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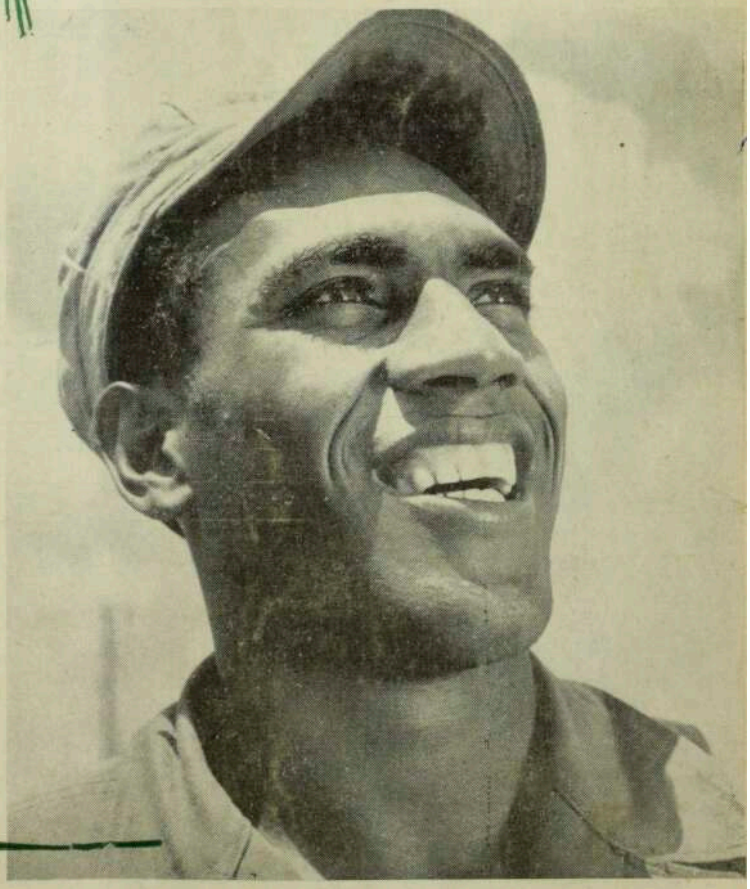

RECRUIT FOR MALAYA: The smile of this Fijian, Private Esala Seru, is typical of the lightheartedness of the new recruits of the 1st Battalion, Fiji Military Forces, who, early in January, sailed for Malaya. In Malaya they will do jungle training before going into action against the terrorists.

—Photo by Rob Wright, Fiji Public Relations Office.

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Where Qantas flies across Southern Skies

LAE to
- Finschhafen.
- Rabaul.
- Torokina.
- Vella Lavella.
- Yandina.
- 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.

PT. MORESBY to
- Abau.
- Samarai.
- Esa'Ala.
- Losuia.
- Woodlark Is.
- Deboyne Lagoon.

PT. MORESBY to
- Abau.
- Samarai.
- Esa'Ala.
- Losuia.
- Rabaul.
- Queen Carola Harbour.
- Buka.
- Inus.
- Kieta.
- Buin.
- Talasea.
- Moewe Harbour.
- Lindenhafen.
- Jacquinot Bay.

LAE to
- Bulolo.
- Wau.

LAE to
- Garaina.

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

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

PT. MORESBY
- Kokoda.
- Higatura.

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

NORFOLK IS. to
- Sydney.

SUVA to
- Noumea.
- Sydney.

SANTO to
- Vila.
- Noumea.
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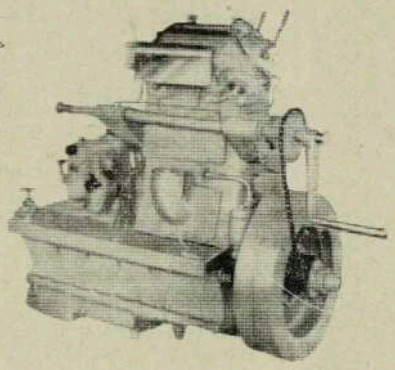
Weight —1,512 lb. (686 kilos)



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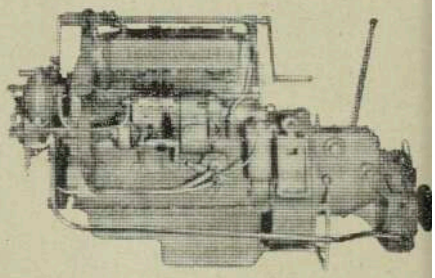
Length —52 in. (1,321 mm)
Width —27 in. (685 mm)
Height —35 in. (889 mm)
Weight —1,100 lb. (499 kilos)

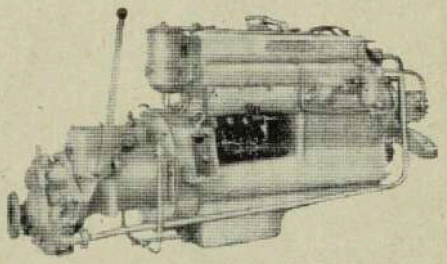


TYPE RTR6 DIESEL

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)

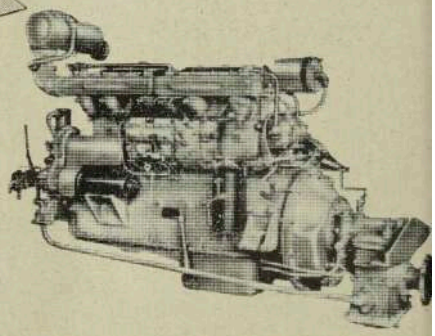


TYPE RNR6 DIESEL

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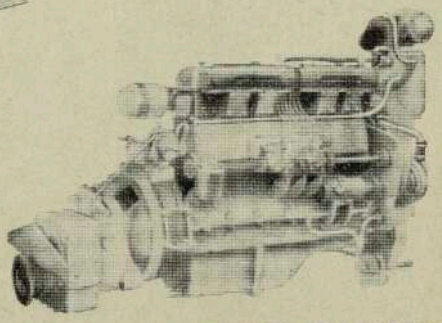
Direct drive to propeller or with 2-1 or 3-1 reducing gear. Oil operated reverse gear and fresh water cooling standard. Mirror-handed pairs for twin-screw at no extra cost.

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



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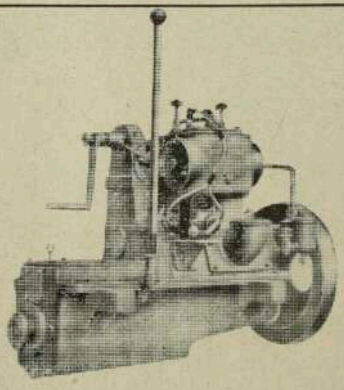

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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

Sydney-Suva-N. America

Canadian-Australasian liner Aorangi (17,500 tons) maintains regular two-monthly sailings—Sydney-Auckland-Suva-Honolulu-Victoria-Vancouver, and return.

RMS AORANGI

Syd. ..	Jan. 10	Mar. 13	May 15
Auck. ..	Jan. 14-15	Mar. 17-18	May 19-20
Suva ..	Jan. 18	Mar. 21	May 23
H'n'l'u .	Jan. 25	Mar. 28	May 30
Vict. ..	Jan. 31	Apl. 3	June 5
Vanc. .	Feb. 1-7	Apl. 4-10	June 6-12
Vict. ..	Feb. 7	Apl. 10	June 12
H'n'l'u ..	Feb. 14	Apl. 17	June 19.
Suva ..	Feb. 23	Apl. 26	June 28
Auck. ..	Feb. 26-28	Apl. 29-May 1	July 1-3
Syd. ..	Mar. 3	May 5	July 7

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Rabaul - Samarai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney.

Next departure from Sydney January 18.

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from New Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukualofa and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any or all of above ports at approx. five weeks intervals. Matua calls at Wellington and Lyttelton (NZ) and supplements Tofua's schedule in Islands, calling at ports as directed by owners.

Tofua scheduled to leave Auckland on next voyage on January 24.

Matua's last sailing was scheduled January 10, from Auckland.

Details from Union SS Co.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.-Niue-Samoa

Old MV Maui Pomare (40 passengers) maintains fairly regular service between Auckland and Rarotonga (Cook Islands), with alternative calls at Niue and Apia (W. Samoa).

Details from NZ Government Shipping Office.

Sydney-P-NG-Solomons-Hebrides, Etc.

MV Malaita for the present will maintain a schedule from Sydney-back to Sydney via Samarai, Rabaul, Soraken, other ports in Buka-Bougainville, Honiara, Yandina (both in BSI) Santo and Vila (New Hebrides), Norfolk Island and Lord Howe.

Next sailing from Sydney scheduled for January 25.

All details from Burns Philp & Co.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, coming from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Maritimes.

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

N. America-Fiji-N. Hebrides, Etc.

Norwegian motor vessel Thor I, carrying cargo and passengers (and shortly to be replaced by the new and faster Thorsisle) maintains a regular service between North American ports and French Oceania, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

Details from General Steamships Corporation Ltd., 432 California St., San Francisco.

AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

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

Sun. and Wed.—Return via same route.

Twice weekly.—PAA run shuttle service DC4 between Nadi (Fiji) and Auckland.

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BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

Alternate Friday (Jan. 4, 18, etc.)—Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

Alternate Friday (Jan. 11, 25, etc.).—Return by same route.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)

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

Connects at Lae with DC3's for Wau, Bulolo (Wed); and (Sun.) Rabaul, via Lae.

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

Sydney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.30 pm
Brisbane, 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

This service connects at Moresby with the planes of Mandated Airlines, which provide service to all points in New Guinea.

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas

LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.
Dep. Lae, 8 am; Finschhaven, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus (3 pm).

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LAE-MADANG-GENERAL SERVICE

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LAE-MADANG-WEWAK-RABAUL-GENERAL SERVICE

Every Thursday by DC3.

MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)

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

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Catalina)

Alternate Monday.—Dep. 9 am—Abau-Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia (overnight).

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

MORESBY-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

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

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.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DH84)

Tuesdays.—Madang (7 am) to Goroka, Kainantu, Aiyura, Arona, as required. Returns to Madang (noon).

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, Ogelbeng, Baiyer R., Wabamunda. Return to Lae.

LAE-GARAINA (DH84)

Tuesdays.—Departs 7 am; returns 9 am.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (Drover)

Dep. Lae.—Tues., Fri., Sat.
Dep. Wau.—Tues., Fri., Sat.
Time: 65 mins. each way.
Wed.—DC3 from Lae to Wau, Bulolo, and return.

SERVICES BY MANDATED AIRLINES

With headquarters at Lae, this company runs regular services for passengers, freight and mails to all New Guinea settlements.

4. Dutch N. Guinea-Darwin

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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

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Alternate Tuesday.—Honiara (dep. 7 am)-Yandina - Vellalavella-Torakina-Rabaul-Finschhafen-Lae (arr. 3.15 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymaster

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9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham Flying-boats:

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, Alt. Mon., 9.30 pm	Noumea, Alt. Tue., 6.30 am
Noumea, Alt. Tue., 8.00 am	Vila, Alt. Tue., 10.35 am
Vila, Alt. Tue., 12.5 pm	Santo, Alt. Tue., 1.20 pm
Santo, Alt. Wed., 6.00 am	Vila, Alt. Wed., 7.15 am
Vila, Alt. Wed., 8.15 am	Noumea, Alt. Wed., 10.55 am
Noumea, Alt. Wed., 12.30 pm	Sydney, Alt. Wed., 7.45 pm

Additional services operate subject to the approval of the Governments concerned.

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas, with Flying-boats, Weekly

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, Thur., 9.30 pm	Noumea, Fri., 6.30 am
Noumea, Fri., 8.30 am	Suva, Fri., 3 pm
Suva, Sat., 6 am	Noumea, Sat., 10.30 am
Noumea, Sat., 12.30 pm	Sydney, Sat., 7.45 pm

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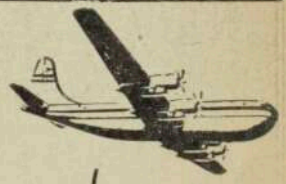

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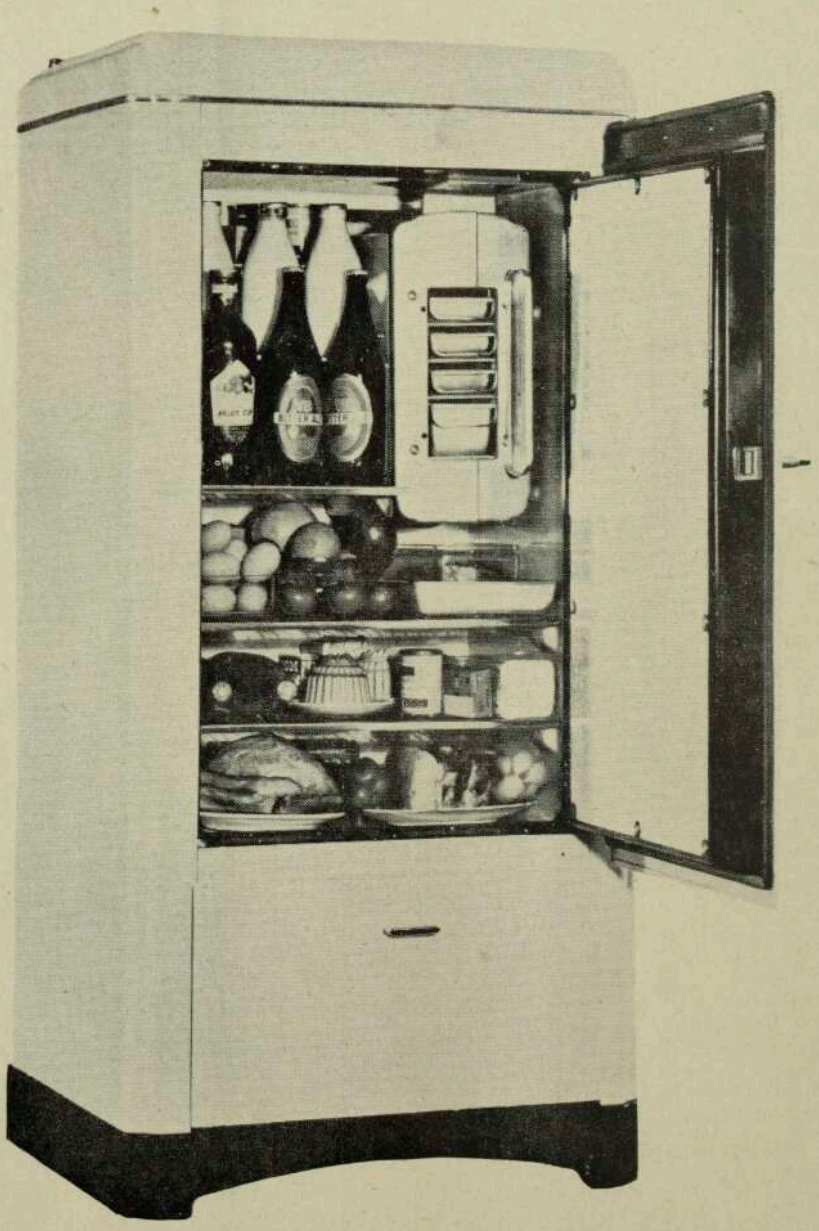

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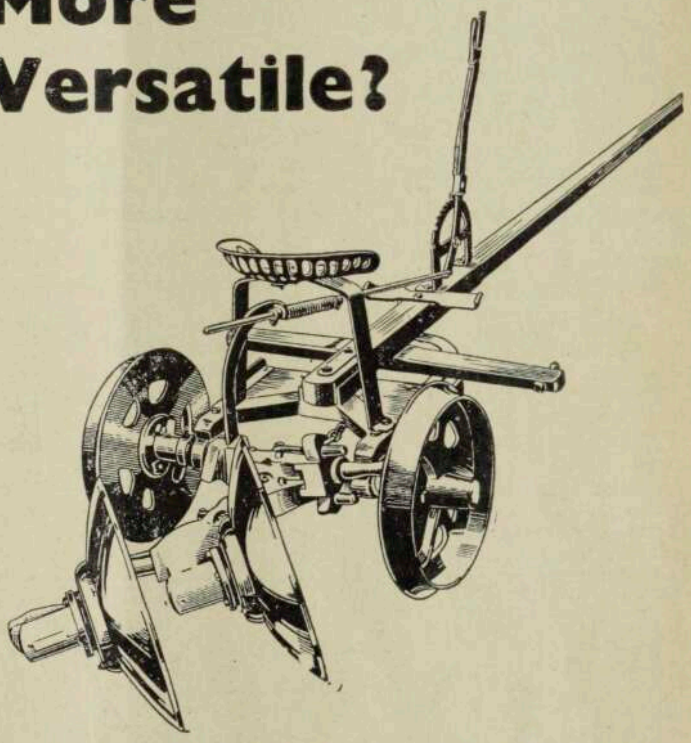

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Why South Pacific Commission Should Be Given a New Status

THE political future of the South Pacific Islands is a matter of supreme importance not only to Australia and New Zealand, but to all the countries which are washed by the Pacific Ocean. The conditions which rule in the countless islands which stretch across ten thousand miles, from Indonesia to French Oceania, will necessarily affect the life of the people in Australia, North America and South America.

Theoretically, that position always has been recognised. To-day, owing to the extraordinarily rapid awakening of Asia to national consciousness, and the domination of the continent by the Muscovite Reds, it is a practical proposition that may not be for one moment ignored. If the Asiatics can, the Asiatics surely will occupy all the Pacific lands.

The Pacific Islands are under the dominion of the Western Powers. That control is exercised through the Governments of United States, France, Holland, and the British group (Britain, Australia and New Zealand). So far as future administration and development are planned to resist aggression and maintain security, there is no evidence of a common policy. The various Territories remain, as they were in Victoria's day, the administrative chattels of the particular Ministers in power, for the time being, in London, Paris, The Hague, Canberra, Wellington and (if we are to include the North Pacific groups) Washington.

That is not a good thing. Whether we like it or not, the era of pure "colonialism" is past. Considerations of defence and self-preservation call for something more —for international planning.

THERE is only one place where the representatives of the six Western Powers sit at the one table, to deal exclusively with Pacific Islands affairs; and that is at the headquarters in Noumea of the recently-created South Pacific Commission. But, so far, the SPC has been a quasi-scientific body, without any administrative authority. The very idea of considering, at SPC sessions, the political future of the Islands has been dismissed with a shudder.

If the SPC is going to be of any real use, in relation to the future of the Pacific Islands, and the nations which surround the Pacific, the authority and status of the SPC must be considered a little more seriously by the six member-countries.

Plenty of talent, and money, were made available for the establishment of the SPC; the job of creation and organisation has been very well done; the eminent men of the Research Council entered into their work with enthusiasm and vision; plans and recommendations of great value have gone from the Council to the Commission; but there is a painful lack of evidence that the member-Governments are much interested in what the SPC is doing, and trying to do. On the other hand, there is some little evidence that some of the people associated with the SPC have become disheartened, and are losing interest.

BECAUSE Australia has the biggest stake in the South Pacific Islands, and in the SPC, Australia is the worst sinner. Except for the appointment of that organising genius, Secretary-General W. D. Forsyth (who now is gone) Australia's contribution in personnel to the SPC has been unimpressive. Even if the present set-up remains, and the status and authority of the SPC are not increased, the SPC will not achieve maximum usefulness unless Australia realises that its Commissioners should include at least one man of statesmanlike vision and drive.

This is not to be regarded as an offensive reflection upon that doughty old Departmental warhorse, Mr. Reg Halligan. If the chief qualification for SPC control is bureaucratic knowledge and experience, there is no one better suited than Australia's present senior Commissioner. But if the SPC is to serve South Pacific needs in the most effective way, its activities must be planned against a realistic background of international affairs. That is a job for statesmen, and not for the men trained in Departmentalism and

(Death of W. H. Carpenter, p. 113)

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Bureaucracy, no matter how excellent their records.

THE future of the Pacific Islands lies mostly in the hands of Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand—Dutch interests are small, although American interests, through Micronesia, now are substantially increased. There should not be the slightest difficulty about the British, French and Americans making common cause in planning the political future of the Islands, just as they now are doing in relation to Southeast Asia.

If SPC discussions could be lifted to Ministerial levels, the SPC table in Noumea could become the Western nations' clearing-house for all diplomatic problems affecting the Islands' future and not reserved only for matters affecting native welfare.

The health, education and living standards of the natives are important; but the natives will have neither health, education nor better living standards if Red Asia falls in on top of them; and that consideration should affect all our thinking and planning, just now.

The SPC is doing a helpful job—although probably spending too much money on non-essentials. The SPC could, with so little adjustment, do a job of greater usefulness, and of immensely more importance to the future of the South Pacific.

For example, why should not the six nations which rule the Pacific Islands not evolve a common policy in relation to the Indonesian claim to Western New Guinea, which vitally affects all of us? Why leave the Dutch New Guinea problem to be kicked around the Chancelleries of half a dozen Capitals, while the Northwest Pacific deteriorates?

ANNEXATION?

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Like hundreds of pioneers of this type, the brothers made small fortunes in the big Territory. But, unlike the great majority, they did not go off with their wealth of money and experience to more comfortable climes. They stayed right there on the NG tablelands, and ploughed it all back into the rich, untested soil—Mick, at Zenag; Jim, at Goroka; and Danny, at Mount Hagen.

Because they love the country, and are natural pioneers, they have done more, in their direct, practical way, to show the possibilities of the Highlands in cattle, pig and sheep raising, in coffee-growing and pasture development, and the use of the abundant water-power, than any other private person. They deserve well of New Guinea.

Yet, a few months ago, when the Administration appointed the Morobe District Advisory Council, the name of Leahy was very conspicuous by its absence. Old residents commented sourly on the fact that Mick Leahy had been an outspoken critic of the Markham Point bridge plan, and of other Administration activities. Ergo, Mick Leahy was not on the new Council.

Echoes of that public discontent must have reached Port Moresby. The VIP's doubtless argued that tne matter could be put right by including the name of Mick Leany in the New Year Honours List. And so His Majesty was recommended to award to the older Leahy the distinction of MEMBER of the Order of the British Empire—the lowest grading in the Order, usually reserved for long-service hospital sisters, clerks, constables. It is an honourable distinction: but if M. J. Leahy's services to New Guinea are worthy of any recognition at all, they certainly are worthy of something of much higher grading than MBE.

ALL NORFOLK IS. MAIL BY AIR

IN future all first class mail matter from Australia to Norfolk Island will be sent by Qantas plane once fortnightly, without extra charge.

During the alternate week when Qantas does not operate a service, airmail may be sent via New Zealand at the regular air mail fee.

The mail concession to Norfolk Island is provided because of infrequent ship sailings for the Island. Morinda, veteran Burns Philp steamer, calls there only about once

STABILISATION'S £3,000,00

Some Interesting Possibilitie

THERE is a possibility of interesting developments in connectio with the Papua-New Guine Copra Stabilisation Fund.

When Papua-New Guinea re sumed copra production, after th war, the Ward-Murray Socialis regime took control of the market ing of all produce, through th Production Control Board; and it de ducted from amounts due to planter a sum varying from £3 to £5 pe ton, for "stabilisation of the in dustry."

The deduction continued for som time after the establishment of th MOF contract (although that 9 years' contract virtually represente stabilisation); and thus there ha been accumulated a fund of abou £3,000,000.

Little deduction is now bein made on account of stabilisation but some P-NG planters feel tha the deductions made between 194 and 1950 were improper. They re sent the attitude of Canberra, whic is inclined to say that the big fun is Government property, in the dis posal of which the planters hav neither voice nor interest.

Discussions have taken place bet ween the NG Planters' Associatio and Mr. Dudley Jones, a Rabau solicitor who has had remarkabl successes in toppling over some o the legal machinery behind whic the bureaucrats have sheltere themselves.

Mr. Dudley Jones has been i Sydney, and in consultation wit eminent counsel; and it is quite pos sible that the High Court will b asked to say that the Stabilisatio Fund was illegally collected.

If the High Court should say s the money, presumably, would hav to go back to those from whom i was collected between 1945 and 195 —an accountants' nightmare, per haps, but it would represent som really ripe, rich plums for th mouths of P-NG's deserving plan ters.

Fall of Rabaul Anniversary

MEMBERS of the New Guine Women's Club of Sydney wi join with New Guinea ex servicemen in Sydney to com memorate the fall of Rabaul to th Japanese on January 23, 1949—1 years ago.

They will meet in Martin Plac at 8.15 to place wreaths on th Cenotaph.

Other ceremonies will be held i New Guinea and in Melbourne.

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SIR RONALD GARVEY

New Governor of Fiji

THE announcement, on January 11, that Sir Ronald Garvey, KCMG, Governor of British Honduras, had been appointed Governor of Fiji, in succession to Sir Brian Freeston (retired), was received with peculiar pleasure throughout the South Pacific Islands.

Sir Ronald spent 25 years in the service of the Western Pacific High Commission; he married a well-known and popular Suva girl; and, although he is English-born and educated, he is regarded as a Pacific Islander. For his outstanding ability, he is held in much respect; and he is personally popular because of his charm of manner. There is no doubt that Suva will give Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey a warm welcome when they reach Government House.

Ronald Herbert Garvey was born in 1903, and he graduated MA at Cambridge before joining the British Colonial Service in 1926. He was appointed in 1926 to a cadetship in the Solomon Islands, but spent a year at WPHC headquarters in Suva before proceeding to Tulagi.

In the ensuing 25 years, he rose step by step in the service of the WPHC, and in the 30's he ranked with Mr. H. E. Maude as "the Commission's most useful young man." His record of service shows that at one time and another he filled practically every administrative post, up to Resident Commissioner, in Solomons, New Hebrides and Gilbert and Ellice Colony, with long spells at headquarters, in Suva.

Apparently, it was the early 40's before Whitehall noticed his outstanding ability—he really had been left a long time in the South Seas. Then, in 1943, he was promoted to an important executive position in Tanganyika; thence he was transferred to an Administratorship in the West Indies; and, some three years ago, he became Governor of British Honduras. His knighthoon followed, soon afterwards.

Sir Ronald Garvey had no bed of roses in Central America. British Honduras is surrounded by a number of fantastic little States, which appear to be either run by dictators, or honeycombed by Communists. Some of his neighbours threatened to make war upon British Honduras, and the Reds were a persistent nuisance. The patience, firmness and strength shown by the young Governor were noticed and commented upon.

In the 30's, Sir Ronald Garvey married Miss Patricia McGusty, the pretty daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. T. McGusty. Dr. McGusty for years, was the well-known Director of Medical Services and Secretary for Indian Affairs in Fiji, and received various decorations. He retired a few years ago, and he and Mrs. McGusty now live in New Zealand. The Garveys have a small family.

NEW YEAR HONOURS

THE names of a few Pacific Islands residents appeared in the list of New Year Honours, announced by the King on January 1:—

ORDER OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Commander (CBE)

Mr. W. H. B. BUCKHURST, Director of Lands in Fiji. Mr. Buckhurst went to the Colony in 1928 as a Native Lands Commission surveyor; became Assistant Director of Surveys in the Lands Department in 1942, and Director of the Department in 1944. He has been very prominent in the encouragement of amateur athletics in the Colony.

Officer (OBE)

MR. C. R. HARLEY NOTT, District Commissioner Western, Lautoka, Fiji. Mr. Nott joined the Fiji administrative service in 1926, and had a distinguished record at headquarters, where he was Assistant Colonial Secretary from 1933 to 1941.

Members (MBE)

Mr. M. J. LEAHY, of Zenag, New Guinea. Mr. Leahy is the oldest of the famous Leahy family who, as gold prospectors, explorers, soldiers and farmers, have achieved a remarkable record as pioneers of New Guinea. After the war, Mr. Leahy took up some 600 acres on the high country near Mumeng, alongside the new military road between Lae and Bulolo, and has devoted all his time and a great deal of money to proving his belief that it is possible to establish European cattle production as a sound industry, on these cool, open plateaus. (See editorial comment on Mr. Leahy's MBE.)

MISS GRACE MORRISON, of Suva, Fiji. Miss Morrison established her famous nursing-home in Suva 27 years ago. She was a trainee at the Old Colonial Hospital in Suva, and completed training in Sydney at the Crown Street Women's Hospital.

ELIKI SERU, of Moturiki, Fiji. He is the leader of the team which is carrying out the Moturiki Community Development project, and was formerly an Organising Teacher in the service of the Fiji Government.

MISS DOROTHY LILLY BEALE, of New Ireland. She has performed notable service as Sister in Charge of the Methodist Hospital at Kimidau, New Ireland.

MISS SYBILLA SCHMITZ, of New Ireland. Miss Schmitz, better known as Sister Marie Clementa, has given a lifetime of devoted service to the nursing of lepers, and she now is the Sister-in-Charge of the Roman Catholic Leprosarium, Anelaua, New Ireland.

British Empire Medal

MR. G. H. MORRIS, of Nagavu, Fiji, who has been a member of the Public Works Department for 25 years.

KEEP OUT!

Australia and the Trustee Planners

TWO members of the "Territories Committee of the US House of Representatives," who arrived in Australia early in November, said that they were going to submit to Australia and New Zealand, and other countries holding Territories under Trusteeship, a new plan for the control of Trustee Territories.

The two (Mr. Monroe Redden and Mr. Fred Crawford) said that the plan was "to place all Trustee Territories under one international organisation, headed by a Governor" —and, presumably controlled by the Trustee Council of UNO.

The reaction of Australia (responsible for New Guinea and Nauru) was so fiercely unfavourable that the peripatetic planners did not wait for their proposed interview with New Zealand (Western Samoa). They went hurriedly into verbal reverse and explained that they were not advocating a concrete plan, but were merely exploring a few alternative ideas.

Nothing more has been heard of them.

Countries holding "Trustee" Territories know by now that UNO's Trusteeship Council is not at all happy with the present set-up. The Council wants far more power than it has now to direct and instruct the Trustee Nations. The latter, for their part, resent the interference of the international theorists and academic planners, and will resist any such plan as that proposed by the American Congressmen.

(Since this was written, UNO has moved again. See top of column 2, page, 14.)

New Suva Medical School

A CONTRACT has been let for the erection of a new Central Medical School and students' hostel in Suva, Fiji.

The sucessful tenderers are Industrial Builders, Ltd., with a price of £92,223.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Next Moves In W. Pacific Awaited

REPORTS from our Correspondents at Suva and Honiara say that although the transfer of Western Pacific High Commission headquarters from Suva to Honiara has been officially announced, there is little outward indication of any preparations for the move.

It must come within a short time.

The term of Sir Brian Freeston as Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner, Western Pacific, expires in April; and thenceforward the HCWP responsibilities (Solomons, G. and E. Colony, New Hebrides, Tonga, Pitcairn) must go elsewhere.

It was officially stated that Solomons and G. and E. Colony would be governed from Honiara (Solomons); and it has been unofficially stated that the British side of the New Hebrides Condominium would be transferred to Australia, and that the British Consul in Tonga would report to the Governor of Fiji.

But, like most British Colonial Service affairs, all preparations are extremely "Hush-Hush." All that is known, just now, is that Qantas, under charter, has made plans to connect the Solomons and the G. and E. Colony, via Nauru, with an air service; and that a "Housing Committee" has been set up in Honiara to discuss extended accommodation. It is believed that the WPHC is interested in the Qantas charter.

The plane service has not yet been extended beyond Nauru; but an islet of the Tarawa lagoon (headquarters of G. and E. Colony) has been prepared as an airfield.

NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER

Although British Minister Dugdale, in September, spoke of a "governor" being appointed for the Solomons and G. and E. Colony, and some such change was expected in several quarters, it was officially announced on January 12 that Mr. Robert Christopher Stafford Stanley, Chief Secretary in Northern Rhodesia, has been appointed High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Mr. Stanley was born in 1899. He served in World War I, and was later in the British Colonial Service in various countries, including Palestine, Cyprus and Africa.

THE NEW AIR SERVICE

HONIARA, Dec. 24

The second of the charter flights being run to Nauru by Qantas (Lae-Honiara-Nauru) on a regular schedule passed through Honiara last week.

Qantas pilots praise the exceptional service and facilities being provided at Nauru—quite different, they say, to Honiara, where overnight passengers have to be accommodated in private homes and empty Government houses.

COPRA RATES

CANBERRA, Jan. 15.

OFFICIALLY announced that MOF copra contract readjustment has been brought forward two months, and will operate from January 1, 1952. The price goes up 10 per cent., plus 10/- readjustment (making £6 Stg.)—from £53/15/- Stg. to £59/15/- Stg., Territory ports (equal to about £75 Aust.). P-NG Copra Board, after making usual deductions, will pay, for FMS copra, Territory ports, £63/10/- Aust.—plus £1 for hot-air dried or less 12/6 for smoke-dried.

This is about £7/10/- per ton for hot-air better than 1951; but about £30 Aust. per ton less than the free world market price.

The new Fiji price for top grade is £59/5/6 (see last page of this issue) which is equal to £66/13/6 Australian.

Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that the price of copra, as quoted in London on December 14 (by the Bank of NZ circular) was:

Straits—£88 Stg. cif European port (having advanced from £94 early in October to £104, and then declined). Equal to about £108 Australian.

Philippines—195 US dollars, cif. Equal to about £85, Australian.

Even more interesting was the report that fairly large parcels of East Indies copra are now being sold to West European ports at prices slightly under Straits rates. East Indies, owing to political troubles, have been slow in returning to copra export. Before the war, they were, next to the Philippines, the world's biggest producer of copra.

THE MOF CONTRACT

It is plain, from these reports, that Papua - New Guinea, Solomons, Fiji and Western Samoa, which bound themselves to the British Ministry of Food under a 9-years contract from the beginning of 1949, have been and are still receiving for their copra between £20 and £30 Aust. per ton less than the world market rates.

This is because the MOF contract was made in Sterling and, late in 1949, the British Socialist Government resorted to the device of devaluing Sterling by about 30 per cent. in relation to the US dollar. Although copra has an international value, the MOF contract was not adjusted to the new value of Sterling. Ever since then, the South Pacific planters have been paid in Sterling, although their copra became, in basic value, worth 30 per cent. more.

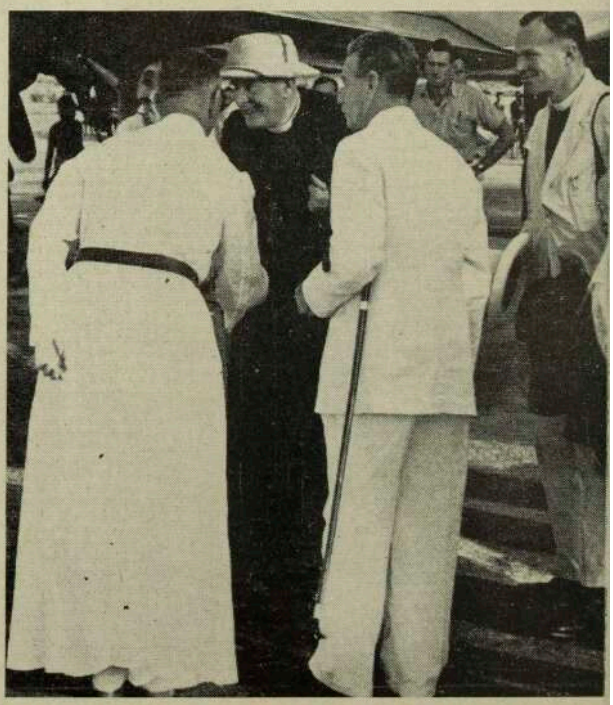
For the past two years, our copra planters have been crying out against this iniquitous contract but, because they cannot be induced to unite, their protests have been ignored.

A simple calculation shows that if they are losing only £20 per ton and their total production is 100,000 tons per annum, the coconut growers of Papua-New Guinea, Fiji, Solomons and Samoa are each year making the British MOF a present of at least £2,000,000.

Why do the planters of all four Territories not set up a central committee to hammer away against the devalued-£ side of this MOF contract, until they get some concession? A revision equal to only £10 per ton would represent a substantial gain to them.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. C. F. Garbett, made quick visits to Fiji and New Guinea in December. He is seen here being greeted at Moresby airport by the Administrator of P-NG, Col. J. K. Murray (right) and the Rector of Port Moresby Church of England.

—Papuan Prints.



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THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Criticism of Biography

A RATHER caustic survey of the biography of Sir Hubert Murray, produced a couple of years ago by Lewis Lett, has been written by Mr. J. T. Bensted. Mr. Bensted, now a resident of Sydney, joined the Papua Public Service over 50 years ago, and, from high official positions, either witnessed or took part in most of the principal events in the Territory during the Governorship of Sir George LeHunte and Sir Hubert Murray.

I have seen Mr. Bensted's page-by-page criticism of Mr. Lett's book and, for the sake of historical accuracy and record, I hope it finds a place in a library, if not in print. Mr. Bensted is among Sir Hubert Murray's warmest admirers; but that has not blinded him to Sir Hubert's many human weaknesses, and he objects very strongly indeed to what he regards as the poetic licence with which Mr. Lett has clothed the story of Sir Hubert's life.

In addition, Mr. Bensted's compilation contains a lot of new matter of historical value.

Salutes for Governors

A DELIGHTFUL story of Sir Hubert is told by Mr. Bensted, concerning the occasion when the German Governor of New Guinea called officially at Port Moresby.

"Sir Hubert, being the junior in international rank, had to pay the first call; and he was met with a salute of guns, and appropriate ceremony.

"When the visit was returned, Sir Hubert was in some difficulty. He had no guns—not even one—and, at that time, he had not even a drink to offer his visitor.

"But he had half-plugs of either dynamite or gelignite exploded in the air, at suitable intervals (a common practice in signalling); and he borrowed a bottle of spirits from Mr. Tyser, the second engineer of his official patrol vessel, the Merrie England."

Mr. Bensted gives us the origin of the dynamite trick. When Sir George LeHunte was governor, and returned to Port Moresby, he was always greeted with a salute. It was the duty of Head Gaoler John Macdonald to place open kerosene tins, each containing a plug of dynamite, with fuse and detonator attached, at calculated distances apart, in the grass on the top of Paga Hill. When the Merrie England, with the Governor, appeared around the Point, John would run from one tin to the other, lighting the fuses at the correct intervals; and the combination of tin cans and dynamite gave His Excellency the required number of "big bangs." Officialdom was satisfied, and the natives delighted.

Mokerang, of Manus

A CORRESPONDENT, in Manus not long ago, writes to express pleasure in the report that American airmen are likely to return to that "bastion of Anglo-American Pacific defence."

He says that when the Americans were driven out of Manus in 1946 by Australia's own Dr. Evatt, they left behind two very excellent air-strips—Momote, across the base of the peninsula, and Mokerang, not very far away, at the tip of the peninsula.

Momote was between 7,000 and 8,000 feet long and, as it has buildings and other equipment, it has been maintained in use by the Australians.

Mokerang 9,600 feet long, with three great runways, was not only the longest strip in the South Pacific—it also had a surface which could take the impact of the biggest planes used. Australia, incapable of taking care of such a large base, allowed Mokerang to deteriorate from the time of the American evacuation, until the Red Asia development brought us all back from our Socialistic dreams to international realities.

If Muscovite submarines really are prowling in New Guinea waters, they probably will be trying to see what — if anything — we are doing now with that Mokerang strip.

Murder in Rabaul, Jan., 1942

"WHAT was the name of the Scandinavian ship that was in Rabaul when the Japs invaded? What became of her?" asks a correspondent.

For some days before the Japs arrived—and all officialdom knew they were coming—the modern Norwegian motor-ship Nordhavet continued to load copra at the Rabaul wharf. She easily could have escaped South, with the whole of the non-military civilians aboard; but, in response to the urgent appeals of Mr. Harold Page (Government Secretary, temporarily in charge) Australia told them to stay there and keep on loading copra.

When the planes of the oncoming Japs began to fly over Rabaul, everyone with a big gun had a shot at them. The most consistent and accurate shooting came from the ack-ack guns of the doughty Norwegians aboard the Nordhavet.

When the Japs arrived, the Nordhavet was bombed and set afire, and drifted across the harbour, and grounded alongside the town. She ultimately sank there. Most of her crew of 32 joined the Australians in the prison camp, and died with them on the Montevideo Maru.

Some bone-head official was responsible for keeping those 300 civilians, and that good ship, in Rabaul—a useless and stupid sacrifice. Again and again, PIM has tried to find out who gave the orders which prevented the evacuation, about January 17-18, 1942. Again and again, officialdom has seen to it that we did not get the information. Whoever it was—if he still lives—should never be allowed to forget that wholesale murder, and of how hundreds of women and children lost their bread-winners, for no purpose whatever.

This is written amost exactly 10 years to the day, after the Japs invaded (January 23, 1942).

Fiji's Fifth Industry

APROPOS of an article in November PIM concerning Fiji tourism, Whites Travel Service of NZ (a department of Whites Aviation) writes to show us how its Fiji tourist business has grown in just three tourist seasons.

Whites say that in collaboration with Northern Hotels, Ltd., of Fiji, it pioneered the Fiji tour business in 1949. During the first season 10 parties with a total of 81 tourists were sent; in 1950 there were 21 parties and 112 tourists; and in the last season 21 parties and a total of 184 tourists—all from NZ.

Whites too, hand bouquets to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hunt of Suva who "have looked after our parties during the time they have spent in the Suva sector of the itinerary . . . it is largely due to their efforts that our people have had such an enjoyable time on that side of the island."

The annual report issued recently by the Fiji Publicity Board shows that the Colony benefited to the extent of £102,000 from the tourist business in 1950 and now is in fifth position in the Colony's earning industries. In the Board's opinion only one thing prevents its becoming top industry—and that is lack of hotel accommodation.

In 1950, 3,400 air travellers spent some time in Fiji. Figures for 1951, when available, are expected to show an increase in numbers and also in profits to the Colony.

Mr. Carl Jacobsen, P-NG Legislative Council Member for the New Guinea mainland, arrived in Brisbane on December 13 for a holiday.

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BURNS PHILP SHIPPING RESHUFFLE

FOLLOWING the engine breakdown to the Morinda in late December Burns Philp issued the following statement:

It has been necessary to review the services maintained by Bulolo, Malaita and Mangola for the next trips and until such time as Malekula is ready in late April.

Bulolo will sail from Sydney on January 18 for Brisbane, Port Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Rabaul, Samarai, Port Moresby, Brisbane, Sydney. Next sailing, February 29 from Sydney, will be to Brisbane Port Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Rabaul, Samarai, Port Moresby, Sydney.

Malaita leaves Sydney about January 24 for Samarai, Rabaul, Soraken, Tepoasino, Arigua, Numa Numa, Kieta, Honiara, Yandina, Teneru, Santo, Vila, Norfolk, Lord Howe, Sydney (due about March 1). She should sail again about March 19 for Brisbane, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Manus, Rabaul, Samarai, Sydney (due about April 20).

Malaita will then replace Morinda, leaving Sydney May 3 for Lord Howe, Norfolk, Vila, Santo, Honiara, Yandina, Gizo, Kieta, Arigua, Numa Numa, Teopasino, Soraken, Rabaul, Samarai, Sydney.

Mangola will sail about January 29 for Brisbane, Port Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Manus, Kavieng, Rabaul, Samarai, possibly Port Moresby, Sydney (due about March 22). On April 15 she will again sail for the same ports.

Morinda Mishap at Vila

BURNS PHILP'S veteran Island steamer Morinda, due soon for the scrap heap, was struggling valiantly around on her second-last Hebrides voyage in early January—and she will not now make her last scheduled trip in February.

A few minutes after she dropped anchor in Vila Harbour on h December trip, one of her furnac collapsed. When the smoke a steam cleared away, it was appare that she would have to comple her voyage under reduced steam the boiler concerned was beyo a local repair.

She sailed from Santo on N Year's Eve for the Solomons a her cruising speed was six kno While at sea, her refrigerating ge will not be operating.

So Santo missed out on meat t trip and the passengers will ha to subsist largely on tinned foo for the remainder of the voya —VERNON WHEATLEY.

Do You Remember?

TWENTY years ago . . . and as we look back on these extracts from PIM of January, 1932, we reflect that, although in some instances, we have changed our views, in others we are still fighting the same old dragons:

Australia should take steps to end the New Hebrides Condominium and bring the Group under Australian Administration and so protect her considerable land interests. . . . It is desirable, from points of view of administration, defence and trading, that the Commonwealth's tropical service should be extended from Papua and New Guinea over the Solomons and New Hebrides.

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Everyone was genuinely sorry to say farewell to Mr. Ben Chifley, the Federal Minister who had charge of Pacific Islands affairs, and who lost his seat in the political debacle. (There had recently been a Federal election in Australia.—ED.). Mr. Chifley's strong and genial personality won him many friends among Administrators and residents. Unlike some members of his party, he never allowed political prejudices to colour his decisions—he was a just, fearless, far-seeing and a hard-working Minister who earned the respect of everyone with whom he came in contact. It is a pity that political ties should sweep out of office a man who is so well qualified to give good service to his country.

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Mr. Turnbull, then secretary to the Western Samoan Administration, was reported as on an official mission to Wellington where he would try to raise a loan to tide the Territory over its "difficult financial position." Sir Hubert Murray, of Papua, was on a mission to Canberra, pleading on behalf of Papua's rubber planters for retention of a 4d. a pound preference on rubber. (Papuan rubber was admitted to Australia duty free; foreign rubber carried 4d. per lb. duty). The preference, said Sir Hubert, was just sufficient to allow rubber planters to survive. But, he said, the duty need not always remain at 4d. "If, the price rose to 1/- per lb., it would be absurd for Papua to expect any assistance. The duty might be made a sliding one so as to ensure a price of, say, 8d."

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There are few signs of improvement in the political situation in Western Samoa. Efforts of the Administrator, General Hart, to bring about a meeting with Mau chiefs have proved unavailing. . . . A petition of Mau leaders recently dispatched to Britain, America and Germany (signatories of the Three Powers agreement) attacks the NZ administration.

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Mr. C. J. Levien, one of the most famous of New Guinea goldfields pioneers died in Melbourne on January 20, from meningitis.

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In our Timetable section there were no air service schedules listed but this section showed that Burns Philp had Mataram on the Sydney-Solomons service; Matson Line Sierra, Sonoma and Ventura were on trans-Pacific service; Messageries Maritimes had Laperouse on Sydney-Noumea-Vila service and the Strasberg, Recherche and Esperance on Dunkirk-Noumea via Panama route.

Burns Philp's Morinda was on Sydney-New Hebrides service (she still is) but she made a call at Auckland, NZ, also. Macdhui and Montoro took care of Sydney-P-NG route and the USS Co. had Niagara and Aorangi on trans-Pacific; Tofua on Auckland-Fiji-Polynesia service; Makura, Monowai on Sydney-Tahiti service, via NZ and Rarotonga. E&A Line ships Nankin, Nellore and Tanda traded between Sydney and Hongkong via Rabaul and Manilla; the Dutch Royal Packet Navigation ship Le Maire ran a service from Sydney to the NEI via Rabaul, Samarai and Moresby.

In Fiji Makatea, Makoa, Adi Keva, Sir John Forrest and Adi Rewa maintained inter-island service. Papuan Chief and Matoma performed the same service for Papua, and in NG, Maiwara, Mirani, Durour and Durambah took care of round-the-islands communications.

MV MALEKULA

To Enter New Guinea Servi Shortly

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 6.

A NEW 3,200 ton ship, built in t Glasgow shipyards for Bur Philp and Co., should be rea to sail for Australia towards the e of February, and will then go in service on the Papua-New Guin run.

She is the Malekula, with a h similar to that of the Malaita; b whereas the latter has accommod tion for 61 passengers, the ne vessel will carry only 12. Th change has been made to allow f much larger refrigeration car space. The Malekula has been bu with 10,500 cubic feet of space f refrigerator cargo, with separa sections for meat, fruit and veg tables, and butter and eggs. H general cargo capacity is 3,000 to against the 2,740 of the Malaita.

The ship's ports of call in t Territory will be Samarai, Raba Lombrum, Lorengau, Madang, La and back to Samarai, en route Sydney.

This new vessel has been order as part of the company's policy replacing tonnage lost during t war. Already, another ship has be ordered in London. It will be 2,000-tons diesel craft.

NEGRO PRIEST FOR NEW GUINE

AN event of interest to Cathol Missions in New Guinea w the arrival in Sydney, p Aorangi, in early January, Father Clarence J. Howard, of t Society of the Divine Word. Fath Howard is a full-blooded negro.

Father Howard, ordained in 193 and for the past 10 years editor a Catholic newspaper at Bay S Louis, Mississippi, will establish seminary for native priests in Ne Guinea under the patronage Bishop Leo Arkfeld, Vica Apostolic of Central New Guinea.

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HURRICANE IN N. HEBRIDES KILLS OVER 100

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Jan. 4.

ONE of the worst hurricanes ever recorded in this part of the world swept across the South-east New Hebrides (Epi, Ambrym—which already had been devastated by a volcanic eruption—and part of Malekula) on Christmas Day. It killed over 100 people and destroyed all plantations and villages in its path. Six small vessels were sunk, and three have disappeared, believed lost.

Both Santo and Vila weather stations, on December 24, gave warning of a hurricane. But these islands are accustomed to heavy blows at this period, and little notice was taken.

Many boats were at sea at the time, returning to their respective islands the natives who wished to be in their villages for Christmas and the New Year.

On Tuesday, 25th, however, the hurricane went to the west and across Epi, while showing a far more rapid movement. In the afternoon the wind began blowing at more than 100 mph.

Three boats remained at sea: the Pangona, Sainte-Therese, and a cutter belonging to some Indo-Chinese. None of them has yet been found, and they are believed lost.

The Pangona was a 50-tons motor-ship owned by a Mr. Ohlen, and commanded by Mr. Keromene, a European. There was one other European, Mr. Benebig, and a half-caste Japanese, Tagawa, and 10 or 15 natives in the ship.

It also has been reported that the Southern Cross, belonging to the SDA Mission, sank at Port-Sandwich, Malekula.

Five other small vessels officially considered lost—sunk during the hurricane—include the Showa, vessels owned by Messrs. Desgranges and Leroi, and one owned by the Rev. C. K. Crump, Presbyterian missionary at Mahe.

New Zealand aircraft based on Fiji joined many ships from Vila and Santo in a wide search for the missing vessels.

Over the islands, enormous damage was caused to several plantations, mostly at Ambrym, Epi and Malekula. Santo and Efate escaped damage. The productivity of the plantations is finished for many years.

At Epi, a landslide killed 49 natives who had just been evacuated from Ambrym, where it is now almost impossible to live because of the thick pumice mud from the newly-active volcano.

More natives have been killed by falling debris. Huts were carried away by the sea, and by the enormous rivers of mud which developed in a few hours.

Government figures indicate that there are over 100 people killed and it is believed the death roll is 150, mostly natives.

Damage has not yet been estimated.

At Cragove Catholic Mission, Epi, the church was flattened as well as the Mission house.

Early on Friday, December 28, after brief news of the disaster had reached Vila, the Condominium authorities sent key Government personnel to the devastated areas, to organise relief.

Major D. Fregard, British District Agent at Santo, left for the south on Mr. Oliver Stevens' launch, Karachi, to inspect and report.

News reached Noumea on January 4 that utter devastation reigns over the whole area of Ambrym, Epi and the south eastern part of Malekula. Nothing has been heard of Pentecost. Forests and villages have been swept away, leaving only a wasteland of debris strewn with bodies.

Both Residents have cabled to their Governments. The deputy for New Caledonia and the New Hebrides has answered from Paris that he has asked the Metropolitan Government to take special measures as soon as possible.

SOUTHERN CROSS

Although the report was persistent that the well-known mission vessel Southern Cross had been sunk in the New Hebrides by the hurricane, there was no confirmation in Sydney up to January 9.

The explanation seems to be that a small vessel with a name like Southern Cross was lost; and, as the mission ship was in that area about that time, a wrong report was circulated.

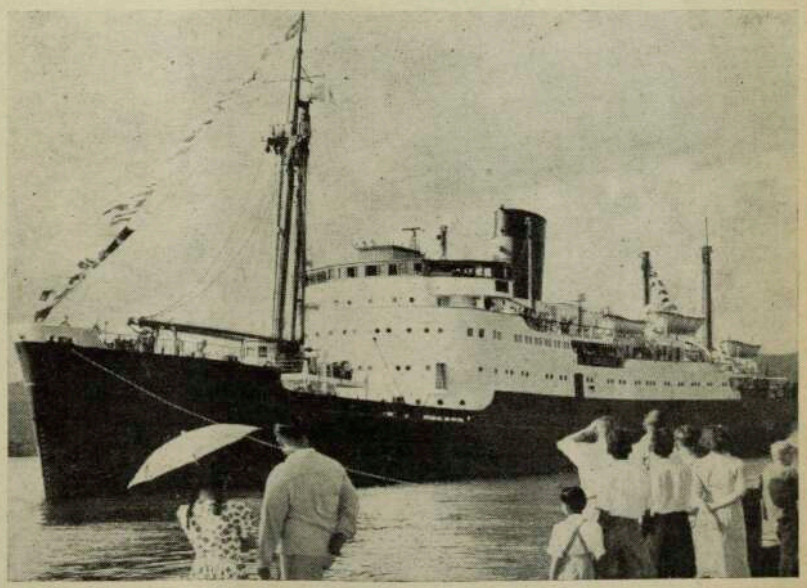
Tofua Enters Islands Service

THE Union SS Co.'s new Islands passenger and cargo vessel, Tofua, will, according to the published timetable, now provide a regular monthly call at Pago Pago, instead of the irregular service supplied by Matua. This should be of help to American Samoa, which has been poorly provided with passenger ship connections since the war.

However, the news is scarcely likely to please New Zealand's Cook Islands residents, who had long supposed that at least the Matua would be reallocated to the Rarotonga service when Tofua arrived.

Our Apia correspondent reports that the commercial community there will heartily welcome the new vessel, which will offer increased opportunities for cargo and passenger traffic with the outside world. Efforts are being made in Apia to stimulate banana production, in order to induce the Union Co. to have Matua also continue her calls there.

Apia in December was planning some welcoming functions for the first visit of Tofua, including, if possible, a special Tofua Race Meeting sponsored by the Apia Turf Club in honour of the occasion.



Tofua arriving at Suva wharf on Christmas Day.
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MOF Sugar Price Now Close To World Parity

£38/10/- Stg Per Ton In 1952

THE United Kingdom Ministry of Food has agreed to an increase of £5/12/6 Stg. on the price per ton of sugar bought from Empire countries under the Sugar Agreement. The new price will be £38/10/- Stg., c.i.f., UK. (It is pointed out that this is not a true c.i.f. price as under the Agreement the purchaser pays part of the freight).

The Empire countries covered by the agreement are Australia, British West Indies, British Honduras, East Africa, Fiji, Mauritius and South Africa. Each has been given a quota which the MOF will buy at the fixed price (the price revised each year, in November), plus an additional tonnage which the producing country may sell at world market price. Fiji's fixed-price quota is 125,000 tons. They may sell an additional 45,000 tons to UK or Canada at world prices.

This year's agreement price is little less than world price. Cuban raw sugar is being sold at from £45 to £50 Australian, f.a.s. Cuban ports.

If British copra producers were faring as well as sugar producers from the MOF they would be happy.

Fiji cane farmers will share in the bigger price. A clause in their agreement with the CSR Company provides that the price of cane will rise in certain proportion to any rise in the price of sugar.

When, in 1951, the price of sugar rose by £2/7/6 Stg., Fiji cane growers benefitted by about 10/- per ton for their cane, bringing the price to something like 47/- Fijian, a ton.

Fiji mills — because of adverse weather conditions during the cane growing period — are expected to produce only about 110,000 tons this season — well below the exportable limit.

Tragedy followed this function. Photograph shows Mr. H. R. F. Watson, on December 21, in London, signing the new Sugar Agreement on behalf of the Fiji Government and the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., under which the British Ministry of Food contracted to buy 2,375,000 tons per year from British sugar-producing countries. Fiji is to supply up to 170,000 tons per annum, at £38/10/- Stg. per ton.

Next day, Mr. Watson died suddenly. It was known that he had heart weakness, but his death was unexpected. He had been the representative of the CSR Company in London for several years, and he was well-known in Fiji, which he visited only last year.

The Deputy Secretary of the Food Department is shown beside Mr. Watson, and some of the delegates from the sugar-producing countries can be seen in background (Sir Thomas White, Australia, on left).

TO TAHITI

TEAL's New Service Is Commenced

THE new TEAL service by Solent flying boats between Auckland and Papeete (Tahiti), via Suva (Fiji) and Aitutaki (Cook Islands) was successfully inaugurated at the end of December.

A luxuriously-appointed Solent, under veteran TEAL Captain J. McGrane, left Auckland on December 27; spent 31 hours at Laucala Bay (Suva); re-fuelled at Aitutaki; and completed the round trip without difficulty.

TEAL service is monthly. Tahiti Airways still runs a monthly plane Papeete-Aitutaki and return; so Tahiti now has a fortnightly air-mail.

Western Samoa is disappointed at being left out of the itinerary; but TEAL explains that, anxious as it is to include a call at Apia, this cannot be done until a completely safe landing-place has been prepared. This should not be very long.

If adequate accommodation can be provided in Suva (Fiji), Apia (Samoa) and Papeete (Tahiti), this new South Pacific service should be very popular among world tourists.

1,400 Miles With Peanut In Lung

The 18-months-old son of the District Commissioner of the Central Highlands of New Guinea, Mr. George Greathead, got a peanut lodged in his lung, at Goroka, on December 8, and had difficulty in breathing. Mr. and Mrs. Greathead brought the baby by plane over the mountains to Port Moresby. Facilities there were not sufficien so the child was flown through Brisbane on Sunday, December Next morning, the object was r moved in a special operation, ar the child quickly recovered. It 1,400 miles from Goroka to Brisban

First Indian Deputy Mayor of Suv

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Dec. 17

FOR the first tme an Indian h been appointed Deputy May of Suva.

Mr. Edward M. Grant has su ceeded to the post left vacant November when Mr. D. M. McFarlane took over as Mayor fro Sir Alport Barker.

Mr. Grant, who was first elect to the Suva Town Council in 19 is the son of Mr. John Grant, MB with whom he is associated in t operation of the Grant cinema i terests in Viti Levu. (The Lilac Suva is their best-known theatr

Since the re-establishment of elected council for Suva, after ma years of control by a Governmen nominated Town Board, the coun has consisted of three European a three Indian elected members a two members appointed by t Governor to represent minority i terests.

The older European people, w remember the days when Suva w a European town with a Fiji flavour, have suddenly realised t inevitable consequences of outi the nominated Town Board syste which many wished to do. Th interpret the new Deputy-Mayor appointment as the writing on t wall and that, in due course, the will be an Indian Mayor of Suv And no amount of European dism is going to stop it.

In the meantime Mr. Grant's fir public duty was to welcome the ne Commissioner for the Governme of India in Fiji (Mr. Aneel Kum Sen) at Laucala Bay Airport December 15.

RAIN WASHES OUT WAU-LABU ROAD

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Jan. 7.

EXTREMELY wet weather in t past week had washed o portions of the Wau-Labu ro and traffic to and from Lae is he up.

There is a big slip on the ro between Cliffside and Bulolo and is expected to be another week b fore any vehicle can negotiate it.

The Mumeng Creek was also in passable for several days owing portion of the road crossing havi been swept away.

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FIJI BATTALION

Memorable Scenes on Departure for Malaya

SUVA, Jan. 9.

ON January 8, the 1st Battalion of the Fiji Infantry Regiment, specially detailed for service against the Red terrorists in Malaya, marched aboard the emigrant liner Asturias (22,445 tons) in Suva and departed for Singapore. The Asturias was taken temporarily from the Britain-Australia run.

It was a memorable day in Suva. From dawn, thousands of Fijians came crowding into the town, and all classes of all the communities combined to give the Fijian soldiers a send-off that will never be forgotten. The town was lavishly decorated.

As the Battalion marched through the town to the wharf, it saluted the Acting-Governor, Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, who was on a special dais at The Triangle. With him were Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, Colonel C. L. Pleasants (commander of the Fiji Military Forces), the Mayor of Suva (Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane) and Lieut-Commander G. R. Woods.

The men marched with spirit, fine precision and a proud bearing—and their pride was reflected in the faces of the thousands of their fellow-countrymen, whose enthusiasm was almost beyond restraint.

As the liner left the wharf at 5 pm, the soldiers sang their Islands songs, the bands played, the packed thousands ashore sang and shouted, and a NZ Air Force Catalina flew low over the ship.

The Fiji Times made this fitting comment: "The Battalion's departure has been an occasion for pride—the pride of the Fijian people in the loyal response of Fijian youth to a call made in the name of the Empire, and the pride of non-Fijians in the fact that in 1952, as in the last war, the Crown Colony of Fiji is to be represented by fighting men of magnificent stamp. The battalion has left Fiji with a farewell of moving dignity. When it returns, it will be welcomed home in the same spirit."

It will be some time before the Fijians — famous jungle-fighters — go into action against the Malayan Communists. They have first to complete their training in Malaya.

Methodist Church And The Malaya Battalion

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Jan. 6.

THE Methodist Church, to which 90 per cent. of the Fijian people belong, has made no secret of its misgivings over the sending of Fijian troops to Malaya; but has so far made no official pronouncement.

This official silence has led to criticism among Europeans who say the Church should have made a clear-cut pronouncement.

However, the Church was placed in a delicate situation when the announcement that the 1st Battalion was to go to Malaya for two years was sprung on the Colony as a **fait-accompli** in October. That announcement leaned heavily on the message of loyalty sent to the King by the Council of Chiefs in 1950.

To declare opposition to the Government's offer of active Fijian support against the King's enemies would, in Fijian eyes, have ranged the Fijian Methodist Church against a decision made by Great Britain and Fiji in the name of the King.

It is believed that the Methodist Church in Fiji has protested against the move to the Colonial Office, presumably through the Government of Fiji. The Church fully appreciates the dangers of Malaya's situation, but is believed to have pointed out the serious effect on the Fijians of the withdrawal of many hundreds of their most promising young men, at a critical time in their economic, political and social history.

During training in Fiji, the battalion was inspected by Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna (hatless), Honorary Colonel of the Fiji Infantry Regiment. With Sir Lala is the CO of the battalion, Lieut.-Col. R. Tinker, and behind them, Major Fisher-Hoch, of the 1st Suffolk Regiment, who has spent two years in Malaya and who is Liaison Officer with the Fiji Battalion.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

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Resident Commisioner Appointed

MR. GEOFFREY NEVILL, aged 51, who has been Resident Commissioner of Chatham Islands (a small group owned by New Zealand) since February, 1950, has been appointed to succeed Mr. W. Tailby as Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands, with headquarters at Rarotonga.

He is described as an ideal man for the job, in personality, training and inclination. He has made a lifetime study of Pacific Islands history and government, and he is especially interested in Polynesia.

"He was always interested in the culture of the Maori peoples. He used to go out fossicking among the sandhills on the West Coast of NZ and bring back al sorts of interesting relics. He has given quite a number to the Museum," said Dr. Gilbert Archey, director of the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Mr. Nevill is a brother of Sir Arthur Nevill, former Chief of NZ Air Staff. He was educated in Australia and at Auckland Grammar School.

ITALIANS TO SOLVE HEBRIDES LABOUR TROUBLES

THIRTY Italian men are due to arrive in Vila early in Feburary and will go to work for M. Charles Graziani of Santo.

The wives and families of the men will follow when the new arrivals have settled down.

The outcome of this labour experiment is awaited with interest. —V.W.

Mr. R. M. Taylor, who has done an excellent job as Financial Secretary, Fiji, has been appointed Financial Secretary, Northern Rhodesia, and will leave Suva in March.

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WILKINSON RELEASED

He Has No Remedy at Law

THE sentence of 18 months' goal imposed upon him for alleged theft having been cancelled by the Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Lance Wilkinson was released from the Bomana gaol, in Port Moresby, on December 22. He proceeded at once to Samarai, where he was warmly welcomed by his family and friends.

Mr. Dudley Jones, the well-known Rabaul barrister and solicitor, who defended both Wilkinson and Bock in the recent cases against them, and who arranged the petition to the Administrator for the release of Wilkinson, was in Sydney in January; and he informed PIM that in his opinion Wilkinson cannot appeal to the High Court to quash his conviction and he has no chance at all of obtaining damages from the Administration for wrongful imprisonment.

Mr. Jones explained that in the Papua-New Guinea Supreme Court, the Judges sit as both Judge and Jury. One Judge, sitting as a jury, convicted Wilkinson. Another Judge, on exactly the same set of circumstances, found Bock not guilty. These represent the processes of law as it exists in New Guinea at the present time, and there is no possible appeal from them.

EDITORIAL NOTE:

We can only say that, if this is the Papua-New Guinea law, the soon it is amended the better for the safety of Papua-New Guinea citizens.

One Judge found Wilkinson guilty of theft; and, despite his good record as a citizen and soldier, and his claim to consideration as a first offender, he was given the savage sentence of 18 months' gaol. Another Judge, on exactly the same set of circumstances, found Bock not guilty.

One of those Judges was wrong. Conceivably, it was Judge Bignold, who convicted Wilkinson. If Judge Bignold was wrong, then obviously Wilkinson should have his name cleared of the criminal charge, and be compensated for wrongful imprisonment.

However, the law says that Wilkinson has no recourse whatever—and that presumably is the end of it.

But this writer must add the remark that in a very long and varied journalistic experience, he never has seen such a legal tangle and muddle as is represented by the Wilkinson-Bock case It reflects little credit on the Papua-New Guinea legal system — and less credit upon some of the system's legal luminaries.

In previous articles on this subject, we made some reflection upon the Administrator, Colonel Murray, for the course he followed. Having had the extraordinary P-NG law explained to us, we should like to say that the Administrator could not have taken any other course—except that, having had his attention drawn by petitions on October 4 to the absurd situation, he was an unconscionable time in releasing Wilkinson, who was held until December 22.

Stores and shops in Western Samoa — in Apia and outside stations — did a record Christmas trade. In spite of high prices, expensive toys, clothing, fancy goods and provisions were freely purchased.

NEW COCONUT MILL IN RABAUL

THE Carpenter interests in Rabaul (Coconut Products, Ltd.), are making rapid progress with the erection of buildings for their mill for the processing of coconuts, and of staff residences. A large part of the machinery already has arrived in Rabaul.

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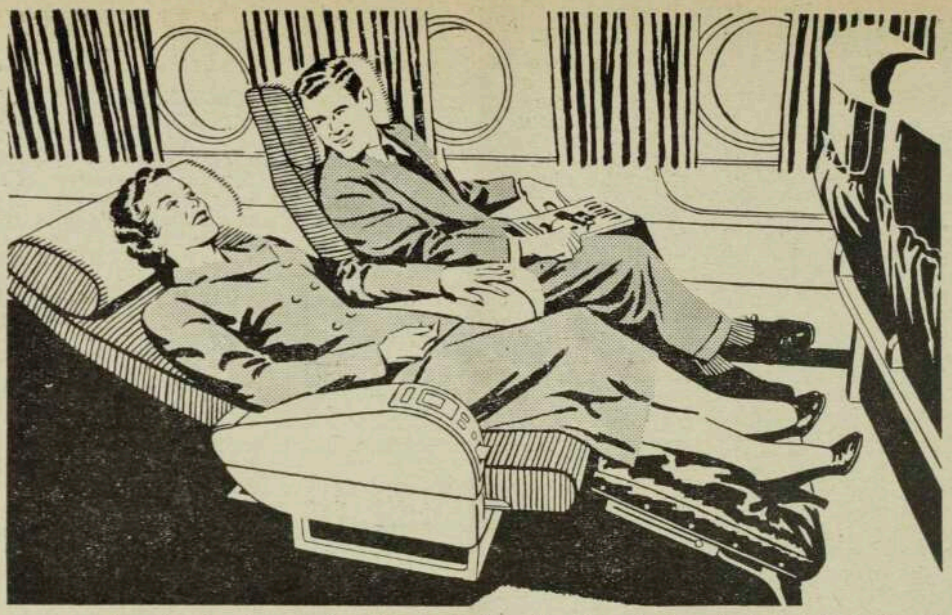

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MV POLURRIAN DEPARTED FOR RABAUL, NG

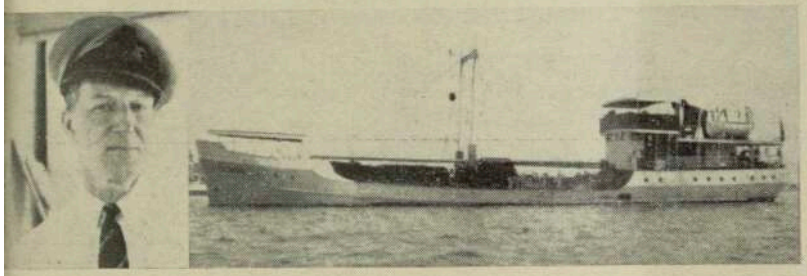
AFTER much delay and very extensive and costly engine repairs — allegedly due to negligence on the voyage from England to Australia, and again during trials in Sydney Harbour— the newly-formed Bougainville Co., Ltd.'s, 450-ton motor-vessel Polurrian finally cleared Sydney for Rabaul on December 30 (see PIM November, page 29), under command of Captain (and Senator) Roy Kendall.

Captain Kendall, whom many will remember as skipper of Oscar Rondahl's schooner Induna Star, of Rabaul, in pre-war days, hopes to remain with the ship until late February, when Parliamentary duties will demand his return to Australia.

The command will then be taken over by the Chief Officer, Mr. H. Etheridge, who, like the new Chief Engineer H. C. Humphreys, joined the vessel in England. The Master and the Chief Engineer on the voyage from England were paid off in Sydney.

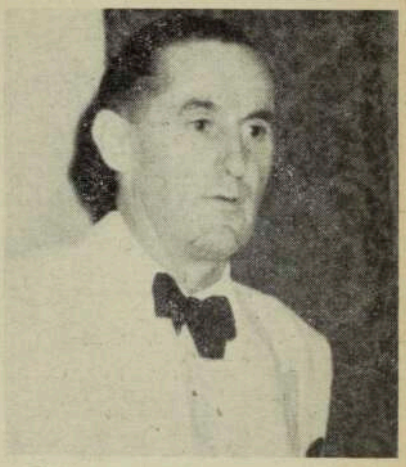
Mr. and Mrs. J. I. L. Hill, now of Nigeria, arrived in Suva recently on a holiday visit to the Colony.

Mr. L. A. Lawlor has returned to Suva after an extended visit to the United Kingdom and South Africa.



Right: The MV Polurrian, new addition to New Guinea coastal fleet. Left: Captain Roy Kendall (a Queensland Senator) who acted as master of the ship on the voyage to Rabaul. Captain Kendall's son, a student, went along as deckhand.

Suva's New Mayor



Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane, who was elected Mayor of Suva, Fiji, in November. He defeated Sir Alport Barker.

Mr. N. R. Ford, Pacific Area Supervisor for Metro Goldwyn Mayer film company, will leave Sydney about the end of January for Fiji, by air, and then go on to Tahiti by the new TEAL service. After a short stay in Papeete, on business, he will return to Australia by ship, via New Hebrides, and New Caledonia.

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Rabaul Weddings

LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. J. McNamara, who were married in Rabaul recently, wit Mr. R. Moxham (bestman), and Miss G. Tacon (bridesmaid). **RIGHT:** Mr. an Mrs. R. de Morier, who also were married in Rabaul recently. (See Rabaul Soci Life, this issue.)

—Photos by C. H. Meen.

Western Samoan residents who left Apia by the November Matua included **Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Newton** (Director of Agriculture); **Mr. G. T. Jackson,** Apia Solicitor, and **Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. M. Lloyd,** who for several years managed the Casino Hotel at Apia and is taking up a similar position in Fiji; **Mr. F. M. Jahnke,** well know pioneer planter; **Mr. J. L. Anderso** business man of Savai'i and Mr **Anderson,** who leave Samoa for th first time in 52 years; and **Brother Dennis, Godfrey** and **Casimir** of th Marist Order.

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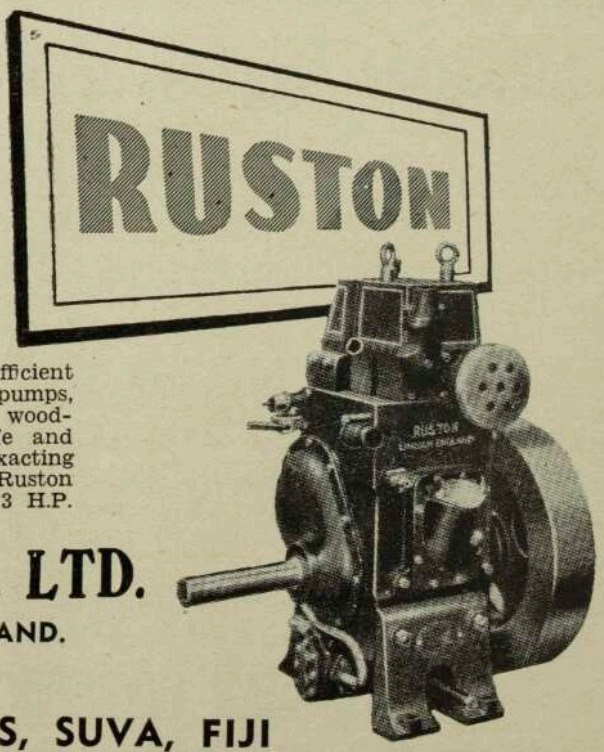

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THE MONTH IN PAPUA-N. GUINEA

From our own Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Jan. 6

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIMENT

The C.O. of the unit, Lt.-Col. H. L. Sabin, is now directing the recruiting of a third Rifle Company for this full-time native Regular Army regiment. The aim at this stage is to increase the strength from 220 to 500 all ranks, which will bring the battalion headquarters up to strength.

The original problem of accommodation and permanent camp buildings at the P.I.R. Taurama headquarters is well on its way to solution and excellent progress is being made on the construction programme.

The native servicemen, in their jungle-green shirts and shorts, are now a familiar sight around Port Moresby. Permanent service with the Army has so far attracted about an equal number of recruits from Papua and New Guinea. The lads make a very good showing in their general bearing when off duty around the area.

LUCKY TO BE ALIVE

Civil Aviation Regional Director John Arthur, and District Commissioner S. Elliott-Smith were lucky to be alive after the departmental Auster, in which they were travelling, crashed at Fisherman's strip on December 5. With Mr. Arthur at the controls they were taking off from the runway when the engine failed and the machine crashed beyond the runway among sharp coral outcrops. Neither man was seriously injured, and they were not thrown out from the plane. Mr. Arthur had a couple of front teeth battered and Mr. Elliott-Smith suffered an ankle injury which kept him in hospital for some time.

NATIVES TO THE RESCUE

On December 13, three people lost their lives when a Qantas Dragon crashed. They were the pilot, S. Peebles, of Madang; K. Kear, Civil Aviation Airport Inspection, also of Madang; and the A.D.O. from Wabag, Robert Kennedy Earle.

The machine crashed in a steep gorge on the Menyamba River, 20 miles northwest of Mt. Hagen. The accident was witnessed by two local natives, who were standing about 20 feet in front of the plane when it hit the cliff. The natives immediately attempted to rescue the occupants, but were driven back by flames.

Natives then relayed news of the crash by hilltop calls across 12 miles of country to the Wapinnamunda patrol post; and Patrol Officer E. J. Emanuel checked the report and got the news of the fatality through to Wabag and Port Moresby. He did a great job by walking long distances to ascertain if help could be given. Later, he directed the transfer of the bodies to Wapinnamunda, whence they were flown to Madang for burial.

Captain Peebles and Mr. Kear each left a widow and child.

Mr. Earle was a single man, aged 31.

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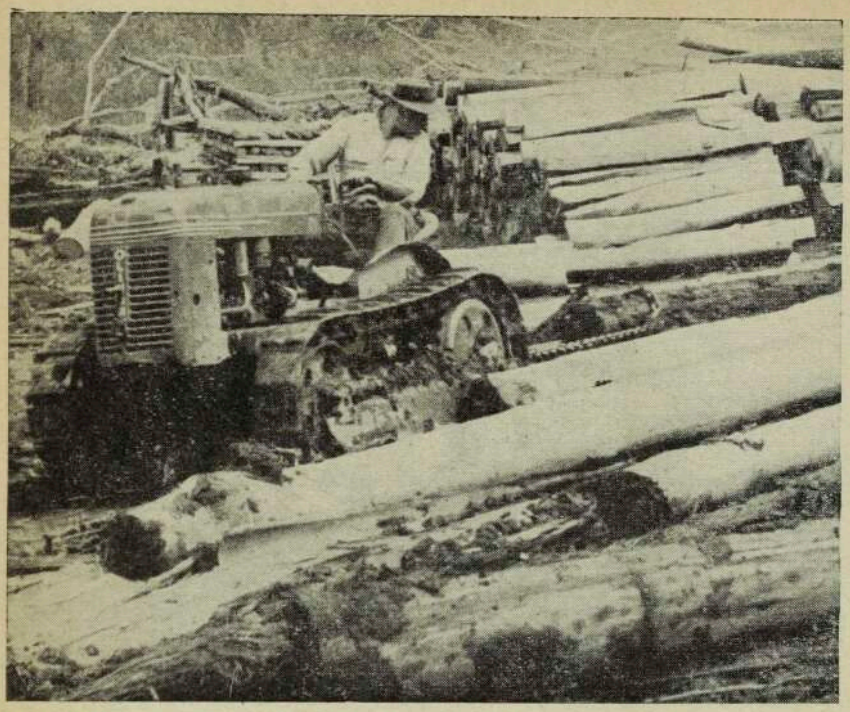

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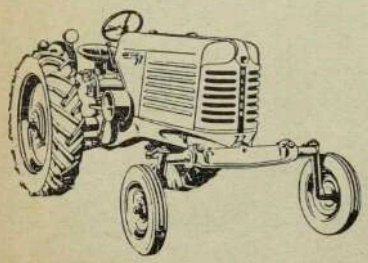

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July when a Qantas Drover wei into the sea off Lae with the loss seven lives. In August, the pilot a Lutheran Mission Auster di when his plane crashed in t Goroka area; and in September Qantas Dragon piled up on a hil side at Karanka, in the Highland and the pilot was killed.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Allowances for secondary educa tion in Australia are to be continue as in 1951, but only if these can made out of existing educatio funds. If the cash runs out, som paring down of allowances ma have to be done.

For the first term the allowan will be on the basis of £125 a yea plus one return air fare.

Last year, the average cost to t Administration of each student wa £160, and by the end of the scho year the number claiming allow ances had increased from 130 to 22 A little matter of £36,480 a year- which will undoubtedly increas with the increasing population the Territory—would soon buil secondary schools in our mai centres.

NEW BRIDGES

Another wartime bridge Twenty-Mile on the Rouna Roa between Moresby and Sogeri, ha been replaced by a permanent re inforced concrete structure at a cos of £2,500. Work is proceeding on steel suspension bridge across th Laloki River, near Sogeri Polic Depot, to replace another old Arm bridge. Some very good work ha been done on the difficult-to-main tain Rouna Road by the W. and road gang.

MORESBY GROWS

Moresby continues to grow, an much-needed shops have bee opened recently. One is a chemist shop, opened by Mr. T. W. Johnstor on Ela Beach. Another is a highly appreciated vegetable stall starte by Mr. R. H. Gibbes, of Gibbe Sepik Airways, and located near th Post Office. A third is a shoe-repai business opened on Lower Por Road by Mr. E. Loder. Other addi tions to the business town have bee a newsagency by Mrs. K. Eginton a ladies' wear shop by Marion Frost and the Twilight Cafe, in Dougla Street. There are new garages, woodwork and joinery shop, an other small but very necessary ser vices.

When Steamships Trading Co and Burns Philip (New Guinea Ltd., get their new buildings up, th town will be getting near the nor mal standards of an importan centre.

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LAST OF "UNCONTROLLED" AREA

When the financial revision came efore the Administration a few eeks ago, one of the matters to be ecided was whether the District ervices' aim of opening up all "un-ontrolled" areas by 1954 was to e retained or shelved.

It has been decided to continue ith the plan, so some interesting eports should be coming through, rom time to time.

So far the Department has main-ained its normal intake of cadet atrol officers, and this means there hould be enough staff to release fficers for work in new country.

ATTEMPT TO CONTROL PRICES

Following representations by business interests, the commencement date of the new Prices Regulations was deferred from November 22 to January 7, to allow traders to present a case for their claim that the margin of 15 per cent. on some items was too low. The traders claim that in Queensland the margin on groceries and perishable foods ranges from 22 to 27 per cent. Any variation in the original 15 per cent. ruling will depend on

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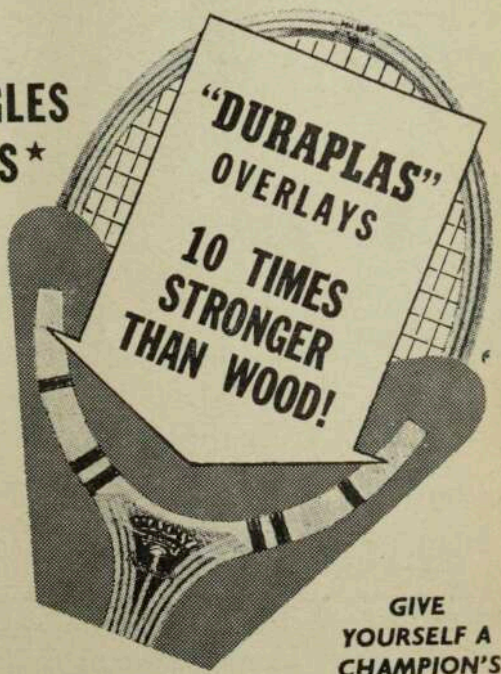

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convincing the Prices Controller, Mr. H. H. Reeve, that there is in fact no profit with a fixed margin of 15 per cent.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANS ARE HUSH-HUSH ..

Another visit of top-line hydro-electric experts from Australia and Britain took place in December, when Mr. Boex (Director of the New Guinea Resources Prospecting Company); Mr. Richards (member of a leading British firm of consulting engineers) and Mr. Sutton (who will make field surveys later), arrived in Moresby. The visitors were definitely publicity-shy, and no statement was made by the party.

It will be recalled that last Jan ary officials of the New Guinea R sources Prospecting Company, a other interests, did an aerial surv of potential hydro-electric sourc and it seems that this second t is stage two of the survey. M Sutton, it is believed, will be ba shortly to get on with the fie surveys.

PLANE v. COCONUT PEST

To test the efficacy of ear spraying of coconut palms, as means of controlling the leaf hopp pest "sexava," the Agricultural D partment will charter a Gibb Norseman for experimental spra ing of plantations along the we coast of New Ireland.

If the tests prove satisfactory is anticipated that plantation i terests will charter aircraft f general spraying of affected are The leaf hopper is particularly ba along the west coast of New Ir land, and damage to coconuts is e tensive.

It's expected that the Departme tal experiments will be ma shortly, and Gibbes Sepik Airwa are attaching special gear to Norseman for this work.

BRONZE PLAQUE SOUGHT

Authorities are seeking a bron plaque which was removed duri the war by the Japanese from t grave of Kurt von Hagen, at Boga

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im; but was known to be still in he Territory in 1945.

The somewhat massive memorial o von Hagen comprises a column, urmounted by a large bronze eagle. The grave is well known to Govern- ient officials and others who, in re-war days, travelled up the oastal track from Madang to Bogadjim and beyond. It is located ear the trail, not far from the last rumbling sign of the old German ouse-fortress. Kurt von Hagen as the manager of a German ettlement company at Bogadjim, here these first German settlers iterally made their home their astle, as protection against any ative attack.

It is hoped that this early link ith the history of the European ra of New Guinea will be found, o that the memorial will again bear ts original inscription.

Any information about the plaque hould be sent to the District Com- nissioner at Madang.

UNUSUAL TYPE OF NATIVE MURDER

A native, Falai, was sentenced to leath by Mr. Justice Gore in De- ember at Kairuku. Falai com- nitted murder for monetary gain —an unusual crime here.

Six Kerema natives, to raise money to buy a boat, took shell ornaments to the Mekeo district, o sell for cash. When they reached St. Josephs River, they had £61. Falai asked them to play cards for it. They refused. When the Kere- mas were departing in a canoe, Falai attacked them with a shot gun. As a result of several shots, one Kerema was lost in the river, and others were wounded.

The case is being watched with interest. If sentimental arguments relating to natives are allowed to interfere with the death sentence imposed on premeditated and de- liberate murder for gain, there will be some strong protests.

P-NG LADS AT SUVA MEDICAL SCHOOL

The first Territory native to graduate at the Suva Central Medical School in Fiji as an Assis- tant Medical Practitioner is Wilfred Moi, from the Wedau district of Eastern Papua. He has just com- pleted the five-years course, and will return to the Territory soon to start work with the Public Health Department. Five other Papua and New Guinea natives are still doing the course at Suva, and another three will be starting their studies at the School as soon as transport can be arranged from Port Moresby.

GENERAL

Sepik District people not only provided Wewak youngsters with their usual loaded Christmas tree— they also subscribed £200 for the International Children's Fund. The previous Christmas the Wewak Red Cross Branch raised £50 for the same Fund.

It is expected that the appoint- ment of an Assistant Government Secretary will be made soon; and another announcement awaited with some interest is that of Director of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries. The latter is the only departmental head position not yet filled on the permanent list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cromie, of Moresby, have endowed an annual scholarship worth £50 a year, to be awarded to a schoolchild complet- ing primary education in the Terri- tory. It is designed to assist in the expenses of secondary school study in Australia. The award will be made by the Education Department. Rae Ferries, 13, of Wau, has been awarded the 1951 scholarship, and will study at the Presbyterian Girls School, Warwick, Queensland. It is hoped that other private residents, and also commercial firms, will follow this fine example.

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The Rev. John Goldie in N

THE Rev. John F. Goldie, pione missionary of the Weste Solomon Islands, returned his home in Melbourne in Decemb after 2½ months tour of Ne Zealand as the guest of hono at numerous gatherings of th Methodist Church, which is r sponsible for the Methodist mi sionary activities in the Weste Solomons, Bougainville and Buka.

Mr. Goldie, who retired from th mission field in April, expects return to the Solomons in May f the celebration of the Golde Jubilee of the Methodist Missio It was in 1902 that Mr. Goldie an other pioneer missionaries com menced work there.

Since his retirement he has bee busy in Australia supervising publ cation of mission books for th Solomons. His visit to NZ coincide with the NZ Methodist Conferenc in Auckland. He was the guest c honour at a complimentary luncheo to mark his retirement from th mission field.

It was reported that N Methodists had subscribed £116,0 to make good war damage in th Solomons to Methodist Missio stations.—AJS.

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SPATC Recommends Third Runway for Nadi

DETAILED plans for the third runway at Nadi, Fiji, and development of this international airport generally, will be considered by the meeting of the South Pacific Air Transport Council in May this year.

At the last meeting, the Council recommended that Nadi should have a third runway.

The new runway will be capable of taking aircraft of the Comet jet type and is expected to cost about £1 million and take several years to build.

The South Pacific Air Transport Council directs Empire aviation policy in the South Pacific. Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada and Fiji all share in the cost of maintaining Nadi airport and New Zealand administers it under general direction of the Council.

An engineer of the NZ Ministry of Works is already in Fiji. He will prepare a detailed plan and the estimated cost of building the third runway for the next meeting of the Council.

COMETS FOR CPAL

There will be Comet jet airliners in the Pacific service long before Nadi's third runway is built but Canadian Pacific Airlines Ltd., who expect to introduce the jets to their South Pacific service late in 1952 say that present runways at airports on the route are adequate. Aviation authorities say that loading will probably have to be restricted for some airports.

The Comets will be based on Sydney. They will make two return trips weekly to Honolulu, one from Sydney via Nadi (Fiji) and Canton Island, and the other from Sydney via Auckland, Nadi and Canton.

From Honolulu to the Pacific coast of America passengers will change to a DC6 aircraft. The Comet Series I, which will be used in the initial stages of the jet service, are not suitable for the 2,800 mile stage between Honolulu and Vancouver. When available, Comet Series II jets will take over this part of the service.

JETS FOR BCPA, TOO

BRITISH Commonwealth Pacific Airlines has ordered six Series II Comet jets from the de Havilland company for its trans-Pacific service.

The aircraft will cost over £3 million but are not expected to be delivered before 1954-55.

CPAL IS FLYING THE TASMAN

Commencing with its Sydney departure on January 4, Canadian Pacific Airlines now include Auckland in its trans-Pacific service.

The route is Sydney-Auckland-Nadi-Canton Island-Honolulu-San Francisco-Vancouver and return.

This is the logical route for all trans-Pacific airservices but has never been used because of New Zealand's apparent reluctance to allow any other operator in the area reserved exclusively for Tasman Empire Airways.

CPAL was granted permission to fly the Tasman early last year, but has not taken advantage of it until now. The company will not carry passengers between Australia and New Zealand — that remains the monopoly of TEAL.

The two other trans-Pacific operators, Pan American and BCPA, have got over the Tasman difficulty by running feeder services from Nadi to Auckland; or by running a separate service from Auckland to North America. CPAL has not bothered about the New Zealand section of the trans-Pacific route until this month. Later this year this service will be flown with Comet jets.

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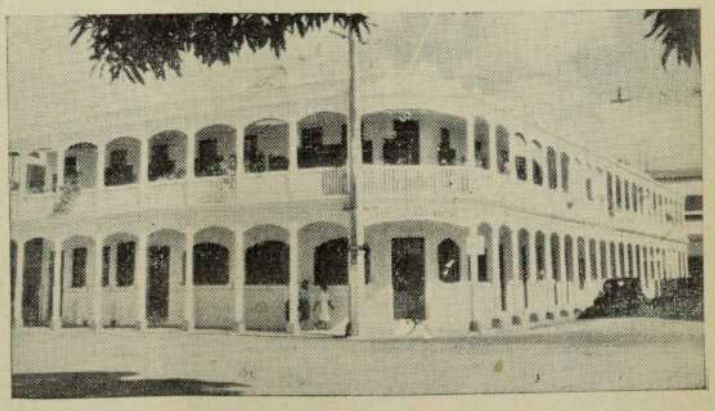

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Mrs. D. Sawyer, who bought a sheep property on Erromanga, NH, some months ago, after a business visit to Australia, returned to her Island property, on the December Morinda. Twelve - years - old daughter, Helen Mary, went along too, for the school holidays.

Mr. David Ragg and **Mr. Gerry Adams**, of Lautoka, Fiji, flew to Sydney on Christmas Day, saw the magnificent tennis of the Davis Cup matches, and returned to Fiji immediately thereafter. It was quick and hard travel; but the two tennis enthusiasts had no complaints.

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The NZ journalist tells mar anecdotes of the distinguishe European-Maori, with glimpses his career as a University man, politician and a scientist. Ramsde reminds us that it is only a fe months since Buck visited Ya University, and received a honorary doctorate of science.

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Letter to the Editor

THE Pacific Islands Monthly, long been known to us as the leading magazine of the South as, has a reputation for impar-ality and the airing of both sides any question. May we, therefore, esent our views concerning an ticle in your August issue en-led, "Social Troubles in French eania." In this piece the ad-inistration of France and French eania were, in our opinion, verely and unjustly criticised, en vilified.

The article represents Mr. Ross's inion, and he has a perfect right it. By the same token, we have similar right to ours.

Tahiti has long been plagued by e visitations of "week-end ibblers." The jottings of these be-trotters, beachcombers and notional misfits may sometimes ake interesting reading, but are dom related to the truth.

Such people arrive with ideas of ardens of Eden, which exist only their imaginations. Then they ike back at the Government of hiti, the people, the conditions—ything in fact that does not come to their fantastic expectations.

Mr. Ross has been described as a ealthy American business man o travels widely and observes sely." Upon investigation we dis-vered that Mr. Ross is a laundry-an in a small New York suburb. e submit that laundrymen should ck to their laundries and not take the pen for literary purposes, but ly for marking linen. . . . and not ty linen at that!

HE overall story of Tahiti, as presented by Mr. Ross, is one of general poverty, government efficiency, poor education, ill-alth and sexual depravity. Such picture is profoundly dishonest, alicious, and shows absence of owledge of the facts. Taking the ticisms one by one, this is what discover:—

STANDARD OF LIVING—hiti's economic position is ex-emely sound. The high price that ra brings assures general pros-rity, inasmuch as a large majority Tahitians own their land. Wages e **higher** in Tahiti than anywhere e in the Pacific Islands, approach-g closely to those paid to Aus-alians and New Zealanders. Never fore have so many Tahitians been le to afford so many luxury goods motor bicycles, radios, cars, re-gerators, etc. There is no one on ief in Tahiti, because food and elter are so easily available to all.

GOVERNMENT—After having rsonally observed some of the wdling clock-watchers in govern-nt offices in Whitehall, Washington, Suva, Apia, etc., one is forced to the conclusion that Tahitian and French officials here are models of speed and efficiency. As far as essential services are concerned, there are more and better roads here and finer and more complete agricultural services. The local courts of justice have an excellent reputation for fair dealing to all comers. All government officials show the charming French courtesy to everyone at all times.

EDUCATION—There are splendid opportunities here, not only for regular education but also for technical and manual training. Moreover, contrary to Mr. Ross's assertions, the natives are taught more efficient farming methods. Good husbandry and the production of improved food crops is encouraged by the "Service Agricole." Plantation and garden competitions are held in the different villages. Young trees, seedlings and seeds are made available to the population on practically gratis terms. Numerous students are sent to France on scholarships, and (despite Mr. Ross's sour observations about "wine and women and reversion to native habits") France after all is one of the greatest seats of learning and culture the world has ever seen. Mr. Ross suggests that students go to New Zealand. With all due respect to that fine young country,

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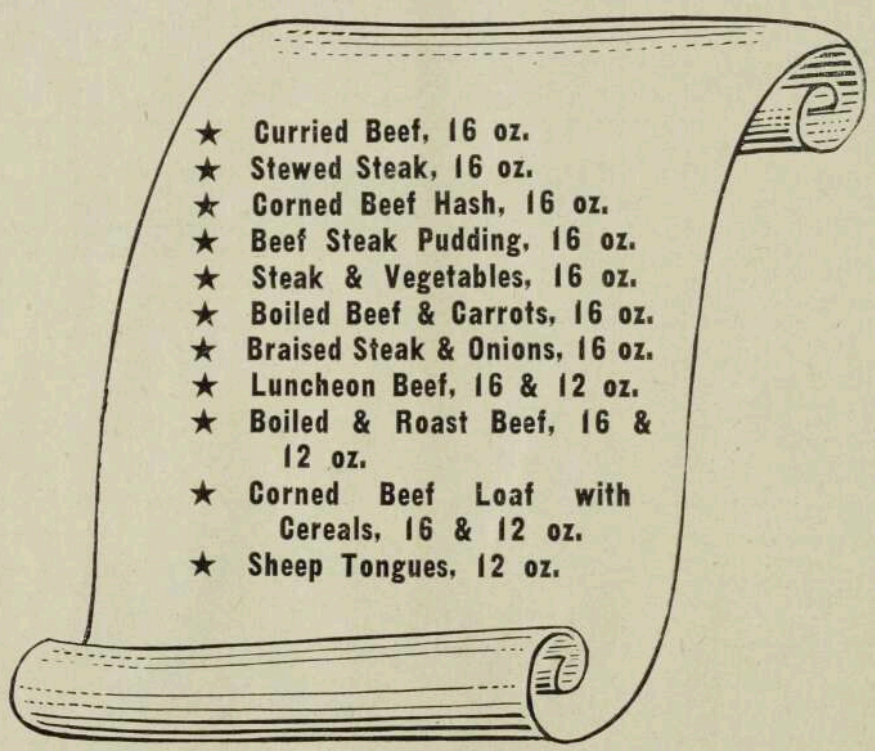

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At Tahiti's leprosarium, one of the oldest in the Pacific, inmates are being discharged with the awful malady arrested and even cured. Yaws, hookworm and other tropical diseases are now things of the past.

SEX—Sex is no sin in Tahiti, nor is it the shabby sordid "free love system" Mr. Ross would have your readers believe. Love among the Tahitians is looked upon as a felicitous function of life, not something to be indulged in, in secrecy and fear. There is actually no more promiscuity in Tahiti than anywhere else in the world. What's more, the family life here is comparatively stable, with alliances lasting much longer than, say, in the United States with its one divorce out of every three or four marriages. Orphans are unknown in Tahiti, and the phrase "illegitimate child" does not exist.

From journalistic, grammatical, and factual points of view, we could continue to tear Mr. Rosss alleged literary effort apart. But our purpose will be served if we can show that Tahiti is indeed "La Perle du Pacifique," under a kind and tolerant government.

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Papeete, Nov. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Kieran Thorpe, who were married at St. Philip's Church, Sydney, on November 24, will make their home on Santo, New Hebrides. The bride was formerly Miss Jill Ipkendanz, of Boggabri, NSW.

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WHEN the Waitemata arrived at Auckland in mid-December, with a 200-ton cargo of kumeras from Rarotonga, it was discovered that they were heavily infested with "white - fringed weevil."

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Vernon Memorial Hospital —No Theatre

IN our May issue we stated that the Australian 11th Light Horse (the late Dr. G. H. Vernon's old regiment) had presented the Vernon Memorial Hospital with an operating theatre. This is not so—what they presented was an examination table. Mr. and Mrs. H. Standen, who are struggling to establish this hospital for aged and ailing Papuans in the mud of the Bamu River district of the Territory, say that they have not as yet reached the stage where they need an operating theatre, anyway.

Nonetheless, in spite of all ob stacles, these missionaries ar bringing some medical aid to thes backward people who live amphi bious lives in the swamps of thi part of Papua.

Something of the isolation of th Standens, and their Mission in th Mud can be gained from the fac that Mrs. Standen was not able t correct our mistake made in Ma until August, and the letter sh wrote then at the end of August di not reach us until November.

Cerebral Malaria Victims

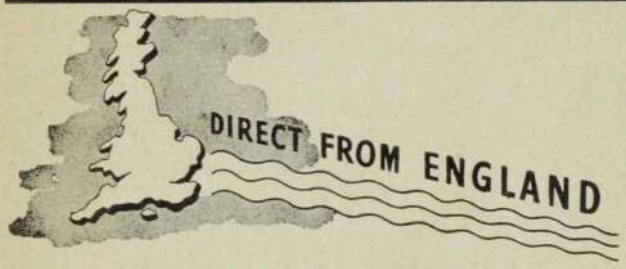
FOR the second time since th end of the war, a child of Methodist Missionary in th Bougainville area has died c cerebral malaria.

The last victim in November wa the elder child of Ovini a Fijia agricultural worker at the Missio at Buin, and his wife.

Ovini has been growing rice an other crops there experimentall with a view to increasing local foo supplies. The district has not re covered from the war-time devas tation.

A similar loss was experienced b the Rev. and Mrs. C. T. J. Luxto two NZ missionaries, who returne to Torokina in 1946. Their sma daughter died of cerebral malar soon after.

The Loxtons stayed in the are for some years but have now re turned to NZ.—AJS.



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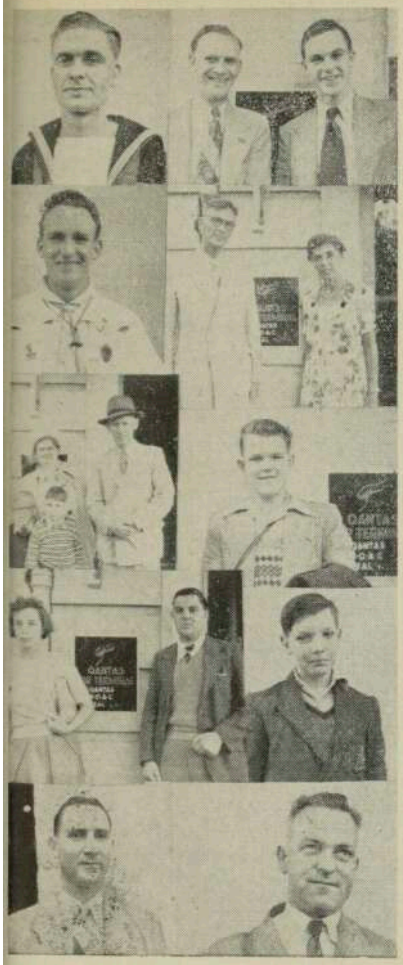

Travellers who departed from Sydney by Qantas aircraft for the Territories in December included (reading from left to right, and from the top, down):—

A.B. (Diver 2) K. R. Elms, RAN, bound for a 2-years assignment to Manus naval base. He will be employed as a diver on wharf construction work. A. B. Elms came from England to the RAN 2 years ago, and "can think of better places than Manus to spend Christmas."

Mr. L. J. Chiswell was proceeding to employment at Port Moresby. He was last in NG with the Army, during the war. His wife and two children will follow later.

Mr. B. Ashley, Sydney medical student, was proceeding to Sohana (Buka Passage, NG) for two months' holiday with friends.

Mr. Les Hastings, scoutmaster, from Rabaul, returned home from the 7th World Scout Jamboree, which was held in Australia recently. Scoutmaster Hastings also visited Switzerland, France, and spent 2½ months in touring Britain. His companion was Mr. Lex Lannoy, of Rabaul Hospital X-ray staff — the only other Scout representative from New Guinea. Mr. Lannoy remained in England to take a course in Radiology.

Professor J. P. Thijsse of the University of Indonesia, and Mrs. Thijsse, proceeded to Port Moresby to continue the native housing survey which they are doing for the South Pacific Commission. The Professor, who has already completed a survey of the Eastern Pacific, expects to cover Australian and Dutch New Guinea, and parts of New Britain and New Ireland on his present tour.

Bound for Nauru following leave in Australia: Mrs. W. J. Wade (whose husband is a construction foreman with BPC); Mr. W. Wright (storekeeper); Geoffrey Wright (at lower left); and Johnny Northe—all returning after holidays in Australia. Mrs. Wright preferred to travel per Trienza earlier in the month.

Glen Howell, whose father is SDA missionary at Bena Bena, returned home to NG for the shool holidays, from SDA Central School, Wahroonga, Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Adams returned to Tarawa (Gilberts) after 3 months' leave. Mr. Adams is a radio officer of the G.E.I.C. wireless department, and has been two years at Tawara. Mr. Adams said that the G.E.I.C. radio staff now consists of four European and 40 native operators.

Frank Haviland, son of ADO Haviland, returned to Maprik, near Wewak, New Guinea, for the school holidays, from Trinity Grammar School, Sydney.

Mr. W. G. Elliot was bound for Honiara (BSI) to join the Administration's building staff.

Mr. W. Parkin, of Sydney, bound for Orokolo Mission, Western Division, Papua, for one month's photographic holiday. Mr. Parkin took movie and still cameras and hoped to film certain native dances which take place this time of the year.

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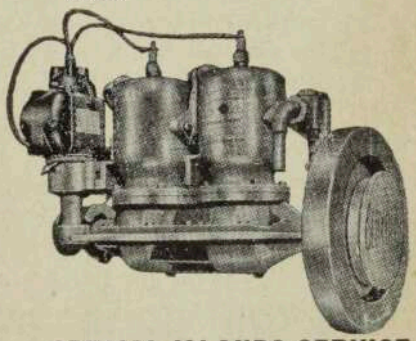

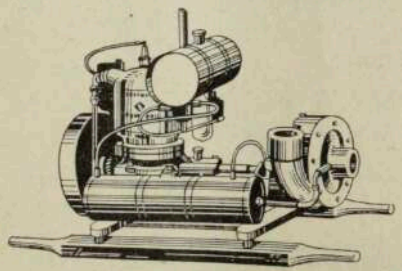

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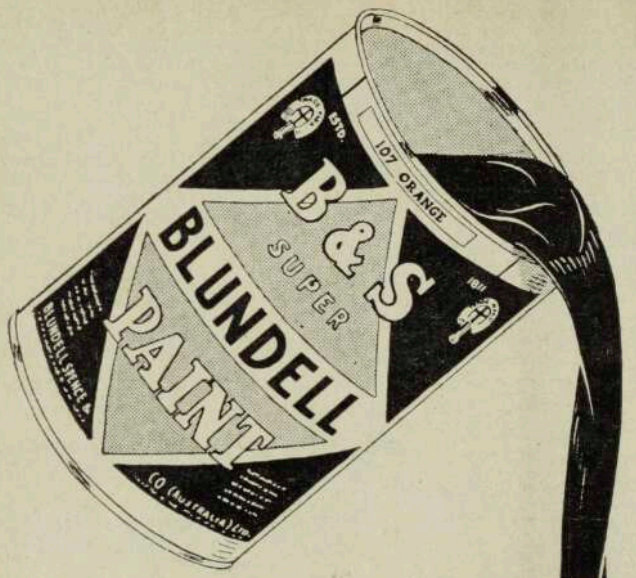

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RAWHITI JOINS THE NAVY IN PERU

IT is reported that LST Rawhiti which was believed to have been going into the American Great Lakes trade, has been taken over by the Peruvian Navy. It is stated that she will be used to take supplies from Callao on the Pacific coast, through the Panama Canal and up the Amazon to Peruvian settlements on the eastern slopes of the Andes.

Rawhiti became famous in the South Pacific from 1948 to the end of last year when, under the banner of the Roose Shipping Co., of New Zealand, she performed all kinds of jobs in these ship-hungry waters.

She carried, amongst other things, cattle to the Solomons, timber across the Tasman, empty drums to Fiji. What she meant to Islander communities was indicated by the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, veteran Methodist Missionary in the Solomons, when he submitted his yearly report recently.

He said that the coming of the Rawhiti to BSI influenced their whole year. The consignment of dairy cattle which the LST brought from NZ was a boon—even though they cost £40 per head for transport—and their progeny would find their way into every Methodist Mission station in the area. It was thanks to the Rawhiti that the mission had sufficient kerosene and engine fuel for over a year—as well as stoves, baths and other building materials.

One presumes that now that the LST has departed for other parts these Mission stations will return to their former state of splendid isolation.

Rawhiti was built in Pennsylvania and floated down the Ohio and Mississippi. She took part in the landings at Normandy and South of France, was purchased in Honolulu after the war and brought a cargo of motor vehicles to NZ. She made her last trans-Tasman crossing last September and left for San Francisco shortly afterwards. —AJS.

At a graduation ceremony at the Government Teachers' Training College at Malifa, Apia, W. Samoa on December 12, 35 graduates of the College received their certificates as teachers from the High Commissioner, Mr. R. G. Powles, after having terminated their three years' training course. The principal of the College, Mr. Mollring, stressed the need for additional teachers in view of the steadily increasing population. There is also a shortage of senior New Zealand teachers, not only in Samoa, but also in New Zealand, and consequently schools in Samoa are understaffed.

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'BOONG-BASHING'

Silly Talk by Tasmanian Socialist

MEMBERS of the P-NG Legislative Council, at their inaugural meeting in November, expressed bitter resentment at statements reported to have been made in the Australian Parliament by Senator O'Byrne.

This gentleman said that planters had opposed the establishment of the Council because "they do not like any alteration of the Boong-Bashing order, under which they used to exploit the natives."

Mr. Don Barrett, representing New Britain planters, said that the planters had been fighting for years for the establishment of the Council, and planters generally had a high sense of responsibility towards their native employees.

The new Council should not fret about Senator O'Byrne. He is typical of the queer specimens that are thrown up into politics every-so-often by the Trade Union organisation. Most of these political and sociological freaks are accepted philosophically by the nation as part of the price we pay for democracy. Because they are mostly illiterate and their judgment governed by their hates, their contributions to debate are worthless—but often very amusing. Senator O'Byrne's statement about "Boong Bashing" is typical of the man, and his ideas. Tasmania regards him as a political joke; and that viewpoint is recommended to our friends in New Guinea.

Mr. F. J. Grattan, Secretary of Samoan Affairs returned to Apia on the October Matua after extended sick leave in NZ. He was one of the survivors of the Catalina disaster in Western Samoa in April, 1951.

The Secretary of the NZ Department of Island Territories of the New Zealand Government, Mr. R. G. Patrick, passed through Apia on November 17 on his return from Rarotonga where he had made an official visit.

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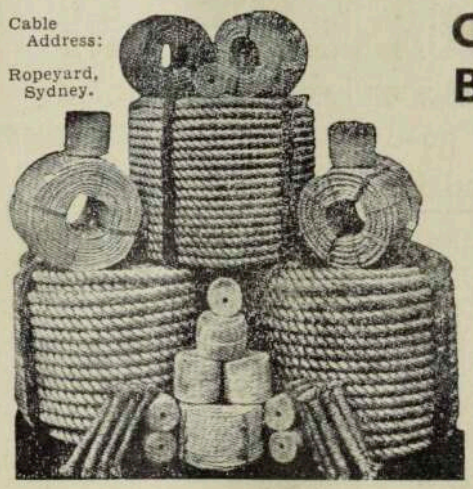

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Mt. Lamington Evacuees Need More than Houses

THE last issue of Oceania (June) is, as usual, of interest to students of the Pacific.

Of particular interest in this issue is an account, by Cyril S. Belshaw, of the social consequences following the Mt. Lamington eruption in Papua early in 1951, and the subsequent evacuation of the natives and their resettlement in new villages.

Resettling these people whose villages had been wiped out or were considered unsafe, was not, Mr. Belshaw says, merely a matter of building new houses and making new gardens.

It appears that these Orokaiva people are, at the best of times temperamental, emotional and given to fits of temper, crankiness and even petty violence.

The feeling of uncertainty following the eruption and the death of 4,000 of their own people, the normal strains and stresses of life in an evacuee camp and the business of pulling up their roots and settling in new areas did not improve matters.

But most of them seem to believe that the eruption was punishment from God for past disobedience to Government or mission, or for the betrayal of Europeans during the early days of the war. Most seem to want to atone by doing better in the future.

Mr. Belshaw outlines some of the problems that are being faced by Administration officials in getting the naturally intractable Orokaiva back to a smooth-working community life again.

According to **Miss P. Heaney,** headmistress of a school at Lae, New Guinea, European children at school in the Islands are being encouraged to learn about native customs and folk-lore, and generally, to take a keen interest in the Territory. Miss Heaney, who has been in New Guinea for 2½ years, spent a short time in Brisbane recently before leaving on a tour of Japan.

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Hoodoo Name For A Ship

By Our Tahiti Correspondent

YACHTSMEN and others planning names for their Island craft might ponder over the following.

Inquiries in Tahiti about the history of the schooner Tahitienne, launched from the yard of Matthew Turner at Benicia, California, in 1892, brought to light some interesting facts. This schooner—first in our records incorporating the name of Tahiti—was built for M. Emile Levy, of Tahiti, and she capsized in San Francisco Bay on her initial voyage. Righted, and given added ballast, she sailed again, to end her days in the terrible hurricane which struck French Oceania in 1906. Captain George Dexter, her owner, perished with all but two of his crew. The two survivors drifted on a hatch cover for 5 days before reaching land.

Launched from the same yard, at about the same time, was the brigantine Tahiti. She capsized in mid-Pacific, and 330 Gilbertese labourers, bound for Mexico, lost their lives.

The little schooner Tahiti was built in Papeete about 1905. She was lost on a Tuamotu reef.

The steamer Port Kingston was renamed Tahiti when acquired by the Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ. She rammed and sank a Sydney harbour ferry, with heavy loss of life—before herself coming to a watery grave 400 miles from Rarotonga when, her tail-shaft breaking, the propellor pierced the hull. No lives were lost. That was in 1931. In 1929, entering Papeete Harbour, the reef had claimed two blades from the port propellor.

THE second schooner Tahitienne, a graceful 90-ton vessel of yacht-like lines, was launched in Seattle in 1923, for use as a rum-runner. When it was partly completed, her owner died and she was bought on the stocks by the Tahiti firm of Maxwell & Co., and completed. After what has been reported as the fastest passage ever made from San Francisco to Papeete under sail, she entered the inter-island trade there—and was dismasted on one of her early voyages.

When Maxwells went into liquidation in the mid-1930's, the Tahitienne was sailed to Auckland for disposal. She lay idle in Auckland harbour for years, and eventually was acquired by Mr. D. C. Brown, of Rarotonga, for trade in the Cook Islands. Sailing from Auckland for Rarotonga, she had to put back on two occasions due to engine and other troubles.

On the third sailing she reached the island. There she did considerable useful work, at a time when the Cook Islands were desperately in need of inter-island shipping. Early in 1948 she figured in an incident. Her chronometer out of order, she was unable to locate Rarotonga, and she was seriously leaking. An extensive search involved two Catalina aircraft and another schooner.

Resuming trade after this incident, all went well until November 24, 1948. She was lying at moorings in Avaura Passage, Rarotonga, when an abnormal freak swell came into the passage, causing the schooner to part her moorings and become a total loss. Perhaps it was fortunate that she ended her days there and then, for when she struck the reef she practically dissolved in a cloud of dust, so riddled was she with dry rot.

Last of the ill-starred series is the little Papeete schooner Vahine Tahiti, which led a peaceful enough existence until recently. But, not long ago, a fire aboard nearly destroyed her. Then more recently, she ran on a reef in Papeete Harbour. Now the veterans of the Tahiti waterfront are saying "Jamais deux sans trois." Next time, perhaps!

And now we hear that one of the new Messageries Maritimes ships for the Pacific trade is to be named Tahitien!

Mr. J. C. E. Taylor, engineer with the BPC at Nauru, arrived in Perth, WA, in mid-December on extended leave. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

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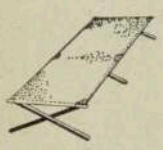

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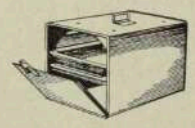

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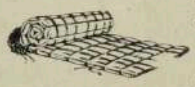

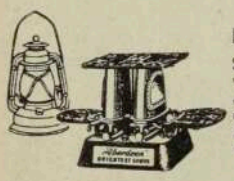

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Scouting in Western Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 30.

A BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION of Western Samoa has recently been formed, and is affiliated to the New Zealand Boy Scouts Association.

Mr. W. H. Wiggle, of Apia, has been appointed District Commissioner.

The new organisation has been formed as a result of the recent visit to Samoa of Mr. Dahl, traveling Commissioner from Imperial Scout Headquarters in London.

There are at present four Scout Troops in Western Samoa: the Anglican Chaplaincy Troop, the Marist Brothers' Troop, the Mormon Scout Troop and the Avele School Scout Troop.

Mr. L. Mollering has been appointed secretary of the new Association.

Mr. Ross Henry, of the Commonwealth Bank, Dee Why (NSW), will leave for Rabaul on transfer at the end of January. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henry, of Brisbane, who were well-known residents of Toowoomba, Qld., for many years, and there, during the Pacific War, met many Territorians. They plan a trip to New Guinea in 1952.

Fiji Sisters

Miss Jocelyn (left), and Miss Elizabeth Exon, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Exon of Suva, Fiji, who are spending some months in Brisbane. Elizabeth will marry Mr. Ian Cottee of that city early this year.

The first meeting of the Bougainville Advisory Council, New Guinea, took place on November 21, and was attended by the DC (Mr. Malcolm Wright) and Father A. Lebel (representing Bishop Wade), Rev. A. H. Voyce, and Messrs. Jack Ellis, Paul Mason, Fred Archer, Don Colley, N. Sandford.

A Supreme Court in Port Moresby, on October 27, awarded £5,500 compensation to the widow and four children of Edward James Kuhl, who was accidentally electrocuted while in the employ of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., at Wau on May 6, 1950.

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P-NG Regional Director of Civil Aviation, **Mr. John Arthur**, and **Mr. S. Elliot-Smith**, DC, of the Mt. Lamington volcano area, had the distinction of being first to crash on Moresby's new emergency air-strip on Fisherman's Island. Mr. Elliot-Smith was qualifying for a pilot's licence. Both men were slightly injured.

PRE-EUROPEAN HISTORY OF NEW CALEDONIA

ARCHAEOLOGICAL researches will be carried out in New Caledonia, between February and September, 1952, by Professor E. W. Gifford and Mrs. Gifford, of the Museum of Anthropology, Un versity of California.

The expedition led by Profess Gifford will be similar to that whi he directed in Fiji in 1947, a which gave very interesting resul

Professor Gifford hopes to esta lish, by excavation in New Cal donia, the presence or absence cultural sequences, just as he d in Fiji.

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Members are scattered all ov the world—South Pacific, Australi UK, USA, Africa, Sudan, German Their chief interest is in stam collecting and kindred hobbies.

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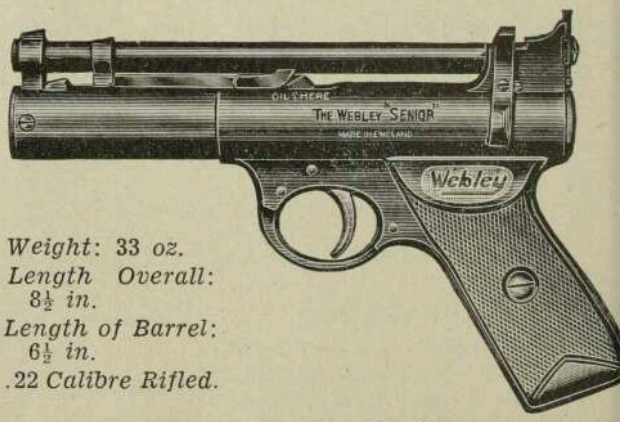

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INEPTITUDE AND WASTE

Attacks on W & H Department

From Our Own Correspondent

LAE, Dec .4.

THE extravagantly-staffed, highly-paid and expensive Papua-New Guinea branch of the Depart-ient of Works has been much riticised in 1951; and the clamour gainst this organisation is not ssening.

The correspondent of a leading ustralian newspaper recently aid:—

"This body of civilians is lam-ooned throughout New Guinea as Works & Jerks', and servicemen up here scorn the Department as the me of waste, idleness and ineptitude. Even W & H employees dmitted to me that their Depart-ent is a joke."

During the first session of the ew Legislative Council, Mr. Don. arrett (elected member) opened an tack, thus:—

"For the past five years, in both erritories, we have been burdened ith an organisation known as Works & Housing. It was installed ere at the wish of the Common-ealth Government, as it was felt at the amount of reconstruction ork in the Territory was too vast be adequately handled by the d Department of Public Works.

"We have seen an influx of many undreds of employees, and we have en several of our own territorial dministration officers absorbed, any of them reluctantly, by it. ut what we have not seen is works nd housing."

Not all the W & H officials and orkmen were incompetent said Mr. arrett—in fact, large numbers were rst-class men, interested in their bs. But they were hamstrung by d tape, incompetence and regula-ons. If the Territory was to get al benefit from the huge sums eing spent under the heading of ublic works, a general survey and ide reforms were necessary, im-ediately.

TOKELAU ISLANDS

APIA, Dec. 3.

THE High Commissioner (Mr. G. R. Powles) accompanied by the Directors of Works (Mr. W. McKay) and Health (Dr. T. C. ownie) has just visited the three lands of the Tokelau group, which under his jurisdiction. Owing to ng-continued drought, they found ie Islands suffering from a food ortage, intensified by damage used by rats.

BIG YACHT FOR LUXURY PACIFIC TOURS

A LUXURY motor-yacht, 140 ft long, is now undergoing a £100,000 refit in Marseilles, with a view to engaging in a specialised tourist traffic between Sydney and the Pacific Islands.

It is expected that the yacht will carry 120 passengers, and the scheduled trip from Sydney back to Sydney will occupy 30 days. The yacht's calls will include Noumea and ports in Fiji; and passengers will be taken by plane from Suva to Tahiti. The service is planned by Orbit Travel Services, Pty. Ltd., Sydney.

New Bridge for Apia

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Dec. 3.

THE 50-year-old wooden Vaisigano Bridge connecting the Apia Main Beach Road with Matautuuta and with the important districts of the East Coast, is at present being demolished to make room for the new concrete and steel construction.

The construction of the new bridge will be supervised by Mr. W. Bignell, of the New Zealand Public Works Department, who expects to complete the work in about nine months.

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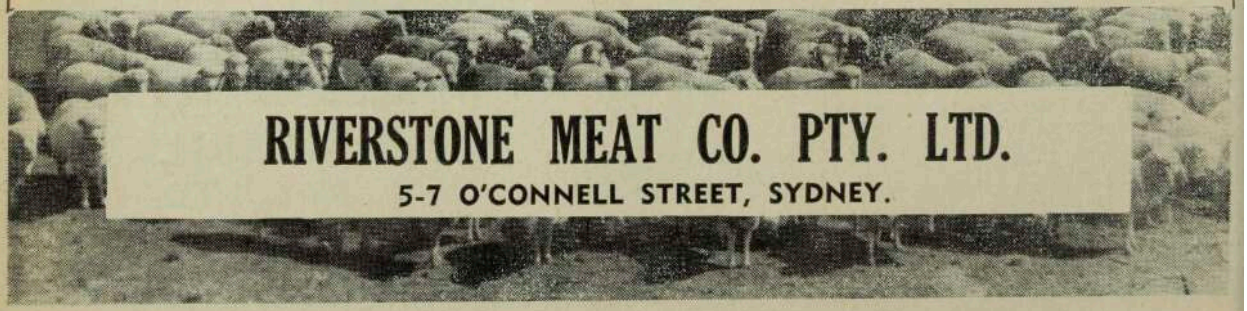

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CRITICISM OF G. AND E. COLONY

AFTER serving for a year as Chief Clerk in the Resident Commissioner's office, and as officer in charge of police and prisons, at Tarawa, headquarters of the Gilbert and Ellice Colony, Mr. Reginald Stuart returned to Australia in November. In the last seven years, Mr. Stuart has lived also in England, Germany, and Tanganyika.

Mr. Stuart said he had been "profoundly shocked and disappointed" by what he had seen in the G. and E. Colony, and he was sending a special report to the British Government about conditions there.

Mrs. Stuart praised the native people, but stated that "the handful of Europeans on Tarawa are, with a few exceptions, a disgrace to their race."

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart are now residing in Sydney.

Sandy Creek Returns

Advice has been received from Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd., that durng November, 1951, 95 ounces of Gold were recovered from approximately 15,460 cubic yards of material treated at the company's leases in New Guinea.

In Fijian Tradition

This is the first Fijian wedding in traditional dress that Mr. Charles Stinson, of Suva, has photographed. Most Suva Fijians, these days, prefer European dress for their wedding photos. The bridegroom, Ilaitia Vou, is third from left; his bride, Laisani Vasutoga, is next him. —Photo by Stinsons' Studios.

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MADANG NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, Dec. 30.

MR. JOHN BROWN of the Shell Oil Company, Madang, has gone South on leave with his wife and family. Shell interests will be taken care of while he is away by Mr. Jim Eames.

Miss Joy Woods and Miss Erin White are also on furlough.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron of Beliau Island in December, Sister Joan Attwood of the European Hospital was married to Mr. Bert Chamberlain of the Department of Works and Housing.

Messrs. Ken Cahill and John O'Brien, sons of two of Madang's best known plantation families, flew South in December where Ken married Miss Pat Naylor i Brisbane on December 22, with Joh O'Brien as bestman. Cahills an John then flew on to Sydney wher John married Miss Shirley Black shaw on Christmas Eve.

Both young couples will be return ing to Madang early in January.

Christmas parties in Madang hav been as numerous as usua Festivities got away to a good star at a party held at the Common wealth Bank quarters. At thi party friends said farewell to Mr Athol Bain of the Bank staff an welcomed Mr. Peter O'Donnell wh is taking his place.

Father Christmas—encouraged b two of Madang's Clubs—made tw appearances, one from a launch an one from a plane, and dispense gifts to Madang's European children

Mr. Ian Downs, District Com missioner and his staff organised a excellent sports carnival for loca natives on Boxing Day. The sport occupied the whole day bu thousands of natives from all ove the district carried on with sing sings during the whole of the night

The 1951 Apia boxing champion ships were decided on December 1 at the Tivoli Theatre wher Alai (Fetu-Tasi) defeated Lutel (Leauvaa). In a match betwee Upulu and Savai'i respresentatives Savai'i won three of the five matches.

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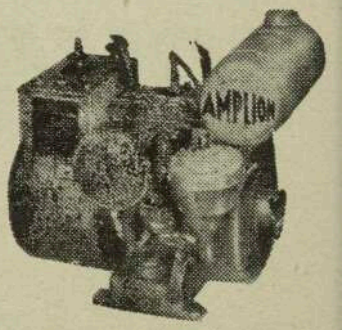

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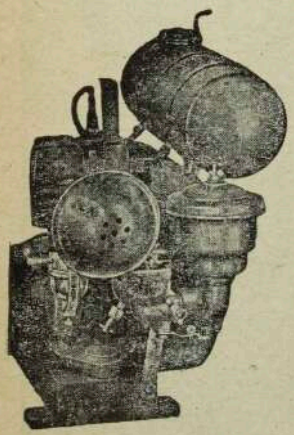

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

SO, here comes 1952, unsullied and untouched. What are we—as so-called civilised beings—going to do with it? Let us hope that our actions, when looked at in History's Gallery, may bring us credit and, at least, be a needful stepping-stone to that Peace of which to-day's carol-singers are singing so lustily.

To all those who casually glance through this monthly "Talk-Talk" I give you 1952, and wish you Peace and Prosperity. A prosperity not measured necessarily in quantities of material gains, but of increases in individual and international attributes of mental and moral values, higher ethical standards and nearer approach to that way of life we should conscientiously live.

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With the New Year came the list of the King's New Year Honours; and New Guinea scored three places amongst the Members of the Order of the British Empire.

The Territory, apparently, must be satisfied with small mercies; and we shall be pardoned if eyebrows are lifted in surprise at NG's modest share of Honours, in view of the importance which the country is assuming — or, at any rate, is said by politicians to be assuming — in world affairs.

No better choice could have been made than two noted missionary sisters, and a man who has done so much for the pioneer development of the Territory. The recognition is right but the reward seems inadequate when one considers what each of the trio has accomplished in years of Service (with a capital S) to the country, and in comparison with the accomplishments of other recipients of higher honours.

The two Sisters (Miss D. L. Beale and Sister Marie Clematia) have spent years in quietly performing medical work amongst the natives which, if more widely-known, would be splashed across the pages of the world's press and be compared with that of Florence Nightingale who, at least, received the Order of Merit. For years Sister Beale did a great job in the Methodist Stewart Hospital at the Tunairima Mission station, on the North Coast of the Gazelle Peninsula; and after the War took charge of the medical work on the Piniqidu station in New Ireland.

Sister Clematia, who belongs to the Order of the Sacred Heart, has for long been carrying on a wonderful work at the Analaua Leprosarium on New Hanover. It is difficult to obtain details of the work of both these women for they do not talk—they work.

Mick Leahy, of course, is so well-known throughout the length and breadth of the Territory as to need no personality sketch. He and his brothers have done more to actually develop the interior of the Morobe district than anyone else. They have done the spade work; others have followed the easier way. In peace and in war, Mick Leahy is "always on the ball."

And, talking of honours, it seems strange (though there is probably a very good official reason, imperceptible to the lay eye) that the Port Moresby end missed out. It would not have surprised me to have heard of the accolade being bestowed on His Honour the Administrator. He has had many VIP's in his neck-of-the-woods of late.

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Apropos of bouquets being hurled at His Honour: He received a pretty compliment from industrialist and philanthropist Hallstrom recently, when the Sunday Herald ran a feature of "Men of the Year." The Baron of Nondugl picked none other than J. K. Murray, "the name of a man who may not be very well known, but who is doing a job of tremendous importance," to quote the Silent Knight.

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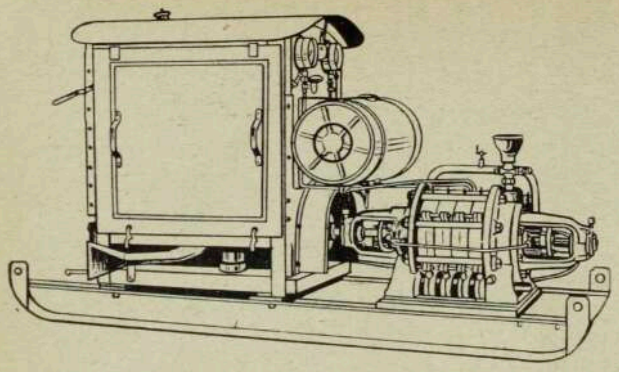

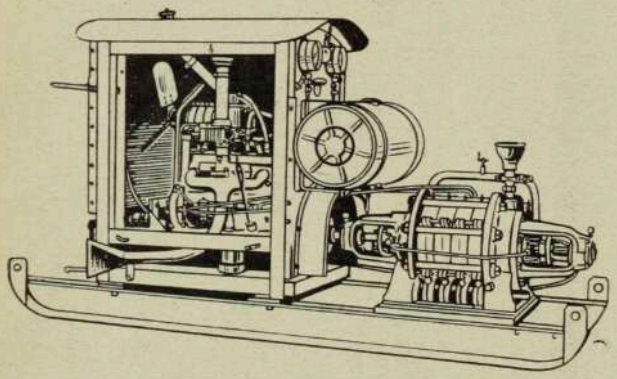

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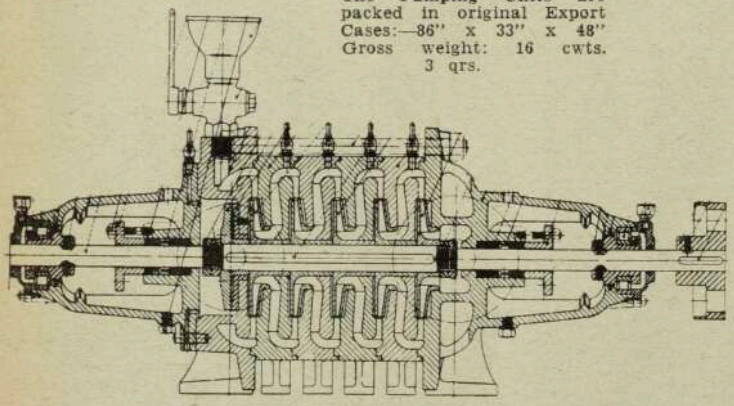

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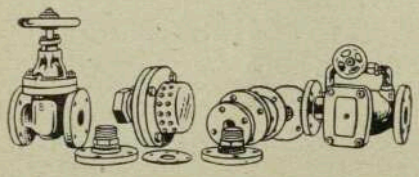

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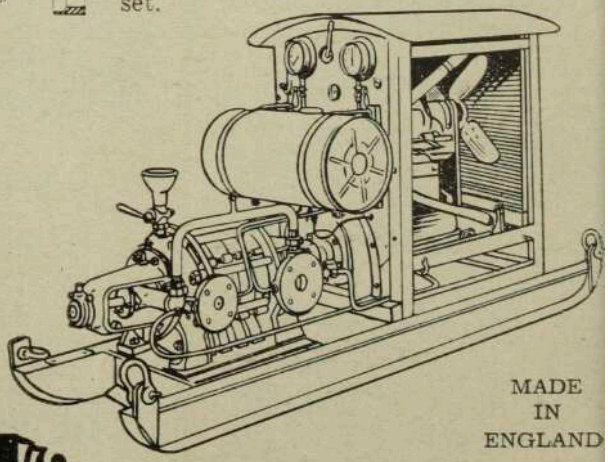

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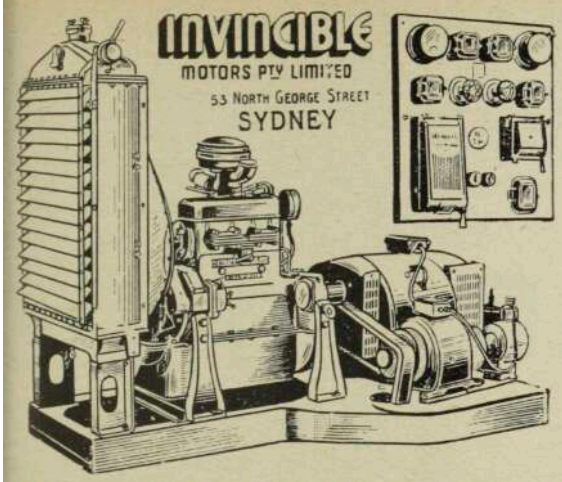

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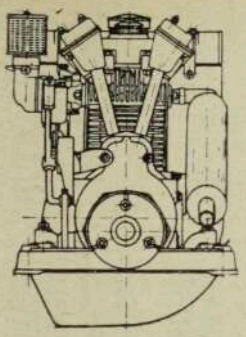

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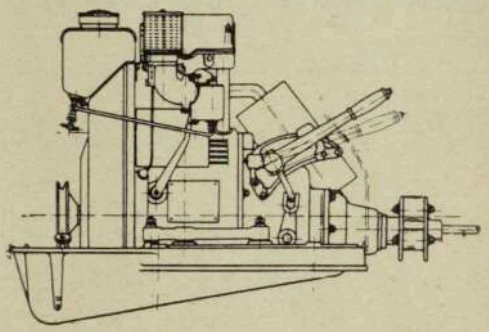

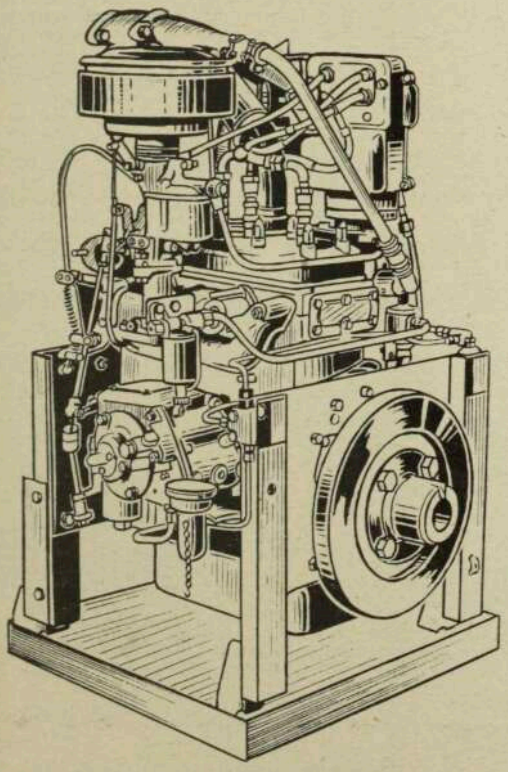

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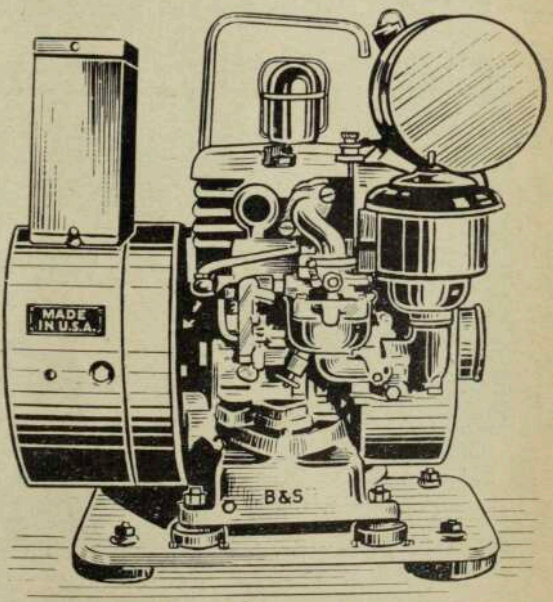

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self was chosen as being the "Man of the Year" by Sydney's Lord Mayor (Ald. O'Dea), President of the RSL (W. Yeo) and Balance of Power MLA, E. J. Geraghty.

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And, whilst we are on the matter of titles, I notice that the press generally bestows the prefix "Mr." upon the native members of the Legislative Council. I should think this is a title which they themselves might not altogether appreciate. It may, of course, be an official ruling in an effort to abolish racial discrimination. If so, 'nuf sed. It may also be an official edict that the MLC's are not given the title 'Honourable,' for I have seen no mention of such a prefix when reference is made to anyone of them in print.

In both the pre-war Legislative Councils, the courtesy title was given. Why the difference now?

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I cannot say that I am an enthusiastic comic strip fan, but I do follow the doings of Tom Flynn an excellently-drawn series by Jolliffe in a Sydney Sunday paper. Tom is having all sorts of adventures with the Ariki tribesmen somewhere up in Papua, and he was last seen trussed up a prisoner in "the Dubu House," waiting apparently, for his napper to be lopped off by the fierce Arikis.

I often wonder what the literate house-boys of the principal Islands towns think as they sit in their house-boys and study Tom and his companions being manhandled by these head-hunting Papuans. Perhaps they don't think, perhaps they just sit. But a little of this sort of thing goes a long way — too long sometimes.

In Australia some moralists claim the comic strip is responsible for the increased child delinquency. And they might have something there, too. What would it do to an imaginative house-boy?

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Talking of censorship (which we weren't) reminds me of the days in

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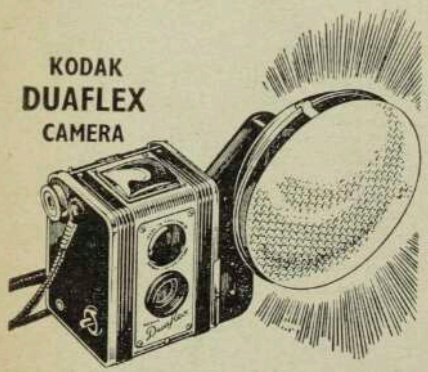

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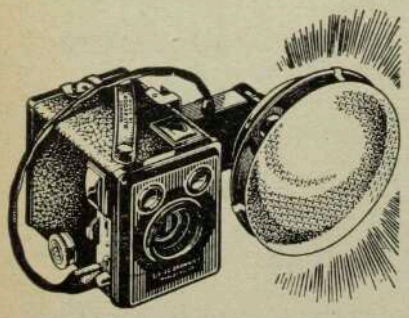

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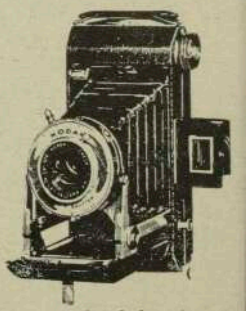

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Rabaul, when Bob Kennedy—man in charge of the local cinema—was forced by the police to cover up the legs and/or bosoms of actresses on his film posters so that the local native lads of the town wouldn't get ideas. He became an expert at lengthening abbreviated skirts and hiding the charms (both of them) of the Jane Russells, Mae Wests and other well-developed females. He used ample quantities of printer's ink.

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The native MLC Merari Dickson and (wherefore Dickson?), a natured member of the Kwato Mission, is headlined in the Sunday Press, concerning his ideas of educational expansion for the native people, and his claim that Australia should open the door to the people of Papua to enable them to attend State schools."

I may be old-fashioned — I probably am — but I do think such statements are premature, even if they originate from Councillor Dickson himself, and are not inspired by other interests, possibly for the edification of UNO. I am a great believer in Evolution rather than Revolution, where native development is concerned.

The Australian Press would, in my opinion, be well advised to treat carefully statements from these native MLC's, who doubtless are honest and sincere, but know little of the subterfuges of political schemers, who may easily use the unsuspecting native to fire bullets made in Canberra, Lake Success, Djakarta or Moscow.

The average Australian, though he cares not a tuppeny dump for his own natives, will go all sentimental over a New Guinea lad who is still remembered as a "Fuzzy-Wuzzy Angel," with the result that he always hits the news: A publicity officer's dream.

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I was interested in "Do You Remember" (PIM Dec., p. 18) where reference was made to the Bremerhaven having "unrestricted access to outports" in TNG. That was in December 1931; and now twenty years later history repeats itself to a certain extent. The Pollurian sailed out of Sydney at the end of last month, bound for Rabaul, to be put into the copra - catching business, sponsored by Bougainville, Limited, and skippered by Senator Roy Kendall. It is a private enterprise job, and the Government will have an opportunity of putting into practice what it preaches about supporting that particular brand of enterprise. Here's wishing the hooker smooth seas and steady steaming.

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Comparative trade figures of TNG (PIM Dec., p. 29) made interesting reading. Comment. Gold figures for 1938-39 should have read 400,672 oz, and the value was £2,129,263. The value of copra exported in 1938-39, although some 9,000 tons more than in 1951, was only £727,949, as compared with £3.2 million. Excess of exports over imports in 1938-39 was £1,619,918; and that's the way to have it.

Monsignor Doyle, MSC, a one-time headmaster of Downlands Roman Catholic College, Toowoomba (Queensland), has been appointed Prefect Apostolic of Samarai, Eastern Papua. In token of their appreciation of their former headmaster, Monsignor Doyle was presented in Brisbane recently, with a Pectoral Cross by Past Students of their College.

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A NEW company, Samoa Industries, Ltd., has recently been registered in Apia, Western Samoa.

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Mr. Marcus B. B. Orken, who obtained one of the two highest passes in graduating from the School of Pacific Administration, Mosman, recently, will leave Sydney in mid-February to take up duties as a cadet patrol officer at Manus, New Guinea. His name, in the list of Diploma Students (reprinted in December PIM) was erroneously given as B. B. O. Marcus.

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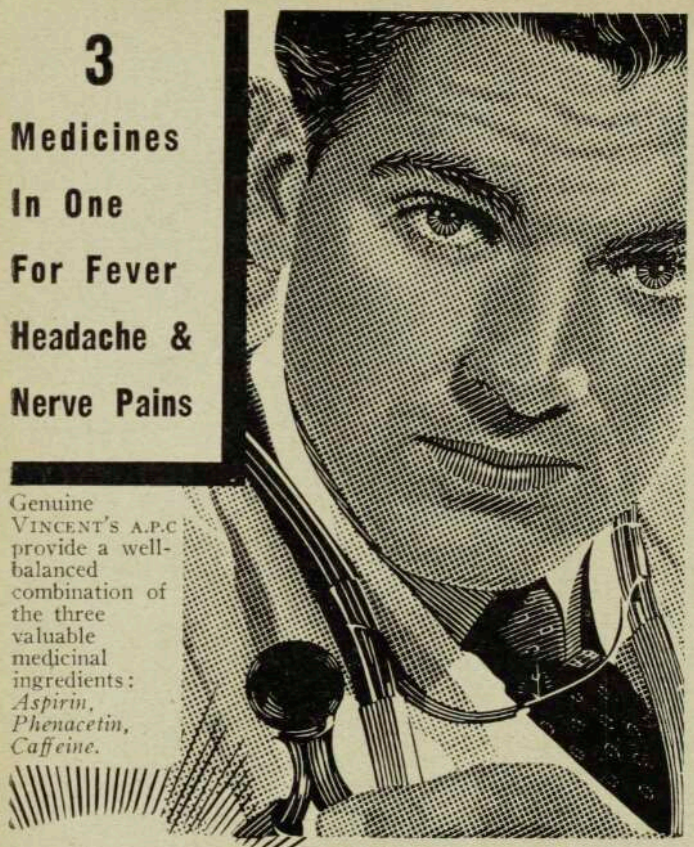

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Agricultural Experts in New Guinea

Grass As Substitute for Jute

IF expert advice has got anything to it, some new agricultural industry should soon emerge in New Guinea.

The P-NG Territory has had a procession of various experts in recent months and two more were reported on their way in December.

One was a Mr. W. Poggendorff a rice expert of the NSW Department of Agriculture; and the other was a Mr. J. M. Dempsey, of Palm Beach, Florida, USA, an expert on the manufacture of fibre from long grasses.

The rice expert will investigate upland areas in P-NG to ascertain their suitability for rice production.

The American will take a look at NG's vast areas of kunai grasslands. It is said that grass fibre is as good or better than jute as it is not so susceptible to mould, can be dyed more rapidly, and that in Cuba they have planted tens of thousands of acres of long grasses.

It has been announced that 100 acres of kenaf has been sown near Port Moresby in addition to the original experimental plots of this fibre producing tree or shrub. Mr R. A. Colyer of Colyer Watson Pty. Ltd., is interested in the kenaf experiment. It was due largely to his efforts that kenaf was introduced to Papua from the United States.

Whether these jute substitutes—canna, kenaf and now grass—will survive in competition with jute should it ever become freely available again, remains to be seen.

This is not the first time that there has been interest in Papua-New Guinea's extensive areas of kunai grass. A paper-making company held leases on grass lands in Papua for years—and possibly still does. It was said that kunai would make first grade paper. However, there has been no mention of this prospective industry since before the war—although there has been a desperate world shortage of all varieties of paper in recent years and apparently very little prospect of overcoming the lag.

Lady Ragg, of Suva, Fiji, after several months of severe illness culminating in another spell in St Vincents Hospital, Sydney, is now convalescent and making an excellent recovery. Sir Hugh Ragg joined her in Manly just before Christmas; and a happy family party has been formed by the arrival of her daughter, with son-in-law Tom French and a bevy of bright children. Sir Hugh and Lady Ragg probably will return to Fiji in April.

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NORFOLK ISLAND NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

December 14

THE Rangi, well known ocean racing yacht, passed out of existence this week when gear and fittings were sold at auction.

She was wrecked at Cascade Bay a few weeks ago when on her way from NZ to Australia where she was to have sailed in the 1952 trans-Tasman yacht race.

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Mr. A. Smith has completed his fifth year as school master of our local school. He was probably the most capable and most popular teacher Norfolk ever had, and goes back to the Mainland with the best wishes of all.

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Ex-US Marine Franklyn Boyer, whose purchase of a home on Norfolk Island, unseen, through a PIM advertisement, made the headlines a year or so ago, has found romance here and in early December led Miss Euneta Day to the altar.

His favourite hobby is playing his grand piano, and his new bride is a talented singer.

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Through representations of the Australian Commissioner in New Zealand, the export of vegetables and cut-flowers to NZ by air is being investigated.

Local producers are also anxious to find a Dominion market for citrus fruit and bananas but the transportation problem has yet to be solved.

BUTTER ON NG TREES

Writing in Sydney Sunday Telegraph of December 30, H. C. McKay reports that Australian research chemists, analysing for the first time the oil expressed from the nut of the well-known Okari tree of New Guinea, were surprised to find it almost identical with butter fat.

A somewhat similar Philippines tree—Termina Catappa—produces an oil which is marketed locally on a small scale as Talisay Oil; but the Okari nut is much larger. Unfortunately, it is also much harder and more difficult to husk.

The chemists admit, however, that owing to the small fat-yield per tree and the difficulty of expressing the oil, there is little prospect of the Okari nut ousting—or even supplementing—the cow in the forseeable future.

Among the first 20 RAAF pilot-navigator trainees to be selected for 1952 is **Mr. J. A. Seaton**, formerly of the Shell Oil Company in Rabaul, NG.

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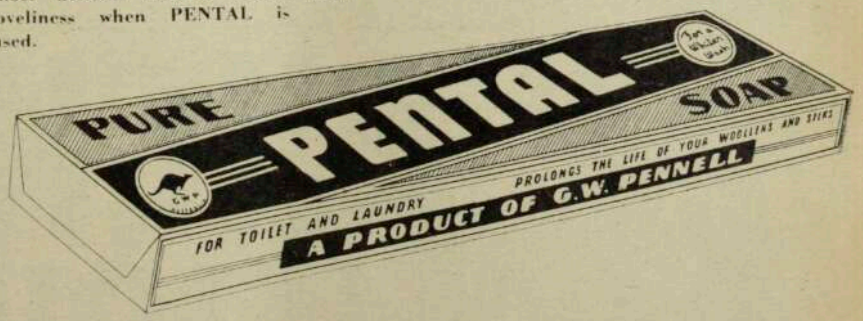

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Mr. W. G. Alexander, MBE, MA, who had a notable Army record, and who has done outstanding work as officer in charge of Co-operative Societies in the Gilbert and Ellice Colony, has been transferred to Mauritius as Registrar of Co-operative Societies. He left for the Indian Ocean colony some weeks ago.

FIJI RESIDENTS' GENEROSITY TO LEPROSY PATIENTS

(Contributed)

THE Noerr brothers of Suva need no introduction—their never-ending kindness to the underdog is well known and Fiji's leprosy hospital at Makogai has always been a target for their generosity.

It was the Noerrs who gave the hospital its first picture show and a more understanding gesture or sympathy could not be found.

More recently Mr. Len Noerr spent some time on Makogai taking a movie of life on the island and he has used this excellent film to arouse interest and raise funds for more amenities for those in leprosy hospitals.

He has shown the film at Levuka and in Taveuni as well as to audiences in Australia and New Zealand where he recently spent a long holiday. In Taveuni the picture was shown in the theatre conducted by Mr. V. Tarte who generously gave the entire proceeds of the shows to Mr. Noerr's good work. It is Mr. Noerr's ambition at present to supply a projector to the leper hospital at Guadalcanal, BSI and a modern washing machine for the Sisters of the Makogai sub-station at Suva. This goal is in sight thanks to the generosity of Mr. Tarte and donations from Mr and Mrs. Billy Halstead of Waitavala.

PIM readers will probably be interested to know that the Rev Mother Agnes who made Makogai what it is, has decided to live on with her former patients at Makogai although retired from active work.

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Beauty Treatment Urged For Suva Town

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Dec. 17

FOR many years Suva—probably the most picturesquely-sited town in the tropical Pacific—has been growing progressively uglier.

Unrestricted commercial and industrial building in areas which should have been planned; the spread of slum and semi-slum conditions as property has passed into the hands of all-out exploiters (mostly, but not entirely, Asiatics); the disappearance of open spaces and the inadequacy of the fragments of land set aside for parks, public gardens and playing fields—all these have created a muddle of hot dreariness in what could have been a perfect Island capital.

Regrets at what might have been are frequent in the current hot season when an unusually long dry spell has produced a brilliant display by flowering trees throughout the Suva Peninsula.

The tragedy is that in the central town area, in the last few years, the remaining trees have been disappearing wholesale.

Suva has learned nothing from other tropical towns with their tree shaded streets, and wealth of flowers. The only effective public garden is an excellent display along the Victoria Parade frontage of Albert Park.

The Agriculture and Forestry Departments have recently offered to help the Town Council do something about the Botanical Gardens (scientifically interesting but aesthetically dreadful) and the council itself is planning a widespread beautification scheme to be carried out under a voluntary supervisor, Mr. F. E. Allen.

ANOTHER SHIP FOR CALEDONIA-HEBRIDES TRADE

WHEN El Retiro arrived in Sydney from Noumea on December 13 with a cargo of deer hides and cocoa beans, Captain Emile Savoie said he would take delivery of another NZ coastal veteran—the 600-ton Margaret-W—next March.

Captain Savoie may sell his present ship, El Retiro on taking over Margaret-W.

El Retiro has done excellent work on the Vila-Santo-Noumea-Auckland-Sydney run during her year under the French flag, but she it too small for the long runs involved.

Captain Savoie reports that Vila Star, another former NZ coaster, which caused a stir in the Western Pacific in October by calling out Air-Sea Rescue on her delivery voyage to Vila, will shortly be on the Noumea-Sydney run.

The students of the Sacred Heart Commercial School, Rabaul, had outstanding success in recent examinations held by the Queensland Shorthand - Writers' and Bookkeepers' Association. All students from Rabaul passed and Felix Seeto gained the Association's prize for second highest marks in grade II Bookkeeping.

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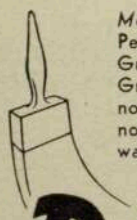

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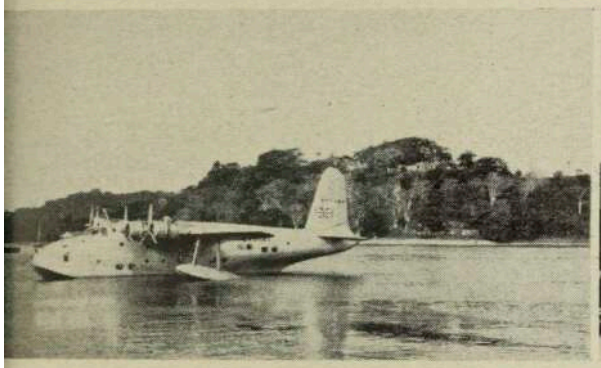
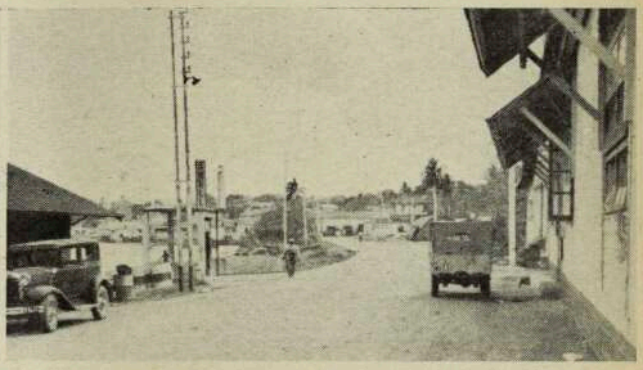




THE HEBRIDES IN PICTURES

THESE photographs of Santo and Port Vila, the two largest commercial centres in the New Hebrides, were taken by Captain Hugh Birch of Qantas Empire Airways. Captain Birch recently made an extensive survey of Santo and Vila for the Australian Department of Civil Aviation.

The top left photo shows the Qantas Sandringham anchored in Vila Harbour, the small island of Iririki, home of the British Resident Commissioner, in the background. At right, is the main street of Vila, Burns Philp's establishment in right foreground, harbour front on left.

Centre is an aerial view of Vila.

Bottom left, an aerial view of Santo — or more correctly, the commercial centre of the large island of Espiritu Santo. The Americans had one of their largest Pacific bases here during the war and relics of this, in the shape of Quonset huts, etc., can be seen in the photograph. Bottom right, Captain L. W. Clarke, well-known Qantas pilot on the Hebrides service, on the shore at Santo.

Looking at these photographs one is struck again by the single-mindedness of our early discoverers. They must have been afflicted with either acute homesickness or total lack of imagination. Anything less like the arctic Hebrides of Scotland, than these islands, would be hard to find.

TUSI COOKA (Cookery Book, to You) IN ELLICE LANGUAGE

By H. E. L. PRIDAY

LUCILLE IREMONGER, who recently described herself in a BBC programme as "the most useless bride who ever stepped into a kitchen," produced a cookery book that was published in three languages eighteen months after she first began to cook. This remarkable achievement was the odder because her book was for people who had "practically nothing to cook." (Since those days Mrs. Iremonger has become a successful novelist).

Mrs. Iremonger clarified her contradictory statements by explaining that her husband was a District Officer on his first tour of duty, which took him to the Ellice Group. No one but the interpreter could speak English and nobody could cook in the English way so the new bride had to learn to cook and to speak Ellice at the same time.

Supplies were scarce and she had no fresh beef, milk or butter, no green vegetables, little fruit and inadequate water.

When she had learnt a little about cooking, she decided to put down 50 of her laboriously collected recipes in the Ellice language. Her book soon became known by the people of the Gilbert and Ellice Group and they christened it "Tusi Cooka," coming to her and begging her to put in recipes using unambitious materials.

Her simplification went on to such an extent that her list of essential ingredients became smaller and smaller. She had fish, eggs and coconuts and the rare cut of pork seen on great occasions. The only imported goods were those that could be bought in small quantities from the local trader or from passing ships — potatoes, rice, onions, flour, sugar, tinned meat and butter, dripping and coffee. And this, basic seasoning, was all.

But she pointed out that coconut milk could be substituted for tinned; taro for potatoes and rice; molasses from boiled-down coconut could replace sugar and onion could be dispensed with. That left flour as the only necessary import and, if hard put to it, banana could be saved up to make banana flour. From these meagre ingredients it was possible to make many of her 50 recipes—16 of fish, egg and meat, eight from vegetables, 14 puddings and seven cakes.

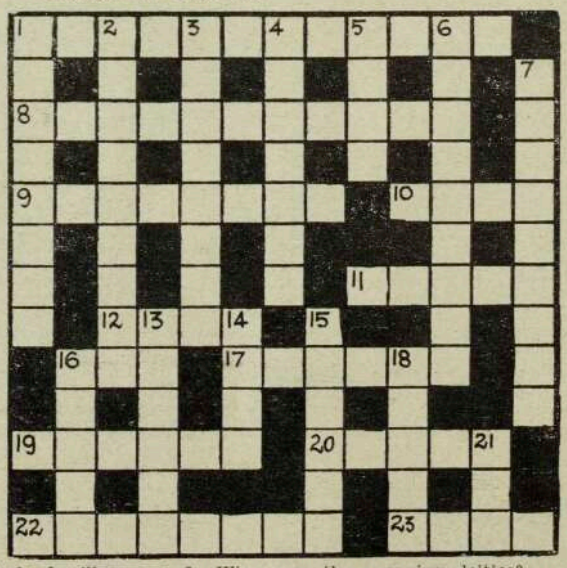
Tusi Cooka's glossary explained the simplest cooking terms—toasting, making bread crumbs, seasoning, flavouring, steaming and beating an egg, all of them totally unknown to the Ellice islanders.

So the little book became known, had success first with the islanders and the tiny white population, and when the Americans came to the Pacific after Pearl Harbour, Tusi Cooka was a natural souvenir to send home. Complimentary letters began to arrive from women in the United States who had tried out the recipes from the English section printed from the back of the book but the most treasured were those from museums with Pacific collections.

Tusi Cooka is the first book to be published in the Ellice language and it now lies in isolated splendour in the museums' glass cases. "But neither the Ellice Islanders nor will ever be able to take it seriously," says Lucille Iremonger.

Crossquiz—No. 25

(Solution on Page 66.)



ACROSS

1.—What type of fruit grew on the little tree which was visited by the daughter of the king of Spain?

8.—What is the correct name for the practice of showing partiality?

9.—What is an instantaneous photograph?

10.—What is a townsman, as opposed to a gownsman, in Cambridge slang?

11.—Which district of France, in the Gironde department, extending along the river Garonne, is famous for its wines?

12.—On which river are situated Florence and Pisa?

16.—What association is the successor to the League of Nations?

17.—What type of matter can be penetrated by fluid?

19.—In golf, what are cut from the sod by bad strokes?

20.—The twigs of what kind of willows are used for making baskets?

22.—What custom forbids a man to marry a woman who is not of his kindred?

23.—What jerking movement could also be a citizen of the USA?

DOWN

1.—What washing material is a flattery?

2.—Which huge aquatic animal is mentioned in the Book of Job?

3.—What kind of milky liquid is a mixture of oil and water?

4.—What is the capital of Kenya colony?

5.—In skittles, what is the mark for players?

6.—Who were the avenging deities?

7.—Which is the chief town in the French Sudan?

13.—Which style of architecture and decoration of the 18th century is marked by endless multiplication of ornamental details?

14.—Under what name are musical compositions catalogued?

15.—What was the name of a richly laden merchant vessel originating from Ragusa and Venice?

16.—What association protects the interests of the workers?

18.—What is an arrangement of all parts for one purpose or effect?

21.—What is a succession of consecutive notes, or a score in cricket?

Mr. P. J. Nutley, has been appointed Registrar, Supreme Court, Fiji, and will arrive in the Colony in March. He has been in private practice in the United Kingdom and this is his first appointment to the Colonial Legal Service.

The New Guinea Servicemen's Club of Sydney now holds its regular meetings at the rooms of the Hunter Club, 281 George St, next to the Wynyard Newsreel Theatre, where it has the use of Club facilities, including a bar. New members include Messrs. L. Clark (Moresby), K. Traver (Arncliffe), G. L. Grey (Lae), S. Higgs (Sydney), H. Shaw (Manus), C. Marr (Port Moresby), E. Godson (Manus). Secretary is Mr. Alan G. Pagett, 8 Slade Road, Bardwell Park, Sydney.

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Tropicalities

METICULOUSLY correct, in every detail, was the Programme of the Inauguration of the Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea, compiled by the Administrator's staff, and beautifully produced by the Government Printer. Every decoration was noted; every title observed.

At the saluting base at 3.15 pm, there were "His Excellency" the Administrator of the Commonwealth, "His Honour" the Administrator of P-NG, and "The Honourable the Minister." And all through the six pages of programme which followed, "Excellency," "Honour" and "Honourable" were scrupulously noted. Most proper and correct, of course, but wearisome.

The names and titles of the 29 new Councillors filled a page. There was not one Mister among them. If a member could not be given a military or a clerical title, he became Esquire. There were 24 Esquires.

It was singularly inconsistent on the part of the compiler to describe Doris Booth, OBE, as Mrs. while insisting that all the Misters really were Esquires. He should have been strong and taken the bit in his teeth, and written "Doris R. Booth, Esquiress, OBE."

The compiler must have had headaches over the three native Councillors. How were they to be entitled? In other Pacific Territories, leading natives are not adorned with European courtesy titles.

But in Papua-New Guinea, no doubt, someone felt that to simply set out the native names under the sectional title of "Native Members," while all the others were individually labelled Esquire, would be to make the sort of distinction against which Government House has fought bitterly for years.

So, in this impressive document, we see "Aisoli Salin, Esq." and "Simogen, Esq." A little startling; but, presumably, we must get used to it.

As they are Legislative Councillors, why couldn't officialdom have called them all "Honourable" and been done with it? Probably, because they really were not "Honourable" until they were sworn in. The mind of officialdom works that way.

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SHIP-BUYING—CONDOMINUM STYLE

LAST October reports were circulating in Auckland that the New Hebrides (Condominium) Government had bought a little ship there. The sale was completed—a skipper would be arriving any day to take delivery.

The vessel was the converted Fairmile La Reta, used for a time in the Cook Islands by the C.I.P.A. (Native Co-operative) but now taking fishing parties out into the Hauraki Gulf from Auckland.

In mid-December La Reta was still in Auckland.

The explanation: "Ah yes — the French **have** bought the vessel—but the British have still got to buy her. The French surveyed her and were very satisfied. But now the British have to survey her and repeat the lengthy inquiries. But some day she may get to Vila to start her new life as a general purpose Administration patrol vessel."

We presume that the French and British skippers will take watch-and-watch.—J.S.

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STAR GAZING PAY OFF

YOU mightn't believe it, in this atomic age, but some business firms in Sydney pay up to 100 guineas to tame astrologers for star charts by which they conduct their businesses — or so the quidnuncs say.

These commercial star-gazers include clothing firms, brokers, chocolate manufacturers and one soap-making outfit which, according to the spokesman of a literary agency that places astrology matter, "directs its ships by the stars to pick up copra;" the firm is alleged to hold up its ships for days in Sydney if the stars are not right in their courses.

One wonders what happens if the business is carried back to its logical conclusion—the plantations—and what the labour line thinks of this magic belong master.

But interpreting the signs appears to be a highly exact science and a tame astrologer is a must if you are not to get things all balled up.

In race-course betting, for example, you disregard the horses and "form" entirely but you need an astrological study of the jockeys, the owners and the ruling aspects of the day. Last Melbourne Cup day the favoured numbers were one, four and seven, the colours red, orange or cerise and the ruling aspect was Sun-Uranus (with which are associated such things as light, heat, royalty, gases, wireless and imagination). All a punter needed was one of these clues confirmed by another and he "couldn't miss."

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NOVEMBER STORY

As November came in, Suva was agog with a Story. (It usually is). Everybody had it—Europeans in clubs; Indians in taxis, buses and shops; and Fijians everywhere.

A Fijian police sergeant, it was said, had landed £15,000 in an overseas lottery. Presumably a good many people were devising ways of getting down on part of the windfall, and because more than one earnest European was all set to offer to bank the £15,000 and hold it for the sergeant against all comers. But nobody seemed to

The Passing of To-Pee

—From "Corona."

think of tracking down the affluent policeman, who was aghast at the commotion.

The plain fact was that he had received a letter stating that his ticket was duly included in a Maltese lottery. The rest was merely Suva gossip—which can do amazing things with plain facts. —S.

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DEPORTED—ALMOST!

THE case of Fijian George Jackson (PIM, December, page 25) recalls to a reader that another from those parts, with a well-known Fiji-Indian family-name, is at present enjoying illegal liberty in Australia.

The gentleman concerned deserted from the former LST Rawhiti at Sydney in early 1951. Duly apprehended, he spent six months in Long Bay gaol for desertion.

The normal procedure is for Australian Immigration Department officials, complete with deportation warrant, to weclome such aliens

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back into civilian life as they step from the gaol.

But on this occasion the Immigration officials arrived exactly 24 hours late. Someone had got the date wrong, and the bird had flown.

The shipowner's representative, eager to reclaim his £100 bond on the illegal immigrant, was shocked to hear the news. But he suddenly recalled that the man from Fiji had met romance in Grafton on an earlier voyage. Perhaps he would head that way.

The Agent relates how, deciding to see the first express leave Sydney for Brisbane, he arrived at the station to find two trains due to leave at almost the same time from different platforms. He spent a busy half hour rushing from one to the other and finally, true to detective fiction, saw the wanted man rush onto the platform and leap aboard one train as it was moving out.

He could only notify the police. First stop, Coffs Harbour—but back came word that the only slightly suspicious character aboard appeared to be a French citizen.

The £100 bond has still not been recovered.

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ROB WRIGHT, Fiji Public Relations Office photographer, says that he found this relic framed and hanging in a Fijian bure on Moturiki (the small island near Ovalau (Levuka) where the South Pacific Commission is conducting a community development experiment). He says that it dates back to the 20's and "shows that they had considerably more imagination in those days than they have now."

We have been trying to work out just what he does mean by that last cryptic remark.

ALCOHOLIC MEMORIES

Old Timer Bemoans the Fact That Drinking Has Become Faddenised

NOW that our long-cherished and very enjoyable Australian drinking habits have been so Faddenised as to make the social drink an act of reckless extravagance, I am moved to reflect on the alcoholic concoctions with which we beguiled our leisure hours in years gone by.

The older lads will remember the sun-up to breakfast-time sessions on the Mataram, when Bill-the-Barman mixed his gin slings in a large enamel bucket. Pepys has given us recipes for succulent dishes which have now passed into history; and I think the recipe for this should be set down for the benefit of antiquarians.

The basis was one part of a good English dry gin; then 2/3rds of a good cherry brandy, 2/3rds each of French and Italian Vermouth, a dash of Bacardi rum, soda water, a dash of Angastura bitters, and a slice of lemon floating on the top amongst the crushed ice.

One and sixpence was the price then; and, after three or four, I was always ready to climb the highest mountain, or go back to bed again.

Then there was guid Scotch whisky, bottled in Scotland, at 9/3 a bottle at the Expro. store in Rabaul, or 87/6 a case of one dozen for the plutocrats. This was the real Mackay—not like a lot of the so-called Scotch sold in Sydney today in microscopic nips, and which we suspect to be like a lot of Australian Scotchmen—born out here to save the fare.

What better than to sit down at a marble-top table in Ah Chee's, or the Rabaul Hotel, and drink our choice of the bottled beers of the world, at 2/- per bottle and no tips. This was off the ice—not like the drinks at Tosh Schilling's pub at Madang, in the days when ice was an unknown quantity there.

I remember a tourist dropping into the pub after a warm walk around the environs of Madang, and calling for a glass of beer, "off the ice please, old chappie."

Tosh slapped down a glass of suds, and the tourist thrust his nose into it. "I say, old chappie," he complained, "This is not off the ice."

"Too blanky right, it is," said Tosh, "Four hundred blanky miles off it!"

Who could forget the orders which sometimes arrived from isolated plantations for personal supplies to be forwarded by first available schooner; six cases of Red, White and Blue, four cases of beer, and then, as an after thought, a coupl of dozen tins of tobacco and a cas of Hellabys.

Then we recall the bleak days o Edie Creek, before the planes starte to run, and grog was unknow They were the days when, gas tronomically speaking, we lived th lives of monks—without, howeve being able to drown our sorrows i Benedictine. Later, when beer di arrive, it was ten shillings a bottl at first, until competition brough the price down to seven shilling and later on to four shillings.

I remember the time I had an ol chap staying with me at my cam near Wau. He hadn't been long i the Territory, and was recoverin from a bad dose of fever.

On this particular morning h was enjoying the sunshine, just out side the hut. I was busy insid preparing a couple of grenadillo for our refreshment. I enjoy a ni of sherry in the grenadillo, stirre up amongst the juice and seed On this occasion I had no sherr so I used a very liberal dose c Scotch whisky as a substitute.

Adding a touch of sugar an stirring up the concoction I took on out to my elderly friend and sai "Try this."

"What is it?", he asked.

"It's a grenadillo," I answere "You drink it up with the spoon

"I've never seen one before, bu I'll try it," he replied.

He got busy on it, not knowing was well laced with whisky. A loo of blissful astonishment settled o his face.

When he had finished I asked hi would he have another.

"My word," he replied, "You know you could get two bob each fo these in Sydney!"

What contentment it was, whe tramping down to the coast, to sto for a while at some lonely plantatio and be refreshed with whisky an cool milk from a green coconut; o to partake of a mug of o.p. an black coffee, after a long day's wor on the claim in the high altitude of the Upper Edie. Finest Demarar Rum, 30 o.p. from MacGillivray' store, at 25/- per bottle. (Ope Friday nights, and the boss woul always shout one for the roa home.)

Those days may come again, bu I'm afraid I won't be there to enjo them. Never mind! If the Edito pays me for this I might be able t make a lay-by on a bottle of run for Xmas.

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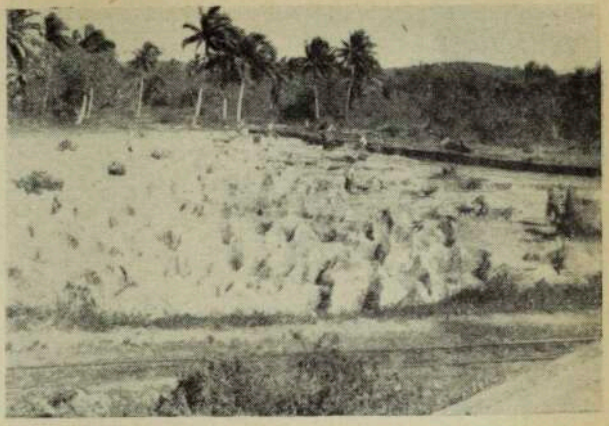
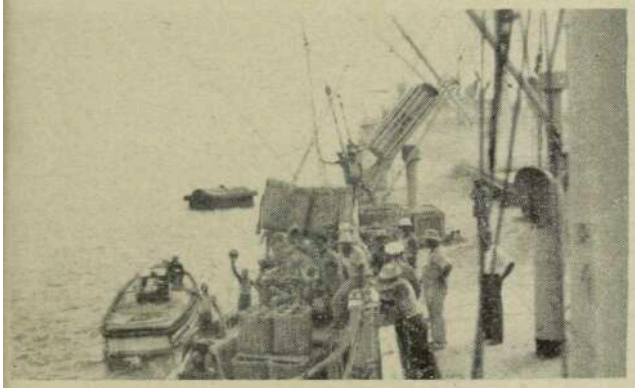
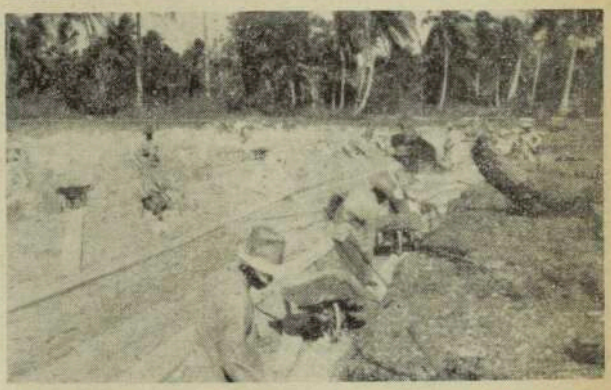

MAKATEA—The Third Phosphate Island

By J. P. Shortall

CONSIDERING the economic importance of Makatea to French Oceania—and to New Zealand and Australia during the recent war years—remarkably little has been published about this island.

As the lesser of the South Pacific trio of phosphate islands, Makatea's history runs closely parallel to that of Nauru and Ocean. The French were the first to discover its phosphate deposits—probably stimulated by the discoveries at Nauru and Ocean in 1900—but it was the British-owned Pacific Phosphate Co. which made the first move towards exploiting them.

This company, an amalgamation of John G. Arundel & Co. (who had exploited guano deposits in the Line and Phoenix Is. from 1883 onwards) and other interests, despatched the British ship Tyrian to Makatea in mid-1907. Aboard was Mr. Arundel (Deputy Chairman), Mr. G. C. Ellis, and Mr. J. M. Ellis (respectively father and uncle of the late Sir Albert Ellis).

They were apparently surprised to find some French phosphate experts already on the island, but the outcome of the visit was the formation of the present Compagnie Francaise Phosphates de l'Oceanie, through negotiations in London and Paris. The subsequent history runs something like this:

1907: Construction of a wooden jetty from base of cliffs to edge of reef. Phosphate excavation commenced, the material being tipped down a shute from the top of the cliff and dried in the sun on the narrow coastal strip below.

1910: Norwegian ship Ocean Queen, especially built for the Pacific phosphate trade, arrived to lay loading moorings offshore. Her engines broke down when lying off Makatea on the morning of arrival, and helpless, she drifted ashore and became a total loss. However, another ship was obtained and the 200-fathom deep moorings were laid under the supervision of Mr. G. W. Cozens, Marine Superintendent at Nauru.

In the same year, two of the French Directors proceeded to Nauru and Ocean to study methods there. At about the same time, a hurricane struck the island and completely destroyed another jetty which had just been completed. The Manager and Chief Engineer of the Company lost their lives in trying to save it.

1911: A funicular railway was built from beach to upper level of island. Steam railways introduced.

1928: A modern cantilever loading arm brought prefabricated from France, was erected by two French engineers with local labour. Unlike Nauru (but like Ocean) ships

PICTURE TITLES: Top left, the Cantilever from the cliff top. Top right, area being worked. The phosphate lies between and over the jagged coral peaks of the old lagoon floor. Bottom left, loading baskets into which cantilever discharges phosphate. Bottom right, even the surface of the ground is phospate.

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cannot lie near this cantilever. Its only object is to convey the phosphate well clear of the reef-edge and surf. The basket-filled lighters lie below the end of the cantilever, their crews holding them in position with the aid of the many ropes which trail down from above.

Prior to the cantilever, all loading of lighters had taken place from a shute at the outer end of the jetty, at the very edge of the reef. Work was impossible in all but the slightest swell.

The first Nauru cantilever came into use three years after the one at Makatea.

MAKATEA'S output rose slowly from 120,000 tons per annum in 1926 to about 175,000 tons at Pearl Harbour Day, the Japanese taking 80 per cent. of the islands' output. Last cargo for Japan left Makatea on the Yodogawa Maru on August 12, 1941. From then the British Phosphate Commissioners took the entire output. The Nauru cantilever had already been destroyed by German raiders in the previous December, together with much of the crushing and drying machinery, and after Nauru and Ocean Is. were occupied by the Japs in 1942, Makatea assumed a new importance, especially to N.Z., vitally dependant upon phosphate supplies for her heavily stocked fat lamb producing areas.

One of the great mysteries of the Pacific war was why no enemy action was ever taken against this most valuable and vulnerable target.

At no time did Makatea have any form of coastal defence. Certainly after December, 1942, when the Americans occupied Porapora, a patrolling Catalina circled Makatea twice each day, but up till then the island was an open and obvious target. If the machinery had been damaged it probably could not have been replaced until after the war.

Something like 798,000 tons of valuable phosphate left the island in 90 shiploads between Pearl Harbour and VJ-Day. Makatea phosphate is only 3 per cent. poorer than the Nauru-Ocean Is. product. A ton of it makes 1.8 tons of the superphosphate used by the farmer. New Zealand took most of it, and supplied the island with most of its 6,000 tons of coal required each year to operate the machinery.

With the Indo-Chinese labour source cut off, and insufficient labour offering in French Oceania, New Zealand permitted the Company to seek volunteer labour from the Cook Is. There they are keen to volunteer for a one or two-year term—in fact, so keen that those who have been given one term must stand down and give others a chance. Each year (except during the war when taken over by the French Navy) the Company's 3-masted schooner Oiseau des Iles returns the time-expired labour and recruits a further contingent from Rarotonga, Mangaia, Mauke or Mitiaro.

Makatea provides the Tahiti budget with about 125 million francs each year. The annual exports are now in excess of 200,000 English tons.

ALTHOUGH loading is entirely by ships' winches, baskets, and launch-drawn lighters, Makatea can show the Australasian waterfront a thing or two.

Loading is frequently in excess of 200 tons per hour, and on one occasion 5,500 tons was loaded in a working day of 18 hours.

The hourly loading is posted in huge figures on the end of the cantilever so that the gangs on the ship can see them. Each time the figure exceeds 200 tons, the ship's hooter is blown and a cheer echoes across the island. There is great friendly rivalry between the various Cook Is. gangs, each of which flies its own pennant from the British harbour master's office during their particular shift.

Although Company officials insist that the Company is now entirely French, there obviously is a very close tie-up with the British Phosphate Commission, which has insisted that the Harbour Masters —men experienced in the handling of the valuable deep-sea moorings, be of their choosing. Consequently the Harbour Master is always a Britisher.

The only ships capable of handling the deep moorings, for change and replacement, are the specially-constructed BPC vessels with their powerful winch and overhanging bow. By agreement they perform this task at Makatea. Spare moorings are kept ready on the wharf at Papeete.

MAKATEA, uninteresting in profile, slightly humped and encircled by sheer cliffs rising in places to 150 feet lies 140 miles NE of Tahiti on the western fringes of the Tuamotu Group. It is the only island of raised coral formation in the area; its cave-pitted cliffs show the unmistakeable erosion of three distinct stages of elevation from the sea. The phosphate deposits all lie in what was clearly the ancient lagoon area, now high above sea level. The phosphate is thick with the petrified remains of the fish of this ancient lagoon, which occupies only one quarter to one third of the total land area.

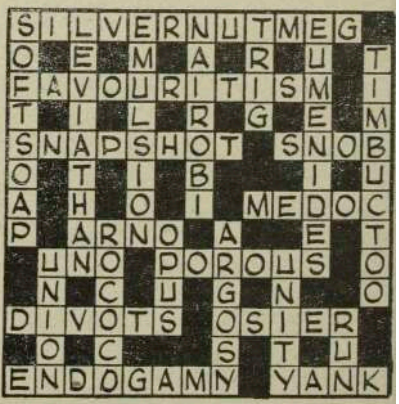
In outline the island, 5 miles by 2½, is shaped somewhat like a curved sea slug—the concave side—Moumu Bay—facing north-east, into the prevailing wind. For this reason Noumu Bay was early abandoned as a loading point, in favour of Temao on the more sheltered west coast. At both these places there is a narrow coastal lowland, with barely room for the present crushers and driers at Temao. Steam trains eject their contents into shutes below the railway track at the cliff edge, directly into the crushers and driers below. From here the phosphate is stored in silos and fed by endless belt to the cantilever.

The small native population which shares the bounty of one franc per ton of phosphate exported, and 25 francs for each food tree (coconut, breadfruit, citrus) destroyed, lives mainly at the little village of Temao, or the quiet, almost abandoned old village of Moumu. The five or six hundred employees of the Company live in and around Vaitepaua village on the upper level of the island.

As to the future, although the Company is very reluctant to discuss the subject, there are indications that probably three million tons of easily workable deposits remain, and perhaps twice that quantity if it should be considered payable to carry out a more thorough stripping of old areas and areas as yet unworked. The island should bt workable at present output for at least another 20 years.

With Nauru again in production the output is once more being diverted to Japan and elsewhere, New Zealand's and Australia's wants being increasingly satisfied from British sources.

Solution to Crossquiz on Page 62



Mr. Ted Palmer has been officially appointed manager of BSIP Trade Scheme at Honiara. He takes over from Mr. Eric Lawson, who has become manager of Fairymead Sugar Co., at Yandina. Mr. Palmer has been acting Manager of the Trade Scheme for some time.

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Reminiscences of A Match-Maker

By PERETI

IT was one of those pleasantly cool evenings, and my friend and I were sitting on my verandah, overlooking the lagoon. We had dined and wined in reasonably good fashion, and this maybe put me into a reminiscent mood.

From where we were sitting we could dimly see a native preparing to push off from the beach in his canoe, evidently intent on catching his morning meal.

I recognised him as Kaitoa, one of my local lads. Rather a good specimen, too. Tall and well built for his age, which would be round about twenty, and with a happy and cheerful personality.

"You know," I remarked, "it's strange, how things work out. I've just been thinking that if it hadn't been for me, there wouldn't be a Kaitoa going out fishing tonight."

"What happened?" asked my friend. "Did you save his life some time?"

"Oh, no," I answered, "nothing as simple as that. It was more a case of a joke going the right or wrong way, according to your point of view.

"I was living on Aitutaki at the time and I became rather amused over the behaviour of my house-girl, Paere. She had apparently fallen in a big way for one of the boys over in the copra shed—Teina by name, a bit of a harum-scarum, but for all that a really good and likeable lad. I would perhaps, catch Paere resting comfortably on a broom, with a faraway look in her eyes.

"'Come on,' I would admonish, 'what about the sweeping? What about forgetting Teina for a little while?'

"Then she would giggle and blush, deny all thoughts of Teina and come back to earth.

"Sometimes I would catch them having a whispering confab at the back of the house and I'd have to pretend to be stern and send them about their respective tasks. Actually I thought their affair was progressing very nicely, until one day Teina came to me looking rather worried.

"It appeared the schooner was going to Malden Island very shortly with a commission to take 50 Aitutaki boys to work the guano deposits. The company were offering exceptionally good wages, more than I could afford to pay, and Teina was tempted to go.

"'Yes,' I advised him, 'go by all means. There'll be a good job here when you come back. It's only for 12 months, and,' I added with a smile, 'I'll keep an eye on Paere for you.'

"So in due course Teina departed for Malden. I little reckoned that my part of the bargain was going to be so difficult. Out of sight out of mind was the story, and 'keeping an eye' on Paere developed into almost a full-time occupation.

"My chief worry, after a while concentrated on Tiko, a handsome young devil from a neighbouring plantation. The way that lad could strum a guitar and croon a melody was in itself enough to do funny things to any poor girl's heart, and although I tried to keep him away from the house,' I felt it a losing battle, with Teina's chances slipping badly.

"It so happened that about six months later I took a trip around the northern group on the schooner's regular run, calling in at Malden to drop some stores. Ashore I was greeted by Teina, and one of his first questions was 'How is Paere?'

"'Oh,' I said, 'she's fine. Always talking about you.'

"'Why she not write to me?' he wanted to know. This I laughed off with the remark, 'I guess she's too busy keeping my house clean.'

"Teina seemed happy enough with this. But I thought, afterwards, 'Why the devil I should have become an interfering matchmaker beats me.'

"Back on Aitutaki things had deteriorated still further, and there was no doubt Tiko had made the most of my absence. I would sometimes say to Paere: 'Look out when Teina comes back,' but most of my remarks were met with just an enigmatical smile, and I felt that my efforts on Teina's behalf were of not much avail.

"A short time later Brown, my neighbour, called to see me one night. In the course of conversation he happened to mention he was sending a dozen of his boys across to Manuae Island to gather copra.

"'Like to do me a favour?' I asked.

"'If I can,' he answered.

"'Well,' I said, 'what about including Tiko in the gang?'

"I then explained the whole silly business, and how I'd somehow become the champion of Teina's cause. Brown thought it rather a joke, but he co-operated, with the outcome that Tiko was wangled out of the scene.

"Paere seemed a little broken-hearted at first, so I started some subtle propaganda. Teina was due back shortly, so I casually mentioned the big, fat, pay cheque he would have, and also said something about making him a foreman when he returned to me. Then I'd say what a fine chap he was and, in general gave him a pretty good build up.

"I think a good deal of it must have registered, for on the day the schooner from Malden was sighted beating up to the island, Paere, with best dress on, was observed well in the foreground of the crowd waiting on the jetty.

"Well," I concluded, "this is really a fairy book story, for after a hint to Teina that he should not waste too much time for (I was secretly rather afraid of Tiko's return), the day came when I lost a good house-girl, and at the same time had to find a wedding present. Strange to say, they lived happily ever after."

"Wait a minute," remarked my friend. "What has all this to do with Kaitoa out there?"

"Let me finish," I said. "You see, I brought Kaitoa over from Aitutaki a couple of years ago. He happens to be their eldest son."

"WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE TELL ME THESE THINGS . . ."

When the last of the starch has finished,
And the blue has all faded away,
And the last of the kerosene vanished,
'Tis then that my staff will say,
With an ill-concealed joy,
That's not meant to annoy:
"No got. 'Im 'e finished today."

Will they speak at the second last boxful
Or brandish the matches on high
Or tell me of missing tinned apple
Just when I'm making a pie?
As I grope in the dark
'Tis then they remark:
"No got. 'Im 'e finished today."

Will they wait till we're dining a-twosome
To tell us our cupboard is bare?
Nay, rather their joy is to tell us
When twenty-two people are there.
'Tis then they will say
In their delicate way:
"No got. 'Im 'e finished today."

I know that it's I should remember—
And should take all the blame on myself.
I know that I ought to discover
Exactly what's left on the shelf.
But who will not say
They've not heard in their day:
"No got. 'Im 'e finished today."

NOELLE MASON.

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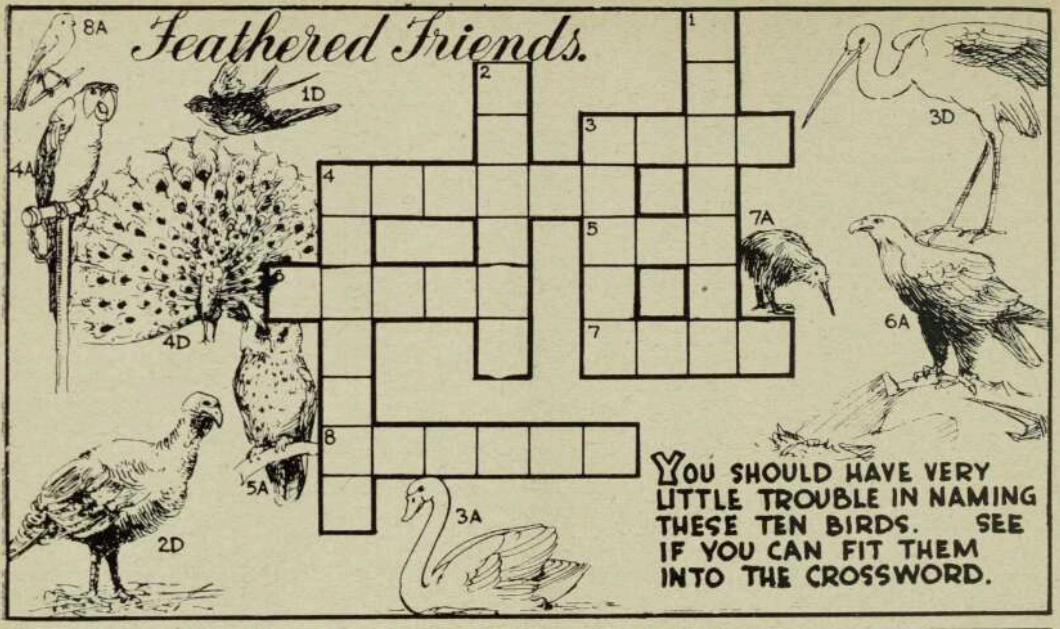
Feathered Friends.



YOU SHOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE TROUBLE IN NAMING THESE TEN BIRDS. SEE IF YOU CAN FIT THEM INTO THE CROSSWORD.

Jonathan Finds a Rabbit.

ONE MORNING, JONATHAN AND HIS CAT, MOON, WERE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK IN THE GARDEN OUTSIDE THE LITTLE ROUND HOUSE BY THE SEA. JONATHAN FELT THAT THE GAME WAS NOT QUITE FAIR, BECAUSE WHENEVER HE HID MOON ALWAYS FOUND HIM, BUT NOW JONATHAN COULD NOT FIND MOON ANYWHERE.

HE SEARCHED UNDER THE BUSHES, BEHIND THE HOUSE, AND EVEN IN THE BUCKET HANGING INSIDE THE WELL, BUT MOON COULD NOT BE FOUND.

"HE MUST BE HIDING IN THE WOODS," SAID JONATHAN AND HE SKIPPED DOWN THE CROOKED PATH THAT LED TO THE WOODS, LOOKING ON ALL SIDES FOR A SIGN OF HIS CAT. THEN RIGHT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PATH HE FOUND HIM—BUT NOT HIDING. MOON WAS TALKING TO THE TINIEST WHITE RABBIT JONATHAN HAD EVER SEEN.

"OH," SAID JONATHAN IN DELIGHT, "WHAT A DEAR LITTLE RABBIT. WHERE DID HE COME FROM?" THE RABBIT WAS TOO SHY TO ANSWER, SO MOON TOLD JONATHAN ALL ABOUT HIM.

"HE USED TO LIVE IN A STAR JUST NEXT TO THE MOON, BUT HE THOUGHT HE WOULD LIKE A CHANGE AND SO HE IS COMING TO LIVE WITH US. STARLIGHT IS HIS NAME."

"HURRAH!" CRIED JONATHAN. "WE'LL GIVE YOU A NICE FRESH LETTUCE FOR LUNCH," AND OFF THEY RAN, BACK TO THE LITTLE ROUND HOUSE.

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The Boxing Day Handicap, at the Apia Turf Club's Christmas meeting, was won by Mr. E. Thomsen's Fortune. Mr. A. M. Macdonald's King Midas was second. The Gillespie Pony Handicap, for a cup donated by Gillespie Bros. of Sydney, was won by Rosita Lopa, owned by A. J. Fepuleai.

Mr. W. J. Peel, Resident Commissioner in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, is at present away on long leave and **Mr. R. J. Keegan** is acting as Resident Commissioner. Mr. Keegan probably is now the most widely experienced officer in the service of the Western Pacific High Commission.

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Mystic Statue Arouses Religious Fervour

IN the latter part of 1951, there was a remarkable religious demonstration in all the principal islands of the South Pacific.

Under the direction of the Roman Catholic Church, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, in the care of two priests—one from Portugal and one from Belgium—was exhibited in public in New Guinea, Solomons, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji, Western and Eastern Samoa, and French Oceania. In every island visited, there were memorable scenes of religious fervour.

It is believed that a miracle occurred near the village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917, when the Blessed Virgin appeared repeatedly before certain children, and prophesied the end of World War I, the outbreak of World War II and the spread of Communism. To avoid wars, men were urged to amend the manner of their lives. Subsequently, a statue was constructed, to memorise the apparition, and it stood for many years near Fatima, on the spot where the miracle occurred.

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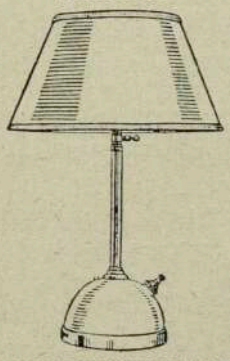

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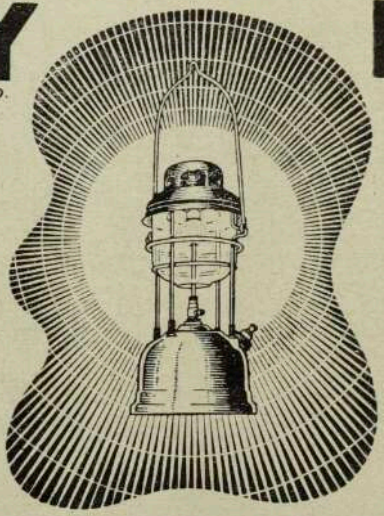

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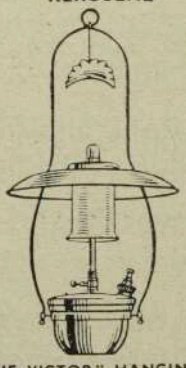

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Typical of scores of Islands scenes, as the statue was exhibited in the public streets. This photograph was taken in Western Samoa. Father Jepson, of Apia, walks beside the Belgian priest who is carrying the statue to the Church. (Superflash Studio.)

In 1947, the Pope directed that the statute be taken on a pilgrimage around the world, which will occupy some ten years. Its purpose is to stimulate the prayers of the people for peace.

Apart from its religious and symbolic character, the campaign is regarded as a direct challenge to the insidious, under-cover campaign of the Communists against religion. Already the image has been shown in 50 countries, and—if the fervour of the masses of followers of the Catholic Church is any indication—this religious appeal for world peace has been phenomenally successful.

The appeal is based on the essential mysticism of the Catholic Church, and consequently the scenes which have attended the appearance of the statute in the South Pacific Islands have been a little puzzling to non-Catholics. But all classes in all the Islands visited have accepted these demonstrations with respect; and in many places non-Catholics, recognising the high purpose of the visit, have joined with the Catholics in their prayers that World War III may be avoided and the menace of Anti-Christ (which Communism represents) may be swept away.

Memory of 35 Years Ago

"THE picture of the dismasted Vega (Dec., PIM) reminds me of an event in February, 1916," says our Tahiti correspondent. "I was then in the old Sonoma and when 80 miles south of Honolulu, bound for Australia, we sighted a dismasted barquentine which proved to be the Matson Co.'s Irmgard (Capt. Southard).

"When he was within hailing distance Capt. Southard called across that the Mate, Joe Champion, had been badly hurt. My mind immediately went back to the days when he and I had been shipmates in the old Galilee. Champion was an Australian.

"When we took the Irmgard in tow, Capt. Southard reported that be had got into a severe gale which caused the loss of the yards and the three masts."

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RABAUL SOCIAL LIFE

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Dec. 23.

ON November 24, an engagement party for Miss Francis McAuliffe and Mr. Bill Yeomans, was held at the home of Sub-Inspector and Mrs. B. Holloway. Many friends gathered to wish future happiness to the couple.

At the Masonic Hall, Rabaul, on November 30, Miss Betty Gardner was married to Mr. Roy De Morier. The bride was formerly a Sister at Namanula Hospital. Mr. De Morier is a Native Labour inspector. Sister Phyllis Currell was bridesmaid, Mr. Jim White was bestman and Mr. John McKillop gave the bride away. The Rev. W. Lutton of the Methodist Mission performed the ceremony. The reception for 50 guests was held at the Sister's Quarters at Namanula Hospital.

On November 27, at a quiet ceremony Miss Elizabeth West was married to Mr. Peter Fenwick. The groom, who is the Master of the Mainaro, was attended by Mr. G. Hutchinson. The ceremony took place in the Church of England Chapel.

At the Sacred Heart Church, Rabaul, on December 7, the Rev. Father White officiated at the marriage between Miss June Margaret Croft and Mr. John Frederick McNamara, who is a member of the staff of Colyer Watsons, Rabaul.

A reception was held in the New Guinea Club.

The engagement was recently announced of Miss Iris Watson and Mr. Denis Jones. Miss Watson is a sister at the hospital at Sohano. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, Port Moresby.

In December, friends of Miss Audrey Woods and Sister Phyllis Currell, gathered at the New Guinea Club to say farewell. After a few months in Australia they will leave for England on the "Moreton Bay." Both girls will be missed by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Blackford returned recently from leave in Australia. Mr. Blackford is Personnel Officer, Works and Housing Department. Matron I. Hanlon, of Namanula Hospital, has also returned from leave.

Miss Elizabeth James was married to Mr. George Colin Hutchinson at the Church of England Chapel, Rabaul, on December 23.

The bride, who had arrived from Australia that day by air, was attended by Mrs. J. Spyers as Matron of Honour and the bestman was Mr. Tom Burns. Mr. Jack Connor gave the bride away.

The reception for 30 guests was held at the home of Mr. V. F. Pearson.

On December 18, a pre-wedding party was given by Mrs. Smith at her home at Nonga, for her son Keith and his fiancee, Miss Norma Crocker, who recently arrived in Rabaul.

On Christmas Eve, the Police Basketball Team held a victory dinner at the New Guinea Club. The Patron, Mr. C. Normoyle Snr., and the President of the Association, Mr. Ray Golloway and friends of the members of the team were invited.

Christmas Day was celebrated by most residents of Rabaul in the usual happy manner. Many people held open house to their friends and among them were the District Commissioner and Mrs. J. Brammel, who, in the course of the morning, entertained about 50 guests. Mr. J. B. Sedgers, of New Guinea Co., also entertained on a large scale. About one hundred guests called to deliver the season's greetings.

About 100 attended the Annual Ball held by the Kokopo Sports Club, on December 26. Supper, which was catered for by the New Guinea Club, was attractively

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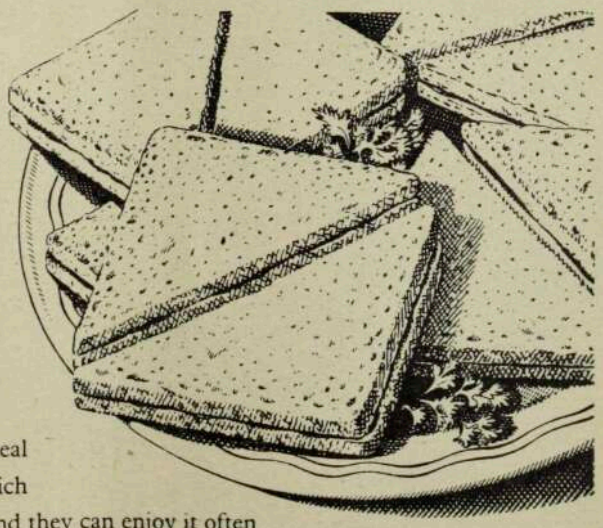

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laid out on tables in the kunai house, which left the lounge free for dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Shaw, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary recently with a party at their home. Among the 120 guests present were Mr. Ted Shelton, who was Mr. Shaw's bestman at his wedding, and Mr. Pat Walsh who gave the bride away.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were the second couple to be married in Rabaul after the war. They were married in the kunai Methodist Church, which was situated on the corner of Mango Ave. and Malaguna Road, and their wedding reception was held at the old hospital at Nonga. Mr. Shaw is a Medical Assistant and is now stationed at the Rabaul Native Hospital.

Some citizens of Rabaul have been trying to gain public support for a club for the Younger Set of the district. To-dat a block of land has been acquired nea the swimming pool, and also the timbe to build the club. It is hoped that th building will be used by the younger mem bers of the community as a gymnasiu and also for dances, etc. After the ere tion of the building and purchasing the equipment needed, a committee forme by the members of the Younger Set wi take over the management of this projec

About twenty patrons are necessary t start this worthy and much needed clu Already quite a number of residents hav offered their help financially and othe wise, but more are needed.

There is little to offer the younge people in Rabaul; this is a solution to th problem and deserves all the help an encouragement that can be given.

There have been the usual round Christmas parties this year. The young sters had numerous Christmas Trees, an gifts were dispensed therefrom by variou Santa Clauses who arrived in assorte conveyances including jeep and lifeboa (but no sleighs).

The Masonic Lodge held a party fo members. The Rabaul Chamber of Com merce held its annual dinner on Decem ber 19. The New Britain Women's Clu gave a cocktail party on December 21 an all the clubs had successful functions.

Mr. James Ellis, electrical con tractor, of Port Moresby, is i Sydney on three months' leave Mr. Ellis was one of those wh survived the Japanese occupatio of Rabaul.

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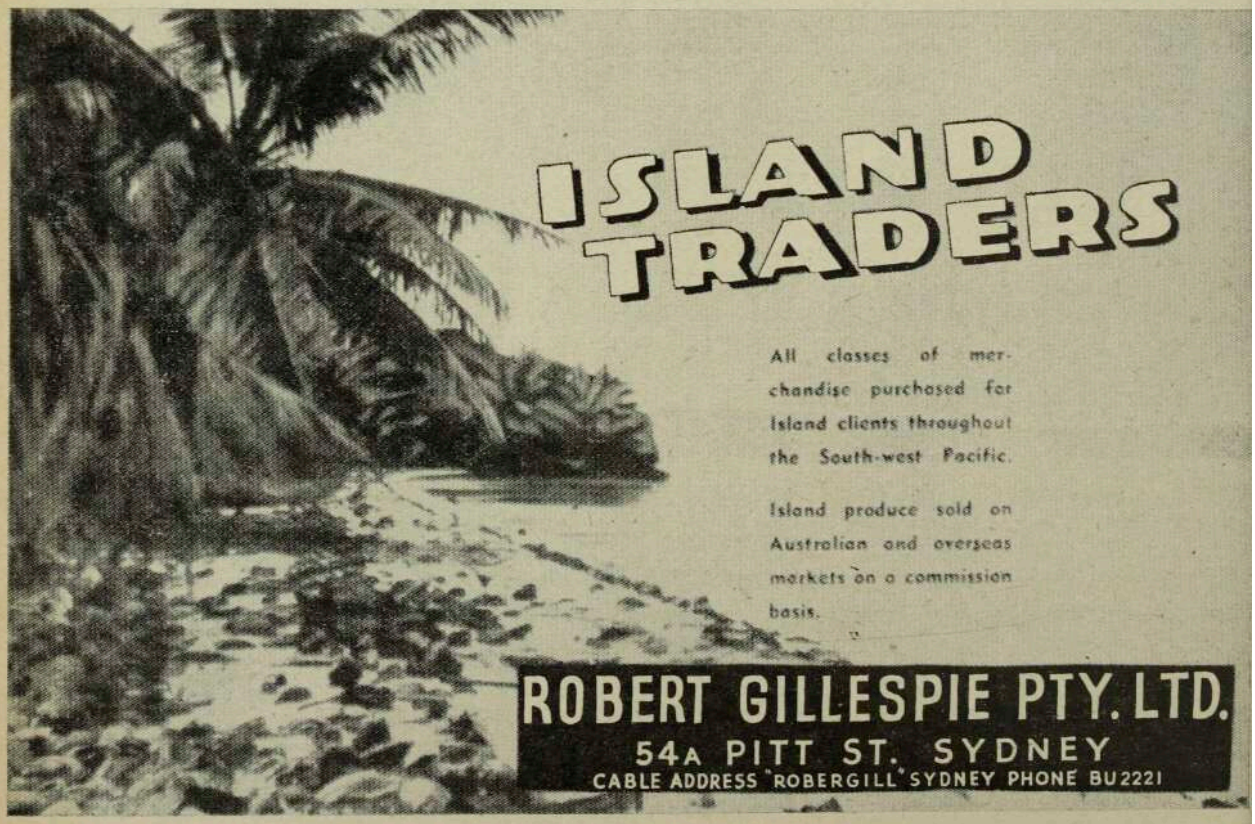

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THE STORY OF T. E. BUNKLEY

BY OSCAR NORDMAN

THOMAS ERSKINE BUNKLEY died on October 19, at the age of 80. He was wealthy and very well known; but few followed his body to burial in Papeete. In his long life there had been much to admire; much to deplore.

Bunkley, then a small ragamuffin, looking much younger than his 19 years, escaped from the vessel Paloma when she arrived at Papeete in 1890. He had stowed away on her in America. How he got to the ship from his home State of New Jersey, I do not know.

T. E. Bunkley

European residents helped the bare-foot youth. He got a job as floor-sweeper in the stores of S. R. Maxwell & Co., Ltd., and there he made himself useful. They called him Popoti (cockroach) because he was so small and thin and lively.

Maxwells put him on the trim little schooner Rebecca as a supercargo, and thus he made several voyages to the Paumotus. Coming into Papeete one day, Bunkley decided he was homesick. He went to Mr. V. Goodwin, then acting as manager of Maxwells, and reminded him that he had done good work on the Rebecca; and he wanted Maxwells to aid him by making up his fare to 'Frisco.

"It was at your own choice that you stowed away on the Paloma," replied Goodwin. "How you get back is your own concern. Get out!" Bunkley went back to the Rebecca.

MANY voyages later, when the Rebecca came in, Mr. W. L. Young, a high Maxwell executive from Auckland, was making his periodical inspection. When he looked over the record of Bunkley's work on the Rebecca, he was astounded. He was further impressed with the interviews he had with the young man.

The outcome of that, and of some discussions in Auckland, was that the young American was offered and accepted—the managership at Papeete.

Immediately, the new manager went for Goodwin. "Pity you didn't send me to the States when I asked you that time, Vic," he said. "Now, I'm your boss—and I haven't forgotten."

Goodwin prepared himself for the Order of the Sack. But it didn't come.

"I was pretty mad at that time," said Bunkley. "But I think that, in taking that stand, you were acting in the best interests of the firm. Just keep on serving the firm."

The managership of T. E. Bunkley was very successful. He became the representative also in Papeete of the Union SS Co. He was absolutely ruthless in the trading world—all for the benefit of S. R. Maxwell. He was—to put it mildly—not loved.

There was the occasion when Captain Joe Winchester piled the firm's fine schooner, Tamaru Tahiti, on a reef in the Tuamotus—well named the Dangerous Archipelago. It was an accident that might happen to the best sailor. But Bunkley, in an attempt to offset the loss, seized and sold all that Captain Winchester had.

It is a coincidence that Mrs. Winchester, widow of the captain (and mother-in-law of the famous James Norman Hall) died here within a few days of the death of Mr. Bunkley.

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When I was imprisoned, I was the owner or controller of business and property worth a million francs —cottages, hotel, cafe, garage. Bunkley, through his position in Papeete, was prominent in the matter of dealing with my estate. He persuaded my wife to agree to an auction sale of all my property—he promised that he would buy it in and it would all be placed in the name of my wife, and she would run the different businesses, which were quite healthy. On that assurance, the business community stayed away from the sale, and Bunkley bought the lot, at a low figure.

When my wife went to him, to have these matters adjusted, he refused to discuss the matter. He said he had bought the properties for himself. And he kept them.

When the Maxwell-Henderson & Macfarlane-Union Co. business was all reorganised, Bunkley retired, a wealthy man. In his later years, he seemed lonely and unhappy. Maybe, he felt some remorse for the things he had done. When his will was opened the other day, it was found that he had bequeathed to my wife, Margot, one of the properties (Villa Sonoma) he had taken from her in the dark days, long years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Connell and three children departed for several months' leave in Tasmania on December 15. Mr. Connell is attached to New Guinea Goldfields, Wau, New Guinea.

St. Augustine's Church of England, Wau, New Guinea, held a special Christmas Service on December 23—Special features were carol singing, and the Bethlehem Cantata sung by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Hoile. Soloists were Mrs. Given, Mr. G. Smith and Mr. R. Curtis. The church overflowed and seats had to be arranged on the lawns outside.

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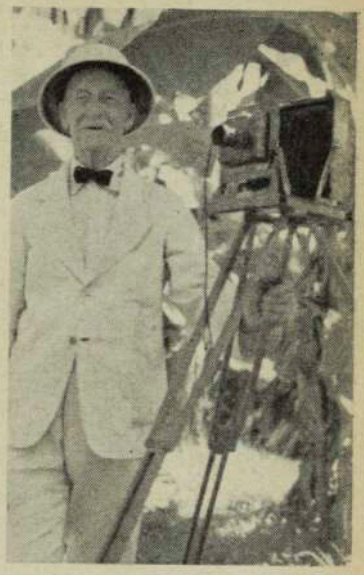
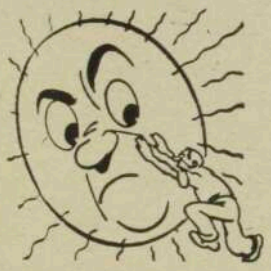


The late Mr. A. J. Tattersall, who was a professional photographer in Western Samoa for 60 years, and who died on November 25, aged 85. (See December PIM).



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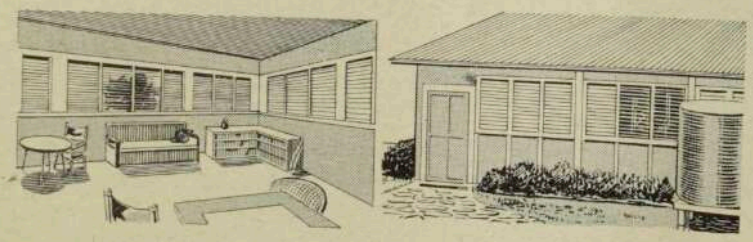

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Dec. 10

THE Wau Swimming Pool is well attended by all residents these hot days. The children on holidays from school South are finding it particularly enjoyable.

Agriculture Officers Henty and McIndoe, from Lae, are here at present making a survey of the Wau Valley for agricultural purposes. Mr. Cavanagh, Agricultur Officer in Bulolo, is making the same type of survey in the Bulolo Valley

Wau experienced a very wet month during November with a total of 831 points at the District Office end of the town and 950 at the other.

Mr. F. W. R. Godden, managing director of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., spent a few days in Bulolo during the end of November.

Mr. J. Hohnen, general manager of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., paid a hurried business trip to Brisbane and Sydney in early December.

Mr. Cleland, Assistant Administrator, accompanied by Mr. H. L. R. Niall, District Commissioner from Lae arrived in Wau on December 1 for a two-day visit. This was Mr. Cleland's first visit to Wau since the war.

Recently the Lutheran Mission held the first break-up of the Katharine Lehman Boarding School. The schoolroom resounded to Christ

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nas Carols sung by pupils and many ther itmes—their acting of the play Paddy Bear's Xmas" was particu-arly delightful. Teachers and thers responsible must have been elighted with the reception given ne items by their audience.

After the performance the pupils, eachers and staff of the school ntertained the audience to supper.

The people of Wau are justly roud of their recently completed indergarten. The modern equip-ent was purchased from funds ised by an energetic and enter-rising committee.

The children are now offered very facility for enjoyment and aining.

GOLF CARNIVAL AT WAU

N the long New Year week-end, Wau welcomed Port Moresby golfers to the town.

Lunch and barbecues and curry dinners r the visitors were served at the Golf lub every day and visitors from Lae and lolo were also entertained by the ub.

The following are the results of the atches, etc.—

Members Singles .. Moresby won, 6/4
Members 4 Ball .. .. Wau won, 11/9
Associates Doubles .. Wau won, 4/1
Associates Singles .. Moresby won, 6/5

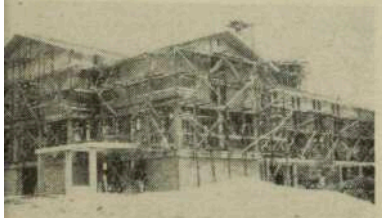
The Open Amateur Championship for lolo Gold Dredging Cup was won by ex Couper of Wau, nett score 153. nner-up was Bernie Hack of Port resby; Les Dixon of PM, third and ll Seale of Wau, 4th.

Papua-New Guinea Golf Council met decide that this year's Championship ll be held at Moresby during King's rthday week-end.

Mixed Canadian Foursomes on Satur-y afternoon resulted in a win for Mrs. ntzsch (of Wau) and Mr. Norm Johnson f Moresby). Members Canadian that ternoon was won by Alex Couper and ss Johnson.

The week-end culminated with a pig rbecue held in the New Golf Club House New Year's Evening, and the annual ll of the Wau Club that night.

New Tongan Church



The new Free Wesleyan Church in kualofa, Tonga, which is now nearing mpletion. Work commenced on the ilding, the largest in Nukualofa, in arch, 1950. About 2,500 tons of aterials have gone into the construction; e roof has an area of 22,000 square feet hich, it is calculated, will collect 0,000 gallons of water per annum); and hen completed, the building will have ating capacity for 2,000 people.

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Announcing this encouraging interest in his competition, Mr. Lex Halliday, general manager of Australian Instructional Films, Turella, NSW, expressed the hope that more entrants would now try their skill at script writing. He emphasised that brilliantly written scripts are **not** required—a story with the right ideas will suffice—it can be adapted later.

Suggestions are made in the advertisement in this PIM, on how to treat each of the stories: "Native customs, crafts and livelihood," "The Story of (**your** Islands)," "Native music and its mythology." In addition to these three principal titles, other subjects will be considered on their merits.

A script and £1 entrance fee are the only requirements; AI Films will take ca of all photography and production winning scripts.

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From Our Brisbane Correspondent

ABOUT 50 guests were present a Christmas social held the Brisbane New Guine Women's Association, at the Lyceu Club Rooms, Queen Street, Brisba on December 15.

Welcoming members and their gues the President, Mrs. Roy Kendall, sa that she was delighted to see such a lar gathering which augured well for mee ings during 1952. The association w still a live and active body, which enabl former residents of the Islands to me and chat of life in pre-war days in t Islands.

Mrs. Kendall gave a special welcome Commander Eric Feldt, RAN, (retire Commander Feldt, it was recalled, co manded the Coast Watchers in Papu New Guinea and the Solomons duri World War II. He not only distinguish himself as a Naval officer, but also as t author of "The Coastwatchers."

Mrs. Kendall reminded the guests th the proceeds of the social would go t wards the Queensland section of the N Guinea Memorial Scholarship for whi four children competed in the 19 examinations.

Throughout the evening past e periences were exchanged and pre-w days in the Territory compared with th of the present.

Mingled with the tinkling of glass was the sound of happy laughter as so amusing anecdote was told.

The oldest guest was Captain L Moore, a Gallipoli veteran. He lived Rabaul from 1921 to 1941 when he w evacuated to Australia. Now 81, Capta Moore is content to take life easily. delights in meeting former residents the Islands when the old days are affe tionately recalled.

Mrs. Kendall was assisted as hoste by Mrs. S. McCosker (Treasurer) a Mrs. Andrew Jamieson (Secretary).

M.V. Thor I sailed from Api Western Samoa, December 28 f San Francisco, lifting the last coc shipment of the year—435 tons. Th price has slightly advanced to £2 per ton f.o.b.

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COCOA PLANTING IN P-NG

Official Enthusiasm : But Where is Land and Labour ?

AS a matter of top-level official policy, the Australian Department of Territories and the Papua-New Guinea Administration now appear to be co-operating in an effort to establish the cocoa-planting industry in Papua-New Guinea.

For years, the world demand for cocoa has exceeded the supply. Efforts to extend the West African plantings—the chief source of cocoa—have been defeated by pests, which still are more or less out of control. All the natural conditions required for successful cocoa-planting are present in Papua-New Guinea. Cocoa seems to be the soundest alternative crop to coconuts. Suitable land could be made available in P-NG in sufficient quantities.

An important development is the appearance of a spirit of friendly co-operation between the Australian Department of Territories and Cadbury Brothers, Ltd., of Bournville, England, one of the world's largest consumers of cocoa.

Before World War II, efforts to establish cocoa production in New Guinea were handicapped by the indifference of the Australian manufacturers who use cocoa. They made it clear that they preferred the West African product.

The Department of Territories now is distributing to all persons interested a comprehensive report by Mr. Urquhart (a former Director of Agriculture in Gold Coast, West Africa) and Mr. Dwyer (Acting Director of Agriculture in P-NG), on "Prospects of Extending the Growing of Cocoa in Papua and New Guinea." The report has been printed by Cadbury Brothers, Ltd., and copies will be supplied, free of charge, to anyone interested, together with any information wanted, by the Secretary, Department of Territories, Canberra, Australia, or the Director, Department of Agriculture, Port Moresby, Papua.

In commending this report to the public, the Australian Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, quoted this extract: "In certain parts of Papua and New Guinea there is a combination of soil and climate suitable for growing cocoa which surpasses anything seen in West Africa, Trinidad, Ceylon, Malaya and Java."

The experts, in their report, estimate that there are 157,000 acres suitable for cocoa-growing in New Britain, distributed between the Gazelle Peninsula, Willaumez Peninsula, Hoskins Peninsula and East Nakanai. There are also large suitable areas in Bougainville and Buka, and in the Popondetta and Wanigela districts of Northeast Papua. There probably are other areas—but those mentioned definitely are suitable.

The printed report, which covers 40 pages, supplies a large amount of information about the production and economic sides of cocoa-planting. It is noted that, while cocoa

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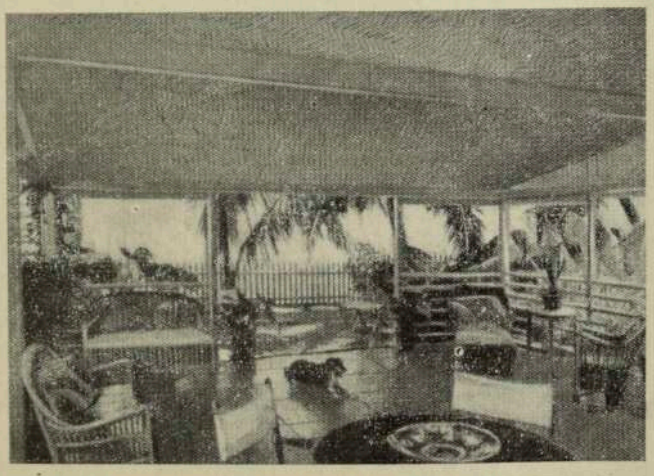

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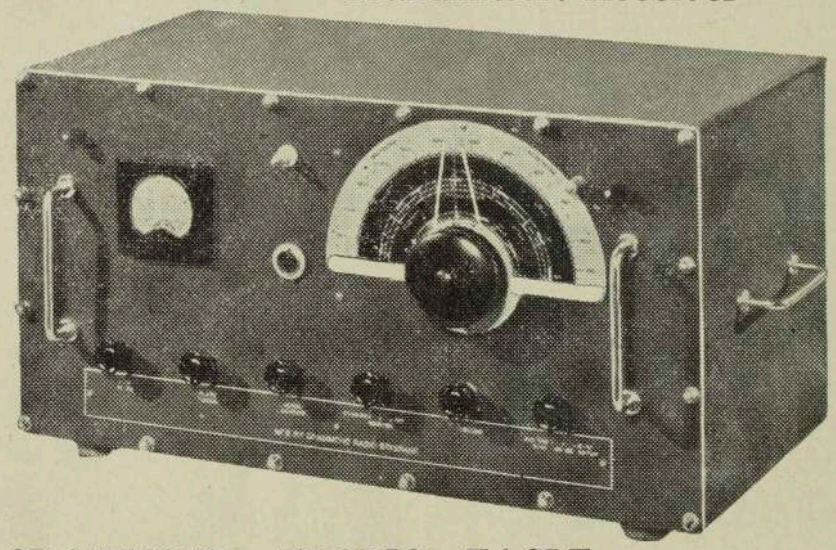

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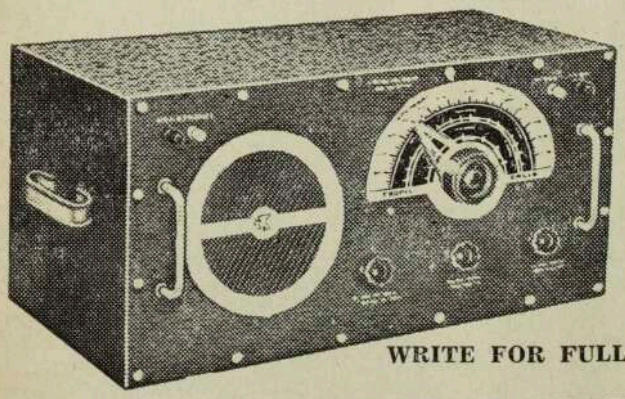

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EDITORIAL NOTE

COCOA-GROWING in New Guinea is far beyond the experimental stage: it has been returning a few planters a steady income since the middle thirties.

There is no doubt that, under proper direction and encouragement, thousands of Europeans could be settled in P-NG on cocoa-growing and that they could train the natives in this industry, just as has been done so successfully in Western Samoa.

But, on the really practical side—namely, the availability of land, labour, and building material—there is a singular lack of reliable information.

Under the urging of the ex-servicemen's organisation, the P-NG Administration said over a year ago that it views with favour the idea of settling ex-servicemen on cocoa land. But when the RSL wanted to know where the land is, when it can be taken up, and the terms offered by the Administration, Port Moresby became all coy and reticent. This was a marked development of 1951.

The truth is, of course, that the pro-native Murray Administration cannot bear the thought of alienating one acre of native-owned land, even if that is the only way in which P-NG can be settled adequately by Europeans, so as to provide Australia with some sort of defensive barrier against Asia.

Much real development (which necessarily is based on land settlement) in P-NG, up to date, has been hamstrung by the Administration's reluctance to make land available in a worth-while way. The appearance of this report, and the Ministerial statement covering it, indicate that at last a new policy will be put into operation. Here are the exact words of Mr. Hasluck's Press statement of December 12:

"More than 7,000 acres had already been planted in cocoa. The future market outlook for cocoa was good and the Minister gave an assurance that companies and individuals who wished to establish new cocoa plantations in the Territory would have the firm support of the Government.

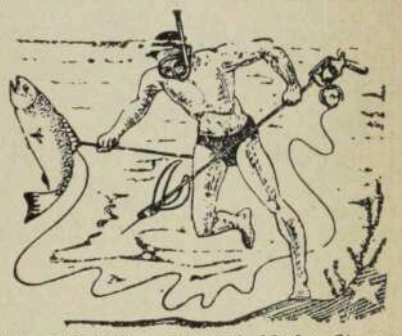
"There were excellent prospects in the cocoa-growing industry and in the Territory generally for men of vision, energy and ability, and with the necessary capital, said Mr. Hasluck.

"Persons genuinely interested in taking up land for cocoa-growing and investing capital in its development, could obtain further information by writing to the Secretary, Department of Territories, Canberra, or to the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea, Port Moresby."

Those sentiments are excellent, and the outlook encouraging. But, at the risk of seeming a nuisance, may we point out that what ex-private John Smith (who is eager to become a cocoa-planter in P-NG, and has a few hundred pounds to invest) wants to know, is:

(1) Where is land available? What is its price, and title?

(2) What help will be given the



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new planter in regard to materials for building a house and sheds?

(3) Will the Administration really help the new planter to get suitable native labour?

(4) Will the Administration help selected new planters to maintain themselves, pending the harvesting of their first crops?

The Administration probably will run away from the suggestion in No. 4. But an Administration that can literally waste millions per annum on "war damage compensation" for natives, and on an over-elaborate and top-heavy public works set-up, surely can find funds for the establishment of a new and profitable primary industry.

MACGREGOR CLUB

THE William MacGregor Club hel its annual dinner in Sydne on November 20. The Ministe for Territories was principal gues Members are serving or retire officers of the Papua-New Guine Field Staff. President is Mr. W M. English; vice-president, Mr. F D. Wren; secretaries, Messrs. W. M Tolhurst and C. V. Single; treasure Mr. W. G. Murdoch; committeemar Mr. B. A. McCabe.

Canton Island Plants

DR. KATHERINE LUOMALA, as sociate professor of anthro pology at the University o Hawaii, has written an account o the plants of Canton Islanc Phoenix group, recently publishe by B. P. Bishop Museum, Honolul

Dr. Luomala enumerates and give ethnobotanical notes concerning 5 species of flowering plants and on seaweed, which either she had col lected herself during a visit to Can ton or which had been noted in si papers by four previous observer

She noted the manner in whic the vegetation and associated insec life increases during wet years an decreases in dry years. Record tabulated for more than ten year show an average rainfall of 29.4 inches a year; but individual year vary from over 90 to less than 8½.

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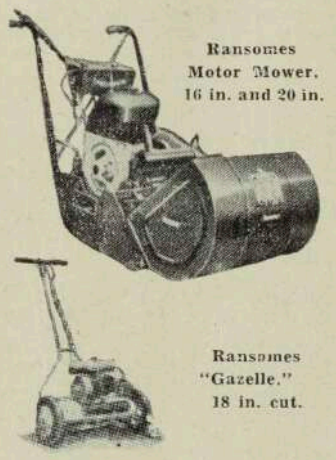

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ehind the Scenes In the Solomons

ROM time to time, we receive reports of non-official discontent in the British Solomon Islands. The indi-ions are that the private planters and ders are unhappy about their Adminis-tion.

Here is something of the other side of case. It is an extract from a private ter (not written for publication) from SI official to the editor of the PIM.

SHOULD like to say something about the people engaged in private enterprise who insist at the BSI Administration wants drive them out of the Group, and at this is Government policy.

The policy is not aimed at driving em out. On the contrary, their lue is officially well recognised, d they are wanted here.

We have tried to get them to put eir own private enterprise view-int into print; and, officially, they ve been encouraged to air their evances and put a combined case the Government which could be oted as public opinion. But it is a st difficult thing to get them to it anywhere except in the pub or club. Even the Planters' Asso-tion rarely comes out with a de-ite statement of opinion.

Nearly all of them are my friends, d I wish they could get some ncentration of force, and that re could be more real understand-g, both of their problems by Ad-nistration, and by them of ministrative problems; but every ne it seems that there would be derstanding, it breaks down her into impatience or mere liteness.

We try to see as much of them as ay be when they come in, and try understand a bit more of the SIP than just Honiara. But there e one or two planters who are cognised, even by private people, being hopeless grumblers who ver would be content.

The real trouble is partly that s a poor territory, and can't do thout taxation; partly the non-yment of any war damage com-nsation; partly that too many ople are homesick for the old pre-ar Tulagi days of low prices every-here—the rise in prices hits every-ie very hard.

Mrs. Stan McCosker, whose hus-nd is owner of "Matala" planta-on, Rabaul, gave a Christmas Tree rty to children of former resi-nts of the Territory in Brisbane, December. Her home was gaily corated for the occasion, and a ppy time was spent by the ungsters. Mrs. McCosker is easurer of the Brisbane New uinea Women's Association.

FAMOUS MUSEUM

THE annual report of the Museum of Anthropology, University of California, for the year ended June 30 last is an impressive publication, arranged to create reader interest.

The museum's specimens number nearly a quarter-million, and it is noted that 11,349 of them relate to Oceania, including Indonesia and Australia. The active Director, Professor E. W. Gifford, is at present engaged in research work in New Caledonia.

Ten of the 700 Rover Scouts who attended a six-days' Moot near Sydney over the Christmas holidays were native Papua-New Guinea natives. Apart from camp activities, the boys had a full programme of zoo visiting (at the invitation of Mr. E. J. Hallstrom) sight-seeing and city shopping.

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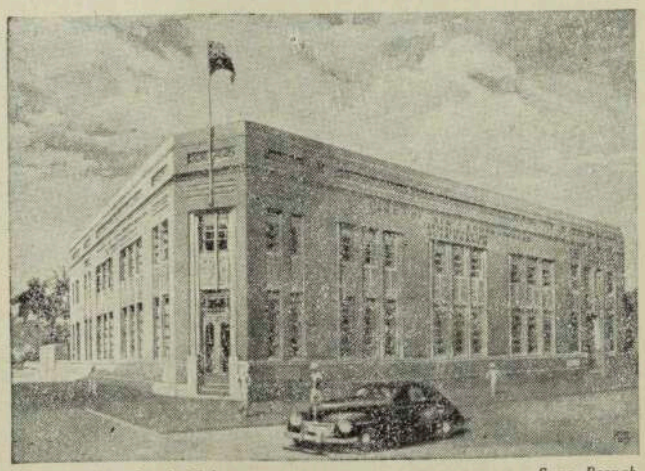

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Mr. W. G. Simmons, of Melbourne, has arrived here to become the Shell representative. The company is working in close association with M. Baldwin Bambridge's company, in marketing and distribution.

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DR. THIEME APPOINTED

From Our Own Correspondent

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DR. H. THIEME has been appointed to the Medical Service of Western Samoa.

His appointment has followed months of delay, and agitation on the part of the residents of the Territory. Dr. Thieme gained his medical degrees in Germany and they are not normally recognised in British countries. However, Dr. Thieme is Samoan-born, the Territory was in desperate need of medical men and local sentiment was that here was a case in which official red tape could be dispensed with.

The NZ Government has passed an amendment to the regulations covering medical appointments Western Samoa. It is now left the discretion of the Medical Cou cil of NZ whether a doctor wi foreign medical degrees be pe mitted to practise in the Territo

Dr. Thieme's appointment brin the number of medical officers Apia Government Hospital to fi In addition, a Dutch surgeon is e pected to arrive shortly.

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Whence the Polynesians ?

ew Survey of A Fascinating Subject

ASCINATING comment on the origin of the Pacific Islands races — and more especially the Polynesians — contained in a report of a lecture en by Dr. H. D. Skinner, of New aland, and published in the Journal of Polynesian Society of March, 1951. his exceilent NZ publication is a little e in getting into circulation, but it ntains the usual wealth of material. e following is a condensation of Dr. inner's lecture.

he origin of the Polynesian race has en a subject of discussion for a hundred ars; and scientists still are arguing. w material and new theories are con-ntly being advanced. Dr. Skinner's ture apparently surveyed all material ailable at the end of 1950.

HE Polynesian and related languages have had nothing approaching the thoroughness investigation bestowed on the do-European family, or on mitic, or on some other linguistic ocks. However, Pater Schmidt's neralisation about them has been dely accepted.

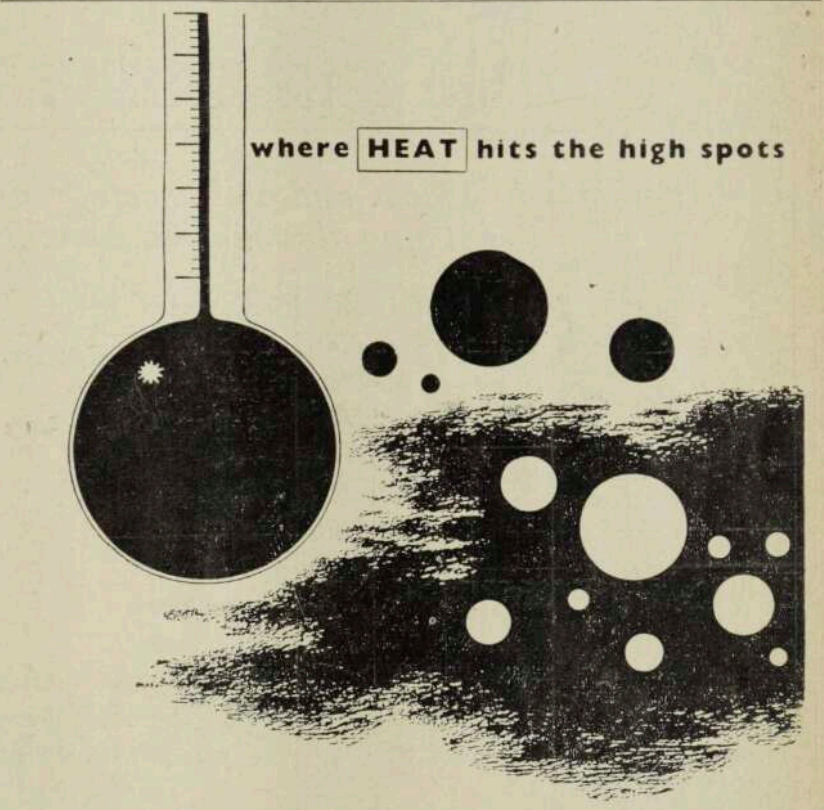
Schmidt employs the term Austric designate the whole linguistic ck of which Polynesian is a mem-r. He divides the Austric stock to two branches—Austro-Asiatic d Austronesian.

The former includes Munda, oken in Chota Nagpur south of e lower Ganges; Mon, spoken by attered groups in Assam and rma; and Khmer, spoken by some irteen million people in Cam-dia.

Austronesian comprises Malay and offshoot in Madagascar, Mala-si; Micronesian of the Caroline lands; Melanesian which, besides e languages of the main groups in e island chain, includes some astal dialects of New Guinea; and olynesian spoken in closely allied alects over an immense area of the obe, points around the boundary ing the Hawaiian group, the Mar-tesas, Easter Island, Rapa, the nathams, the Aucklands, New aland, Norfolk Island, the eastern jis, the Ellice Islands, Tikopia, ennel and Bellona, the boundary en running back again to Hawaii. This is an immense area on the rrestrial globe, but the area of nd surface within it is small. At e present time the number of olynesians is somewhat less than lf a million. I think it unlikely at the total population of Poly-esia ever greatly exceeded that mber.

The distances between the prin-pal island groups are immense. nd yet the differences between the alects spoken are very small. ephenson Percy Smith told me at no competent Maori linguist ould have any difficulty in taking part in an Easter Island conversation, though the island is distant from New Zealand some 5,000 miles. Herbert Williams told me that Marquesan stands almost equally close to Maori, and Captain Cook's use of a Tahitian interpreter on his last voyage through Polynesia is familiar proof of the close relationship throughout.

In Melanesia the case is far different. Sometimes, on a single island, several mutually unintelligible dialects are spoken. The coming of Austronesian language to Melanesia may perhaps have been somewhat earlier in time than the coming to Polynesia of Polynesians; but the real cause of the linguistic variety in Melanesia, contrasted with uniformity in Polynesia, is that in Melanesia there was already a long-established Negroid population, probably equipped already with diverse languages, while the first settlers in Polynesia entered an



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ıpty world—were the earliest tlers in the latest inhabited of world-areas.

If there were no other evidence an language it would still be clear at the Polynesians were recent rivals in Polynesia. And the me conclusion might be drawn m the very small variations in ial organisation and in religion. It seems reasonable to draw from guistic evidence a further con-sion—namely, that the corridor which Polynesia was reached was e the Micronesian chain of ands, and that the region from ich they came was eastern and rth-eastern Malaysia, with stern Asia as the remote back-ound.

IETALS, POTTERY, WEAVING

N Polynesia, metal was unknown or, rather, long sojourn in coral islands or on the purely volcanic gh islands had resulted in the chniques of ore reduction and tal working being completely gotten, though it is permissable suppose that some old imple-nt-, weapon-, or amulet-forms rked out originally in metal were ll retained—expressed in Poly-sia in stone.

Pottery likewise was absent; no-here in the Polynesian area, ex-pt in the marginal areas of New aland and Fiji, were suitable clays ailable.

Another basic technique that was st by the Polynesians was weaving. It is to be supposed that in the movement south-eastward across the equator from the Philippines and Micronesia to Western Polynesia and the Tahitian Islands the early Polynesians found no pressing need for warm clothing. Such need for clothing as did exist was met by tapa bark-cloth.

And so, we may suppose, the technique and the mechanical devices of weaving, well known by them when living in eastern and north-eastern Malaysia, were forgotten. Buck has pointed out that when the Polynesian settlers reached New Zealand they had lost the art and, in spite of urgent need of warm clothing, they did not re-invent weaving, but moved along the much less satisfactory line of elaborating the plaitwork technique of basketry. . . .

FROM INDONESIA, VIA MICRONESIA

IN Buck's view, the Polynesians came originally from Indonesia, where they had learned navigation, into the Caroline Islands, passing thence via the Phoenix group, the Tokelaus, and Tongareva to the Tahitian group.

Buck is cautious about dates, but he places the departure from Indonesia about the fifth century, and the arrival in the Tahitian group in or about the eighth century AD.

There is general agreement with Buck in deriving the Polynesians from Indonesia, and in taking them through the Carolines. All will agree, also, that the Tahitian group is the immediate cultural homeland of the Hawaiians, Marquesans, Tuamotuans, Easter, Austral, and Cook Islanders, and the Maoris of New Zealand.

But how are we to fit the Western Polynesians—the Samoans and the Tongans—into this historical re-

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construction? They are Polynesians, certainly, both racially and culturally.

Buck, having made the Tahitian Islands his theoretical first settlement in Polynesia has to bring the first Samoans and Tongans back westward from Tahiti.

Consultation of the map will show that geographical considerations are so much against this view as to outweigh decisively Buck's single argument in support of it. It seems much more probable that the Samoan islands were the first group in Polynesia to be settled by the Proto-Polynesians, and that the Tahitian group was settled after, though probably at no long interval.

HYPOTHESES BASED ON CULTURES

BUCK holds that prior to the migration into the Tahitian group the Proto-Polynesians sojourned long in the atolls of the Marshalls and the Gilberts—so long that they lost virtually all the culture they had brought with them from Indonesia and became primitive fishermen, losing even domesticated plants and domesticated animals.

Thus, when they moved on again and occupied the lovely mountainous islands that form the Tahitian group they were, says Buck, almost cultureless, their only link with the Indonesian culture world being language.

In their new Tahitian homeland they created for themselves, he says, a new culture, Polynesian culture.

In the three centuries between 1,000 and 1,300 AD maritime activity carried this new culture far and wide across immense distances to Hawaii, Marquesas, Tuamotus, Mangareva, Easter Island, Austral, Cooks, New Zealand, Tonga, Niue, Samoa.

The last three will be left out of this discussion; for the rest, evidence indicates that migration from Tahiti to all other groups did occur in this period, and that the culture brought to these groups was the culture current in the Tahitian group

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t the time each group of emigrants ft it.

But I shall attempt to show that any elements in the material culre of these groups go back beyond ahiti to Indonesia and eastern sia, and, in some cases, further ill. If I can establish this, then uck's hypothesis that the Protoolynesians who colonised Tahiti ere cultureless fishermen, and that l that is characteristic in Polyesian culture was first developed here, must be abandoned.

It is here suggested that the olynesian ancestors were moving t of Indonesia and the Philipnes about the seventh and eighth nturies AD. They were part of a afaring community which had ntact, direct or indirect, with lands and coastlines throughout donesia, and their culture is lied to elements from all parts of donesia, including areas strongly fluenced by India in Bali, Java, umatra, and Cambodia. Comunities in the Philippines were in uch also with China; in the reote past they had been linked with rth-east Asia.

In the central Carolines—Yap, onape—sultanates were probably t up, best known from the imposg ruins on Ponape, and movements were made southward to the ew Guinea coast, and the northern lands of Melanesia—the Admiralty oup, New Ireland, the Solomons, e Santa Cruz group.

At the same time many Protolynesians went south-east to amoa and Tahiti, not as culturess fishermen, but as well-equipped plorers and colonists, taking with em all the domesticated animals d plants their vessels could carry. he culture ultimately developed in e Tahitian group by these Protolynesians would differ from that ft behind.

Metal and pottery, known perps as imports in the Carolines, ould be lost entirely in the new ome, since it had neither metal es nor clay, and distance forbade ade. Loom products were reaced by bark cloth.

In this hypothesis, the first culre established in the Tahitian oup was characterised by elaborate rts and crafts. When groups of ahitians hived off between 1,000 nd 1,300 AD to the marginal areas f Hawaii, Marquesas, the Tuamotu, aster Island, the Australs, Cooks, ew Zealand, they took with them well-developed decorative art as ell as the purely utilitarian arts. n these new marginal settlements epresentational and decorative art ither declined, as in Hawaii, the uamotus, Mangareva, or else conued to flourish, as in the Marquesas and New Zealand.

This hypothesis also requires that n the Tahitian Islands, as generaons passed, representational and ecorative art dwindled almost to othing. It is suggested that these rts declined because the energy ormerly expressed in them was deflected into the immense elaboration of socio-religious ritual seen by European discoverers and explorers, ritual directly linked with the development of the marae in the Tahitian Islands.

Whether or not this is the correct explanation, the European discoverers found in Tahiti an elaboration of socio-religious ceremonial unknown in such marginal areas as New Zealand, coupled with almost complete absence in Tahiti of representational and decorative art.

The absence in recent times of decorative and representational art in Tahiti has been treated as the trump card in the hand of those who argue that Maori decorative and representational art is a purely local product. For, say they, if this side of Maori art is not local but

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ncient, why is it not present in Tahiti? The reply is that it was here anciently, but has since been ost.

It is admitted that the New Zeaand Maori developed a characteristic local style, especially on the ecorative side. So also did the olynesians of the Cook and Austral rea, and so did the Polynesians of he Marquesas. But the more losely the art of each of these areas studied the more numerous are ound to be the motives which they ave in common.

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Letter to the Editor

THE mishap to a party of Port Moresby residents who spent 18 hours in the water, following the swamping of a lakatoi, moves me to deal with one aspect of such events which is usually neglected until it is too late.

People nowadays rarely go on organised outings (from picnics to annual patrols) without at least one camera. And postwar cameras are both pricey and, usually, of poor quality from the engineering point of view. The writer can speak with feeling of the latter aspect, as he is one of the slaves who endeavour to restore damaged cameras to working order again. A few hints may be of use to people in outlying centres:—

(1) If you drop a camera into **sea-water**, run for the nearest **fresh** water, dip the camera right in, and shake it around vigorously for a few minutes under water. Then take it out, shake it and wipe it as dry as possible. Then, if at all possible, dip it into methylated spirits or other spirit, or pure alcohol, soak it well, then take it out and shake dry. (Case-hardened citizens need not howl—they can still drink the alcohol afterwards!) Don't use petrol or kerosene, which would only increase the danger of corrosion—to the camera, I mean, not the stomach . . . Then send the camera as soon as possible to a reliable tradesman for repair. It is a help if you first paint all metal parts with eucalyptus, cod-liver oil or other fish oil; pour some into the openings in the shutter, and paint all hinges and screws. Don't use motor or engine oils; they can cause rust . . . If you drop a camera into fresh water, wash it out well with metho and let it dry, and it should be safe.

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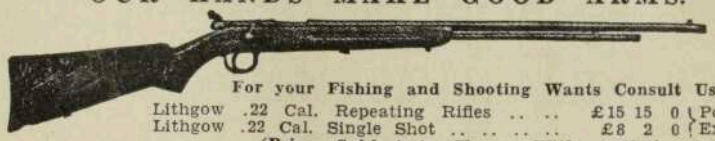

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Long Drought Ends In Suva

Dry Conditions Continue In Lau

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Dec. 17

PARCHED, cracked soil, burnt up grass, dry wells and fear of a general water shortage in the Suva area came to an end in the second week in December when a period of frequent thunderstorms and torrential showers set in.

In three days (December 9-11) Coli-i-Suva, high in the timbered hills behind Suva, had 16 inches of rain.

Drought conditions continued however, in some of the outer islands. Water supplies have had to be taken to Vatu Vara in northern Lau, where no rain has fallen for more than three months.

When **Captain James Duncan**, of Rapopo, New Britain, arrived in Sydney in July, he encountered the prevailing influenza "wog," with the result that he went down to a bad bout of pneumonia. He is up and about again, and taking his usual lively interest in affairs, but he is still under-weight.

NG CLUB'S SYDNEY PARTY VOTED "BEST EVER"

ALTHOUGH Sydney's bus and tramway employees staged a strike on December 20, about 120 people attended the Christmas party of the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney and voted it the "best ever."

Present New Guinea residents, down on leave, joined forces with ex-residents now living in Sydney, and around the tables swapped greetings and reminiscences to such effect that they drowned-out a fierce thunderstorm that ended Sydney's tram-and-busless day.

Although New Guinea organisations come and go, the Women's Club seems to go on to increasing strength. This is no happy accident: founded in the darkest days of the war, it has been diligently preserved by a gallant band of women, now capably led by Mrs. J. H. Foxcroft, ready and eager to dispense a cheery word to the visitor or to give practical help to those in need of it. Many of these women lost everything in NG during the war and few of them expect to see the Territory again, but in their own particular way, they keep the New Guinea spirit alive and growing in Sydney's usually unproductive soil.

At their regular Thursday morning meetings in the Feminist Club, Sydney, they have a hearty welcome ready for any New Guinea visitor.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Over 80 children received gifts from the Christmas tree at a special party at 77 King Street, on the afternoon of December 17.

Some of the young guests were children of Territorians down on leave; some were war-babies, born just before or just after the evacuation of December 1941; quite a number were the small children of children who were themselves evacuated in 1941—older members of the club never cease to wonder how 10 short years can change a 5-year old infant into a sophisticated young matron.

The toys and other party delights were made possible by the generosity of New Guinea residents and firms. Since December PIM, when an amount of £51/15/- was acknowledged, these further donations were received by the secretary of the Club:—

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards, of Rabaul, New Guinea, were holidaying at Dromana, Victoria, at the end of the year.

Dr. N. P. Woods, formerly Medical Officer at Madang, New Guinea, has resigned from the New Guinea Administration to take up practice at Albion in Brisbane.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Drysdale, of Suva, are in Australia on leave.

Mr. R. C. Macpherson, who was for some years on the editorial staff of Fiji Times, has been promoted to chief of staff of the Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland.

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Departures from Sydney in December included (reading from left to right and from top down):

Mr. P. F. D. Palmer, BP's Manager at Fanning Is., returning per Muliama, following leave in Australia. . . . Mr. John C. Fisher, proceeding to Fanning Is. per Mulliama to relieve Mr. Wally Ewins as Accountant for OTC.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Corrigan returning to Malaita after 6 weeks in Australia. Mr. Corrigan is building a number of Leper hospitals for the Marist Mission—financed by the inter-denominational Lepers' Trust Fund of NZ. The hospitals will be located at Buma, Rohinara, Tarapaina and Rokera, on Malaita, and others on Guadalcanal and San Cristobal. Mr. Corrigan has had a very satisfactory visit to Australia seeking further building materials. . . . Mr. H. M. Davies, Director

of Tenaru Timbers Ltd., returning Tenaru (17 m. east of Honiara, Guadalcanal). Mr. Davies, still weari a brace, arrived in Australia a mon ago with an injured back. He repo that tests of Tenaru timber by Australi plywood manufacturers have been "ve promising." Mr. Davies has been 12 ye in the Solomons.

Mr. J. W. Grimmer, of Itikinumu r ber plantation, Papua, returned from 3-weeks business trip to Java, where studied rubber production methods. tensions to the 1,500-acres Papua pl tation, located 35 miles east of P Moresby, are anticipated for 1953. . William Bliss, pupil at Caulfield Gra mar School, returned home to his fath plantation near Serang, 40 miles west Madang.

Monsieur Jean Galinie, Mayor of Ko New Caledonia, came to Sydney to esc his attractive daughter Claude, pupil St. Vincents College, home for the Chr mas holidays. . . . Mrs. M. Soley daughter joined the RAN colony Manus, NG. Mrs. Soley's husband Port Officer, HMAS Tarangau (Manu

Only passenger and only woman abo the ship, Miss B. J. Cooper, of Pe (WA) described her voyage from Vila "quite an experience." Miss Cooper from Sydney to Norfolk Is.; had "glorious 4 months" there, then went

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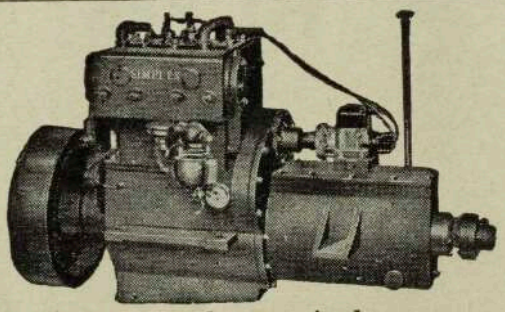

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o friends near Vila, per Morinda. For Miss Cooper, no island can ever equal Norfolk for interest, hospitality and climate. . . . Mr. Les Farley, of Seaway Deliveries, who left Sydney in command of the 34-foot motor-cutter Seamist, on delivery to Mr. C. Younger, of Cape Marsh Plantation, Russell Is., BSI. The vessel was built at Lakes' Entrance, Vic., in 1948, and purchased through W. M. Reed & Co. of Sydney. Delivery was by way of Queensland ports, Samarai and Gizo.

Mr. E. R. Albrecht, sales manager for M. Kerry Pty., Ltd., of Sydney was to leave Sydney on January 24 for Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Is. and Tahiti, to investigate the possibilities of establishing further branch offices in the Islands.

Strange Visitors

Whales and dolphins invaded Rabaul Harbour on November 27. About two ozen whales, which evidently had been chased by the dolphins, became stranded the foreshores.

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ISLANDS' CALL LIST

I should like to maintain an up-to-date list of Islands call-signs (excepting only Hawaii, which is too voluminous for publication here) and so I appeal to Hams in all groups to supply this information as soon as possible.

Although this publication is in English, I would like the call-signs of amateurs in New Caledonia and French Oceania.

Please let me have your call-sign, full name, QTH, and bands normally worked (or, if crystal controlled, your frequencies), and any details you have relating to other amateurs in your area; and send them along to the Editor, Radio Section, Pacific Islands Monthly, PO Box 3408, Sydney. This information will help us to assist you.

PACIFIC ISLANDS NET

I suggest that a Pacific Islands Net should be of considerable interest as a means of Islands Hams getting together in an organised way. As a large number of Hams are crystal-controlled, and ther are some differences in frequency alloca tions in different Groups, it would no seem practicable to fix specified frequen cies for such a Net, American style. In stead, I suggest that a time only b agreed upon. Then, any Ham lookin around for Island contacts could go on a that time and call—or listen for— "C Pacific Is. Net"—"CQ PIN" if using CW Calls could be made on any band—10, 2 40 or 80 metres. A search over any all bands should then soon reveal whic are in use by particular stations.

I suggest that suitable times for th PIN might be 0100, 0700, 1900 GMT dail Shift-workers, such as the Nadi-Tontout Papeete boys, should find 0100Z useful the other times should suit most. How ever, the Net idea will only be workab so long as Island stations refuse to answ outside DX calls for at least 15 minut after the Net opening times. If th Net becomes popular, news of it wi soon spread and undoubtedly a conside able outside DX-queue will form up. I all means go for the DX after the N period—but give other Islands statio a chance to contact you first.

Let's have your reactions, suggestio and station details in time for an ea issue.—73's.

The Rev. Byam Roberts, who h for 13 years been headmaster Slade School, Warwick, Queenslan will go to Gona, Papua, this mont to teach native boys at the Martyr School there.

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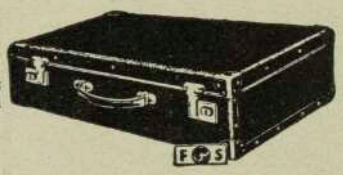

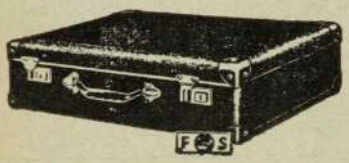

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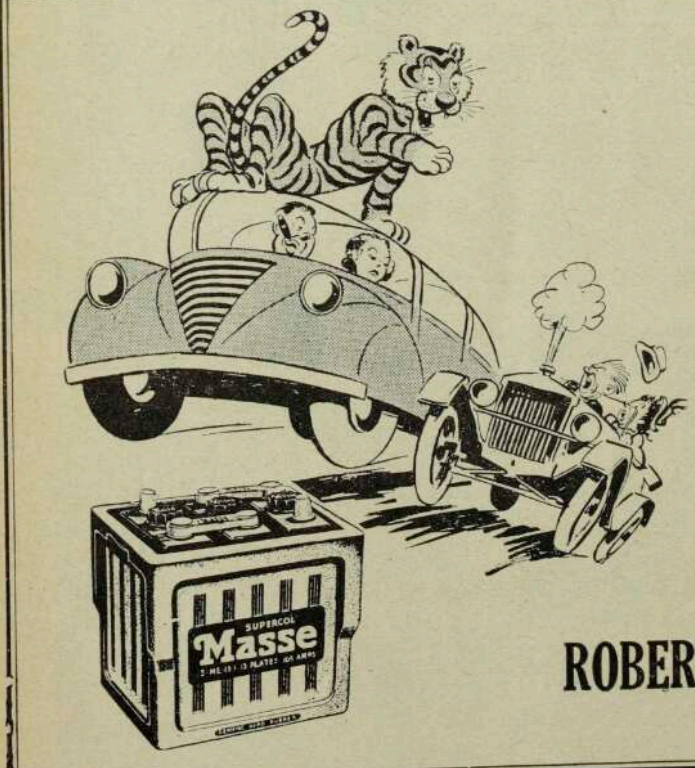

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Jap Shipping Cos. To Enter Australasian Trade

AUSTRALIAN shipping companies trading with the East are disturbed because they believe that Japan will make a determined drive for Australian and New Zealand trade about the middle of this year.

Shipping interests say that those already in the trade can handle all freight between Australia and Japan without difficulty and that some ships are now returning from Japan without full loads.

If Japan comes into active competition with them "someone is going to get hurt . . . and we feel that it shouldn't be us."

They believe that Japan, which has few ships of its own, would not be able to enter the trade if it were not for the help of America which regards Japan as the 49th State."

Whatever reversal of feeling the Americans entertain for Japan, anti-Japanese feeling in Australia is still high, nor is there much likelihood of a change. However, they are unlikely to allow these sentiments to interfere with a chance to get more or cheaper goods or reduced freight rates.

The attitude of the Australian shipowners is understandable, but the general public is more likely to feel that anything — no matter whom it hurts—that would have a salutary effect on freights and shipping generally would be worth trying.

The demands of seamen and the agitating go-slow tactics of communist-dominated waterside unions have ham-strung Australian ports and shipping since the end of the war. The result—slow turn around of ships, increased freight charges, shortage of goods — cannot be blamed upon the shipowners but it is only through the shipowners that these militant maritime unionists can be hurt—in their pockets.

It will be interesting to see, if and when the Jap ships return to Australia, how they negotiate the tremendous bottle-necks that Australasian ports have become.

Two Japanese shipping representatives were in Australia negotiating with Australian shipping companies in December. It has been announced that Burns Philp and Co., Ltd., will be agents for the N.Y.K Line and that two other companies will be agents for the O.S.K. and Yamashita Lines.

Mrs. James Norman Hall, widow of the famous writer, recently left Tahiti, her homeland, for Honolulu. She will later go to Hollywood, Cal., to live with her son Conrad.

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Increase of Petty Crime In Samoa

APIA, Dec. 20.

AN increasing number of petty crimes have recently been tried by the Apia High Court disclosing a deplorable growth of dishonesty amongst employees of commercial firms, Government Departments and institutions in the Territory.

In November an employee of the Justice Department, A. A. Pereira, was charged before the Chief Judge, with misappropriation of departmental monies in eight cases amounting to £41/13/-. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine months imprisonment.

On November 29 two employees of A. G. Smyth & Co., Ltd., appeared in Court charged with theft of money and goods from the firm. They were convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

A number of Samoan workers of the Public Works Department were recently sentenced to terms of imprisonment for theft of goods from the stores of the P.W.D.

THESE cases of petty thieving which have recently come before the Court, have resulted in a thorough investigation of stocks and books in all Apia firms.

Results have been startling in some instances, and it is estimated that systematic thefts going back in some cases for years, have resulted in a total loss of £25,000 to local business.

Those responsible for the thefts have disposed of their spoils to small trading stores.

Laxity and lack of efficiency in the firms who have suffered have encouraged dishonest employees and the fact that the Samoan Government does not insist on small businesses keeping proper books has made it easier for them to dispose of stolen goods.

Until recently small stores have been allowed to trade at all hours of the day or night, week days or Sundays, and have done their best business when the large Apia stores are closed.

Pastor G. Branster of the S.D.A. Central Pacific Union Mission, with Suva headquarters, returned to the Colony from Sydney by Qantas plane on December 13.

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Developments At The Suva Medical School

From a Special Correspondent

SUVA, Dec. 20.

GRADUATION Day at the Central Medical School Suva was particularly interesting this year. At the graduation (December 17) was announced that Fijian girls re to be admitted as students for he first time next year; a Papuan udent was one of the graduating ass (which included, as well, six ijians, one Tongan, two Western amoans and three Caroline landers) and it marked the end the first year in which students om United States Trust Territories attended the school.

Five Fijian girls will enter the edical School next year and take e general medical course. hether they will eventually actice as general AMPs, or nether they will specialise in me branch of child or female alth was not made clear. The ting Governor, who presented the aduating class with their plomas, said that it was hoped at the five girl students were the rerunners of more who will be men practitioners throughout the rious territories served by the hool.

Seven students from Papua-New uinea went to the School in early 47. One was found to be suffering om TB and was sent home and one d not have the necessary backound education and was sent to e Queen Victoria school for jian boys. The other five lads tered the school. One of them s now graduated.

The experiment of sending lads om P-NG to Suva has not been peated until this year (1952), hen, apparently encouraged by the st graduation, it is reported that ree will be sent. The general ucation of the new students will better than that of the original NG students—although some of e American Trust Territory uths were in no better shape ucationally than those from NG. me of the American Islanders oke only Japanese.

OVERCROWDING

THE American Trust Territory students, about 80 of them, arrived in Fiji early last year. ey were all from the medical hool which was set up at Guam er the war and closed at the end last year, possibly because of US vy commitments elsewhere; ssibly on the score of expense.

The Central Medical School, with normal quota of students, was crowded. With the addition from American territories, it bulged. Living conditions for the new arrivals last year could be called, at best, makeshift. Lecturers could not cope with the added number of pupils and it has recently been admitted that two of the three first year classes were called upon at the end of the year to sit for a science exam for which they had had no lectures.

The US Government made available the services of Dr. H. L. Cloud, who is in charge of the dental school; but there are no other additional full time lecturers.

The official attitude seems to be, "It's crowded but we get along—and no one complains."

This does not seem good enough for a school with the traditions of the CMS, although the Americans presumably knew the situation before they sent their students there.

What the students—who are stuck there for several years whether they like it or not—think about it all, no one in Suva seems to know or care. The problem of accommodation and staff will probably right itself in time but meanwhile the students who are receiving inadequate instruction are simply wasting time.

Their social and recreational requirements are probably taken care of by the School. But it they are not, then these lads, many of whom have inadequate English, must be having a thin time. As far as the ordinary citizens of Suva are concerned they might just as well be living on another planet.

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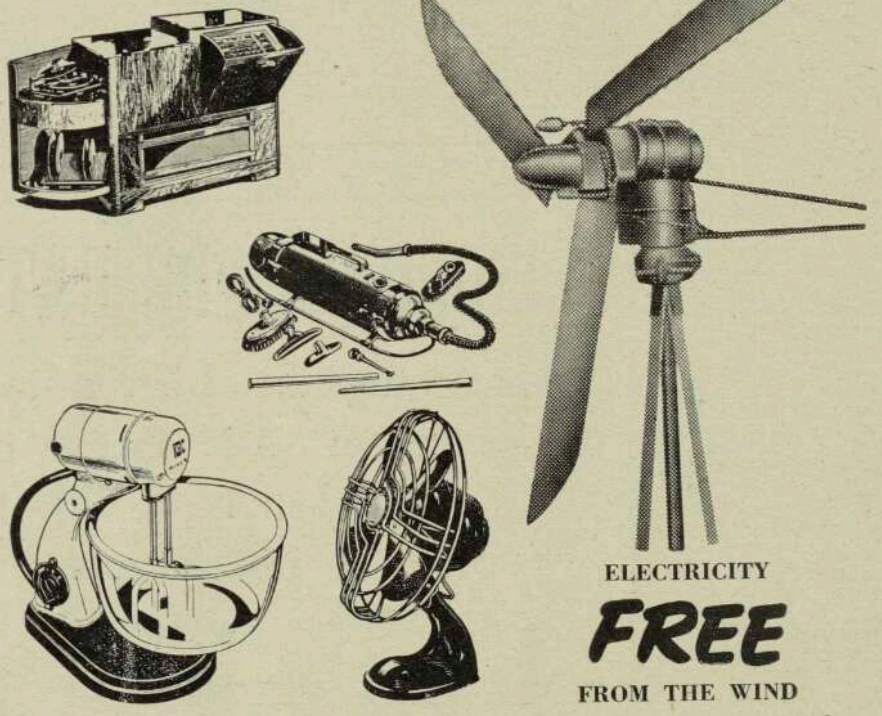

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

ADI LITIA CAKOBAU

THE death of Adi Litia Cakobau, at Bau on December 6, severs one of the last links with the Fiji of pre-cession days.

Adi Cakobau was born in 1876, two years after her grandfather had ceded Fiji to Great Britain. Her father was the second son of Cakobau and her mother, Tupoutoa of Tonga.

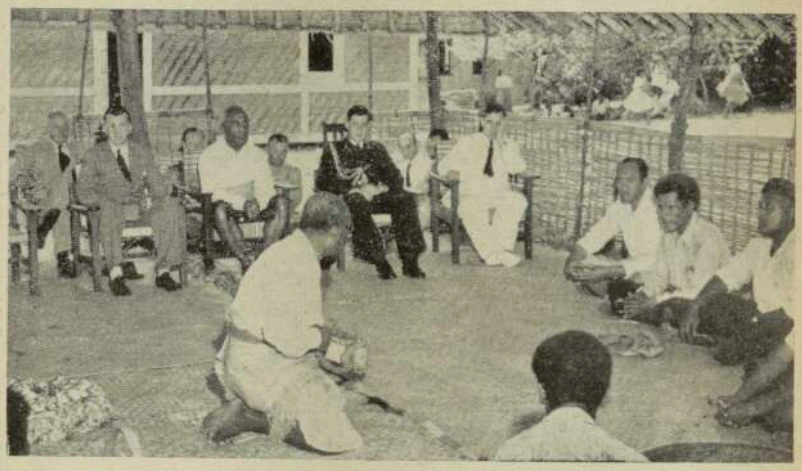
The young princess was brought up according to the traditions of Fijian chiefly families, but she early developed a will and a mind of her own. In her youth she was extremely beautiful and was a prominent and gay figure in Suva's early social life.

She had wit and the quiet dignity and graciousness that have frequently characterised Fijian women of high rank.

In her childhood she was betrothed to her cousin at Naitasiri whom she grew up to hate. She tried to free herself from the engagement but Fijian tradition was too strong. After an unhappy marriage of some years she returned to her home on Bau.

Adi Cakobau was active in anything that benefitted her people. She laboured hard and long in child welfare work, for the Red Cross and for any project that furthered the education of the Fijians, especially the women.

She is survived by her son, Ratu Edward Cakobau who had a distinguished war record, is now a member of Legislative Council, and



"Ai reguregu"—homage to the house of Cakobau—was paid by presenting whales' teeth. Ratu Edward Cakobau, son of Adi Cakobau, seated on floor first on left facing camera. —Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

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is regarded as one of the coming young men of Fiji.

Fijians from all parts of Viti Levu and other islands gathered at Bau to attend her funeral. A service, attended by leading members of Government departments, business houses and organisations throughout the Colony, was conducted in the old church on Bau where the first Ratu Cakobau had worshipped. She was buried on the island in the private cemetery where the old king and other members of the family are buried.

MAJOR F. G. L. HOLLAND, OBE, GM

THE death occurred in Sydney, on December 28 of Major F. G. L. Holland, OBE, GM, former Director of Education in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. He was 67.

Major Holland was a well-known and highly respected figure in the Central Pacific during three decades. He went to the Gilberts as headmaster of the newly formed Government Education Scheme in 1920, and established the King George V School at Tarawa where many prominent Islands leaders received their education. He made a series of agreements with the Missions, on which the primary village school system now is based; with an agreed syllabus, minimum standards and a teachers' training scheme. He was awarded the OBE in 1941.

When the Japanese invaded Tarawa in 1942, Major Holland organised the now famous escape party which sailed down the line of atolls by night, until finally rescued by the Fiji Government vessel Degei. The George Medal was later given to him for his outstanding courage and leadership.

After a period as Director of Education for the Kingdom of Tonga, Major Holland retired from the British Colonial Service, but was almost immediately re-employed as Officer in Charge of the Rambi (Fiji) settlement scheme. The success of this bold project for the voluntary re-settlement of the entire Banaban population of Ocean Island 2,000 miles from their homeland was very largely due to his efforts. When he landed on Rambi the Banabans had only one thoug

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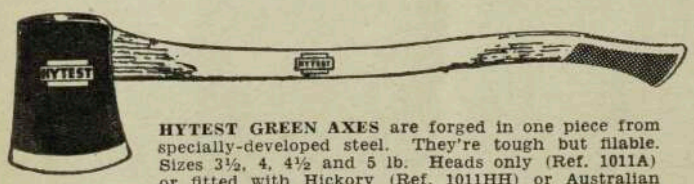

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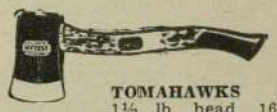

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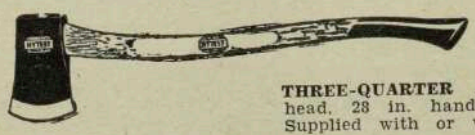

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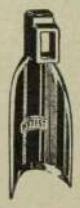

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-to return home; when he left ıey were a contented and rosperous community, busily en-ıged in building their houses and eveloping their island.

Major Holland had a wide range interests — as witness his andardisation of the ortho-raphies of Gilbertese, Ellice and ongan—and a knowledge of coral lands possessed by few. The ever-ben native built home, with its yllic setting of lagoon and palms, hich he and his hospitable wife ept on Bairiki for so many years, ill long be remembered by old-ners in the low atolls.

Major Holland is survived by his idow, a son in England and a ughter, now Mrs. K. H. Black, ntil recently resident in Nukualofa, id now in Taveuni.

F. S. WHITCOMBE

The death occurred at Levuka, ji, on December 27, of Mr. rancis Seymour Whitcombe, well-ıown as a retired mariner and a riter of short articles and stories. e was a contributor to the PIM. e had resided in the South Pacific lands for over 60 years, and he

F. S. Whitcombe, in Levuka.

as the personal friend of many mous men of the South Seas, obert Louis Stevenson, whom he iew in Samoa, delighted to hear ank's stories of ships and sailors. Frank was a son of the late harles Douglas Whitcombe, and e latter, a NZ Crown Lands Com-ıssioner, knew King George Tubou of Tonga, when he was being ucated in Auckland. Mr. Whit-mbe, Senior, and his family, went Tonga with the young Prince ien he returned. Mr. Whitcombe came Principal of the Tongan overnment College, and held other overnment posts.

Frank, however, at an early age, id gone to sea under Captain Ross in the top-sail schooner Ysabel; and it was not until 1890, when the Ysabel called at Nukualofa, that he saw his parents in Tonga. Frank spent many years in other sailing ships; he was, for a time, acting private secretary to the British Consul in Samoa; and he was a trader in the service of Captain Kaad, of Levuka, Fiji. He had lived a long time in Fiji, and was much esteemed. His brother is the well-known Mr. J. D. Whitcombe, of Auckland, also a writer of Pacific tales and sketches.

CHARLES B. HILL

THE death occurred in Suva on December 14, of Mr. Charles B. Hill, who was born in the Colony 80 years ago.

He was the son of the late Captain and Mrs. John Hill who managed Rabi plantation on behalf of the Melbourne owners.

Mr. Hill was on the staff of CSR for many years. When he retired some years ago he began trading on the Macuata coast.

He did not marry. He is survived by Mr. C. D. Hill of Suva and a sister in Australia.

W. H. BRABANT

THE death occurred in Suva, on December 18, of Mr. W. H. Brabant, a well-known former official of the Customs Department and former member of the Legislative Council. He was 81.

Mr. Brabant entered the Customs Department in 1904 and retired in 1924 when he was Comptroller of

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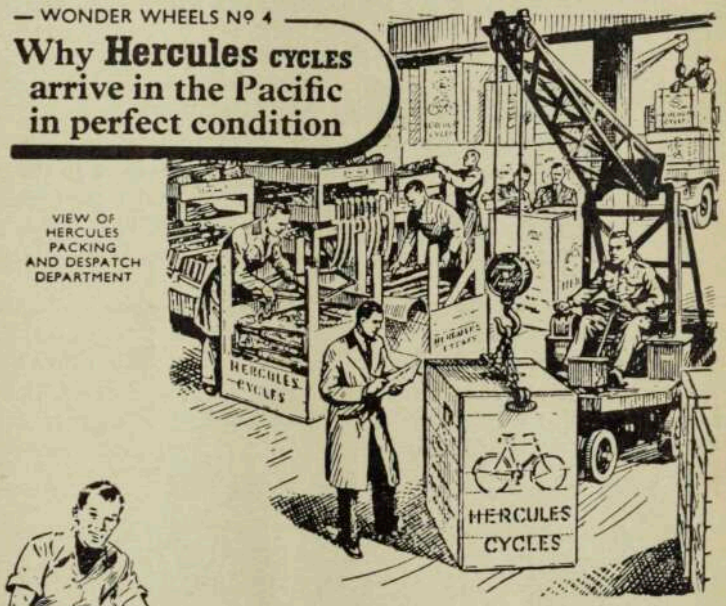

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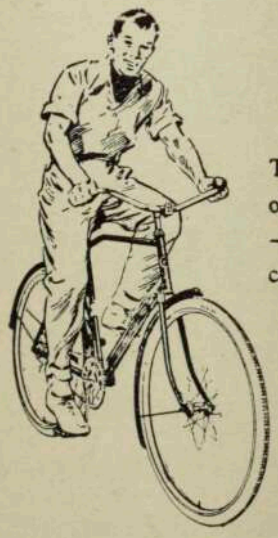

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He is survived by his son, Mr. W J. Brabant, Senior Accountant i the Treasury, Suva, and by daughter, Mrs. B. L. Cronin, also Suva.

MR. W. YOUNG

MR. WILLIAM YOUNG, age over 70, who had been resident of Papua for over years, died in Samarai at the en of November. He was severely in jured in November, when he fell feet, from a ladder.

MISS M. N. CHRISTIAN

MISS MAMIE NORA CHRIS TIAN, died at her home Pitcairn Island, on October aged 62.

She was one of a family of but only one brother, Lancy, a two sisters, Lena and Louisa, su vive her.

W. SAMOAN TRADE IN 195

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Dec. 31.

PRELIMINARY trade figures f 1951 were announced in broadcast by the High Cor missioner, Mr. R. G. Powles, on D cember 29. The High Commission stressed the sound financial pos tion of the Territory and cor mented on the progress ma economically, socially and political Export of Samoan cocoabeans w an all-time record in quantity a value (3,100 tons valued at £790,00 For the first time in the history Samoa, copra exports took seco place, in value (14,500 tons valu at £780,000).

Banana exports showed a furth decline during 1951, only 63,0 cases were shipped, one-third le than the previous year.

Total exports were £1,600,000 a imports £1,200,000 showing favourable trade balance of £400,0

Total Government revenue du ing 1951 was £646,000 and expend ture £606,000 leaving a surplus f the financial year of £40,000.

The cocoa price which dropped November advanced again in D cember and prospects for 1952 a bright, particularly as there will al be an increase in the copra pri paid by the British Ministry Food under the 10-year contract.

Mr. Ernie Kriewaldt, who h established a flourishing retail bus ness in Port Moresby, has be spending some weeks in Sydney, business.

A son was born to **Mr. and M George Greathead** (of Gorok New Guinea) at Brisbane on Boxi Day. Mr. Greathead is the Distri Commissioner for New Guin Highlands.

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AIRFIELD FOR OCEAN IS.?

Letter to the Editor

WAS interested to read in your December issue the article on "Air Service for Phosphate lands." I refer to the last paraaph, wherein Mr. H. E. Maude, rmer Resident Commissioner in e Gilbert and Ellice Colony, said Ocean Island: "Nowhere is there bit of ground suitable for conrsion into an air strip, except at ormous expense."

This took my mind back to ovember, 1904, when we (ss Titus) ere chartered by two American osphate men from Jacksonville, orida, to call at certain unhabited islands in the Pacific, two them being Anuda and Mitre lands.

On arriving at Ocean Island, hich was a regular call of ours, e obtained permission from the anager of the Phosphate Co., Mr. rt Ellis, (afterwards Sir Albert) r these Americans to come ashore. ey had a long chat with Mr. Ellis, d I well remember their remarkg that if they owned the island, ey would either blast a dock there, build a cantilever jetty, which uld enable ships to come in derneath.

Mr. Ellis said that it would be possible, or could only be done at emendous cost. We all know that any years later the cantilever was ilt.

Similarly, if an airfield at Ocean Island did cost a lot of money, it would be worth it, and it must eventually be built some day. I cannot see such an important place as Ocean Island being bypassed by planes from Nauru to Tarawa.

I saw correspondence as far back as 1921 on the subject of starting an air service from Sydney to Tarawa.

I am, etc.,

SUPER-CARGO

Sydney, 2/1/52.

In early January, the Assistant District Officer of Wau, New Guinea, Mr. H. P. Seale, accompanied by Mr. Austin Ireland, was "on patrol" between Wau and Salamaua with 14 young lads home from school in Australia. The boys' ages ranged from 10 to 16 years—and may be future Patrol Officers in the making!

ANOTHER DISPOSALS FORTUNE FROM P-N. GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 6.

THERE'S still "gold in them thar hills" in P-NG. Mr. R. Eginton has just shipped to Australia 120 tons of brass shell cases salvaged from exploded Army dumps at Oro Bay; and this scrap metal is worth £130 per ton. Gangs of natives who have been collecting for him have been making up to £200 per day. So rich is the harvest that Mr. Edginton has been air-freighting the brass cases from Oro Bay to Moresby.

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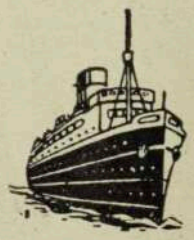

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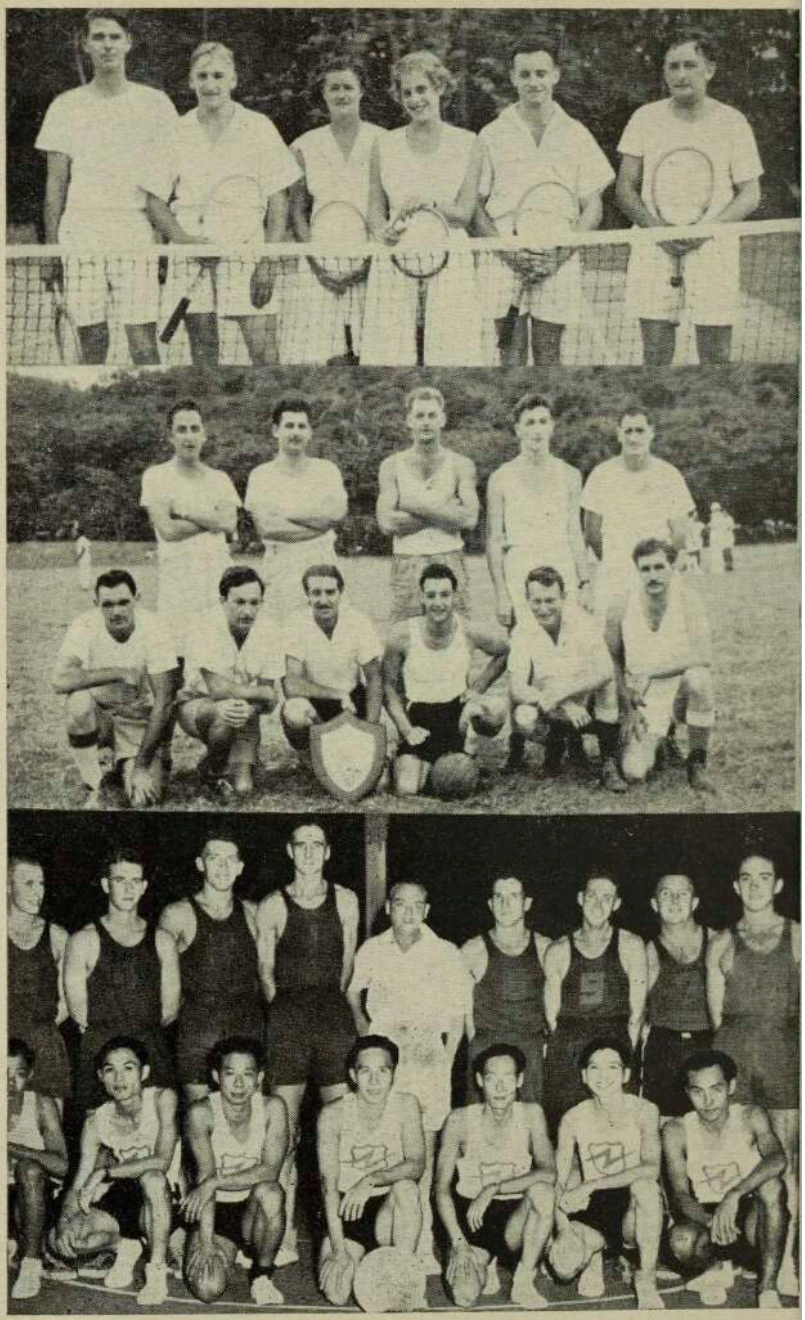

TOP: Winners of the McCarthy Trophy, Rabaul Hardcourt Tennis Assn. Saturd competition. Left to Right, E. Wright, A. Squires, M. Harris, M. Egan, J. Midgb W. Whaley. CENTRE: The Royal Blue Soccer Football team, winners of the Aku Cup for 1951. BOTTOM: Two of Rabaul's basket-ball teams—Police, in back ro Jets, in front row. In centre of back row, Umpire Dudley Jones.

—Photos by C. H. Meen.

Mrs. J. I. Cromie, wife of Port Moresby's well-known solicitor arrived in Sydney by Qantas aircraft on December 9 for three months holiday.

Miss J. Campbell, of the Methodi Mission staff, Rabaul, arrived Sydney by Qantas aircraft December 11. She will spend s months in Australia.

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MULIAMA SAILS—AND SAILS AGAIN

T is not often that Muliama makes the long voyage from Sydney to Fanning Island; and ıe little BP ship seemed rather luctant to commit herself to the sk in late December.

When PIM representative went wn to Walsh Bay, Sydney, to rewell Mr. P. F. D. Palmer, BP's anager at Fanning, returning om leave, the ship was due to sail half an hour. That was at 9 am ı December 29.

Then the grape-vine suddenly re- rted that Muliama would be going ıt to adjust compasses and would tually leave the wharf for the igh seas at 3 pm. Phil Palmer had en forewarned.

Back to the wharf at 2.30 pm, to ıd sundry members of the ship's mpany, with satisfaction written ı their faces and word that the ip would now sail Sunday. Some tle trouble had developed about ı extra lifeboat for Gilbertese bourers being shipped at Tarawa r Fanning. Another night in port.

But at 2.30 pm on Sunday, the rewells all over, Muliama headed rather sluggishly, it seemed — wn harbour—away at last.

The PIM man received something a shock when he observed the ure of Phil Palmer in George Street on Tuesday, January 2. Muliama had made the Heads; and then had decided to return with engine trouble. Ferry passengers were reported to have been disturbed by whoops of joy which came from the little ship, as she headed back up harbour with New Year's Eve "in the bag."

Miss Violet Whitford, of Tangis Is. (off Santo, NH) arrived in Sydney on the December Morinda.

Mr. Ron Calvert, BSIP radio officer stationed at Honiara, was in Sydney on two months' leave, in January. He has been six years in the Solomons.

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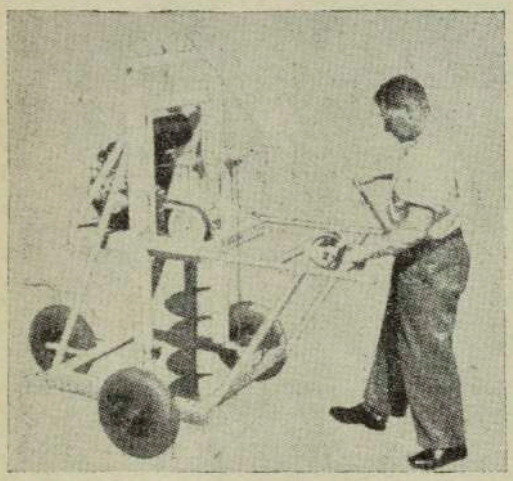

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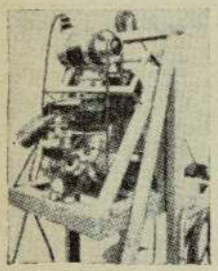

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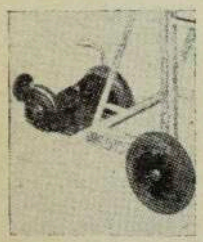

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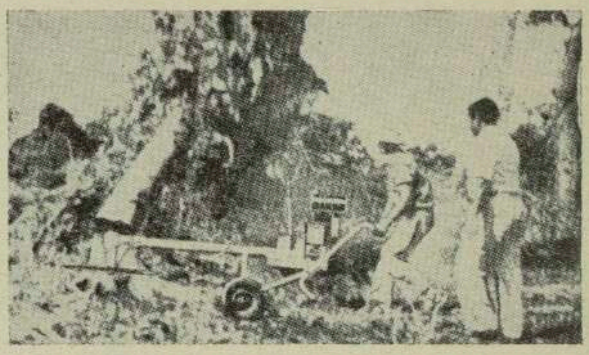

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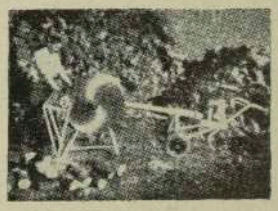

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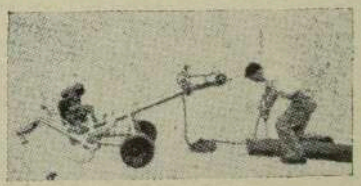

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OUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

What Was Done in 1951

HE inclusion of two more United States territories within the scope of the South Pacific ommission, and the holding of two ajor international conferences ider Commission auspices, were table features of the Commisn's development during 1951, its cond full year of operation.

Guam and the Trust Territory mprising the Mariana, Marshall d Caroline Groups, were formally cluded in the Commission area international agreement on ovember 7.

TWO CONFERENCES

Twenty experts, nominated by ember Governments, attended the ommission's plant and animal arantine conference at Suva in ril. It sought to unify the arantine procedures of the South cific territories for the more ade- ate protection of their agricul- re and stock.

In August the world's first filari- is and elephantiasis conference s held in Papeete, under Comssion auspices, to review the ex- ing research and control proammes for these diseases, and to opose further measures for com- ting them.

The Commission is putting the commendations of both confer- ces into effect.

1951 WORK PROGRAMME

Full details of the progress in rying degree made during the ar in the 39 projects constituting e Commission's work programme the fields of health, economic velopment and social develop- nt, appear in the Commission's uarterly Bulletin."

Ten health projects were for- ulated. Commission field workers ntinued research in various ritories throughout the year in trition and alimentation (H.2 d 5), and tuberculosis (H.3).

In furtherance of project H.1 pidemiology and quarantine) mmission participation in the uth Pacific Health Service was intained while a committee was up to prepare a common code quarantine for non-pestilential eases within the area.

In economic development, Dr. and adame Catala, of the Research stitute of French Oceania, spent months for the Commission in e Gilbert and Ellice Islands in- stigating ways of producing more od on coral atolls (Project E.6).

Other projects in which substan- l progress was recorded included ose dealing with the introduction d distribution of economic plants (E.1) and control of pests, diseases and weeds (E.9).

Highlight of activities in social development was the establishment of the South Pacific Literature Bureau, to stimulate publication and circulation throughout the Islands of cheap and simple booklets and pamphlets. The Bureau also advises on the setting up of village libraries; while film and filmstrip appraisal services are conducted.

Expert reports on the following four projects, which have been completed, will be published for the Commission in book form during 1952: S.1 Vocational Training; S.5, Review of Research on Social Anthropology; S.6, Linguistic Survey; and S.9, Moturiki community development project. Progress reports were also completel for S.2, Visual Education, and S.13, Vernacular Teaching (the latter for submission to UNESCO).

Substantial progress was made in S.8, comprising an investigation of housing problems in South Pacific territories. This is being undertaken for the Commission by Professor J. P. Thijsse, of the University of Indonesia.

APPOINTMENTS

Recent appointments include that of Dr. Eric M. Ojala, as Deputy Chairman of the Research Council; Mr. D. H. Urquhart, to undertake a survey of the cacao industry in the South Pacific; and Mr. D. B. Roberts as Organiser for Islands literature.

In November Sir Brian Freeston, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., late Governor of Fiji, arrived at Commission headquarters in Noumea to take up the post of Secretary-General.

Sudden death of Mr. W. H. Carpenter

THE death occurred very suddenly on January 16 of Mr. W. H. (Bill) Carpenter who, next to Sir Walter, probably was the best-known member of the family which founded W. R. Carpenter & Co., Ltd., of which he was a director.

Mr. Carpenter was 70. He was in normal health until the evening of his death; but he suffered a heart attack about 15 years ago.

Mr. Carpenter was associated all his life with his brothers (Walter and Jack) in the WRC company, and was a director. He was general manager in New Guinea for many years; and always was highly respected and personally popular. He had planned to retire on January 31. He is survived by his widow, three sons and numerous grandchildren.

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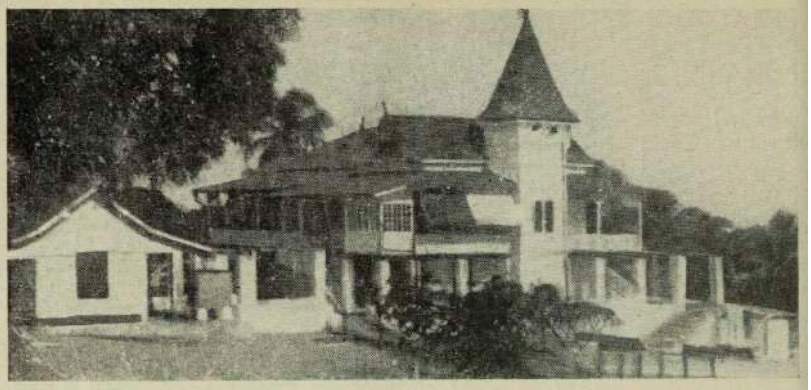

"Wahlenburgh," the big house built by Mr. H. R. Wahlen on Maron, Hermit Group, NG, nearly 50 years ago. From photo taken in May, 1937, by J. P. Shortall.

RECENT reference in the PIM to the fine house built by Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen on Maron, in the Hermit Group, northwest of the Territory of New Guinea, brought to my mind an incident of 1937, when I was aboard the little Carpenter steamer Coombar, in that region.

The Coombar, all out, was hurrying through the brief tropical dusk to make the glassy-smooth anchorage at Maron, before nightfall blotted out the essential landmarks which guided us through the reefs.

There was some significant comment on the bridge as we passed a rapidly-decaying wreck, perched on the sunken reef on our starboard hand.

I recall Captain Tom Proctor saying that according to his information, the great HRW was himself aboard the vessel, hurrying back to Maron from the Anchorites for Christmas.

It was night; but that had never mattered then, because always, at nightfall, a lamp was set at one of the windows in the tower of the big home on the top of Maron; and another was placed somewhere below, and these two lights, brought into line, gave a lead clear of all dangers.

But this occasion was Christmas Eve and, somehow, someone had forgotten to put the light in the tower. So the ship went in on the single light — for the last time. There were no casualties.

Another reminder of the Wahlen empire, visible then in 1937, was the rusty iron ship's bell hanging from a branch of a fig tree, at every one of the island plantations in the Ninigo-Hermit-Anchorite area. Cast into each bell were the initials HRW. We may suppose that these have long since been souvenired by the Army of one nation or another.

It would be interesting to know the full history of the old house during the late war.—JPS.

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SUCCESS OF P-NG's NEW COUNCIL

Encouraging Signs As Seen in Retrospect

From a Special Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Dec. 12.

THE first session of the Papua and New Guinea Legislative Council, which opened on Nov. 26 and extended over two weeks, proved that even a miser's portion of democracy is superior to the best-intentioned bureaucratic government.

The three elected and three non-official nominated members got in some valuable work. Although, on the sheer weight of numbers they could actually change nothing proposed by the Administration, they galled the officials to account on numerous matters.

Mr. E. A. James, elected member for Papua, made it quite clear at the official opening that he and his contemporaries regarded themselves as the official Opposition, and would continue to press for more elected members.

But there was nothing bitter or acrimonious about the debates, although their general tenure made it very obvious that the non-official members strongly disagreed with the Government on many matters.

The working of the Council meant that for the first time since the war the general public, through its private members, could require the Administration to disclose facts and figures on its various activities. The answers in some cases were neither as comprehensive nor as frank as could have been desired; but we must remember that the Administration had had little time to get into gear for the session and, through lack of legislative experience, had scant knowledge of what might be required. Neither reason will be a factor at the next session.

STABILISATION FOR RUBBER

Papuan rubber-growers may be congratulated on the formation of the Council, for their spokesman, Mr. Fairfax-Ross, was responsible for diverting a third of the new rubber export tariff into a Rubber Reserve Fund. Since the Treasurer estimates that the new tariff will yield £60,000 a year, Mr. Fairfax-Ross salvaged a cool £20,000 annually for the industry. His speech on the rubber industry displayed appreciation of sound debating tactics, and won Administration support for his Rubber Reserve Fund amendment.

In these days when Tax-Collector Reeve is looking twice at every shilling, and necessarily looking for more internal revenue, it is no small victory to skin £20,000 a year out of his prospective harvest.

As Mr. Fairfax-Ross emphasised in his speech, such a Fund may well be needed to keep rubber-growing on a sound basis when the present high level of prices tapers off.

NON-OFFICIAL WATCHDOGS

Mr. James quickly assumed the role of financial watchdog and strongly contested the Administration's right to impose additional taxation without disclosing the Territory's over-all financial standing. He did not get the whole of the information sought, but he did wring a few somewhat embarrassing figures from the Government members. Undoubtedly, he will be even more searching in his questions when the Territory budget comes up for debate.

Mr. D. Barrett, member for New Guinea Islands, did an excellent job for the planters generally, and also had a lot to say on both general Territory matters and specific problems in his own electorate.

Mrs. D. Booth was curt and concise in her statements, and achieved

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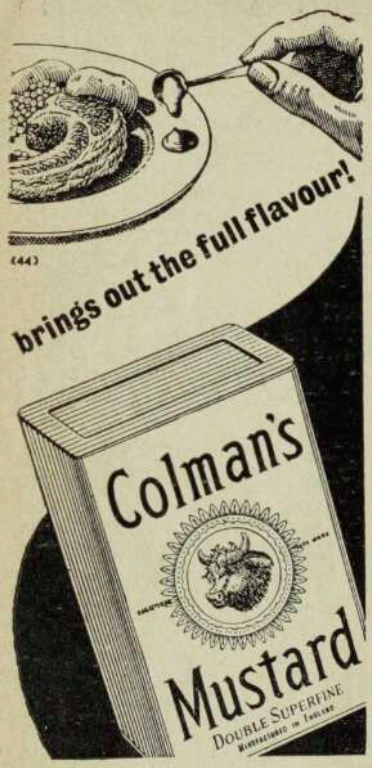


the unusual parliamentary feat of ending her comments while her listeners were still pleasantly willing to hear more. Out of all the members in the Chamber she tailored her statements to the minimum number of words.

NATIVE APPRENTICES

Several Government members were kept busy piloting Bills through the Chamber, most of them machinery legislation replacing old Ordinances which differed as between the two Territories—Papua and New Guinea.

A long promised piece of legislation was passed to facilitate the apprenticing of natives to skilled trades; and here, as with the Rubber Tariff Bill, the non-official members got in a very important amendment, which secured outspoken support from some official members. This was on the matter of penalties for offences under the Ordinance.

The original draft laid down a maximum penalty of £25 for employers who defaulted on their obligations under apprenticeship contracts, but only a £2 maximum for an apprentice.

It is a strongly contested question whether the natives to-day are more cashed up on pound notes than pennies, but certainly £2 now is no great sum for a native to forfeit. With casual labour, unskilled, getting 6/- a day, and only semi-skilled tradesmen jibbing at £1 a day, no bright young lad is going to be kept to his obligations by the prospect of a £2 penalty.

With some official members voting for the amendment the penalty clause was jacked up to £25 maximum for both an employer and an apprentice. That one Council measure can mean the difference between artisans and bungling amateurs in the coming crop of native tradesmen.

It is a good piece of work for the natives themselves, since clearly with the development of the country, the demand for native tradesmen is going to increase ever above its present hungry level. A well-trained native tradesman will really be worth good wages, and these will enable him and his family to move to a higher living standard. But some real deterrent is necessary if trainees are to avoid the pitfall of being tempted to abandon their apprenticeships for the temporary advantage of deadend job wages.

It is a moot point whether the amendment would have ever seen the light of day had the Council not been established. The fierce light of hard practicalities has not always penetrated the conference room of the Executive Council, and certainly is often excluded from far-away Canberra decisions.

CONTROL OF COCOA PLANTATIONS

Mr. Barrett, like Mr. Fairfax-Ross, went home with a feather in his cap.

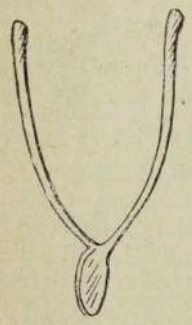
His Bill for the control of the cocoa-growing industry was based on the bitter lesson learned in the vast West African cocoa area. Briefly, it requires registration of all cocoa growers, and puts a 500-trees limit on each registered plot. This means that the Agricultural Department will really know where every cocoa tree is growing and can check on any disease. It outlaws half-forgotten isolated trees which might breed a disastrous disease before anything was known about the threat.

Some native growers may have to increase their holdings, or combine with others as part of a registered group, but that is a small insurance policy against possible destruction of a highly valuable and fast-growing industry.

TO RETAIN TERRITORIES SHIPS

A Shipping Bill was passed to give the Administration some control over the sale of Territory ships.

This Ordinance requires that the Administrator's consent must be obtained before any Territory-owned or controlled ship can be sold to persons or interests outside the Australian Commonwealth or its Territories. The penalty clauses put teeth into the legislation, for an attempt at making an unauthorised sale, or actual sale without consent, can bring a penalty of up to £5,000, and for the person or persons actually removing or at-



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THE NATIVE MEMBERS

Probably not even the most ent devotee of native representa- n expected very much from the igenous members. In the case Simogun and Salin such expec- ions were more than justified. might be an idea to ask them for ir views on the proceedings, or, n better, for a radio address over native session where they would talking to their own people and their idiom. This should be a d gauge of their comprehension the whole business, and a yard- k by which to judge the wisdom native representation.

The third indigenous member, rari Dickson, was obviously well advance of his two contem- aries; but regrettably his stay Port Moresby was not featured any radio talk to his "consti- nts" whereby they might have rned from a member of their own e what all this government busi- s meant.

imogun did not speak one word oughout the session.

alin made a short speech in the ning ceremonies, and he spoke fly later on, when supporting Dickson on the need for better education of natives.

Merari Dickson's speech on the education of natives was quite impressive. He said that only a few natives thought of education as something beyond the mere ability to read and write—they did not see it as the gateway to the professions and to self-government. He urged that "advanced" Papuans be selected for a spell in Australian schools, where they could qualify as doctors, lawyers, etc. To-day, one saw natives efficiently running trucks and motor-ships. If they could do that, they could go on to learn how to run their country and govern themselves.

No one bothered to point out to him that one generation of education could not produce the capacity of self-government; that the Anglo-Saxon races have served an apprenticeship to self-government extending over 1,000 years, and that that apprenticeship necessarily developed out of literacy extending over many centuries.

The Legislative Council structure, so hurriedly prepared and erected, creaked and staggered at times in an embarrassing way.

But the great point about it is that it functioned; that its imperfections can be removed; and that at long last it provides a medium for better understanding between the official and non-official classes, with whom the fate of this Territory rests.

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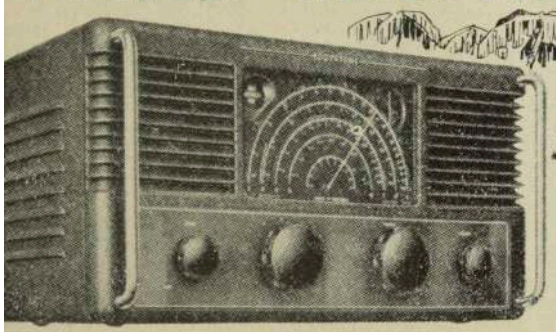

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TO GUARD THE VALUE OF PACIFIC FRANC

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Dec. 10.

ON the initiative of M. Leno mand, the newly elect Deputy for New Caledonia, Committee has been set up in Pa "For the Defence of the Paci Franc."

The sittings of the Committ will be attended by all the repr sentatives of New Caledon (Messrs. Bichon, Lafleur a Lenormand) and by representativ of commercial and profession interests in the Territory.

The task of the Committee is interpret the wishes of the Fren Pacific Territories, and to watch t policy of the Government and co test any move likely to lower t present rate of exchange.

(At present, the Pacific franc the most valuable of the francs us in the French Union. £1 stg. worth 187.37 Pacific francs; Aust., 141.75; $1, American, Generally, the Pacific franc is fi times more valuable, in inte national exchange, than the Metr politan franc.)

MELBOURNE WOMEN'S PARTY

THE NG Women's Assn. Melbourne held a Christm party on December 15, at t Business & Professional Women Club. Members and their frien and several men of the 22n Battalion were there to exchan greetings and talk of old times.

Amongst visitors was Mrs. H. Page, now of Sydney, who wa welcomed by many old friends Rabaul days.

The secretary of the Associatio said that although it had been quiet year, the loyal few kept t Association going.

Territorians living in Victor looked forward to the Christma gathering and it was gratifying see how many came along to t party. Any territorian visitor re ceives a warm welcome at t monthly meetings held on the fir Saturday of each month.

This year the Association is agai joining with the 2/22 Battalion (o January 20) to commemorate t fall of Rabaul in January, 1942.

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ANOTHER "OPERATION"

WHEN, in October, PIM enquired of Ronald Johnson, "hero of the Hawaii to Suva drift"—herwise "Operation Screwball"—ether he was planning further utical adventures he probably did d not have in mind this one:

Under charter to a party of 19 ateur fishermen—of the staff of e Sydney firm of G. J. Coles & .—Mr. Johnson's 45-foot ketch rple Sea proceeded out through e Heads to fishing grounds off anly beach on Sunday, January 6. on after, a flat calm developed d, with no engine, the sailing aft began to drift.

Drifting is nothing to Mr. John-n, but the passengers became ore than a little perturbed when struction on the rocks was minent.

Happily, surfboats from North eyne, Manly and Queenscliffe rived in time to push the vessel t to sea and avert destruction. hen the pilot vessel Captain Cook, erted, came out of Sydney and wed the yacht back into the rbour.

Mr. Stan McCosker, Matala antation, Rabaul, NG, who has en holidaying with his wife and mily in Brisbane for some months, s returned to NG.

The following staff movements have taken place in the Methodist Church, Tonga: **Rev. K. D. Grove,** BA, has been appointed Superintendent of Vavau District. **Miss I. Knight,** formerly headmistress of the Girls' School, Ha'apai, has returned to Australia. **Rev. H. Secomb,** Dip. Ed., has succeeded **Rev. R. A. Woodgate,** BA, B.Ed, as Principal of Tupou College. Mr. Woodgate becomes Principal of the Theological Institute and Bible School at Nafualu.

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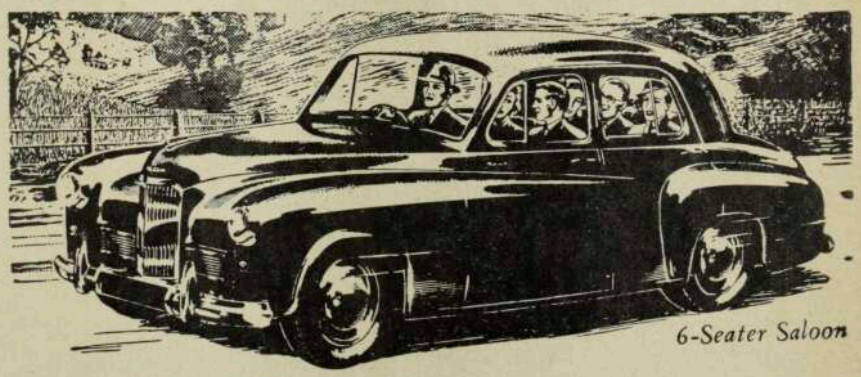

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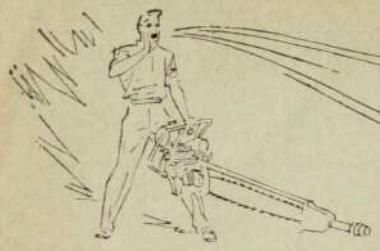

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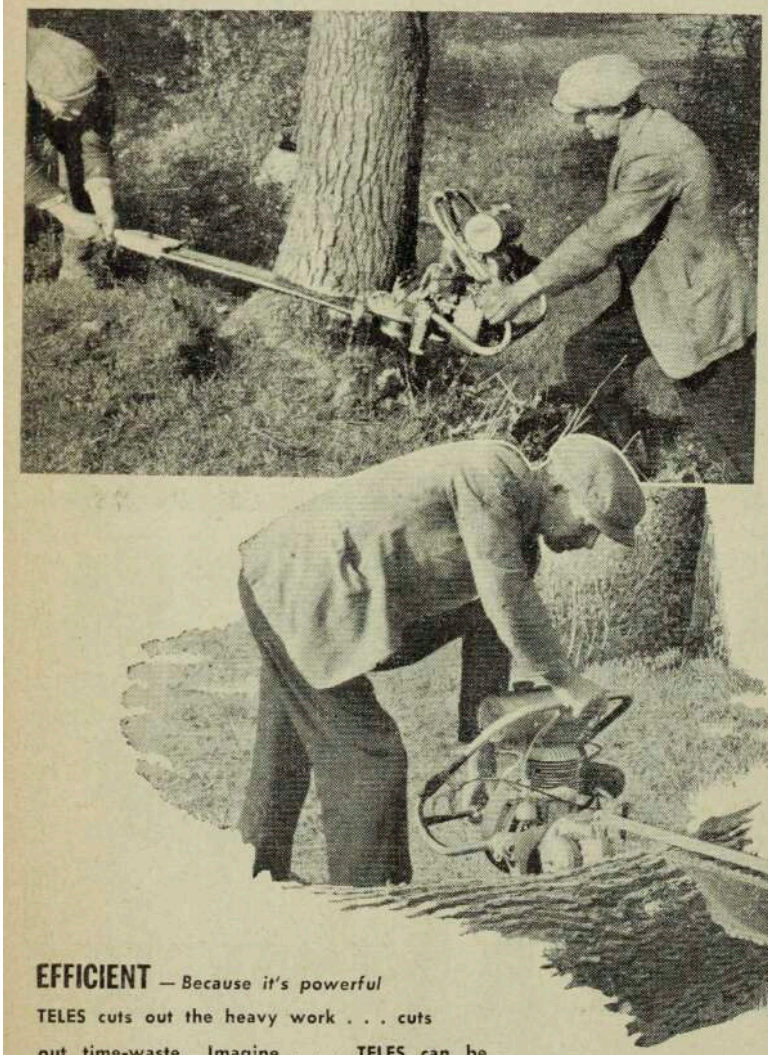

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CHRISTMAS PARTY!

6¼ Tough Days on the Kokoda Trail

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 8.

WHEN a party from Port Moresby, comprising 10 members of the PNGVR and five civilians, alked from Sogeri, over the Owen anley Range and down into okoda, in 6¼ days, during the holi-ys, without carriers and each with 50 lb pack, they confounded the itics, who declared that it could t be done by untrained people.

This was the Kokoda Trail—the credibly broken, mountainous and eak trek which both the Japanese d the Australian forces twice oming—and going) climbed over 1942. The tracks then made ve largely disappeared, and the oresby Christmas party found the ing exceedingly rough and ex-austing. They lived mostly on the scuit and bullybeef they carried, d their overnight camps were ost primitive.

But they got through, carrying all ar and food, and all but two arched the last three miles into okoda in smart military style, and a route-march pace. The other o came in later, and were not too hausted to tackle a highly wel-me meal put on by Mr. and Mrs. eoman, of the Government station.

The only one who did not carry a ck was Miss Vellacott-Jones, of e ABC. She took along two native rriers.

Practically all collected feet isters and a few stiff muscles. eut.-Col. N. P. Madden, CO of the NGVR who led the party, came me with no blister, and loudly raising the magnificent qualities an Australian Army boot. Those ho made the trek were:—

PNGVR—Lt.-Col. N. P. Maddern and t. B. Parker (Army) and CMF members m Crotty, W. Wyatt, J. Grose, R. well, Max Little, J. Fisher, A. North, Straughen.

GUIDE—Pte. Kora, of Kokoda.

CIVILIANS—Messrs. Frank Vincent, nneth Wood, Ray Harris, J. W. Bax d Miss K. Vellacott-Jones.

Sydney Territorians are at present ntributing to a fund wherefrom make a presentation to **Miss adge Byrne,** who presides over a rt of the entertainment section Ushers Hotel. Servicemen's Club ecretary Alan Fagett says: "As the official Information Centre for ew Guinea, Miss Byrne's well-nown bar has done a very good b." Miss Byrne is to be married the New Year and Territorians ink this is a chance to show their atitude for many kindly deeds, nobtrusively performed.

SHIPPING FACILITIES IN THE SOLOMONS

BECAUSE of the expense and inconvenience of sending copra ships to ports like Honiara (British Solomon Islands), the Fairymead Company has been pressing the BSI Administration to declare Yandina a port of entry.

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The Administration officials seem to have left the matter where they put it—"under consideration."

It will be an early problem for the new Administration.

Sir Alport Barker, of Suva, Fiji is at present on holiday in New Zealand.

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Motor Scooters succeed in 24hr. trial

NOVEMBER, 1950, saw the running of the first 24 hour Reliability-Trial held in New South Wales, for many years. The fixture was promoted as a "closed" event by a District MCC for a magnificent trophy donated by the Australian Sporting Car Club.

A feature of the fixture was the appearance, for the first time in N.S.W. competition, of the famous "Lambretta" Scooter, two of which were supplied to the MCC Club for entry in the event.

The Trial proved to be one of the toughest on record in the State, due to the damage caused to country roads by the then recent heavy rains and floods. The endurance of the riders and the reliability of the machines they rode were tested to the limit.

Ten selected riders checked out on the first leg of the 509 miles run from Parramatta at 2 p.m. on the appointed day—a Saturday afternoon. At Mudgee, when the riders "rugged up" for the long and difficult "night ride," all the machines were still in the event. These consisted of the two "Lambrettas," and eight motor cycles: Three Triumphs, tow Matchless, one Harley Davidson, one Vincent Comet and one B.S.A.

After an early morning breakfast, the contestants set out for Wiseman's Ferry. 95 miles away. It was through this extremely bad section that worn-out riders and mechanical breakdowns took a toll.

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PITCAIRN FATALITY

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ILLEGAL LINE-UPS IN NEW GUINEA

RABAUL, Dec. 15

THERE is an interesting background to the prosecution of the natives of Raluana, near Rabaul, for refusing to line up at the order of an official who was trying to organise village councils. (See December PIM).

The natives were defended by Rabaul solicitor, Mr. Dudley Jones; and the Court of Native Affairs decided that the natives could not be called on to line up except for census requirements, once or twice per annum.

It appears that quite a number of officials who patrol independently of the District Office—representing Native Labour, Co-operative Societies, Village Councils—have been ordering villagers to line up at unexpected times. The village chiefs are weary of it—and so are many European employers, who have reported a high rate of absenteeism among native labourers who have been held in their villages for line-ups.

The decision of the Court means that these irresponsible line-ups can no longer be legally enforced; and the decision has been greeted with outspoken relief by district employers.

It also directs attention to th extraordinary number of officia who, in these days, are cruisir around.

Yacht Represents Port Moresby

MR. DES ASHTON's brand-ne 33 ft sloop Lahara, fresh fro the stocks and skippered b her builder, Jock Muir, of Hobar made an excellent showing in th Sydney-Hobart yacht classic b being placed second on correcte time.

Lahara, completely untried befo sailing from the builder's yard a Hobart, had a rough passage t Sydney, and arrived only a coupl of days before the race. With he racing performance unknown, sh was given a fairly favourable handi cap; but, even so, over the 600-mil course she came in only five hou behind the fastest boat.

Mr. Ashton, formerly of Ne Guinea, entered his yacht a representing Port Moresby Aquati Club. The crew, included M Bluey Bradford, also ex-Ne Guinea.

Lahara represented P-NG in th Trans-Tasman Race in Januar from Hobart to Auckland, and agai was a place-getter.

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NEW PHASE IN OIL SEARCH

ıpua's Peculiar Formation Has Been Beaten

USTRALASIAN Petroleum Co. . Pty., Ltd., in its January pro- gress report announces that horo No. 2 has reached a depth of 82 feet and has landed 6⅝ths inch ing at 9,973 feet (nearly 2 miles).

Behind this bald statement lies story of effort and achievement. . Pym (general manager of the npany) says that not only is this e greatest depth to which casing s been inserted in Australian ritory, but it is also the first asion that the squeezing mud- nes of Papua have been con- ered.

These squeezing mudstones—soft, consolidated formations in a ghly unstable condition, resulting m composition affected by in- se earth movement—extend along e coastal region of Papua from e vicinity of Popo to the eastern ge of the Delta, and probably ve been a far greater factor in arding the search for oil than fficult jungle or swamp conditions d poor communications.

Since 1913, many attempts have en made by different organisa- ns to penetrate these formations, t without success. It was not til 1949 that this structure was ore conclusively tested, when APC t down a hole to 5,356 feet. Its st test had to be abandoned.

A second test was begun in ebruary, 1951, and had reached the cinity of 10,000 feet by December. This success, achieved in the same tremely difficult conditions, can attributed to the experience ained by the drilling crew in andling these formations, and to e use of special mud-circulating uids designed to consolidate the alls of the hole.

Some idea of the tremendous fort necessary to reach 10,000 feet these difficult formations may be athered from the following: Some whites and 300 native labour are ing employed on the drilling site. was necessary to land about 2,000 ns of material, including the rilling outfit, workshop, transport, uildings for staff and labour, be- re drilling could commence. In e actual drilling of the hole, 3,600 ns of mud chemicals, mainly arytes, have been used. About 375 ns of steel have been put into the ole in the form of casing, and 000 tons of fuel have been con- umed by the rig engines. The on- te cost of the 10 months' drilling around £500,000.

Mr. Pym stated that, having olated the upper squeezing for- nations by casing, the hole is now n good shape to drill several housand additional feet to explore ower formations.

STUDENTS FROM NAURU

SIX Nauruan students who are undergoing education in Australia, visited Nauru in December, for the Christmas and New Year holiday. They are:—

Itubwa Amram, doing 2nd year Theological Course at Camden College, Sydney.

James Aingimea, 1st year Theology at King's College, Brisbane.

Simeon Baguga, 1st year Theology at Baptist College, Sydney.

Dowong Joseph, Ebanoeye and Arube, all receiving general education at Waverley College, Sydney.

The first three were sent to Australia by the L.M.S. Nauruan Protestant Mission, under Rev. J. S. Robinson; and the latter three by the Nauruan Catholic Mission, under Father P. Clivaz.

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SMALL SHIP NEWS

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Rarotonga advises that the gentleman concerned is Captain James Fullylove, recently retired Master, of Burma Oil Co. Captain Fullylove journeyed by air to Rarotonga to meet his friend Captain Arnott, owner of the English yacht Kimbala, coming by way of Panama and Tahiti.

Kimbala, with Captain Arnott and a companion, Mr. "Buzz" Perkins, arrived at Rarotonga—but too late in the season for the long windward beat from Rapa to Auckland, next intended port. Captain Fullylove flew back to Australia and the Kimbala—a 4 foot ketch, painted green, wi tanned sails—sailed for Auckla on November 28.

Mr. Willie Schutz, formerly de officer and radio operator in the i fated vessels Huia and Alexand recently obtained his Mate's tick in Samoa, with high marks. Ir mediately thereafter he was a pointed Master of the GEIC vess Maureen. Willie is a keen rad amateur and will doubtless short be heard on the air under a ne call-sign.

Captain Stanton Page, well r membered as former Master of LM vessel John Williams V, and as pil for the American landings Tarawa in World War II, has late been appointed Master of the sma NZ coaster Kapuni, which operat on the NE coast of NZ.

Former owner of the stout litt Nova Scotian yacht Cimba (we remembered in Suva when owne by Governor Sir Philip Mitchell Gordon F. Russell, is now living Plimmerton, NZ. He sailed Cimb to Auckland (PIM, May, 1945, pag 22) and exchanged her for a wif They returned to Fiji where Gordo as an employee of the Meteorologic Office, has numerous friends Lauthala Bay and Nadi. He is no employed at Weather Offic Paraparaumu Airfield, NZ. Cimb still sails the Waitemata.

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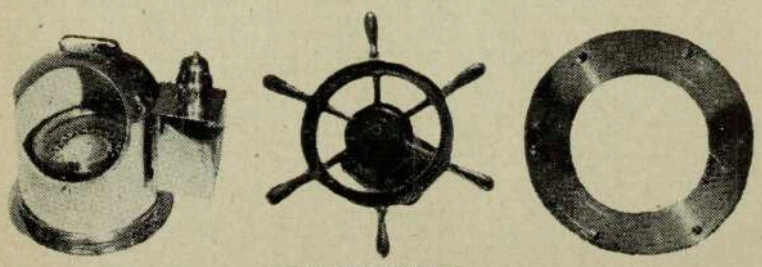

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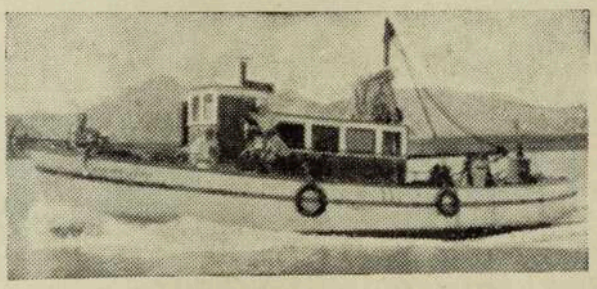

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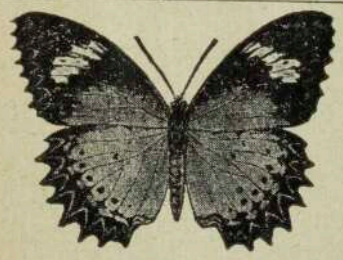

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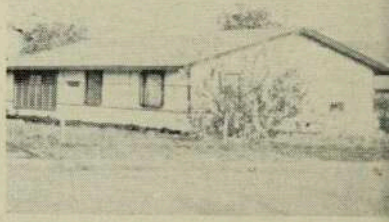

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THREE ATTACKS BY NG NATIVES

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 8.

THERE have been three separate and unrelated native attacks recently on District Service patrols. Two occurred in the very difficult mountainous country northwest of Madang, in the Adelbert Mountains; but there were no fatalities.

A patrol led by ADO Ellis was endeavouring to locate and retrieve stores which had been stolen by carriers moving in from Josephstaal, when the natives attacked. Two native police were wounded with spears and daggers, and Mr. Ellis received a slight injury. Warning shots were fired and the attack broke up.

Subsequently, 40 of these Stone Age warriors were captured and were taken to Madang to face charges arising out of raids on other natives—two on murder, and most of the others on assault.

Few patrols have been through the district in recent years. Mr. Ellis remained for a spell after the attack, consolidating Government influence.

THE second attack had as its target a party under Patrol Officer G. P. Taylor, in the Guam River country, north of Josephstaal. It was launched suddenly and without warning or provocation. One native policeman got a spear wound, and another was struck in the back with an axe, but neither was a serious wound. The attackers were driven off without casualties, and later three of them were apprehended. They said they attacked the patrol because they did not want strangers in their area.

These particular natives are practically nomads, and wander through a big stretch of country where scattered knolls and ridges straddle swamp and sago areas. They wear few ornaments or clothes, and build only the most primitive houses. Fish is their main diet, and they thriftily use the fish bones as ground spikes and for the making of weapons. Their chief absorption is sorcery with which they terrorise neighbouring tribes.

After visiting Madang to report, Mr. Taylor returned to the district and apprehended the remaining ringleaders of the attack, and picked up all natives for whom warrants had been issued.

IN November the Morobe District Commissioner was advised that natives from the headwaters of the Tauri River—within two days march of Menyamya Station—had crossed the range to the Banir River (a tributary of the Watut) and killed four other natives.

Three patrols set out for the trouble spot—one from Menyamaya, led by ADO Hurrell; another from Bulolo, led by Mr. Bamford; and the third from Mumeng, under Mr. J. P. Sinclair.

The area is tough mountain country, and Mr. Hurrell's party, which got there first, was suddenly attacked by natives at short range. They appeared a short distance from the patrol, and on higher ground. One native fired arrows at the Government party, and others fitted arrows into the bows and began advancing on the patrol. Mr. Hurrell fired one shot, aimed at the feet of the native who had fired the arrow, but it hit and fatally wounded him. The other tribesmen fled.

All the natives concerned in the tribal raid in the Banir River district were apprehended and were subsequently committed for trial.

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ISLANDS PRODUCE

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Fiji.—At Suva and Levuka, 1952: Plantation Grade (60 points and over) £F59/5/6 per ton; FMS (45-57½ points) £F59; Lower Grades £F57/15/-/£F55/15/-. Copra, 35 points and under is rejected.

Samoa.—Producers receive £S45/11/- (par with Stg.) per ton, f.o.b., Apia—based on MOF rate of £Stg.53/19/- (less £S5/7/11 Duty, £S3/0/1 Stabilisation).

BSI.—Growers are now receiving £A58/13/10 per ton, f.o.b., Honiara or Yandina under the MOF contract.

New Hebrides.—London quotation Nov. 15: 94,000 Metropolitan francs (approx. £120 Aust.) per 1,000 kilos, c.i.f., Cont. ports.

Tahiti.—London quotation: (nom.) 96,000 Metrop. fr. (approx. £122 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 January 11 was £Stg.270 (£A337/10/-) c.i.f.

Pacific cocoa was quoted nominally on Sydney market in January at:—

New Guinea.—£A285 per ton, ex wharf.

New Hebrides.—Nominally £A285.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in January quoted Samoan cocoa at £S.240 (£A300) 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. Jan. 9: No. 1 grade, RSS (sellers) Spot, 41½d. Stg. lb., c.i.f., London (52-1/5d. Aust. lb.); Singapore, RSS No. 1, 141½ cents lb., f.o.b.

VANILLA BEANS

Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 18/9; Yellow, 18/9; Green, 17/6 per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE

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DESICCATED COCONUT

Sydney Agents quoted Ceylon 1/6 lb. prompt shipment; 1/6½ Mar., 1/6 Apr., 1/5 May, delivered to store, Sydney. New Guinea, 1/6 lb. in cartons; 1/5½ in bags.

TROCHUS SHELL

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Accra, 262/6 per cwt., London bo (Feb. shipment).	
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ISLANDS MINING SHARE

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Bulolo G.D.	b124/-	b55/-	b57/6
Mandated All.	b3/8	s3/-	s3/-
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Oil Search	s3/11	b3/8	b3/11
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Placer Dev.	b68/6	b425/-	b425/-
Sandy Creek	b1/5	s10d.	s10d
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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.

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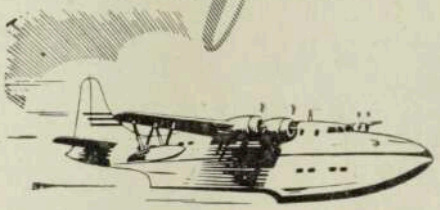

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