment on the fact that the Fijians' response to the call for recruits is being used as recruiting propaganda in New Zealand.

The call for recruits was made on October 23. By December 1 no effective move had been made to provide worth-while recreation, or recreation facilities, at Luvuluvu Camp, and no transport is provided for leave-men to get to and from Suva.

Each of the Fijian provinces is sending generous gifts of food to Luvuluvu, but nobody else sends anything. This, it should be noted, makes despicable contrast to the Fijian sacrifice involved in the War Memorial Appeal, and such fund-raising activities as those for Princess Elizabeth's wedding gift. (The gift, ostensibly from Fiji, was virtually a gift from the Fijian people).



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Fijian Causes White Australia Trouble

Jackson Deportation Case

ANOTHER White Australia storm blew up in Sydney in November when Immigration authorities ordered the deportation of a Fijian who goes locally by the name of George Jackson, but whose Fijian name appears to be Waqaqa.

He works in a metal factory in Sydney and lives with his wife whom he married in 1949) in East Sydney. Over 4,000 of his neighbours and fellow unionists have signed a petition to the Minister of Immigration (Mr. Holt) asking that he be allowed to remain in Australia; and, at the end of November, three Church leaders flew to Canberra to plead his case.

The business is further complicated by the fact that his wife, whose father was a New Hebridean and mother an Indian, but who was born in Australia, is pregnant

The fact is that Jackson has, legally, much less excuse for being allowed to remain in Australia than any of the other Pacific Island people who have, in recent years, become victims of the White Australia policy.

Mr. Holt said that Jackson had visited Australia in 1944 and 1946 but there was no evidence to show that he had been brought in, as alleged, to work on defence projects. He returned to Australia as a stowaway at some unknown date and escaped detection until March this year. In June he was sentenced to six months' gaol as a prohibited immigrant but was released after a couple of months on the understanding that he would leave Australia voluntarily as soon as a passage could be arranged. Jackson then sought permission to stay because his wife was Australian-born. This permission was refused.

Mr. Holt said that his Department would pay Mrs. Jackson's fare to Fiva if she wished to go with her husband.

This was in mid-November. In early December, Jackson's deportation had been stayed while Mr. Holt considered the petition and the evidence of the three clergymen who had flown to Canberra.

Jackson is a steward in the Sydney Central Methodist Mission; his workmates describe him as "the whitest man on the job—a good Australian."

He says that if he is forced to go back to Fiji there will be nothing for him to do but a labouring job at £2/5/- per week; his wife will have to live in the native community and his wages will have to be shared by a dozen or so of his relations.

All of which is probably perfectly true.

Meanwhile, Mr. Holt grapples with the problem. If he allows Jackson to stay it will be another nail in the coffin of the outmoded White Australia policy. If he deports Jackson, he is going to be a very unpopular man in East Sydney.

Australia has allowed an extraordinary conglomeration of migrants in from Europe and the Mediterranean in the post-war years. Although they are technically Caucasians many of them are not fitting into the Australian way of life. Europeanised islanders, like the Jacksons, are much more easily assimilated than many of the technically acceptable New Australians who are already settled in the country.

Miss R. Davies of the Melanesian Mission Girls' School, at Bunana, BSI, returned after furlough in NZ, in November.

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Mrs. Mark Pitt who although in indifferent health, has provided the only accommodation for travellers in Madang, New Guinea, expects to leave for Australia in February. She will not return to Madang but will live in the NG Central Highlands where she plans to build a home that will accommodate a few paying guests. The Madang Hotel, which will take the place of Mrs. Pitt's rest-house is making slow progress. At the end of October only the foundations and floor joists were installed.

Mr. Keith Whittle, of Renmark, South Australia, has been appointed Chief Accountant to the P-NG Production Control Board, Port Moresby.

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What Australia is Doing t Encourage the P-NG Industr

THE Australian Government, sa Mr. Hasluck, Minister for Te ritories, in November, examining the rubber industry Papua-New Guinea with a view expanding it.

Rubber, he said, is a strateg material and every facility is to given to persons seeking suitab land for rubber planting.

The Government is examining t use of mechanical equipment a is arranging for a visit by an e pert from Malaya to advise methods of improving the quali of the rubber and the gene efficiency of the industry, and recommend the best methods of e pansion. The establishment of rubber research scheme for P-NG also being considered.

Exports of rubber from Pap have reached an all-time high t year with 2,179 tons. Exports fr the New Guinea part of the ter tory are negligible.

In Papua there are 23,000 acres u der Para rubber but there are pro ably less than 1,000 acres unc para rubber in New Guinea. Duri the German days there was a co siderable planting of "natur rubber—Ficus Elastica—and an o cial estimate is that about 80,0 remained in the entire Territo after the war. There is little co mercial tapping carried out, ho ever.

In the early war years wh rubber became more valuable, the trees were tapped and in 1940- rubber from the Mandated Ter tory to the value of £19,000 w exported. The Japanese invasi put an end to that, and producti was not resumed until 1944-45 wh 14 tons were exported.

No exports were made in 1947- when there was a world-wide slu in rubber prices. During t period, some of the establish Papuan rubber producers also we out of business but in the last t years rubber prices have ris steeply (current price is 57¾d p pound in Sydney).

So long as threat of war remai and so long as the Terrorists c moralise the rubber industry Malaya, the price should rema high and rubber business in Papu New Guinea should be of immen importance to Australia. Even more normal times Australi growing secondary industries shou be able to take all the rubber P-N can produce.

A bazaar of native handicra was held in the Paton Memor Church at Vila, New Hebrides November 21. Organised by t Presbyterian Mission, proceeds w in aid of the Presbyterian Wome Association.

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Fall in Sugar Production in Fiji, Australia

Adverse Weather to Blame

THE Colonial Sugar Refining Company expects that this season's sugar crop in Australia and Fiji will be smaller than average, due to the adverse weather conditions prevailing during the growing season in the two countries.

Raw sugar production in 1951 in Australia is expected to be about 1,000,000 tons—about 200,000 tons below average. The fall is the result of too much rain during the early part of the cane's growth, followed by drought conditions more recently. It was hoped to produce a million tons in 1951.

Australia's export of sugar will probably be only 165,000 tons—the lowest figure for many years.

In Fiji the same weather pattern of too much rain, then not sufficient has had the same effect as in Australia and the Fiji mills are expected to produce about 110,000 tons of sugar this year which is 35 per cent. below mill capacity and about 40,000 tons below previous peak production.

This fall in production is bad business for Australia and Fiji, both of which are anxious to fill their whole export quota in face of growing competition from Cuba.

Back in May, Australian producers complained that an agreement signed between Canada and Cuba "was damaging and most indefensible." They believed that Canada, which previously got all her sugar from Empire countries, including Australia and Fiji, would not have signed the agreement if the United Kingdom government had not encouraged it.

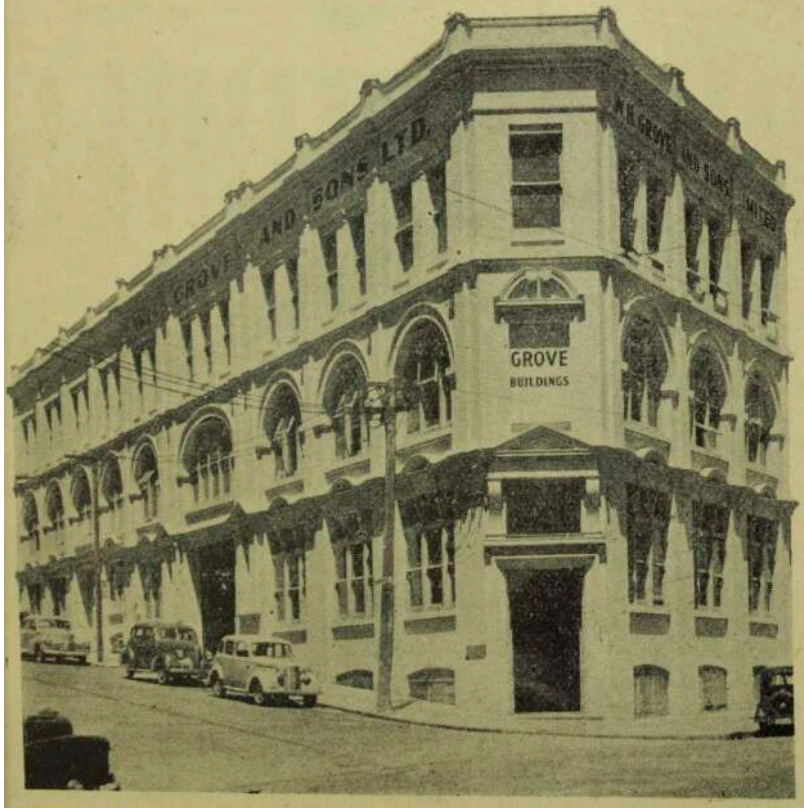
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PAPUA-NEW GUINEA TRADE

Less In Volume But Enormously More In Nominal Value

ALTHOUGH, at first glance, it would appear from the trade figures (given in terms of value) that the combined Territory of Papua-New Guinea has made a remarkable recovery from war-time destruction, an analysis shows that in two of the three main products—copra, gold and rubber—production is well behind post-war figures. Only in rubber has there been an increase over pre-war production.

The following were the chief exports of Papua and New Guinea in the year ended June 30, 1951. The production figures of 1938-39 are given for purposes of comparison:

New Guinea

	Quantity	Value £	Quantity 1938-39
Copra	64,301 tons	3,200,715	73,345 tons
Gold	87,593 oz	1,356,962	237,705 oz
Silver	38,639 ,,	13,834	—
Cocoa beans	317 tons	92,181	235 tons
Des. coconut	939 ,,	218,166	1,590 ,,
Coffee	32 ,,	8,110	38 ,,
Shell	909 ,,	127,913	176 ,,
Timber		24,332	1,718,916 s. ft.
TOTAL		5,436,617	

Papua

Rubber	1,952 tons	802,177	1,290 tons
Copra	11,181 ,,	644,532	9,357 ,,
Des. coconut	591 ,,	105,509	1,580 ,,
Shell	231 ,,	44,797	137 ,,
Hides, skins	—	6,440	(£105)
Timber	—	1,153	(£119)
Coffee	?	249	111 ,,
Manganese	20 tons	2,075	—
Gold	248 oz	3,715	64,622 oz
Silver	—	90	—
Platinum	—	81	1½ oz (£51)
Pearls	—	1,200	(£15)
TOTAL		1,939,289	

New Guinea, in the same year 1950-51) imported goods worth £6,186,669; and Papua, £4,642,988.

Owing to inflation, and the enormous increases in the nominal value of goods, it is impossible to compare the trade of the Territories, when it is stated in terms of money, with similar trade in other years. For example, the total trade of the two Territories, in and out, was about £18,000,000 in 1951, compared with about £5,000,000 in 1938-39; yet the two Territories are not producing now as much as before the war.

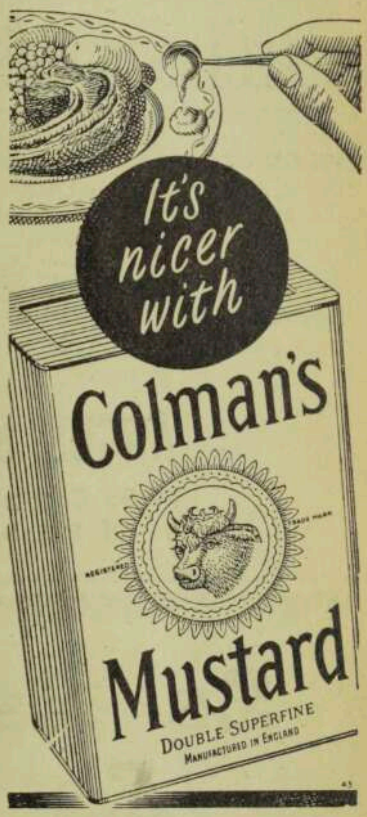
It is interesting to note that, while the two Territories combined exported goods worth £7,375,906, their importations cost £10,829,657 —an adverse difference of just under £3½ millions.

Furthermore, a large proportion of the money received from the sale of copra, gold and rubber did not remain in the Territories.

That unknown amount, plus the £3½ millions referred to as the ostensible difference between imports and exports, gives the measure of the huge sums that are being poured into the Territories by the Australian Government, for administration, and by the companies which are searching for oil.



The secretary to the Samoan Government, **Mr. J. B. Wright**, returned by air on November 14 from Noumea where he attended a session of the South Pacific Commission as representative of the New Zealand Government.



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THEY are recruiting just und 100 Papua-New Guinea sa water boys for a special bran of the Australian Navy—the la will man 70-ft naval craft used Territory waters, mostly for t transportation of stores.

Recently, a Sydney Morning Hera writer visited these newest ad tions to the RAN and wrote som thing of them. An old Territori reader of PIM sent us a clippi with the sour comment that if labour recruiter used a bit of ps chology to induce boys to sign-o that was exploitation, or sla labour, or something; but if t Navy blokes used their nuts th that was good business.

The extract from the SMH a ticle, to which he refers, says:—

"Recruiting native sailors has technique of its own. In t villages, the coloured braves list open-mouthed as a naval man e plains the terms—25/- a mon beds like those of the white maste free food.

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"The kit is one of the bigg attractions—two lap-laps, one wh and one blue, emblazoned with t naval insignia, shirts, shorts, pu over, comb, shaving gear, pipe, a penknife.

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AMERICAN GOVERNOR'S HURRIED RETURN

MR. PHELPS PHELPS, Goveri of American Samoa, w returned to his post in Pa Pago in mid-October, had make a hurried departure ag four weeks later on accou of illness. He developed condition which apparently cal urgently for operation and he p ceeded to Fiji and at Nadi caug a plane for San Francisco.

It is hoped in the South Pac that Mr. Phelps, who already proved himself an exceedingly pop lar Governor, will make an ea recovery and soon return again duty.

Mr. J. P. Bayly, a well-known resident of Suva, has been und going special treatment in Scottish Hospital in Sydney. left the institution early in Dece ber, after a fortnight's treatme and is spending a short holiday New South Wales before return to Fiji.

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SAMOAN COCOA

Exports Up — Quality Down

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 17.

DURING November the Matson cargo vessel Alameda lifted 400 tons of Samoan cocoabeans onsigned to USA buyers, while the SS Waitomo took an additional 140 ons consigned to England.

There are still large quantities f cocoabeans stored in Apia sheds waiting shipment.

The price has lately dropped to 200-£210 f.o.b. Apia; from the pre- ious quotation of £240-£250.

Complaints have recently been nade regarding deterioration in the uality of Samoan cocoabeans which ow constitute the most valuable xport from the Territory—for the irst time in Samoan trade history ocoa surpasses copra exports in alue.

The deterioration in quality is due o several causes, but mainly to the ut-throat competition of trading tores in outside districts of Upolu nd Savaii. Many of these stores ave been opened during recent ears by the large Apia concerns nd small independent, Samoan and art-Samoan traders in cocoa dis- ricts and in order to survive the trong competition, both new and ld traders accept cocoabeans of- fered by Samoan growers even if drying and fermentation are not up to standard.

The long dry spell in the middle of the current year has also contributed to low quality cocoabeans, not only of those produced by Samoan growers, but also of those produced by European cocoa planters.

An increasing proportion of Samoan cocoabeans are graded second quality to the detriment of producers who receive smaller returns for their product.

This year's export of cocoabeans is bound, however, to constitute, in quantity at least, an all time record, as it is expected to exceed 3,000 tons.

Pacific Islands Society

A DISCUSSION on the subject of the preservation of historical records of the Pacific Islands, showing of a film taken by Colonel Dickinson during his recent period of duty on Manus Island, and a series of Canadian films occupied the November meeting of the Pacific Islands Society in Sydney. There was a large attendance, including many visitors.

The Society's annual Christmas cocktail party took place on Thursday, December 13; and many members entertained friends at this function.

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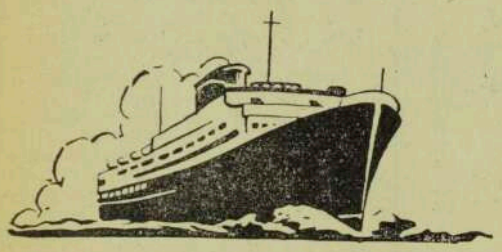
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Samoans Get Along Without Us Very Well—Up To A Point

BY JUDY TUDOR

THE ability of the Samoans to accept the added responsibilities of their new constitution has been a source of satisfaction to New Zealand — according to the latest annual report of the Department of Island Territories. Many Europeans, including the heads of the biggest firms, agree that the experiment in self government is going along "quite well." The Samoans themselves are certainly pleased with their efforts.

And, to-day, what the majority want is right.

There are naturally those on the other side of the fence, Europeans of long residence, who insist that this political freedom has been handed over in over-large doses to the Samoans, with the result that a numerous species of political hoodlum has been bred in the villages and that the civil condition of the country is far from good. They quote the various crime waves that they have experienced—the murders, bashings and robberies that have occurred in the last five years.

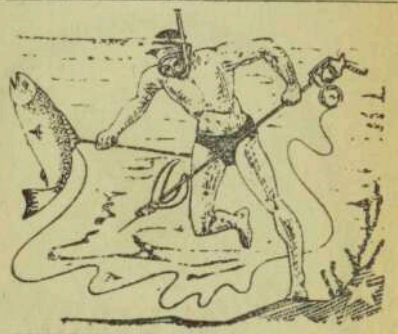
Conservative opinion says also that the present-day representatives of the High Chiefs have too much power and that it is not always wisely used.

To comment at all on these opinions would be an impertinence, without devoting about 12 months' study to the whole set up on the spot, and from the ground up. Therefore this article claims to be no more than a very superficial impression gained on a very brief visit to the Territory.

LET me say, here and now, that these brief visits of mine to Samoa — and Tonga, too — were the most interesting of my recent trip. The only thing that would have made it more interesting would have been to have had a party of a dozen of my most conservative friends from New Guinea along—those who complain loudest and oftenest that they don't know what the world, and the New Guinea native, are coming to. (And here I think particularly of that man who, through PIM, objected so strongly to three Papuans attending an ANZAC dinner in Brisbane).

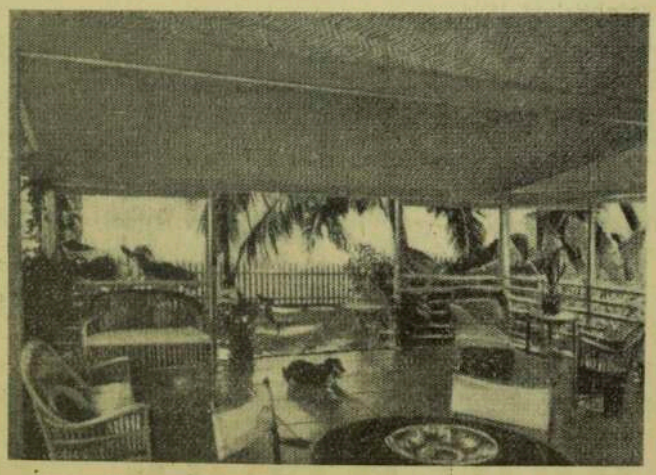
This is an area in which the revolution is not away off on the horizon somewhere. It has happened, and the European, as such, just does not matter any more. The fact that you have been born with a white hide, instead of a brown one, is a liability rather than an asset.

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the Samoas, Tonga, etc., what the Bulolo and Malaita do for Papua-New Guinea, is very crowded and, until now, has been doing the work of two ships. You know this in advance but, nonetheless, I filled in many odd moments while on her, trying to see things through the eyes of some of our P-NG readers, and being considerably entertained thereby.

For example, one morning when we were at Apia, it started to drizzle. The Samoan stevedores immediately left the winches and what they were about, and stretched themselves out in the passengers' deck chairs. Has this happened yet on the NG ships?

Then the rule up there is that anyone who has the fare has an equal chance of accommodation with everyone else. Therefore you may be called upon to share a cabin with Indians, Samoans or Tongans —or even be put into the dormitory accommodation of the Jungle (i used to be the Matua's lounge with a couple of dozen Samoan mothers and their children. This happened to some European Suva nurses on the September trip.

Most Europeans object to this— not necessarily because they fee superior, as some of the Islanders think, but because they just have different ideas of what is com fortable.

There seems no scope for being very much of an individualist, in Polynesia. It is a case of, if the moo sings, you sing—or lump it Therefore, as the Polynesians out numbered the Europeans in these parts — on board or ashore — the European finds himself very much in the position of lumping it.

Going to Apia, I shared a two berth deck cabin with an elderly European woman. On the return trip I shared it with a young Samoan girl. She came on board with a crowd of her friends swathed to the ears in a succession of frangipanni leis; she shed many tears as the ship pulled out, then washed all her underclothes and hung them in the cabin, and got into her bunk. She was still there two days later when we got into Suva; and I imagine that she continued on to Auckland in the same way. She had two European



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stewards and the stewardess dancing attendance on her, and they seemed to take it as a matter of course.

Between the islands ports Matua carries deck passengers. They bring their mats and bed-clothes and embroidered pillows and suitcases, and camp on the hatches under tarpaulins; and spread out in the alley-way that runs around outside the deck cabins, and spill into the lobby between what should be the lounge (and is the Jungle) and the dining saloon.

My cabin opened into this lobby and every time I left it I had literally to wade knee-deep through Samoans or Tongans and rolls of mats.

For this reason, the door of the cabin had to remain shut, and the window shutter permanently closed, if you did not want to provide free entertainment for the continual procession along the alley way. Shutting the door and window made it very hot, but it also helped to keep out some of the noise of babies crying, people being sick or the perpetual strumming of ukeleles and guitars. There are only two ways about these people—if they are not making music of some sort, then they are sick.

I am not complaining about this—just stating a fact. It proves not only that the Matua is far too small for the job she was called upon to do (from December, she will be assisted by the new Tofua) but also that, unlike Melanesia—where to be European is still to be privileged—here you compete with the native inhabitants whether it is for a chance to use the bathroom, or for a job.

TOURISM

SIX years ago there was much talk in Western Samoa of the establishment of a tourist industry. There seems not so much interest in the subject to-day—possibly because, while cocoa and copra are bringing rich returns, there is no real need.

Tourism requires more, anyhow, than to sit on BP's verandah in Apia and sell baskets and strings of shells; and in their present state of prosperity I just cannot see that the Samoans are conditioned to receiving large numbers of tourists as they should be received — in contrast with their cousins in American Samoa, who are looking for an industry to replace lost Navy incomes.

On my previous visit to Apia I complained, somewhat bitterly, that in the whole long length of Apia waterfront, which is the business centre of the Territory, there was absolutely nowhere where a visitor could sit and rest. There still isn't, unless you sit on the ground under the few trees along the harbour or squat on the edge of a shop verandah.

Between appointments, I walked until my legs threatened to give up; and then I found a large peanut tin—4-gallons size—in Morris Hedstrom's new store, where I sat and consumed fizzy drinks to give me a legitimate excuse for being there.

If there were waterfront seats Samoans would be sitting on them, anyhow. And if they were marked "For Europeans Only" there would be a yell that this was a plain case of "racial discrimination"; and if they were marked "For Visitors," that would not please many more.

INDUSTRY

THE Samoans, to-day, give the impression of being happy, prosperous, full of confidence. They obviously feel that there is nothing they themselves cannot do in shaping the destiny of their own country. They may be right.

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fidence, to a large extent, depend on their prosperity, and that their prosperity, at present, very much depends on the outside European world continuing to buy their copra and cocoa. Should the bottom fall out of these markets, what then?

There is the banana industry which is capable of considerable expansion for the NZ market (Samoan bananas now are much superior in quality to Fijian) but the greatest problem at present seems to be the high cost of banana cases — shooks for which are imported and cost about 7/- per case.

There seems to be scope here for a local case-timber industry. Fiji in recent years has made great strides in this direction and reduced the cost of exporting bananas considerably.

According to Mr. G. R. Powles, the High Commissioner, there is also a planned expansion of the local beef industry, and the manufacture of desiccated coconut, which has a ready sale in the Dominion. He said that there had also been a strong suggestion that they should begin the manufacture of soap.

Most Pacific communities including Tonga and American Samoa seems to be toying with the idea of making soap—which perhaps is a natural outcome of their engagement with the copra industry. But how much soap do these people use? If all are to try it, will their home markets be sufficient to give adequate return on the capital outlay of setting up factories?

It is doubtful. Soap manufacturing has been flourishing in Fiji for years. It has a reasonably large export trade to other Pacific Groups but it has not ousted popular overseas brands entirely.

EURONESIANS

THERE are only about 300 Europeans in Western Samoa at present, and approximately 5,000 of part-European descent, but for all political and practical purposes these people are classed as full Europeans. There is no plan, within the wider plan of total Samoan independence to "do something for them" as a group.

Unless they are members of the old European planting or business families, in the main they are landless, the Samoan patrilineal social set-up more or less automatically precluding them from the inheritance of land through their mothers, who are generally the Samoan partners in any Samoan-Foreign alliance. (In other parts of the Pacific, where inheritance of property is through the female line, part-European children can fare much better.)

There is no tendency in Samoa for a part-Samoan to emerge as either a leader of the Samoans or of people of mixed descent. They can and do become leaders of the European community—but like the full European their days appear numbered in a population of 80,000 aggressively nationalistic full-Samoans.

The High Commissioner, when asked about these people, said that



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some of them were already solving this problem for themselves by renouncing European status and taking Samoan. I do not know sufficient of the Samoan community set-up to know how this is likely to work. But some of the older European residents, when told of this expression of opinion by the HC, said that it was not so—that people of European-status were most unlikely to renounce it.

A large proportion of the younger members of families of mixed descent have solved the problem in recent years by migrating to New Zealand where, under post-war conditions of labour shortages, they find no difficulty in getting permanent employment and setting u permanent homes.

In this, as in other ways, it ca be said that the future of th Euronesian in Samoa is exactl the same as that of the Europea —there just is no future for thei sons and daughters.

IN conclusion, just a couple o stray observations on the stat of affairs in the Territory.

I was struck by the fact that th five European members of th Legislative Assembly seemed not t adhere to any hard and fas sectionalised interest in publi affairs. They seemed just as kee for Samoans to manage their ow affairs as the Samoans themselves and just as anxious that th Territory should be regarded a adult and not tied to anyone apron-strings.

And they have their "dolla problems". Current moan is tha restrictions prevent the importatio of American canned fish, whic retails for 1/10 against th alternative, imported NZ canne meat, which costs 3/-. Howeve dollar shortages seem not to hav unduly restricted the importatio of American cars; and in the store there seem to be plentifu supplies of American sweets, break fast foods, groceries, orange juic and canned goods.

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THE European starling, long established in Eastern and Southern Australia and throughout New Zealand, and recorded from the outlying islands of Lord Howe, Macquarie, Campbell, the Antipodes and the Kermadecs, is now found to be in Fiji too—though only just.

Rev. Walter Hill, of the Methodist Mission, who combines with his official duties a watchful eye on bird-life, found the bird firmly established at Ono-i-lau, Fiji's south-eastern extremity, when he called there in January last.

The local story is that the starling, which has been given a vernacular name roughly equivalent to "woodpecker," was first seen at Ono following a hurricane, "about 20 years ago." No one would expect the islanders to be more accurate than that.

From those first few arrivals have bred a present-day population running into many hundreds, if not thousands. Most probably the bird was storm-borne from the nearby Kermadecs. No doubt future storms will help to spread it over the Fiji group, where it promises to be even less welcome than its first cousin, the Indian mynah.

Though in some respects a pest, the mynah at least has not turned to the local fruits as a diet; but those who know what the starling can do to soft fruits, farther south, will not be surprised to hear that it is already attacking bananas and paw-paws in Ono-i-lau.

SMALLPOX DANGER IN ISLANDS

From Our Own Correspondent

THE serious outbreak, some time ago, in Scotland, of virulent Asiatic smallpox threw a hearty scare into the Cook Islands, where mail-matter is sometimes received from the infected area.

An epidemic among small children of skin-eruptions has therefore given our local Medical Department cause for swift action. Victims are isolated, and treated with injections etc. The current disease is obviously not smallpox, nor is it dangerous to the sufferer, save in the unsightly weals. It appears to be infectious (or contagious) hence the isolation of sufferers, as far as that is possible in native huts.

One wonders what would be the effect, upon an unimmunised native community of genuine smallpox. With not one in two-thousand vaccinated, the death-roll would be immense; it might even wipe out the islanders. The danger is so great that the wonder is that the authorities have not taken precautionary measures.

"EL RETIRO," THE VILA FLYER

WHEN genial Captain Emile Savoie brought his little ship, El Retiro, alongside an Auckland wharf on October 14, he reported, with considerable satisfaction, that he had travelled 4,000 miles and handled cargo in three ports in the past 40 days.

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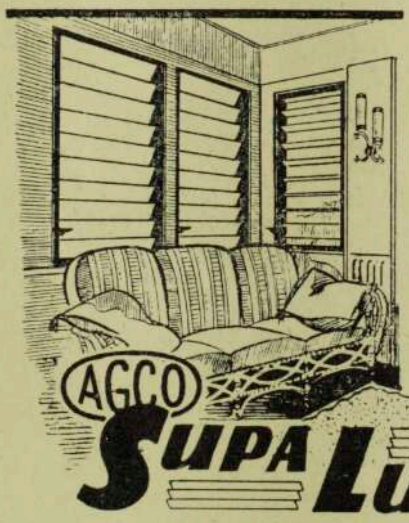
The ship—formerly the NZ coaster Kapiti—was acquired by Captain Savoie a year ago and has since been operating out of Vila, New Hebrides.

His present voyage was from that port to Noumea, thence Sydney, Norfolk Island, Sydney, Noumea and Auckland again.

From Norfolk she brought empty drums and left Auckland fully loaded with timber on October 17 after a quick turnround.

To the suggestion that a profitable trade could be developed between Auckland and Noumea, if shipping were offering, Captain Savoie replied that his ship was always available, but no such cargoes were offering.

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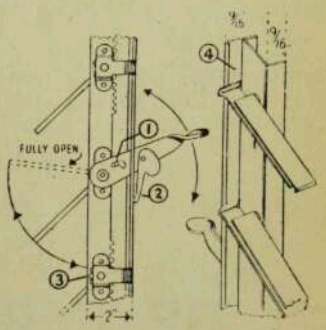
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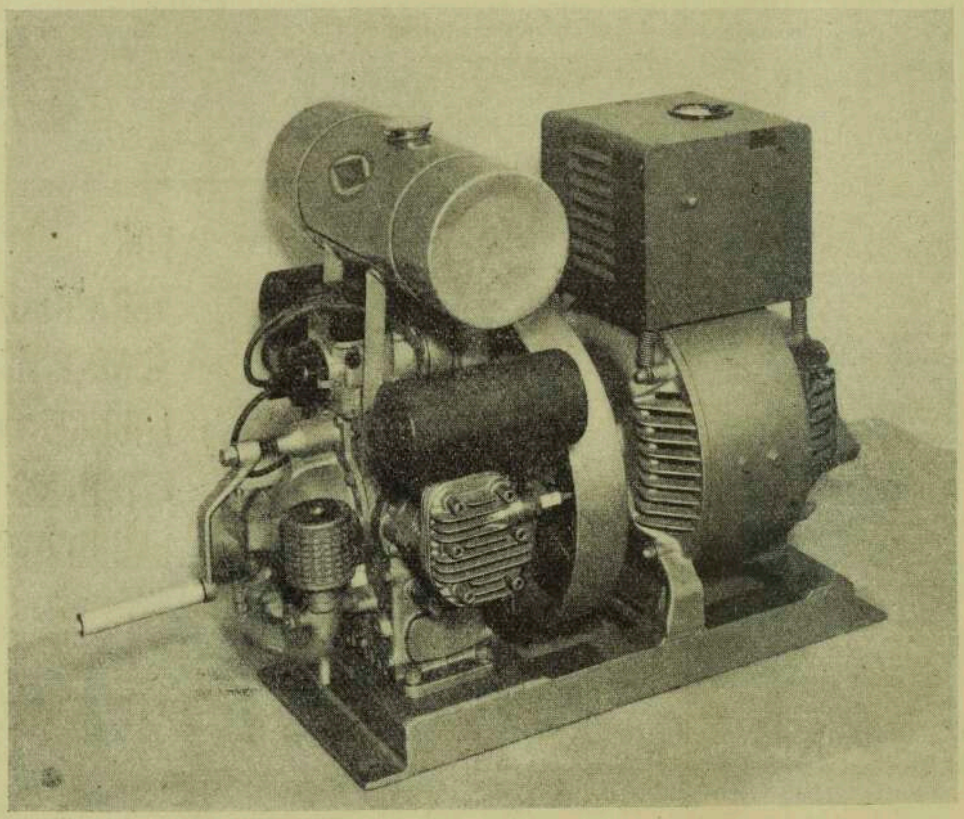
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INDUCING NATIVE PAPUANS TO GROW RICE

From Our Own Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Nov. 30.

TERRITORY rice production was back in the news during November, when figures became available on the 1951 Mekeo rice crop.

Total government plantings and Government-sponsored native rice areas amounted to 272 acres, which yielded 175 tons. The Government crop was grown at the Epo Experimental Station, where 132 acres produced 80 tons.

The Government-sponsored crops were raised by two Native Rural Progress Societies, which put in a combined acreage of 140, and harvested 95 tons.

The great bulk of this was handled by machinery, both for sowing and harvesting; and the system is that the Native Societies have the work done on a contract basis by Government machinery, worked under Departmental supervision; and the hire costs and operating expenses are recovered from the native growers when the harvest is gathered.

The critic, of course, immediately asks what happens when the crop fails, if it should fail. Who, then, pays the piper? Also, are the charges levied against the crop sufficient to cover the very heavy overhead of the Mekeo rice experiments?

For instance, last season a worthy attempt to raise extra rice for Mt. Lamington evacuee food requirements was frustrated when nearly 200 acres of young crop was washed out by flood. Now if the flood had washed out the Progress Societies' crops instead of the Government acreage, who would have paid those seed and sowing costs?

But perhaps it is not entirely logical to want a balanced accounting on the Mekeo venture; for certainly, if enthusiastic agricultural officers can persuade the wily Mekeos to get within a stone's throw of honest work, and stick at it as a pattern for the rising generation, that certainly would be worth something to the Government.

There has been a lot of criticism of the Mekeo agricultural experiments. To a large extent the Administration has brought this on its own head by lack of factual information on the venture. Because no statements have been made on the cost of producing the rice grown in the Mekeo, fantastic rumours have put the figure at almost so much per grain rather than per pound.

Idealism is an essential factor in the none-too-promising attempt to lead the Mekeo races into the path of thrifty husbandry and consistent industry; but equally essential is realism in regard to the costs on the financial side.

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Madang, and Dagua, 30 miles from Wewak, native style production, with hand tools and back-bending, has produced some very tidy little crops.

Undoubtedly there is a happy medium between grubbing around with little more than a digging stick, and riding aloft on high-priced machinery; but there is no doubt which will stand the test of profit and loss on operations.

It might be an idea to have a little less machinery in the Mekeo and a little more in the other centres.

Anyway, the Mekeo venture will continue to be under suspicion by the general public until some c the mystery about its cost is dis pelled.

LAUTOKA ESCAPES MORESBY REE

THE 30-years-old, 7,000-tons Car penter vessel Lautoka wer aground on a coral reef i Basilisk Passage, entrance to Por Moresby, shortly after leaving th wharf in the evening of Novembe 19. Because she was lightly loade (she had just discharged a Moresby, and was bound for Solo mons to pick up timber), and be cause they were neap tides tha week, she was not easily refloatec but, after several attempts, she wa dragged off the reef, apparently un harmed, on November 25.

On this voyage, the Lautok carried horses to Rabaul, an thence took timber and other carg to Moresby. Before the war, sh was called Salamaua.

Entrance to Moresby is a place peculiar treachery, as many wel known Islands skippers have di covered.

Miss Margaret Stubbs, daught of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, New Guinea and Sydney, h announced her engagement to M **Frederick Wilshire,** of Lae, Ne Guinea.

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Churchill's 1943 Plan And The Chaos of 1951

ON October 25, 1951, Winston Churchill returned to the Prime Ministership of Britain, but with a majority of less than 30 —probably not enough to give him strength to handle the colossal problems of a bankrupt England, a disintegrating Empire and a chaotic international situation.

It is worth recalling that on September 6, 1943, in a public speech, Prime Minister Churchill said this:

"At the present time we have in continual vigorous action the British and United States Combined Chiefs of Staff Committee, which works immediately under the President and myself as representative of the British War Cabinet.

"This Committee, with its elaborate organisation of Staff officers of every grade, disposes of all our resources, and in practice uses British and American troops, ships, aircraft, and munitions just as if they were the resources of a single State or nation. . . .

"This is a wonderful system. There was nothing like it in the last war. There never has been anything like it between two allies. . . .

"Now, in my opinion, it would be a most foolish and improvident act on the part of our two Governments, or either of them, to break up this smooth-running and immensely powerful machinery the moment the war is over.

"For our own safety, as well as for the security of the rest of the world, we are bound to keep it working and in running order after the war—probably for a good many years, not only until we have set up some world arrangement to keep the peace, but until we know that it is in arrangement which will really give us that protection we must have from danger and aggression, a protection we have already had to seek across two vast world wars."

Within a few weeks of the surrender of Germany in 1945, there was a general election in Britain; Mr. Churchill's Government was thrown out; Britain and her Empire were delivered into the hands of the Socialists; and all possibility of the world's affairs being policed and guided back to orderliness and peace by the combined power of America and Britain was swept away.

Is it now too late to set up the Anglo-American power which Churchill, with characteristic clarity of vision, pointed out in 1943 was being mankind's only hope after World War II had ended?

A young lady born in Port Moresby has been awarded the Melba Vocal Scholarship. She is **Miss Jean Munro**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Munro**, former Port Moresby residents, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bock. Mr. Munro was a building contractor in Port Moresby before the war, and his wife and daughter were evacuated when the Japanese entered the war. Since then they have been living in Brisbane. Miss Munro's scholarship will give her two years tuition in Melbourne.

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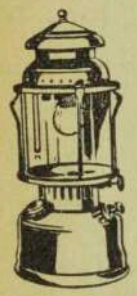


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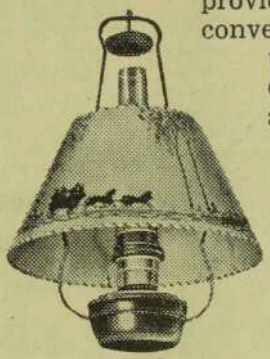
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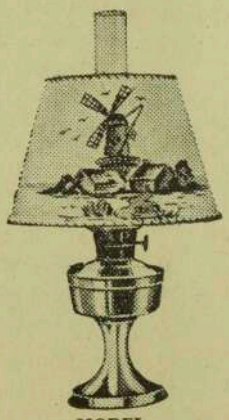


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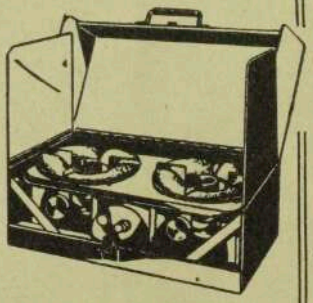
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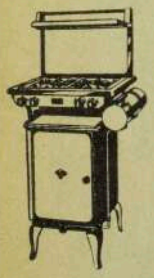
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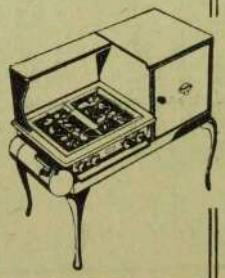
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WHY COPRA BAGS ARE SO COSTLY

ONE of the most important economic factors in copra production to-day is the high price of copra sacks. This is a survey of the factors influencing that price, and of the outlook.

Probably tne most important date in the copra sack story is August 14, 1947—the day on which Pakistan, with its rich jute-growing soils of East Bengal, declared itself a separate country. Thereby Pakistan set in motion a chain of events contributing mainly to the world shortage of jute products—for the great weaving mills were all in India.

Trade and transport were immediately disrupted by the political upheaval—and the chaos became complete when, in September, 1949, India devalued her currency, along with other Commonwealth countries, but Pakistan decided not to follow suit.

Jute then became a political bargaining weapon. Pakistan, with almost all the raw jute supplies, stood to profit greatly by devaluation of the Indian rupee. The Indian jute mills must buy—or close down. Unable to pay the higher price, they closed when the existing supplies were exhausted.

A price agreement was finally reached early in 1951; but by that time the jute transport services were gravely disorganised, one of the principal shipping companies involved having gone bankrupt.

The enormously involved difficulties in re-establishing the flow of supplies from Pakistan are set out in the Indian Jute Mills Association report for 1950. Although, by the 1951 agreement between the two countries, India is to receive about half her total requirements, transport of the raw material by water and rail will be the limiting factor.

India had hoped to attain the other half of her needs from home production during the current season. Considerable planting has taken place since Pakistan seceded, but the hoped-for targets have not been achieved, due to floods and consequent famines demanding concentration on rice and other food crops which utilise the same rich, irrigated soils.

COINCIDENT with the shortage of jute products from the Pakistan-India region—the only important producing country—normal demand was on the increase. The Korean war, and stepped-up armaments production in the US and elsewhere, call for sacks in ever greater quantities for the transport of the raw materials involved.

In America, particularly, considerable profiteering developed in the hessian (a product of jute) trade, importers making large profits on resale to the consumers. The Indian Government, aware of this, imposed an export tax on all jute products, arguing that if the US consumer market could stand the higher price, then India was more entitled to the proceeds than the American importers, who, of necessity would have to reduce their profits when the consumers refused to go still higher.

Australian importers consider that, whilst probably justified in the case of hessian, the present 15 per cent. export tax on sacks is not warranted and they are making every effort to have it removed.

Some further factors enter the supply situation insofar as Island Territories (which draw their sacks from Australian sources) are concerned. The copra-trade's heavy demand for good second-hand sacks has, in the past, been largely supplied by the linseed trade; but today this prolific source of sacks has almost entirely disappeared. The linseed trade finds it cheaper and more satisfactory to import the oil in drums or in bulk, rather than



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import the bagged seed and express the oil locally.

Although sugar sacks were never of interest to the copra trade it may be mentioned that, due to the jute situation, the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. has changed to calico and recently has imported 6 million yards of that material from Japan. These second-hand calico bags are available in Sydney at 25/- per dozen, but, like the hessian sugar bag, are much too small and fragile for copra use.

AUSTRALIA to-day receives from India a larger allocation of jute sacks than any other country—about 30 per cent. of the total Indian output. This is mainly because of India's need for Australian wheat, and the transport of the wheat requires large quantities of sacks. Importers agree that the present 200,000-tons allocation does not fall far short of Australian new-sack requirements. They insist that plenty of new sacks are available to the copra trade—but at the Government-fixed price of around 70/- per dozen f.o.b., Sydney.

The high price, rather than any shortage of new sacks, created a heavy demand for good second-hand sacks.

An acute shortage of the latter developed during the first half of 1951—not so much because of absence of sacks, but because the merchants held back second-hand supplies in anticipation of a price rise—and they were not disappointed. In February, the fixed price of first-quality second-hand 4-bushel sacks was 19/- per dozen. On June 29, the merchants woke to find their patience richly rewarded the Gazette of that date raising the price to 55/-, "to bring the price into line with new-sack prices."

Details of the basis on which this new price was arrived at are not available.

Since then, the second-hand sack situation has eased insofar as supply is concerned, but other factors still influence the export trade

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SACK shortages complained of by individual planters—even at the new price—may generally be traced to the fact that the merchants are reluctant to bother with export where local markets are available.

Those who are interested in export, and have the facilities for fumigation and dumping into bales—only the larger merchants have these facilities—are still reluctant to handle small orders from the smaller Sydney Island agents. Thus, such agents may phone every sack merchant in the city and invariably meet with the reply, "No sacks available"—while the Big Island Firms seem to have no trouble whatever in obtaining supplies. The Big Firms take care of their own dumping problems, and the sack merchants therefore prefer to deal with them. In exchange for this business the Big Firms naturally insist that, when sacks are in short supply they shall have first priority. Thus the individual planter finds difficulty in obtaining supplies.

COMPLAINTS by planters that, having obtained new sacks for copra shipments to Rabaul, they invariably receive back poor-quality sacks in exchange, would appear to be untenable. All sacks go into the general pool, and obviously some planters must be receiving good sacks in exchange for poor ones. Naturally, no complaints are received in this case.

Though the average jute sack has completed its life cycle by the third filling, a contributory cause of wastage would seem to be over-ramming, especially if an excessive number of bags are allowed to a ship's sling: the sling often cuts such tightly-filled bags in half if they are at all old.

To-day, with almost all copra exported in bulk from the main concentration depots, sacks are mainly used for transport to those depots, and for storage pending shipment overseas. But even where sacks are used for copra, export quarantine regulations do not permit the reimportation of such sacks from Europe; and it is doubtful whether, after all the handling involved and the cost of reimportation, it would be an economic proposition to fumigate and re-import such sacks.

AS to the outlook, Australian jute importers consider it most unlikely that this country will have a jute sack industry of its own in the foreseeable future.

Even allowing that suitable areas can be found in New Guinea and elsewhere for jute culture—and no country has so far produced jute of the quality of the Pakistan-India jute—considerable finance would be involved in establishing sack-weaving plant.

Importers consider that any fibre supplies that may come from the current experimental plantings of jute, kenaf (canna lily) and abaca (plantain), if any, will not affect the sack position. Such fibres will be used for the easier processes of rope-making, etc.

Meanwhile, India is stepping up its jute plantings, and British capital is considering the establishment of weaving mills in Pakistan.

The importers consider that, long before any sack industry is well-established in Australian territory, those countries will be supplying jute sacks at a much more economic figure than the cost at which Australia can produce a product from an inferior fibre.

The Fiji Medical Department's new vessel Vuniwai was launched by Lady Maraia, wife of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, recently in Suva. The boat will be used for medical inspections and to carry medical stores and staff to the dispensaries in outlying islands.

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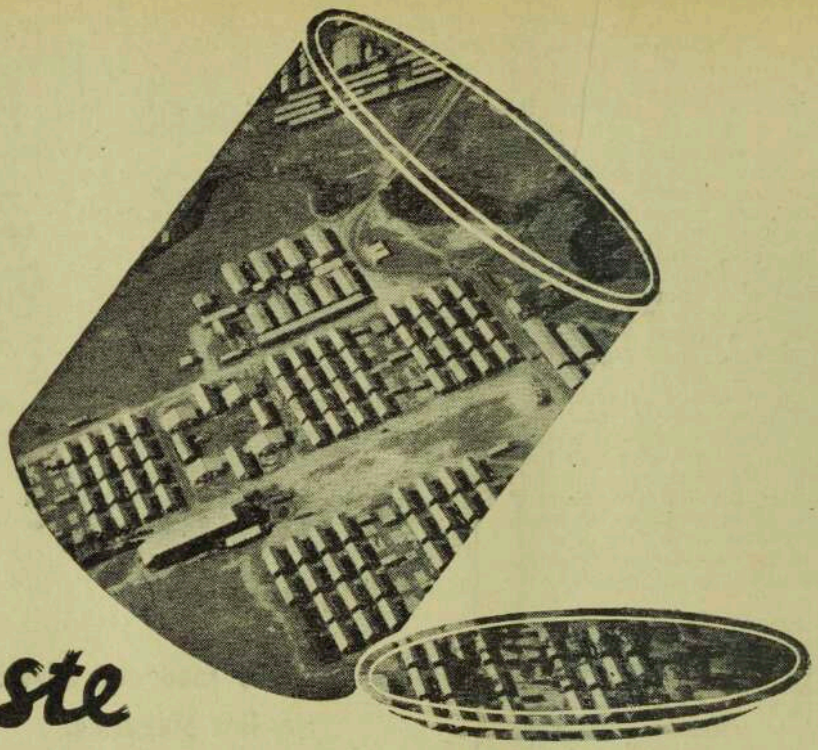
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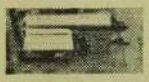
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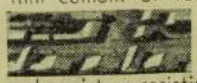
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Farewell to Apia

THE good wishes of the residents of Apia, Western Samoa, will go with Mrs. Peg Lloyd, when she leaves the Casino Hotel in December to go to Fiji.

Mrs. Lloyd has accepted the position of House-Manageress of the Dueba Beach Hotel which has recently been completely renovated by the Philp brothers.



She will be acompanied by her two-year-old daughter, Frances, and Fiji will mean reunion for her with her elder daughter, Pippa, who is a boarder at the Suva Girls' Grammar School.

Friends in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, to which Mrs. Lloyd went with her husband, the late Elliott Lloyd during his service with the WPHC, will be interested to hear of her new venture. Apia, remembers with affection Elliott Lloyd, the inaugurator of the Broadcasting Service in Western Samoa.

With her in this photograph (taken at a recent Apia wedding) is Mr. Roy Wills who has been manager of the drapery department in Morris Hedstrom's Apia store for the past seven years. He left Apia for Australia in October, en route to England in 1952. Producers for the Apia Playreading Circle will regret the loss of a willing participant in the Circle's activities.—K.N.

World War II Memorial at Moresby

ON Sunday, November 11, a Second World War Memorial was unveiled by the Administrator, Colonel J. K. Murray, at Port Moresby.

The ceremony was combined with a Remembrance Day Service, and was attended by detachments from the PNGVR, the PIR and the Police Force. There was also a fine parade of 200 native scouts and guides.

The rapidly growing Scout and Guide movement among the younger generation of natives in the Territory is one of the most encouraging postwar developments in the Islands. Their leaders, European and native, are rendering invaluable service to the country and its future.

Mrs. R. H. Hicks, of Madang, New Guinea, is at present holidaying in Perth, Western Australia.

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A daughter was born to **Mr. and Mrs. A. Shields** at Madang European Hospital (New Guinea) on October 16.

BSI GRANTS AID MISSION MEDICAL SERVICES

From a Special Correspondent

MISSIONS operating in the British Solomon Islands are pleased by the decision of the Administration to allocate the sum of £3,000 per annum to be divided among all Christian Missions in the area as a subsidy for medical services to the natives.

The basis of the allocation is £300 for each doctor, £100 for each fully-qualified nurse, and £50 for each partly-qualified nurse.

If the total amount claimed by the Missions exceeds £3,000, then the amount per medical worker will be reduced proportionately.

An additional sum of £2,500 per annum is to be spent on drugs for distribution among the various missions in accordance with the work they carry out.

Comment by the Methodist Missionary Society of NZ, which has one doctor and about 15 New Zealand nurses in BSI and Bougainville is: "While these grants are small compared with those made by the Administration of Papua and New Guinea, they are more generous than a few years ago."

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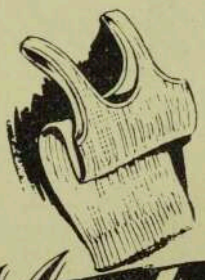
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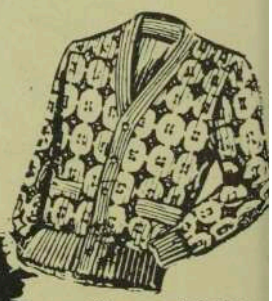
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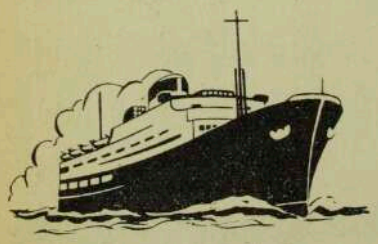


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A BOOK about the early discoveries in the Solomons has been published recently. It deals with Mendana's second and last voyage, when bad planning and leadership defeated the first attempt to colonise the Solomons.

The Spaniards dreamed of rich and fertile lands, thickly populated, where domains could be carved for the pioneers. The expedition landed at Graciosa Bay, Santa Cruz in September, 1595. Hostility of the natives, due to ignorance of and harsh treatment by the Spaniards, sickness and shortage of foods, caused the abandonment of the enterprise.

Later, an account of the voyage was written and the foreword was: "The Tragedy of the Islands where no Solomon was found and no Wisdom." The Spaniards showed some wisdom in leaving the Solomons, and never returning.

Three hundred years later, another attempt to colonise the Solomons was begun—and is now being defeated by ignorance and apathy.

WHALERS had visited the Islands looking for food and water, and picking up natives for their boats' crews. Later, recruiting for plantations in Fiji, Queensland and Samoa, started.

With a view to regulating this traffic, a British Protectorate was formed and the sale of firearms, headhunting and the kidnapping of labour was checked. Later, in 1906, the Queensland Government returned all natives, and all recruiting for Queensland was stopped. Recruiting for Fiji lasted until about 1912. To absorb this returned labour, the Colonial Office opened up the Islands for planting. The Pacific Islands Co. later absorbed by Levers, was invited to take up land for planting, on long leaseholds.

Planting on a large scale started. Traders took up land, the new companies were formed. Coconuts were "The Consols of the East." The Administration encouraged planters to acquire land, and assisted them to recruit labour.

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Planting died away in the 1930's. With the Depression, and the low price of copra, planting was a gamble. Plantations were abandoned; and, by the outbreak of World War II, many of the planters had left the Group. Then came the Evacuation, occupation by the Japanese and, later, by the Americans.

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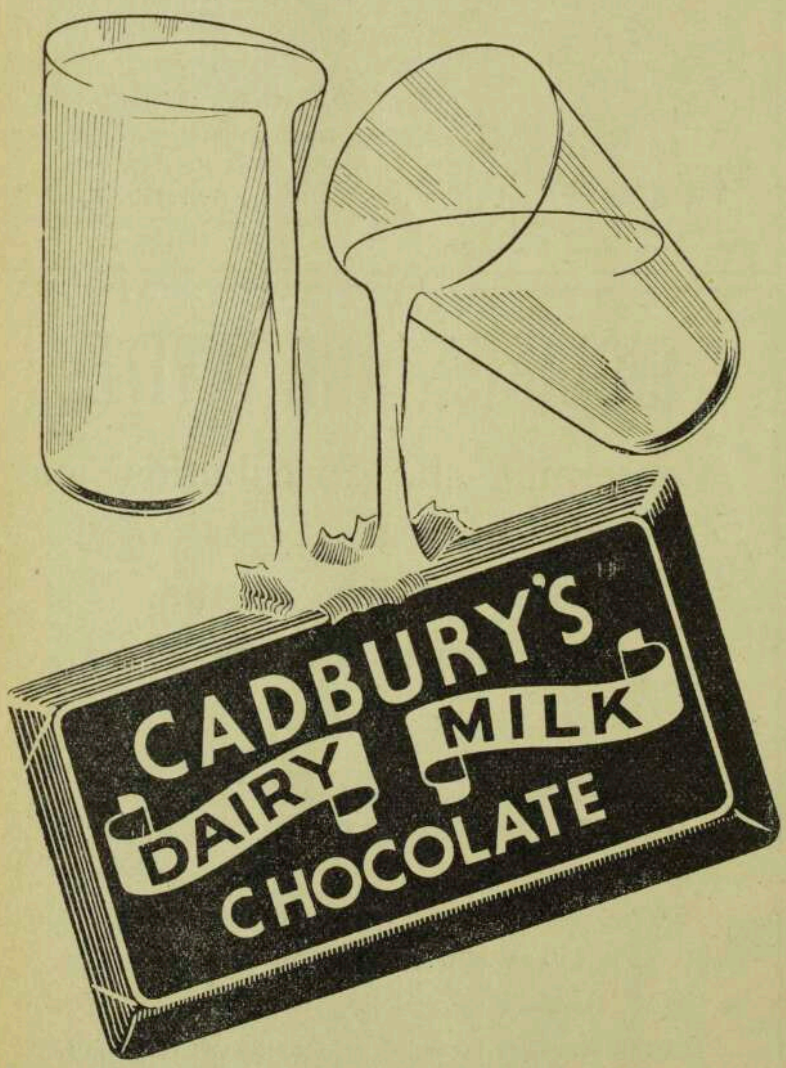
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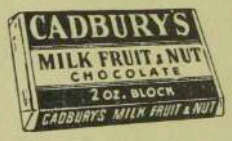


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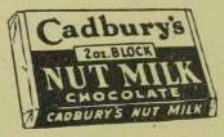
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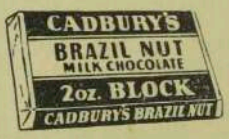
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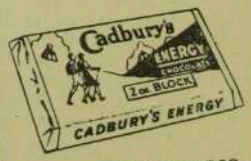


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The Administration took over, from the retiring American forces, the docks, roads, bridges and a certain amount of building material, in return for which the American Army was freed from all claims. Later, the Administration repudiated all claims. The latest good word on this matter was said at the last Advisory Council at Honiara. Said the Resident Commissioner: "Planters are all doing well. They don't need compensation."

BUT—look at the future of the Group. Planting finished in the 30's. Half the present yielding trees are over 40 years old. The economic life of a coconut plantation is 50 years, after which there is a gradual decline in the yield of copra—our main product. The present yield of plantation copra is less than half the pre-war yield; only the high price now received enables the planter to carry on. Labour is scarce, expensive and lazy; the price of rations is sky-high; and transport is costly.

The natives are in a similar position. Most of them are living on trees planted by their grandparents. The present generation is not keen to plant more crops. Copra is a good price, so why worry! Planting of rice and cocoa does not interest them. Why should it? They have no cares; food is plentiful; copra a good price—so why worry.

I venture to prophesy that in 25 years no coconut plantation will be bearing economically, and the native groves will be finished.

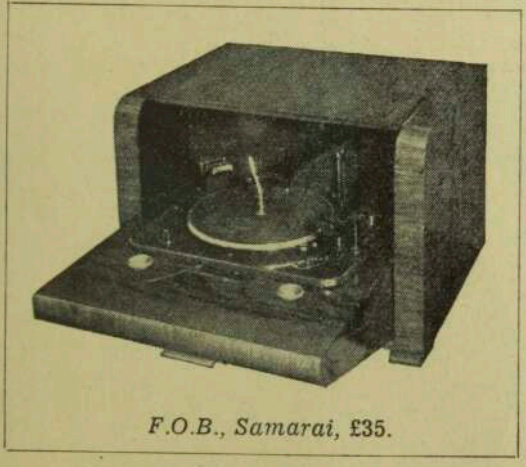
This calls for the exercise of some wisdom by our Administration. The world is crying for fats and oils. Investors should be allowed to bring in outside labour; natives should be compelled to plant more coconuts and develop their lands. Rice, kapok and cocoa can be grown profitably on suitable soils and the natives should be taught agriculture.

Let the Administration forget all about schools and the higher education. Leave that to the Missions. Subsidise the Missions and they will do a good job—better than any Government-run school. The ideal native is not the "flash" clerk at Honiara, apeing the white man, the native that should be encouraged is he who stays at home, plants his garden and crops, builds a house and marries, unspoilt by the artificial life at Honiara, with its sly-grog shops and gambling dens.

The native should be assisted by an Agricultural officer, with his own vessel, giving advice and help. The office of Travelling Medical Officer should be re-introduced, to give the native advice on health, housing and sanitation. A vessel for the TMO is far more important than a yacht for the Resident Commissioner.

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here is the latest fool? Is it the white man who invests his money, gambles with his health in an effort to develop the Islands; or the Administrator who frustrates him and does nothing practical for the native and ignores the coming collapse? "After me, the deluge!"

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Kelly, of Madang, New Guinea, arrived in Australia on leave, in October.

The well-known British author, **Mr. Eric Linklater,** found his recent short visit to Papua and New Guinea interesting and worth-while. His most memorable experience was a trip in a small Gibbes Airways plane, with Pilot Goosens, to Tapini, in the Goilala district, inland from Yule Island. The plane "landed on a shelf on a mountainside" and was the "most spectacular flight" the famous writer ever made.

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From Our Own Correspondent

APIA. Nov. 17.

NINE Samoan, part-Samoan and Niue employees—most of them young—of the Apia branch of Burns Philp (SS) Ltd., appeared in Apia High Court on November 9 charged with theft and receiving goods stolen from their employers.

All pleaded guilty and were sentenced to terms ranging from 12 to three months.

Police prosecutions for theft and receiving from two other Apia firms will be held in the High Court shortly.

Jubilee Sporting Fixture in Nauru

From Our Own Correspondent

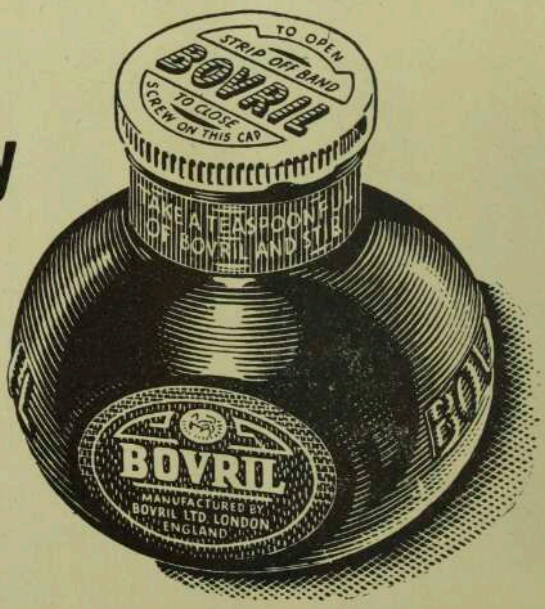
AUSTRALIAN Commonwealth Jubilee celebrations in September-October included two fishing contests. Large crowds assembled to view the catches which ranged from the small red fish to the largest sharks.

Jubilee Cups were presented to the winners by the Administrator, the Hon. R. S. Richards.

In September a Jubilee Tennis Tournament for Nauruans resulted in a Mens Singles win for Aida Club. Boe Club claimed the Men's Doubles and Evergreen Club the Women's Doubles.

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Suva Wharf Will Be Repaired

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 19

THINGS—usually heavy trucks—frequently go through the King's Wharf, the main berthing-place for overseas ships at Suva. They go through to the extent of breaking a heavy, decayed hardwood plank in the decking, recover and go their way leaving yet another hole.

Shipping men, pointing to cargo handtrucks lurching over the terraced planks have said that nobody has any right to ask wharf-workers to push heavy loads over such a surface.

It has now been discovered that for many months the Public Works Department has been trying to squeeze sufficient hardwood out of Australia to put down a completely new top to the wharf. Australia, however, will not come across with the timber, and the Department has now announced that it is about to put together detailed plans for replacing the timber decking with reinforced concrete, plus reinforced concrete supports where necessary.

In the meantime, the Department has toyed with the idea of banning heavy lorries from the wharf, but as this would add to the present state of hopeless congestion in the inadequate wharf sheds, and would delay shipping, it has been decided to let lorries go ahead.

Chegg-Wong Wedding



A photograph taken after the wedding of Miss Margaret Lilian Wong, to Mr. Louis John Chegg, on August 4, 1951, at St. Michael's Cathedral, Alexishafen, New Guinea. About 200 guests, including a large number of their European friends, assembled at the wedding reception, held at the home of the newly-married couple.

NZRE Profits Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 10.

SAMOANS are doing pretty well out of the New Zealand Reparation Estates of Western Samoa.

During the year ended March 31, 1951, the NZRE paid £34,589 in taxes to the Samoan government; their wages bill was £109,735 (1,600 Samoans are regularly employed and 600 casually); and out of profits substantial grants were made for medical services, education, development, agricultural research, road making and broadcasting.

Most of the profit came from cocoa and copra production—other ventures such as the timber mill on Savaii and the Casino Hotel in Apia showed a loss.

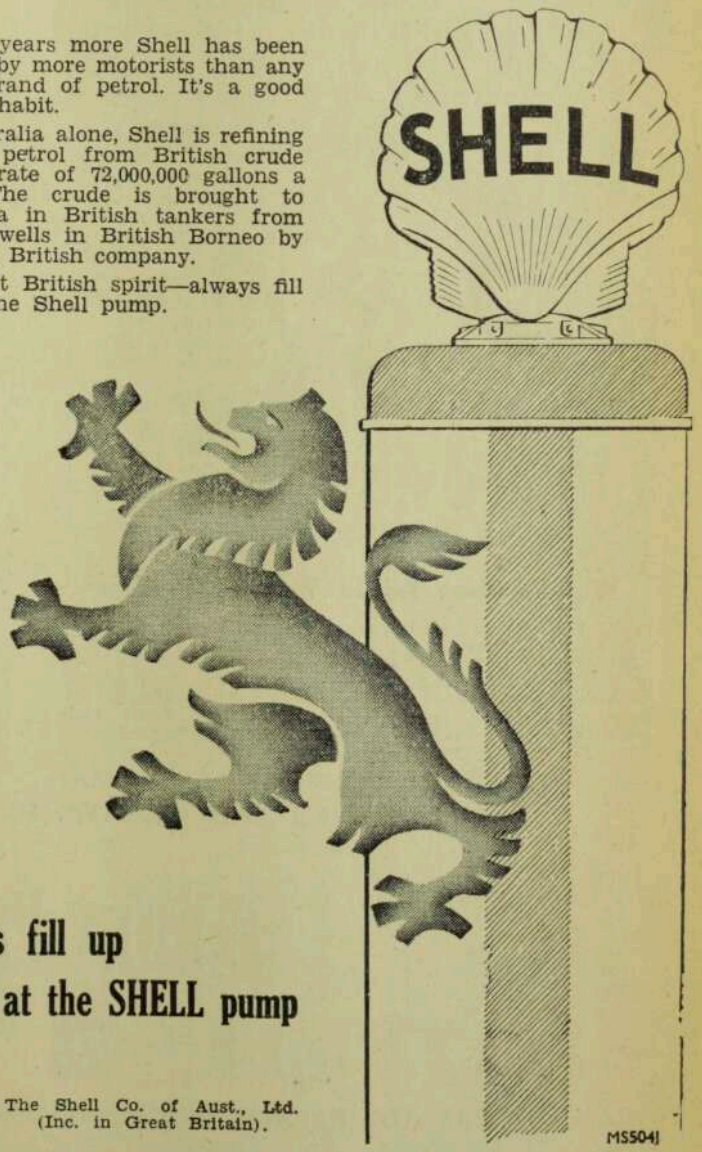
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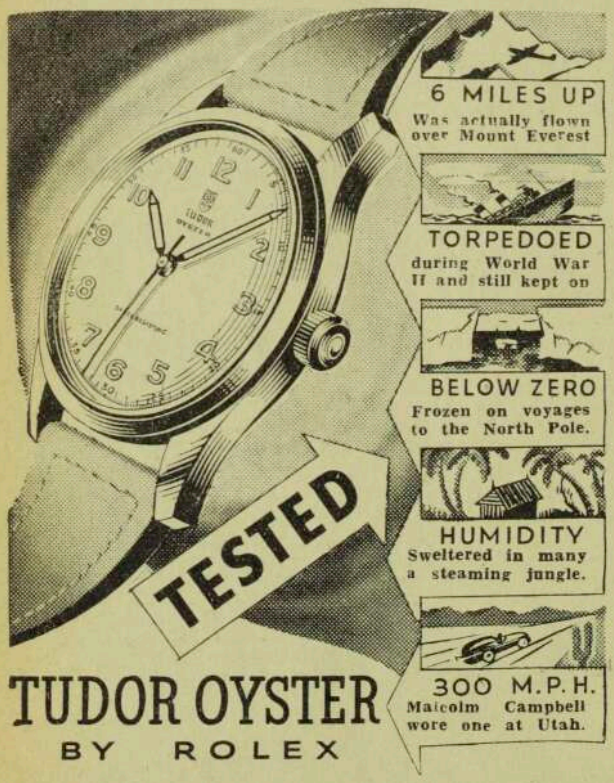
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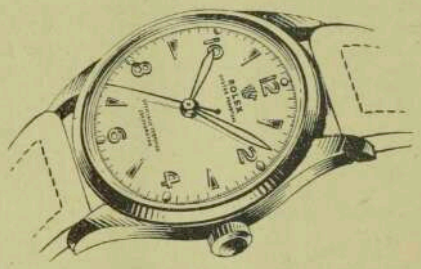
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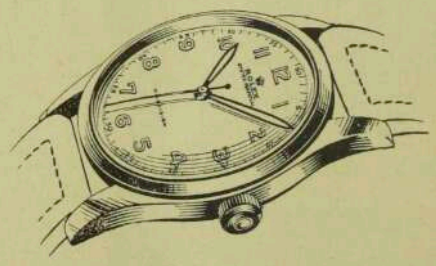
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TB IN TONGA

Visitor Urges Use of A New Vaccine

AT our urgent request, Dr. Edward Jacomb (at present visiting Norfolk Island, en route to the New Hebrides) consented to discuss the problem of Tuberculosis in Tonga, which he recently visited. He declares that the incidence of TB in Tonga is high, and very grave; and it is said that the Government of Tonga is not doing enough to meet the scourge. Dr. Jacomb advocates the use of BCG vaccine.

Dr. Jacomb was a legal practitioner in the New Hebrides over 30 years ago. After he retired to England, he studied medicine and qualified as a medical practitioner. He did not practice, but engaged in research work during a long residence in the Channel Islands.

WHAT is known as BCG vaccine, which is a valuable immunising agent against TB, was discovered twenty or more years ago; but, owing to an unfortunate accident, was for long discarded as a practical method.

Within the past few years, however, it has been revived with great success. It has been found to protect during infancy and childhood (the most dangerous period for infection); and I was assured by Dr. K. MacKinstry, CMO of Jersey (Channel Islands), who for the past four or five years has been systematically inoculating all children born in Jersey within a few days of birth, that tubercular meningitis is now unknown there, and that he has good reason to hope that within a generation the island will be completely free from the scourge.

It should be noted that BCG only immunises; it does not cure persons who have already contracted the disease. There is still no cure for TB. Many cases are **benefited** by open-air treatment in sanatoria, and some cases have benefited from injections of aureomycin.

For a long time, the main difficulty in systematic treatment of communities remote from Paris and Denmark (for long the only two centres where this BCG vaccine could be procured) was the evanescent viability and consequent loss of efficacy of the vaccine, which only lasts for some nine days.

Within the past two or three years, however, what is known as Freeze-Dried BCG has been evolved at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. This, with proper care, remains potent up to six months, and so it is completely suitable for use in tropical countries, and especially in such places as the Pacific Islands, with scanty and difficult communications with the outside world.

This Freeze-Dried BCG is now also manufactured at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories in Melbourne, according to Dr. Poole, head of the Tamavua Hospital for TB in Suva, and so is readily available for this part of the world. Dr. Poole told me that it is now being used systematically in Fiji, though a number of the more remote islands have still to be dealt with. The immunisation is being carried out mainly by Native Medical Practitioners.

It seems obvious that BCG Freeze-Dried vaccine should be used in Tonga; but up to the time I left, in July, it was not, and (according to Dr. W. G. Burrows, the then CMO there) there was little prospect of it being so.

I was informed (this is only hearsay) that a Dr. Black, one of Dr.

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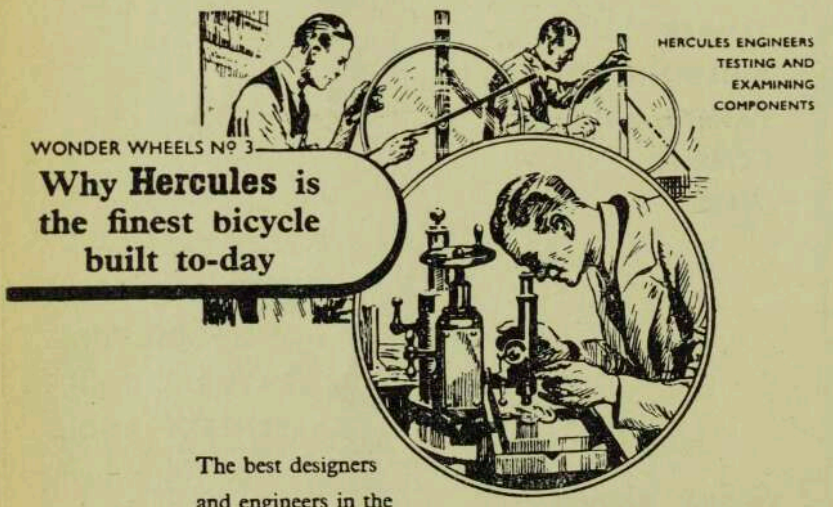
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Burrows's predecessors, had urged its employment on the Tongan Government, and that the only reply he got was that as there is already in existence a cure for TB (aureomycin) the BCG vaccine would be a needless expense. No doubt, for the same reason, other procedures advocated by the medical men are regarded as needless. This, of course, is nonsense, and merely goes to show what must be expected when supreme power is handed over (as it has been by us in Tonga) to people who are not sufficiently trained for a self-government.

The CMO in Tonga in 1939 (when I first visited the Group)—I forget his name, but he was an Australian—told me that in the preceding six months he had put in over 30 requisitions and recommendations on medical matters to the Premier's office (then in charge of the late Prince Tugi) and that he had not had a single reply to any of them.

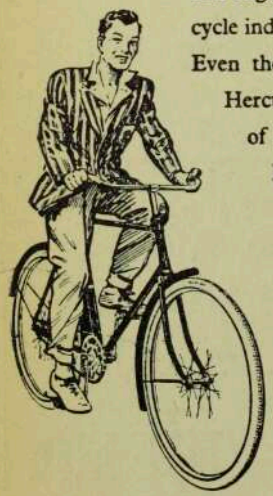
The present Crown Prince and Premier is currently reported to have advised his people not to have so many children, and to have advocated modern methods of birth-control, as he considers the Group is becoming over-populated. If this be so, it would serve the purpose well to continue to refrain from introducing immunisation by BCG vaccine—the ravages of TB will act as a better method of birth-control than perhaps even he anticipates.



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MADANG NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG. Nov. 22

MR. and Mrs. Roy Hansen and small son have arrived here on transfer from Kokopo. Mr. Hansen will take over the duties of Mr. R. Weidenhofer, who with his wife and family left by the last Malaita to spend nine months leave in Queensland.

Other Malaita travellers were Mr. Middleton of Kulili Plantation and Mrs. Baume and family of the SDA Mission.

Madang residents who have recently gone South on leave include Mr. and Mrs. B. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Jock McKee, Mr. Alan Clark and Mr. Ron Chugg.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Chandler have also gone to Australia—but intend to stay there. They will be missed by many friends in Madang.

The Madang Golf Club recently held a successful dance which raised £84 for Club funds. The newly-formed Aquatic Club held its first dance at the Madang club recently and it too was a success. Madang harbour lends itself to all types of water sports and local residents hope that this club will flourish.

At the Lutheran Mission Hospital sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Evans of Dylup Plantation and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cunnington of Madang.

The Department of Works and Housing has commenced work on the first of three new PCB bungalows at Kalibobo.

Masonic Grand Lodge members from Brisbane who visited here recently for the Installation ceremony, added to their New Guinea experiences when their plane, owing to bad weather, was forced to land at isolated Dumpu strip in the Ramu Valley where they spent a most uncomfortable night.

Captain H. P. Whitlock, who for the past 2½ years has been ADC to the High Commissioner of Western Samoa, returned to NZ with his wife and two children on the October Matua.

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ACTIVE TAX-DODGERS IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 5.

THE unfairness of Fiji's taxation system, under which a great many well-to-do Asiatics escape all direct taxation because of the inability of the Inland Revenue Department to track them down, is emphasised by the department's annual report, which discloses that about 3,000 persons are dodging the £2-a-year residential tax.

Every male between the ages of 18 and 50, other than Fijians (who are taxed to the hilt by their own administration), Banabans and Rotumans, is liable to residential tax, but there are generous exemptions, as in the case of fathers of five or more children.

In 1950 the tax realised only £47,430, plus £1,470 in arrears. This means that 23,715 persons paid the tax (22,446 in 1949). Registered taxpayers who failed to pay the 1950 tax numbered 2,018, compared with 1,908 in 1949.

Most people would say that the department's estimate of 3,000 dodgers is extremely conservative. (There is a population of about 130,000 non-natives in the Colony.)

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FOR the first time in the Colony's history, the Inland Revenue Department during 1950 collected more than a million pounds in taxes. The amount paid was £1,060,666 which included income tax, stamp duties, residential and other taxes.

Mining royalties amounted to £132,600; income tax to £835,600. The sum of £118,000 was paid in income tax by 2,580 individual European taxpayers. European companies contributed £651,150; Indian companies £1,637; Indian individual taxpayers £42,000; and Chinese individuals and companies about £20,000.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Ward, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, Pitcairn Island, left the island on the Rangitata on October 5, en route to Australia.



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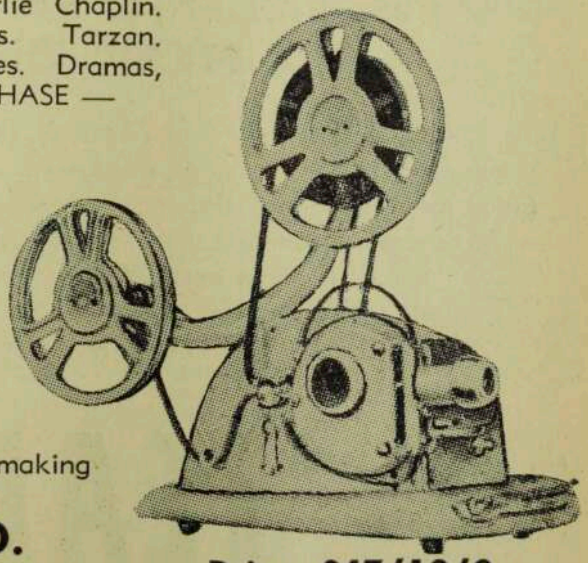
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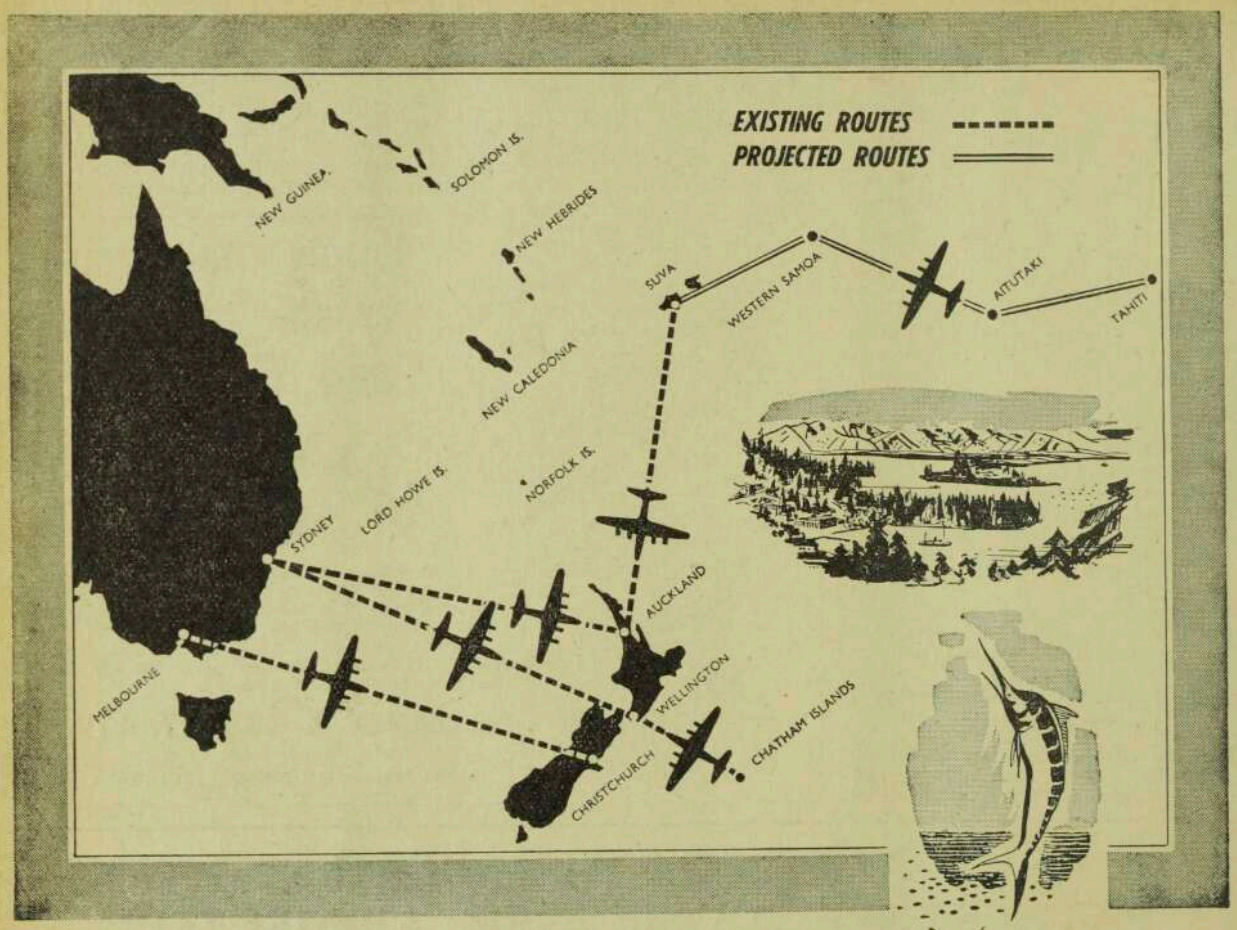


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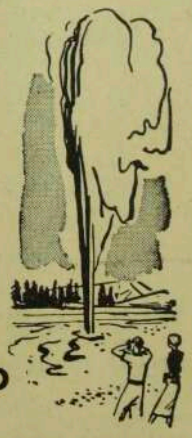
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MAGAZINE SECTION

NO LONGER OFF THE RECORD

R. W. ROBSON EXAMINES AN OLD LETTER-FILE

EVER since I established the Pacific Islands Monthly, in 1930, I have stored, in a locked cabinet, communications given to me "off the record." That cabinet has been overflowing, for some time. To-day, I cleared it out.

Back to daylight has come a mass of material that had been forgotten. Most of it now can be published. Either the persons are dead, or the incidents disclosed do not matter any more.

JAMES LARKIN

Here are the original papers in the James Larkin case. James Larkin, a planter in Manus, New Guinea, was attacked by a cheeky native labourer, in 1931. In return, he gave the native a severe thrashing. The native died—the cause was never proved—probably a "spleen case." In Rabaul, on November 30, 1931, Larkin was convicted by Judge Wanliss of murder, and sentenced to 10 years' hard labour.

In the proven circumstances, it was a really savage sentence. For two years, Larkin's friends tried to get the case reviewed, but officialdom would not move. In 1934, the PIM commenced an agitation. Officialdom still was aloof.

New Guinea men then subscribed some hundreds of pounds for the Larkin Defence Fund. We briefed counsel, engaged experts and, in January, 1935, circulated a petition, asking Administrator McNicoll to grant mercy to Larkin and remit the balance of sentence. It was numerously signed, and presented.

The late Judge Wanliss regarded the movement as a reflection upon him, and resisted it with everything he had.

When officialdom saw the strength of the plea for Larkin (I put in enormous work on the thing, and New Guinea civilians gave splendid support) Larkin's friends were confidentially informed that if they would call off the PIM, Larkin would be released.

A young woman whom Larkin was engaged to marry came to me and peremptorily ordered me to "lay off"—she said she had seen certain VIP's, and had "arranged" Larkin's release. Naturally, I refused to fade out. Either officialdom would give an answer to the plea of the NG people; or we should take the case to the highest authority in Australia.

There was a bitter fight, underground. Certain gentlemen, now dead, wanted the credit for releasing Larkin; but I would not budge.

Larkin was released in 1935, and hurriedly shipped away with his bride to South America. He never said one word of thanks to me or the Committee for all the work we had put in on his case. But on the eve of his sailing, a solicitor, acting for the lady, demanded from me immediate payment to him of the balance, in my hands, of the Fund which had been subscribed for Larkin's defence by the NG people. We handed it over.

CHARLES NORDHOFF

In 1938, the PIM had been directing attention to Jap war preparations throughout the Pacific. Writing to me on September 12, 1938, Charles Nordhoff, in Tahiti, said:

"Europe, as I write, seems about to explode; yet I have an inner feeling that Hitler will end by taking what we call in the States 'backwater,' and there will be no war this year. If war comes, you may count on us the moment Japan raises her head."

How right he was! Literally within a few days of that date, Chamberlain met Hitler at Munich, and the evil day was postponed. In 1941, Japan "raised her head"—and America knocked it off.

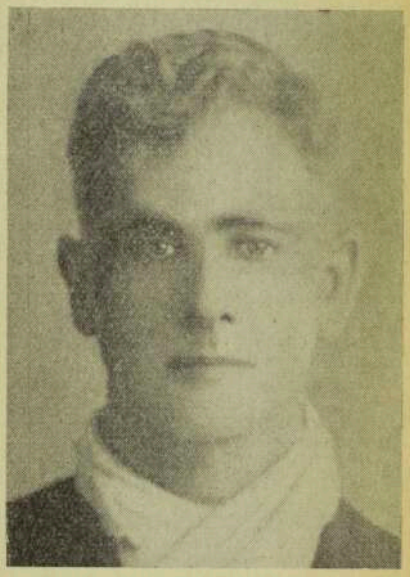
Nordhoff also said: "My finances at present are not too bright, with several big children at school in California, and our old family ranch (50,000 acres) in Mexico 'expropriated,' together with mines, oil-wells and God-knows-what, the property of people more important than ourselves. But don't broadcast this—we have not yet given up hope."

Nordhoff's domestic set-up in Tahiti collapsed in ruin soon after that; and he later died in California. James Norman Hall died a few months ago. The great literary partnership is now but a memory.

Most people now have forgotten "the great Mexican steal in 1938"; but it set the pattern for Persia at Abadan, and Egypt at the Suez Canal.

GEORGE MURRAY

A letter dated November 27, 1938, from dear old George Murray, the New Guinea Director of Agriculture,



The late George Murray as a young man

reminds me he was among the hundreds of civilians sacrificed in Rabaul in January, 1942, by Canberra's addle-pated officialdom.

I had asked Murray for a photograph, for publication. He sent me a photograph of himself, as a young man, but forbade me to use it if I were going to publish also photographs of certain fellow-members of the Legislative Council, whom he named.

He was a mighty hater, was George Murray, and the things he says in this letter about his fellow-Councillors and about "corruption in Rabaul" almost blister the paper. One of them is still very much alive, so the letter remains "off the record."

George Murray's parents were pioneer missionaries in the Islands. His grandmother's cousin was the first missionary in the New Hebrides, about 1840. Another kinsman, Dr. John Macgillivray, was a scientist on HMS Fly and HMS Rattlesnake, in the Pacific, over 100 years ago.

PRIME MINISTER LYONS

Here is a letter dated April 10, 1933, and bearing the signature of J. A. Lyons, Prime Minister of Australia.

Many people whose opinions I respected were alarmed, in 1933, by growing evidence of Nazi Germany's determination to return to the Pacific and regain her "lost colonies." Certain New Guinea in-

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cidents had come under my notice which, added together, made rather an interesting picture.

I gathered up all the information which I had and, under advice, submitted it to the Australian Prime Minister. This was his reply. He carried out, to the letter, his promise to examine the New Guinea situation very carefully.

Germany did not strike until 1939. In the ensuing 6½ years, pro-German activities in New Guinea did not go unobserved. Personally, I was not much interested in what the Germans were doing—I was too busy trying to keep track of the penetration of the South Seas by the Japanese.

SIR HUBERT MURRAY

Talking of Japan, here is a letter written to me from Port Moresby on November 29, 1938, (shortly after Munich) by Sir Hubert Murray, Lieut.-Governor of Papua:

"We hear rumours of the whole Japanese fleet having been seen off the coast of New Guinea during the critical days of September last. I wonder if there is any truth in them."

There was truth, indeed. But Sir Hubert did not live to see it proved—he was dead before the Japs invaded the Territories.

DICK ROCHE

A file inscribed "Dich Roche" is next to hand. These documents, dated around 1932, remind me that Mr. John Earnshaw, of North Sydney, and I tried very hard to learn something of the fate of Dick Roche, Bird-of-Paradise shooter, who disappeared in Dutch New Guinea before 1930. He had collected a large quantity of priceless material in a series of diaries, written in New Guinea; and, even if Dick were lost, we wanted his diaries.

But 20 years have passed, and not a trace of Roche has been discovered.

JACK HIDES

I find treasure in a dusty old file labelled "Hides," with dates between 1932 and 1935.

Here is the very first MS that young Patrol Officer Jack Hides sent me. It is an account of an extremely arduous patrol which he made in 1931, looking for the headwaters of the Tiveri River. He got away over the Kratke Range, and down into the Watut Valley, behind Bulolo, and there he and his party, literally starving, blundered into the camp of the famous prospector, Baum. Three weeks after Hides left, Baum was murdered by the Kukukukus. I had completely forgotten this MS—we shall publish it, one day soon.

Hides wrote this to me on November 11, 1934:

"I leave in 10 or 11 days for the Strickland. I am taking 14 police —the pick of the veterans . . . all are eager, and splendid types. My carriers will be 25 convicts—all hill men from the N and NE Divisions—long-sentence men who for some years have been breaking stones, getting three good meals a day and being well-disciplined. Cortes may —or may not—have dragged ships across mountains to the lakes of Mexico; but I know these men will drag me food and equipment across 300 miles of unknown Papua. These are the men who are going to make my patrol possible; and, if I watch them, they will see me through."

And they did see him through. Nearly a year later, he came back to report his most successful patrol—penetration of that magnificent uplands country southwards of Mount Hagen. I saw some of it from the air last year, and I still wonder how young Hides, and Champion, and Karius, ever got through those mountain barriers.

Hides was a natural writer.

W. C. GROVES

And here is another dusty old file inscribed "W. C. Groves." When I started that file, the now sober and serious Director of Papua-N. Guinea Education was then, exactly 19 years ago, a lusty and enthusiastic young education officer in the Kavieng district of New Ireland; and he wrote for me some of the most valuable comments on native life and conditions we ever had from that area.

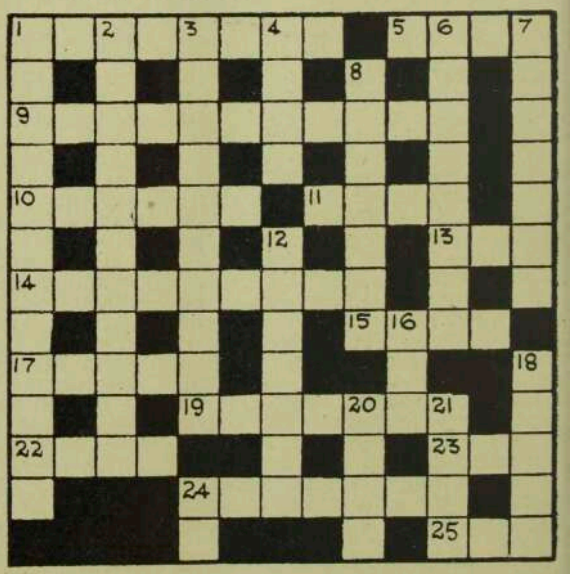
I hope that "Bill"—at this moment a responsible Australian SP Commissioner at Noumea—will forgive me if I quote a little bit of unrecorded history which he wrote me in the last letter in the old file, dated February 14, 1934:

"It is rumoured here in Rabaul that General Griffiths, for private reasons, desires to be released from his engagement (as Administrator), to leave New Guinea permanently at the end of June. In certain

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Crossquiz—No. 24

(Solution on Page 67)



ACROSS

1.—In cricket, what is the term for the deviation of a ball towards the wicket from the side opposite to that on which the batsman stands?

5.—What is the natural outside covering of an animal body?

9.—What do we call a man who professes not to be bound by conventional authority in religion?

10.—Which club has a wheel for a badge and each member is of different occupations?

11.—What poem recounts a great event in elevated style?

13.—Under what other name is a newt known?

14.—What do you call a simpleton named from a village in Nottinghamshire?

15.—What kind of frame for winding yarn is a lively dance in Scotland?

17.—What is the name of a mountain nymph?

19.—In a friendly way how would you term an experienced sailor?

22.—What is the crown of the head called?

23.—What name can be applied to any greasy liquid?

24.—What arched channel of masonry is built for carrying water beneaath a road?

25.—What is the Arafura?

DOWN

1.—What is the name of the informal circles maintained by the followers of Mr. Frank Buchman?

2.—Where is the centre of newspaper life in London?

3.—What is the musical expression for "diminishing in speed"?

4.—What do you call a song in an opera which is composed for one voice supported by instruments?

6.—What petroleum product is used for lighting and heating?

7.—Which English prison is known from its Calendar?

8.—What is the term for the master of a merchant-ship?

12.—What kind of fortress served A. J. Cronin as a title for a famous novel?

16.—What measuring unit contains 1¼ yards?

18.—What island received the George Cross during the last war?

20.—Which one of Adam's sons was the victim of fratricide?

21.—What drinking cups hold but half a pint?

24.—What is the symbol for calcium?

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COLD COMFORT

THE very cold "winter" we experienced in the Cook Islands this year was not without its hilarious side.

Those who had Makatea blankets, the relics of a past prosperity, got them out of sea-chests and were snug. The unfortunate ones without, resorted to copra-bags, old Army greatcoats, and similar ersatz, with more or less satisfactory results.

But old Mori had only a sack, and complained to the AMP of being cold, among other ills due to anno domini. He mentioned that he "had a hot-water-bottle" (some islanders amazingly, possess these articles) but didn't quite know how to manage it.

The medico told him to just fill it with hot-water, and put it in the bed.

Later, Old Mori returned, more full of cramps and coughs than before. The HWB, said he, had been entirely ineffective. He was told to try again, with the hottest water available.

When the ancient came back the second time unrelieved, the Doc. decided to look into the matter. So he went with Old Mori to his hut. The hot-water-bottle, that had been totally unsuccessful in creating calories, was produced.

It was a battered and ancient Thermos flask!—ETI.

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XMAS WILL BE EARLY THIS YEAR

CHRISTMAS is likely to be 10 days early this year in the Chatham Islands, 500 miles east of NZ, because that is the day on which the TEAL Solent will make its pre-Christmas flight. During the southern summer, TEAL services this lonely group on a fairly regular schedule).

It has been decided to make December 15 something to remember this year in the Chatham Islands —the Solent will carry to the children of the islands, a Christmas tree, Santa Claus and gifts including ice-cream, sweets, balloons and what-not, all provided by NZ firms.

The children will travel by horseback or boat (there are no roads in the usual sense) to Te Whanga Lagoon where the Solent lands.

Everything is organised to make this the biggest thing in the Chatham Islands calendar. Only one thing has been left to chance—and that is the weather which can be vile in the wind-blown Chathams.

GENERAL POST—FIJI FASHION

WHEN the Acting Governor of Fiji (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart) returned from the South Pacific Commission's eighth session at Noumea (which he attended as Senior United Kingdom Commissioner), he added one of Fiji's periodical and bewildering moves-round in high places.

His Excellency became Acting Governor when the retiring Governor (Sir Brian Freeston) left; and the Financial Secretary (Mr. R. M. Taylor) moved into Mr. Stoddart's place as Acting Colonial Secretary.

And when the Acting Governor goes away, everybody moves up again accordingly. But Mr. Taylor does not become Acting-Acting Governor. He becomes Governor's Deputy and is referred to not as his Excellency, but as his Honour. And, until the separation of the two administrations comes into force, the same thing happens, on a smaller scale, in the Western Pacific High Commission. (If it were not for fear of lese-majeste, the irreverent might recall the moves-round at a certain tea-party attended by Alice while in Wonderland).

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TURN RIGHT . . . YOU CAN'T MISS IT

Prior to the last war, the world wondered at a whimsical aviator by the name of Corrigan. It will be remembered that he set off from New York to fly to California. He landed in Ireland, in the totally opposite direction. The press dubbed him "Wrong Way" Corrigan. He claimed his compass was reading back to front.

We have a dusky "Wrong Way" Corrigan here in Santo, or I should say, he WAS in Santo. He is now in the Solomons.

In charge of a French-owned small ship with a crew of boys, this native set sail for Pentecost Island. When you leave Santo for Pentecost, you bear right. To get to the Solomons, you take a sharp turn left. Some folks say that his compass was on the blink but other reports say the ship experienced engine trouble. No matter what the cause, it was a remarkable bit of work, whichever way you care to look at it.—Vernon Wheatley.

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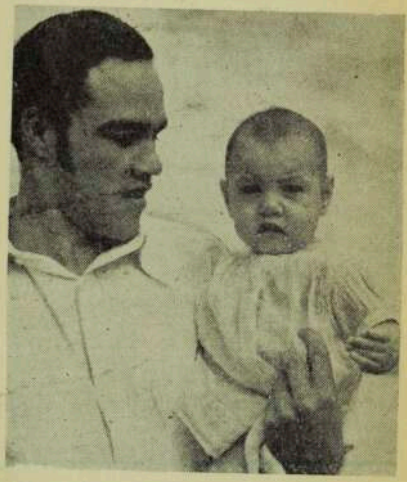
IT JUST WOULDN'T DO, IN FIJI!

"Introducing the British Pacific Islands," the latest of a series of lavishly-illustrated booklets published by the British Government's Central Office of Information for the Colonial Office, made its appearance in London in early November.

The booklets are official and anonymous and most of them have been written by Government people in the various colonies concerned. The Pacific Islands volume, however, was written by a non-official journalist, Mr. J. K. Stone, of Suva.

Although officially complimented on the job, the writer was aghast on sighting the near-lyrical advance "blurb" about the booklet. Somebody in London, summarising the highlights, had produced a clear suggestion that Pidgin English is spoken in the copra districts of Fiji. In the interests of brevity the London publicist had lumped Fiji, the Solomons and the New Hebrides together . . . Somehow the idea of the European planters of Taveuni running about talking Pidgin to one another is both delightful and terrifying. (In the booklet Pidgin in the Western islands is described as "a dreadful compromise").

MISS CATALINA



When Manasa Vere, popular Fijian AMP at Savusavu, Vanua Levu, found that there were complications to a maternity case he was attending, he lost no time getting to the R-T station and talking to Suva medical authorities. The result was that an RNZAF flying-boat was despatched to the scene, the expectant mother flown to Suva, and, in due course, a baby girl was born.

During a recent visit to Savusavu, I was taking an early Sunday morning stroll along the beach road, when I found I had company—a young father taking his child for an airing. We chatted, and I inquired the infant's name. It left no doubts as to who she was, for Miss Catalina Lilo had been named after the mercy plane which took her mother to Suva nearly 12 months before. Here she is with her father.—ROB WRIGHT.

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Around and About

Written from Fiji in October by Judy Tudor.

ALTHOUGH the rubber plantations of Mr. J. P. Bayly, beside the road somewhere between Navua and Sigatoka lie neglected, he has started a couple of sawmills in the same district.

The sawmills are sawing timber for banana cases and are therefore performing a useful service.

Samoa, on the other hand, imports all its case timber and a banana case there, I am told, costs something like 7/- now.

The Bayly rubber trees were tapped during the war years, but not since, which is surprising when one reflects on the high price rubber has been bringing in recent years.

The trees which look old and neglected, cover a good many acres near the main road.

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MR. AND MRS. MONK who, until a couple of years ago, owned the Sigatoka Hotel, now live about five miles away down the road to Suva in a house surrounded by about two acres of gardens and trees—including some coconuts.

In the backyard is an erection which is called a vata in these parts—a sort of table used for drying copra.

Mrs. Monk—prefacing her confession by saying that Heavens, it's worth over £50 per ton these days—admits that she does a bit of copra-making in her spare time. Apart from nuts from her own trees she buys nuts from a neighbour at 10/- a hundred.

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SOMEWHERE close to Lautoka an Indian has a concession for working manganese. Apparently this appears as a brown, rocky outcrop. The owner of the concession simply breaks it up, packs it in drums and sends it to Australia.

There are also supposed to be copper deposits in the hills around Lautoka; but, presumably, neither these nor the manganese are sufficiently extensive to warrant working on a large scale.

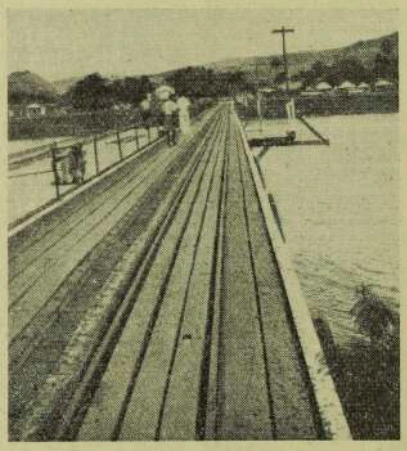
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THIS long narrow bridge over the Sigatoka River, down the middle of which runs a railway line, is a backseat-driver's nightmare.

There are no side-rails and there is room only for one-way traffic, and that proceeding at snail's pace Predestrians, who also use the bridge, must get out on the little side appendages to let vehicles pass.

I am told, however, that in spite of all, there have been remarkably few accidents although a few days earlier an Indian child had fallen off it and had been rescued by a Fijian policeman.

They are now widening the bridge —as can be seen at left of the photograph. The new portion has a concrete decking.





THE road from the coast near Tavua up to Nandarivatu—which should be Fiji's hill station and is not—also has its thrills. (Photograph above.)

Many of the grades are first-gear work for a car, the surface is rough, loose gravel and the road itself twists around upon itself like an infuriated corkscrew. But on a clear day—and this was—the view from near the top is magnificent.

This photograph gives some idea of the twisting road but nothing of the dark greens of the bush, brown of the sun-dried grass on the lower slopes, the pale green of the cane-fields away off, and beyond that, the very blue sea.

After the view, Nandarivatu is something of an anti-climax. Perhaps I had been expecting the majesty of the New Guinea Central Highlands, but this was more like an abandoned New Zealand saw-mill settlement. Half a dozen European residents of northern Viti Levu have built holiday cottages up there, scattered along a mile or so of road, but this apparently was the wrong season and they were all shut up.

There had been a rest house that took visitors, but it was not sufficiently profitable and now literally every stick and stone of it has been removed. Only the chimney remains to mark the spot.

Yet even with its ghost-town atmosphere, I can imagine that Nandarivatu would be a pleasant place to rusticate in Fiji's hot season. It seems extraordinary that the local population cannot keep at least one mountain rest-house going full blast all the time. All one can conclude is that the British just don't go for hill-stations. They would rather stew on the coast, hoarding their pennies so that once every few years they can go off to Auckland or Sydney to stand in queues, to squeeze into trams and buses and scramble madly for the privilege of paying £10 a week for a so-called, holiday flat.

Fiji's best timber—akin to NZ kauri—comes from close to Nandarivatu and at the time I was there some engineers from Vatakoula were deliberating on water reticulation for a market garden that the mines hope to establish "on top."

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DOWN in the valley, just before the road makes its last desperate five-mile climb to Nandarivatu, there is an attractive Fijian village beside the stream. But that seems to be the last of them.

Some time later, when I flew across from Nausori to Nadi by Fiji Airways, I was struck by this lack of inland population. There were plenty of tracks running along the ridges—where they went one could

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not see—but the only sign of life was a horse and a foal galloping madly on a hilltop.

As the highest mountain in Fiji is only 4,400 feet it is hard to believe that this is complete waste-land. In similar foothill country in New Guinea, each hilltop has its top-knot of coconuts, its cluster of native houses, food gardens down the slopes. Certainly it is a purely native economy, but the foothill districts support thousands upon thousands of people.

But not here—in Fiji they stick to the fertile coastal belt, the valleys and the banks of streams.

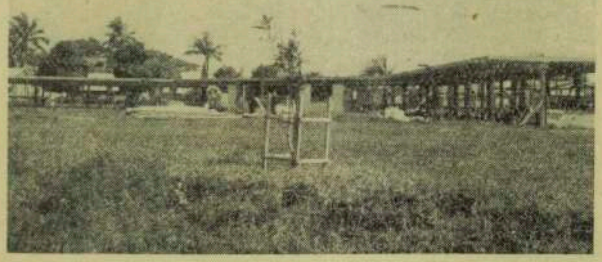
Perhaps when the proposed road is built right up the Sigatoka Valley, this foothill country will find some use as grazing land.

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LAUTOKA is not to be outdone by Suva. By now these new market buildings are probably near completion — this was the stage they had reached in late September.

They are shaped like the three sides of a hexagon with administrative offices in the centre. Built throughout of reinforced concrete. Up until now, Lautoka's marketing has been an alfresco sort of business. Indians and others simply set up stalls alongside the roadside.





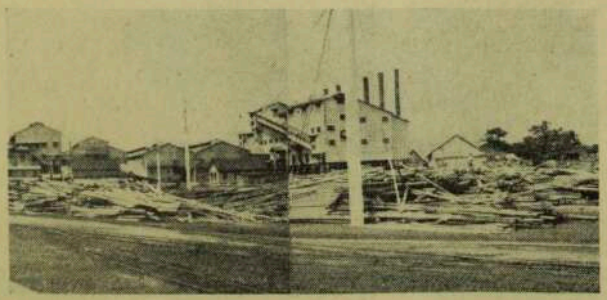
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THIS is part of the 1,050,000 super feet of oregon lumber that was unloaded from the Lakemba at Lautoka in five days in September.

It was temporarily dumped off in the area around the CSR Co.'s mill as shown here. This amount of oregon lumber was Lautoka district's quota for six months.

The multiple chimneys of the mill have only recently replaced a single stack. It is supposed to reduce the smoke menace or get rid of more gas or something like that but it has given rise to a believe - it - if - you - like Indian story.

"You can't kid me that the CSR is not making profits," says the Indian, in effect. "A while back they had only one chimney — now they can afford about half a dozen!"



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THE painting of Chloe in Young and Jackson's pub in Melbourne has no more local fame than the mural that hangs above the bar in the Mocambo, at Nadi airport.

The mural was painted by an American serviceman during his term of service at war-time Nadi and depicts a GI, clothed only in a pair of pants, sitting eating bananas and surrounded by about a dozen stark-naked damsels with long flowing hair and native features, but snow-white skins—obviously the GI artist has been too long in the tropics.

Since Nadi has become an international airport, used by hundreds of civilians from all parts of the globe each week, several VIP's in the air-transport business have demanded that the mural be pulled down in case it offends someone. I believe, at times, it has been discreetly curtained off, but pulled down it has not, and at present it is fully on show.

During one of the periods of heated controversy I am told that Nadi was visited by Sir Leonard Isitt, NZ's most important air-transport VIP. Sir Leonard was for the mural, and suggested that they ascertain public opinion forthwith.

He approached an elderly, reserved looking woman who had just got off a plane from San Francisco, drew her attention to it and asked her what she thought about it.

She looked at it in silence for some minutes and then said mildly, "Quite interesting—but what is the significance of the bananas?"

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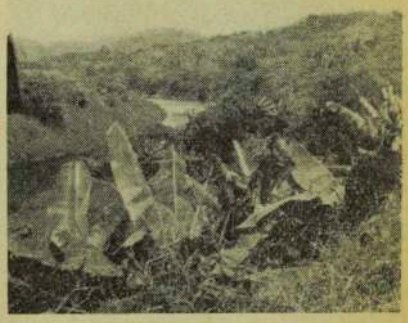
ONE of the most interesting parts of the journey around Viti Levu, to me, was that area of Fiji's banana lands which run beside the road and the Wainimbuka River for 20 miles or so. (Below.)

There are many villages on the roadside and both sides of the river are planted thick with bananas. Piles of banana crates at the villages and bamboo-rafts at the sides of the stream show that they are just not there for tropical local colour.

I should have liked to spend longer there — just to see if these bananas, for which Fiji is famous, do grow themselves without attention, as they appear to do.

There seems no attempt to plant them out, plantation fashion, to irrigate them, to cultivate around them or to spray them.

Never having produced as much as a humble spud without cultivating it, watering it and defending it against swarms of wogs, I stood and gazed in wonder at the apparent inactivity in Fiji's banana plantations. If all you have to do is to plant 'em and pick 'em, I wonder that the pioneer European planters let the whole industry fall into the hands of unambitious Fijians.



THE largest shower-bath in the world is currently in the possession of Dr. Lindsay Verrier, Government Medical Officer at Nausori. I don't know who designed and installed it, but the man was a genius—and when he dies he should be made assistant to St. Christopher, patron saint of travellers. (Next page.)

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When I arrived at the Verrier establishment, hot and caked with dust after a long journey from the other side, the Doctor took one look at me and asked if I would like a shower. Would I! Two seconds later I was in the bathroom.

The rest of the bathroom fixtures are at floor level but the shower is down a flight of steps. There are no taps but a sort of lever arrangement. I pulled it and what seemed like a whole tank of water descended on me—swoosh!

The shower-rose is about 15 inches across, designed purely for countries with no water shortages.

It was one of the nicest things that happened to me in the whole of Viti Levu.





THE Wellpark, (top) loading sugar at Ellington Wharf looks as though she is sitting on the mud. Overseas ships usually load first at Ellington as a precautionary measure, but other than that it appears to be a satisfactory enough port—from the owners' point of view. I should imagine that seamen must regard it as about the world's-end in ports.

Ellington is "wharf-nothing," the closest bit of civilisation for sailors is the Raki Raki Hotel, a considerable number of miles westward through the cane fields or along the dusty road.

Another of these strange uninhabited ports on the Viti Levu north coast is at Vatia Point, (lower photograph) between Ba and Tavua where the Loloma and Emperor goldmining companies land and store their fuel oil. Vatia Pt. too is "wharf-nothing"—plus a couple of large steel storage tanks.

In the photo, also, is the chariot I hired to take me on my Viti Levu pilgrimage, and Duruga Prasad whom a friend of PacPub loaned to me as driver.

He is an excellent driver, has the patience of ten ordinary men and is a fund of useful information—I couldn't feel that there was any "Indian problem" involved here.

He gave me a recipe for rotis—Indian for pancakes; we decided that, on a tonnage basis, the growing of yaqona, which is the ingredient of kava, beloved of the Fijians, is probably the most profitable crop in Fiji (the Punjabis grow a good percentage of it); and discussed the relative merits of curry as a staple diet.

The last question came up when I remarked on the fact that hundreds of the Indian schoolchildren we passed on the road all carried a small, tin billy-can. No cut-lunches for these youngsters—their mid-day snack consists of a noggin of curry ex the billy-can.

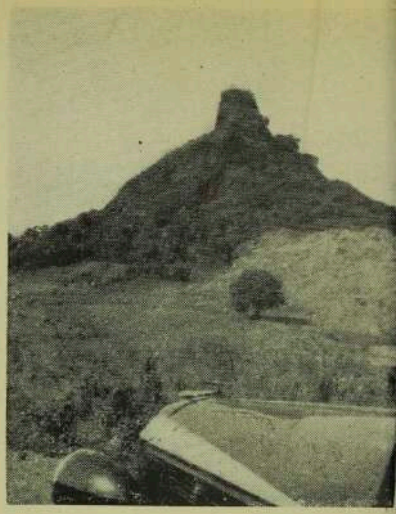
In European countries, curry is not supposed to be "good" for children. These young Indians, although all on the lean side, look healthy enough. I saw only one fat Indian youngster—the six or seven-year old son of the cook at the Raki Raki Hotel, who is a regular little Billy Bunter.

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CLOSE to a Fijian village in the neighbourhood of Ba, I was mobbed by these Fijian schoolgirls who swarmed all over the car, poked their heads in the windows and asked where I was from and where I was going. If I had been a visitor from Mars they could not have been more flatteringly interested.

When I suggested that I might take their photo they screamed with delight and got into a huddle in the middle of the road. This is it.

Several of them spoke good English and a couple of them had most un-Fijian features.



THE strange configurations of the Fiji landscape, the serrated mountain ranges, the bumps and lumps and outcrops from what should be plain plains it a never-ending source of interest to the traveller.

The Americans, I am told, had rude names for some of the more prominent bits and pieces—and at that I don't wonder.

Just near the Raki Raki Hotel there is a great mound of red earth which the Fijians have used as a burying ground. The whole thing is planted with frangipani, whose petals perpetually sift down over the strange collection of graves. Under a sort of cairn of stones is the mass grave of 1918 flu epidemic victims. Nearby is a grave outlined with three rows of very ancient beer bottles.

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THE MULES THAT WOULDN'T

Amusing Memory of the Murray Era, by Sydney H. Chance

TO quote Eric Feldt: "There is a chance of preserving some history of the Territories by articles in the PIM, and the more of them that appear the better." As I think so, too, I propose to tell readers something of Papua's tragic, but laughable, experiment with mule transport of Police Camp stores, between Aropokina (at the head of the Ethel River, which debouches into Hall Sound, 60 miles west of Moresby) and the Kambisi Camp (a mere seven days, or 128 hot, muddy miles, inland).

After the murder of some M.S.C. carriers in the Ononghe district, it was deemed necessary to "educate" the trouble-makers.

In the early 20's Charles Karius and Halford Thompson went in to make a strong camp at Kambisi; and what they didn't do to the recalcitrant tribesmen is not worth reading about. They were relieved by Logan and Baker, who did nothing but hold the place until Ivan Champion and PO Hartley arrived. Hartley was succeeded by Jack Hides.

All these officers were hampered by lack of stores. As a matter of fact, it was while Hartley was away at the coast getting up stores, that Ivan was surrounded by hundreds of Cop and PO killers, at Waitape. It's too long a story for here.

Champion scientifically and majestically bluffed them — not a shot was fired — they just left! Later, Ivan went on leave and Dave Pullen took over with Hides as PO.

As I have already pointed out in this paper, it was while Hides was on his way to the coast for stores that the Mavi deaths occurred.

About this time, Sir Hubert Murray wrote: "One of the worst features of the police camp is the senseless and unnecessary waste of coastal native man-days on the labour of carrying up stores. The horrible road has to be traversed to be appreciated, and don't forget it is a mule track of sorts, and not a foot pad. We must endeavour to use mules to eliminate wastage. At present only 25 per cent. of the stores reach the camp, the rest being eaten en route on the anything of up to 10 days' trek. The weather factor is a big consideration."

Thus, Sir Hubert said: "Let there be mule transport."

At this time, the only man in the Administration who knew anything about mules was RM Dick Grist, who had been in Canada, and also with Younghusband in India, if not Tibet.

Was Grist consulted? No. Without thought of first providing wayside mule paddocks, or of the training of native muleteers, mules were ordered. It's as simple as that, thought somebody in Moresby. "Mule Transport.. You must have mules. Ipso facto—order 30 from Australia."

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IN due course, one Archie Lomax was engaged, and a Mule Camp was made at Aropokina. The RMS X-Word Funnel brought the mules to Yule Island, where Hides and Lomax were to receive them as they swam ashore. Brother Alexis, who said he knew all about mules, was there, too, in the capacity of Honorary Adviser.

The mules were as wild as hawks. One, on being dumped overboard, made for the Passage to the open sea, and was last seen bound for Cooktown.

One of the first to get ashore, with teeth bared, made straight for the saintly Brother, who dashed for the lee of a friendly palm!

Eventually, the mules got to Aropokina; and this is the story of their first trip inland, as told to me by a French Father whose English wasn't too hot.

"Ha, ha, Mr. Chance! The mules, they start off from Aropokina quite all right. But of the boys there are too many. One boy to four mules it should be, not four boys to each mule.

"They kick, they lose the loads. The precipice it is there. One mule falls over and the rope has to be used.

"The boys carry the mules' food (fodder), and the mules carry the boys' food. They eat each other out, and when they get to Mafulu there is nothing left. The backs of the mules are, what you say, so sore that the boys carry the saddles back to Aropokina. It is to laugh."

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ONE thing I will say—Lomax did try. When I went up to take over the Camp, after the Pullen business, some of the mules were still at Mafulu, never having been caught.

After all this, night-camp mule-paddocks were made by Lomax and his successor Nagel, an ex-chemist's helper from Australia. They were both ably hindered by the thieving Mekeos, who had not heard of that Commandment, and who required the fencing wire for fish spears!

All the time I was at Kambisi, with Hides as assistant, we "gave the mules away" and took it in turns to bulldoze laden carriers from the coast to the camp.

Hides went on leave and, for a while I was on my own, until joined by S. Elliott-Smith. We did a gruelling trip all over the Ivane Hills, eventually reaching the alleged mule-track at the Popole Mission. Said the Father: "You will be pleased that your mules have arrived."

Smithy, who had threatened to clout me if I ever again said the word "mool" to him, almost embraced me. Of course it was only a furphy: the mules were still at the coast!

Eventually (1927), I became due for leave, and Smithy and I ordered tons of stores to be delivered at Yule Island. At Aropokina Depot there were some miles of fencing and some of the fattest mules I have ever seen.

Nagel left and his successor soon took a tumble to the job and threw it in. That was Harry Rosser. But I have it on hearsay that Mule Boss No. 4, old Jack Seymour, who was a South African War veteran, actually did get some stores up into the hills by mules.

When I was recently in Central Queensland, I saw a chappie loading up mules, and I said to myself: "You poor so-and-so. I'm glad its you and not I that has to deal with those kicking half-castes."

In one sentence: During the eighteen months I was at Kambisi, not one ounce of food, or anything else, came up to me by mule transport.

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Others have cement slabs on top or have crude wooden crosses.

But this graveyard is only one of the thousands of humps and bumps that go to make up Fiji.

Out somewhere near Viti Levu Bay this strange looking object sticks up on the skyline where it has no right to be. It is covered in scrub and you don't have to be an American to find a "rude" name for this. (Top of opposite page.)

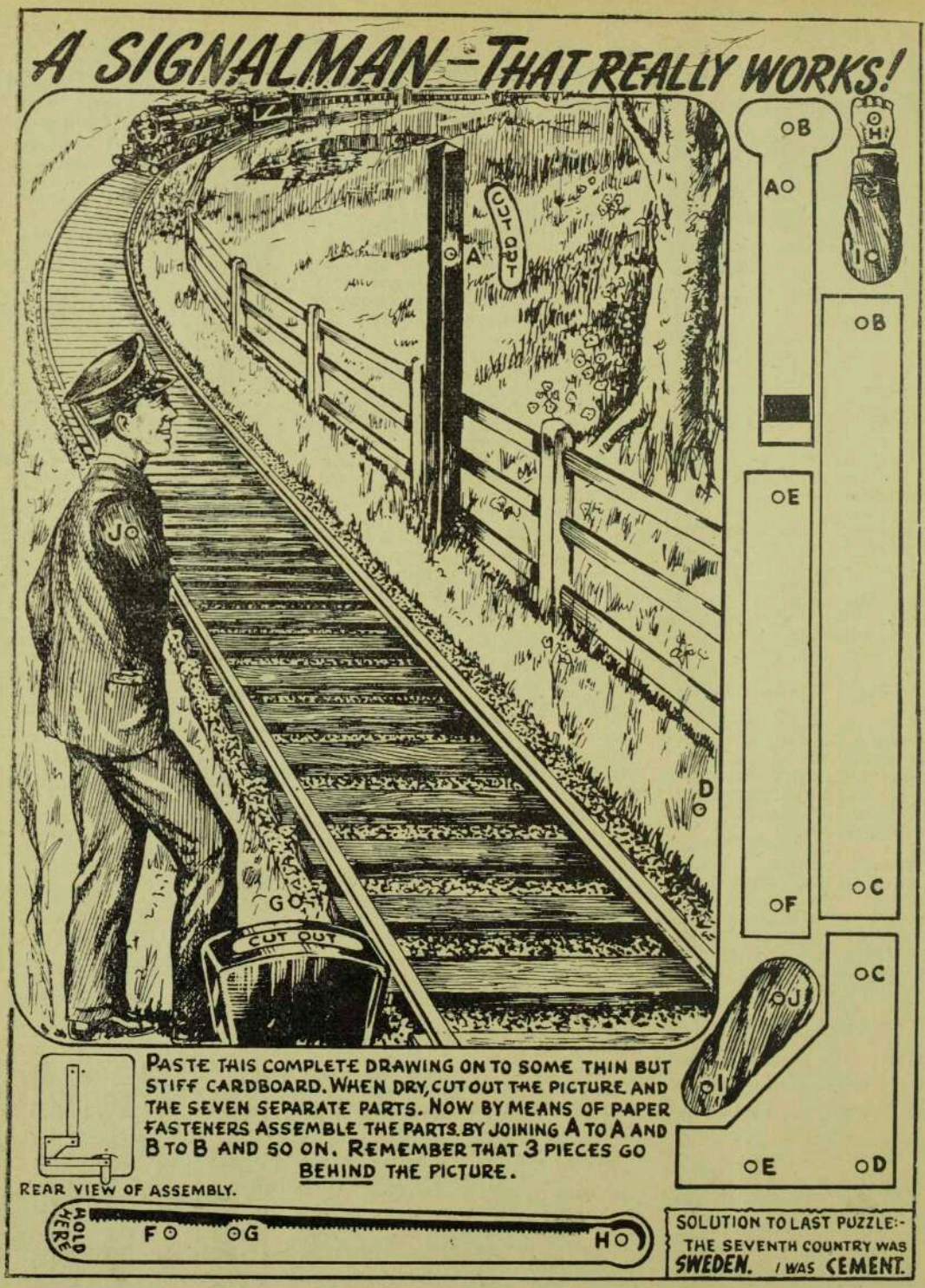
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A SIGNALMAN—THAT REALLY WORKS!



PASTE THIS COMPLETE DRAWING ON TO SOME THIN BUT STIFF CARDBOARD. WHEN DRY, CUT OUT THE PICTURE AND THE SEVEN SEPARATE PARTS. NOW BY MEANS OF PAPER FASTENERS ASSEMBLE THE PARTS. BY JOINING A TO A AND B TO B AND SO ON. REMEMBER THAT 3 PIECES GO BEHIND THE PICTURE.

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quarters, it is believed that he h found the reconciliation of t various clamant interests in t Territory impossible, even to one his patience, tact and administr tive experience."

If I remember aright, that w the first hint I received that t best Administrator New Guinea ev had was being driven out by pet official intrigues. And so it prove But the only thing that Tom Gri fiths (dead long since) said himse about it was: "I will not tolera office-boy control."

"BILLY" HUGHES

Does anyone remember the fie invasion of New Guinea affairs Australia's everlasting "Bill Hughes? I am reminded of t incident when I turn up a copy of circular we sent to all our Moro readers on August 15, 1938.

"Billy," briefly, was Minister f Territories. Rabaul, in 1937, h been more or less grilled in an eru tion, and a new capital had to found. "Billy," in a rush, a nounced the selection of Salamau as the new capital, and the buil ing of a road "directly over t mountains from Salamaua to Wau

The PIM promptly circularised a Members of Parliament, pointi out that any attempt to build suc a road was lunacy—it must g around the mountains, via t Buangs or the Markham.

This was reported to the Ne Guinea Mining Association as a attempt by the PIM to kill the roa and it called for a boycott of t PIM. We replied by direct circul that we were not attacking the roa but the route.

"Billy's" selection of both capit and road were soon forgotten. T day, 13 years later, the Lae-Mar ham-Wau road, built by the mil tary, is in constant use; and t once-busy port and airfield Salamaua is completely deserted.

CARL HEINE

This one brings many memorie It is a carbon copy of a letter ad dressed to Mr. Carl R. Heine, Micr nesian Mission, Jaluit, Marsha Islands, and it is dated Augus 1941.

Mr. Heine, a well-educated Ameri can missionary, was one of the bar half-dozen Europeans allowed b the Japanese to remain in t Marshalls. From time to time, h wrote very interesting little article for PIM about native life and condi tions.

In 1941, being certain that Japa would attack, I was trying to hel Intelligence by getting any availabl details of Jap installations in t Marshalls and Carolines; and I be thought me of Carl Heine.

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So I wrote him a letter most arefully phrased. I inquired about is health, said we were associated ith a fund for providing mission-ries with furlough in a cool place, id suggested that we might be able help him to furlough in Australia. remarked, incidentally, that I as sure there would be no war in e Pacific.

I do not suppose that letter ever ached him. Only eight weeks fter I wrote it, I was myself up in e Gilberts, and I found that the apanese had completely closed very channel of communication be-ween the Gilberts and Micronesia. earl Harbour followed, almost im-ediately.

I never heard again of Mr. Heine -I often wondered what became of im. Murdered, I suppose, like so any of the Europeans in those olated islands.

NG WOMEN SENTENCED FOR DRINKING

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Nov. 11

N passing sentence on three native men and two native women in Rabaul District Court November, the Magistrate, Mr. alter Shand, said that it was the rst time in his experience as a agistrate that he had had to sentence native women for drinking intoxicating liquor.

The five natives had been drinking in a taxi while travelling from Ramalmal Village to Rabaul.

Two of the men were sentenced to five months' imprisonment; one to six months. One of the women got five months and the other, who had a small child, was fined £3.

Mr. Ken Page is now settled down as the Pacific Islands travelling representative of Palmolive and associated lines, and is making regular visits to all the Territories. Mr. Ken Page is a son of the late Mr. T. E. Page, who was at one time well-known in the Pacific as a member of the staff of W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd.

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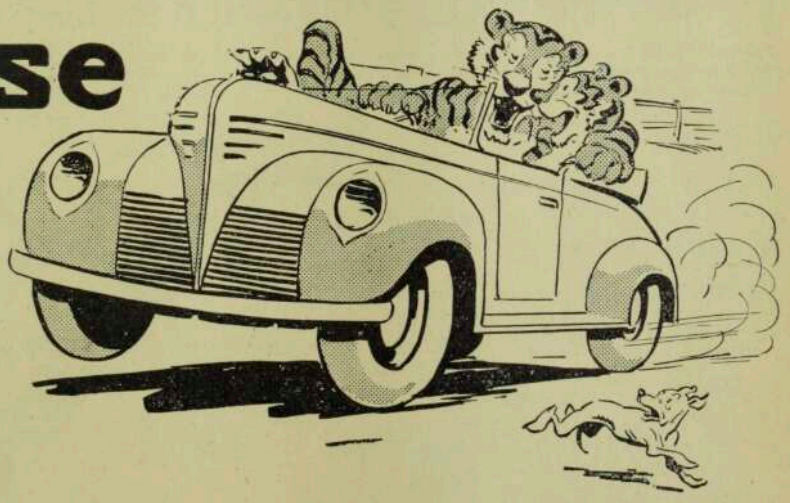
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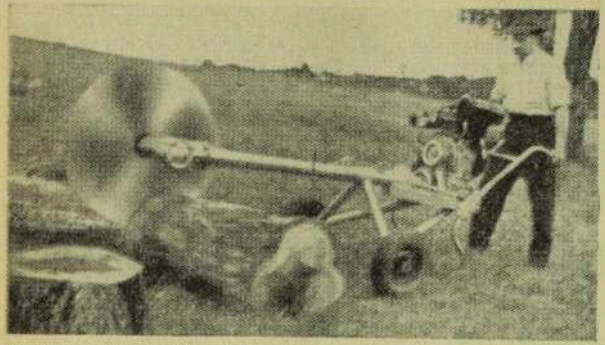
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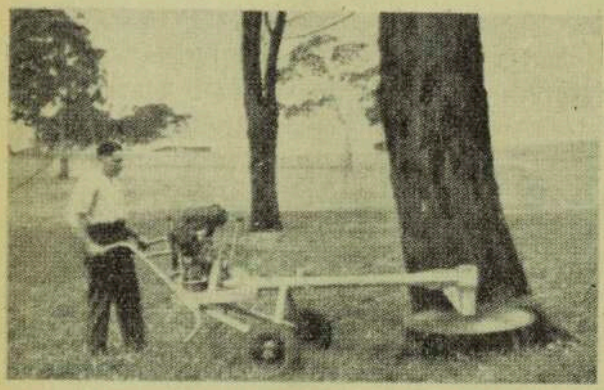
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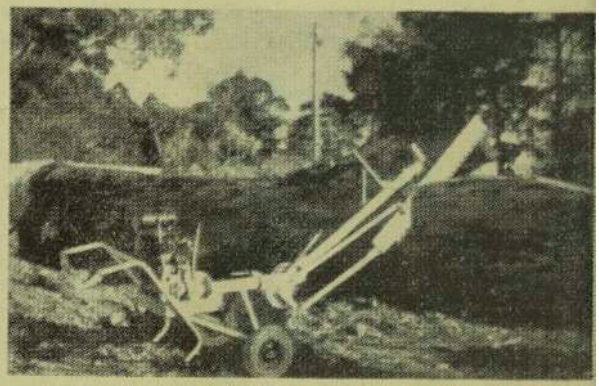


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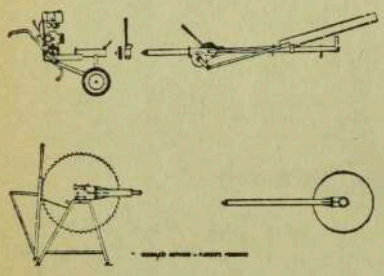
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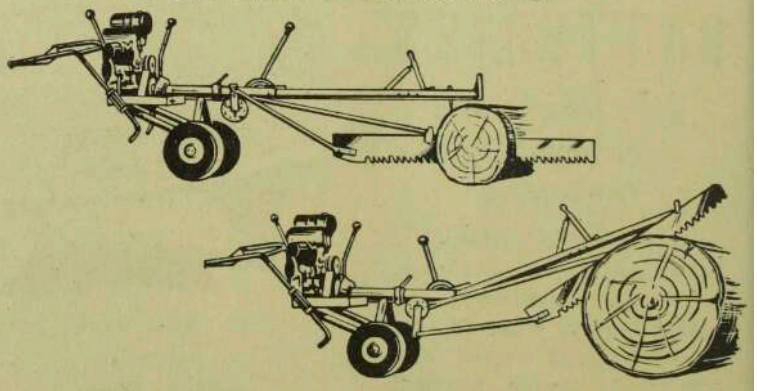


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TAHITI NEWS

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Nov. 10

OPIUM HAUL IN PAPEETE

Papeete's new Chief of Police, M. ank Biesel, with the aid of two ecoys"—gendarmes in feminine tire—made a clever arrest just ior to the departure of the Chung- g for Sydney on October 23, when ir men—two members of the crew, local resident, and a gendarme— re detained on charges of opium uggling.

Though Coconut Radio has it at the accused gendarme was amed," he will go to France for al.

M. Biesel, fresh from 14 years' vice in China, arrived in October relieve retiring Police Chief M. an Pascault.

ELL-KNOWN PEOPLE DEPART

Passengers departing per Chang- ow on November 3 included re- ing police chief Jean Pascault ho leaves many friends after 5 ars' service in Papeete), M. Jean eaud (Paris banker and business- an and owner of Atimaono Plan- ion), Miss Anatila Nordman aughter of a well-known resident, und for New York and Paris), M. colas Tuhiva (Tuamotu planter), & Mme. Negre, Doctor Florisson, Renault (of automobile fame), Roger Simonet (well-known cafe oprietor), Messrs. Rusden & ker (former owners of the NZ nooner, New Golden Hind) and ny others.

BENECIA SALVAGED

The well-known Benecia, pur- ased from the underwriters by Herve as she lay on a Tuamotu ef, following her stranding on ly 19, 1950, has been hauled across e reef to the sheltered inner oon and brought to Papeete, at cost of six months' hard labour d some two million francs.

Built in Tahiti by Mr. Charles own Petersen for his own use 20 ars ago, the schooner, now in dry- ck, will soon re-enter service.

EW GOLDEN HIND MISHAP

On her initial voyage to the Tua- otus for Messrs. Adram, Gobrait d Chinese interests (who had just rchased the ketch from Messrs. isden & Baker, of NZ) New olden Hind went aground at 8 n on September 28. Luckily, the ather was calm and the vessel as hauled clear two hours later.

Drydocked on return to Papeete, damage was discovered and she iled again on November 6.

LUXURY SCHOONER-YACHT PURCHASED

The Chin Foo interests of Papeete ve acquired the American luxury-schooner Seaward from Mr. Charles Williams for conversion to cargo-carrying in the Tuamotu trade.

The schooner—of typical Grand Banks type—has been in Papeete since June, 1949. Mr. Williams has returned to the States. Hart's shipyard is handling the extensive conversion-work.

WEDDING: JUVENTIN-GROLEZ

On October 27, Mademoiselle Doris Juventin, daughter of the director of the Government Printing Department, was married to Monsieur Jean Grolez, of Lille.

SHELL OIL FOR TAHITI

The Cerion, arriving on November 10, inaugurated the landing of the first barrels of Shell oil in Tahiti. The company's agent in French Oceania is Mr. Baldwin Bambridge, of Papeete. (next page)

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY

On September 2, M. Pouvanaa a Oopa was re-elected as Deputy for French Oceania to the National Assembly, Paris, by a considerable majority. Of the 22,957 electors, 17,318 registered votes, 90 of which were informal. Results:—

Pouvanaa a Oopa ..	12,096
Emile Vernaudon ..	2,171
Henri Hoppenstedt .	1,584
Francis Sanford ..	986
Alexis Bernast	391

TAHITI AND AUSTRALIA

A group of Tahiti business men have joined forces with the intention of aiding in every possible way the stimulation of closer trade relations between Tahiti and Australia. The group includes M. Jean Breaud (a Parisian banker), M. Jean Bres (formerly of the Polytechnic School of Engineering in Paris), M. Brenot (former officer of the French Navy), M. Valence (engineer of the Public Works Dept.) and M. de Crignis (Director Public Works). Their represen tive in Sydney is M. Pelletier, P sident of the French Chamber Commerce in Sydney, whose of is at 16 Bridge Street.

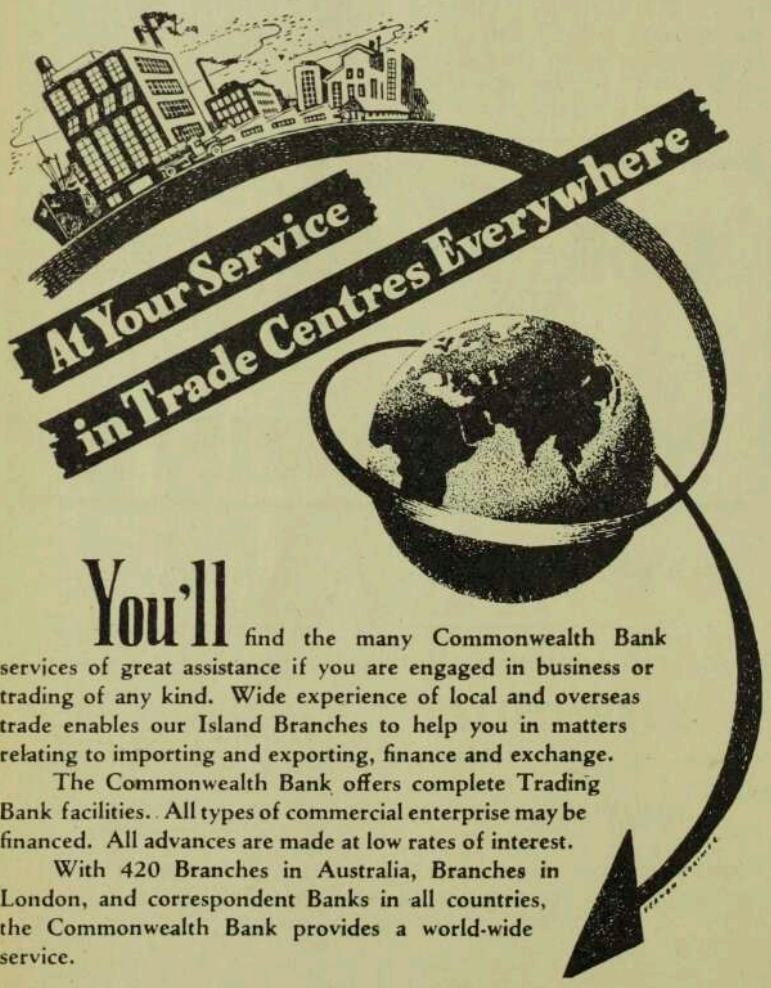
OROFARA THANKS NEW ZEALAND

It is not generally known that Lepers Trust Board of NZ, wh makes substantial contributi towards the welfare of the patie at Makogai, Fiji, also assists in upkeep of the French leper hospi in Tahiti.



In this group, taken in front of the Ta Lepers' Hospital, appear (left to rig M. Tony Bambridge, M. Milland. and Albert Leboucher.

NZ this year donated 633,6 francs to the Orofara settleme reports M. Albert Lebeucher, we known political figure of Tah who is in charge of the funds a donations of the Lepers' Trust Boa of NZ.



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GOODS DAMAGED IN P-NG PORTS

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Nov. 15

THE Rabaul Advisory Coun disagrees with the P-NG A ministration's contention th damage and pillage of import goods occurs in Australian por The Council believes that the bu of damage is sustained at the Te ritory port of discharge.

Handling and stacking of goo has improved to a certain extent but only because of previous cri cism by the Council which shou continue its campaign until su time as this side of shipping is 1 per cent. perfect.

Road maintenance around Raba was also discussed at the Novemb meeting of the Council.

Although the Commonweal Government was curtailing financ it was felt that sufficient fun should be provided for the repa of existing roads. A recommend tion to this effect will be pass on by the Council to the Admini tration.

Noted Noumea Wedding



A photograph taken after the marriage of Melle. Jacqueline Herault to Monsieur Bernard Quepy in Noumea Cathedral on September 29. The bride is the daughter of Captain Henri Herault and Madame Herault, of Noumea, formerly of Tahiti. The families of both bride and groom are well know in New Caledonia and the reception at the Noumea Cercle des Officiers Militaires, was attended by Noumea's leading citizens.

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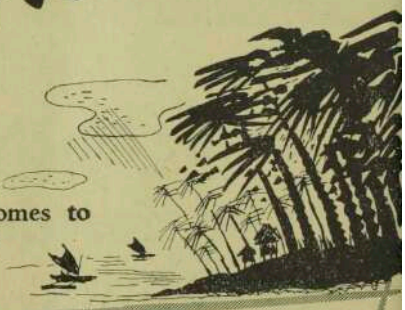


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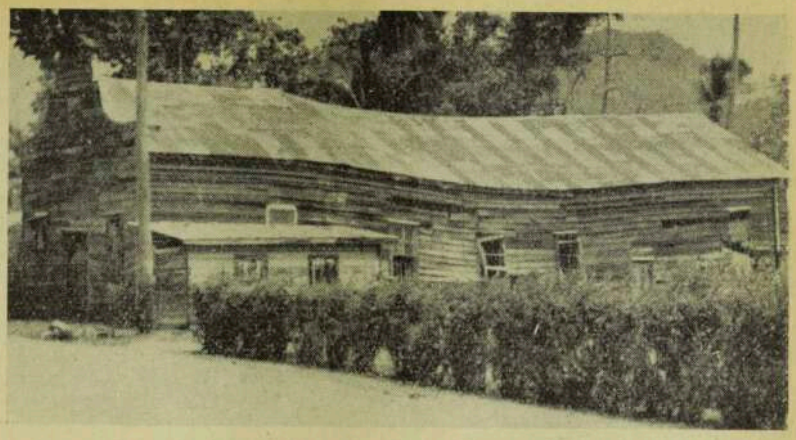
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NEWS FROM MOROBE GOLDFIELDS

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, November 20.

A SON was born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry O'Sullivan on October 28, at Wau Hospital.

Mr. Tom Upson of Manus, with Mrs. Upson, recently arrived in Wau to take over Police duties in this district. Mr. Max Corliss has now departed for Port Moresby.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hawley, with baby son John, of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., have departed for three months' leave, to be spent in Newcastle, NSW.

Mrs. Vernie Thomas, popular manageress of the Wau Club, has now left for Rabaul, where she was well-known before the war.

The finals of the Associates' Golf Championship were played this week with Mrs. I. Crawford winning from Mrs. H. Seale with one up. Mrs. Crawford also won this month's Medal.

Mrs. Jensen, a dairy farmer from Atherton, North Queensland, is commencing dairying in Wau. Mrs. Jensen purchased six Jersey cows from the Agriculture Department recently, and will bring a DC3 plane load of Illawarra Shorthorns direct from Atherton to Wau early in December—a unique airlift even for this country.

Mrs. Doris Booth, CBE, of Cliffside, is back with us again after a few months in Brisbane. Mrs. Booth has been nominated to the Legislative Council, and Authority is to be congratulated on choosing somebody like Mrs. Booth who knows this Territory, especially this Goldfield area.

Mrs. Booth has received congratulations from near and far on her nomination.

An interesting and entertaining afternoon for the children of Wau was held here recently when the children of the Luther Mission School (Katharine Lamond) and the Wau School children competed in a sports afternoon at the Oval.

The children enjoyed themselves to such an extent that parents wonder why similar afternoons cannot be a monthly event next year.

Mrs. Norman White, Snr., of Wau, has returned from several months spent at Beauty Point, NSW.

The Wau Swimming Pool is completed at last—lack of cement held it up for some time.

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Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday were observed in Vila, New Hebrides by services at the Paton Memorial Church and Mass in the Roman Catholic Church followed by ceremonies at the Cenotaph. On the previous night, a successful Ball was held in the recently completed Cine Pacifique.

Dr. G. E. Hoult, a New Zealand doctor and dentist who went to B.S.I. three years ago as Medical Superintendent of the Methodist Mission, has offered to continue for a further period. He will take a course in tropical medicine and hygiene in Australia during his next furlough.



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From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, November 12.

DURING the nine months, April to December 31, 1950, the fo lowing quantities of liquor we sold by the Government of Weste Samoa "for medicinal purposes": whisky, 2,024 gallons; brandy, 5 gallons; gin, 1,007 gallons; rum, 3 gallons; liqueurs, 72 gallons; win (port and sherry), 272 gallons; ve mouth, 65 gallons; beer and stou 21,907 gallons.

In spite of the large quantities "official" liquor consumed by th public, there is still a lot of "hom brewing" of beer going on as well.

(Ed. Note.—This is not a ba effort for a country that is techn cally "dry" and has a populatic of about 200 full Europeans an 6,000 part Europeans, who obtai their liquor on a permit system "f medical reasons." The 80,0 Samoans were saved from them selves by article 3 of the old Leagu of Nations Mandate (and presum ably something of the same so operates under Trusteeship) whic said the "supply of intoxicatin spirits and beverages to the Native shall be prohibited.")

Mr. W. Fergusson, of Qanta Madang, NG, with Mrs. Fergusso arrived in Australia on leave, i October.

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US Territories Welcomed to SPC

A CEREMONY took place at South Pacific Commission headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia on November 7 at which an agreement was signed bringing the American Trust Territories of Mariana, Caroline and Marshall Groups and US Territory of Guam, within the scope of the SPC.

Formerly, the only US Territory in the SPC area was Eastern Samoa.

The agreement was signed by the six member governments—Australia, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the USA.

Dr. Felix M. Keesing, Senior Commissioner for the United States said that although the new territories lay north of the Equator they could still be considered part of the South Seas—a term that had been employed in history and literature to describe a far larger area than that part of the Pacific below the Equator.

The US territories were not included in the Commission area at its inception in 1947 because at that time, no agreement had been reached between the US and the Security Council of UN regarding his Government's responsibility for the administration of their Trust Territory.

Dr. Keesing stressed also the many economic and social problems that were common to the US territories and to those that already came within the scope of the SPC.

Delegates from Australia, The Netherlands and New Zealand all welcomed the addition of the new territories to the SPC. Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, Acting Governor of Fiji, representing the United Kingdom Government, said that already during the past year one link had been formed between the peoples of the present Commission areas and those who were about to join it—young men from Guam and the US Trust Territory had joined the Central Medical School at Suva to undergo training as AMPs.

The French delegate, M. Lassallevere gave a final brief address expressing his Government's support of the action, after which the six representatives formally signed the agreement.

Mr. A. W. Moverley, Pitcairn's first Education Officer, who has successfully established the Education project which is such an important step in the progress and history of Pitcairn Island, left the Island on October 5, by the Rangiata for New Zealand on furlough. He and his wife and daughter have been three years on Pitcairn. **Mr. E. Sanders** of New Zealand is the relieving teacher.

When the Acting Governor-General of Australia, Sir John Northcott, visited Madang district during his recent tour of New Guinea, Gulu, the Paramount Luluai presented him with a native bowl of rice grown by the Amele Progress Society. The Luluai of another local village presented Sir John with a cooking pot.

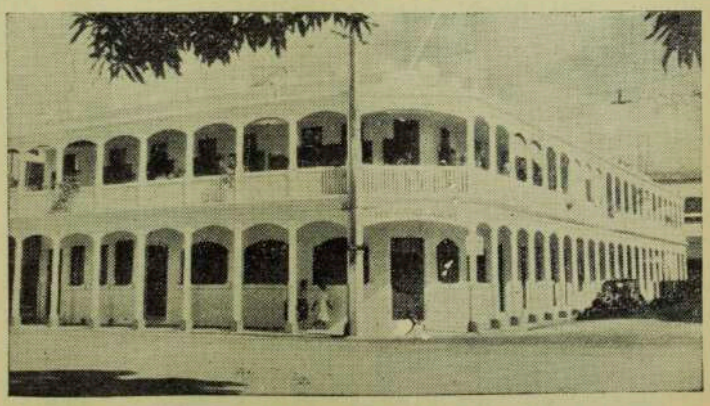
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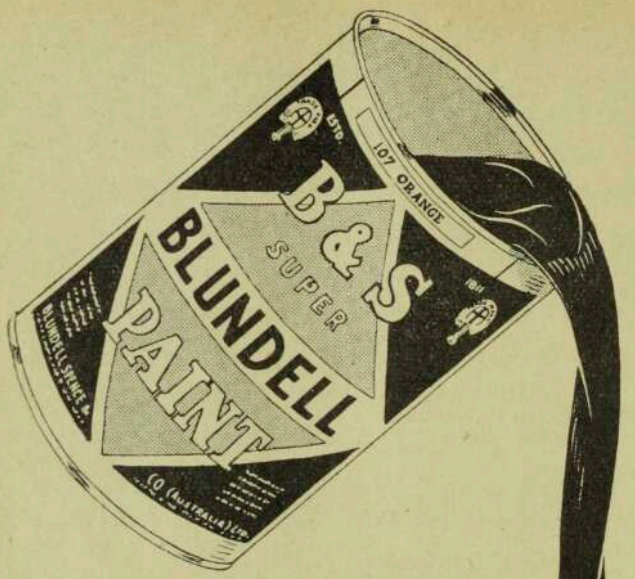
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RABAUL SOCIAL LIFE

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Nov. 25.

THE dining room, which the New Guine Club has recently opened, has quickl become popular with members and thei guests.

The RSSAILA Raffle, in aid of th Education and Distress Purposes Trus Fund, was drawn in early November. Th first prize, a Morris Minor car, went t Mr. Laurie Chan, of Sohana; the secon prize, a Cold Flame refrigerator, to Mr Bruce Hills, of Kavieng; and third prize a Phillips Radio, to Mr. Charles Blake, o Rabaul.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mollinger at Namanula Hospital, Rabaul on October 28; a daughter was born t Mr. and Mrs. K. Leen, of Sohana, at th same hospital, on October 31.

The Rabaul Bachelors' Ball was held a the New Guinea Club on November About 200 people were present to enjo the fun.

Mr. Chris Avenell, with his wife an family, has left Rabaul to take up a appointment in Australia with the Depart ment of Civil Administration. Both Mr and Mrs. Avenell will be missed fro community life here. He is a baseba enthusiast and she has been in charge o the local kindergarten for the past si months.

Mr. Don Williams, who has been loca manager of the Vacuum Oil Company, ha been transferred to Lae.

Miss Kelsie Shrubb, who has spent thre years in Rabaul with the New Guine Company, has been transferred to Lae.

In order to raise funds, the Raba Anglican Women's Guild is holding a luck number competition. The prize will be Christmas hamper—including a bottle Scotch whisky, wine, fruit, canned ham sweets, cake, etc.

Mr. Ron Lange, son of Mr. and Mrs G. R. Lange, of Rabaul, left for Australi on November 15. He will join the per manent Army. Mr. Tony Normoyle, so of Mr. and Mrs. C. Normoyle, left on th same day to join the RAAF in Australia

The RSL Entertainment Unit presente the three-act play, The Ghost Train, t appreciative Rabaul audiences on Novembe 12 and 14—and, by special request, agai on the 16th.

The play was produced by Mrs. Norm Showman and Mr. Keith Armistead stol the show by his protrayal of the sill young man who turns out to be a famou detective.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs Platt, of Hotel Ascot, Rabaul, o November 11.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Henderson, o Kerevat Experimental Station, arrived bac recently after a business trip to th United Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Arrowsmith and thei children arrived in mid-November after holiday in England.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Farrell are back afte leave spent in Australia. Mr. O'Farrel is a member of BP staff.

Mr. John Kellman, a member of th Commonwealth Bank staff, has returne to Australia. During his term in Raba he became local Gold Club champion.

Mr. Keith McCarthy, District Commis sioner of Rabaul District, at present o leave in Australia, has entered Heidelber Repatriation Hospital and is expected t be there for about six weeks.

Mr. Bill Washington, of Kabaira Plan tation, is also in hospital in Australia.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs G. T. Hutchinson, of Lae, at the Nama nula Hospital, Rabaul, on November 23.

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Fleeing from City Frustrations to Seek Island Utopia

MELBOURNE newspapers have been giving publicity to Mr. John Greenston, described as a Black Rock bachelor of 57. He invited people to sail with him on Christmas Day, 1951, to seek an islands Utopia.

Up to mid-September, 40 men and women had manifested interest: but the organiser said he still wanted a doctor and a nurse, and he felt that the party needed another 20 "romantic, intelligent women." He said that honeymoon couples would be ideal.

Mr. Greenston proposes that each accepted applicant shall put in £250. They will buy a yacht and farming equipment, and they will then cruise around the Islands of Torres Strait, New Guinea and Fiji until they find a suitable site for a co-operative village settlement.

One newspaper reported late in September that the party had grown to 23 men and 10 women. They were arguing about the best site for their settlement. An Island near Auckland, and another one off North Queensland, had been added to the others under consideration.

The organiser said the members of his party must be people who were "fed up" with the frustrations and irritations of city life. "We will have no laws, because laws rob a man of freedom," said Mr. Greenston. "Nobody will be boss . . . Australians have become the victims of the petty tyrannies of crude and vulgar politicians. These power-drunk men want to feel they are bigger than they really are."

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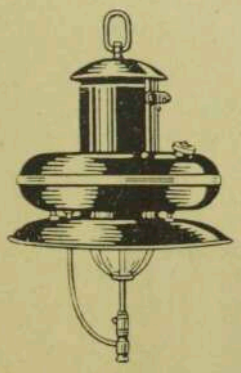
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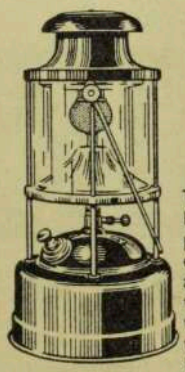
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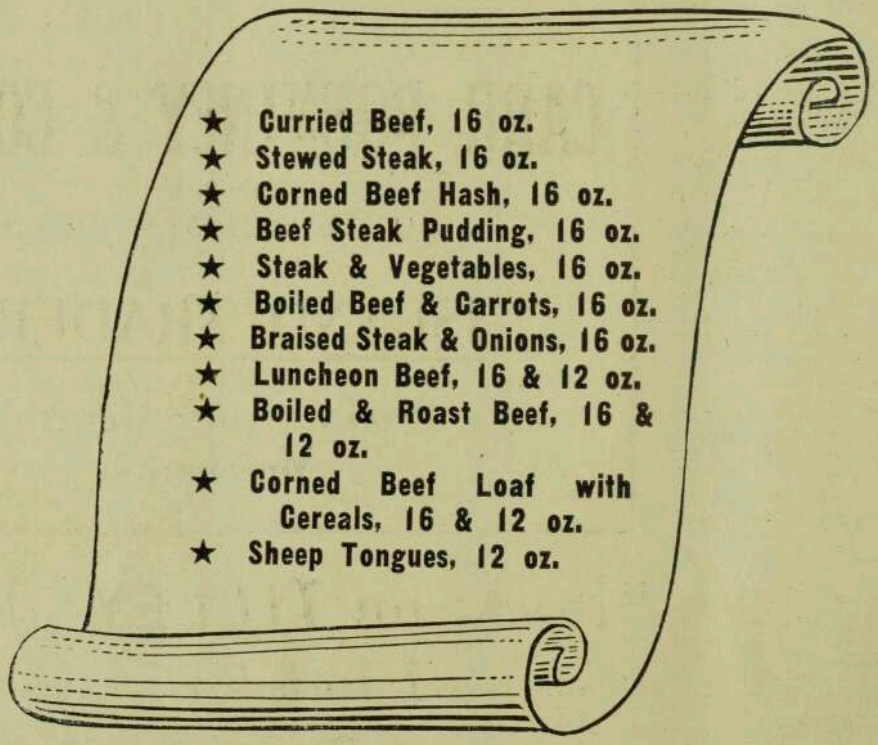
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HUGE CROCODILE 'AKEN N EXCITING FIGHT

BY K. S. POOLE

HONIARA, Sept. 30.

THE capture and killing of one of the biggest crocodiles ever seen in the Solomons has been escribed by Mr. Pat Campbell, of 'aiai, San Cristoval. It happened out a mile from Waiai plantation omestead.

One Sunday, in August, planta-on boys came rushing in to say ey had seen a large crocodile in small, deep pool in the river earby.

Mr. Campbell called other boys, nd the party set out armed with pears, axes and knives. Mr. Camp-ell carried a .22 rifle.

When they arrived at the pool, arious plans for killing the croco-le were rejected as too risky.

The bossboy then suggested that ey should try to rope it and aul it up to the surface where it uld be shot and speared. This ea seemed rather risky, too; but, the absence of a better one, olunteers were called for, to try Nobody stepped out.

The bossboy then said that as he ad suggested the plan, he would do the roping himself. Before doing this, he said, he would first dive down and spear it.

He took a spear, and asked another boy to jump into the river with him and hold on to the end of the spear while he himself dived down and placed the spear in position on the crocodile's neck.

He then dived down and, when he came up, he told the other boy to heave the spear with all his might.

This was done, but nothing happened. When the spear was pulled up (it was made of a kind of palm used in the old days for making spears) they found that its point was burred.

The spear was re-sharpened, and the bossboy again dived down and placed its point on the crocodile's neck.

When the boy came to the surface, the other boy again gave the spear a mighty heave, and then the fun started.

They saw the spear dragged down; and then it went along the surface like the periscope of a submarine, the end coming to the surface and disappearing again, till it finally came to a standstill.

THE bossboy dived down again and came up with half the spear. He said the crocodile was now lying under a big rock, with half the spear still in it.

Mr. Campbell told the other boys to run into the bush and cut several lengths of loia cane. When this was done he made a loop at one end of a length, and gave it to the bossboy who fearlessly dived down again, to the great excitement of the rest of the party.

When he came up he said he would rope the tail first; and when he gave the loia cane a tug, the

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rest were to pull steadily till they could feel the weight of the crocodile, then stand by.

This they did.

The boy came up, asked for another piece of loia, dived down, and put it around the crocodile's neck. The shore party again drew it tight and held on.

When the boy came up again, Mr. Campbell told him to come out of the water; and, when he came out, the end of each piece of cane was tied to a small tree nearby. Once the ends were secured, everyone began to heave on the ropes.

They felt the crocodile gradually being pulled out from under the rock; and all of a sudden it began to fight.

On the first lash of the tail, th two boys in front of the ropes wer jerked into the water—and brok all swimming records for the oppo site bank.

Boys and crocodile struggled an fought for nearly an hour; an when they got the brute to th surface it took another half hou to finish him off with spears, ston and the .22 rifle.

A platform was made, and 2 boys carried him back to Waiai t be measured.

The crocodile was 18 ft. lon with a girth of 6 ft. When the cut him open, they found bone and eight pieces of turtle shell in side.

Mr. Campbell thinks he know where the three young calves an the yearling lost on the plantatio in the last twelve months hav gone.

The skin of the crocodile is bein dried and will be stuffed as trophy.

Mr. F. M. Campbell, father o Mr. Pat Campbell and well know in the Solomons for more than 2 years, says he has only once see a larger one; and that was stuffe and on the verandah of the Em Park Hotel, near Rockhampto The head could only just be see from the bar door—it was a warn ing to gentlemen not to over-in indulge in alcoholic refreshment.

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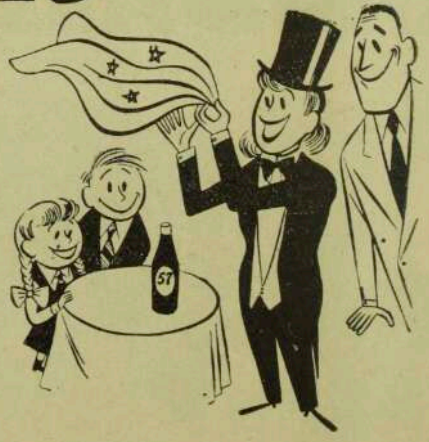
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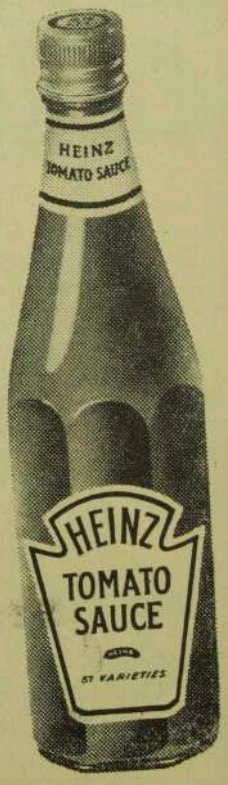
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From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 5

SUVA'S Fijian watersiders are patted on the back by the District Commissioner, Southern (Mr. J. W. Sykes) in his annual report. Stevedoring labour at the Suva Wharf, the report states, "maintained its high standard of performance."

In a strike-happy world, the Suva wharfies very seldom get the praise that is their due. And they get only a fraction of the wages lavished on overseas wharfies although since November 15, members of the Fiji Stevedores' Union get a 15 per cent. increase in pay, with certain other minor concessions. The old rate was £2 a shift of ten hours with hot meals and free accommodation if required.

When the union secretary (I. N. Saveta) announced the increase on November 3 he expressed his organisation's thanks to the employers for their co-operation at the conference that preceded the wage increase.

There is a standing force of 150 watersiders permanently on call at Suva, or in the nearby Fijian villages. At rush periods additional men are recruited, and this practice has produced a showdown with the Provincial Councils of Rewa and Nailevu.

The men employed as recruiters have frequently disregarded instructions and an unwritten agreement by which the employers undertake to consult the Roko of a province before additional labour is recruited. At times villages have been almost denuded of manpower without reference to the provincial authorities. This has resulted in a growing agitation for legislation to control the recruitment of stevedoring labour.

Filariasis in Maldives

A SMALL expedition of three scientists, sent by the World Health Organization, has been surveying the extent of filariasis in the Maldive Islands, a British Protectorate, 400 miles west of Ceylon.

The Maldives comprise an archipelago of about 2,000 small coral islands with a total population of some 85,000. Of the 4,000 persons examined by the three scientists, principally in the southern atolls, one in every three was found to be suffering from some stage of filariasis. They surveyed the breeding places of the mosquitoes and recommended ways of control, giving practical demonstrations of simple methods of prevention, initiating them in one village.

Naea Fu'e Komisi, the driver of a bus which plunged down a cliff near Solosolo, Western Samoa, in July, killing three passengers and injuring 14 others, was recently fined £35 and had his licence suspended for two years. He was convicted of negligent driving but the jury recommended that his previous good record be considered.

The Rev. and Mrs. William Anderson, who recently retired from the Presbyterian Overseas Mission after 53 years service in the New Hebrides, left Sydney after a short stay, in early November. They are now living in New Zealand—at 16 Havelock St., Ashburton, Canterbury, NZ.



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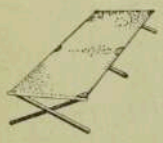
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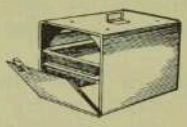
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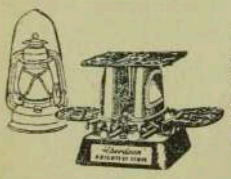
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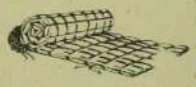


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MUDDLED SHIPPING

P. VILA, Nov. 28.

MINOR shipping mishaps have given the waterfront plenty of subjects for discussion ately.

The long and expensive search or the French-registered Vila Star formerly the New Zealand coaster Holmglen) ended when the ship was iven her position by a plane and rrived late in October. Critics eem inclined to blame the people n the Vila Star for the muddle. The planes were looking for her a ong distance from her estimated osition.

When she berthed, the Vila Star aused Captain Brett Hilder some nxious moments. His Morinda as lying at Pier 3 discharging; and he Vila Star tried to tie up nearby. She could not make it, and struck Morinda's stern. Then she drew off, and tried her luck at Pier 5. Only superficial damage was done o the ships.

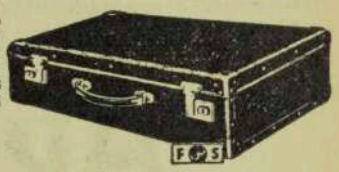
The New Zealand vessel Awahou rrived at Santo, in the mistaken elief that Santo is a port of entry. Officials refused entry, and she had o up anchor and retrace her ourse to Vila to undergo Customs nd Health formalities. She re-urned to Santo and discharged her argo.

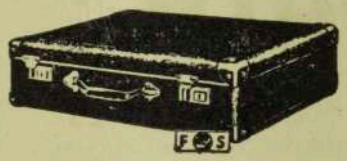


This interesting group of Tahiti people was caught by the camera-man on a sidewalk in Noumea in October. They are, from left to right: M. Pugibet, Mme. Marthe Vien, M. Oscar Nordsman, Mme. Turere, M. Santot and Mdlle. Denise Drollet. M. Santot is Mayor of Noumea. He is the famous former Governor of New Caledonia, who led the rally to General de Gaulle in 1940.

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A mild epidemic of influenza put a lot of people on the sick list in Port Moresby during the middle of November. Whole batches of natives were affected although most of them made a good recovery in a few days. A number of Europeans also caught the wog and many gaps appeared in office staffs.

NZ CATALINA CARRIES US VISITORS TO PAGO

From a Special Correspondent

PAGO PAGO, Oct. 30

A RNZAF Catalina unexpectedly visited Pago on October 28, bringing with it a party of US Congressmen who wanted to s how things were here, and ha on-the-spot discussions with Go ernment officials and Samoa chiefs.

The flight in the Catalina dire from Suva saved the visitors th miserable boat trip from Apia Pago.

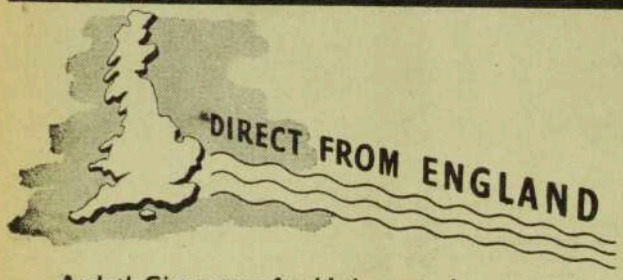
However, weather conditions we not ideal for flying either when th Catalina arrived. She wa scheduled to arrive at 3.15 p.m. an enthusiastic crowds were at all var tage points waiting for her lon before she was due.

She appeared out of the cloud right on time—but rose steeply an went away again. There wer groans of disappointment until was seen that the plane had jus dropped a wind marker, whic bobbed up and down smokin merrily and supplying amusemen to the crowd. Then she skimme down the slope known as Fagas Pass and touched down for a per fect landing.

While the official visitors ar making their investigations, th RNZAF crew are being entertaine royally.

NZ planes are rare here. Thre years ago a NAC plane landed a the local airport and in 194 another flying-boat landed on Pag harbour.

The Director of Education i Western Samoa, **Mr. K. R. Lambie** is at present on four months leav in New Zealand.





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TRAGEDY OF THE PENSIONED

Bleak Outlook for Retired Officials from Islands

BY ERIC FELDT.

WHEN the man from Papua-New Guinea is down on leave, and meets one of the old Public ervants who has retired, he is enerally a little surprised at the ange in the old-timer.

He looks a lot older and his othes seem odd. While they have couple of drinks together, and at of things Territorian, the older an is pre-occupied and not so terested in current events as he ould be. He excuses himself and parts, and is evasive to meet ain, saying he does not come to wn often. The younger man inks it a pity that the old boy has himself slip.

It isn't that. The old boy is living his pension during an inflation, d he just hasn't got the dough w. He is pre-occupied because he wondering what he will have to t out to make up for the two budgeted drinks he has had. His othes look odd because they are old cut (and they have to last lot longer, too). He doesn't come town often because that costs oney.

And those things, with the rtainty that things will get worse stead of better, do make a man k old.

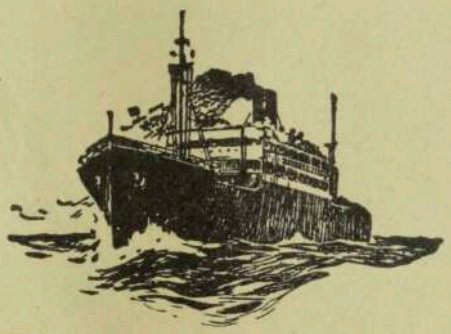
UPERANNUATION was introduced into the Papuan Service in the early twenties. It was sed on a service of 28 years; the tiring age being 55, and the allowce was a proportion of the salary retirement. The Public Servant ntributed 5 per cent. of his lary and the Administration a like nount.

The scheme was designed by tuaries to be self-supporting. The nsion died with the drawer, and e amount paid to pensioners ried from about £6 per week to 2 per week—the latter to a few in e highest salary brackets.

In New Guinea, Superannuation came effective in the late enties, with the proviso that back yment could be made by the blic Servant to the commencent of his service with the Civil dministration. Again 5 per cent. the salary was deducted, and the dministration contributed a like nount. The pension was a proortion of the average annual salary d, on the death of the pensioner, lf of the pension became payable his widow. The retiring age was or after contributing to the perannuation fund for 20 years. ter, an amendment was made by hich the retiring age of 55 became mpulsory; but anyone serving under the earlier scheme was permitted to retire after 20 years if he desired to do so.

This scheme was also actuarily designed to be self-supporting. Under it, a Public Servant who retired at 55 drew from about £4 to about £7 per week, depending on his average salary and length of service.

THERE was no great wealth in it for the Public Servant; but, as the Australian basic wage, which measures the cost of living, was about £4 during the years in which the contributions were made, it then seemed that the Public Servant had a reasonable expectation that he would be free from want in his old age. He could, on the



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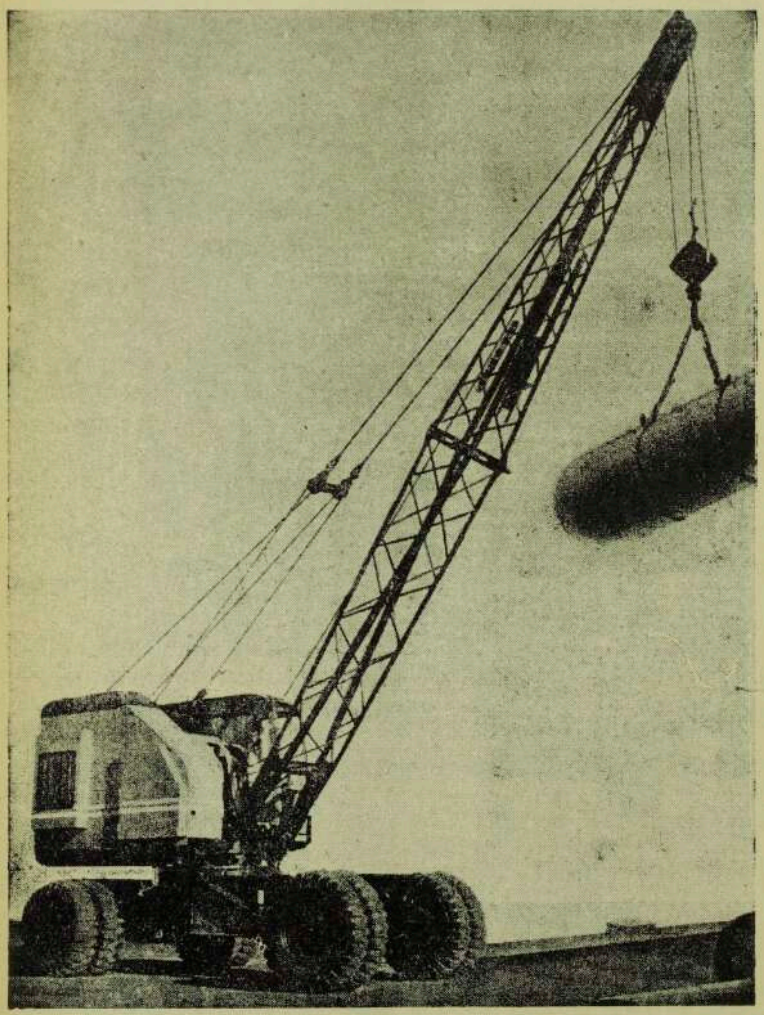
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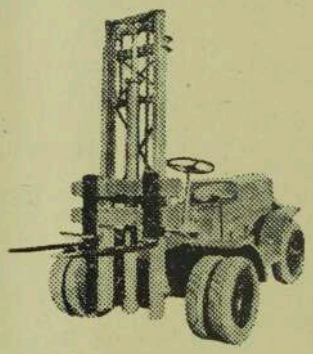
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Now (September, 1951) the cost of ving, measured by the basic wage, over £9, and due to increase urther.

To meet this increase, the Australian Government granted an xtra 25 per cent. to widows, and to hose who were invalided or retired fter 55 years, not to apply if the ension is more than £10 per week, r if the pensioner is employed y the Commonwealth Government r any of its agencies.

It has since made a further ncrease of £1 per week to all who articipated in the last rise and ere drawing £5 per week or over. ith a proportional rise for those rawing less than £5 per week. By his, the man who drew £5 per week ension originally now gets £7/5/-; hat is, the value of his remunera- on has altered from being 25 per nt. above the basic wage to only per cent. of it — a percentage hange downward of nearly 50 per nt., which is radical.

For those who retired, after 20 ears, from the New Guinea Service, nd who have had no increase, the osition is worse still.

T can be argued that super- annuation was purely a money ontract, and that we are being paid hat is our due under it. However, it was not a contract because the Public Servant had no choice, but was forced to join in.

The Public Servant was prohibited from engaging in business in the Territory; he could not take up land or invest in agriculture or mining, which were the only industries; he could not trade nor, above all, take part in recruiting. He had to stand aside from personal gain and maintain his disinterestedness for the benefit of the Administration.

Salaries were not high, but the cost of living was, for those days. Holidays south were a necessity for health, while those who had families were under heavy expense to educate their children in Australia. So that, in all, there was little chance of saving.

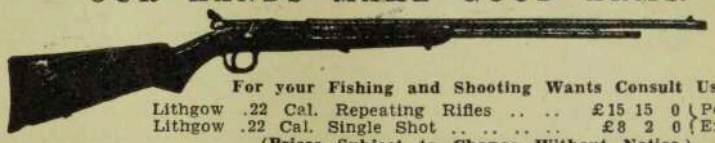
An insurance policy was the best that anyone could manage, and on that the premiums were loaded, in the early days; and on drawing an endowment it, too, had suffered from inflation.

We depended on our pensions to keep us in our old age and we felt that the whole terms of our service were such that it would be enough to let us live in moderate comfort as, I think, we were entitled to do.

WHAT did we do to deserve consideration? Between the wars, we governed New Guinea on its own finances and Papua on a subsidy of £30,000 per year, as against the millions now being spent on those Territories. Australia made a good thing out of the balance of trade, plus the money we spent in Australia when we were on leave. We risked our health, some faced real dangers on patrol, and all gave up any chance of making a good living in Australia, to do so.

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Burma clamoured for and got independence. This record is a proud one and for it the Public Service must be given the greatest share of the credit.

We, like the most renowned economists, did not see an inflation coming. It fact, if we had, there was nothing we could do about it—except hold the hat in the hand that was not held out, an attitude stultifying to pride in past achievement. This we have done, and have been given increases which are quite inadequate to put us in the position in which we formerly were.

There is ready sympathy f victims of a depression, but not f those of an inflation.

THERE may be further increas for those who have already h them, but they will not compe sate for the rise in the cost of livi As a result, many pensioners ha taken jobs. They will explain th they got bored sitting about a had to have something to do—the pride not allowing them to adm the more cogent reason that th want the money.

And, in this matter, there a not many highly paid jobs for t man over 50 who has lived most his adult life in Papua or Ne Guinea. He must accept a low type of employment and finds hi self drawing a pay envelope whic with his pension added, is much le than he would have earned if h had never gone to the Territori at all. That is, there is no rewa for having served the Commo wealth in its outposts.

Then when he is 65, with t inflation going on at its prese rate, he will find himself with Superannuation Allowance which large enough to disqualify him fro the old age pension, but n enough to live on.

As the years go on, retired Publ Servants can be expected to g poorer and poorer, giving up fro

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ne to time those little decencies hich make life worth living.

First, associations and charities ll be cut out; then the telephone ll be discontinued, and subriptions to magazines; he and his fe will not go to the pictures so ten; social life will be reduced; pairs and upkeep of the home (if e pensioner is lucky enough to m one) will be let slide; and there ll be small economies in living ıtil, if we live long enough we will d in the poorer suburbs in shabby verty.

Perhaps it is not as black as that. rhaps the inflation will end and may get some value back into e pound, though not all.

The attitude of the Government s not been one of disinterest, and oposals for the betterment of our have been considered. I, perıally, acknowledge gratefully that anomaly in my case was rectified th generosity within the limits of e scale now applying.

But it is in the interest of the mmonwealth that pensioners m the Territories should be well ated, so as to ensure that only e highest types of Australian will to the Territories—for it is on eir quality that the success of our ministration depends.

ISITOR TO RAPA COMING UP!

N Sydney in October was a 43- year old Englishman who was on his way to fulfilling a 20-year- l ambition—exploring and photoaphing exotic Rapa, in French eania. Anyway, that is what the dney papers said.

His name is Jim Fillylove.

Back in the 30's Rapa, a pinted, seldom-visited island just on e edge of the Tropics, was iscovered" by some wandering chtsman and enthusiastically scribed to the world as a Mecca r Men.

It was supposed to have a dozen lling females for every male and ere was nothing for any white an to do, once he got there, but sit about and be waited upon by rgeous native Dorothy Lamours.

Naturally, it at once became the nbition of every wandering chtsman to pay a call—and many them did until the French got ugh and closed it to Europeans.

Mr. Fillylove is sailing to Rapa th a friend who won an Irish veepstakes and bought a 40-ft. at. We can hope that all their pers are in order, and that they ve a good story to tell the thorities in Papeete who, with od reason, are suspicious of any chtsman who has as much as ard of Rapa.

Leprosy on Nauru

DR. C. J. AUSTIN, Superintendent of Makogai Leprosy Hospital, Fiji, left the Colony for Nauru on October 21.

On Nauru he will undertake a survey to determine the incidence of leprosy. He will submit a report to the South Pacific Commission.

At one time the incidence of leprosy on Nauru was exceedingly high — about 30 per cent. of the population was affected. But following a policy recommended by tropical disease expert, Sir Leonard Rogers, this percentage is known to have dropped.

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OOR FOOD MAY PREAD TB NEW BRITAIN

SOMETHING should be done to put a stricter control over the system of handing money to tive labourers, in lieu of the tions which are provided for in e native labour regulations," said iptain James Duncan, an old New uinea planter and official, in Syd- y recently.

As foodstuffs become even scarcer d dearer, explained Captain Dun- n, the employer is more and ore inclined to allow his native ourers to feed themselves, and to e them money instead of food- uffs.

The effect of this is that a large portion of these men are not be- adequately fed, and they are re susceptable to disease. The idence of tuberculosis among the tives of New Britain was too high eady; and he believed that poor ding was assisting the spread of e disease. Cases had come under personal notice in New Britain recent months.

After a short engagement, **Mr. rman Plant** of Port Moresby was rried to **Miss Suzanne Fowler** Sydney in November.

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The transfer of the Helena Goldie Hospital to Roviana, New Georgia, is now proceeding. The original hospital buildings were destroyed in the war years.

Wards of permanent material are the next priority job of the mission carpenters. When these are completed the mission will have an effective medical unit.

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Nauruans to Elect Own Council

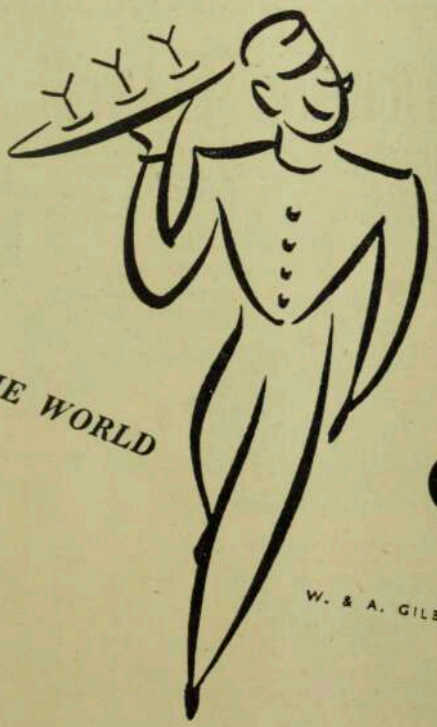
A LOCAL Government Council is to be set up in Nauru and will have much the same function as a Municipal or Shire Council in Australia.

This move is designed to take the Nauruans one step nearer self-government.

Since 1927 the District Chiefs have formed a Council of Chiefs to advise the Administrator on matters affecting the natives, but the new Council will supersede this Chief's Council. The new Councillors—nine of them—will be elected by adult suffrage. The first election will be held on December 15 and voting will be compulsory.

The Council will control its own finances and have executive authority in such local matters as sanitation, road maintenance, water supply and the peace, order and well-being of the Nauruans.

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Mr. A. A. Roberts, Assistant Director of District Services in Papua-New Guinea, is taking a long spell of accumulated recreation leave, and in consequence has resigned his presidency of the Public Service Association. During the balance of the Association year **Mr. G. T. Wells**, who was the Senior Vice-President, will serve as President. Other temporary vacancies on the P.S.A. Council have been filled by the election of **Mr. P. H. Clarke** as a Trustee, and **Mr. F. Barber** and **Mr. W. Nicholas** as technical officers' representatives.

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Lieut. - Commander O'N probably was beteer known to lands people however, when commanded the NZ corvette, A butus, in 1946 and the cruis Bellona.

He ended his ten years service the RNZN in December, 1950.

He takes over the command the Southern Cross from Capt A. Everson.

Mr. Eric Ramsden, well-kno New Zealand journalist and auth who has written extensively Maori affairs, is visiting the Unit States. On his way back to NZ stayed at Honolulu with the late Peter Buck, director of the Bish Museum. He has been gatheri material for a Buck biography some years.

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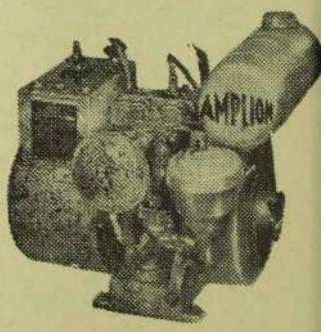
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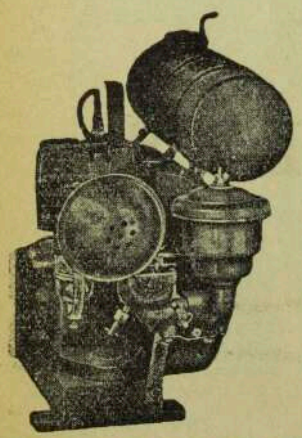


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OF tropical interest in this, the eighth Annual, is a story by Captain A. J. D. McArthur, ow a Port of Brisbane pilot, but ice a schooner master in the Solo-ons.

It was Captain McArthur, in the rance (later called Dawaun) who ent out to Vanikoro to rescue the anish expedition that had come grief there in the Monsoonen. he author, Hakon Mielche, was a ember of the expedition—as he as been a member of the present anish survey party in the Gala-ea.

Capt. McArthur tells how he un-rtook the 15-day dead beat ainst the S-E Trades from Tulagi Vanikoro to pick up the Danes; d of how he took as unwilling ssenger, a planter who had been a prolonged jag in Tulagi and as thus got rid of by Authority.

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The schooner's unchancy auxiliary wer failed early and practically e whole 500 miles was done under il—12 days out of sight of land ich was something out of the perience of the coastal-sailing tive crew.

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On the return voyage, the captain says, he was approached by the boss-boy who commented: "Im he good fella glass; 12 days you lookim Vanikoro along this fella glass; eye belong boy 'e no lookim."

During the France's long trip out to Vanikoro, the Danes had salvaged everything they could from the Monsoonen, and after two of the busiest days Vanikoro has probably ever known, France set sail again, Tulagi-bound.

Capt. McArthur decided to leave the island by an uncharted passage instead of making a dead-beat out through the SE passage where Monsoonen had come to grief. It was a poor decision—the captain spent a whole day in the cross-trees directing the helmsman, while France missed a maze of reefs by inches.

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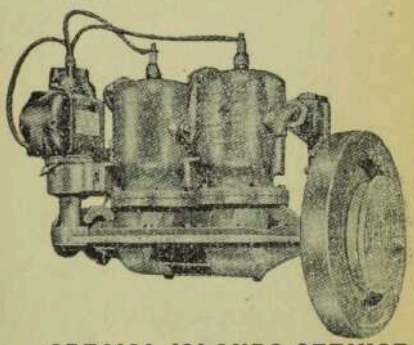
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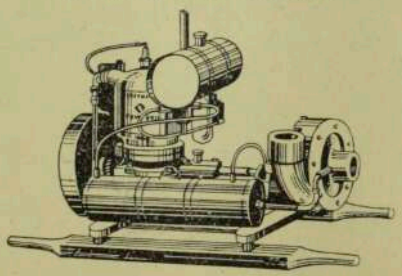
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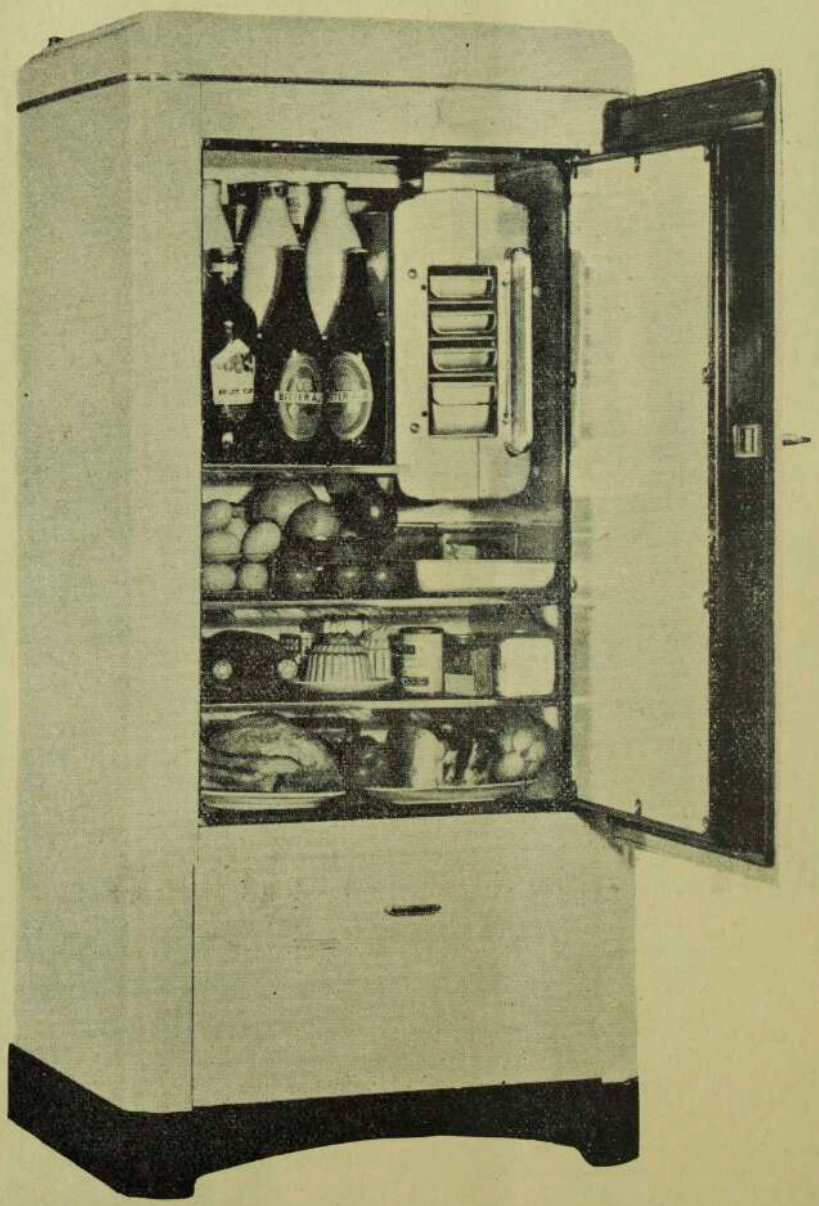
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is the book Hakon Mielche wrote of the Monsoonen's voyage—but he says he still thinks that the writer's description of him as "a hard-swearing Scotch captain" could have been toned down a little.

FIJIAN FOOTBALLERS FOR AUSTRALIA

A FIJIAN Rugby Union team will play eight games in NSW and Queensland next winter and will probably receive 20 per cent. of the profits.

They will be the first Fijian footballers to play in Australia and it will be the first time that the Fijian Union will have any share of the profits of a tour. Union practice is for the home country to pay all expenses of a touring team and to keep all profits. NSW Union has made the suggestion that profits should be shared—on the principle that the stronger Union should help the weaker.

A Fijian Union team toured New Zealand in 1951 and had a spectacular success for its bright football and for the popularity of team members.

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When they left Melbourne in July, 1950, Mr. Raisbeck's main navigational aid was a book on Pacific birds, many of which show a preference for certain Pacific Islands. Later, with the help of a veteran island schooner-master, he learned navigation on more conventional lines.

INJURED IN A FALL

SAMARAI, Nov. 26.

MR. BILL YOUNG, our famous "handy man"—he can mend a watch, build a house or solder a tank—fell 15 feet off a ladder recently and suffered concussion and partial paralysis. Although over 70, he is recovering. He has been here a very long time—he was a resident of Papua when he enlisted for World War I.

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NEWS NOTES FROM VAVAU, TONGA

From Our Own Correspondent

VAVAU, October 26.

HER Majesty, Queen Salote Tupou, paid a fortnight's visit to Vava'u recently. During her stay, she led birthday celebrations on October 7 in honour of her year-old grandson, Prince 'Uluvalu Ngu Takeivulai Tuku'aho.

Prince 'Uluvalu is the only son of the Queen's younger son, Prince Tuipelehake Fatafehi, who is the governor of Vava'u.

In Tonga, the first birthday is the one held to be the most important in a person's life. A royal birthday is the occasion of widespread rejoicing and little Prince 'Uluvalu's birthday was marked by a large feast and by presents brought by people from all the villages of Vava'u.

400 women, members of the Wesleyan Church in Vava'u met fo five days recently in their Annua Women's Camp meeting which wa held in Neiafu.

The purpose of the camp, whic was opened by Queen Salote Tupou who is intensely interested i women's church work, was to creat greater community interest in rais ing the spiritual and material leve of Tongan homes.

Speakers who addressed the as sembly were, in addition to th Queen, Princess Melenaite Fatafeh wife of the governor of Vava'u, wh spoke on adherence to churc duties; and Dr. Farquhar Matheso who spoke on adequate housing fo Tonga.

Sister Evelyn B. Llewellyn, Pub lic Health Nurse of Nuku'alofa re cently made a month's tour o Vava'u and Niuafo'ou. While i Vava'u, Sister Llewellyn addresse the Tongan Medical Practitioner on Child Welfare and conducte clinics throughout the group. Sh was accompanied by Miss Silia 'U of Nuku'alofa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph "Lolo Sanft of Neiafu are the prou parents of twin daughters who wer born at the Neiafu hospital on Oc tober 16. Mr. Sanft is associate with his father Mr. Otto Sanft i the motion picture business an merchandising business in Neiafu

The second Annual Agricultur Show was held in Vava'u on Octo ber 11. It featured exhibitions o fruits, vegetables, farm animals flowers and Tongan handicraft Horse races, cattle judging, copr cutting contests were all part o the afternoon's entertainment.

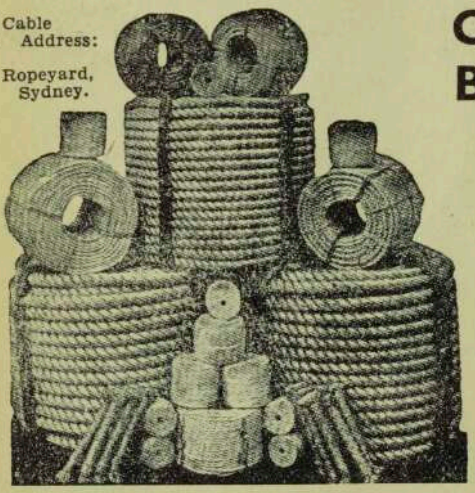
Prince Fatafehi's footballers bea the men of the New Zealand cruise Kanieri nine points to three in closely contested game which wa played in Neifau during the recen two day visit of the cruiser t Vava'u. During the game officers o the ship were served with afternoo tea. Other events of the visit wer dances for both officers and men.

The Rev. S. Edwards, Warden o the Anglican Theological College a Siota, BSI, returned from Auck land by the Southern Cross.

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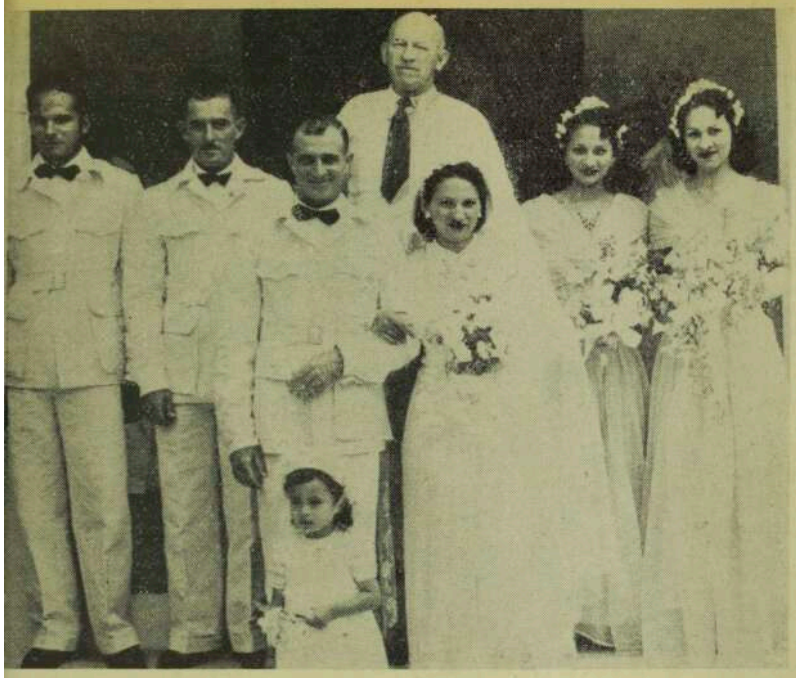
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Photograph shows the group outside e Roman Catholic Church, Port Moresby, the recent wedding of Miss Mary Evans Mr. Stewart Clark-Kennedy. The group eft to right): Mr. W. Evans (grooms-an); Mr. J. McDiamond (best man); Mr. Evans (father of the bride); Miss M. Evans (bridesmaid); Miss L. Evans (chief bridesmaid); bride and groom (Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Clark-Kennedy); flower-girl, Elizabeth O'Brien. Mr. T. Evans, father of the bride, is an old Territorian and is the owner of a plantation at Hombrom Bluff. —Papuan Prints.

Mr. F. L. ("Benny") Burrow, well known engineer of Eastern Papua, where he runs several slipways, returned to Samarai by air from Sydney on November 3, after a month's business visit. He has been in the Territory since 1926 and served in the RAAF during the war years.



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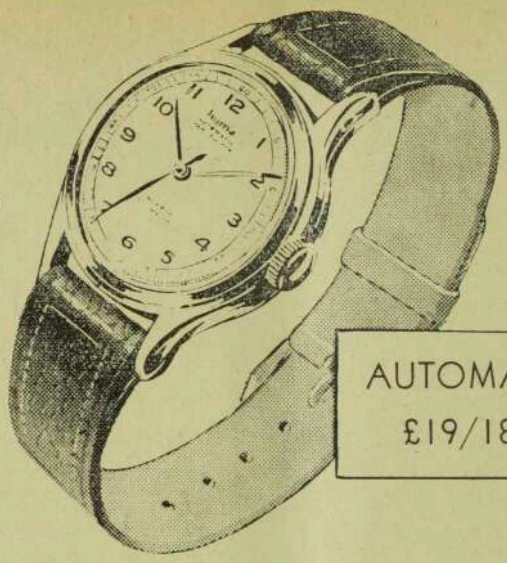
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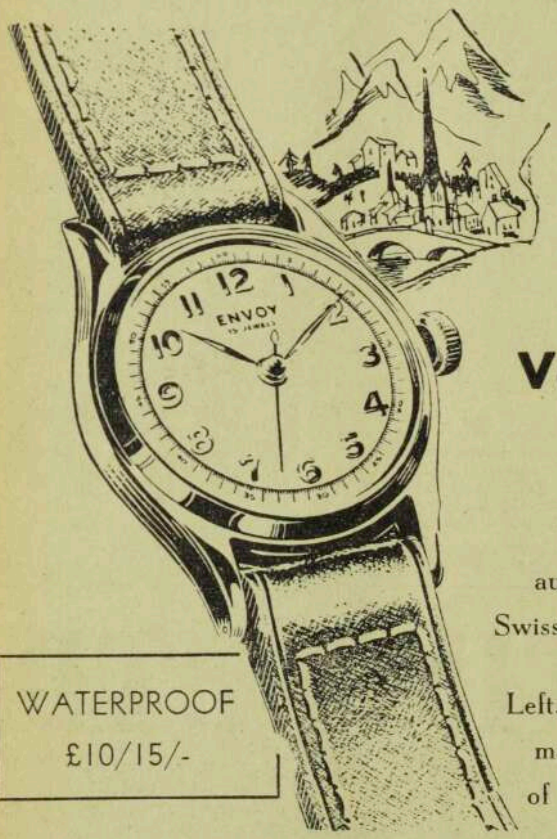
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ANOTHER NATIVE MESSIAH GOES TO GAOL

Dealing with Cargo Cults in Melanesia

THE fate of all "cargo cult" leaders in Melanesia—and there have been plenty of them since the war—seems to be the same: gaol.

To gaol went the leaders of the Solomons' Marching Rule, and Madang's post-war native Big Noise, Yali; and, more recently, the select company has been joined by Paliau, of the Admiralties, self-confessed confidant of God and a six feet hunk of man who, according to one Australian journalist, has been making Manus missionaries apprehensive and Manus Administration officials blanch.

The real facts of all these cargo-cult manifestations are hard to get because officialdom, for some reason hard to understand, has refused to open its mouth about them; they come into the very hush-hush, top-secret group. But officialdom's method of dealing with these would-be native dictatorships follows the same pattern—they play it down, they won't talk about it, they try moral suasion, and psychology—then they clap the culprits into gaol.

In Paliau's case he is in for adultery (six months), which apparently is a penal offence under the native ordinances of the Territory. It is said that he had five wives, although this in itself cannot be regarded as illegal—NG natives away from Mission influence have always had as many wives as they can afford. But part of Paliau's doctrine was free love.

Paliau apparently had been a police sergeant before the war; he spent the war years in New Britain and came home to find the people in Baluan, his small home island, south of Manus, ripe for some nationalistic caper of the kind he devised.

Some believe that the seeds of Paliauism were sown by the American negroes who served in the area during the war and were treated like white men."

This may be so, but there have been cargo cults in the past without the benefit of American negroes; nor was New Guinea, before the war, devoid of non-Europeans of coloured skin who were treated as something less than equal by the ruling white "masters," but as superior to the native masses.

PALIAU'S methods followed the usual cargo cult pattern: he promised his 3,000 followers, which he collected in no time at all, the usual ships laden with cargo and that they should be free from European administration; he organised their daily lives; he collected "taxes" from them and men were given instructions in drill and marching and, so it is alleged, rifle practice.

He was supposed to have organised a canoe flotilla and a plan to sail into Larengau, the administration centre, and to capture it.

During the height of his power, officialdom gave him a free trip to Port Moresby to impress upon him how unfitted the natives really were to rule themselves, but this seems to have had the opposite effect to what was intended, and Paliau came back with his reputation much enhanced.

Six months ago the Administration cracked down on him and he was given a term in the local calaboose—for adultery!

He is, it is reported, a model prisoner but few Admiralty Islands residents believe that six months gaol has cured him of his aspirations; when he comes out, which will be shortly, they expect that there will be fireworks.

One experienced missionary who regards the set-up seriously says that a foreign power would have only to send a ship loaded with free gifts for the natives, to have them go over to them in a body. He says the natives are ripe for any simple ideology—including Communism.

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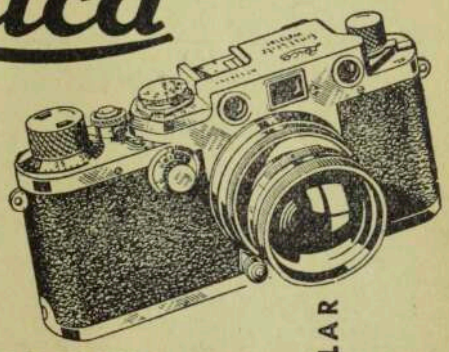
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although there has been a singular dearth of native leaders in Papua-New Guinea, those who do arise are fanatics or anti-European, and usually end in gaol. For comparison we can take these people's cousins, the Fijians, where the people's leaders have not only made British administration possible, but increasingly are carrying it out themselves.

A high administrative official on Manus is reported to have said that his patrol officers are so tied up with filling in official forms and in other varieties of non-essential work that they can no longer get about among the people.

This is probably so—although the beneficial effect of official patrolling among the villages is well known to all Territorians.

Officialdom has tried psychology and pandering to these cult-followers and giving them sufficient rop in which to strangle themselves—t no avail. Experience now shoul show that the time to stamp out Cult is at its beginning; and that th counter to it is less form-filling fo the United Nations and more con tact with the outside villages— working with them, giving ther education, improved agriculture and a purpose in life.

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MATSON LINE RUMOURS

THERE are persistent, non-official reports that passenger ships of the Matson Line will presently return to the America-Australia South Pacific service. One report has it that the required ships will be built in Japan, and that one Jap shipyard has guaranteed delivery within 18 months.

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Opening of P-NG Legislative Council

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It had been noted that, although here is a large, healthy and growing Chinese community in New Guinea, o provision had been made for irect Chinese representation in the Council. Sir John made this comment: "As for that section of the nmigrant population which is not f European origin, we recognise hat their future is bound up with hat of the rest of the Territory and hat they can make their contribuion to the development of the ountry. They should be encouraged o feel that their hope for the future es in association with Australians a common task, a common opporunity and a common allegiance. he fact that European, Asiatic and ative have all suffered in the deence of this country and that memers of each group have been onoured for their service to the ing should help to bind them in ommon endeavour in peacetime."

NATIVE LABOUR SUPPLY

On the subject of a native labour upply, Sir John Northcott said:— Native labour cannot be regarded s a perpetual supply. Already hanges in the personal inclination f natives who are free agents in his matter are discernible. We consider the Territory will have to think more purposefully in terms of greater mechanisation and the raising of the skill of the individual workman."

PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

This Council provided an opportunity, hitherto lacking, for the clear and responsible expression of opinion by various sections of the community, said Mr. Hasluck. He hoped to see an honest interchange of views on matters of common interest, an avoidance of sectionalism —"that stubborn defence of prepared positions which is characteristic of argument in some older assemblies."

He urged members during Council sessions to take the fullest

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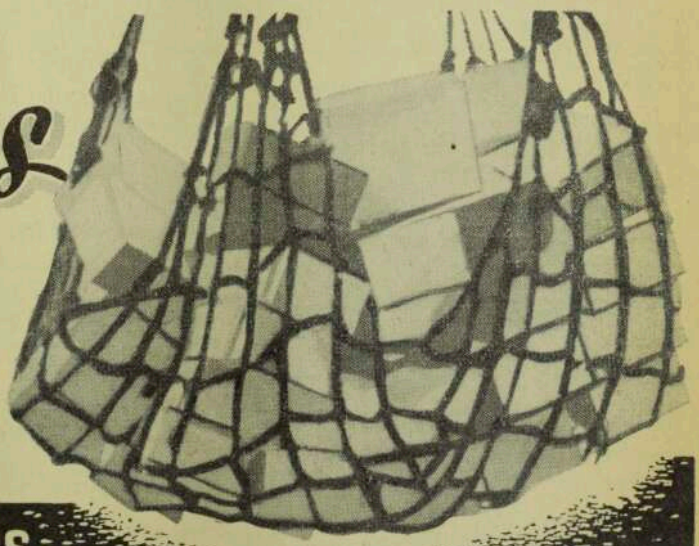
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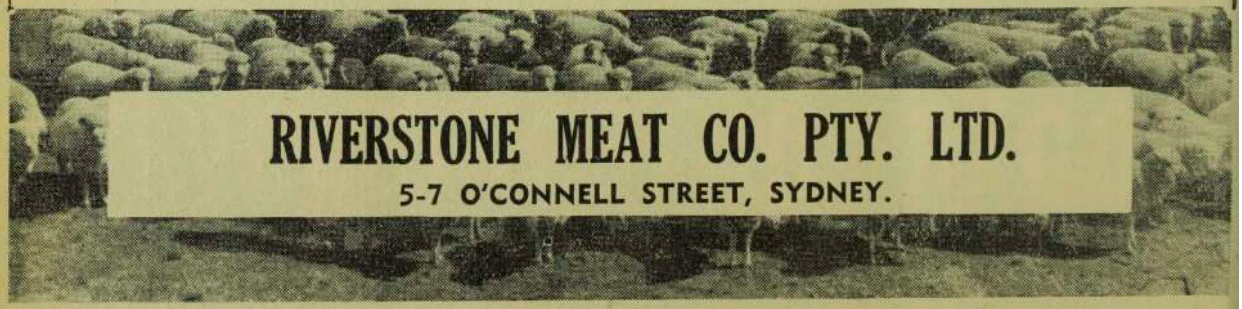
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d out what was going on in the
alm of administration.
The composition of the Council
s not fixed. Its constitution and
wers would be altered in the
ht of experience.
"It is the purpose of the Com-
onwealth Government to make
ovision so that, continuously over
number of years, major develop-
ental works, the encouragement
industry, and the extension of
cial policy can take place on such
scale as to ensure both the pro-
ess of the Territory and the ful-
ment of our obligations to its
ople."

PROBLEM OF FINANCE: TAXATION

In his survey of the economic and
ancial position, the Minister said
e Commonwealth had voted
371,000 to the Territory; the
rritory's own revenue of
720,000 would provide a total in-
me of £7,091,000; which was about
50,000 more than last year. Steps
re being taken to ensure that,
hough the estimates had been
verely cut, efficiency and develop-
nt would not suffer unduly. The
blic service would be set at 1,400,
hich was 110 higher than last
ar, but definitely less than the
25 of the approved establishment.
The Minister was listened to most
refully—residents were anxious to
ow whether there was to be in-
me taxation. But, on this sub-
t, this was all the Minister said:
'Another matter to which atten-
n will be given is the most equit-
le way in which a local contribu-
n to revenues to be expended in
e Territory can be made.
'The Government does not wish
take any actions which would
courage developmental and pro-
ctive activities; but it believes
at some of the wealth derived
m the Territory should be
ught back into the Territory.
'We observe, too, that a number
services to which the user cus-
narily contributes in other lands
e here provided at low cost or
nothing."
The Administrator (Colonel Mur-
y) said much the same thing, in
ese words:
'Additional sources of taxation
ll have to be tapped. We must
nsider ways and means of
hieving this, such as the collec-
n of appropriate forms of direct
xation, the introduction of stamp
ties, and generally the taxation
such commercial and industrial
tivities as may be capable of
aring taxation without undue
ect on the incentive to provide
rvice and develop this Territory."

HIGHER CUSTOMS DUTY

The introduction to the Council
a Bill authorising a 10 per cent.
rcharge on all dutiable goods en-
ring PNG caused a shock. Non-
icial members protested that this
would add substantially to the al-
ready high cost of living.
Official members retorted that, although PNG was committed to huge additional expenditure, compared with 1950-51, only £700,000 additional income was available this year. Either additional income must be found, or many important developmental works must cease.
The measure was adopted, but in the face of strong non-official discontent.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SURVEY

In formally opening the Council the Administrator (Colonel J. K. Murray) gave a lengthy and informative survey of administration responsibility and activity in the combined Territories.
He commented upon the progress "made in the social and political development of the native people"; the work of the Missions, especially in education, where they maintained over 2,000 native schools; the work still to be done in relation to health and education; and the importance of encouraging industrial development.

SHIPPING SERVICES

The Production Control Board has taken over control, for the Commonwealth Government, of the inter-island shipping services and plans are in hand by the PCB, the Territories and the Shipping Departments "to bring the shipping services more fully into line with current and prospective requirements." The introduction of the Polurian by Bougainville interests

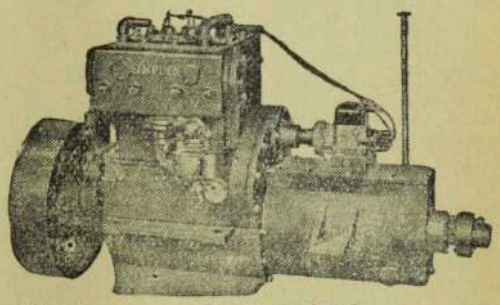
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was welcome and it was hoped that private enterprise would further extend in this direction. (Administrator).

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PRICE OF COPRA

Referring to the MOF copra contract, which has six years to run, and planters' discontent with the returns therefrom in comparison with world values, the Administrator said:

"Negotiations are in train with United Kingdom authorities with the object of gaining producers some of the benefits of the current high open-market prices." (See p. 14.)

FUTURE TERRITORIES' INDUSTRIES

Referring to other industries, the Administrator said that the two major gold companies had turned to timber projects "which promise a perpetual forest industry"; and that, if the right standards are maintained, "there should never be any real difficulty in selling all the Territory's output to Australia."

Cocoa production had "very good prospects." Coffee production was increasing and in some areas, where there was native labour, was probably the best crop.

He described the production of fibres as "most promising." He emphasied the world shortage of jute, etc., and said that important experiments were afoot with Kenaf, Manilla hemp, Sisal hemp, and Pandanus fibre.

"Rice grows successfully in many parts"; and "rice production should be increased up to about 20,000 tons p.a., so that we will not be dependent on imports for this important item of native labour rations."

It was hoped to establish cattl production in the Territory, and target of 40,000 head had been s to make PNG self-sufficient in be and milk. There were now on some 4,000 head in PNG. The A ministration had established cattl breeding stations in key locations.

FUTURE OF RABAUL

There was a concensus of opini that Rabaul, as a residential are should be abandoned, said the A ministrator. The problem w where to place the residential are and where the wharf faciliti should go.

He said that, under the Ministe instructions all necessary data w being assembled. "so that early the New Year a decision can made in exact terms."

MARKHAM BRIDGE

The wartime Wau-Labu road being continuously improved and carrying increasing traffic. The in portant Markham Point bridge, eliminate the existing ferry link wi Lae, was to have been commenc this year. The materials for t bridge are still being accumulate The date of the commencement construction will depend on t availability of funds.—Admini trator.

MLC's LOST IN WAR

In his opening address, the A ministrator (Colonel J. K. Murra recalled that the following membe of the old New Guinea Legislati Council were lost through w causes following the Japanese i vasion.

Messrs. H. Adams, R. L. Clarke, R. Field, G. F. Hogan, George Murray, Harold Page, V. A. Pra and H. O. Townsend.

Subsequently, death had carri off the following Council member

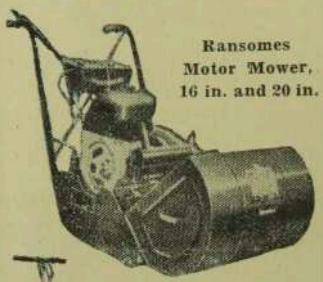
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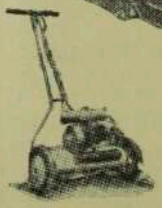
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THE NATIVE MEMBERS

The apppearance of native members in the new Council was watched with interest and curiosity, by both Councillors and spectators. The three native members conducted themselves with quiet dignity, and were neither obtrusive nor "flash."

Aisoli Salin, on behalf of the three natives, spoke briefly and effectively during the opening ceremonies on the 26th. In his speech—which, of course, had been prepared and carefully vetted by officials—he expressed appreciation of the help the native peoples have received from the Europeans, besought sympathetic assistance in the future, and hoped that, in time, native members would contribute something valuable to the work of the Council.

Merari Dickson made a real contribution to debates.

A NATIVE MEDICAL SERVICE

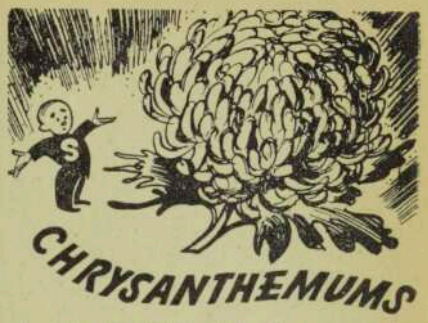
The principle of creating a Native Medical Service within the Department of Public Health was generally approved; but a Bill authorising same was postponed for further consideration because it was feared that, unless great care was taken, standards of pay and service for natives would be established which might have a crippling effect upon native employment by industries generally.

OVERALL PLAN AND LAND TITLES

Responding to a strong and logically - expressed plea by Mr. Barrett for an over-all plan for the development of PNG, in which all sections of the community might co-operate—and in which he emphasised the importance of defining a land policy and making land titles available—Mr. Cleland made some interesting statements.

He agreed with Mr. Barrett that real co-operation in planning and achievement could best be effected at District Office level.

He said the task of making land available would be accelerated. A Land Titles Commissioner had

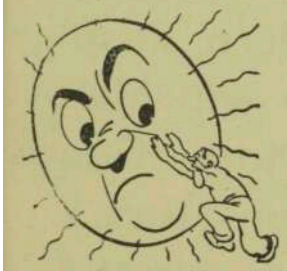


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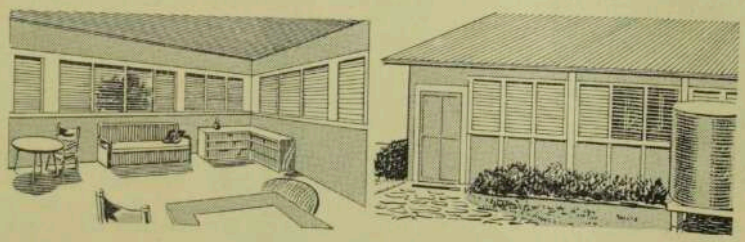
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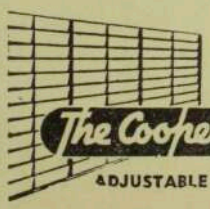
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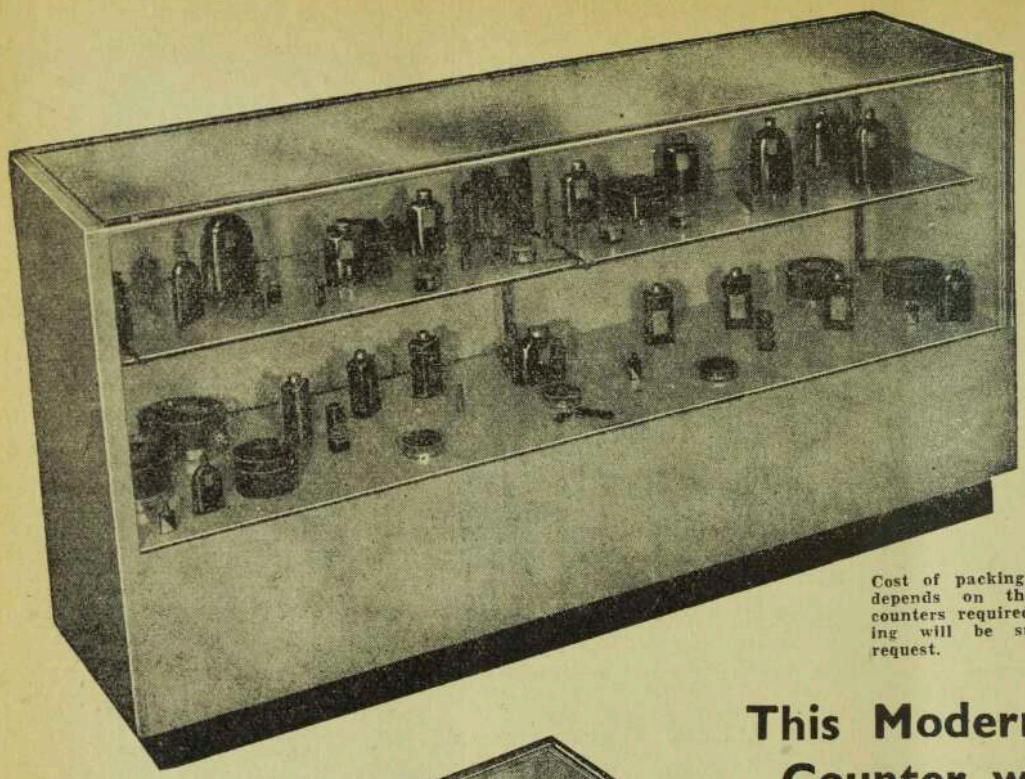
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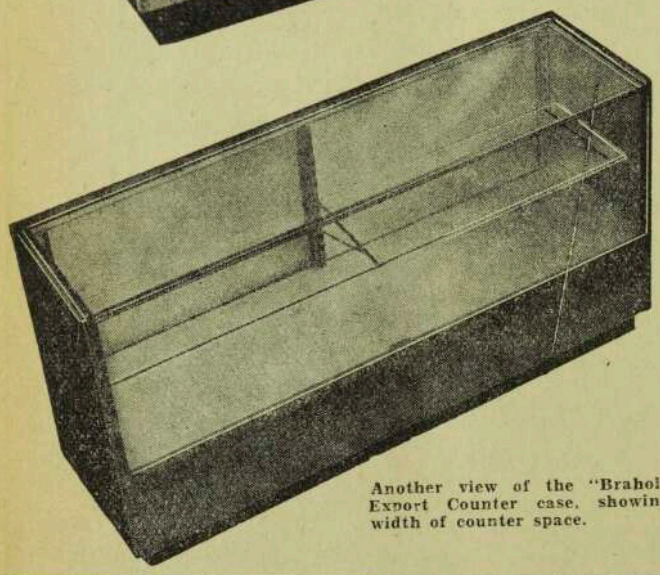
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on be adopted in relation to
ative lands.

Four areas—Gazelle Peninsula, Markham Valley, Mambare area Northern Division) and Port Moresby hinterland — were now marked for early investigation in relation to settlement; and a survey of areas in the Wau district, to assess suitability for agriculture, etc., was proceeding.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

A Bill to amend the judicial system was introduced, but it was explained that this was only to permit a jury to be empanelled in the Trust Territory for the trial of Europeans on capital charges. There was no provision for a jury in criminal cases.

Father Dwyer suggested that the Brock-Wilkinson case indicated that reform was necessary to allow for trial by jury in all criminal cases. He urged the simplification of the appeals channel—something to replace the costly procedure of appeal to the High Court.

The Crown Law Officer, Mr. Watkins, said that an Appeal Court (a full Court of the Supreme Court) was not possible at this stage.

VARIOUS

Mr. Fairfax-Ross pointed out that many navigation beacons were missing, along the coast-line of Papua.

The Council passed an Apprenticeship Bill. Mr. Groves explained that it was designed to regulate the relationship between employers and native lads who were accepted as apprentices.

To facilitate the settlement of deceased estates, the Council agreed to a Bill providing for the registration of deaths which occured in wartime, in circumstances which made a death certificate impossible to obtain.

Sharp comment upon the number of undesirable Europeans in the Territories was made by Mrs. Booth. She said that men with criminal records had been allowed in and they were encouraging bad practices —especially alcoholism—among the natives.

Mr. Barrett declared that the incidence of TB in some districts of the Gazelle Peninsula was alarming, and he deplored the supension of work on the Bita Paka hospital.

NOTES FROM LAE

From Our Own Correspondent

LAE, Dec. 4

NO SCHOOL

PLEAS for even some temporary kind of school for European children in Lae have had no results.

The officials seem to be doing their best. "Temporary" accommodation is promised for some time in 1952; a permanent school is ordered, but is not in sight. A Hawkesley aluminium pre - fab structure seems to be bogged down in transport difficulties in Brisbane.

Meanwhile, the exasperated European community has noted that officialdom has completed the erection of a school building for native children near the Butibum River—and cannot get enough pupils to attend it!

NO TOWN LIGHTING

Lae has a grievance, also, in relation to lighting. Qantas has its own plant for lighting its extensive residential establishment on the Terrace. Residents complained of the noise, and Lae Advisory Council investigated.

It appears that in 1950 Qantas said that Works and Housing could take over its two generating units, free of charge, on condition that Lae got a 24-hours' service. W & H seemed agreeable; but now advises that a 24-hours' service is impossible, pending arrival of an engine now lying in Moresby.

NO EUROPEAN HOSPITAL

During a recent visit to Lae the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck, was questioned about some of our more urgent public needs.

The Minister acknowledged that the construction of a European Hospital here was urgent; but the job was now being considered in relation to other urgent construction works.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The Minister was questioned about the policy followed by the Administration in appointing local Advisory Councils. It was pointed out that, of the 8 persons appointed

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SERVICEMEN SACKED

The RSL has taken prompt action regarding the sacking of two public servants, following the decision to reduce staff.

The two men concerned were both returned and decorated servicemen, It is claimed that men without war service have been appointed since the servicemen. The position has been brought before the Minister.

MASONIC TEMPLE

After five years' effort Freemasons in Lae District have erected a Temple, and established a Lodge in Lae. A party of Grand Lodge Officers from Queensland consecrated and dedicated Lae Lodge No. 419, and Masons from all parts of Papua and New Guinea were present.

RSL CLUB

The Returned Soldiers' long-awaited Servicemen's Club building, on Namanula Terrace, overlooking the old section of Lae, should be completed and ready for occupation in February. It will contain reading and committee rooms, a billiard room, lounge, and ba Work thereafter will be commenc on a spacious dance hall. Officia include: Mr. H. F. James (Pres dent), Messrs. W. Fleming and J Petersen (Vice-Presidents), Mr. J. Knight (Secretary), Mr. Peter Hir (Treasurer) and Messrs. McKea C. C. Beckett, W. J. Jackso J. Lilyman and C. Wilkins (Committeemen).

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Recent births include: To Captain a Mrs. G. MacRae (Qantas), a daught Mr. and Mrs. A. Strachan (Bulolo Gol a son; Mr. and Mrs. L. Hurrell (A Meenyamya), a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Buntings, late of Samarai), son.

Mr. L. Hawkins, with family, has turned from leave, and has commenc duty at Lae Post Office. Mr. Bert B (building supervisor) is back from an ov seas trip—his wife will return later. Mark Schultz, of Mumeng, has return from overseas. Mr. T. Drury (Lae a port manager of DCA) is on leave Sou Bob Whitcross is relieving Mr. and M John Baker (Burns Philp Ltd.) and G. Thorpe (Diesel engineer for W. & are on leave. Mrs. Perc. Smith (wife the proprietor of Lae Motors) and Mrs. Fernan (wife of our well known Custo Agent) both with infant sons, are aw in Queensland. Mrs. Bruce (wife of H. B. Bruce, Senior Medical Officer, La has returned from South. Captain Deegan (of MAL) is back again.

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Wilkinson-Bock Case

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ases of fish. Wilkinson explained that ney had been exchanged for other goods.

Phillips reported to Moresby. Inspector oodmansey flew to Samarai, and inter- ewed Wilkinson and Bock. The latter plained the exchange arrangement.

Woodmansey pointed out the gross im- ropriety of the whole affair. Wilkinson ad no right to be using the Government ore at Ebuma; Bock should never have lowed him in there; and, even if the change arrangement were made as scribed, both men were technically ilty of the wrongful removal of Govern- ent property. He urged them both to ead guilty and gave them the impression at if they would thus save a lot of ouble, they would be let off with a ution and fine.

Thereupon, on May 23, when Wilkinson d Bock were brought before a minor urt, presided over by ADO Neilson, both eaded guilty. They were remanded to higher Court.

On the same day, Bock was informed the Acting District Commissioner that, he had been charged with having stolen ve cases of Tasfiscan Flair Fish Cutlets, lued at approximately £20/18/1, the operty of the Administration," he had en that day suspended from duty, and s salary would cease forthwith.

Somewhat belatedly, Wilkinson and Bock nt to Moresby for legal advice. Mr. omie, well-known solicitor, told them at they should not have pleaded guilty theft, and should immediately seek ve to amend their pleas. He found a rious error in the papers covering the osecution of Wilkinson, in consequence which the Administration had to file a nolle prosequi; re-arrest Wilkinson; and bring him again before the minor Court. This time, Wilkinson pleaded "not guilty."

Although the arrest took place in May, it was August before the cases came before the Supreme Court. Wilkinson, on bail, was able to carry on his business; but unfortunate Bock with wife and child, for 2½ months, was left to kick his heels in Samarai and "live on his fat."

Judge Bignold went to Samarai to deal with the cases. He called Bock's case first. Mr. Dudley Jones, Rabaul solicitor, was there to defend, and Bock sought leave to amend his plea to "Not Guilty." The Judge gave him leave, and then called on the Wilkinson case.

Having heard the evidence, the Judge (there is no jury in the PNG Supreme Court) said he considered Wilkinson's defence a fabrication; found him guilty; and sentenced him to 18 months' hard labour.

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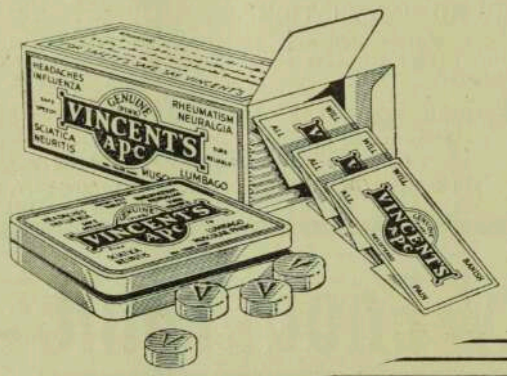
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For reasons that have not been clear stated, Judge Bignold decided he woul not hear the case against Bock, and le it to another Judge.

The heavy sentence imposed on Wilkin son gave the public a shock. Many hel that Wilkinson's explanation was reasor able enough, even if the Judge did n accept it. It was also argued that, eve if theft had occurred, Wilkinson's recor as a citizen and soldier entitled him first offender leniency—namely, a fine or suspended sentence. There was a move ment to contest the verdict, or appe against the sentence.

BUT a more extraordinary incident wa developing. A week or so was elapse before Wilkinson could be remove to Moresby Gaol. There was no gaol f a European in Samarai. The Acting Di trict Commissioner, Mr. Frank Champio after discussions with the police and wit his Departmental head in Moresby (it ha pened to be his brother, Mr. Claud Champion) agreed to let Wilkinson li at his own home, on parole, for a da or two, while some sort of tempora gaol was prepared.

When Judge Bignold heard of th arrangement, he set afoot processes law which resulted in the two Chan pions (Acting Director of District Service and Acting District Commissioner) beir formally charged with contempt Court, insofar that they set at liberty person who had been sentenced to in prisonment—or words to that effect.

The two high officials had to star their trial in Port Moresby. They wer of course, discharged without a stain their respective escutcheons. But what farce! And a farce it was adjudged the whole hilarious community.

MEANWHILE, the suspended (and u paid) Bock was patiently awaitin his trial. Judge Kelly heard the case, September. Mr. Dudley Jones defended.

Points made were that Wilkinson ha not sought to conceal the canned fis transaction; that Inspector Woodmans acknowledged that he had recommende Wilkinson and Bock to plead guilty, the manner described; and that a official check of the stores in Bock's ca had shown no discrepancies such as suggest theft.

Judge Kelly found Bock not guilty.

So here was another angle of this ve remarkable case. Both Judges could n be right. Either Wilkinson had bee wrongly convicted, or Bock had bee wrongly discharged.

It was no longer a question of whethe Wilkinson had been too severely punishe It very definitely was a question whether Wilkinson was guilty at all.

Obviously, the case should be reviewe But the only channel of appeal from th PNG Supreme Court was to the High Cou of Australia—a very lengthy and cost procedure.

Wilkinson (now in gaol), immediate after Judge Kelly's verdict, and acting advice, petitioned the Administrator for pardon.

On the assumption that the High Cou procedure was too costly and slow, an in the belief that the Administrator, the very extraordinary circumstance would act swiftly and definitely—as h has the power to do—the course followe by Wilkinson and his solicitor wa justified.

But they expected something from th Administrator that they did not get. Th petition to the Administrator was lodge on October 4. A month later, the edito of PIM received from Wilkinson a lette

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muggled out of Moresby Gaol, begging hat some inquiry be made concerning the ate of his petition.

We wrote the Government Secretary in Moresby, asking what decision the dministrator had reached; and we said hat, if there was no decision, we would ive the facts to the newspapers and arliament of Australia.

A letter from the Government Secre-ary, dated November 16, curtly intimated hat the matter was still under con-ideration by the Administrator.

We publicised the case on November 21. n the 22nd, the Territories Minister, Mr. lasluck, courteously informed the PIM hat, as this was the first he had heard f the case, he had radio'd the Adminis-rator for a report. On the 23rd, the dministrator announced the "pardon."

Bock, after being kept waiting from May ntil September, was found "not guilty." le got no pay for that period, except 49 ays' pay in lieu of leave; and he was ummarily dismissed. He was cleared of he theft charge; but he had placed him-elf off-side by allowing Wilkinson to use he Government store and facilities on buma Island, without official permission. le is now on the staff of the China Strait onstruction Co., in Milne Bay.

It is a sorry story of stiff-necked, lega-stic muddling, and of mountains being reated out of a molehill. The pity of it s that, if Wilkinson gets compensation, t is the poor old taxpayer who will pay, nd not the real culprits.

MV Bulolo left Sydney for P-NG orts on Dec. 3. She has been in ock in Sydney since a fire occurred n her holds in August.

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Some of the fish were drifting onto the beach and the health authorities and the police, fearing a nuisance, ordered their removal. Some, still alive, were driven away and the carcases of the dead whales were towed outside the harbour.

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From Our Own Correspondent

NORFOLK IS. Nov. 28.

THE two Sydney detectives, Messrs. Armstrong and Abbott, who were called to Norfolk and to investigate the suspicious cumstances surrounding the ex-sion which caused the death of o Norfolk Island women a few eks ago, return to Sydney to-rrow.

It is understood that malice has en eliminated as a factor in the gedy and that irresponsible ac-n by children was the cause.

Be this as it may, the action—lack of action—by persons who ould have been in charge of the losives at the old Whaling ation is deserving of comment: gligence in leaving dangerous ex-sives about is a matter for cen-re.

The victims were Mrs. Phoebe zabeth Christian (45), and Mrs. via Hilda Quintal (31).

After a fishing expedition, they re preparing a meal in the store an old bunk house at the Ball y Whaling Station when the ex-sion occurred. It was surmised the time that old harpoon heads detonators had been hidden in fire box of the stove.

During his stay on the Island, Mr. mstrong was instrumental in ob-ning a conviction against a local ident for "dangerous riding," or legal equivalent—in other words, ng a nag on the public thorough-e while "nursing a jug."

Honiara Radio Schedules

ADDITIONAL to broadcast schedules given on page 112 of November PIM, we learn that niara (BSI) broadcasts a local-vs session for the Solomons area h Sunday morning at 10.30 am. turday 2330 GMT). The fre-ncy used is 6675 kc/s. This is a broadcast transmitter and no er broadcast transmissions are de from the station which is mally used for communicating, morse or voice as required, with omons outstations and with pping in the area.

For the benefit of small craft ding in that direction, it may be ted that a listening watch is intained for periods throughout day on the above frequency, vessels equipped with the Aus-lian small-ships frequency of 0 kc/s should arrange via Sydney dio for Honiara to listen on that quency at a specified time.

Mr. H. E. Canard, Secretary, Fiji blic Works Department, accom-nied by his wife and family, left Colony for Aden on transfer in vember.

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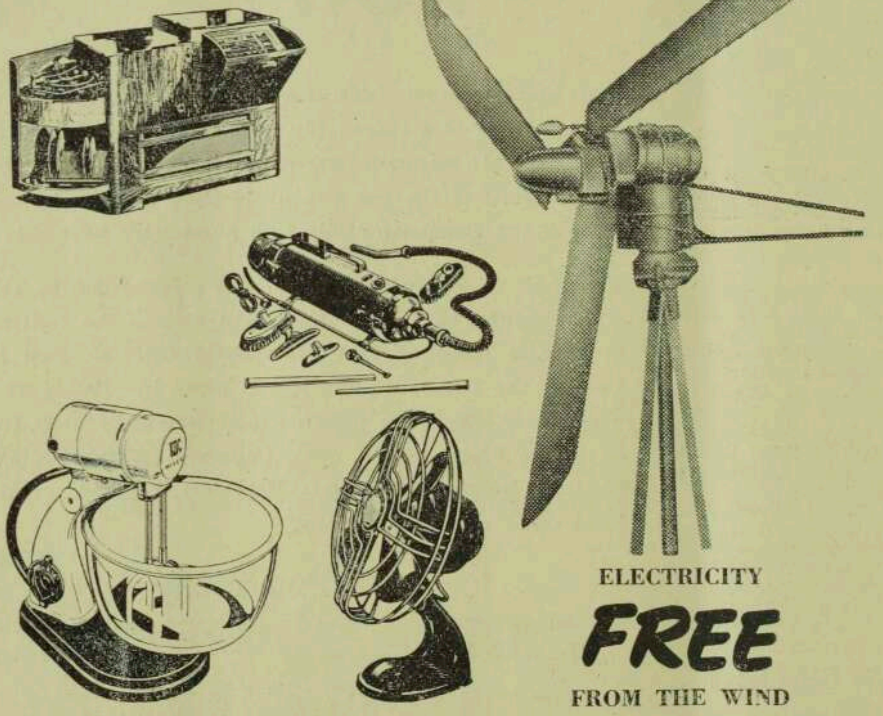
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

LADY BARKER

THE death occurred in Suva on November 27 of Lady Evelyn Barker, wife of the well-nown Sir Thomas Alport Barker, roprietor of the Fiji Times, and everal times Mayor of Suva.

Lady Barker had been an invalid r several years. Prior to that, she as a well-known figure in Fiji, here she ably assisted her husband the many duties connected with is public life.

Sir Alport and Lady Barker had ne child—Molly, who now is the ife of Mr. Frank I. Ryan, a well-nown citizen of Suva.

Many public tributes were paid to ne qualities of the deceased lady, nd messages of sympathy from all er the South Pacific poured in on Mrs. Ryan and Sir Alport arker.

Some of the most touching came om native Fijians, among all nks of whom she had many d friends. She was born in Fiji, aughter of Mr. and Mrs. James urton Turner, pioneer settlers in ne Rewa River area; and, except hile being educated in Sydney, she ed all her life in the Colony. ne married Alport Barker in 1909.

During all her adult life, Lady arker took a prominent part in cial and charitable work, es-ecially during the two World Wars. hen the terrible flu epidemic of 18 was raging in Fiji, she and her sband were assigned the district Nasese, where they nursed over 0 people, mostly Fijians. She was woman of fine character and rong personality, who will long remembered in Suva.

SIR PETER BUCK, KCMG

THE death occurred in Honolulu on December 1 of Sir Peter Henry Buck. He was 71 and ad been in ill-health.

Sir Peter was recently described "the world-renowned Pacific hnologist, scientist, author, Yale rofessor of Anthropology, and irector of the Bishop Museum in onolulu since 1936."

He was born in Taranaki, New ealand, the son of an Irishman nd of a Maori chieftainess. He as educated at Te Aute College, ecame highly proficient in his other-tongue, and gained the egree of Doctor of Medicine in 10. He subsequently won other gh scholastic degrees, including rts, Law and Science. As Dr. uck, he became a well-known New ealand medical officer; he was a lember of Parliament for several ears; he served as a Medical fficer in World War I, where he ained the DSO and other decora-ons; and he carried out important edical and scientific missions in ne South Pacific Islands for several years after the war, both before and after his appointment to the Bishop Museum. He was the acknowledged world expert on Polynesian ethnology. He wrote many books and papers on Polynesian culture generally, and on the Maori race in particular. Britain made him a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George, and from Sweden he received the coveted Order of the North Star. Although he received great distinctions from the United States, he remained a British subject.

He was greatly assisted in his work by Lady Buck whom, as Miss Margaret Wilson, of Greymouth, New Zealand, he married in 1905, and who survives him.

A Honolulu correspondent says: "He was an interesting and gifted scientist, and we shall miss him . . He had no enemy in the world—only friends . . . Most of us here hope that the new Director will be our friend Edwin H. Bryan Jnr."

THE REV. C. BEHARELL

THE death occurred at Esk, Queensland on December 2 of the Reverend Caleb Beharell who was an LMS Missionary in

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the early part of this century. He was at Hula Mission (Rigo district of Papua) more than 30 years ago. One of his sons was in the Papua Service at one time as a Patrol Officer.

MR. A. J. TATTERSALL

A NEW ZEALANDER, Mr. A. J. Tattersall, who had lived in Samoa for 65 years, died on November 25 at the age of 85. Through his professional work he was known all over the world—he had been a professional photographer for 50 years. He lived through the Samoan wars; he witnessed the 1889 hurricane; he was a personal friend of Robert Louis Stevenson; he saw the German flag raised in 1900, and the New Zealan flag in 1914; he saw the Ma rebellion and, finally, the develop ment of present conditions. Th history of Samoa is embodied in hi collection of photographs.

Mr. Tattersall, in 1891, marrie Miss Blanche Yandall, and thei family is well-known. One so Mr. Ralph Tattersall, is a Com missioner of the High Court of Apia

ERIC ERNEST DE BRATH

ERIC ERNEST DE BRATH, bor in Simla, India, and resider in Tahiti since 1931, died a Haapape on September 17. H served in World War I as a Secon Lieutenant, Infantry, Indian Arm Reserve of Officers. In 1939 h again volunteered for duty, but wa not accepted. He married Iren Josephine a Taraihau in 1936, an leaves a widow and three childrer He was popular in Tahiti.

R. McWILLIAMS

ON November 16, Mr. R McWiliams Senior, died sud denly at Santo, New Hebride His funeral was attended by th British District Agent, the Frenc Delegate, the French Chief of Polic (Santo) and many British an French residents, including repre sentatives from business house The funeral service was read b Captain Hamilton of the Tamatea

Mr. McWilliams with his son Bob was engaged in a trading store o Malekula Island. He had a cheerfu personality and was well-liked.

MR. STANLEY RALPH FOY

THE death occurred on Novembe 18, of Mr. Stanley Ralph Foy at his home in Rabaul, New Guinea.

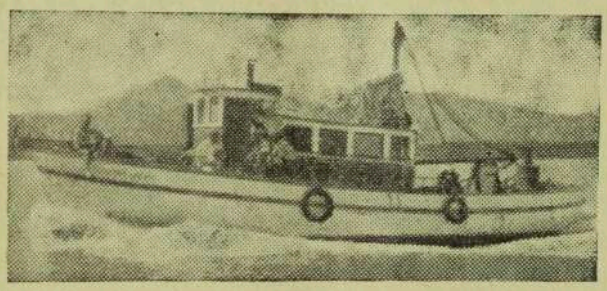
He trained as a Barrister at th Inner Temple, London and for th next thirty years practised i Burma. In 1942, he was one of th refugees who walked from Burma through the Hukon Valley t Chittagong, India.

Mr. Foy joined the Legal Branch of the Army and rose to the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

He was 58 and is survived by hi widow, two daughters and a son.

CAPTAIN VICTOR BRISSON

CAPTAIN Victor Brisson died in Noumea on September 29 after a long period of il health. He was born in Savigny-sur-Orge, France, and arrived in Papeete in 1913. He was for many years in command of the French revenue schooner Mouette; the four-masted schooner Aneiura vessels of Maison Balland, Noumea the American yacht Wander-lust; and, finally, his own little vessel Bissy Girl, in which he travelled extensively in the South Pacific before settling in the Solomons trade. Finally, owing to ill health, he sold Bissy Girl and went to live in Noumea with an adopted



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T. E. BUNKLEY

Mr. T. E. Bunkley, once a well-nown merchant in Tahiti, died on ctober 19, aged 80. His wife pre-eceased him by two years. He left large estate, to be divided among everal children, some in America nd some in Tahiti. The story of is life will be told by Oscar Nord-an, in an article in January PIM.

MR. CHRISTIAN JENSEN

Mr. Christian Jensen, American itizen and veteran of World War I, ied in Tahiti on November 27. He as buried in the American con-ession at Paurani cemetery, the ervice being conducted by the rotestant Pastor, Mr. Rey Lescure. e is survived by his wife and 17-ears-old daughter, Louise.

MRS. JOE WINCHESTER

Rose Marguerite Sophie Terai-eia, widow of the late Captain Joe Vinchester (unjustly immortalised "Lying Bill Pincher" by Frederick 'Brien in his "Mystic Isles of the outh Seas") died in Tahiti on ovember 1, aged 73, at the Arue ome of the late James Norman all, who was her son-in-law. She arried Captain Winchester in 397, and their daughter Sarah arried Mr. Hall.

Maraea, as she was affectionately nown to all, was a close friend of ovaina, of Hotel Tiare fame. Her mother was Mrs. William Rose, and Mrs. Rose's mother is believed to have been the first Tahitian woman to be united in a Christian marriage to a European.

The late Mrs. Winchester was buried beside her son-in-law. There was a large attendance at the funeral.

MR. FRANS FRANZEN

European and Tongan residents alike are mourning the death in Auckland on October 7 of Mr. Frans Franzen who, for the past 30 years, has been head of the Dental Service in Tonga.

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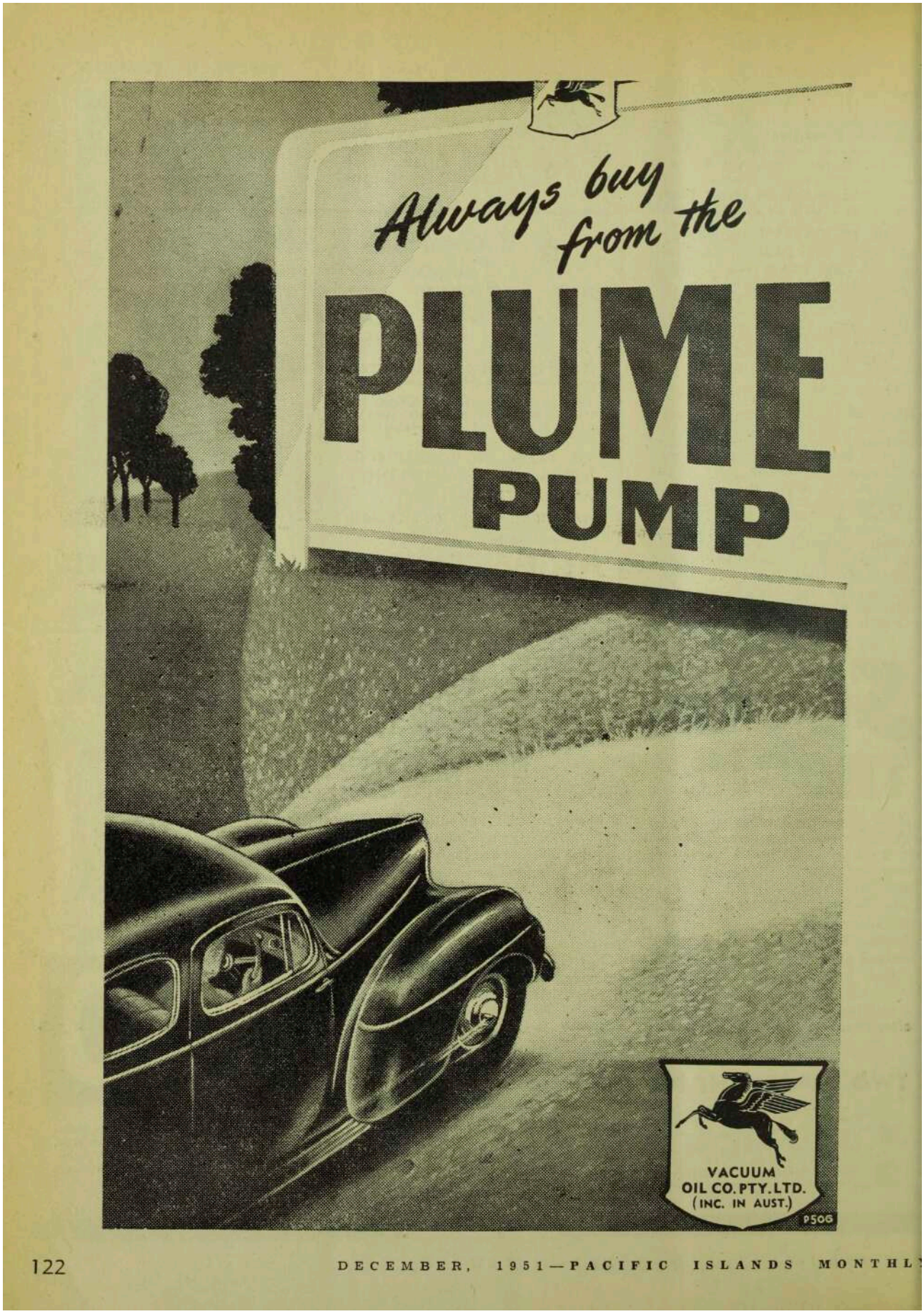
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COMMUNITY development project, similar to that being carried out at Moturiki, Fiji, ay be undertaken by the Papua-ew Guinea Administration, in co-eration with the South Pacific ommission, on one of the Tabar lands, off the coast of New eland.

The South Pacific Commission s decided to engage an expert to rry out the recommendations of international conference on ariasis and elephantiasis, held der its auspices in Tahiti last igust, and to supervise the Com-ission's part in the campaign ainst these diseases.

The Commission has reviewed the eld Research carried out in rritories last year by a tuber-losis team. The survey will be mpleted next month, and the esearch Council, at its next meet-g, will study the results.

The Commission has authorised a ntinuance of field studies on itrition problems, including infant eding, in 1952, and the collection technical information on itrition from territories.

In conjunction with a survey leprosy, the Commission has thorised the engagement of a rologist to work in territories hich seeks his services.

The Commission proposes to ar-nge a conference of fisheries perts, to take place at Noumea xt year; and will continue re-arch and experiments relating to e introduction and distribution economic plants, including im-oved strains of coconuts. The esearch Council will undertake a rvey of present and future in-ustrial development in the islands.

A housing survey of the Pacific discover the type of native vellings and public buildings in arious territories most suitable for e varying climates and conditions ll be continued next year.

The work of the South Pacific terature Bureau set up this year the Commission was reviewed the conference and its con-nuance approved. The Bureau's ain function is to stimulate the oduction of simple literature cluding text books and readers, d to promote their circulation roughout the islands.

An agenda has been approved for e Second South Pacific Con-rence, to be held at Commission adquarters early in 1953. The nference is held at intervals of t more than three years and mprises representatives from the rritories, mainly indigenous people. mphasis will be placed on the economic aspects of problems of the South Pacific relating to the conservation and improvement of the resources of soil and sea. Other topics include the role of women and women's organisations in the area, and health education of the peoples.

Miss Violet Withford, from Santo, New Hebrides, arrived in Sydney in December to take up work as a dressmaker. Her mother, Mrs. D. Hooker, who accompanied her, has gone on to Norfolk Island.

New Asia-Australia Air Service

ROYAL Dutch Airlines on December 12 inaugurated a new weekly air service between London and Sydney.

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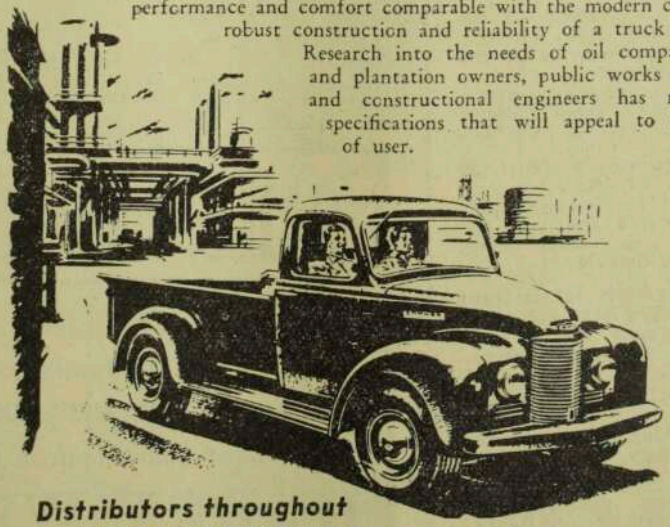
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SMALL-CRAFT NEWS

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Acquired by Mr. Roy Wilson (of Lord Howe) in partnership with Mr. Bill Mitchell of Sydney, as she lay in what seemed to the former owner to be a hopeless condition, she was patched up, floated off, and sailed to Sydney. When visited by PIM she was sitting snugly in a cradle at Lavender Bay, completing repairs and looking little the worse for her misadventure.

Reports in Sydney, forecasting use of the vessel in a Sydney-L. Howe cargo service, were denied by one of the owners. He pointed out that, with an overall length of only 36 feet, the yacht obviously could not carry a payable cargo over the 480-miles route.

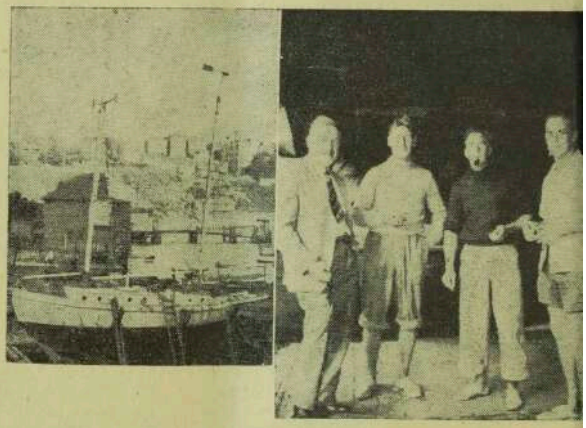
Formerly valued at £6,000, the yacht was a wonderful bargain at £300. However, even at that price she would have been worthless had the weather failed before salvage was completed.

Catwinchar, a 32-foot English yacht with a crew of three, dropped anchor in Neutral Bay, Sydney, in mid - November. Strangely named by a former owner after his three children, Cathleen, Winifred and Charles, the yacht crossed the Pacific by way of Nuku Hiva (Marquesas Apia (Samoa) and Suva. The cre were high in their appreciation hospitality along the route, and e pecially grateful to Mr. B McKettrick, Donalds' representati in the Marquesas, who suppli them with much-needed stor though he was unable to acce their travellers' cheques as paymer "Just send the money from Apia or Suva— or Sydney, whenever y can."

Catwinchar is now preparing f the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Rac Then the crew intended to sell t yacht and settle.

Inspire (PIM, October, page 4 still lying in Berry's Bay, Sydne has two very home-sick Rar tongans aboard—Patrick Poi Manu and his brother John Pepe Manu

Glad of the opportunity to ta with someone familiar with the home island, they complained the PIM representative that thou



ON LEFT: Bachelor's Wife, on the slip in Sydney. ON RIGHT Mr. George Hunt, formerly of Tahiti, with crew of Catwinch on their arrival in Sydney. LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Hunt, Denn Tanner, Eddie Mossop (skipper), Bert Bartlett.

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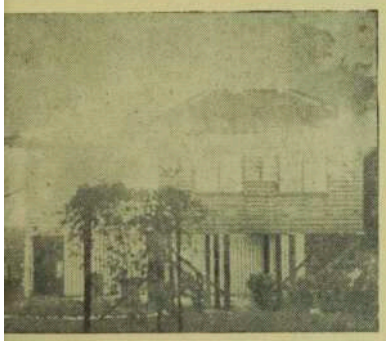
ney write home regularly by air ail, they receive no replies. They re hoping that Mr. Williams will gain abandon his Sydney cafe in avour of some further cargo-carry- g in the Cook Islands.

Siren (PIM, October, page 118) recked near Avarua, Rarotonga on ctober 2, and abandoned to the nderwriters, was purchased by Mr. . C. Brown, local ship-owner and trader, for £60. Without waste of time "Dicky" and about 300 of his cousins laid skids across the reef and succeeded in hauling the Suva-built 45-foot ketch to safety. Though extensively damaged, it is believed that she will sail again.

"Dicky" and his team performed a similar feat a couple of years ago with a smaller yacht, which was later taken to Manihiki and is now in use as a pearl-shell diving tender.

Mrs. Arthur Jewell, of Port Moresby, was in Sydney on holiday in December.

Mr. Bill Tebb, of Port Moresby, was in Sydney on leave in December.



On Sunday afternoon, November 16, the rge and attractive residence in Lae, New uinea, of Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Griffith (he Regional Works Officer of Department Works and Housing) was totally des- oyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths re away golfing, at the time, and they st all their personal effects. Damage is timated at £6,000. As there are no ater mains in the town, yet, there is no e-fighting service worthy of the name.
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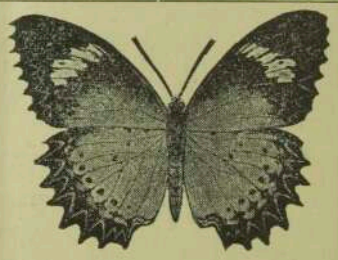
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It is largely through his efforts hat Tonga's fine corps of dental ssistants has been trained and that he present high level of dental ervice has been maintained.

Mr. Franzen had gone to Auckand after a recent illness. His ome was in the capital, Nuku'alofa, it he was well known throughout onga and had many friends in eighbouring Pacific Islands groups.

MDME. DE VASSEAU DEVAUX

Delayed advice has been received Papeete of the death of Madame Vasseau Devaux, nee Stella 'illiams, a descendant of the well-nown Isaac Thompson family of ahiti.

Madame de Vasseau Devaux died n June 26 at Lyons, France, folwing a severe throat operation. er body was returned to Tahiti by he Chungking on August 29 and he was interred at Paurani emetery. She was born in the unaauia district in 1916, and she aduated from the Protestant Girls' chool and became a popular school eacher. She was also an amateur tist, and a display of her work had ecently been given at Lyons. Her usband is a Lieutenant of the rench Navy, at present attached to he Soudanais.

MR. DAN COSTELLO

Mr. Dan Costello, well known sident of Fiji, died unexpectedly Auckland on December 7, at the ge of 56. He underwent a severe peration in Auckland several weeks go; rallied, and returned to Suva; nd then became seriously ill again, nd was flown back to Auckland.

Daniel Bernard was one of the est known and highly esteemed of he six Costello brothers who made heir home in Fiji about 40 years go; and he engaged successfully in ommerce in several directions. His ife and some members of their amily were with him when he died. is elder brother, Mr. Pat Costello, LC, and Mrs. Costello, were in ustralia at the time; and the unxpected news came to them as a reat shock.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Islands Film Script Competition

The closing date of the Islands Film ript Competition, being promoted by ustralian Instructional Films, Turella, dney, has been postponed until April 16, 52, to allow time for competitors to ter scripts for special prizes, which are ing donated by Island trading comanies.

The special prizes are for scripts on ecific subjects. Full details from Instructonal Films or in January PIM.

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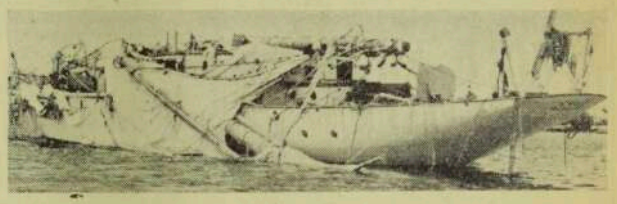
Yacht Vega Dismasted

PAPEETE, Dec. 4

THE steel luxury-yacht Vega, acquired by the new Compagnie Generale des Voyages Polynesiens, suffered a serious mishap only a few hours after sailing from Papeete on her first commercial-passenger voyage between Tahiti and Honolulu.

On November 23 a large crowd witnessed the ceremony of change of registry, the French replacing the American flag. At 6 pm on 24th the big yacht left Papeete with passengers and mails.

At 3 am on the 25th she limped back to port in the condition shown in this photo.



The Vega struck a violent squall at 10.30 pm, 8 miles north of Point Venus. A bob-stay fitting parted, causing fore-topmast to go overside. This was followed by the fore and main masts giving way, together with most of the standing rigging. The captain was knocked overboard but seized a lighted buoy which was thrown to him, and was picked up.

The vessel will be sent to San Francisco to be completely re-rigged. She is insured.

STRIKE SOON OVER

A one-day strike, supporting a demand that Tahiti-born Public Servants receive the same allowances as French officials, was staged by Administration workers on November 29. They demanded the 12 per cent. cost of living allowance now paid to officials from France. The strike ended when the Administration granted a 6 per cent. allowance.

Retirement of Mr. B. Blackwell

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, Nov. 20.

DURING the first half of November the Vila Cricket Club formed itself into two teams —one Commercial and one Government—and played a competitive match on the British paddock as a prelude to a presentation dinner at the Hotel Reid.

The dinner was a farewell to Assistant British Resident Commissioner, Mr. B. Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell will shortly retire, and, accompanied by Mrs. Blackwell, will take a holiday in the United Kingdom.

In the absence of the Cricket Club president, Mr. S. G. Jones, British Resident Commissioner, Mr. H. G. Flaxman, presented Mr. Blackwell with a pen and pencil set, the gift of the club members, together with their best wishes for the future.

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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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BSI.—Growers have been receiving £A51 per ton, f.o.b., Honiara or Yandina (based on £Stg.53/15/- MOF price).

New Hebrides.—London quotation gives 100,000 Metropolitan francs (approx. £129 Aust.) per 1,000 kilos, delivered weights, c.i.f., Cont. ports.

Tahiti.—London quotation: 101,500 Metrop. fr. (approx. £131 Aust.) per 1,000 kilos, d.w., c.i.f., Cont. ports.

COCOA

Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on December 5 was £Stg.230 (£A287/10/-) c.i.f.

Pacific cocoa was quoted nominally on Sydney market in December at:—

New Guinea.—£A280 per ton, ex wharf.

New Hebrides—Nominally £A280.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in December quoted Samoan cocoa at £S215 (£A268/15/-) f.o.b. per ton, first-grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.)

COFFEE

New Caledonia.—Production exported to France at nominal equivalent of £A450 per ton, Arabica; £A400, Robusta.

Papua-NG.—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. Dec. 7: No. 1 grade, RSS (sellers) Spot 41¾d. Stg. lb., c.i.f., London (54-3/16d. Aust. lb.); Singapore, RSS No. 1, 140 cents lb., f.o.b.

VANILLA BEANS

Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 18/9; Yellow Label, 18/9; Green Label, 17/6 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 she price was quoted in December at appro £140 per ton on wharf, Sydney.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

Nominal quotation is at £165-£170 p ton, on wharf, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL

By a contract between Gerdau C (USA) and majority of Torres pearler TI shell prices were fixed, 1949-52, a Sound grades, £A325 per ton, f.o.b., T "D" grade, £A225; "E" grade, £A125 all plus bonuses. The free market pri is around £A700 for Sound grades.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Oct. 11.

The following are to-day's quotations:-

Copra, c.i.f., Continental ports, p ton:—

FM Straits/Mixed DEI	£98/10/- St
Ceylon, FMS	nomina
Philippines (bulk)	$277½ U

Coconut Oil, c.i.f.:—

FM Straits (3½%)	£151 St
Ceylon (cyl.)	£159 St

Cocoa, c.i.f., Stg.:—

Accra, 240/- per cwt., London bon (Jan. shipment).

Accra, 245/- Stg., Nov.-Jan. shipmen per 50 kilos, Continental ports.

Bahia, 239/4 per 50 kilos, f.o.b.

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Oriomo Oil . .	b5/-	s2/3	b1/3
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b1/3	s1/-
Placer Dev. .	b68/6	b385/-	b425/
Sandy Creek .	b1/5	s9d.	s10d.
Sunshine Co.	b6/5	s2/6	b1/3

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 i Sydney in December:—

FIJI.—Through Bank of NSW and Ban of NZ.—Australia on Fiji basis £10 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A11

Fiji-London, basis £100 London: Buy ing, £111/2/6; Selling, £113.

SAMOA.—Through Bank of NZ.—Aus tralia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa Buying, £A123/12/6; Selling, £A124/10/

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 Ban (branches P. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul Madang) and **Bank of NSW** (P. Moresby Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Aus tralia-Papua-NG as 10/- per £100.

BSI.—Commonwealth Bank (branch a Honiara) quotes exchange rate Aus tralia-BSI as 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs most valuable of the three franc group in French Union, are used in N. Cale donia, N. Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania **French Bank** in Sydney quotes (nomin ally): 141.75 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 178.3 Pac. fr. to £Stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US $.

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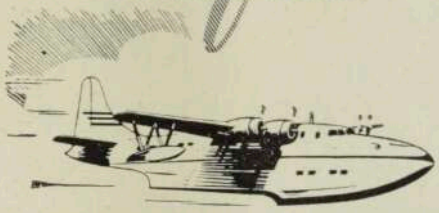
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