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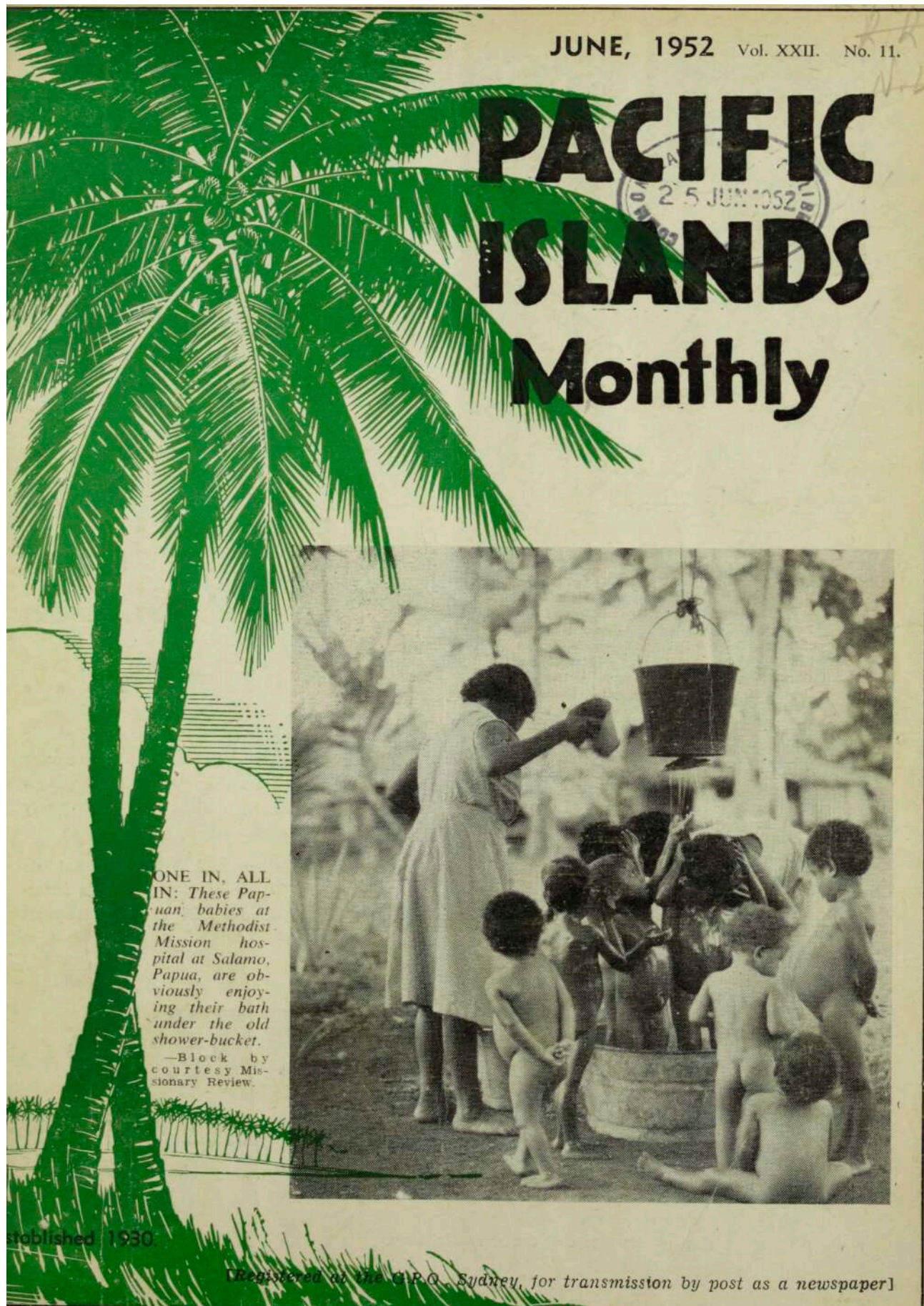
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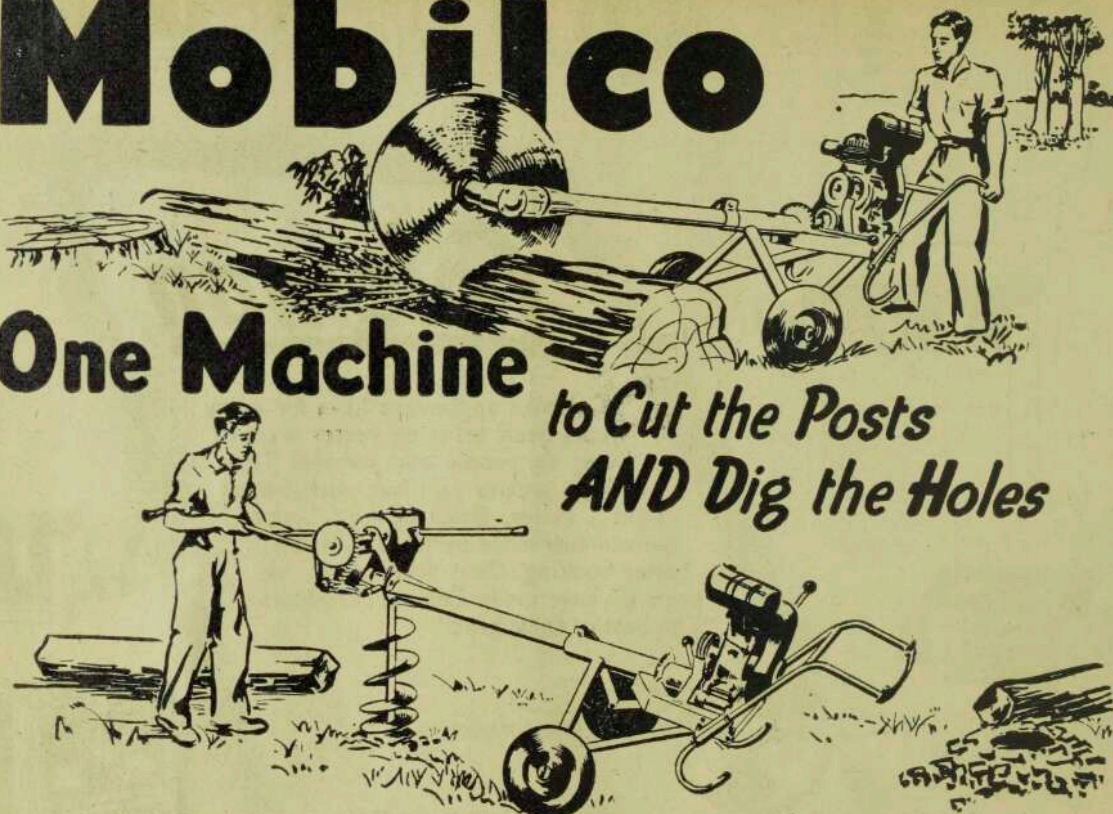
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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

There now are comparatively few shipping lines running on regular time-tables to 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 (5,500 tons) maintains regular two-monthly sailings—Sydney-Auckland-Suva-Honolulu-Victoria-Vancouver, and return

RMS AORANGI

L ..	May 15	Sept. 25	Nov. 27
Sk. ..	May 19-20	Sept. 29-30	Dec. 1-2
sa ..	May 23	Oct. 3	Dec. 5
tu ..	May 30	Oct. 10	Dec. 12
..	June 5	Oct. 16	Dec. 18
..	June 6-12	Oct. 17-23	Dec. 19-24
..	June 12	Oct. 23	Dec. 24
tu ..	June 19.	Oct. 30	Dec. 31
sa ..	June 28	Nov. 8	Jan. 9
Sk. ..	July 1-3	Nov. 11-13	Jan. 12-15
L ..	July 7	Nov. 17	Jan. 19

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

TV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Rabaul - Samarai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Last departure from Sydney June 11. TV Malekula left Sydney on May 21 for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Madang, Samarai and return to Sydney. Next departure mid-July. Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 Edge Street, Sydney.

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

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

Owing to hurricane damage to Fiji banana plantations, Matua was withdrawn from service in March and will be employed elsewhere until August, when position will be reconsidered. Tofua scheduled to leave Auckland next voyage early July. Details from Union SS Co.

Zealand-Cook Is.-

Niue-Samoa

id MV Maui Pomare (40 passengers) maintains fairly regular service between Auckland and Rarotonga (Cook Islands), alternative calls at Niue and Apia (Samoa). Details from Union Steamship Company or Department of Island Territories, Wellington, NZ.

Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

V Malaita will make a round trip at 2-months intervals from Sydney to the Howe-Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides - BSI ports - Bougainville - Rabaul - Samarai-Sydney. Last sailing from Sydney May 30. Details from Burns Philp & Co., 7 Edge Street, Sydney.

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 Polynesian (Messageries Maritimes) and Neo Hebridaïs (H. C. Sleigh, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular service between Noumea and Sydney.

N. America-Fiji-N. Hebrides,

Norwegian motor vessel Thorsisle, carrying cargo and passengers 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

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

Sun. and Thur.—Return via same route.

Sat. - Auckland-Nadi-Canton-Honolulu-S. Fran.-Seattle-Los Angeles.

Tues.—Return by same route.

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BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

Alternate Friday (June 20, July 4, etc.)—Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver. Alternate Friday (June 27, July 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: Sydney, 7.45 pm Arrive: Bris., 10.30 pm
Is., 11.40 pm Moresby, 6.30 am (Wed., Sun.)
Moresby, 7.30 am Lae 8.50 am
Connects at Lae with DC3's for Wau, Dolo (Wed.); and (Sun.) at Moresby for Rabaul.

Mon., Thur.,* Fri. (DC3's)
Sydney, 8.30 pm Brisbane, 11.30 pm
Brisbane, 12.30 pm Rockhampton †

Tue., Fri.,* Sat.
Rockhampton, † Townsville, 5 am
Townsville, 6 am Cairns, 7.10 am
Cairns, 8.20 am Moresby, 11.50 am
Moresby, 12.20 pm * Lae, 1.40 pm
E, 3.00 p.m. (Tue.) Madang, 4.15 pm
* Cargo service only. This departs Moresby at 12.50 pm Fridays and arrives Lae at 2.10 pm.
† Optional call.

SOUTHWARDS

Wednesdays (DC3)
Madang, 7 am Lae, 8.15 am

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

Wednesday,* 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.
* Cargo service only.

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

Tues. (Tues.),
Brisbane, 1.15 am
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
Is., 8.25 pm Sydney, 11 pm

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas
LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.

Lae, 8 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus (3 pm).

Departs Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via Kavieng and Rabaul; optional call at Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.45 pm.

MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)
Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional), Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Wednesday; returning same day. (June 11, 25, etc.).

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Catalina)
Alternate Monday.—Dep. 9 am—Samarai-Esa'ala-Louisa (overnight) (June 23, etc.).
Alternate Tuesday.—Return to Moresby, via Deboyne Lagoon and Samarai.

MORESBY-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

In Alternate Weeks, (June 16, 30, etc.) by Catalina.

Alternate Monday.—Moresby-Samarai-Esa'ala-Louisa-Rabaul.

Alternate Tuesday.—Rabaul-Talasea-Moewe Hbr.-Jacquinot Bay-Rabaul with optional call at Lindenhafen.

Alternate Wednesday.—Rabaul-Q. Carola Hbr.-Buka-Kieta-Buin and return with optional call at Inus.

Alternate Thursday.—Rabaul-Louisa-Esa'ala-Samarai-Moresby.

LAE-MADANG-WEWAK-MANUS-KAVIENG-RABUL GENERAL SERVICE

Every Monday and Thursday by DC3. Native traffic, not recommended for Europeans.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DH84)

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

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

Fridays.—Lae (6.30 am) to Wabag, calling at any of: Nadzab, Kiaipit, Arona, Aiyura, Kainantu, Bena, Bena, Goroka, Kerawagi, Kup, Nondugl, Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Ogelbeng, Baiyer R., Wabamunda, Wabag. Return to Lae (6 pm).



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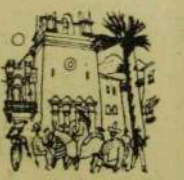
Far East



Middle East



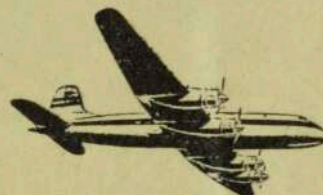
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LAKE-GARAINA (DH84)

Tuesdays.—Departs 7 am; returns 9 am.

LAKE-BULOLO-WAU (Drover)

Dep. Lae.—Tues., Fri., Sat.—3 pm.
Dep. Wau.—Tues., Fri., Sat.—Direct to Lae.

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

By Netherlands Government, with DC3 weekly service, between Darwin and Blak. Also, new KLM weekly service, calling Blak, on flight between Manila and Australia.

5. N. Guinea-Solomons

Operated by Qantas

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

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

By Air France, Monthly.

24 (Skymaster) dep. Saigon, June 22 and every 28 days thereafter for Labuan-Darwin-Brisbane-Noumea, and return.

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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymaster

Alternate Thursdays, (June 19, July 3, 17, 31, etc.) returning same day.

9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham Flying Boats: (June 10, 24, etc.)

Depart: Arrive:

Sydney, Alt. Tue.,	
3.15 a.m.	Brisbane, 6.35 a.m.
Brisbane, 8.30 a.m.	Noumea, 3.30 p.m.
	(nightstop)
Noumea, Alt. Wed.,	
8.30 a.m.	Vila, 11.05 a.m.
Santo, 1.00 p.m.	Santo, 2.15 p.m.
Santo, Alt. Thu.,	
6.00 a.m.	Vila, 7.15 a.m.
Noumea, 8.15 a.m.	Noumea, 10.55 a.m.
Noumea, 12.30 p.m.	Sydney, 7.45 p.m.

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham Flying Boats—Weekly.

Depart: Arrive:

Sydney, Thur.,	
3.15 a.m.	Brisbane, 6.35 a.m.
Brisbane, 8.30 a.m.	Noumea, 3.30 p.m.
Noumea, Fri.,	
8.30 a.m.	Suva, 3.00 p.m.
Suva, Sat.,	
6.00 a.m.	Noumea, 10.30 a.m.
Noumea, 12.30 p.m.	Sydney, 7.45 p.m.

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

By NZ National Airways, with DC3's
Sundays.—From Auckland, returning same day.

Alternate Wednesdays.—From Auckland, returning same day. See also table No. 8.

12. Sydney-Auckland

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Dep. Sydney Wed., Sat., Sun., 12 midnight;

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Dep. Auckland, daily, except Wed. and Sunday, 8.30 am.

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13. Sydney-Wellington

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents

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Dep. Wellington, Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat. at 10.30 am.

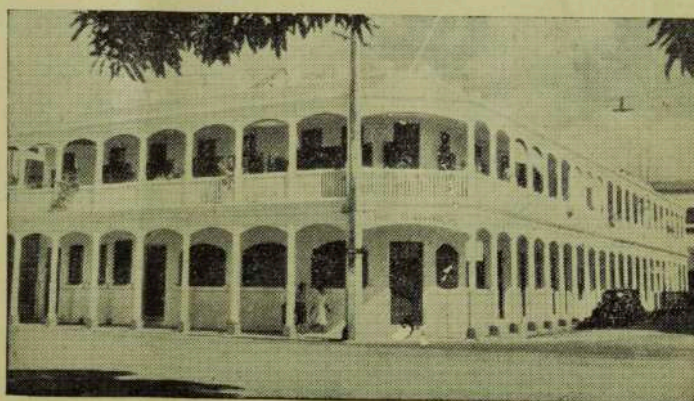
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14. Melbourne-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC4 Skymaster
Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'ch.,
8.15 am next day.
Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5.35
pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents.
Dep. Auckland June 3, 7, 10, 17 and 21.
Return to Auckland on following days.
Depart: Arrive:
Auckland, 7 am Suva, 2 pm
Suva, 8 am Auckland, 3 pm

16. Auckland-Fiji-Samoa-Cooks

By NZ National Airways Corporation
Alternate Sundays by DC3, via Norfolk
Island, Nadi (Fiji), Faleolo (W. Samoa),
Aitutaki (Cook Is.).

Depart:	Arrive:
Auckland, 9 am.	Norfolk Is., 12.55 pm
Norfolk Is., 2 pm	Nadi, 8.40 pm
Nadi, 9.45 am Mon.	Faleolo, 3.30 pm Sun.
Faleolo, 11 am Mon.	Nadi, 2.45 pm Tues.
Nadi, 9.45 am Wed.	Faleolo, 3.30 pm Tues.
Faleolo, 8 am Wed.	Aitutaki, 1.50 pm
Aitutaki, 2.50 pm	Rarotonga, 4.05 pm
Rarotonga, 8 am Fri.	Aitutaki, 9.15 am
Aitutaki, 10 am	Faleolo, 3.15 pm
Faleolo, 7.45 am Sat.	Nadi, 11.30 am Sun.
Nadi, 5 am Mon.	Norfolk Is., 10.55 am
Norfolk Is., 12 noon	Auckland, 4.50 pm Mon.

All times local standard time.

17. New Zealand-Chatham Is.

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents.

No further flights will be operated until
the 1952-53 summer period. For any in-
formation required apply to TEAL head
office.

18. Tahiti-Cook Islands

By Tahiti Airways, of Papeete
Once monthly, from Papeete to Aitutaki
(Cook Is.) with mails and passengers
returning same day.

19. Auckland-Tahiti

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents.

TEAL service, Auckland-Suva-Aitutaki-
Papeete, is now operated with Solent
flying-boats once every two weeks. Depart
Auckland, Tues. 7 am; arrive Suva
2.00 pm. Dept. Suva (Wed.), 10 pm
cross International Date Line; arr. Aitu-
taki, 7.20 am Wed. Leave Aitutaki 10.2
am; arrive Papeete 3 pm. Return by
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20. Micronesia

Civilian services, based on Guam, using 4-engine amphibious Catalinas, run regularly to Koror (Palau), Yap (West Carolines), Truk (Central Carolines), Ponape (E. Carolines), Majuro (Marshall Islands) and Saipan (Marianas). Details from Trans-Ocean Airlines, Guam, via Honolulu.

21. Fiji Internal Airways

By Fiji Airways, with twin-engine de Havilland Rapides

Suva-Nadi & Lautoka:—Twice daily service.

Suva-Labasa:—Daily except Wednesday.

Labasa-Suva:—Daily except Sunday.

Nadi & Lautoka-Labasa:—Every Wednesday.

Labasa-Nadi & Lautoka:—Every Monday.

Approximate Airways Fares

The following figures are not guaranteed accurate, but they are approximately correct. Details should be obtained from the Air Company named in the Table. Unless otherwise indicated, figures are in Australian currency.

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Moresby ..	£46 11 0	£83 10 0	2, 2a.
Lae	55 7 0	99 13 0	2, 3
Rabaul ..	64 19 0	116 19 0	2, 3
Port Moresby ..	80 7 0	144 13 0	5
BSI	46 15 0	80 3 0	9
NC	39 8 0	70 19 0	10, 9, 6
Port Moresby ..	25 0 0	45 0 0	8
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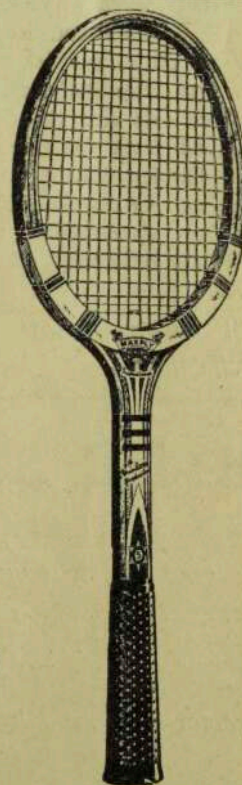
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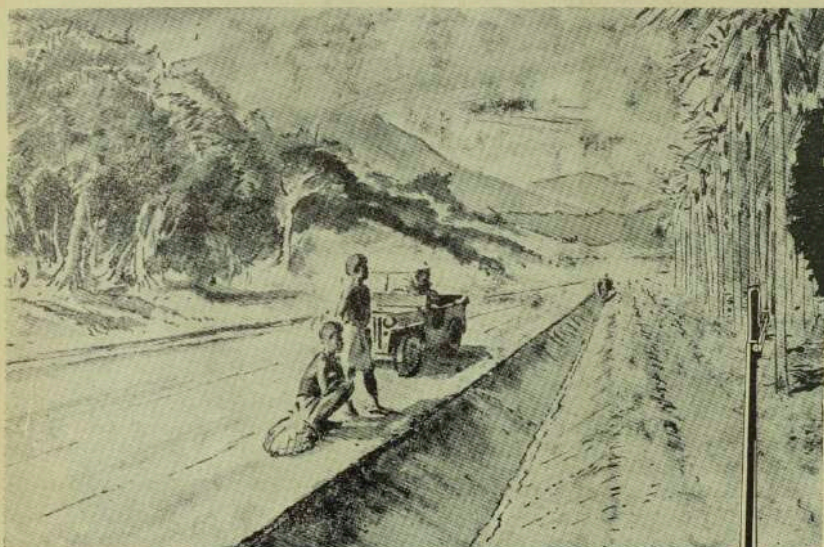
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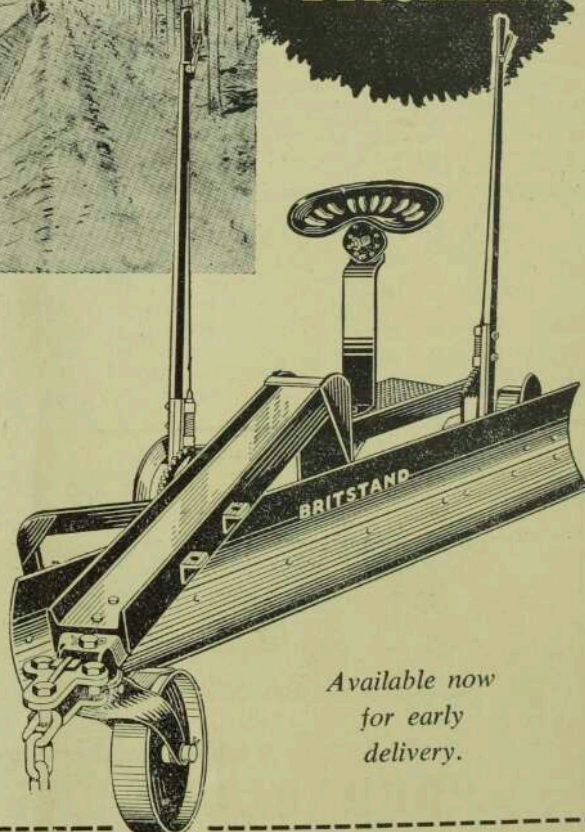
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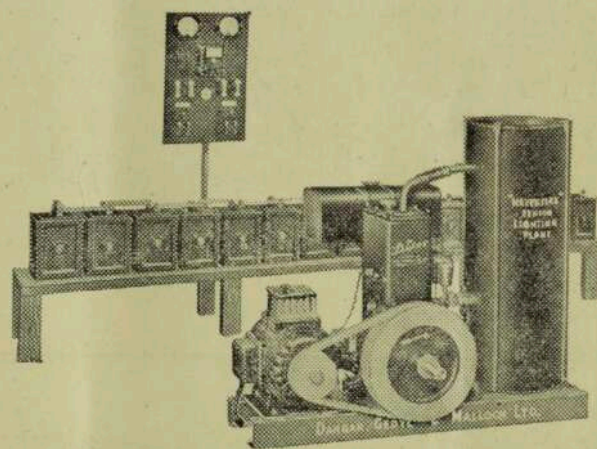
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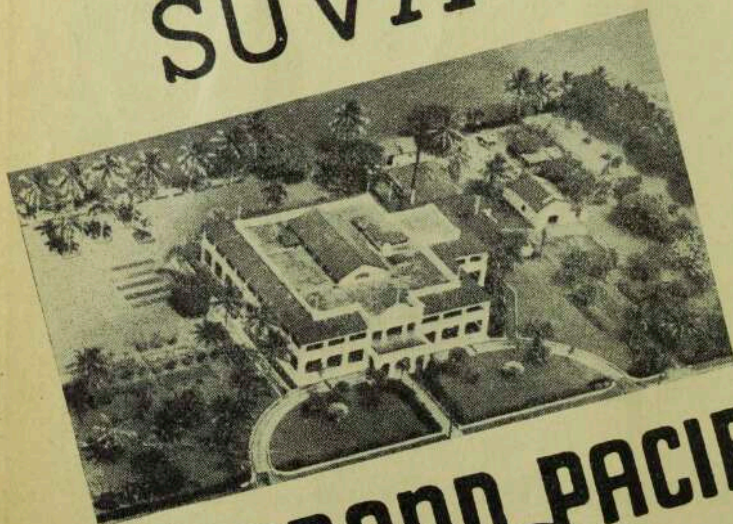
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Mr. Churchill, 'Bankruptcy'—and Copra

MUCH of the economy of the South Pacific Territories is based on copra. For some time past—the world price of copra tended to fall below the MOF price (the price fixed under the 9-years contract made by the British Ministry of Food) the Pacific copra-producers have felt a glow of happiness: they, any rate, were safe for a few years. They might be wise of them, at this stage, to do a little international stock-taking.

It would need a greater expert than this writer to pinpoint the causes of the copra market slumps. The PIM has been writing about copra ever since its editor personally investigated the copra market in Europe in 1931, and discovered the infinite ramifications of the copra market, and how that mighty international combine juggled the seed and animal oil markets to keep prices where the manufacturers wanted them.

For 15 years prior to World War I Unilever played whale oil against copra, soya oil against cottonseed oil, and so forth; and kept the producers as close to the breadline as it could. The war "wiped" most of these industries; 1945 disclosed empty stores and hungry people everywhere; and the producers have been high and lived luxuriously ever since.

But World War II did not "wipe" Unilever. In fact, Unilever's highest-ranking director held a British economic

post of major importance during the war. The sinister organisation of Unilever, presumably, still exists in most countries, and still is capable of directing the old international racket.

BUT we do not know whether the recent fall of from 30 to 50 per cent. in the world's market quote for copra is due to over-supply, poverty among the nations, or Unilever. We do know that the production of some of copra's chief competitors—notably, whale oil—has been resumed on a big scale. For seven years, we have been so accustomed to hungry markets for all foodstuffs that we are inclined to regard that as a permanent condition. But not even that supreme curse, the Post-War Planner, can stop the natural swing from Plenty to Poverty—from under-supply to over-supply. If there is over-supply in the vegetable oil market, then we should watch Unilever—we may not see his cunning hand at work, but we may be sure that he does not miss a chance.

The world's two main areas of copra production—Philippines and Indonesia—now are back in heavy production. Indonesian copra, after a 10-years break, began to come in freely about six months ago, corresponding with the fall in the world price. Assuming that Unilever is operating as in 1928-40, that factor would play into the hands of the combine.

IN 1948-9, when the stabilising MOF copra contract was made, Britain was hungry, and was not seriously distressed financially. A British Government contract was in the same class as a Bank of England note. But, since the MOF contract was signed, the Bank of England itself has wobbled—planters are very conscious of the drastic devaluation of Sterling soon after they committed themselves to the contract, which was based on Sterling.

And now, on June 11, we have this solemn warning by Mr. Churchill. The British Prime Minister has said, quite frankly, that only the most drastic measures can save Britain from bankruptcy. This has been apparent for a long time—it is the combined result of war impoverishment, six years' Socialist rule, and forced re-armament. Now, the nation must face the cold and brutal fact.

Britain will honour her contracts, if she can; and no one can imagine the proud Old Country even thinking of repudiation. But facts may not be avoided. The contracts of the most honourable man among us become worthless, if he is driven into bankruptcy by conditions beyond his control.

We do not think that British economy will collapse, although the situation really is desperate. The Commonwealth countries and the Empire, and United States, will help. But drastic measures will be demanded. So far as copra-growers are concerned, those measures may include either a further sharp devaluation of Sterling (on which the

MOF contract is based) or an appeal for a downwards revision of all contracts of this type.

In other words, all persons whose

livelihood is affected by British supply contracts are likely to become more than spectators of Britain's economic distress.

Where Lies the Trouble in Fiji?

RECENT discussions about social benefits in Fiji have again been spotlighted in Fiji's racial troubles. Some Indians have a most unfortunate habit of arousing antagonism against the Fiji-Indian people—now the biggest of the four important communities in that Colony.

An Indian Legislative Councillor asked formally why "the meagre sums paid by way of outdoor relief have been reduced in many cases of poor Indian men and women who were receiving it."

The Government's reply was that cases had been discovered in which recipients of relief "were in good health and capable of working; or had adequate means of supporting themselves; or were in good employment; or owned productive and remunerative land; or had families capable of assisting to support them." The reply added that no reductions had had to be made in the case of non-Indians.

There are a good many non-Indians in Fiji who are weary of being charged with being "always ready to kick the Indians." Perhaps the above illustration, like the disclosures of obvious Asiatic tax-dodging, may explain to a small degree why there is so little sympathy with Indian political and other ambitions.

Already the Indians in Fiji enjoy advantages, benefits and privileges undreamed-of by most of their compatriots in India. Not once has any responsible Indian expressed a word of gratitude or appreciation for all that has been and is being done for the Indians in Fiji, often at British and Fijian expense.

There can be no "racial equality" when one racial group—a majority group whose leaders behave as if they speak for an oppressed minority—is as eager to grab benefits as it seems unwilling to pay for them.

All this has been said before. But the uproar over the Fiji Hospitals Bill has shown yet again that in Indian eyes Indian benefits are taken as a matter of course, while parallel benefits for the Fijians alone (and paid for in services) constitute "racial discrimination" and an Indian grievance.

Why do Fiji Indians, in public statements, always present their Community in such an unfavourable light? Have they no leaders capable of ex-

pressing a spirit of tolerance and neighbourly understanding? Such a spirit is essential to the future well-being of Fiji. If it does not soon manifest itself, there will be a reaction there of highly unpleasant character.

Europeans, Fijians and Chinese will say that, among individual Indians, they find qualities of kindness, tolerance and good citizenship. The trouble is a weakness in leadership rather than a community weakness. With wise Indian leadership, half of Fiji's problems would disappear overnight.

NG OIL SEARCH GOES ON

Costly Disappointment at Hohoro

ALTHOUGH Australian Petroleum Co. has encountered another big disappointment in Papua—the No. 2 bore at Hohoro has been abandoned, after drilling to the greatest depth ever known in New Guinea—the Co. is determined to go on with its search for oil.

A new technique, based on seismic data, is now being employed to locate sites for further drilling. This may save some heavy expenditure. The Hohoro bore cost at least £500,000.

The bore being put down at Omati by Islands Exploration, Ltd., has been cleared of the broken drill pipe to well over 8,000 feet, and drilling operations are to be resumed.

The Co. expects to go on with its search, at a cost of about £1,000,000 per annum, for another two or three years.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Augustine's Church, Wau, NG, arranged a successful produce market on May 10 and netted £30. The same group arranged a mannequin parade, also held at the Wau Picture Theatre, on May 17, which was very well attended. The gowns on display were by courtesy of Ireland and Doe, Wau, and were modelled by the Mesdames Hawley, Crawford, Evans, Williams, Clissold, Gibson and Ireland and Miss Jenny Lane.

Late News:

No Move to Rapopo Rabaul to be Rebuilt

IT was announced in Canberra on June 13 that Rabaul would be rebuilt on the shores of Simpson Harbour. The plan to build New Britain's capital at Rapopo has been abandoned.

This decision follows years of indecision and considerable inconvenience for the people of the town.

It was stated also, that a new wharf would be built (for which an "initial" amount of £100,000 would be provided) and that £20,000 would be spent on "escape routes", for use in the event of the town being threatened by volcanic activity.

FIJI BIRTHDAY HONOURS

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NEW COPRA-CARRIER FOR FIJI

A 500-TONS steamer, named *A. Sokula*, will arrive this month in Suva, to serve Carpenter interests in Fiji. She can carry 550 tons of copra and, as she has 700 hp engines, she can act as required as a tug. She formerly was a Japanese vessel and was acquired by Carpenter interests some years ago. The chief of Cakadrove generously gave the owners permission to use their tribal name in the re-naming of the vessel.

MORE POLITICIANS FOR P-NG

THE Australian Parliament recently went into winter recess and residents of Papua-New Guinea may expect the arrival of the usual parties of political tourists.

The Territories Minister, Mr. Hasluck, has announced that he is arranging visits to P-NG of parliamentarians. He is of the opinion that it does a tremendous amount of good.

STRAIN IN NEW CALEDONIA

Bitter Fight Over Votes for Natives

From a Special Correspondent

NOUMEA, May 25
THE war for the future political control of New Caledonia has taken an extraordinary turn, and shows no sign of ending.

The General Council always has had a European majority, and ill will has been created because those Europeans seemed to be dominated by powerful commercial interests.

Towards the end of 1951, there came before the French Parliament a new Constitution for NC. The bill, agreed to in the first instance, provided that the Council should comprise 16 members elected by Europeans and 9 by natives.

The newly-elected, ardently pro-native Deputy for New Caledonia and New Hebrides, M. Maurice Lenormand, a Noumea pharmacist, challenged the Bill when it came up for decision in the second instance; and, with help from Centre and Left parties, it was rejected, 356 to 56. Lenormand then demanded a common roll for NC. The matter went to a committee. Continuing political crises in France caused delay.

The term of the Council General expired on January 19. The Colony was then without a Council.

After many weeks, the Chairman of the former Council (M. Henri Bonneaud, head of Etablissements Balade) flew to Paris, and returned in May with the announcement that the Chamber of Deputies, by 325 to 198 votes, had agreed to an extension of the term of the Council General.

But when M. Bonneaud reported this to his colleagues, and it was learned that the 325 votes included about 100 Communists, the Council flatly refused to carry on. They said they would not accept anything from the Reds. They strongly condemned the agitation for the common roll being carried on by M. Lenormand, which they said would, if successful, lead to the economic ruin of New Caledonia.

Then, in a body, on May 19, they tendered their resignations in the hands of the Governor.

The only Councillor who did not resign is Father Bussy. This is an important fact as, presumably, he receives his instructions from the Roman Catholic Bishop in Noumea. It is assumed, therefore, that the Church

Copra Grades and Prices in French Territories

It is reported that there has been some improvement in copra prices in French Oceania. Late in May, the price was still 7 francs 50 centimes per kilo; but the Governor was using his influence to get the price up to 8.50.

Even so, the price is low (under £60 Aust. per ton) compared with prices elsewhere—for French Oceania copra is of really good quality, and usually commands prices above the world market.

Unintentionally, the PIM did Tahiti an injustice in March. When referring to the "sharp copra slump in French Territories" we gave the impression that Tahiti's copra quality is low. The reference to low quality copra was directed at the product of the New Hebrides which, black, dirty and improperly cured, is probably the worst copra that goes out of the Pacific.

Our Tahiti correspondent, when travelling a few months ago from Sydney to Tahiti, noted the poor quality of the copra loaded in New Hebrides; but he praised the Wallis Island product, which was comparable with the high grade of the copra made in French Oceania. Our correspondent asked if Tahiti copra was mixed with that from New Hebrides, but was assured by the shipping people that the two products were kept apart on the ship, and separately marketed.

Air Transport Council Meets at Nadi

THE next meeting of the South Pacific Air Transport Council will be held at Nadi, Fiji, on June 18.

Australia's Director for Civil Aviation will preside.

The British Resident Commissioner of the New Hebrides, **Judge H. T. M. Flaxman**, paid a visit to Santo in May.

is not opposing the common roll.

The political atmosphere is strained. The future character of the administration is uncertain. M. Lenormand is a centre of controversy. His friends say that, while he is strongly pro-native, and in favour of the common roll, he is not Communist. Rather, he is fighting against control by commercial monopolies. But all leading Europeans condemn the idea of a common roll.

The chamber of Deputies, in Paris, is due to begin a debate on this very vexed situation on June 15.

FUTURE OF WPHC COUNTRIES

Australia Doesn't Want Solomons

IT is reported that certain British advisers, impressed by the economic uselessness of the British Pacific Islands embraced by the Western Pacific High Commission (Solomons, Gilbert and Ellice and New Hebrides Condominium), have recommended the British Government to again consider the feasibility of getting rid of these administrations.

There has been a suggestion that the Solomons and the British obligations in the New Hebrides should go to Australia, and the Gilbert and Ellice to either Fiji, or the United States Trust Territory of Micronesia.

Developments seem unlikely, however. There has been no hint that Australia's Prime Minister, now in London, has discussed this matter. Canberra is not enthusiastic. Says Canberra: Papua-New Guinea now costs at least £6,000,000 per annum—so why take on another financial headache!

Meanwhile the new High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, is due this month in Suva. He is to make his headquarters there for some time, and is to set out almost immediately, on the largest of the HCWP fleet, to examine his new domain. He will spend some time in Honiara, Tarawa, Ocean Island and Vila.

NEW HEAD FOR G & E

The new Resident Commissioner for Gilbert and Ellice Colony, Mr. M. L. Bernacchi, is on his way to Tarawa, to assume duty there.

Mr. Bernacchi is 41. He was in the Royal Navy until 1934; then, in 1936-40, he was in the Colonial Service in Fiji, where he was held in high regard; then he returned to the Navy; and he has been in Malaya since 1944. In Fiji, he married Miss Elaine Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman, formerly of Navua, and now residents of Christchurch, NZ.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Loudon, now residents of Narrabeen, Sydney, are making the round trip to P-NG on the June "Bulolo." They will disembark at Moresby, and spend two months on their well-known Eilogo rubber plantation, in Papua.

The Real Hurdle in Papua-New Guinea

IF all Australia's needs in tea, rubber, rice, cocoa, coffee and fibres (which now are imported from non-Australian countries) were produced in Papua-New Guinea, those Territories would have six more major industries to add to their two old-established industries of copra and goldmining.

If P-NG had eight instead of two major industries, Australia might be relieved of her present embarrassing obligation to subsidise P-NG annually to the extent of some £6,000,000 per annum.

P-NG now has rubber fairly well-established, and cocoa production is increasing. Both are about where they were before World War II, when they were introduced without any heavy persuasion from Australia.

Australia needs the goods. P-NG is eager to produce them. Australian Government and P-NG Administration now urge their production. In a circular issued widely a couple of weeks ago, Territories Minister Hasluck indicated that high authority will do anything within reason to encourage private enterprise to go in and establish these and other new industries.

Then why, in the name of commonsense, has so little been done either to stimulate the old industries or establish new ones, since the Japs were thrown out of NG seven years ago?

THE answer lies in "politics", with all that that unpleasant word connotes. After the war, P-NG was handed over to the most bigoted of Australia's Socialist Ministers, E. J. Ward; that gentleman created a set-up that was much more concerned with pampering natives and attacking "profiteers" than in establishing a sound economy within the Territories; with the result that the Territories, until now, have been in an industrial and economic sense partially paralysed.

At the moment, there are maybe 10,000 Europeans busy in P-NG; but the products of the country do not nearly pay for their maintenance—that is done by the £6,000,000 more or less given to the Territories by Australia, and the £1,000,000 which the oil companies are spending annually on drilling. P-NG literally is rolling in money; but it is the Pacific's outstanding example of a cock-eyed economy.

Canberra is very strongly appealing to private enterprise, in the shape

of big domestic and overseas companies, to go into P-NG and organise big-scale production of aluminium (for which hydro-electric power is promised), sisal hemp (of which Australian fibrous plaster manufacturers want 10,000 tons a year), cocoa (now in short supply, and wanted by Australian confectionery manufacturers), as well as coffee, tea and rice. High officialdom indicates it will go a long way to assist European enterprise; to encourage native village communities to produce rice, passionfruit and kenaf fibre. A good deal along those lines already has been done by District and Agricultural Department officials.

But neither air-liners nor ships are being overcrowded by the emissaries of private enterprise, headed for P-NG. Why?

THE reason can be very briefly stated: Unavailability of land, labour and transport, and the uncertainty of the political future. Petty officialdom, with its head in the Socialistic clouds, and encouraged in the early days by the Ward-Murray regime, created a feeling of frustration in every direction, and the suspicions then aroused are not easily allayed.

The Minister says that "a Land Settlement Board has been set up to co-ordinate the work of land settlement and development". What a useless, empty phrase: The Ward-Murray regime insisted, in an exaggerated sense, that the future land needs of the P-NG natives should take preference over every other consideration; and everyone knows that if anything definite is done in the only way that will really encourage enterprise and the permanent establishment of big industries—namely, by making large areas of good land available very cheaply on a fixed tenure—the howls of the Socialist Wards and the fantastic O'Byrnes would echo through the Parliamentary corridors and start the election-conscious Government somersaulting and scampering for cover.

There is plenty of good land available in New Guinea—millions of acres more than the primitive natives will need for a century or more. But let the timber men who sought leases in 1949-51, and the RSL men who last year tried to plan settlements of coffee-growers tell the world what happens to appli-

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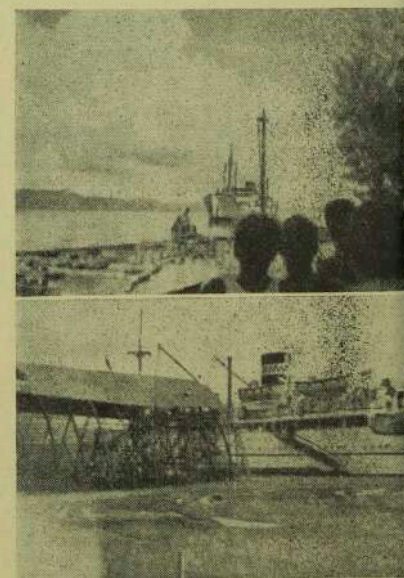
FIJI CRITICAL OF LONG OVERSEAS LEAVE

PROBABLY because administration is partly disorganised by the unusually large number of "Actings" in senior positions, there is in Fiji a spate of criticism of the British Colonial Office system at the present time.

It centres mainly on the overseas leave system. Taxpayers who are having a pretty grim struggle to carry on are sourly disposed towards the idea of contributing to the costly overseas travels of officials in the higher brackets.

Nobody has yet explained adequately why New Zealand or Australian Civil Servants in Fiji should get trips to England; or why Fiji-born Indians in the Government service should be provided with overseas leave trips—especially when so very few Fijian civil servants go overseas.

The grant of facilities for overseas leave is, of course, a survival of the old Colonial system, when Fiji was a very distant and isolated part of the Empire. To-day, life in Fiji is no more isolated or arduous than life in North Queensland or the Mediterranean, and the system seems to need revision.



The only serviceable wharf for overseas ships in the BSI Headquarters area in recent months is the new wharf at Tulagi. The last of the war-built wharves at Honiara (30 miles from Tulagi) collapsed in a storm. Photo, by G. C. Jordan, shows (top) the Malaita coming in to Tulagi harbour and (lower) the ship berthed at the new wharf.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

ad Old Days in Tonga

Notes from that remarkable comendium, the diaries of Mr. F. T. oedicke-van Asten (formerly of onga and now resident in Auckland) show that the now highly-civilised Tongans were not so dependable a century or more ago. They attacked the following ships:—

1802 .. At Tongatabu .. *Duke of Portland*
1804 .. At Tongatabu .. *Union*
1806 .. At Haapai .. *Port au Prince*
1822 .. At Eua .. *Supply*
1824 .. At Vavau .. *Rambler*

In 1860 a vessel described as an American ship went to Ata, Pylstaart land, and kidnapped many young Tongans and took them as slave workers to Chile.

mbarrassing Reputation

Because they have a big house and are noted for their hospitality, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Baker (who were residents of Fiji for many years, prior to World War II) have gained an embarrassing reputation. Island visitors seem to think that the Baker home in Wahroonga, Sydney, is a boardinghouse, and when they encounter the accommodation problem in Sydney, they make urgent application to Mrs. Ruth Baker. "Please tell the Islands folk," says Mrs. Baker, in a note, "that this is NOT a boardinghouse."

emories of H. R. Wahlen

Here is an interesting note from Mrs. E. Moltke, of Norfolk Island: "I was very interested in the articles about Mr. Wahlen: a son of his was here for some time, working at the airport (Works & Housing). This son, a pleasant man, told me about his father when your last article appeared. He himself was born on Honolulu; lived in America; and was educated in Germany, at Hamburg, where Mr. Wahlen now lives."

ear Old Officialdom!

Our par (Feb. PIM, p. 63) about the engineering device of John Lynch (now of Bulolo, NG), which takes care of railway breaks-of-gauge, has brought an interesting note from Mr. Lynch himself.

He says his patented device will take care of all gauge breaks—only the change-over from 4 ft 8½ in. (SW) to 5 ft 3 in. (Victoria). He

submitted his device to the railway authorities. Its use was estimated to cost £1,000,000. To convert Victoria to 4 ft 8½ in. would cost £300,000,000. By using the device, Riverina wool could go to Melbourne instead of Sydney, saving huge sums in freight. A truck of fruit could go straight through from Brisbane to Melbourne. But the engineering panjandrum of Australia turned it down. The soundness of the plan was proved when it was adopted and successfully used between France and Spain, where there is exactly the same break of gauge as between NSW and Victoria.

"You were wrong in saying I propose to 'resume the fight'," says Mr. Lynch. "The spectacle of what happened to the inventor of the Owen gun, and many others, convinced me of the futility—especially of a person without a degree or diploma—of fighting official obstinacy. I've had my share of fighting. The ideas are there for the

taking—just as they were taken by the Spanish-French railways."

Worried Look on a Pleasure Trip

A Santo, New Hebrides, reader writes us concerning the paragraph about Mr. Abe Saffron of Sydney nightclub and NSW Royal Commission on liquor fame (It was reported that he was cruising in the Pacific "on business").

Reader writes: "Just to keep the record straight—Mr. Saffron was a through passenger on a French copra boat which called in here en route to Tahiti. His stay in Santo was therefore coincidental and his trip, he informed me, purely for pleasure. He was accompanied by his wife, an infant, a worried look and a dog with a somewhat bizarre coiffure."

"While he stayed here, the customary rumours floated around, as they do with everybody who stays in Santo for more than a few days. As recent newspapers in Santo are an exception rather than the rule, his passes with the Royal Commission were only very vaguely known. Mr. Saffron

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE FIJIAN FOOTBALLERS

THE Fijian Rugby Union footballers are due to arrive in Sydney on July 2 and between that date and the end of July will play eight matches. Already there has been much speculation as to what the visitors will be like; travelling New Zealanders, only remotely connected with sport, are questioned by sporting commentators as to what might be expected, and stories, tall and otherwise, are finding their way into newspapers.

Sydney Sun reports that the Fiji team might include a 6 ft 7 in. forward, Semisi Baleca, aged 24 and weighing 15 st. They speculate sadly that local stars will have difficulty in getting the ball in lineouts from such a giant.

Sydney Mirror says that Sir Edward Hallstrom (he was knighted in the recent Birthday Honours) will have the Fijians as his guests for a day at Taronga Zoo. They report that when in NZ last year the Fijians were photographed at Auckland zoo holding lion-cubs. Sir Edward, it is said, will try to go one better and have them taken with baby elephants. (We hope the Fijians will like this).

A Brisbane paper reports that they will wear lap-laps (sulus, to you in Fiji) when they play and that they had never worn boots until they visited NZ last year. It is also stated that they are

going to stay at the Canberra Temperance Hotel and be looked after by the Methodists while in Queensland's capital.

The Sydney Polynesian Society is planning a kava ceremony as soon as the Fijians arrive but local Rugby Union officials have been rather worried as to the provision of the more usual form of entertainment for footballers. The Fijians are billed as strict non-drinkers—and this is unusual in football circles.

The size of the visitors' feet has received considerable notice. One Sydney Rugby Union enthusiast, who is also a boot manufacturer, has donated 26 pairs of boots—all in sizes 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. Ken Sands, formerly a well-known resident of Suva and now of NSW will accompany the Fijians throughout their tour as representative of the Australian Rugby Union. The eight matches to be played are: July 5—v. winner North and South at North Sydney; July 7, v. City at Manly; July 12, v. NSW at Sydney Cricket Ground; July 16, v. New England at Armidale; July 19, v. Queensland at Brisbane; July 23, v. Combined Services at North Sydney; July 26, v. Australia at Sydney Cricket Ground; July 28, v. Wellington District at Dubbo.

This is a pretty extensive programme to be undertaken in 24 days and will involve the visitors in a considerable amount of travelling.

and entourage are now only a memory, but we will be very interested in future developments upon his return to Sydney.

"And we will always remember the pooch."

That Infernal "J"

Captain Carl Gurney, of MV *Katika*, passes on the latest funny story from Port Moresby.

There is a Scandinavian on one of the smaller vessels of this fleet who has a bitter grouch.

"For years," he says, "I have learned to say jam, and not yam. Now, when I can say jam, they tell me it's marmalade!"

(We've heard it before, somewhere—but let Moresby have it.)

No Discourtesy to Feldt

That admirable organisation, the Australian-American Association of Brisbane, is upset because the paragraph on page 16 of June issue suggests there was discourtesy to Eric Feldt, former Commander of Coast Watchers, at the memorial ceremony in Brisbane on May 3.

General Eichelberger praised Australian servicemen, and especially the Coast Watchers; while Eric Feldt was not among the VIP's on the platform, but was inconspicuous in mufti in the crowd.

It is explained that the ceremony was not concerned with Australian valour, but was to commemorate what America did in protecting Australia from the Japanese. Mr. Feldt quite understood that, and attended as a member of the AAA, and could not have thought that he had been in any way slighted.

Secretary F. C. L. Derrick invites our critic to join his Association, main purpose of which is to cultivate happy relations between USA and Australia. Good idea!

It Then Was "Whirl-Around"

Old-timer SHC, writing from Brisbane, asks us if we remember when BP's ships from New Guinea were turned around so quickly in Sydney that the crews were always griping about the little time they had with their families. Nowadays, the ships are kept so long in port by waterside laziness and associated strikes that a crew member has time, if he wishes, to put through a complicated divorce!

SHC says that mail orders from the Islands to Farmers and David Jones, in Sydney, in the old days, often missed the quickly-turned ship, and so he was forced to transfer his

custom from Sydney to Brisbane stores, so as to be sure of getting the parcels by return.

Tribute to D. Services

"I am glad you published those further details about the prosecution of Fred Archer's bossboy," writes an old New Guinea planter.

"Our District Services generally are trying to do an impartial job under conditions which often create great difficulties for them . . . too much office work, among other things. The particular officer involved in that case is one official who tried to make an honest approach to a situation that was surrounded by difficulties."

No Mystery

"Where did you get that silly story about the 'Tereora Mystery' in March PIM?" writes a subscriber in French Oceania. "Here are the facts.

"It was just after the war, and copra had accumulated on Raiatea, so the *Tereora*, just off the slip in Papeete, was sent across—an easy trip of 125 miles. No one thought of putting some ballast aboard. It was OK with captain, owner and port authority, and she left about 5 pm with 15 or 20 passengers, and crew.

"But at Raiatea the barometer had fallen steadily for two days, and that evening it showed an alarming reading; and about 1 or 2 am, when the *Tereora* would be halfway across—with all hands probably asleep—the cyclone struck. It would have taken a good captain and a great amount of native luck to have brought any ship safely through that storm.

"There was no mystery about what happened. Later, there were cruel rumours of the vessel appearing in the Lower Cooks, and in the Carolines—but it was all moonshine and imagination."

That Peripatetic Bar!

Friend L. A. Lawlor, of Suva, denies emphatically that he is seeking a home for the salvaged bar of the Chandos Hotel, once a London refuge for servicemen from Downunder. It was reported here in April that the bar had been shipped to Mr. Lawlor, and that he had intended to install it in Suva's Club Hotel, before it was struck by the recent hurricane. LAL says this is all wrong; and of course we accept his word.

Pity, though, to spoil a good story!

That Record Fish, Again

From the Secretary of the Bay of Islands Swordfish and Mako Shark Club, New Zealand, comes an explanation of "Who's the Champion" (PIM, April, p. 15, and May, p. 16.) It seems that it's all in the line used.

Mrs. Kathleen Hassall, formerly of Fiji, holds the Women's World Record for a black marlin caught on 24-thread line; whereas Mrs. Caroline Guild, formerly of Tahiti, held the record for 39-thread line—but the latter record, established in 1932, was broken by Mrs. Eileen Brownson of Auckland who, in 1950, landed an 846-pounder on 39-thread line.

Secretary Armstrong says that game-fishing line has a breaking strain of 3 lbs per thread when wet.

Mr. & Mrs. Hassall incidentally, operate the Otehei Fishing Lodge, near Russell, NZ and are hosts to many internationally famous big-game fishers.

Mr. Armstrong reports that the Club tagged and released six marlin during the past season, and now awaits, from Japan, America or the Pacific Islands, a report on any of these big fish as they head away from New Zealand on their annual migration to their at present unknown winter grounds. So, gentlemen, please rush that tag back to Box 55, Russell, NZ.

Malaya's Indians' Hurry

A FORMER resident of Fiji sends a copy of the *Straits Times* of March 12, and indicates certain articles, and says "Comment is needless."

The Government of Malaya as part of its drive to rid the country of Red terrorists, recently introduced a National Service Bill. It places upon every citizen the duty to enlist and, if necessary, fight against the Reds.

The newspaper reports the scenes around the shipping offices as large crowds of young Indians sought passages to India. "Nearly 3,000 Indians will be leaving Malaya within the next eight days for India," says the newspaper.

Some Indian leaders said they resented the reports that the Indians of Malaya were running away from military service; but the president of the Indian Chamber of Commerce said there was no doubt that the less-educated Indians were anxious to leave the country. For this he blamed the Government for not giving sufficient publicity to the reason and purpose of the National Service Bill.

MURRAY AVOIDED WARD'S ATTEMPTS AT MUCK-RAKING

Some Later Aspects of P-NG Administrator's Retirement

THE retirement of Colonel J. K. Murray from the Administratorship of Papua-New Guinea has had a lot of publicity in Australia during the month. Australian Territories Minister Hasluck made a formal statement on May 15; Colonel Murray indicated later that he did not retire willingly; but the development still is unexplained.

The ball was set rolling on May 15 by that incalculable ornament of statesmanship and incorrigible purveyor of political smells, Mr. "Eddie" Ward. Mr. Ward said that Colonel Murray had been removed from office as part of the Government's campaign of "victimising" the appointees of the Socialist Government; that the post of Administrator had been made vacant because it had been promised to Mr. D. M. Cleland; that Mr. Spender, when Minister for Territories, had tried to make Colonel Murray's position "so difficult and untenable" as to force his resignation—but Colonel Murray decided to hang on.

Mr. Ward said that Colonel Murray's original appointment had been objected to by the Liberal Party because he "always displayed a great humanitarian feeling towards the native races and he was resisting, with all the means at his disposal, the attempt by the Government to create opportunities for private enterprise to exploit the native races in those territories."

(All of which is a typical example of Mr. Ward in action. It was Mr. Ward who selected Colonel Murray

in 1946 for the position in Papua-New Guinea—not because Colonel Murray had any special qualification for the position—he had had no experience whatever of tropical administration—but because, as well as being a man of some academic distinction, he was a convinced Socialist. To get Colonel Murray into that post, Mr. Ward had to get rid

of Mr. Leonard Murray, Administrator of Papua. The manner in which this was accomplished was one of the highlights of Mr. Ward's notorious occupancy of the Territories Ministership. Yet this extraordinary gentleman howls because he thinks that Minister Hasluck employed somewhat similar tactics in moving Colonel Murray and opening the way for Mr. Cleland!)

Mr. Ward then attacked Mr. Cleland's qualifications; but it was a feeble effort. Apparently, Mr. Cleland's chief disqualification is that he once was "a high official of the Liberal Party Organisation." (Mr. Cleland certainly was that. Furthermore, it was his genius for organisation, more than any other single factor, which put the Menzies Government into office in 1949-50 with a thumping majority.)

Mr. Ward also cited the case of Mr. W. Webster as evidence of his claim that the Menzies Government is "victimising" Socialist appointees. Webster, it appears, was a good Socialist, and that seems to have been the only reason why the Socialist Government appointed him a member of the British Phosphate Commission, which controls the phosphate industry on Nauru Island. His services have been terminated.

Minister Hasluck said that Webster was dropped simply because the former Territories Secretary J. R. Halligan now holds a position where he represents Australian Territories Department on such bodies as South Pacific Commission, Trusteeship Council, and so forth. Halligan already was Australia's representative on the Christmas Island Phosphate Commission, and it was absurd that there should be someone else holding the same position on the similar Commission dealing with Nauru. Therefore, Mr. Halligan took Mr. Webster's place on the BPC.

The Minister dealt scathingly with Mr. Ward's reputation for "imputing ulterior motives to other people", and then passed on to the case of Colonel Murray. He said Colonel Murray had been Provisional Administrator and Administrator of P-NG for six years. *Hansard* report:

MR. HASLUCK. . . . There is no fixed term of appointment for the Administrator of New Guinea, who holds his office during the pleasure of the Governor-General. Colonel Murray's appointment as Provisional Administrator commenced on the 1st July, 1946, and therefore another year of service will be completed on 30th June next. Colonel Murray's age is 63 years, which is considered rather advanced for service in a tropical country. In view of the long and difficult period of reconstruction through which he has served as Administrator, it seemed to me that the question of the termination of his appointment should be considered. I do not wish to cast any reflection, in public, on the services that he has rendered to

The report is current in Sydney that Colonel J. K. Murray, retiring Administrator of P-NG, will be invited to accept the official Labour nomination for a borderline seat in the Australian general election in 1954. Because of the expected "swing," borderline seats in this election may become safe Labour seats.

Australia. I think that Australia can express its thanks to him for what he has done. But because a man has given good service for six years, it does not follow that at a time when very onerous duties are to be laid on the occupant of his office, he is certain to be able to sustain those duties. Until I hear that Colonel Murray himself has raised some objection to the arrangement that has been made, I do not propose to entertain the proposition that he considers he has been dealt with unfairly.

DR. EVATT.—Was there any difference of opinion in relation to policy?

MR. HASLUCK.—No. The honorable member for East Sydney suggested that there had been differences of opinion. There have been no differences of opinion between myself and Colonel Murray. The member suggested that Colonel Murray had resisted a policy of more intensive development which this Government is trying to inaugurate. That is not so.

MR. WARD.—I said that he had resisted the Government's policy of allowing private enterprise extended opportunities of exploiting the native races.

MR. HASLUCK.—In his latest version of his accusation, the honorable member for East Sydney is still incorrect. There has been no difference of opinion, nor has any contradictory view been expressed by Colonel Murray on the Government's policy towards the natives or concerning land settlement. So far as I know, Colonel Murray is completely satisfied with the policy of the Government and has certainly raised no objection to any aspect of it.

The Minister flatly denied that there had been any arrangement made with Mr. Cleland regarding the future Administratorship.

THE appointment of Mr. Cleland to the position, after June 30, is regarded in well-informed circles as certain, however—not as the result of any "bargain", but because of Mr. Cleland's obvious qualifications. He has made an excellent impression in the Territories since he took over the duties of Assistant Administrator last year, and his confirmation in the senior position would be well received by all classes.

The question which the Parliamentary discussion left unanswered concerns the terms of Colonel Murray's appointment.

It was apparent, while Mr. Spender had charge of the Territories Department in 1950-51, that Minister and Administrator were completely

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NEW GUINEA BRIDGE BATTLE IS ON AGAIN

THE battle of the Markham Bridge is still on. Various interests, in which Mr. M. J. Leahy, of Zenag, is prominent, have been pressing Canberra to re-examine the whole situation before making a final decision; but the Australian Minister for Works, Mr. Kent Hughes, announced early in June that the plan to build the bridge at Markham Point will proceed.

The Morobe goldfield road, from Wau to the mouth of the Markham (thence by vehicular ferry to Lae) was built hurriedly by the Army, and it is not believed that it will provide an economical means of transport for the new Bulolo timber industry. The worst part of the route is the 30-40 miles stretch along the south bank of the Markham, where it follows badly broken, unsuitable mountain and jungle country. If it could cross the Markham 30 miles or more from its mouth, it could complete the route to Lae over the good level country of the Markham Valley.

The Australian Department of Works proposes to put a bridge over the river at Markham Point, some 7 miles from the mouth. This site is almost unanimously condemned by old residents, who wish to see the main road from Lae go up the broad Markham Valley (north bank of the river); and then, from near the top of the Valley, the road to divide—one branch to go into the Watut and Bulolo Valleys, and the other to cross the Markham-Ramu Divide on to the famous Highland country.

The engineers insist that the only suitable place for a bridge in the whole Markham Valley is Markham Point. The "old hands" ignore the local technical difficulties, and argue that the future of the

country (which is deeply concerned with the Highlands) must be the chief consideration. They ask that real experts view the situation, before a final decision is taken.

Appeals to Ministers Hasluck and Kent Hughes have failed; so the opponents of the Markham Bridge plan are now planning an appeal to press and Parliament.

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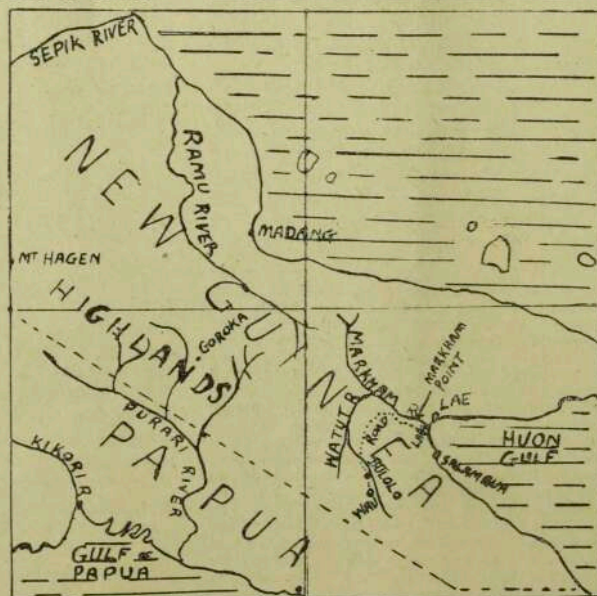
Do You Remember?

THOSE times 20 years back were not called the Depression for nothing. In June, 1932, Fiji was receiving 1/- per case for bananas, Tonga 1/6 and Samoa 2/-. The bottom had dropped out of copra and planters had long scraped bare the bottom of the money barrel. Yet, in many ways, there was little difference between then and now. There were the same political feuds, and Administrators and Governors who displeased, and people had begun to say that Papua and New Guinea could supply every tropical need of Australia.

These extracts are from June PIM of 1932:

"There is no reason," said we editorially, "why France should wish to retain her hold on the New Hebrides. It would be to the advantage of the French empire, and would strengthen France, if French territorial interests in the Pacific were exchanged for interests which could be linked up with French possessions in Africa and Asia."

"About £4/10/- per ton is being paid at present to the Samoan native producer of copra. And for the next shipment on Maui Pomare, only 2/- per case will be paid for bananas."



Rough plan of Lae-Bulolo-Highlands area, showing disputed site of Markham bridge.

Notable Fiji Policeman Dead

Levani Tamanirukurukuivalau, first Fijian policeman to become Assistant Superintendent in Fiji, died in Suva Memorial Hospital on June 12, aged 50. Joining the Force in 1932, he went to New Zealand for a special advanced police course in 1949. He claimed to have the longest name in the world.

There was general relief that Colonel A. J. Bennett, Administrator of Norfolk Island, had retired (or been retired) before his appointed term was up. To understate the situation, the Colonel and the residents of the island did not get on well together. Colonel Bennett locked himself up in Government House and had no truck with the islanders; and the islanders seemed to spend a fair amount of time writing naughty verses about the Colonel. PIM remarks, pontifically, on his retirement: "We had known that a serious situation existed but we knew also that the matter was receiving anxious attention from the Federal authorities and we deemed it wise to leave the matter alone. It is not our purpose to embarrass Administrators."

Presumably because copra and other Islands products were bringing such low prices, there was much interest in the prospects of growing sugar in Papua, New Guinea and the Solomons. Three separate efforts were being made to interest investors in sugar growing in Papua and another scheme was afoot for Guadalcanal. PIM warned of wild-cat adventures. None of these sugar schemes ever came to anything.

"The yield of coffee at Ellogo, Mr. G. A. Loudon's estate in the hills (behind Moresby) has been very satisfactory this month . . . two tons of beans were shipped on the last Macdhui." (Ellogo is now regarded as a rubber estate, still owned by G. A. Loudon, but two tons of coffee are now infinitely more precious than two tons of rubber.)

"The Director of Agriculture, New Guinea (Mr. G. Murray) recently returned to the Territory after 12 months' long leave. During his overseas visit he conducted special investigations regarding coffee, cocoa, copra and coir fibre which will be of great value to planters in the Islands."

"A serious drop in property values in and around Apia is indicated by the recent sale by auction of a valuable property near the town. The houses which were erected a couple of years ago at a cost of £2,000, plus 9½ acres of bananas and coconuts brought only £1,000, there being one solitary bid received for the property."

"Strong feeling is being expressed in Fiji at the action of the Governor (Sir Murchison Fletcher) in increasing the salary of the newly-appointed Secretary for Native Affairs from £800, as approved by the Government and elected members of Legislative Council, to £1,000, without consulting the Legislative Council, contrary to the terms of the Letters Patent. The elected members regarded this as an affront and their leader, Sir Maynard Hedstrom, moved a censure motion in the Council."

NEW SHIP REPLACES OLD THOR I

WHEN the wellknown motorship *Thor I* completes her present voyage (she left San Francisco last month for the South Pacific Islands) she will have made her last voyage in a service she has operated without interruption since 1938.

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McKINNON-CHISHOLM WEDDING

APIA, May 25.

One of the outstanding social occasions in recent years occurred on May 17 when Miss Gwendilyn Joan Chisholm, wearing wedding gown of ice-pink broderie anglaise, was married in Apia, W. Samoa, to Mr. Johnson McKinnon, recently of New South Wales.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Chisholm and grand-daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Smyth all highly esteemed residents of Apia where they are prominent in business and social circles. The bridegroom served in the Royal Australian Navy during the war, and with the rank of lieutenant is now in the RANR. Recently he joined the staff of A. G. Smyth & Co. of Apia.

The wedding ceremony took place in the temporary Anglican church building and was conducted by the Rev. C. W. Gibson-Aston. The bride was attended by Mrs. R. O. Marsack as matron-of-honour. Mr. Hamish Buchanan was best man.

Several hundred guests were later entertained at a reception at the RSA hall.

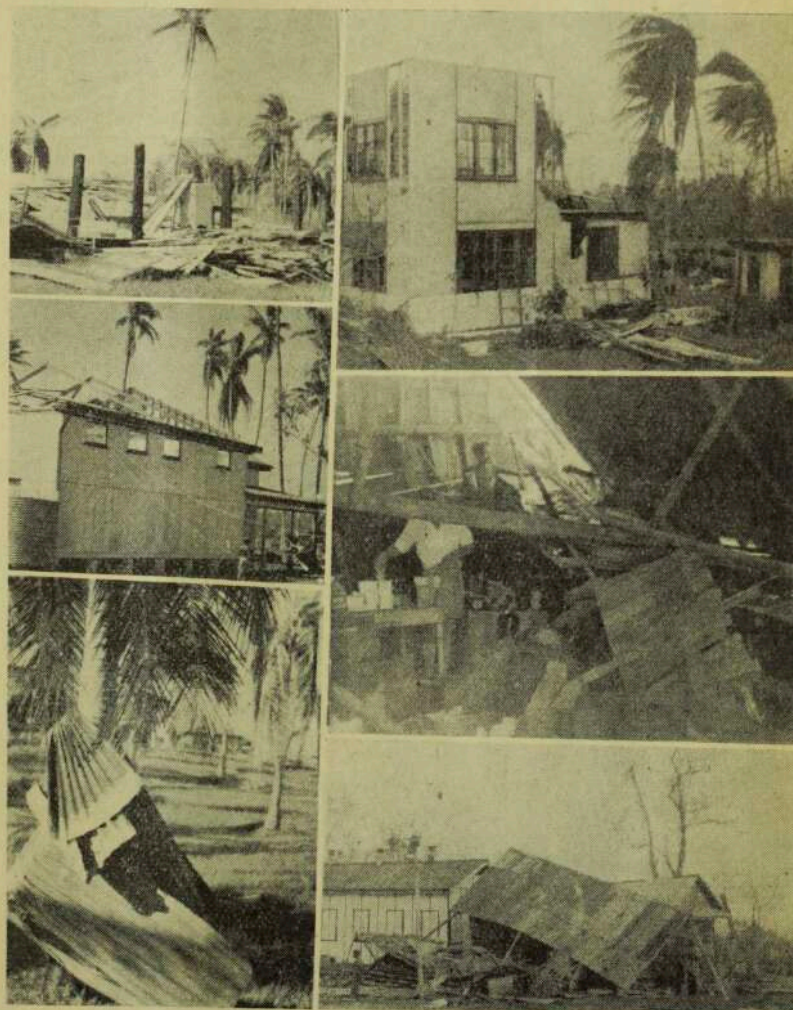
Mr. Peter Clay, son of Mrs. E. M. Clay of Dover Heights, Sydney and late Mr. J. Clay of Port Moresby, was admitted to the Bar in Sydney recently and has been appointed associate to Mr. Justice Williams.

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When the vessel *Fairsea* arrived at Wellington, NZ, from Papeete, May 8, three youths from Tahiti were found on board. They were **Pierre Ebbs**, baker, aged 19, **Phillips Ebbs**, taxi driver, aged 18, and **Gaston Germai**, milkman, aged 18. They were returned to Papeete by TEAL Solent—at a cost of £375. Tourists pay big money for similar round trips.

Cyclone Damage on Misima



These photographs give some idea of the extent of the damage done on Misima Island, Papua, by the cyclone on the night of April 17. The photos were taken by Mr. A. N. Matthews at Bwagaia, the government station. They show (top to bottom, left side): Remains of the Patrol Officer's house. The unroofed store of Burns Philp (NG), Ltd. Sheets of iron wrapped like pieces of paper around palm trees. (Top to bottom, right side): The doctor's house—a 1,000-gal. tank full of water was blown inside the house from the tank-stand on right, and helped to wreck the building. Interior of wrecked native hospital dispensary—only one bottle was broken. The exterior of the native hospital.

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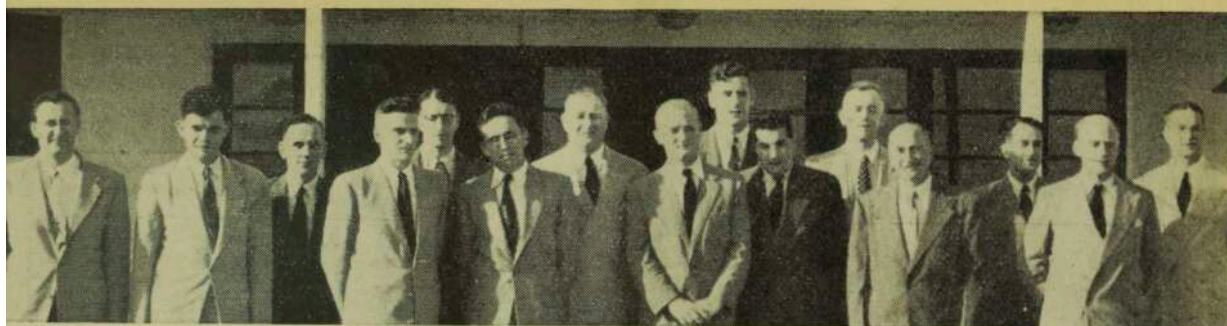
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Delegates of the six member Governments of the South Pacific Commission who attended the Fisheries Conference held from May 14th to 22nd at Commission headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Left to right: Mr. Vernon Brock, Director of Division of Fish and Game, Department of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, Territory of Hawaii; M. M. Gand, Acting Director of the French Institute of Oceania, Noumea; Mr. R. N. Hancock, Conference Secretary; M. M. Quier, Chief of Maritime Registry Service, New Caledonia; Mr. C. G. Setter, Second-in-Charge of Australian Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce and Agriculture; Dr. G. L. Kesteven, Regional Fisheries Officer for Asia and the Far East, Food and Agriculture Organisation,

and Secretary, Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council; Mr. A. F. S. Ohman, Senior Veterinary Officer, Government of Fiji; Mr. D. C. Zwollo, Head of Fisheries Section, Department of Economic Affairs, Netherlands New Guinea; Mr. E. N. Kruger, Officer-in-Charge of the South Pacific Commission Section, Department of Territories, Australia; Mr. H. W. Leiding, Fisheries adviser, Department of Economic Affairs, Netherlands New Guinea; Mr. W. A. Empey, Principal Research Officer, Division of Food Preservation, Australian Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation; Mr. O. E. Sette, Director of the Pacific Oceanic Fisheries Investigations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Honolulu; Mr. C. G. R. McKay, New Zealand representative; Mr. D. W. Le Mare, Director of Fisheries, Federation of Malaya and

Singapore; Dr. E. M. Ojala, Deputy Chairman of the Commission's Research Council, Noumea.



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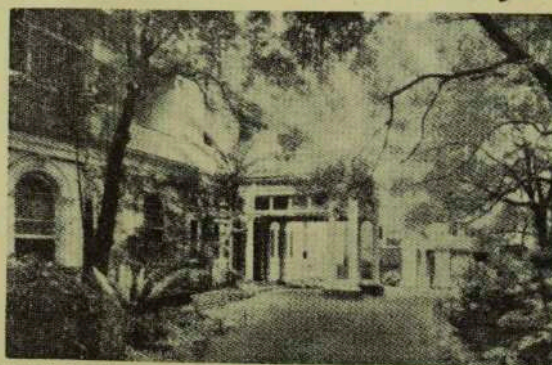
An expert will also be engaged by the Commission to study fisheries problems of the region and to advise on ways of stimulating production of fish as a main source of food for Pacific Islands peoples.

Dr. E. M. Ojala, Deputy Chairman of the Commission's Research Council, was Chairman. Most countries in and around the Pacific were represented. (See list under group photograph).

Sir Brian Freeston, SPC Secretary-General, emphasised that world food production is failing to keep pace with the demand. "The world population is increasing by 25,000,000 a year," he said. "The total yield of foodstuffs is failing to keep pace." He foresaw a food shortage in the hands in one or two generations unless means can be found for in-

creasing food supply. "The resources of the land are limited, both in area and in fertility; there remains the sea." (Continued Page 25)

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During the Fisheries Conference in Noumea, the delegates, one weekend, were taken on an expedition to Ile Ouen, on the south coast of New Caledonia, to watch demonstrations of native reef-fishing methods. The motor-cruiser

carrying the party towed to the fishing-grounds the pirogues used by the natives. In the picture: front, Mr. C. G. R. McKay, New Zealand; rear, Mr. D. W. Le Mare, Singapore. Back to camera: Mr. O. E. Sette, Honolulu; Dr. E. M. Ojala, Noumea.

The Conference took as its primary consideration the development of fishing within the area to meet the nutritional needs of the people. In the territories the populations were growing so rapidly that even the present levels of average fish consumption could be maintained only

by increasing production. The Conference considered that a major effort to develop fisheries must be made.

Coral reef and atoll areas are the present main sources of fish supply in the area. The Conference felt that such areas have a definite limit of yield. (Next Page)



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Mangrove and estuarine areas, most important in New Guinea and New Caledonia, are abundant and relatively unexploited sources of fish. Oceanic sources are more extensive, and in some areas, notably north of New Guinea and south of Hawaii, commercially-valuable species such

as tuna and mackerel are found in abundance. As regards freshwater fish, New Guinea, with its large bodies of fresh water, offers the richest field for development.

The Conference considered that methods at present used in the processing, marketing and distribution of fish in the South Pacific were generally inadequate, even at the present relatively low levels of consumption. The only methods of processing employed in the region are salting, smoking and drying, mostly by crude and primitive methods, while facilities for the transport, storage and marketing of locally-caught fish are generally non-exis-

tent, except that fish are usually sold at the food markets of the main towns.

The Conference recommended the establishment where necessary of territorial fishing services to encourage development of the industry, and requested the Commission to explore the possibility of providing a special course of lectures on fisheries administration for officers recruited within the region.

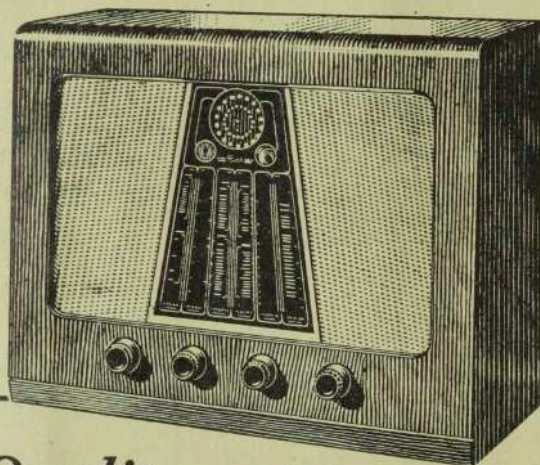
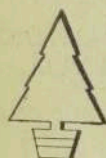
It further recommended that Governments should promote the development of community fishing enterprises, should encourage the use of modern fishing techniques, and should aid fishermen to acquire the necessary powered craft and modern equipment.

If the appointment by the Commission of a fisheries officer to implement the Conference recommendations is approved, his main tasks will be to co-ordinate fishing development projects in the various territories, to study new fishing techniques tested in the region, to advise member Governments of the Commission regarding their fisheries programmes, and to gather and disseminate information that is at present lacking on the fisheries of the South Pacific.

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MEMBERS of the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney were represented at the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph, Martin Place, Sydney, on Anzac Day by Mrs. P. Forsyth, who is an old Territorian, a member of the Club and a returned nursing Sister of World War I.

A commemorative service to victims of the Montevideo Maru will be held at the Sydney Cenotaph at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 29. The Rev. C. F. Gribble, General Secretary of the Methodist Mission, will conduct a service. All members of the Club, past or present, Territorians and their friends are invited to attend. This will mark the 10th anniversary of the sailing from Rabaul of that ill-fated ship which carried hundreds of the most prominent residents of pre-war New Guinea to their deaths.

The annual general meeting of the Club will be held in the Feminist Club Rooms, 77 King Street, Sydney, on the morning of Thursday, July 18. Morning tea will be served at 10.30 a.m. and the meeting will be held immediately afterwards. Activities of the past year will be reviewed and office-bearers for the coming year elected.

A daughter (Rosemary Ann), was born at the Rabaul hospital on May 26, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Young-Whitford of Kokopo, NG.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

NOW that Administrator Murray is stepping out of the picture at the end of this month, all sorts of words are being spoken of him; more eulogistic than ever before. Minister Hasluck highlights features of Murray's administration as (1) amalgamation of the two Territories, (2) reconstruction of the Territory Public Service and (3) inauguration of the Legislative Council which brought a measure of self-government to the Territory. (A gasp! How much? Half a gill?) All three merely feature orders from the High Command in Canberra, and that High Command does encourage initiative in its administrators, demanding only implicit obedience to Ministerial minutes. Sir Herbert Murray and Tom Griffiths are two officials who showed initiative—and what did they get for it? Jack Keith Murray cannot free himself from his pedagogic attitude towards his fellow humans, and that is an attribute in no ways popular

with Territorians.

Whispers in some quarters suggest a couple of high military brass as possible successors for the Administrator's job.

Criticisms of administrators reminds me of a remark passed by a

high TNG official some years ago regarding the late Brigadier-General Wisdom. "What he wants," said the official, "is more wisdom and less general." And he had something there, too.

Quite a bit has been written in the Sydney papers lately about the not-so-strong defence in NG, which, of course, is merely commenting on the obvious. GOC Northern Command recently pointed out that there were

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only 550 troops in the Territory—"the majority of them natives." He said: "The number of troops needed there is a matter of government policy." What he meant, no doubt, is that government policy will determine the number *stationed* there, as it did in 1941, not the number *needed*, which is quite a different matter, es-

pecially when an invading force is on your door-step.

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A different song is being sung these days. Minister Hasluck is pleading for Australian industry to invest capital in New Guinea. He has particularly given a plug for coffee-planting by private enterprise. If

that same encouragement had been given six years ago, Australians would not be so short of coffee as they are to-day.

There is a lot of talk about encouraging private enterprise, but have seen little action up to date, and the government's attitude over the Bulolo timber—the joint enterprise of the government and BGD—still smells of nationalisation.

Any government control in such an undertaking is bound to be more of a brake than an accelerator, and will pile up the overhead costs. Why not a straight-out private company?

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An inquiry from Colorado, mentioned in The Editor's Mail Bag (PIM, May, p. 16) might be treading on dangerous ground where Errol Flynn is concerned. That adventurer has soared to star heights in the US, but his NG ventures were in the opposite direction, and NG old timers hold him in no great regard despite his Hollywood successes. I have in mind an unpaid dentist in the Morobe district who received as settlement an autographed photograph of Flynn. There was also an interesting episode in connection with a trade box left at an island hotel and

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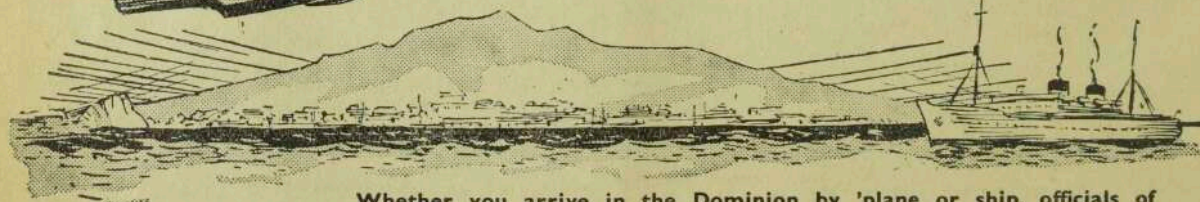
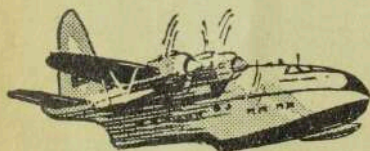
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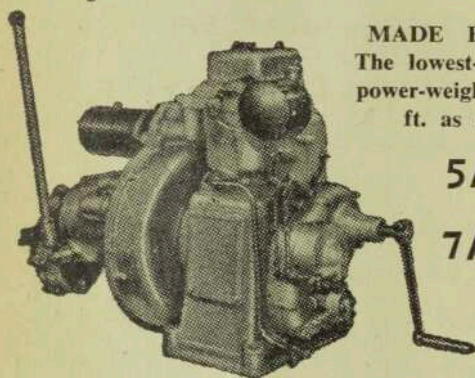
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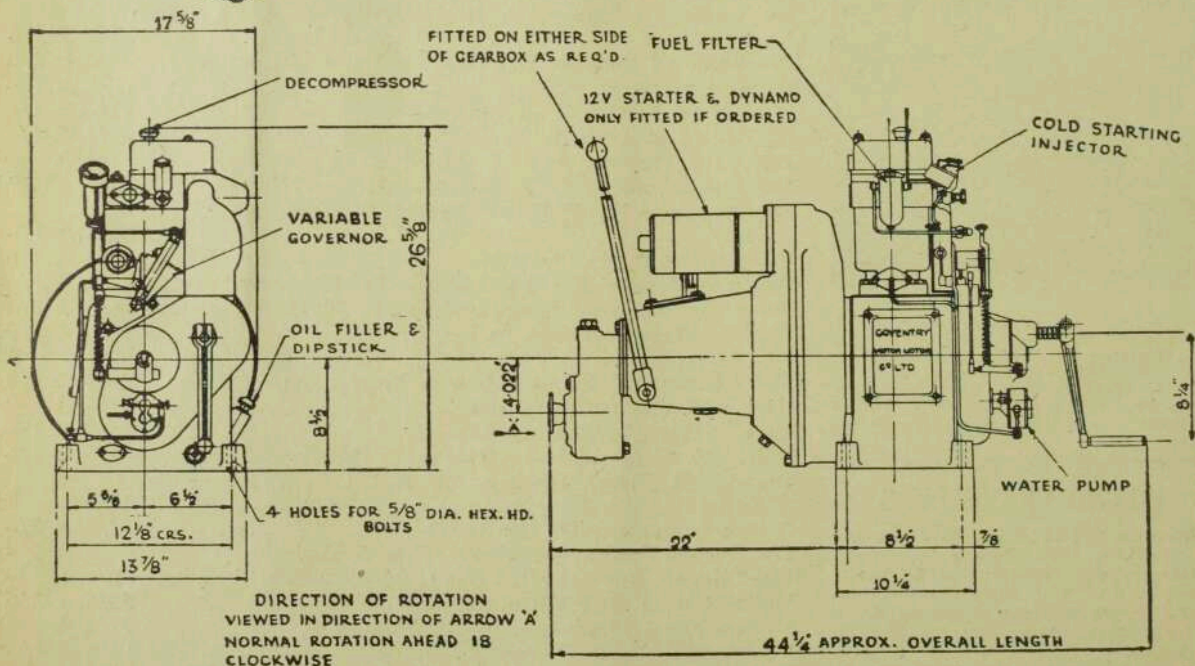
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Logical Development of Threat from Red Asia

THERE are indications that—primarily because of the defence problem that confronts Australia in relation to Asia—Netherlands and Australia will form some sort of union, so as to hold and administer eastern New Guinea.

This is written on June 11. Today, the Australian Prime Minister at the Hague, in conference with the Dutch Government. The status of New Guinea is under consideration. It is only justice that Australia should help Netherlands to hold this remnant of her Indonesian Empire. It was an Australian Socialist Government, aided and abetted by the Red Australian Waterside Workers' Union, which assisted the British Socialist Government in pushing the Dutch out of Indonesia, and installing the so-called Indonesian Republic.

Now the Indonesian set-up, as was inevitable, is in a condition of disintegration. Administrative organisation and police control are collapsing. There is increasing penetration of the whole region by Asiatic Reds. Travellers tell of increasing threats to their safety by criminals. Europeans are demonstratively hated.

It is 2½ years since the Indonesian President (Dr. Soekarno), in January, 1950, said: "Before the last sun falls this year, Western New Guinea will be incorporated in an independent Indonesia."

There have been many changes since then; and a few months ago the Netherlands Government and Indonesia were discussing a plan for their joint control of New Guinea. With the increasing weakness of the Indonesian Government, and the increasing concern of Australia regarding the Territory, the Dutch have taken a stronger line.

Now, some sort of understanding with Australia seems likely.

Indonesia will be offended and stifle, of course; but there is no great threat to the safety of the South Pacific in Indonesia itself. The Indonesians have no military strength. The real danger lies in the possibility of the shipelagoes providing the Asiatic Reds with a land bridge to the South Pacific.

Holland, away in Europe and deeply concerned with Western European defences, has no forces to spare for the protection of her administration in Western New Guinea. But Australia has substantial and growing armed forces; and no doubt, as part of an understanding, Australian

air and sea forces, based on West Australia, Darwin, Port Moresby and Manus, will provide Western New Guinea with protection, if necessary.

It is a logical development, following Australia's increasing concern over the Red threat from South-East Asia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schultze, after a long holiday in Australia, are returning home to Kavieng, NG, this month.

Martyn-Lawson Wedding

MISS WINSOME LAWSON wore a gown of white chantilly lace over nylon net and taffeta when she married Mr. Joseph Martyn, of District Services Department, at the Catholic Church, Rabaul, NG, on May 17.

Miss Jo Keeting was bridesmaid and Mr. John Short best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father White.

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Shand, Rabaul.

Mr. Graham may be seen again in the Islands with another vessel next summer—the old New Zealand scow *Scott*, which he purchased in Auckland some months ago.

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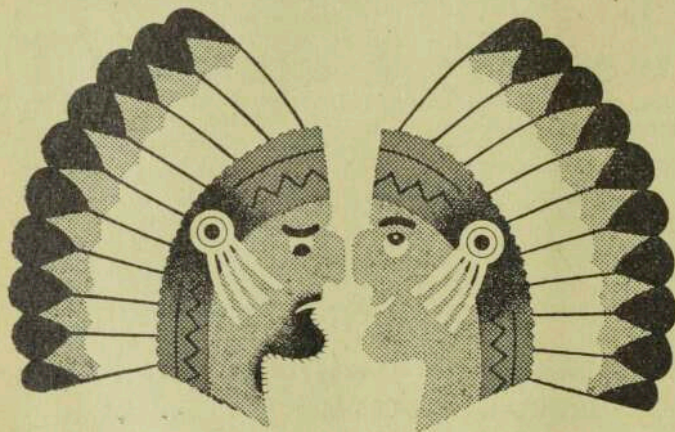
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NO RICE

Mr. Evatt's Ducks Eat Australia's Share

WILD ducks have eaten the 20,000 tons of rice that Australians would normally consume this year; the surviving 40,000 tons of this year's crop will go to fill overseas commitments—to feed labour-lines and other rice eaters in Papua-New Guinea, New Hebrides, Borneo and even Saudi Arabia. Australia's own 15,000 Chinese will also be provided for.

Australians can thank Mr. Clive Evatt for their riceless diet this year. As NSW Chief Secretary, the incredible Mr. Evatt protected all manner of flora and fauna—including bandicoots (which bulldoze suburban and urban gardens, are hosts to bush-ticks which kill off thousands of dogs and cats each summer and apparently serve no useful purpose), and wild ducks.

Ducks swarmed in the rice-growing Riverina irrigation area where all Australia's rice grows, and growers had to sit idly by while they gobbled up the young rice plants. Dry weather ganged-up with Mr. Evatt in depriving Aussies of their rice issue—driven out of their usual summer haunts the ducks went where water still existed.

So far, there has been no ban on the export of rice from Australia by those designers of foreign policy—the Sydney wharf labourers. But one irate housewife, writing to the *SMH*, has demanded to know why the 15,000 Chinese in the Commonwealth should be so privileged. She pointed out, with truth, that she could not see a small minority of Europeans living in China getting preferential treatment for scarce foodstuffs and reminded Authority that when Sydney had its frequent potato famines, the populace simply did without or ate bread, spaghetti, sweet-potato or some other starch substitute. Why then had the Chinese to be pampered with a special rice issue?

Rice has now disappeared from the shelves of Australian grocers' shops and will not be seen again for many a moon.

It is interesting to note that the price the Australian rice grower receives is now £25 per ton for unmilled rice. On the beach in PNG unmilled rice is approximately £100 per ton. These figures should be all the argument necessary for increased rice-growing activity in the Territory.

Missionary Tells of Sorcery and Revived Sangguma

THE greatest obstacle to the spread of Christianity in my part of New Guinea is native sorcery" said Father John Gehberger, an Austrian priest who has given 20 years' missionary service to the Sepik districts of New Guinea. He was for some time a prisoner in the hands of Japanese invaders. At present, he is having a rest in Australia.

Father Gehberger gave many examples of the heavy task of removing primitive illiterate natives from the influence of sorcerers. The latter are very powerful and unscrupulous. Sorcery is a cult that is handed on from father to son. The secret rites and words were strictly guarded, and the average native regarded such people with terror.

Father Gehberger says that there has been lately some recrudescence in Northwest New Guinea of the native murder cult called Sangguma—first reported in PIM, August, 1947, page 86. Natives regard it as sorcery—but it really is worse than that. Selected victims are waylaid and

somehow rendered unconscious: needle-like bones or thorns are then driven deep into certain parts of the body, out of sight; the victim is left to recover and walk home; and presently, as a result of the cunning perforations, he sickens and dies. This cult was strong before the war; then

it disappeared altogether; and now it is reported in the Wewak district to be growing again.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. Ashton, of Garua Plantation, Talasea, N.G., on May 12.

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Book Review:

TREES OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC

ALTHOUGH there has been no lack of Australian interest in the timber resources of the South West Pacific in recent years, no one has bothered to

write much about them since C. E. Lane-Poole gave us "Forest Resources of the Territories of Papua and New Guinea", in 1925.

Recently to hand, however, is a book called "Trees of the Western Pacific Region" by J. Hugo Kraemer, which is printed in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA—of all unlikely places.

Kraemer, who is Associate in Forestry

at Purdue University's Agricultural Experiment Station, originally assembled the information in the book for the armed services during the war. To the basic facts have been added, in this volume, the observations of those who served in the area. The author obviously has done a great deal of research into the timber of the region found between 25 degrees N. latitude and 15 degrees S. latitude and from 95 degrees to 165 degrees E. longitude. This takes in New Guinea, Papua, Bougainville, etc., as well as the Malay Peninsula, Indonesia, Borneo, Philippines and other parts of Australia's Nearer East.

There are 156 drawings of the foliage of trees of the area, almost 400 pages of descriptions of the trees and their woods — giving local names as well as botanical; copious indexes and a valuable bibliography.

The book is, no doubt, of considerable value to those interested in the timber industry, but no price is given and even if it were there would be the usual dollar trouble involved in buying anything from the United States. Those interested would probably do best by contacting Tri-State Offset Company, 817 Main Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, who print and distribute the book.

Fiji's new Financial Secretary, Mr. H. W. Davidson, has now taken up duty in Suva.

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TAHITI NOTES

MANY civilians and officials gathered at Papeete on April 10 to see Governor Petitbon inaugurate the new 10-ton weighbridge, erected beside the Customs shed.

Next day, the Governor and Mdme. Petitbon formally opened the *Chef de l'airaoa* bridge. The large gathering included M. Poroi (Mayor), M. Lasere (Conseiller Technique) and M. Mangomazino (Director of Municipal Works). The new bridge, which has a width of 45 feet and can support a weight of 50 tons, cost 326,919 francs (£A2,335 approx.) In his address at the ceremony, M. Poroi promised that yet another bridge, to be named the *Vaininiore*, will be constructed in the near future.

On April 28 the office of Maître Lejeune, Public Notary, of Papeete, was broken into and 40,000 francs stolen. Due to prompt Police action the thief—Matariro, a fisherman—was arrested—not, however, before he had spent a large portion of the proceeds.

Yachts which visited Papeete in April and May included *Anna Elizabeth* (Holland) the Belgian *Omoo* and the *Skirid* and the *Elsirat*, both from America.

UNDER the weight of an overloaded Public Works truck, the bridge over the Mateoro river, in Papeete, collapsed on May 21. A woman, washing clothes beneath the bridge, had her leg injured. The driver and his helpers jumped clear as the bridge slowly sagged.

M. Gilbert Ranson, Sub-Director of the Paris Museum, and an expert in the MOP shell field, has arrived here. He will endeavour to increase MOP supplies which have been rapidly diminishing. There is conjecture as to whether M. Ranson will investigate the theory that the shell has been overcome by some disease, or will attempt to transplant shell from more favoured waters.

One of the most fashionable weddings Papeete has ever witnessed united two of Tahiti's most prominent and respected families at the Catholic Cathedral, when Miss Demencia Grand, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Grand, was married to Mr. Marcel Jurd, Jnr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Jurd. Over 350 guests—who included, the Governor (M. Petitbon) and Mdme. Petitbon, and M. Poroi (Mayor of Papeete)—attended the reception at the bride's home in Fautaua.

The engagement of Conrad Hall, son of the late James Norman Hall, to Miss Virginia Schwartz, was announced recently at the home of

the prospective bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schwartz, of Stockton, California.

Mr. Henry A. Kinney, well-known commentator on Far Eastern affairs, left Papeete on the *Chungking* on May 10, to visit his sons, Captain A. Kinney (US Army) and Captain H. Kinney (Delta Steamship Co.). Mr.

Kinney's home in Mataiea is one of Tahiti's show places. Mrs. Kinney is well known as an artist.

Capitaine Rabany arrived in Papeete recently to fill the post of Commandant de la Compagnie Autonome d'Infanterie Coloniale, vacated by Capitaine Carizey, who left for France on May 10.

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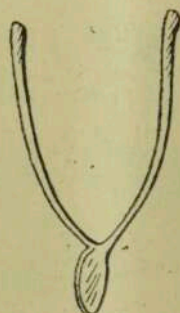
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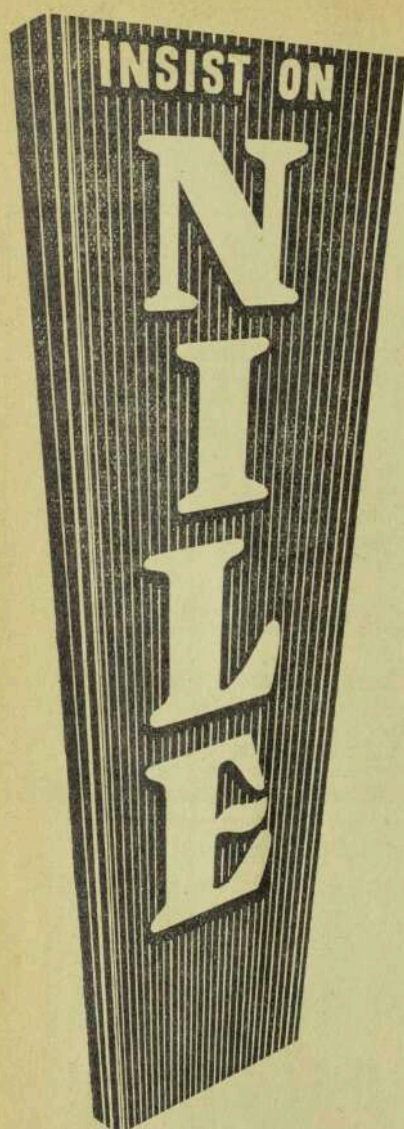
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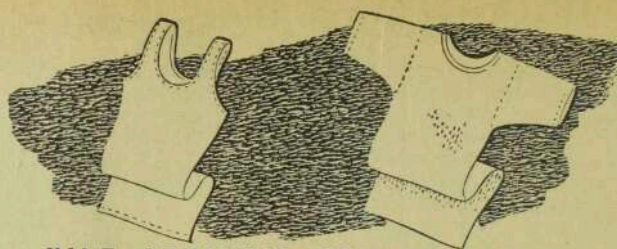
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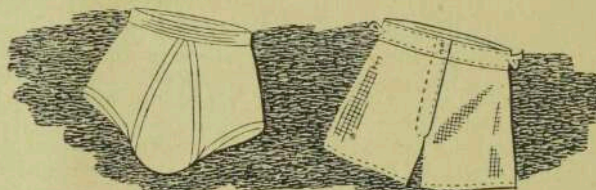
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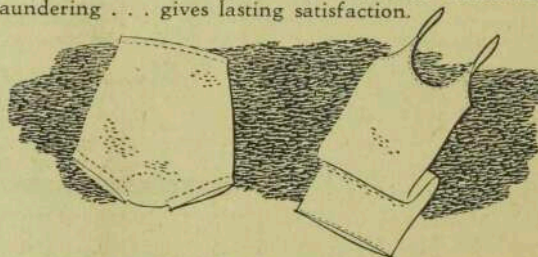
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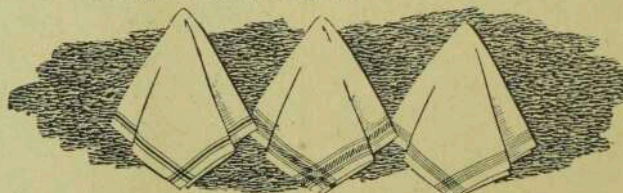
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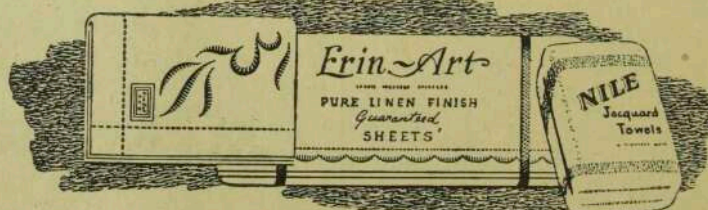
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PAKISTAN JUTE OR P-NG KENAF?

Competition Now Could Kill New P-NG Industry

THE infant kenaf industry of Papua-New Guinea is not likely to have it all its own way in providing fibre for Australian wool and heat sacks.

Indications are that Pakistan is well aware of this threat to its lucrative jute market and is prepared to fight for the Australian trade. Should really active pressure come from Pakistan at this stage, the P-NG kenaf industry could die in infancy—if it is not given some help and protection by the Australian government.

Protected industries are only occasionally justified, economically or politically, but, taking the long-term view, the kenaf industry merits favourable treatment. Australia's wealth comes from the export of wool and wheat; most of P-NG's from the export of copra. All three industries need sacks, packs and bags which, to date have been made from jute. Since the war, Australian and P-NG primary producers have been more or less held to ransom—jute products have been in scarce supply and the prices have been extraordinarily high.

Pakistan seems now to be emerging from its jute troubles and will doubt be willing to engage in a throat competition with any product that offers competition to it. But what has happened in the last five years could happen again and if the new P-NG kenaf industry allowed to languish now, it probably will never revive again.

The jute shortage stemmed from the partition of British India into India and Pakistan. Previously Pakistan grew the jute and India loved it and made the various products. After partition, trade difficulties arose between the two countries and India stopped buying and manufacturing jute from Pakistan.

Pakistan now, however, has installed jute mills and expects to install more. Three jute mills of 1000 looms each have been ordered and are under construction. One mill already producing; the second will be into production this year and the third in 1953. When these three mills are working to capacity, it is expected to install six other mills of 1000 looms each. At the same time, encouragement is being given to cottage industries—that is, the weaving of carpets, mats, etc., by peasants working at home.

In a recent circular issued in Australia by the High Commissioner of Pakistan it was said that when the manufacturing capacity of Pakistan is in full operation it will be possible to maintain economical prices in the world market and thus sustain the position of jute against substitutes.

Over 75 per cent. of the world's best quality jute is grown in East Pakistan and the export of this is

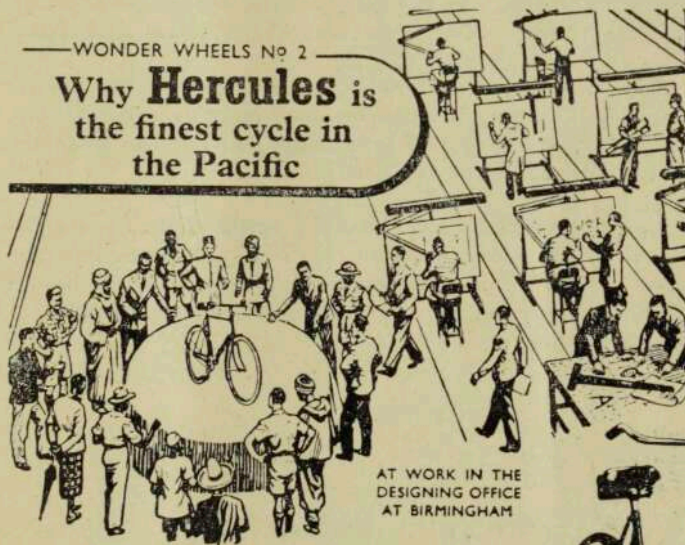
the mainstay of Pakistan's foreign exchange. Pakistan cannot be expected to give this trade away lightly, particularly now that they have gone in so energetically for the manufacturing side of the industry.

It may be that kenaf can be grown in P-NG at a price that compares

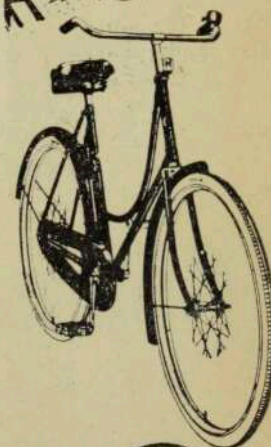
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favourably with raw jute. However, that is only part of the story.

It is not clear what is intended for kenaf once grown, but presumably it is planned to spin it and manufacture the sacks in Australia—and if that is so then the industry must either fail or be heavily subsidised. Like the grasshopper of Walt Disney fame, the post-war Australian workman believes that the world owes him a living; officially he works a 40-hours week but the effective work he puts in is probably somewhere round 30 hours. This, coupled with the automatic quarterly basic wage adjustments, has meant that Australian industry has effectively priced itself out of the export market and is making it increasingly difficult to produce even for the home market.

Australian industry would have no hope of competing with Pakistan in manufacturing products of industrial fibre and this must be borne in mind when thinking of P-NG kenaf. The only effective way in which kenaf could hope to compete with Pakistan jute would be to install mills and make the sacks and bags right there in the territory with native labour—if procurable.

Christian Brothers Schools In NG

CHRISTIAN Brothers schools for native boys, run by Australians from that Order are now functioning in Rabaul and Manus, New Guinea.

The Manus school, St. Francis Xavier, is in charge of Brother Howard who spent 30 years in Christian Brothers Schools in Victoria and NSW and two years at Vuvu Central School in Rabaul. He is assisted by Brother J. A. Lambert, formerly of Townsville, Qld.

Recent arrivals for Christian Brothers schools in the Rabaul area were the Rev. Brothers M. C. Calopedis of Sydney, and B. H. Louisson of Auckland, NZ.

Miss G. M. Gebbie, organising secretary of the New Zealand Girls Life Brigade plans to visit W. Samoa in June to inspect existing Companies and establish new ones. She will spend a month in Samoa conducting training classes, after which she intends visiting other Island Territories where the movement is established. The organisation is celebrating its silver jubilee in New Zealand.

HOW A UNITED COMMUNITY HELPED FIJI HURRICANE SUFFERERS

From a Special Correspondent

OUTSTANDING among the many community efforts made in Fiji, to help sufferers in the January hurricane, was that of the European and Indian people of Nadi.

First to move was Swami Rudra-landa, of the Then India Sanmarga Yaka Sangam, of Nadi. When he saw how urgent was the need, he co-operated with the quickly-formed Nadi Relief Committee, under the chairmanship of the CSR manager, Mr. G. L. Robley. The Committee rapidly assembled a large quantity of foodstuffs, clothing and sundries, and the Samiji, with loaded trucks and 10 volunteer helpers, set off at once for the devastated areas.

The Committee collected most industriously. As the trucks returned, more loads of goods were awaiting transport to Rakiraki, where the Swamiji had arranged distribution from a base camp. Miss Mustapha, member of the Committee, appealed to the ladies of the four communities (European, Indian, Chinese and Fijian) in Nadi, and the response was most generous. It included 1,000 secondhand garments and 400 yards

of new material. At least 200 volunteers of all races helped the Swamiji in the distribution, and about 500 Fijian and Indian families were helped through the crisis.

The following were the hardworking members of the Relief Committee:—Mr. G. L. Robley (Chairman), Mr. K. S. Reddy (Secretary),

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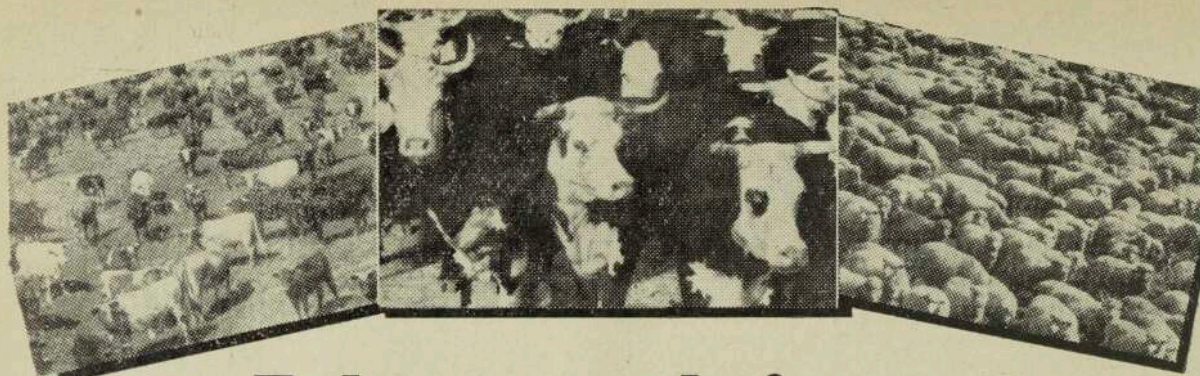


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THE COLONISTS OF GARDNER ISLAND

Although it is six or more months late (it is the June-September issue just received) the latest Journal of the Polynesian Society has a number of interesting articles.

Professor E. W. Gifford of the United States, who spent some months in archaeological research in Fiji a year or so ago, writes of anthropological problems in Fiji; there is the usual quota of articles on Maori and other Polynesian cultures and a long article by P. B. Laxton, apparently an officer of the N.P.H.C. who with his wife, spent some time on Gardner, or Nikumaroro Island, a year or so ago.

The Journal like Australia's Oceania, does not pander to the natural curiosity of the average reader—they never break down and add a footnote with some particulars about the author. They say an article is by "A. B. Smith" or "X. Y. Brown" and that is that. If you cannot pick up from the text what the author is, or what authority he has for saying what he does, just too bad.

The long article by P. B. Laxton is interesting, possibly because it does not aim to be scientific or anthropological. Gardner is about 220 miles from Canton and his with two adjacent atolls was colonised by about 1,000 Gilbertese shortly before World War II. During the Pacific War the Americans set up a radio station here and appear to have got on well with the Islanders but after they left

the colonists were left very much to themselves and grew discontented. With the exception of half a dozen they all wanted to return to the Gilberts.

It was at this juncture that Mr. Laxton, his wife and infants arrived and subsequently the majority of Islanders decided to remain on Gardner. The story tells of life on the small island and how the land was divided up and made use of under Laxton's direction.

COCONUT TODDY

He tells also something of coconut toddy . . . "They cut the young fruit-bearing spathe of a tree coming into bearing. It is bound and hung with a weight adjusted to the weight of the fruit that would be developing and a coconut cup is placed to catch the dripping sap. More often in these days a coco-cola bottle does duty for the coconut cup. Each morning and evening the full container is replaced by an empty.

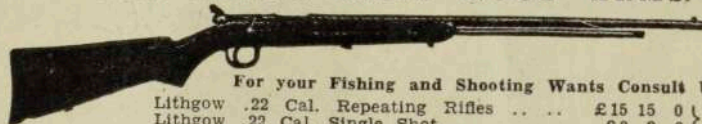
This sap or karewe is sweet and very nourishing and one tree giving well will keep a family from starvation with no other food. Often a working man will drink a draught at dawn and work

vigorously all day without further nourishment. It is full of ferment and in 12 hours tiny bubbles rise making it taste of ginger-beer and buttermilk; 48 hours after cutting fermentation is in full progress and when fermentation is complete and the liquid is still . . . it has the alcohol content of strong ale and has a wild quarrelsome, sleepless intoxication if over-indulged in."

Samoa Cannot Afford NZ Meat

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NEW FRENCH ENVOY FOR NZ

OF interest to French residents in the Pacific is the announcement from Paris that M. Noel Henry has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary

and Minister Plenipotentiary for France in New Zealand, in succession to M. Emanuel Lancial, who was recalled to France last September. Meanwhile, Baron Andre de Fonscolombe, Charge d'Affaires, is in charge of the French Legation at Wellington.

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M. Henry is 54, and is Officer of Legion of Honour. He recently has been Director of the Political Section of the Institute of High Studies of National Events and War Economy.

SANTO THEATRE BURNED OUT

SHORTLY after midnight on April 25, the Cine Tropical at Santo, NH, was burned to the ground with the loss of its theatre and cabaret equipment.

Several people amongst the small gathering there had lucky escapes as the fire spread quickly. It is reported that the fire started in the film re-wind and storage room.

Santo residents will miss this nightspot with its attractive bar and surroundings, and the only timber dance floor in Santo. It is hoped that the Cine Tropical will be like the Phoenix—arise from the ashes.

This fire has made residents wonder what would have happened if there had been a crowd present.

Fire precaution rules do not exist here and it seems that, for the sake of common safety, there should be adequate exits.

The Tropical had three exits, that in an emergency could be three bottle-necks.

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CATTLE PRODUCTION IN TROPICAL ISLANDS

By C. R. Turbet

World production of cattle, for beef and milk, is not keeping pace with the increase in world population. As more people appear, closer settlement is extended over the older grazing lands. The search for new grazing lands is being carried into new tropical countries.

Can the breeds of cattle most suitable for beef and milk be established within the tropics? Cattle farming is proceeding successfully in the high country of tropical Africa—why not in the cooler uplands of the South Pacific Islands? There are large areas of high country in New Guinea, and more limited areas in the Solomons, Fiji, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, etc.

Mr. C. R. Turbet, who has given long service to the Fiji Department of Agriculture as an expert in animal husbandry, retired recently, and is now living in the Auckland district of New Zealand. Near the end of his service, he spent some years in Ceylon, on secondment to the Ceylon Department of Agriculture. He has been recently in Africa. At our invitation, Mr. Turbet has written this article, in which he discusses some aspects of possible cattle-raising in the South Pacific Islands.

WHEN considering the possibility of producing cattle in the Pacific Islands, one must think of the cattle industry of Hawaii, which is well developed and concentrated mainly in the intermediate zone of elevation between 2,000 and 4,000 feet. Hawaii, like Fiji, is approximately 17 degrees from the Equator, and is cooled by the trade winds; and a very agreeable climate is experienced at that elevation.

In Fiji and the Solomon Islands, unfortunately, there is only limited highland territory suitable for cattle-raising. But those who have had experience in Fiji will know the high quality of the beef cattle raised on the highlands behind Vuna, Mua and Nagasau estates on Taveuni, at elevations of 800 to 1,000 feet.

In North Queensland (same latitude as Fiji) the suitability of the Atherton Tablelands for stock-raising has long been recognised.

In 1945, I was seconded from the service of the Government of Fiji to Ceylon, for the purpose of developing the cattle industry of that country, with particular reference to the utilisation of the grasslands of the central highlands, lying at elevations of from 5,000 to 6,000 feet. The large farms developed on those highlands of Ceylon are now well-established as stud and milk-producing farms.

Of all Pacific Territories, the island

of New Guinea has by far the greatest area of land, and much of this consists of high plateaus, some parts being grass-covered and some in forest. The high, rolling, grass-clad downs and highland valleys offer excellent prospects for the production of livestock of all kinds.

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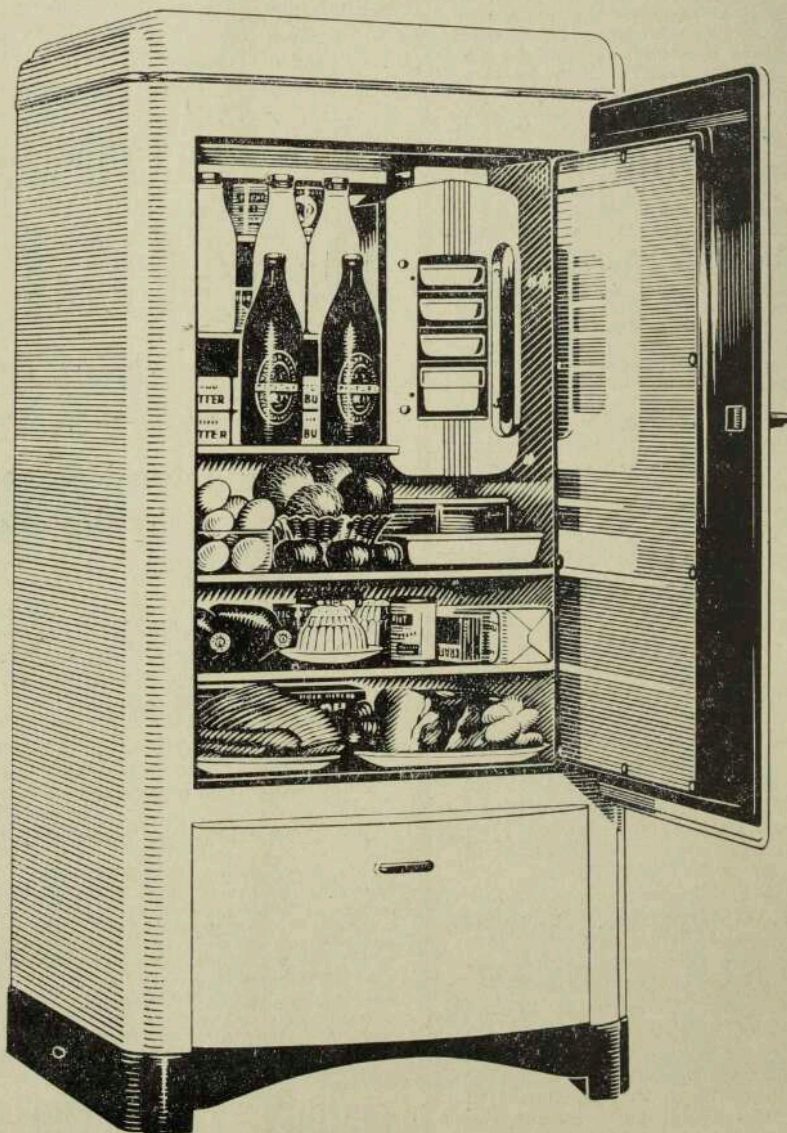
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CUSTOMS INQUIRY SUSPECT

PORT MORESBY, June 1.
BECAUSE of a general fear that Minister Hasluck is looking for a loophole to justify direct taxation, and will do this by linking the Territory with Australia in a common Customs Union, the public giving evidence before the Customs Inquiry here, is strongly opposing any change in the present arrangement.

This is perhaps not the attitude the Inquiry Committee expected, but obviously it is the only attitude that can be taken by a community that has had long and bitter experience of such Canberra experiments as this. When Mr. Hasluck announced that the Customs Inquiry was completely unbiassed and that the matter had

In St. Mary's Church of England, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, recently, Miss Elizabeth Ann Ray was married to Mr. "Bill" MacKenzie of Araby, Roma (Queensland). The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ray, Yeronga, Brisbane. She was born in Kieta, Bougainville, and spent the early part of her life in New Guinea and Papua. Her father, a pre-war plantation owner, also served in the Islands with Burns Philip & Co. Ltd., and Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. He and Mrs. Ray left the Territory only this year to make their permanent home in Brisbane.

The photo shows bride and groom leaving the church.

not been pre-judged, locals merely laughed.

Mr. William Tailby, former Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands, is at present visiting England with Mrs. Tailby. He is on retiring leave.

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Before Chief Judge Marsack and four Assessors at Apia High Court on May 15, Ailua Feleti was found not guilty of negligence in driving a motor bus on the Cross Island road on January 9. On that date a bus driven by Feleti collided with a PWD truck; two people were killed and several injured.

WASTED EFFORT Moresby Not Interested in Swimming Pool

PORT MORESBY, June 1.
DESPITE strenuous efforts by a new committee, the public of Port Moresby is still showing

negligible interest in the swimming-pool appeal. This month, hard-working Tom Fowler and a couple of helpers organised a first-class athletic carnival on Ela Beach Oval; and after days of hard work and much publicity were rewarded with a crowd that would not have done justice to a Punch-and-Judy show. Receipts just about covered expenses. As far as the pool is concerned, the workers wasted their valuable time.

It is hard to understand why the Moresby public consistently fails to show any signs of civic pride and why the big business houses do not encourage the provision of amenities. Most employers admit that one of their main problems is holding recruits from Australia; yet none will do anything to help in making life here more attractive.

The situation now is that the committee has been granted an excellent site on Ela Beach, at the foot of Lawes Road and has about £1,300 in hand, which has taken two years to raise. Several plans have been drawn for pools of varying size, but until more money is forthcoming, no start can be made.

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Known as SOFAR—from "sound fixing and ranging"—it is based on the fact that sound waves, as opposed to radio waves, are capable of traveling great distances in deep water. Briefly: There are a number of widely-scattered "listening" stations, each consisting of a microphone lowered into deep water off a suitable coastline; the microphone is connected to an amplifier, and the amplifier records its output on a slowly-moving graph paper, as with the seismograph or the ordinary weather barograph (or recording barometer).

Normally, the recording pen shows only minor undulations. But when an under-water explosion occurs, a series of more pronounced peaks of sound are recorded. The arrival of the first of these normally sets off an alarm bell, to gain the attention of the personnel in charge.

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In actual practice, the point is charted by comparing the distances from three widely-separated listening stations is within a mile of the exact place of explosion, at distances of up to 2,500 miles from the recorders.

THE ship's lifeboat, or the plane's rubber dinghy, is provided with a "bomb"—a cylinder 28 inches long and 3 inches in diameter, containing 4 lbs of TNT. Round the top of the cylinder are six holes, each capped by an ordinary crown-top. Depending on the latitude the bomb is set to explode at from 1,500 to 4,000 feet (deepest at equator) by merely removing the correct crown-top with a bottle opener, and dropping the bomb overboard—or from a plane about to "ditch."

At last report, there were only

three recording stations in the Pacific—one at Kaneohe in the Hawaiian Islands, one at Point Arena, and the third at Point Sur, California. The recorders are usually maintained in conjunction with a radio station which is normally manned for 24 hours of the day.

On picking up a SOFAR signal, all stations compare graphs and quickly determine the fix by means of a radio "conference."

It is believed that, as part of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, the Americans intend—if they have not already done so—to extend the recording chain to the Far East, thus covering the entire North Pacific. No doubt, South

Pacific Administrations will do the same, in due course.

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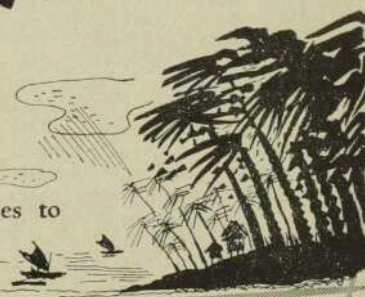


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NEWS BRIEFS FROM MORESBY

PORT MORESBY, June 1.

AFTER much persuasion from the Town Advisory Council, the Government Secretary's department at last succeeded in getting Works and Housing to provide a couple of "notices" at the European bathing area on Ela Beach. These quite clearly prohibit dogs from the area. All that is now required is somebody to police the regulation, and a dog pound. Meanwhile, no doubt, dogs will continue to frolic as usual.

Works and Housing has been given sufficient funds to complete the new wharf, storage sheds and other jobs in the waterfront project. The total now made available is £420,000.

Mr. Justice R. T. Gore on May 26 sentenced a European to eight years' hard labour for indecently dealing with a European girl under 14. He was a 29-years-old clerk employed by D.C.A. He was originally charged with rape and found not guilty by a jury of four. It was only the second trial by jury in the Territory since

the war. The first was a murder hearing at Samarai in 1948.

The young Territory division of the Red Cross has completed the distribution of valuable radio equipment to hospitals throughout Papua and New Guinea. The sets are equipped with earphones, and enable every patient to listen to a radio programme without disturbing others.

Well-known territorian Mr. Ian McDonald has been elected president of the Moresby branch of the R.S.L.

Smith-Hoile Wedding

On Easter Saturday a pretty wedding was celebrated at the Club, Wau, New Guinea, the District Commissioner from

Lae, Mr. H. L. R. Niall, performing the civil ceremony.

The bride was Miss Ione Hoile, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoile of Wau; the bridegroom Mr. Gordon Smith, Patrol Officer of Wau.

The bride, who wore a frock of white broderie anglais with a finger-tip tulle veil, carried a bouquet of tuber-roses, gardenias, white orchids and maidenhair fern, and was attended by bridesmaid Virginia Lane and Flower-girl Anne Given.

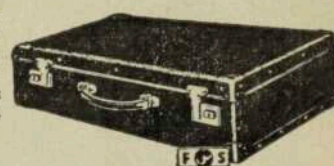
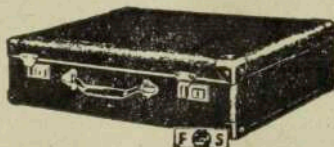
The Club was decorated with the loveliest flowers from the gardens of Wau, cream orchids predominating.

The bridal couple stood under a bell constructed of frangipani, eucharist lilies and orchids.

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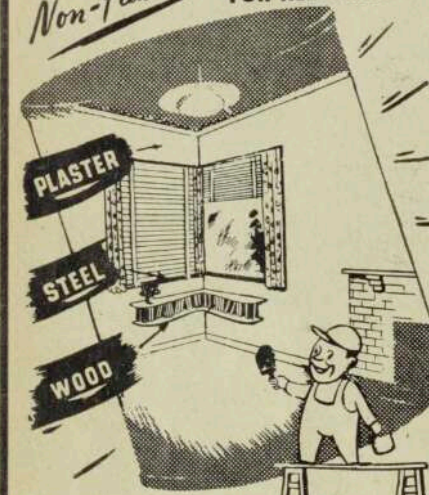
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TASMAN Empire Airways Ltd. has commissioned Mr. Robert Steele, well-known New Zealand documentary movie maker, to pro-

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MISHAP TO MAUI POMARE

THE NZ Government vessel *Maui Pomare* was in dry-dock in Auckland early May, repairing slight damage to her propeller. While making fast to the mooring buoy off Arutunga Passage, Aitutaki Island, the propeller struck the buoy. Damage did not prevent maintenance of the normal schedule. She discharged at Lyttelton and proceeded to Auckland.

Captain Boulton reported he put to sea at Rarotonga on the day the island was struck by a waterspout (as reported last month). During a very strong on-shore wind (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) a waterspout formed and moved inland, causing the death of a small boy.

At Aitutaki bad weather was also experienced. Some cargo had to be discharged on the south-east side of the lagoon, a considerable distance from the settlement.

Mrs. J. G. Miedecke recently returned to Apia, Samoa, after spending a holiday with her sons in Australia. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Enid Miedecke, who remained in Auckland on the return trip to work for a business house there.

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Islands Travellers from Sydney



Pacific travellers who left Sydney in late May and early June included (left to right, top to bottom):—

MR. & MRS. B. EDWARDS, of Santo, New Hebrides, who were on their way to Norfolk Island, where they will spend four months' leave. Mr. Edwards is store manager for Burns Philp at Santo. MR. A. H. REYNOLDS, chief of the Works and Housing Department in the Madang area, New Guinea, left after two months' leave. Mr. Reynolds was accompanied by MR. & MRS. S. R. LYNDEN, his wife's parents.

MR. & MRS. W. T. CLARK, with their children Ross and Lynne, were going to Honiara, Solomon Islands, where they will establish a new Mission Station for the South Sea Evangelical Mission. Mr. Clark has just completed 2½ years' sick leave in New Zealand. MR. C. P. DOWSETT, who has been engaged by the South Pacific Commission to do six months' economic research work connected with the Economic Development Section, left for Noumea, New Caledonia, early in June.

MR. J. M. CLIFT and daughter Ann, left on the "Matua" for the round trip to NZ. Mr. Clift will be remembered by Solomon Islanders as the owner of the famous Aruligo plantation, 20 miles south of Cape Esperance. MR. R. W. MORRIS, who is a planter and trader at South Santo, New Hebrides, returned home after four months' leave in Sydney.

Fairymead Sugar Co., Ltd., which has interests in Queensland sugar, Solomon Islands copra and Australian cattle made a profit of £11,547 last year, compared with £103,083 the previous year. Drought and other troubles caused a severe loss in sugar, but profits from BSI copra and cattle pulled the Company out of the red.

SUGAR—AND CRAZY ECONOMICS

WITH the greater part of the Fiji sugar crop allocated to Canada, New Zealand has been forced further afield for sugar supplies. Two shipments recently arrived in Auckland from the Leeward Islands, West Indies.

The West Indies are much nearer Canada than New Zealand. Fiji is much nearer New Zealand than Canada. In other words, both Canada and New Zealand are dragging their sugar over thousands of unnecessary miles. It seems crazy economics. But it is a crazy world!

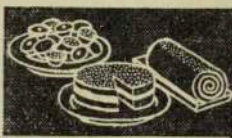
Mr. B. L. Gregg, Fiji Deputy Registrar-General, has been promoted to the post of Registrar-General, in which he has been acting. Mr. E. C. Woodward, Deputy Registrar of Titles, is to be promoted to the second post in the department. The title of the post is to be changed to Senior Assistant Registrar-General.

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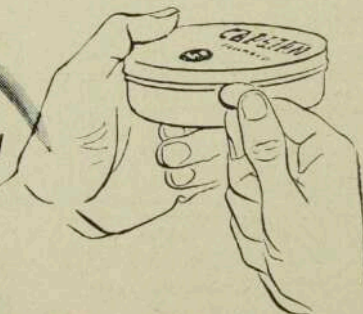
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THIS article and the graph were prepared by Mr. A. A. Ragg, well-known resident of Suva, Fiji. He sets out Fiji's population problem as it exists to-day and as he calculates it will exist in the future and puts forward a solution to this, Fiji's number-one headache.

It would be interesting to hear the views of a leading Fijian and of a leading Indian on the same subject.

THE Fijians are to-day in imminent danger of being submerged by the rising tide of alien people whose incursion into the Colony has taken place in the comparatively short time since Cession, in 1874, when Queen Victoria undertook to preserve Fiji for the Fijians for all time.

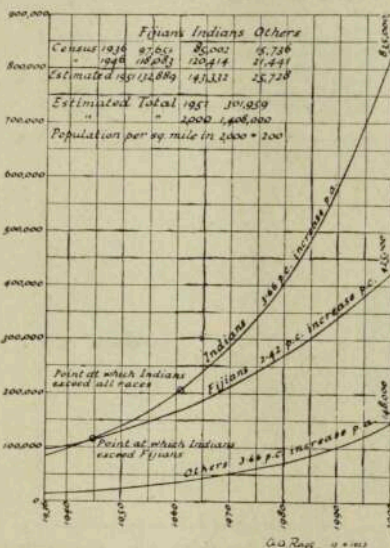
There has been an increase of 8,800 in the Chinese population of Fiji in the last 15 years (present population, 3,581), but largely, Fiji's population problem concerns the Fijian and Indian communities.

At the time of the census of 1936 there were 97,651 Fijians in Fiji; 5,002 Indians. At the 1946 census there were 118,083 Fijians and 120,14 Indians. The estimated number

at December 31, 1951 was 132,889 Fijians and 143,332 Indians. In the

Population of Fiji

From Censuses in 1936 and 1946
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there being only 85 women to every 100 men.

The graph shows what could happen in the next half century. The calculations are based on the trends of the last 5½ years—that is, since the 1946 census—and it can be argued that this is too short a time on which to base such calculations. However,

this period was chosen for several reasons, one being that the Indian figures for that period represent, substantially, the natural increase whereas previously the Indian population had increased both naturally and by migration. The increase by migration is now small although it still has to be considered.

It must not be assumed that the increases given in the graph will actually take place but the graph shows the trend and as such should inform the Government and public of the political and other problems that will arise in the next 50 years.

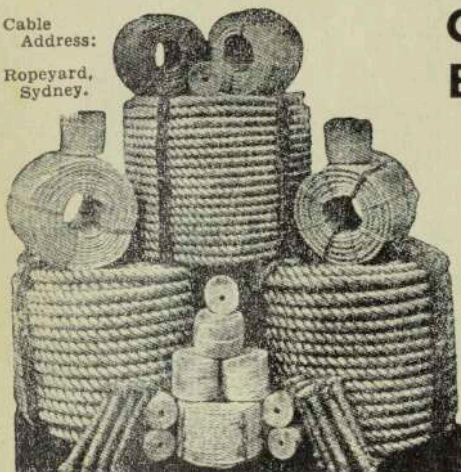
The present position results largely from the different cultural attitudes to children of the two races. The Indian places a great value on children; the Fijian merely accepts them as a matter of course. The care given their offspring by Indians is well known, and is of a higher order than that given by the Fijians, especially in the first three years of life when Fijian mortality rates are high. And, in thinking of the future, it is as well to calculate that any war or pestilence will, as in the past, carry off more Fijians than Indians.

FIJIANS FIRST

The disparity in the increases in the Fijian and the Indian populations in the last 14 or 15 years presents a grave problem to local and Imperial Government and is certain to intensify with the passage of time. Unquestionably, the Fijian race must receive first consideration. They had been in occupation of Fiji for centuries before it was discovered by the Europeans and had developed a communal system of government that,

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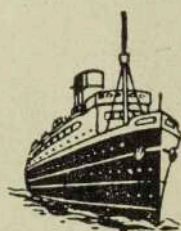


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with few modifications, is still in force to-day.

Unfortunately, because they are now living in a community that is largely controlled by a competitive and individualistic economy that has developed since the incursion of alien races, Fijians are being subjected to forces undreamed of at the time of Cession and are faring badly.

The increase of the Indian population now menaces the future of the Fijians and it is the duty of the Imperial Government to remove that menace.

At the same time, consideration must be given the Indians and the part they have played in the Colony's development.

Indians were first introduced into the Colony in 1879. They came in under indenture and their purpose was to solve the sugar industry's labour problems. The rest is an old story, but over the years they have acquired a position in the colony's economy equal to that of the Europeans and have out-distanced the Fijians who are still shackled to the old communal system.

In summing up the characteristics of the two races one can say that the Fijians are easy-going, docile and communalistic; the Indians active, aggressive and individualistic. The Fijians are politically inert and are shackled to the restrictive communal system socially, politically and economically; the Indians are politically aggressive and have the same rights as the Europeans; they are free men politically and economically. The Fijians own about 90 per cent. of the land of the Colony; the Indians are practically landless. The Fijians' loyalty to the Empire is proved; Indian loyalty is questionable; they have a divided allegiance—India and Fiji.

THE SOLUTION

Little has been done by the Government to resolve the situation. The only practical measure has been the Fijian Land Trust Board to provide land reserves for the Fijians and control the remaining lands which may be leased to other races. This might be effective if the two races, Fijian as well as Indian, were not increasing at a rapid rate.

Leaving the Indians right out of it, the Fijian population at present rate of increase will be 440,000 by the year 2000, which means that they will need 3.4 times more land than they do now. If the Indians increase unchecked, they will need seven times more land than they have the use of now.

It is obvious from the foregoing that measures so far taken cannot effectively protect the heritage of the Fijians and the question now arises, what can be done before the problem gets beyond our control?

The Indians are alive to the situation and are biding their time. They believe that they can dominate the situation by sheer force of numbers. They maintain that the problem

can be solved by transferring the Fijians on Viti Levu to Vanua Levu, the second largest Island of the group; a simple and satisfactory solution from their point of view but one hardly acceptable to the Fijians.

In the absence of any constructive scheme on the part of the Fijian Government or the Colonial Office the writer submits, in all humility, a plan which is radical in conception

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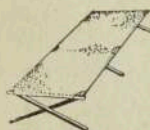
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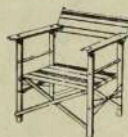
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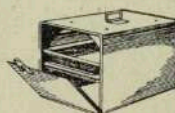


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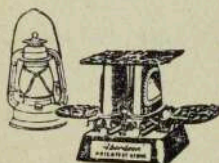
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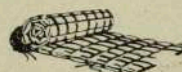
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If handled sympathetically the scheme would occasion the minimum of distress to the repatriates and as it would be spread over 20 years would not affect the Colony too adversely. If the scheme were put into effect without delay it would cost about £20 million—£10 million less than the infamous African groundnut scheme.

Violent opposition will be raised against these proposals by the Indians

but what would the Indians do if the position were reversed?

One last word: The Fijians have been and are loyal to the British Crown whereas the Indians have attempted to use our predicaments to their own advantage. Are we going to be loyal to those who are loyal to us or are we going to abandon them?

When PIM's Auckland representative returned from Sydney per Wanganella, early May, he found Mr. George Casbolt, well-known Rabaul resident and long-time employee of W. R. Carpenter & Co., as fellow passenger. Mr. Casbolt is spending leave in his homeland, New Zealand.

Matua on NZ Service

THE U.S.S. Co.'s motor vessel *Matua*, which has been on the trans-Tasman run since the January hurricane destroyed most of Fiji's banana plantations, entered the Wellington-Lyttelton inter-island ferry service at the end of May. She relieves the *Rangitira* and then the *Hinemoa* during their annual refits. The vessel should resume the Fiji-Tonga-Samoa service if fruit supplies are available again in September.

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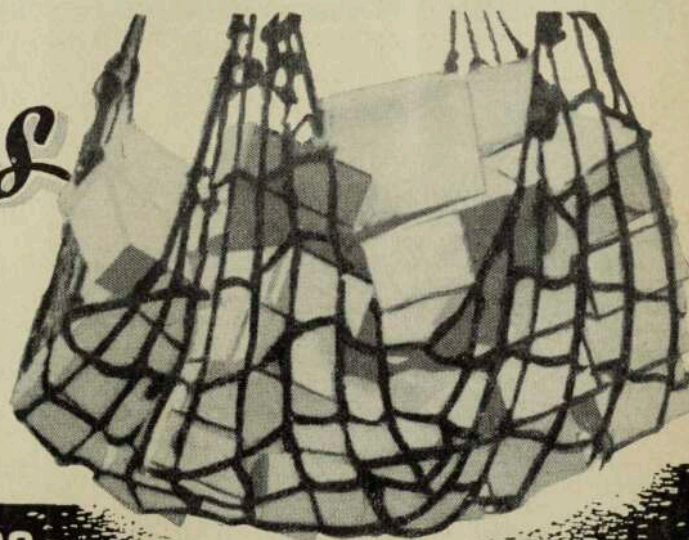
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LAUNCHING A TRUCK IN NIUE

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Niue has no public transport and most of the natives travel on foot or on bicycles. One of the great joys of the Niuean is to have a truck ride and they frequently hire a truck to make a trip round the island in much the same spirit as a group of Europeans will hire a bus for a beach picnic.

Trucks are hired also for carry-

ing purposes and hundreds of pounds have been paid to truck-owners over the years.

With this in mind, the Rev. M. G. Check, LMS missionary, put before the Churches the idea of purchasing a vehicle of their own. However, only the Churches of the south end of the island thought the idea a good one and proceeded to raise the money.

An impressive opening ceremony was held at Hakupu on May 3 to celebrate the truck "taking the road."

After the ribbon was cut, 35 women chosen from the LMS women's organisation were taken for a 38-mile ride around the island. At a subsequent feast many village orators expressed their satisfaction at the co-operative effort of the villages and stated a new-found belief that co-operation could accomplish great things.

One orator was so carried away by the idea that he stated: "In the future we will all co-operate and purchase many wonderful things. We will ask the Missionary to get us an aeroplane so that we can visit other lands and we will put up a broadcasting station so that other people can know about our island."

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CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF THE "CHENG HO"

IT is expected that there will be interesting developments in the *Cheng Ho* case in July (see May PIM, p. 20).

The once-famous luxury junk *Cheng Ho* is now, and has been for some years, in the possession of Captain Eric de Bisschop, colourful French navigator, of Tahiti.

Mr. Otto Degener, of Honolulu, claims ultimate ownership of the yacht. He says he leased it to de Bisschop, with a clear provision that he could resume possession in July, 1952.

De Bisschop has been in French Oceania for some time, and has registered the junk in Papeete, in his own name.

Degener decided that he would go to Papeete, and prosecute his claim in the French courts there. He gave Mr. Oscar Nordman his power of attorney, and they engaged the services of a French lawyer, Maitre Lejeune.

But when Degener sought a passport visa for Tahiti, the French Consul in San Francisco refused it. Thereafter, a strange story is told.

The Governor of Tahiti, M. Petitbon, was much disturbed by the story about the passport visa. It is reported that he has taken certain action. Meanwhile, Degener went to Washington in June, demanding that he be given permission to go to Tahiti.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nordman and Maitre Lejeune, as Mr. Degener's representatives, have initiated pro-

ceedings against Captain De Bisschop, claiming that the *Cheng Ho* must be handed over to them on July 7.

Gordon Edgell & Sons, Ltd., Australian food packers, in a recent interim report, state that although business with Pacific Islands was still good, it was difficult, because of rising Australian costs, to export to other countries.

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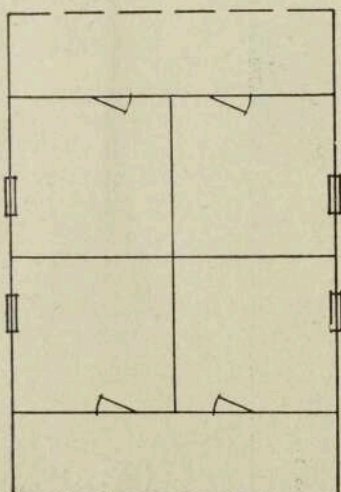
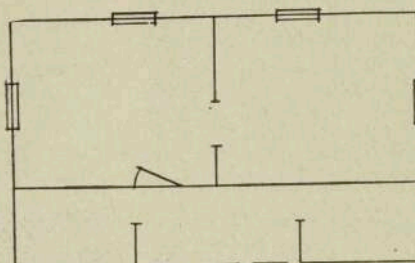
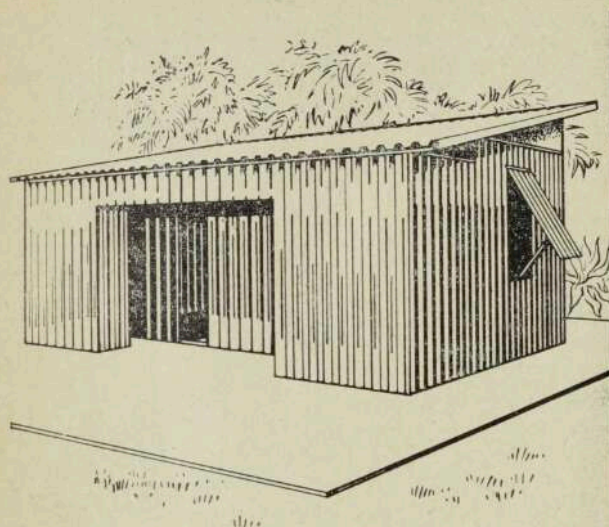


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FREE HOSPITALS AND FIJI RACIAL CLAIMS

SUVA, June 1
THE Government of Fiji has had second thoughts on its proposed hospital fees for everyone who can pay. The whole question has now been referred to a general committee.

At present, all Fijians and all Indians receive free treatment at hospitals and dispensaries but of recent years the cost of the Colony's medical services has soared alarmingly, and it appeared desirable that a curb be put upon it.

Free medical treatment for Fijians and Indians goes back into history. It was the Fijians who provided the original provincial hospital system which became incorporated in the general medical services of the Colony and they have ever since received free services as their right. Few people would agree that this privilege should now be taken from them.

Back in the days of Indian indentured labour, every Indian who had resided three years in the Colony had the right to free treatment, and

this benefit is still extended to any and every Indian with the same residential qualifications.

A large part of the increase in the cost of medical services has gone for the benefit of the Indians who by weight of numbers alone have caused the system to burst at the seams. A large number of these Indians who receive free treatment are well able to pay for it—but this has not prevented the Indian community, as a whole, from protesting fiercely against the proposal to limit free medical benefits.

The proposed fees for an in-patient were from 30/- a day for a single-bed private ward to 2/- per day for a bed in a general ward and it was stated that they would be paid only by those able to meet them. It was proposed to leave it to the medical officer in charge to decide who could pay and who could not. Most medical officers have as much on their hands as they can cope with, however; without this added burden.

Last year, applications were called from people of irreproachable character who could speak both Hindustani and Fijian for the positions of hospital almoners. Nothing was heard of a rush of applicants or subsequent appointments, so apparently it was proposed that the

business of poking about into patients' financial resources should be pushed off onto the medical officers.

AFTER a spate of Indian political meetings and general agitation against the dropping of free hospital treatment for virtually all Indians, as well as Fijians, the five Indian members of Legislative Council were

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prepared for a battle at the recent session on the lines of those over the Immigration Bill (which went through in 1947) and the Liquor Bill (which got stuck and was finally abandoned).

The attitude of the European members was not known in advance, but it was clear to most people that

the outcome was in the hands of the five Fijian members.

From the moment when the Fijian members started hitting hard and justifying Fijian claims in the matter of medical services, it was plain that the Bill would be passed only if the Government forced it through by its official majority in the

Council.

Two European elected members, Mr. H. Maurice Scott and Sir Alport Barker, said bluntly that the Fijian statement of the Fijians' case had caused them to reverse their decision to support the whole principle of the Bill. Sir Alport moved an amendment proposing that the Fijians should continue to be exempt from hospital charges.

At this point came the surprising Indian claim that to let the Fijians off would be another form of "racial discrimination." No—the Indians must have free treatment; and in case anybody got ideas about "discrimination" the Europeans could have it too.

Up rose Sir Alport with some warmth. "Every year," he said, "we vote £35,000 for destitutes. But the Fijians support their own destitutes and they receive no share of the £35,000. That alone should entitle the Fijians to free medical treatment. The hospitals were built with the Fijians' money, and when they were taken over by the Government the Fijians were not paid a penny in recompense. If they are now to pay for hospital treatment the cost of the hospitals ought to be refunded to them."

Sir Alport maintained that free

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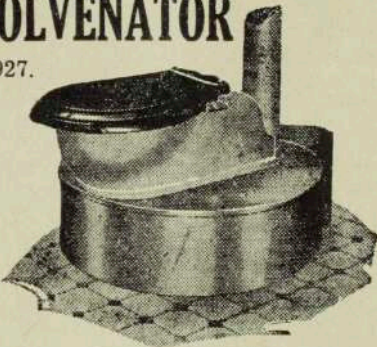
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medical treatment for the Fijians was no more "discrimination" than was the vote of £35,000 for non-Fijian destitutes.

"If the Indians want free medical treatment they must say how the revenue is to be made up," said Sir Alport, and added that the Indian speakers had carefully refrained from mentioning income tax.

A FIJIAN member, Joeli K. Ravai, said that if revenue were needed he would propose a tax of 10/- a ton on copra and sugar—plus "a thorough checking of the incomes of those shopkeepers and tailors who give no receipts to their customers."

No Indian comment was made on these suggestions — although Mr. Vishnu Deo later replied to Sir Alport's contention that most of the income tax revenue came from the European companies with a statement that the European companies' profits came from the Indians and Fijians!

Ratu Tiale Vuyiasawa opposed the Government's proposals because under them the hardest-hit section would be the Fijians, and particularly the Fijian villagers. These people, he said, had hardly any money left after meeting their commitments. He added: "If money is needed, tax luxuries like liquor and tobacco, and raise the entertainment tax."

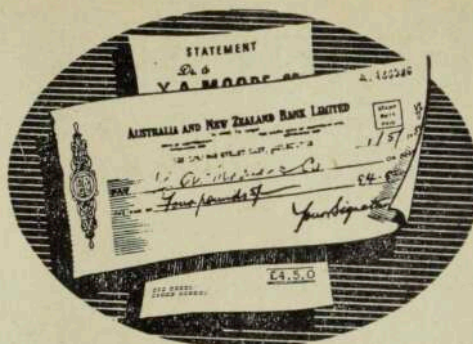
"From the little they earn," said Joeli Ravai, "the Fijians have to help to maintain the villages, the tikina (organised village groups) and the provinces. They have to meet the obligations of Fijian custom as well as maintain their families . . . The Fijians not only maintain their own destitutes unaided, but they provide transport and food for Assistant Medical Practitioners on duty tours, and in some provinces the Fijians are still building quarters for the AMP's. Although they do not pay in cash for medical treatment they pay in services."

MORE than one Fijian speaker stressed that hospital charges would inevitably open the door to a return to primitive medical practices and witchcraft.

Making his maiden speech in the Council, Ratu George Cakobau, who, in rank, is the highest of all Fijian Chiefs, said that while he regretted that on this occasion he had to oppose the Government, he felt justified because opposition was in the best interests of the Fijian people.

"From the arrival of the early missionaries the Fijian people have been accustomed to receive European

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FRIGHT IN THE NIGHT

DURING the military manoeuvres during the last weeks of May, at least one group of Indian residents of Suva must have believed that the Night of the Long Knives—or something equally Phillips Oppenheim—had arrived.

Fijian troops in practice at Suva Point used searchlights, tracer-bullets, anti-aircraft fire and jungle-scouting methods. In the course of this shindig they occasionally headed off a passing car and gave the occupants the once-over. Most motorists took it in good part, but one taxi-load of Indians at their first sight, in eerie darkness, of the group of silent Fijians, armed with rifles with fixed bayonets, howled loudly, flung open the doors of the cab and were about to take to the mangrove swamp. The military "assassins" dissolved into howls of laughter and waved the taxi on—the occupants only somewhat reassured and explaining volubly that at no time had they ever had sympathy with Communists, Malayan or otherwise.

Most European residents of Fiji will, on occasion, mutter darkly of what the Fijians will do to the Indians—if and when. Apparently the Indians have heard the stories, too, and believe them.

BOOK BY WOODROW

(WRECKER) WYATT

YOU will be forgiven if you have never heard of Mr. Woodrow Wyatt; but for the record, he was Under-Secretary for War in the Attlee Cabinet.

Just recently he added a book to this already over-booked world, and in it gives his opinion of how things should be conducted in this part of the world.

The Dutch, he says, should get out fast from their part of New Guinea and leave it to the Indonesians. This, he thinks, would remove the last obstacle to good relations between Indonesia and the West—which, he apparently feels, is much more important than maintaining good relations with the Dutch. He thinks that it is "unfortunate"

that Australia backs Dutch claims to Dutch New Guinea, and very correctly attributes the existence of the Republic of Indonesia to the fact that the British Army permitted the consolidation of Indonesian rule before the Dutch got back after World War II, and to the "constant pressure" exercised by Britain on the Dutch Foreign Office.



SEPIK ROBBIE is one of the best known and best loved men in the Territory of New Guinea. He is modest, generous, and surprising. He is full of philosophy; he has had a life of adventure without becoming a bore; and he is happy though married. At the end of the 1914-18 war he was discharged as Sergeant E. D. Robinson, and, keen to see more of the world, became Medical Assistant at Bougainville. Robbie later became Patrol Officer on the Sepik River, and finally District Officer of that district, with headquarters at Aitape.

By 1935 Robbie had decided that he deserved a long break after his arduous duties, so he resigned and bought an hotel in Australia. The Second World War drew him back into the Army, and he saw action against the Japanese in the Milne Bay area. While on leave from that campaign he met Eric Feldt and became one of the famous Coastwatchers. He was awarded the Military Cross for his work with them, and was promoted to the rank of Major.

After the war he went back to the Sepik River where he bought a property and has been trading and recruiting there in company with his wife Marge, who is a pioneer girl true.—BRETT HILDER.

It would probably surprise Mr. Wyatt to know that there are a number of people in the South West Pacific who failed utterly to appreciate the British government's efforts on behalf of the Indonesians, and that while they squirmed when Attlee and company were carving up our own Empire, they occasionally spared a thought for the Dutch and wondered what they felt when the same wreckers of empires performed the same noble service for Holland.

Mr. Wyatt also has a thought or two to spare for Malaya. He thinks the British should set a time limit and then get out, leaving it to be sorted out by the Chinese and Malays.

SUVA'S TENPENNY EGGS

EGGS in a Chinese fruiterer's window in Suva—eggs of superb quality, that even in pre-hurricane days were kept strictly under Suva counters—are priced at ten shillings a dozen. With them goes the shop-keeper's assurance that the eggs are fresh from New Zealand.

Local eggs (if obtainable, and usually they're not) are about 7/-, so the imported line does not involve extravagant local profits.

In the cafes one egg (cooked) costs 1/-.

As a result of January's hurricane the same Chinese fruit shop, normally one of the best-stocked in Suva, is nowadays a pathetic sight. Small mandarines are 2d each; there is a scattering of unattractive vegetables, and that is all.

Stocks of fruit and vegetables at the general market are better, but they are quickly cleared out at inflated—and sometimes outrageous—prices.

The virtual wiping out of the banana exports by the hurricane is well illustrated by the fact that on May 18 the *Tofua* took 145 cases to the Auckland market. Last year, banana exports were worth £136,956. This year the return would have been very much larger because the Fijian growers had brought large new areas into production. Thanks to January 28, the 1952 return will be merely a token sum.—J.K.

MORE OPPOSITION FOR TAHITI

A SYDNEY Sunday paper reported lately that a gentleman describing himself as "the Prime Minister of Paradise" arrived in London to buy

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Portrait:

MR. CHURCHILL'S
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For some reason, Australian newspapers lately have been giving a lot of publicity to Captain Hugh Frewen, of Fiji, owner-skipper of the *MV Melanesian*. They have described his colourful and adventurous life in many countries and his home in New South Wales, and all point out that he is first cousin of Winston Churchill—Frewen's mother, and the mother of the Prime Minister, were sisters, and members of a famous American family named Jerome.

One newspaper described him as an "Aristocratic hod-carrier." After exploring new lands in Africa, living with Arabs in Arabia and indulging in politics in Mesopotamia he arrived

in Australia and in 1923, broke, took a job in Adelaide as a builder's labourer.

He has farming property at Dor-rigo, Northern NSW, but spends most of his time these days in Fiji waters. Now a writer in *Adelaide Advertiser* says:

Capt. Frewen sends me his account of the 214th voyage of the inter-island vessel *Melanesia* which should have lasted five days. It left Suva for Lau on January 17, returned 19 days later.

She survived two hurricanes. They sheltered at Weikama for eight days and on leaving took in tow the Moala sailing cutter *Tui Maloku* until clear of the reef, when she hoisted sail. Her four passengers and crew of three waved farewell, but she has not been seen since.

Melanesia struck its second gale at Ketei, Totoya Island, where the ship swung to three points of the compass

in gusts that must have exceeded 100 knots. The glass had fallen to 29.29, and an hour later they dragged anchor.

They up-anchored and steamed full speed (10 knots) into the teeth of the gale, only a couple of chains from the rocks. So they tacked and made for open water broadside on. They regained their anchorage with no advantage, then made across the bay and anchored at Dravuwalu.

The second day after the hurricane the sea was like glass and *Melanesia* returned to Suva via Lakeba, Nayau, Cicia, Vanua Vatu and Totoya.

Capt. Frewen gave the principal address at what was perhaps the first memorial Service to King George VI. to be held in the Empire in Totoya, where more than 400 of 500 people present crowded into Tovu church.

His ship collected the Fijians from the different villages and returned them after the service.

Crossquiz—No. 30

(Solution on Page 72)

ACROSS

1.—Through which city did Lady Godiva ride?

7.—What is the Pope's crown called?

3.—What geometrical term describes the course of the planets round the sun?

9.—What war vessel did the armoured cruiser supersede?

11.—What is the capital of French New Caledonia?

12.—The name of which tool, used for removing roof-slates, was applied to a famous London murderer of the XIXth century?

13.—What is the name of a movable iron frame in a kitchen fire-grate for supporting kettles?

15.—What is the antonym of immigrant?

17.—What is the name of the river Memel in U.S.S.R.?

20.—Which Latin prayer is addressed to the Virgin Mary?

21.—What name is applied to any property inherited from ancestors?

22.—To what group of gases does neon belong?

23.—What name was applied to the highest class of nobility in the kingdom of Castile?

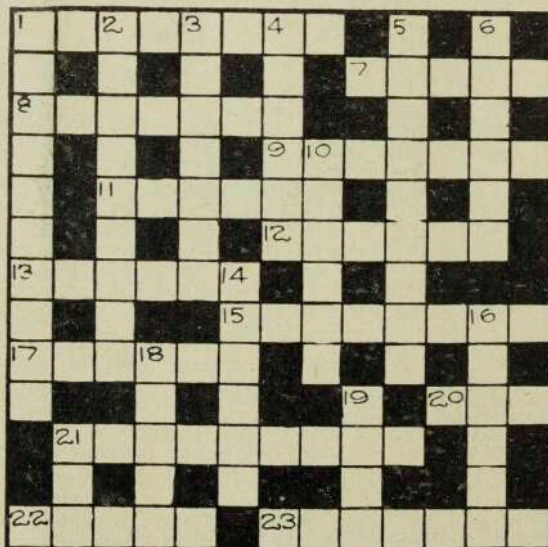
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1.—Who was the famous daughter of a forty-niner?

2.—What saint is commemorated on the 14th of February?

3.—Which is the outermost planet of the solar system?

4.—What other name is applied to a midshipman?



5.—Which island is at the southern end of the Malay Peninsula?

6.—What is the mouth of a volcano called?

10.—What is a dried grape?

14.—What type of balls are said to have been sent to Henry V by the Dauphin of France?

16.—What is the name of a new entrant in a religious community?

18.—What instrument is used to measure the quantity of gas or fluid passing through it?

19.—What title was borne by the ancient rulers of Peru?

21.—Which god was represented with two small horns and the lower limbs of a goat?

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As the loaded-up jeep gives a gay homeward leap—

The day that the ship comes in.
One day a ship will come

With everything ordered with care—

The varnish and glue, and the little things, too,

We wanted for fixing the chair.
We will open each case with a smile

on our face,
With usual wallop and din,

To find all is there, and some things to spare—

The day that our ship comes in.
One day a ship will come

With everything ordered intact:
The rice and the sacks and the little brass tacks,

And nothing that's busted or cracked.

There'll be cases of meat, and plenty to eat

The iron, and sugar, and tin:
Except we'll have gone to the looney-bin on

The day that that ship comes in!

—NOELLE MASON

A Missionary at Mendi

About 18 months ago, the Papua-New Guinea Administration opened up a new station at Mendi, about half way between Mt. Hagen, in the NG Central Highlands, and Lake Kutubu which is right in behind the Gulf of Papua.

This is still one of the newest and most isolated pin-points on the Administration map, but shortly after the Administration officials had moved in, this hitherto unexplored area was made a sphere of Methodist Mission influence. Writing for the *Missionary Review*, recently, Miss Joyce Walker, a Mission nursing sister, gave these details of what life is like among the citizens of Mendi—and from her account we gather that it is no bed of roses.

WHEN first coming from New Britain, the land of perpetual summer, we were never warm, and at night failed to thaw out even under five or six blankets. However, we are fast becoming acclimatised and we are not only learning, like England, to "take it," but to enjoy it as well.

The people are getting used to the idea of having us amongst them and are not nearly as anxious to inspect us at every opportunity, as previously.

The buildings are gradually growing around us, although there is so much building to be done and the timbers take such a lot of preparing that it is slow progress. Local labour is such that even the simplest tasks must be strictly supervised to ensure even passable results.

Gardening is disappointing to those used to the rapid tropical growth in New Britain and New Ireland.

Garden pests are numerous and seedlings disappear alarmingly under their onslaughts. However, I have no doubt that we will learn as we go along and be able to overcome many of what, at present, seem like real set-backs.

The people, though of a happy, cheerful nature, are not easy to handle. They are arrogant and lazy, and demand payment for the slightest service rendered, or concession given. After returning from a walk one day, a man who helped me over a few slippery patches on the hill asked what payment he would receive.

I have had men refuse to carry a bucket of water for their own use in

the dressing-room unless payment were named first. When I explained that their sores would be dressed for them they tossed their heads and walked off without carrying the water and without dressings. I feel these people must learn to help themselves and hope that they will soon do so.

I feel that the medical work is going to be hard and disappointing for a long time before much progress is made. Firstly, they do not realise their need of help—their attitude seems to be that they have managed

all these years without us and will continue to do so now.

Then too, those who do come or are brought for treatment, seem to think that one dose or one injection or one dressing should be a sort of magic cure-all. They object to sleeping away from their own surroundings and rarely return for further treatment.

Feeling that there is much to be done among the women and babies, I am trying to give as much help as possible to them, but here, too, it will be a long time before they begin to realise the need of help. Babies

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ONE MOMENT OF TRAGEDY

The other day, there arrived in Tahiti, Mons. Raoul Follereau, President of the Order of Charity, 96 Rue Erlanger, Paris 16e, France. He travels around the French Colonial Empire, organising financial and other help for lepers of those countries. This is one of his experiences, as recounted to a representative of the PIM.

A FEW weeks ago, I was in Madagascar. I went to the leper-station at Manankavaly.

"Come and see our new mother", said one of the nurses (a leper). I followed her into a maternity ward.

The baby was only a few days old—a plump little fellow, gurgling and waving his hands. His mother, a sheet drawn up to her chin, watched him, with a world of love and tenderness in her eyes.

I took the baby in my arms.

"You see!" I exclaimed to the mother. "He squeezes my finger hard. He will be a strong fellow, this."

But the woman did not answer, and looked away, sadly. Had I hurt her by caressing her baby?

"Well," I said. "He is yours—a fine child. Take him."

I held out the child to her. She made no move. She stared at me like a hunted creature; her great eyes could have been those of someone tortured. I was momentarily embarrassed.

Suddenly she threw back the sheet, held out both arms to her baby. The shock to me was terrible.

She had no hands. There were only two livid stumps, the sores recently healed.

She was reaching out for her baby with hands that were no longer there. The horror and pathos of it hit me like a blow.



M. Tony Bambridge, of Papeete, who is putting great initiative and drive behind the Tahiti organisation for the assistance of lepers, greets at the airport M. Raoul Follereau, director of the French world-wide appeal for lepers. Tahiti now is co-operating with the Lepers Trust Board in New Zealand, and excellent work is being done.

Then her arms fell, and she burst into tears. I could say nothing. I gently laid the chuckling baby down beside her, and came away. . .

Those are the memories that remain with us, and drive us along in the task of seeking funds to help these helpless people. There are 12 millions of lepers in the world—but only 100,000 of them are really being taken care of. If we only had the amount that the world to-day spends in one hour on armaments, we would have enough to do what we want—and then we could eradicate leprosy from the world within ten years.

I appeal to all charitable folk everywhere to send us a donation—at the address shown above.



It's Boom Time for Islands' Timber

THE knowledge that there is good building and cabinet-making timber in the larger of the South Pacific Islands is not new—walnut flitches and other valuable veneering timbers were shipped from New Britain before the war. But post-World War II's building boom in Australia, plus the fact that the best of Australia's forests were being worked out, has put a different complexion on the timber industry in the Islands.

These photographs show what is being accomplished by a new venture at Tenaru, Guadalcanal. The trial

shipment of logs from this area was made only in November 1950, but regular shipments are now made to Sydney and the new industry appears to be well established.

On the Guadalcanal beach, shown in our photo, at the top of this page, United States Marines made their historic landing ten years ago. Today, a huge pile of logs which were carried by trailer from the forests a few miles inland, await shipment to Sydney.

At the foot of the page, at left, a local axeman is shown felling a speci-

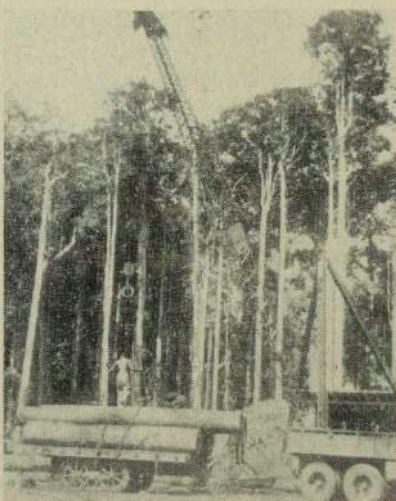
men of mangifera—an inedible mango—which, when peeled for veneer, has spectacular figuring (see opposite page).

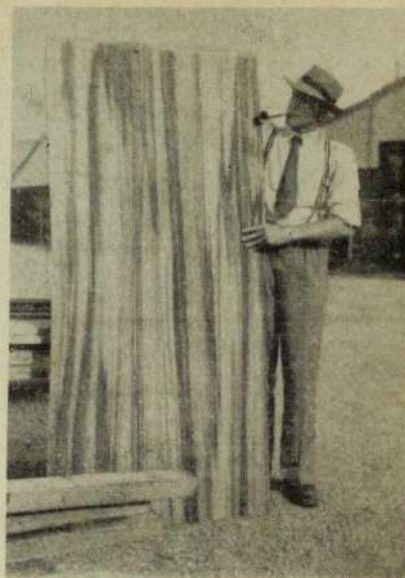
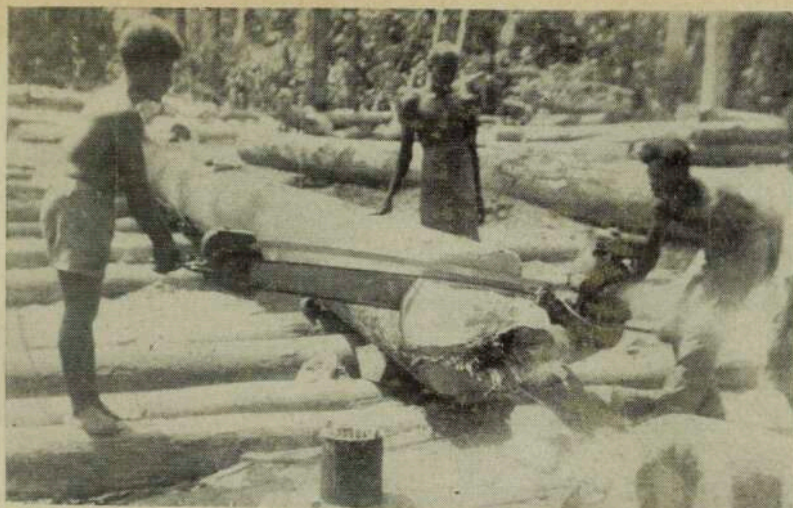
When felled, the trees are cut into lengths by a power-saw, as shown on opposite page, and loaded by means of a crane onto wartime torpedo-carriers (centre, this page) and hauled to the coast.

The final photograph on this page was taken while the BP steamer *Morinda* was loading the trial shipment for Sydney in November 1950.

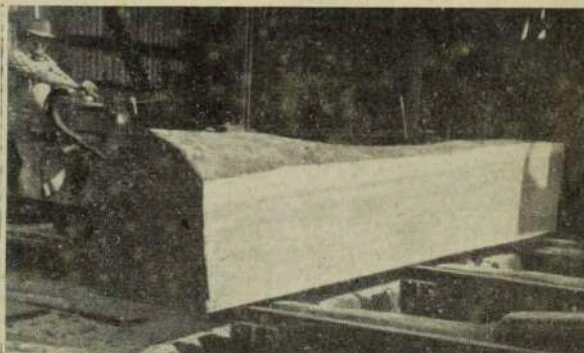
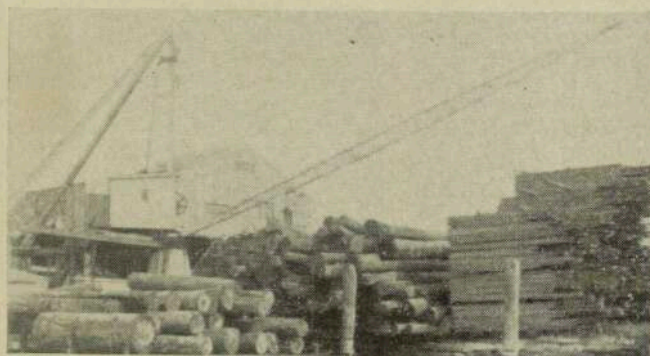


Photographs by Brett Hilder





Mango trees being sawn into lengths in the Guadalcanal forest. At right, a sheet of veneer from one of these logs. Below—a pile of Guadalcanal logs at Wallis Bros. timber yard at Annandale, Sydney. A log of Guadalcanal Taun being sawn in Wallis Bros. Mill.



A Missionary at Mendi

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are brought to clinic gatherings these days, however, whereas in the beginning mothers would flee to the hills if I happened to meet one, and attempt to touch the baby. Such looks of terror you would have to see to believe. I imagine that they thought I wanted to steal the babe.

Every Friday the word is sent out and the people gather with their babies and children down at the Government station for a clinic. I have a few busy hours, bathing, inspecting, and generally attending to their needs.

The filth of some of those wee mites! I wash, and soap, and soak, and scratch, and scrape until I am afraid the skin will come off. I cut hair, clean nails and give a real

beauty treatment, plus advice (through the Government interpreters, which they are good enough to lend me). As yet, I am not allowed to go into the villages to do any work, but the Government officers co-operate and are very obliging and helpful.

I have had numerous calls to extract teeth and have made many friends for life by easing toothache. I do not care much for dentistry, but if I must extract to gain their confidence, then extract I will.

I was thrilled one day recently when a boy came down from the hill at the back of the Mission house to say that his mother was very ill and would die if I didn't go to help her. This was progress in the right direction, and the sign of dawning faith, which did my heart good.

In spite of the fact that it was 5.30

p.m. and a thunderstorm was breaking, Mr. Barnes (who is in charge of the Mendi Mission), and I set out to investigate, and climbed and slipped, and slipped and climbed, for an hour in teeming rain to reach the patient. She was very ill and needed hospital treatment.

After a couple of days treatment, she was able to be carried down to the station, and has progressed very well and will soon be ready for discharge.

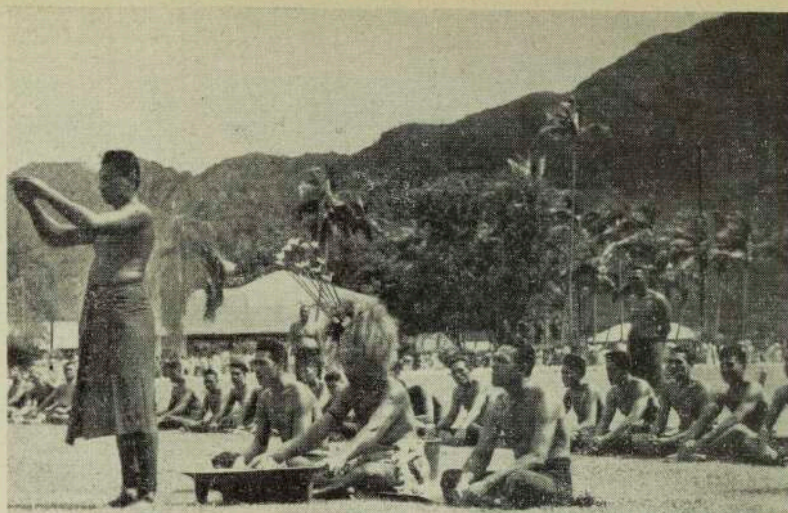
About a month ago her husband broke his arm and it has mended very well, because I was able to see and attend to it immediately.

A few cases like this, and others who have remained for treatment, will I hope, bring about a much-desired change in the people's attitude toward medicine and treatment and so give me plenty of work to do.



FLAG RAISING IN EASTERN SAMOA

Photographs above show (left) Governor Phelps Phelps and the Kava Ceremony.



—Photographs by John Down.

APRIL 17th was a gala day in Pago Pago when the population celebrated the 52nd anniversary of the raising of the American Flag in Eastern Samoa. The re-introduction of this annual event was organised under the leadership of Governor Phelps Phelps, the Territories first civilian Governor since the withdrawal of the United States Naval Administration in 1951. Distinguished visitors from Western Samoa included the High Commissioner, Mr. G. R. Powles, and High Chiefs Tamasese and Malietoa.

The day's events commenced with the arrival of Governor Phelps, his guests and officials at the reviewing stand. Then came the colourful Grand Parade, led by the Veterans' brass band and the impressive Raising the Flag which was carried out by Mr. S. B. Gurr, son of Judge Gurr who had raised the Flag at the Inauguration of American Administration on April 17th 1900.

After the Kava ceremony, the day was given over to sports, competitions, canoe racing, dancing and feasting.

Tropicalities

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a ship, and to see a Harley Street specialist about his diabetes.

"Paradise," has now shifted from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean, if 42-year-old Prime Minister Amir Abdul Amin Didi, of the Maldives Islands, is to be believed. But then the Prime Minister is not exactly a modest man: his luggage included a large supply of booklets which, after describing the Maldives in poetic language, end with the following: "Admiration to our dynamic leader, the Hon'able Am Amin Didi, who has made the Maldives more romantic than ever before."

WANTED—A NATIONAL PARK

"WHAT more fitting—what more noble—memorial to King George VI could Australia establish than a great National Park preserving forever the majesty of the primordial forests of New Guinea as they were during the late King's lifetime?"

So writes Crosbie Morrison, editor of the Australian magazine *Wild Life*. He goes on to compare his project with the Albert National Park that covers 2,500,000 acres of the Belgian Congo, and points out that practically the only virgin country now remaining to the world exists in Australia's New Guinea territories.

He says that the fauna are second only to those of Australia in biological interest; that there are the only haunts of the birds of paradise and other bird species; that there are towering mountains, great rivers, giant trees, rare orchids and butterflies—that it would all cost nothing.

Well, what about it, New Guinea? The idea has merits and the time to pick the spot is now—before someone finds gold or oil on it, or grows a coffee plantation or starts any of those other enterprises which politicians are fond of telling us "can fulfil Australia's every tropical need."

FRANGIPANI BLOOMS AGAIN

ABOUT 200 residents of Rabaul attended the annual Frangipani Ball at the end of May despite a night of soaking rain. A goodly proportion were Behinds, who no doubt, have been properly instructed as to the whys and wherefores of this annual event.

The Bepores who attended shed a nostalgic tear when Messrs. Dudley Jones, O'Reilly, Fishwick and Williams rendered this year's version of the traditional *Frangipani Blooms Again*, and thought sadly of those days when Bill Heinicke (where is he now?) and his friends sang their version of the ditty and other tunes about Drs. Woolnough and Stehn (vulcanologists).

For the still uninitiated, the first Frangipani Ball was to mark the fact that a frangipani bush had emerged from the ashes of the eruption of 1937 and had sent forth a flower. It became an annual event and was a practical demonstration of the belief that Rabaul would always rise above

he troubles that beset her—as she has done

A song, sung to the tune of *Happy Days Are Here Again*, was devised each year by local Bards and though the sentiments expressed were much superior to the lyrics as such, no one bothered about that.

This year's version, as might be imagined, is more concerned with present conditions than with pre-war events. Here are some verses from it:

CHORUS

Frangipani blooms again,
The skies above are blue again,
And Rabaul is free from gloom again,
Frangipani blooms again,
There'll be no blues from now on,
And that's the theme of this song.

VERSES

Rice is ninety pounds a ton,
And other prices are one the run,
His darned inflation ain't no fun,
But Frangipani blooms again.

After the eruption there came the Japs,
Those awfully jolly little chaps,
Now we buy their iron and pay like saps,
But Frangipani blooms again.

Still we're going forward up the track,
Although there's lots of things we lack,
And we are carrying Moresby on our backs,
But Frangipani blooms again.

They've cut our imports down severe,
Cut down our whisky and our beer,
So shall we shed a silent tear
O: Why?
There'll be no blues from now on,
And that's the theme of this song.

FIJIAN HAVE NO WORD FOR IT

NEARLY SO colour, silk-screen posters depicting the rhinoceros-beetle will soon appear throughout the ports and copra districts of Fiji. This follows the alarming statement by the Director of Agriculture (Mr. Harvey) that this coconut-destroying pest may already have reached Fiji from Tonga and be quietly breeding near one of the ports.

It is rumoured that the posters could have appeared earlier if there had not been a difficulty in getting "rhinoceros-beetle" into Fijian. Naturally enough, there is no Fijian word for rhinoceros, and the descriptive sentence used for the animal goes on for quite a long time.

A suggestion that, as a good many English words are already used as short-cuts in colloquial Fijian, the word "rhinoceros" could be retained for the beetle on the poster has not been encouraged in official quarters—but they may come to it.

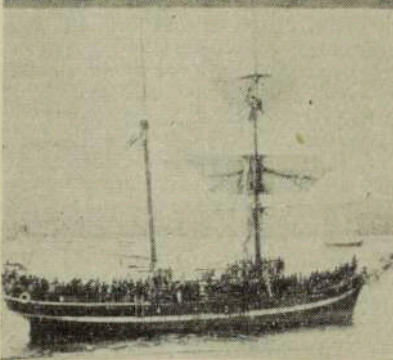
TONGAN "GANGSTERS"

WHEN Mr. D. McCorkill, recently Superintendent of Police in Tonga, arrived in Sydney in late May he said that Tongans were too law-

abiding and that there was not much for the police to do there.

After two years in the Kingdom, he is off to a new appointment in Malaya where he expects things to be a little different. He thinks Tonga must be the most law-abiding place in the world.

Evidently there are other schools of thought in Tonga, however. At



Two old and respected members of the Suva community, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Eves at their home, Doone Cottage, Lami, Suva. Mr. Eves first went to Fiji in the brigantine *Meg Merriles* in 1886, her master being John Meredith who was later lost at sea in Torres Strait about 1900. An old photograph of *Meg Merriles* is shown also—with a full load of recruited Melanesian labourers on board. When the photograph was taken, the brigantine was at anchor in Somosoma Strait near Taveuni, Fiji. These were the times some people refer to as "the good old days". Others hold up horrified hands and mutter "blackbirding".

—Photos by Fiji Public Relations Office.

almost the same time that Mr. McCorkill arrived in Sydney, we received a letter from a resident of Nukualofa who said that the police force had recently been increased to deal with increased law-breaking, especially among young village boys who had been seeing too many movies. They had formed themselves into gangs for thieving, assault and for making—and drinking—home brew. One gang operating in the Mu'a district calls itself the Skull gang, after a gangster-movie recently shown in Tonga.

No Mosquitoes In Safotu

A Journal Entry by JOHN ROLLEY

THIS village, Safotu, is half way along the northern coast of Savai'i. It's a typical Samoan coastal village except for one thing—there are no mosquitoes.

Day or night you can relax in peace and comfort without a mosquito net. It's the only place in Samoa I've so far found to be absolutely mosquito-free.

I cannot figure out the reason for this. A few hundred yards away—in the bush—the mosquitoes are thick. Maybe it is due to some particular way the village is situated in relation to prevailing wind, nature of soil, topography, and so on.

I am staying with Poulo Simiti and his numerous family, who extend to me the old spontaneous and charming hospitality for which Samoans are celebrated.

According to Poulo, local legend has it that some devils from Upolu planned to come and spoil Savai'i by liberating mosquitoes in every village. They filled a *piu vai* (x.o.s. coconut) with mosquitoes and all clambered into a *Va'a loa* (or big canoe) one dark night.

This boatload of *aitu leaga* (that means very bad devils) landed at Salelavalu, a little village in a bay at the eastern end of Savai'i. There, they had a *fono* (meeting) to decide on a plan of action.

It so happened that a young fellow in Salelavalu, named Epi, was madly in love with a lass of Safotu village. Her name was Lupe. But Lupe's family would not hear of the match; said Epi was a ne're-do-well, and lazy. They warned him that they would throw stones at him, and kill him, if he returned to Safotu.

Stone-throwing is a very real and deeply ingrained custom in Samoa—so Epi stayed at home, miserable.

Lupe, though, loved this boy as much as he loved her. So she ran away from home to go to her lover in Salelavalu.

In the dark of night, when she was stealing towards the *fale* where her boy-friend lived, she overheard the *aitu leaga* making their vile plans.

As Lupe listened, an idea came to her—an idea which would cause her family to look with more favour on Epi. She quickly returned home and went to see the *pule* (head of the family). She confessed to him that she had run away, but added: "Although you were unkind to Epi and drove him away, he sends you a

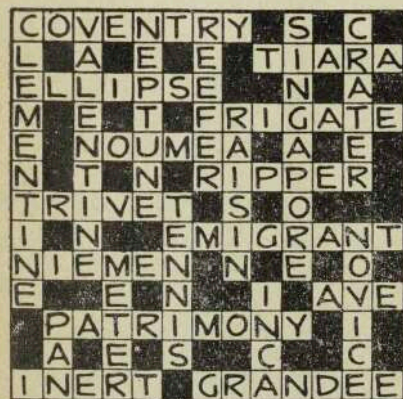
message and a warning. You must watch out for a crowd of *aitu leaga*, who will come in a *va'a loa* to liberate mosquitoes in our village."

The pule and other village chiefs sought assistance from some devils named Poga, who lived in the bread-fruit trees of Safotu. So the bread-fruit devils changed themselves into big fearful looking dogs. They rushed up and down the beach, barking and growling, when the *aitu leaga* came with their coconut full of mosquitoes.

The *aitu leaga* were cowards, and fearful of landing. So they went on, further along the coast, to Asau. They felt very angry at being thwarted in their plans, so they let out a double dose at Asau—just for spite, and cursed the mosquitoes into the bargain. Ever since then, Asau has been plagued with swarms of mosquitoes, of a most aggressive type.

However, at Safotu, the *matui* were so pleased at the turn of events that they sent a special message to Sal-elavatu to tell Epi he could come whenever he liked. So Epi and Lupe lived together happily—and Safotu is free from mosquitoes to this day.

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Mr. N. R. Ford, who is in charge of the Pacific area section of Metro Goldwyn Mayer film organisation, returned to Australia on April 10, after visiting Central and Eastern Pacific. He is off again soon to Papua and New Guinea, but at the moment (he says) he is recovering from the overwhelming hospitality of all the Islands people he met—particularly the cinema owners at Papeete (Mr. Tony Bambridge), Suva (Messrs. Crawford and Mullaly), Santo (Mr. Tom Harris), and Noumea (M. August Mercier).

Those Moresby Broadcasts

By LISTENER

I AM always keen to hear the daily broadcasts of "Papua and New Guinea News" that Moresby gives forth. This news is of great interest to those in the far flung corners of the Territory.

It's so nice to hear about the patrols who make contact in the mountains with fearsome cannibalistic tribes who—never having seen white men before—are quickly pacified. The most friendly relationships are established and all the hidden mysteries of the tribe are fully explained to the newcomers.

It seems quite simple for these modern patrol officers to persuade a few of the intelligentsia to accompany them to Port Moresby, where they can see Jeep accidents and become interested in the Boy Scouts—no, not from a culinary viewpoint, but with the idea that next year they appoint a tribal member to go over to a World Jamboree in Yugo-Slavia or the Gold Coast.

A while back we heard that a coconut had fallen on a Chimbu native labourer at Kar Kar Island. It seems the poor lad was knocked quite unconscious and so lay for a time. But after three days, he arose again—as though from the dead—and made for the bush, and it seemed that an intensive search was being made for him.

My batteries faded out at this period; and although I know lots of planters feel strongly about Chimbu labourers, I do hope that he was found! I would have been most interested to hear what damage was sustained by the coconut, which after all, is a valuable item and quite necessary at present to our economy. There seems to be a lot of overlapping when Departments are seeking new recruits in Australia. A while back I was intrigued to learn over the air that the Public Service Commissioner, the Director of District Services and the Police Chief were all touring Australia in search of special types for their departments, and seemed to be having some difficulty.

This all appeared to be a waste of public money. Now, at the same time the Department of Agriculture—speaking from Moresby—announced that it intended (*intended*, mark you) to shortly import a number of goats to the Territory. It seems to me that all this choosing should, in such cases, be left to a Department that definitely knows what it wants and does not have to go roaming round

Australia making announcements about types and temperament required in candidates.

As one who wrests a precarious living from the land—unhelped by extra allowances for wife, children, schooling, fares and Recreation or Long Leave—I was naturally concerned to learn over the air that all kinds of new taxes and impositions were shortly to be levied on the denizens of the Territory. This will hit us all; but it may well be the Last Straw with people in the outside places, that are already hard hit by isolation, lack of essential services and have young families to rear and school.

A while ago it was announced to all listeners that the Administrator had said in one of his happy speeches, "The door is wide open for 'Private Enterprise,' in the Territory." Many have been wondering if for Entry or Exit?

Tabua for Queen Elizabeth

ACCORDING to Fijian custom, following the death of the late King George VI, the chiefs of Fiji assembled at Government House, Suva, to perform the ceremony of Rengurengu—mourning for a High Chief. The presentation of the tabua which is part of the ceremony was made by Ratu George Cakobau, to the Acting Governor, Mr. A. F. Stoddard, who forwarded it to the Queen.

In accordance with custom, no announcement could be made because the ceremony was not complete until the Queen notified her acceptance of the tabua.

On May 13, Her Majesty, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, sent the following message to the Acting Governor of Fiji:

"The Queen accepts the tabua, and greatly appreciates the accompanying message of loyalty and sympathy. Her Majesty has asked that the Fijian chiefs and people should be told of her gratitude and appreciation."

In Auckland recently, in a bus-queue, an elderly gentleman, seemingly intent on developing an unprofitable-political discussion, asked PIM's correspondent just what was his object in life. Then the whole atmosphere changed. The elderly gentleman was none other than Mr. William Gilmour, brother of the Rev. M. K. Gilmour, now retired in Sydney after 33 years' service. He was mainly in Eastern Papua and was known there at "The Boatbuilding Missionary."

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Free Hospitals and Fiji Racial Claims

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medicines free of charge," he said. "To many Fijians the receiving of free medical treatment is bound up with the Deed of Cession. The time is not yet ripe to remove this system. To do so would be to cause undue hardship to a great many of our people."

Mr. Scott described the Medical and Education Departments, with their increasing demands due to the rising population, as "bottomless pits." Unless expenditure were curbed, he said, Fiji was heading for disaster. He added:

"As a gesture of goodwill and gratitude for living in this Colony, the Europeans and Indians should agree that the system of free treatment for the Fijians should continue. With this reservation I strongly support the principle that those who can pay should pay."

UNEASY memories of a red-hot outbreak of Fijian anger in 1949 were recalled when Mr. Scott commented acidly: "I once heard an Indian member say that the Indians would 'carry the Fijians on their backs until the Fijians were able to walk.' I hope the present Indian members will want to share the burden and support the amendment exempting the Fijians."

"Racial discrimination!" said Mr. Tulsi Ram Sharma.

"In the right direction!" retorted Mr. Scott.

No vote was taken at the end of the debate which, said the Acting Governor (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart), had served a very useful purpose. He said that the general committee would take note of the rising costs and consider how they were to be met. It would also consider whether the present charges should be varied and who should pay. There would be a consultation with the leaders of each group of unofficial members (European, Fijian and Indian) before the committee's full terms of reference were decided.

This debate is likely to be a landmark in Fiji's political history. The Fijian reaction was astonishing. And much of that reaction started with the unvocal masses, whom a Council member, Ravuama Vunivalu, described as "the silent people—the ordinary men and women." He said that the Government's plan was seen by the Fijians as the removal of a privilege which for historical reasons they have come to regard as a birth-right. They—even the people in the

political quietude of the remote Fijian villages"—were more aggrieved than the Indians.

In the end, the Government acted wisely. But through tactlessness in the early stages it created doubts and misgivings in quarters where it once enjoyed more or less blind trust.

PITCAIRN'S STAMPS

WITH the transfer of Pitcairn Island administration from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to the Fiji Government, Pitcairn stamps will in future be available to collectors at the Suva post office—not at the High Commissioners' Office as formerly.

There were two recent issues of new Pitcairn stamps—4d and 8d. The 4d bears a picture of the famous Bounty Bible, which was returned to the island three years ago from USA.

Rabaul citizens, who eight months ago were promised a sub-Treasury, have been incensed by the fact that this has been established at Lae instead. At a recent meeting of the Town Council, members again recommended that a branch of the Treasury be established in Rabaul.

RHINOCEROS BEETLE FIGHT IN TONGA

SUVA, May 20.

RECENTLY back from Tonga, Mr. Harold Gatty, managing director of Fiji Airways and a Government-nominated member of the Legislative Council, is enthusiastic about the work the Tongan Government and people are doing to

stamp out the rhinoceros beetle invasion in the port area of Neiafu, Vavau.

Roads are barricaded, goods are searched, local shipping is restricted and teams of up to 300 villagers at a time are waging a war of extermination.

Mr. Gatty said that the campaign is going so well that the pest should be cleared out of the infested area within a reasonable time.

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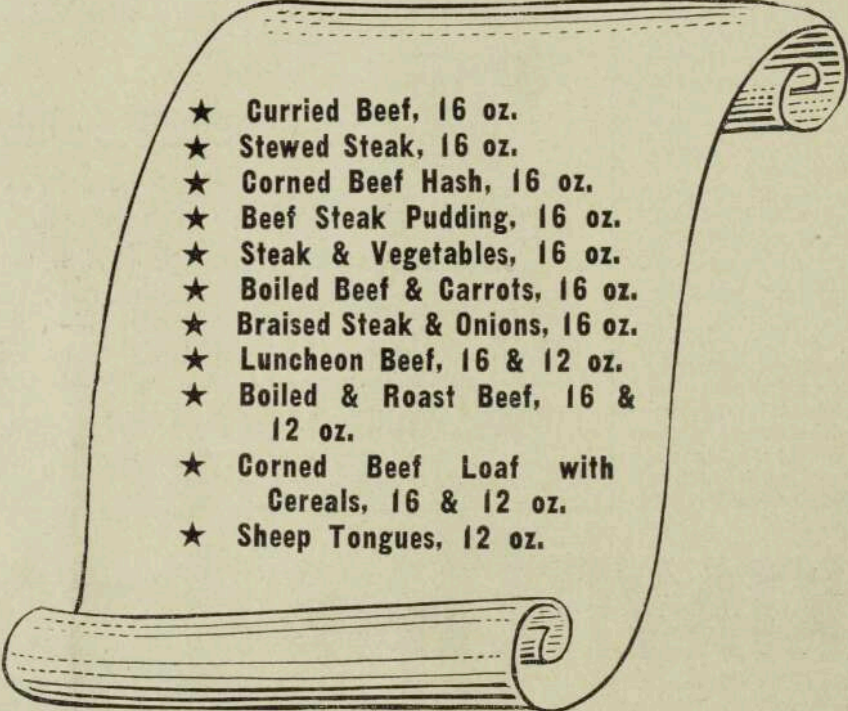


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Fiji Copra Producers Cut £97,000 in Govt. Loans

SUVA, May 21.

LATEST figures released by the Fijian Development Fund Board show that since the Fijian Development Fund came into operation on August 1, 1951, a total of £107,117 has been collected from the Fijian copra producers and the Fund is growing at the rate of more than £10,000 a month.

Of the total of £107,000, no less than £97,940 has gone into the Government's Development Loans. To date not one word has been made public regarding expenditure (if any) on any of the purposes for which the fund was instituted.

With most of the fund to date Government Loans, it may be said that, technically, the general objective is being fulfilled. In the words of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, the object of the fund is "to obtain for the Fijian community some lasting benefit out of the high prices being paid for commodities, to bring the marketing of all economically important native produce under one

control, to gain for the Fijians a better bargaining position in business transactions, and to help the village communities to emerge from the state of sole reliance on subsistence economy."

A levy of £10 is made on every ton of Fijian-produced copra and, under the Fijian Development Fund Ordinance all payments to the fund are credited to the person or body making the payment and bear interest at 2 per cent. Withdrawals—it is not known whether any have been permitted—can be made only with the consent of the administering board and for a purpose approved by the Board.

Ratu Sir Lala, the principal architect of the whole scheme, told the Legislative Council last year that the board would ensure that the owners of the fund provided themselves with better houses, healthier and brighter surroundings, and good and sufficient water supplies before anything else. It was planned, he added, to raise the standard of living of more than 50,000 people (that is, well over one-third of the indigenous Fijians) and ultimately to give the Colony's economy an extra 7,000,000 working hours a year.

In these terms, the levy of £10 on a return of £65 a ton is certainly

not extortionate, but it looks as if most of the compulsory contributors to the fund will wait a mighty long time before they start to reap the promised benefits.

Mr. R. R. C. Caten has been promoted Assistant Public Relations Officer, Fiji.

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Miss A. McPhee, a trained nurse, who has been working in East Africa and, lately, in Lebanon, reached Sydney early in May on her way to New Guinea. She left for New Britain by air on May 10 to stay with her brother, Mr. Gerald McPhee, planter, of Kokopo.

Mr. G. B. Waring, who was awarded a Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship in 1949, has returned to Fiji from New Zealand after successfully completing a course on surveying. He has resumed work with the Lands Department as a Surveyor.

SAMOA SHIPS COCOA, COPRA BUT FEW BANANAS

Price of Cocoa still Rising

APIA, May 26.

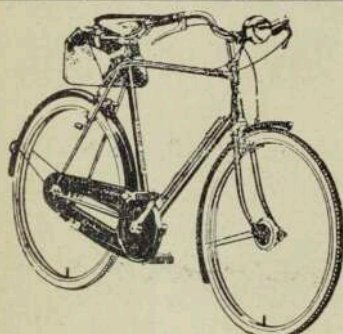
SMALL lots of Samoan cocoa-beans have recently been sold at a fob Apia price of £290-£315 Samoan per ton.

Several hundreds of tons of cocoa were recently shipped by *Nairnbank* and *Tofua*; *Nairnbank* also lifted a full cargo of 3,000 tons of copra for the British MOF. *Clydebank*, expected to arrive in early July, will load 3,500 tons of copra which should completely clear Apia sheds.

The May *Tofua* took 5,200 cases of bananas to New Zealand — less than 1,000 of which went from Tonga, Niue and Fiji. It is expected that with the approaching breadfruit season, fewer bananas will be consumed locally and that more will be available for export to NZ.

The *Tofua* carried 800 cases of Samoan grapefruit to the Dominion where the acute shortage of bananas and citrus fruit has created a ready demand.

A son (John Alexander) was born at Rabaul hospital on May 27 to Mr. and Mrs. A. Savage, of Rabaul.



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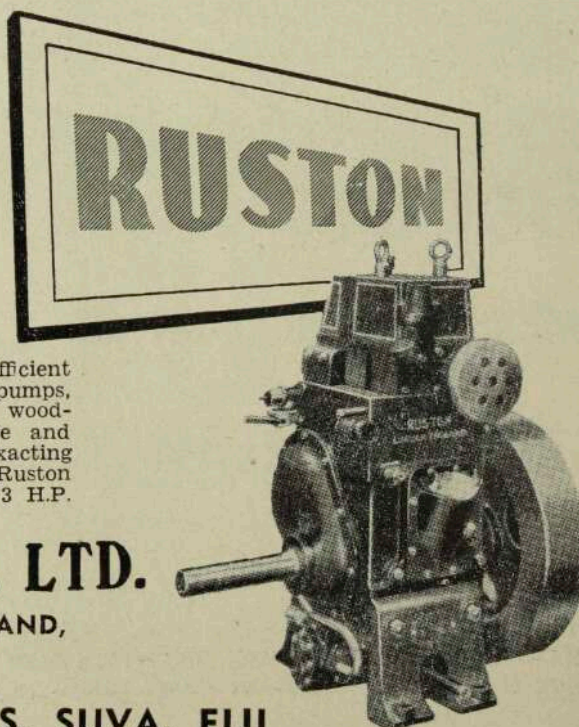
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Mr. Tony Thomson, eldest son of Capt. Andy Thomson, returned to rejoin his father as Chief Officer in Charlotte

Donald (see elsewhere).

Miss M. P. Taylor and Miss A. D. Crawford were off to spend a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland of the Rarotonga radio station staff.

Mr. G. Stacey was proceeding to Rarotonga to join the staff of A. B. Donald & Co. as Store Manager.

Miss R. Mahoa and Miss M. Mita were



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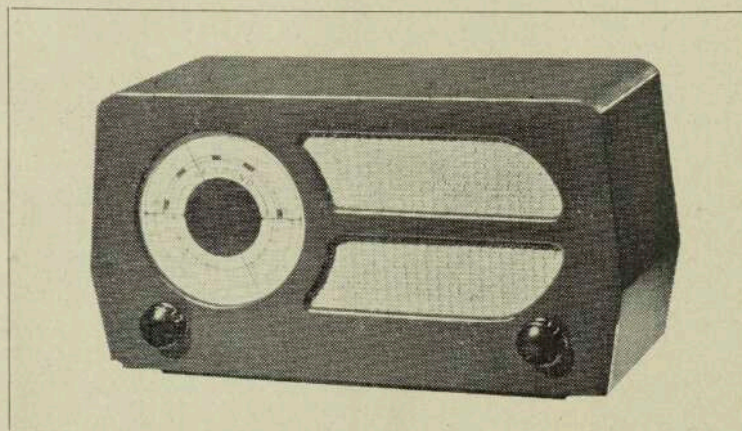
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going home for a holiday from Masterton, N.Z., where they work.
Miss Frances Rogers of New York City, who has visited 28 countries including G since she left home in 1947, was planning a trip round the Cook Islands before going on to Tahiti.

PAPER FROM SUGAR-CANE?

A CUBAN, Joaquin de la Roza, working at the Herty Foundation laboratories at Savannah, Georgia, reported to have developed a process for the production of newsprint from sugar-cane waste of good quality newsprint at competitive prices.

Mr. Roza, who has been working in the process since 1918, stated that Cuba could produce four million tons of newsprint per annum on the basis of her present sugar crop. He estimated the cost at less than \$60 per ton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hickling and family left Niue Island on the May *Tofua* for N.Z. Mr. Hickling was Education Officer at Niue and for the past seven months has been Acting Resident Commissioner during Mr. C. H. W. Larsen's furlough in New Zealand. At the beginning of next year, Mr. Hickling will go to Tararua as Education Officer for the Cook Islands.

NIUE SHIPS LIMES TO NEW ZEALAND

NIUE, May 9
YEARS ago Niue Is. shipped large quantities of limes to New Zealand, but of recent years no shipments have been made.

Mr. H. Hickling, who has been Acting Resident Commissioner for the last seven months, recently sent a trial shipment to N.Z. Merchants have asked for more and apparently will take all they can get.

It is hoped that limes, which are fairly plentiful on Niue, will become a source of revenue for the natives.

BASKET-WARE

Niue plaited-ware has become a victim of Australian Import Restrictions.

During the past year or so, Niue traders have been posting thousands of baskets to Sydney and Melbourne and orders to hand indicated that this trade would continue indefinitely.

This disruption to the Island's chief means of income is all the more annoying because the *Tofua* is now giving Niue a monthly shipping service and can lift 400 bags of parcel mail on each occasion.

With the trade now restricted to the

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Over 20 members and associates of Wau Golf Club visited Port Moresby over Queen's Birthday weekend, played matches with local golfers and had a pleasant social time.



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WHEN Mr. H. Hunter, of Citrus Products, Ltd., Auckland, returned from one of his periodical

visits to Fiji and Tonga in May, he told of some of the factors which are increasing the Company's costs in the Islands.

With the high price of copra, Mr. Hunter said, it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain labour for the harvesting of citrus crops. A native can now make sufficient money in a week from copra to

allow him to retire for the following fortnight. Thus, to obtain labour at all for citrus work, wages have to be raised in proportion.

In addition, at Vavau (Tonga) the Company is further burdened by "beetle day". According to a Government decree, all workers must be allowed off work for one day each week—at the employer's expense—to hunt the rhinoceros beetle, which was introduced to Vavau from Samoa in a cargo of timber some time ago.

"Beetle Day" is the gala day of the week—few beetles being disturbed but all hands having a happy kind of picnic in the country.

A plan to pay a bonus on all beetles caught was scotched when it was discovered that, in Samoa, a group of enterprising back-yard beetle-breeders had sprung into existence and were making excellent money, as compared with the picnic-hunters.

Mr. Norman White and Mr. Lionel Baker who have gone in for vegetable farming at Wau, N.G., have been sending out large quantities of fresh vegetables to various coastal centres. In late May 5½ tons were despatched by air—three tons to Manus for the Navy and Air Force which are now regular customers for Wau farm produce.

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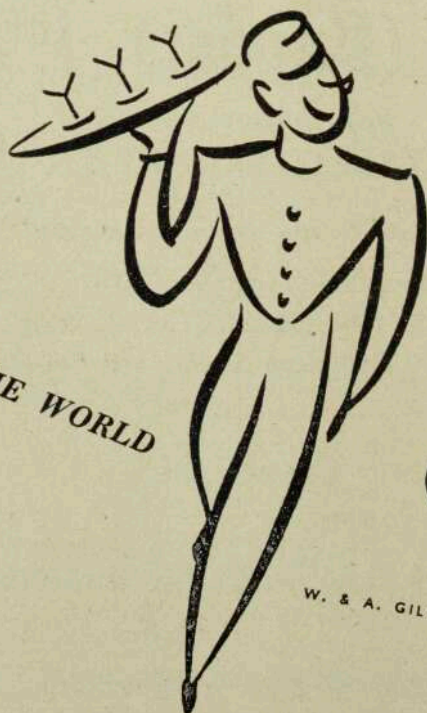
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The Vacuum Oil Company is running an oil terminal near Nadi. It will be about £150,000 Australian and chief purpose will be to service jet aircraft—the first of which will be introduced this year by Canadian Pacific Airlines, Ltd.

Jet aircraft do not use aviation petrol, but kerosene. Kerosene is cheaper, of course—but the jets use more of it. It is calculated that by 1954 when BCPA are also using jets on the trans-Pacific service, the total needed to refuel aircraft at Nadi will be 4,500,000 gallons per year—about three times more than the quantity of orthodox aviation gasoline now consumed.

Vacuum will build their new oil terminal at Buda Point, near Nadi, where tankers can discharge the jet fuel to land storage tanks by a submarine pipeline.

New refuelling equipment will also be installed and the jets will take on kerosene at the rate of 400 gallons per minute compared with about 100 gallons of aviation fuel as at present.

BOARD TO HELP W. SAMOAN PRODUCTION

THE Government of Western Samoa has established a nine-member Board of Agriculture, to advise the best means of increasing primary production, including banana exports to New Zealand.

The High Commissioner (Mr. G. Powles) pointing out that there is room in Samoa for greatly increased production, emphasised that the Board will be a non-political body of practical men.

The members are: The Government Secretary, Mr. J. B. Wright (chairman); Director of Agriculture, Mr. H. S. Newton; senior Samoan agricultural officer, Leavasa; President of the Planters' Association, Mr. R. Cobcroft; representative of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. G. Bruce; General Manager of NZ Registration Estates, Mr. D. R. Eden (or deputy); three Samoan members, Mr. Iyga Pisa and Va'ai Kolone, Savai'i, and Leta'a, of Upolu.

The engagement is announced of Miss Colleen Turbet, younger daughter of Mr. C. R. Turbet and Mrs. Turbet, of Fiji, to Mr. William Williams, of Auckland.

LMS CENTENARY AT PENRHYN

The London Missionary Society's vessel *John Williams* was scheduled to make a round of the Cook Islands in late June, picking up Church representatives to attend the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the mission at Penrhyn, Northern Cook Islands, in early July.

A further party will travel from Rarotonga on the *Charlotte Donald* in late June.

Mr. D. H. P. Walker who has been accountant at the Suva branch of the Bank of NSW for the past 3½ years will return to NSW in June. His place will be taken by Mr. R. Graigie who was with the Bank in Suva between 1939 and 1943.

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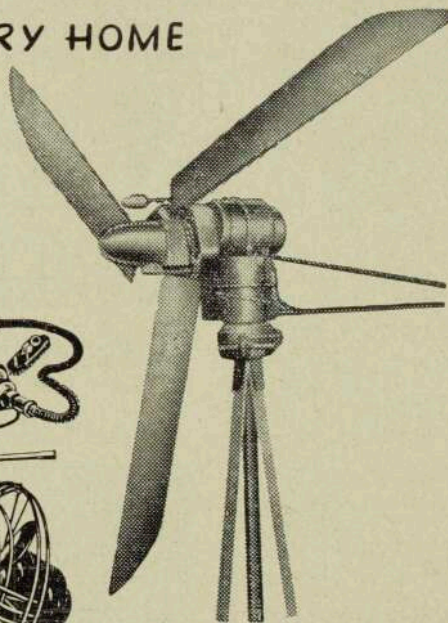
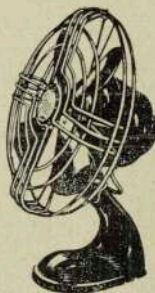
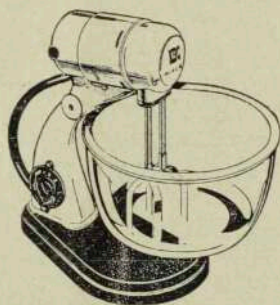
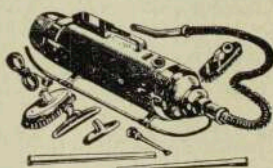
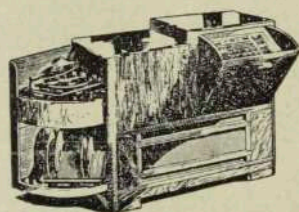
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MR. FLOYD H. McCOY, in charge of police in Pitcairn Island, with Mrs. McCoy, went south to NZ in the *Rangitiki* in April. Mrs. McCoy continued on to Melbourne to visit her family, while Floyd underwent a period of training with the Auckland police, studying Court procedure, etc. He also is receiving instruction in the operation and maintenance of a new 50-watt radio transmitter for Pitcairn use. There is a powerful transmitter on Pitcairn, donated some years ago by American radio amateurs, but the Western Pacific High Commission (and now the Fiji Government) cannot find a qualified radio operator, to accept the job at the salary offered, and keep the big set in commission. The plan now is to instal the new, low-powered set, which will be less likely to give trouble and yet be adequate for communication with Fiji and Nipping.

Colonel C. L. Pleasants, Commander of the Fiji Military Forces, left Suva on May 15 for Malaya, to visit the Fiji Battalion, which has completed advanced jungle training, and expects soon to meet the Red Terrorists.

'Wealth Is Ruining Tongans'

WHEN Mr. R. J. Harrison, retiring headmaster of Tonga High School, arrived in Auckland aboard the *Tofua* in late May, Auckland newspapers reported him as expressing the opinion that copra-prosperity was spoiling the Tongans. Servants were now difficult to obtain, unreliable, "light-fingered, and even heavy-fingered"; many Tongans were richer than the Europeans.

Mr. Harrison was reported as saying that the Tongans were keen on managing their own affairs, and many had already shown themselves as capable administrators, although others would have to shed their less desirable customs and apply themselves in the European way.

Nevertheless, Mr. Harrison considered Tonga a pleasant, though expensive, place to live, and he felt that he might return there.

Mr. Harrison said that he had one native and four European assistants at the High School, where he was for six years. It has an attendance of 104 pupils. Since it was opened in 1947 pupils have been forbidden the use of the native language in the school and playground. As a result, native pupils' standard of English has

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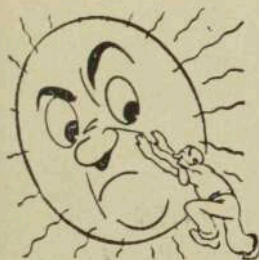
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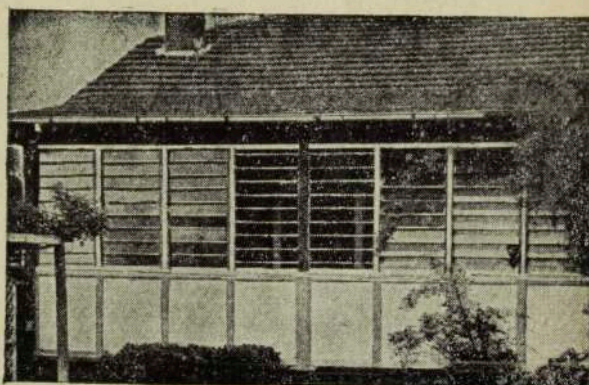
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A daughter was born on April 21, in King George Hospital, Camperdown, Sydney, to **Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jameson**, of Rabaul, New Guinea. Mrs. Jameson with the new arrival (named Vicki Leoni) expects to return to Rabaul on May 31.

Rabaul (NG) native stevedores broke into a case of whisky during the unloading of the March Bulolo and disposed of about 10 bottles. One native was taken from the hold in a sling, another was dragged up to the deck by an iron ladder.

EXPERT PLEASED WITH SAMOAN COCOA YIELDS

APIA, May 26.
DURING a recent visit to Western Samoa, Mr. D. H. Urquhart, former Director of Agriculture in the Gold Coast Colony, and an expert on cocoa, expressed himself as greatly impressed with the cocoa industry in Western Samoa.

Mr. Urquhart will report on his findings to the South Pacific Commission and is at present visiting American Samoa.

His investigations showed that Samoa had one of the highest yields of cocoa to the acre in the world. Cocoa yields, on the 1,200 acres of cocoa in bearing on the New Zealand Reparation Estates, average 5 cwt. per acre per year, while yields in other cocoa-producing countries average from less than 2 cwt. to 3 cwt. per acre per year.

Mr. Bruce Bacon, Agencies Manager for the Islands firm of W. E. Reed, Sydney, made a business trip to Papua-New Guinea during April-May.

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The Captain—a large man, noted for his hobby of horoscope writing, his strict sobriety, and his violent temper before breakfast—was paddling the bridge like a leopard, one eye on the nearby reef and the other on the foredeck.

Down there, the ever-recurring performance of getting the launch and surf-boats overside, with the aid of a single winch and derrick, was under way.

Theoretically, this was the Mate's domain, but invariably, at that critical stage where the boat in its turn left the deck and began its sometimes damaging journey overboard, the Old Man "blew his top," aversing the entire vocabulary of profanity, interspersed with thunderous bellows, during which a ghastly silence descended on all hands from the fore to engine room, and Moiam, the boss-boy at the winch, turned from pitch black to Polynesian.

Immediately after this act of morning terrorism, the Master, perhaps temporarily exhausted, retired momentarily for a few minutes to his cabin. Swathed in a faded purple mono, his departure was invariably more amusing than his arrival, the gravity of the exit being somewhat marred by a large triangular rip in the region of his otherwise naked mp.

On the morning in question, with the performance over, all hands were "stand easy" again. The Old Man resumed the bridge—a comparatively normal human being—and commenced manoeuvring the ship in circles, as near the loading point as possible (there being no anchorage at Awin).

The kooskoos, already ashore with his bills-of-lading and his copra sales, was discussing the loading with the Malayan overseer inside the palm-leaf copra shed, when suddenly one of the boys at the door called out "Ship 'e like walkabout 'long tidesan."

At about the same moment a

terrific non-stop jangling of the engine-room telegraph became audible.

The kooskoos arrived at the door in time to see as pretty a job of stranding as was ever performed.

The little ship was coming straight for the copra shed, her engines full open. The Master, still resplendent in that purple kimono decorated with ornate dragons, was putting on a special matinee performance of unbridled fury as his charge drove hell-bent for the beach.

Just as she struck the edge of the reef, bow on, the engines were stopped; but the ship, at the top of high tide, rode half her length up onto the reef, and came to a very

sudden and determined standstill, within biscuit-throw of the kooskoos.

The subsequent post-mortem revealed that, in one of his circles, the Master found he had slightly misjudged and had rung for full-astern. The Chief Engineer—an excitable Euronesian with little English at his command—had mistaken it at first

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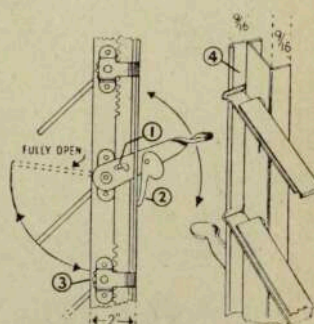
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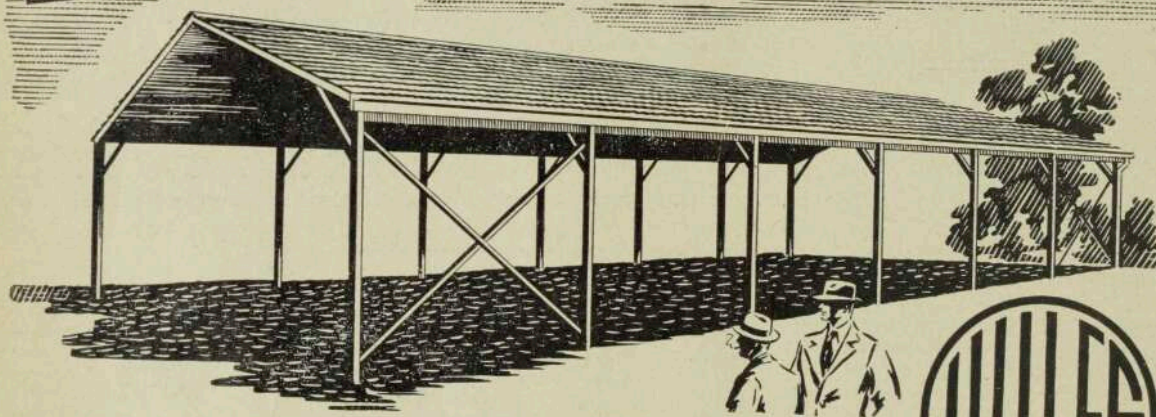


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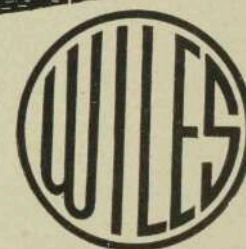
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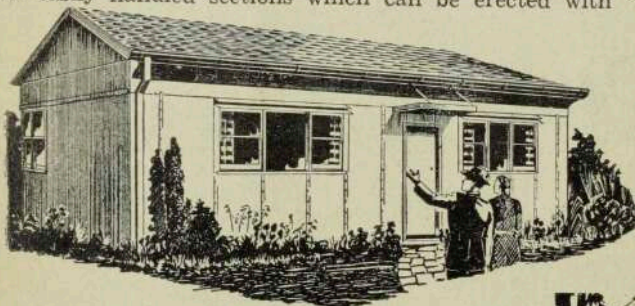


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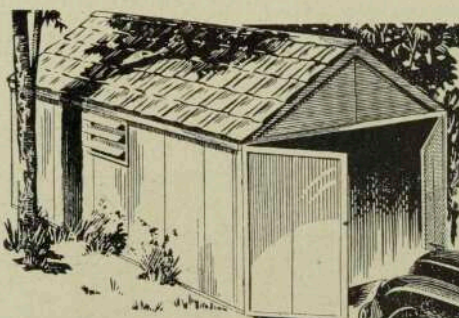


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or full-ahead; then, flustered by the old Man's violent repetition of signals from the bridge, had replied on the telegraph with full-astern, but still had the engines on full-ahead.

The ship was refloated several days later, after all cargo had been shifted and sundry fangs of coral had been broken away with crow-bars by a gang of shell-divers who happened to be aboard as passengers.

The Captain's personal boy, later commenting on the incident said "Long time before Captain e common tasall; now 'long this-fella-ship 'e like walkabout 'long win Captain 'e altogether long-long ish." (*Long-long* in pidginese is "tark, raving mad").

African Snail Reaches New Zealand

THE giant African (Madagascar) snail which the Japanese introduced to some Pacific islands during the war, may have reached New Zealand. A single snail was recently discovered by a Department of Agriculture Inspector in a case of machinery shipped from Ceylon. A close examination is being made for other snails.

The snail is bisexual and lays up

to 300 eggs in a batch, the eggs hatching within a few hours. It is estimated that a single African snail can produce a population of 11 billion snails in 5 years.

LEPERS' TRUST BOARD SHOWS LOSS

THE Lepers' Trust Board, which finds much of the finance necessary for Makogai Leper Hospital, and makes annual donations to other leper hospitals from the Solomons to Tahiti each year, reported in May that its expenditure for the year ending December 31, 1951, had been £2,668NZ in excess of receipts.

Total expenditure for the year had been £38,406. Donations, collections and legacies had provided £35,141, and the remaining £596 was from interest, rents and dividends.

The greater part of this Board's finance is provided each year by New Zealand.

Dr. P. G. Griffiths, Fiji Medical Officer, will shortly transfer on promotion to Malaya as Physician Specialist. His departure from Fiji will be deferred until a relief for him is available.

Mrs. Doris Booth, pioneer Morobe resident and now a nominated member of the P-NG Legislative Council is building a new home at Wau on the site of one of Guinea Airways old hangars. The new house will overlook the Wau airstrip and the Wau Valley, scene of Mrs. Booth's early successes.



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FIJI SHOULD GROW A SQUARE BANANA!

BY ELIZABETH S. WILLIAMS

I SHOULD like to make some reference to the Fiji banana industry. My sympathy goes out to the housewives of N.Z. who are the ones who really matter in this business, after all.

Before the Union Co's banana-carrying vessel is due into Suva, great is the labour of cutting and packing the bananas. Native men, women and children, from dawn to dusk, trudge wearily over the roads, where large trucks stand ready to haul to the wharf. Square crates are all over the roadsides, as bananas are pulled (not often cut) off the main stem of the stalk. Thus, an opening is left in the skin, so the fruit ripens, and rots more quickly than if the banana was left on the stalk, or at least cut away carefully so as to leave it absolutely closed to the air. The bananas are literally stuffed into the square crates, a lid put on and a heavy pot, or a squatting child is plonked on to the top so it can be firmly nailed down.

This procedure shocked and depressed me. I lived some time in Costa Rica, and recall the great care taken by the United Fruit Co. to ensure the most perfect delivery methods available for their American banana market. Their crates are cylinder shaped with gunny sacks inside. The banana stalk is carefully slipped—the cut end first—into the crate with the bananas turned upwards, so as not to bruise the fruit in any way.

Naturally, I inquired why square boxes are used in this way for the long round bunches of fruit. It appears that the Union SS Co. demands that shape for storage space!

In Auckland recently, I was in a greengrocer's shop, marketing. I saw a pitiful handful of bruised, mashed over-ripe bananas on his shelves.

"Where were these bananas grown?" I asked the proprietor.

"In Fiji," was the reply.

"Why have you stocked such a poor variety of goods? Did you think your customers would want to purchase such poor-looking, unappetising fruit?"

"Oh, most certainly not." The man's face looked as depressed as the bananas themselves. "The Food Marketing Board told me, if I wanted to stock bananas at all, I would have to stock those allotted to me. The kiddies about here love them. I do the best I can for them." He shrugged his shoulders.

Of course children love the long,

unny-coloured fruit. Just to peel a banana to the biting point is fun, and they are nourishing and wholesome, and they are there at hand. But how stupid not to have them old in perfect condition. That rocer should have had a whole bunch hanging from his shelves, and cut each one off close to the stalk, with care, so that they would have been perfect for each customer.

If my memory serves me right, there was a small article published in the "Fiji Times" about a Food Commissioner being sent from Canada to look over the banana market, with a view to importing a large quantity of bananas from Fiji. He bought none, as he thought them to be of inferior grade to begin with. He said that the Canadian housewife would not purchase them. But I suppose that the N.Z. Government figures that the N.Z. housewife should be thankful for small blessings in the shape of a squashed banana.

I have not been in Fiji for some months. Since then, maybe, the kind Creator has been able to produce a square banana to meet the demands of a ship's hold that take only square boxes.

Mr. J. Collins, formerly of BSI and New Guinea has joined BP staff in Vanuatu, New Hebrides.

A gymkhana was to be held on Norfolk Island on June 2 in order to raise funds for the Island's hospital. This hospital was designed and built by the Australian Government and is a great asset, but adequate staffing and upkeep is a problem to the community. It has been suggested that a lottery run locally would help.

Madame Phillips, widow of the late Lou Phillips, of Tahiti, is in holiday in Auckland, staying with Madame Cabouret, also formerly of Tahiti.

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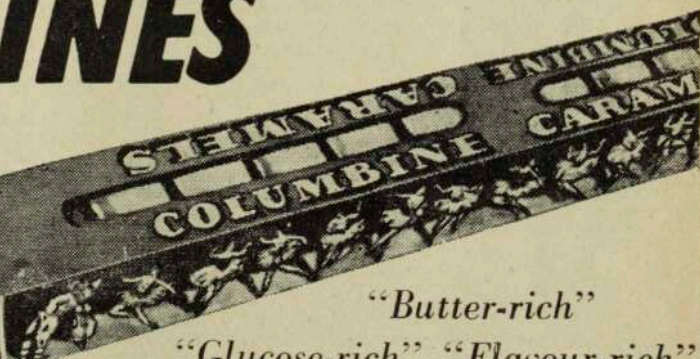
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During her May voyage the Union Co's new Islands vessel *Tofua* was again quarantined at Nukualofa as a result of the recent Fiji polio epidemic. No restrictions were placed on the ship at Apia, Vavau, Niue or Pago Pago.

FUTURE OF WESTERN SAMOA

SINCE New Zealand took over Western Samoa from the Germans in 1914, the Territory, both politically and economically, has slowly reverted to the Samoans.

In 1914, there were some 600 Europeans there, with perhaps 1,000 Euronians and 35,000 Samoans. The administration was wholly European. To-day, there are only 200 Europeans there (with 5,000 Euronians and 75,000 Samoans) and the administration is about 75 per cent. Samoan.

The NZ Department of Islands Territories now apparently is planning a more definite economic policy regarding this valuable group. It has asked the South Pacific Commission to prepare for an economic survey of Western Samoa and the Deputy Chairman of the Research Council (Dr. Ojala) says it should be carried out in stages.

The first one could be an economic stocktaking, based mainly on known information about soils and crops, population trends, production trends, external trades, prices, wages, investment and the results of the agricultural census. "An economic survey of this kind would be expected to indicate the priorities in economic development, and might also bring out the significance for Western Samoa of more detailed studies of the land and other resources of the territory as later stages of the economic survey," added Dr. Ojala.

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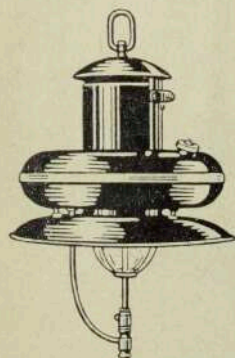
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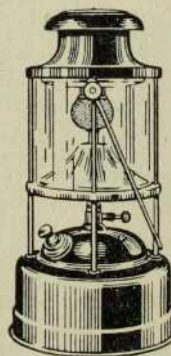
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Cattle Production in Tropical Islands

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oneering work in the field of live-stock production in the NG high-lands done by the Leahy brothers, the Animal Industry Branch of the G Department of Agriculture, and more recently—to the enterprise of Mr. E. J. Hallstrom.

EUROPEAN breeds of cattle do well in the higher elevations in the tropics, provided that tropical diseases are controlled and management is good. In high altitudes, even in the tropics, and particularly where rainfall is heavy, it has been found that cattle need shelter at night to give the best results. They lose condition, and milk yield is depressed, if they are exposed for long periods to cold and wet conditions.

In Ceylon, the European breeds used were Ayrshire, Friesian, Milk-shorthorn, Jersey and Red Polled. The Ayrshires were leading in production, according to the latest available report; but since the Ayrshires are maintained on a farm separate from that on which the other breeds are kept, the better yield may have been partly, at any rate—due to management and different environment.

If ticks and tick fever occur, it is necessary to undertake the regular dipping of the cattle, or their spraying, if the number is small. The ordinary arsenical dip is fairly satisfactory, but the use of one of the modern preparations, such as Dimelexane or DDT, give protection not only against ticks, but against biting flies, which may also transmit diseases.

In cattle farming in the tropical highlands the introduction of cattle of the Zebu strain is scarcely warranted. In any case, the breed of Zebu to be crossed with the European breeds must be selected with great care, having in mind the use to which the progeny are to be put. They may be needed for beef production, or milk, or for draught. No breed of Zebu will be suitable for each of these purposes.

Under close domestication, Zebu breeds remain docile, but the European farmer who tries ranching with Zebu of the Nellore or Hissar breeds will find great difficulty in controlling them. High fences will be needed and frequent handling to keep the animals in control for subsequent marketing.

For those of us who normally live in temperate zones, and who have travelled in the more accessible

tropical lands near the sea, it is difficult to appreciate the existence of a temperate climate in tropical lands so close to the equator. Nevertheless, as land elevation increases the temperature declines so that, even in tropical areas, a temperate climate may be experienced. It has been ascertained that for each 1,000 feet of elevation, the temperature drops three degrees below the temperature usually experienced on the sea coast of that particular Islands territory.

Therefore, if a steamy 85 is be-

ing experienced on the coast, inland at 5,000 feet elevation the temperature at that time would be about 70. Similarly on the coldest dawn on the sea coast which might be 55, the temperature at 5,000 feet would be 40, which is cold enough to warrant the provision of some protection for domestic animals.

The high temperature of the tropical coastal belts, which is usually accompanied by high humidity, may have a harmful effect on the physiological well-being of animals. As an example of this, thoroughbred racehorses living in the climate of Colombo (which, like New Guinea, is within 7 degrees of the Equator), suffer in time from a condition called



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ry sweat. The sweat glands lose their ability to sweat freely.

One of the functions of sweating is the regulation of the body heat. sweating ceases, serious body harm or even death occurs.

The immediate cure of the condition in Ceylon is to move the affected horse to the mountain centre Nuwara Eliya, which is at 6,200 feet, where the horse rapidly becomes normal. In the same way all animals in the tropics benefit by increase in elevation, within the limits bounded by their oxygen requirements. The optimum elevation in the tropics for animal well-being and food production is between 3,000 and 6,000 feet. Above 6,000 feet own temperatures are too low and animals may suffer from the effects of oxygen shortage.

The temperate climate of tropical highlands differs from that of the territories at sea level in the temperate zones of the world enjoying the same average temperatures. The chief points of difference are the lack of marked seasonal variation, and the evenness of the hours of sunshine experienced, and there is no marked winter hibernation or the stimulus of spring.

There are no such periods in the tropics as Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. One might say there

are two summers, for the sun in the tropics is directly overhead at noon twice in each year.

The absence of marked difference of season and the uniformity of hours of sunshine have a greater effect on plant life than on animals. Compared with plants, animals are far more adaptable to changes in environment consequent upon their being moved from one part of the earth to another.

ANIMALS may be transferred successfully from the temperate climate of temperate zones to the temperate climate of the tropical highlands; but you cannot similarly transfer the pasture and fodder plants of the world's temperate zones. The average temperature of the new environment may be right, but it has been found that the Rye grasses and the Clovers of the temperate zones—to mention a common association of pasture plants—will not thrive in their new environment. The seeds will germinate and, for a time, the young plants will seem to thrive—only to fail later in competition with plants more suitable to the environment.

The plants require, more than animals, the stimulus of Spring. The annually-appearing pasture plants need the hibernation of winter. The

long hours of summer sun, which seem necessary for the development and ripening of the seed of the temperate zone plants, do not occur in the tropical highlands, where the difference in the interval of night and day does not exceed an hour or so over the whole seasonal range of the year.

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ture of the tropical highland grazing lands, one must specially select plants and grasses. One needs first to study the existing pasture plants of the zone, for among these may be found the ideal association of plants of high nutritive value. Then one should consider plants of proved

worth in similar environment in other lands.

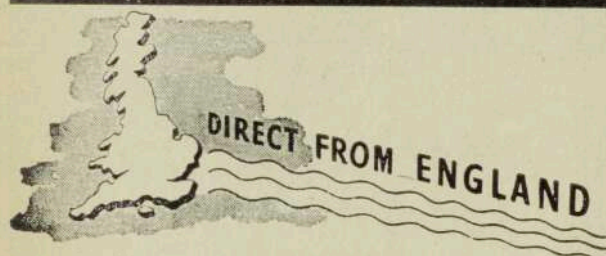
In the Ceylon highlands the naturally occurring pasture plants, with few exceptions, were found to be of disappointingly low nutritive value. It was found necessary to do a considerable amount of new plant-

ing, both of pasture plants and of fodder plants for cutting and fresh green food.

In the early stages, Kikuya grass did remarkably well, covering the pasture land where it was planted to the exclusion of all other grasses. This proved in the long run to be a disadvantage, since, by itself, Kikuya grass is a poorly-balanced food.

Molasses grass, when it became established, proved a prolific grower, yielding enormous quantities of succulent green feed. *Paspalum dilatatum* was mediocre in its yield but prolific along roadsides. The upright growing *Paspalum urvillei* was abundant, and provided the principal source of fodder. With heavy manuring with composted cattle dung, Elephant grass yielded immense quantities of green fodder.

Among the legumes the well-known clovers failed to thrive, and even the *desmodium* trefoils, which are common to the lowland pastures of the tropics, made poor growth. Most promising of the legumes was the Queensland lucerne, *Stylosanthes gracilis*. The common lucerne did poorly but the New Zealand strain of blue lupin was very promising. Oats and barley grown as a green crop provided fair quantities of fodder. No attempt was made to produce grain crops from these,



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- Particular attention should be given to nutrition; and hand-feeding with cut fodder and some concentrates may be necessary, whilst shelter is needed from cold winds and rain.

On Good Friday, April 11, Mr. F. Leighton, one of Fiji's oldest identities celebrated his 90th birthday. He was born in a small Leicestershire village, but as a youth joined the British Army and saw service in the Sudan at a time when Kitchener was a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers. After Khartoum he had half a dozen years with the Midlands railways, then West Africa to lay tracks for a railway there. There followed an unsuccessful cattle-raising venture in Canada and more track-laying over the Blue Mountains in NSW. In 1908 he arrived in Fiji and joined the railway section of the SR Company; he remained with them for the rest of his working life. He is now a resident of the Cottage Home in Suva where his chief recreation is listening to the radio—he likes to keep *au fait* with the news.

The Rev. S. G. Cowled, O.B.E., who was recently appointed Chairman of the Methodist Mission in Fiji, and who is at present in the United Kingdom, will return to Fiji at the end of July or early in August.

About 20 Australian technicians will leave Sydney by air in mid-June for Western Samoa, under direction of Aspen Productions Inc. of Hollywood. In Apia they will join a party from Hollywood, which will include film star Gary Cooper; and they will proceed to make in Samoa, in the ensuing four months, a coloured film, feature length, based on a section of James Michener's book, *Return to Paradise*.

Three electricians arrived at Niue Island on the April Tofua to complete the wiring for the Alofi Electric Power scheme. So far only the homes of the Government officials and some of the more prosperous natives will be connected to the supply. Most of the European members of the community are adopting a "wait and see" policy until something definite regarding the probable cost of power is known.

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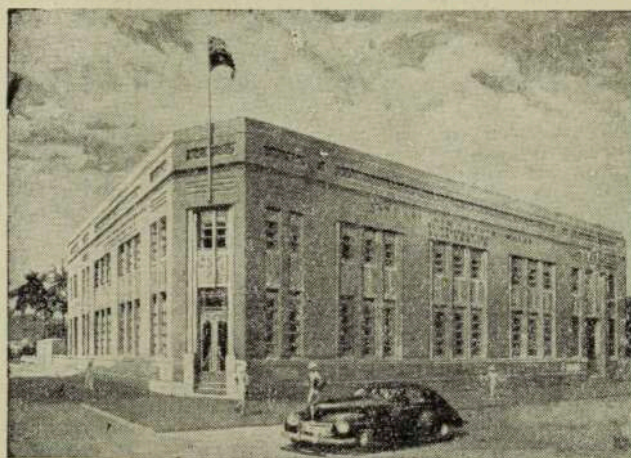
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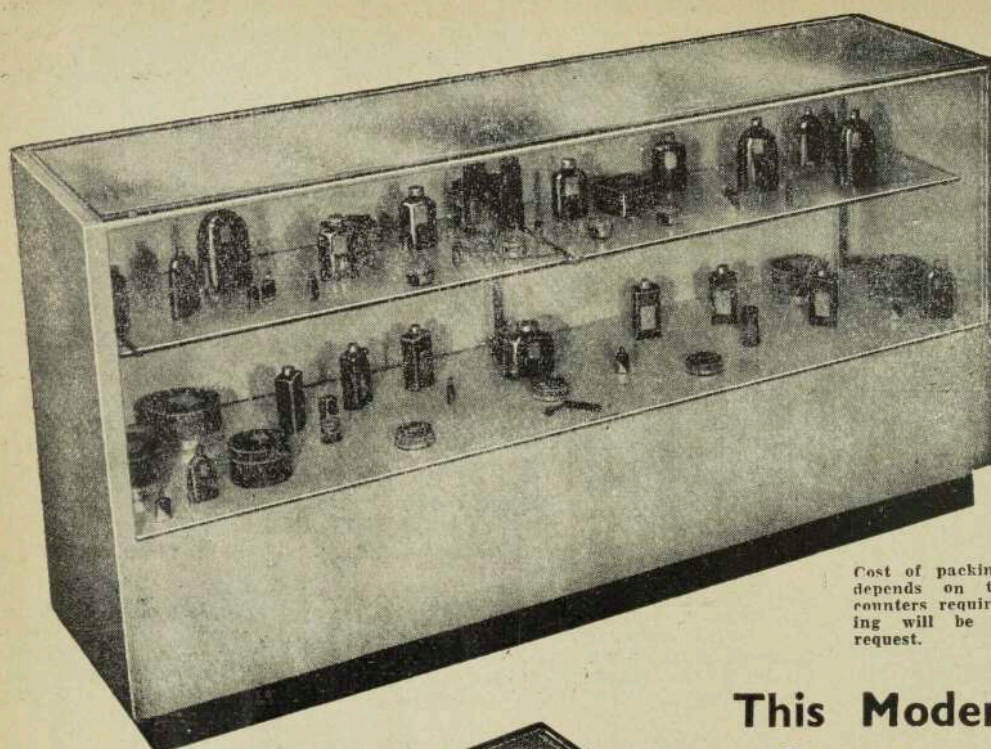
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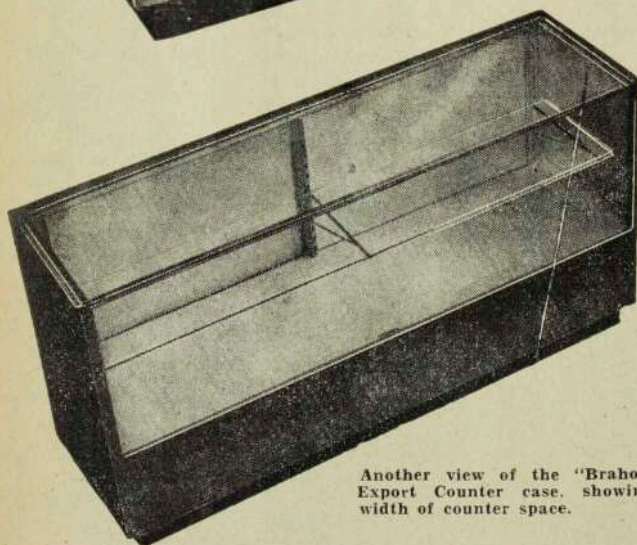
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ORRIBLE TAHITI TORY BOUT LARGE RATS

WHEN M. Maurice Calamy, heir to the former Rougier Estate Christmas Island, returned to Apete aboard the schooner *New Golden Hind*, with a cargo of copra from his Tuamotuan atoll of Nengonengo, in January, he brought with him a tale that should chill even the stoutest female heart.

It seems that M. Calamy first took residence on Nengonengo several months ago with some labourers. After the schooner had sailed away the atoll appeared, on the first day, to be no more or less interesting than any other atoll.

But at sunset the scene changed somewhat. There were stirrings high up in the leafy palm tops. As the sun dipped below the horizon, black shapes began to descend from every tree. The night of Nengonengo was under way. The whole island was alive with rats, ravenously hungry, infinitely thorough in their search for food, always ready to try anything once. Nightly, M. Calamy's bed was invaded. He would wake to the sharp bite of a fat, warm rodent com-

mencing a meal on one of his toes.

Finally, in desperation, he had his men build a raft, which he anchored off in the lagoon, with most of his foodstuffs stored aboard it. Here, at least, he would get some peace—so he thought.

But the rats thought otherwise. Retiring to a night of restful sleep, M. Calamy soon woke to see the lagoon between raft and shore star-spangled with green eyes, and the first of the horde clambering aboard, many of them "as large as overgrown rabbits" (to quote our correspondent).

Within minutes, so many rats were aboard the raft that it capsized and sank. M. Calamy lost most of his stores, but he swam ashore with the visitors.

He and his labourers had been living for some time on fish and

coconuts when the *New Golden Hind* arrived.

But M. Calamy is not deterred in any way. He hopes that when next he sails for his atoll there will be a hundred terriers as fellow passengers. Then shall the night life of Nengonengo be more interesting than hitherto-fore. One can imagine the pained surprise on the faces of those rats-like-rabbits when they descend their trees at sunset to welcome home their patron.

EDITORIAL NOTE—We emphasise that this story is supplied by our Tahiti correspondent. We firmly decline to take any responsibility whatever for it.

Madame Lucille Cross (nee Schultz) of Raiatea, French Oceania, visited Auckland and Nelson, New Zealand, in April-May.

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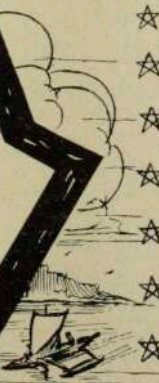
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It took a Supplement to the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette, with 40 lines of big type, filling the whole of a foolscap page, to record the fact that the Treasurer and Collector of Customs in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony will in future be known as the Accountant-General and Collector of Customs.

The Rev. Ivo Ruiter, who recently joined the Society of the Divine Word Mission in New Guinea, is a licensed pilot of small aircraft and a ticketed aircraft welder. His arrival was particularly welcome to Bishop Leo Arkfeld, since most of the flying for the Vicariate of Central New Guinea has been done by the Bishop personally in recent months.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

Frequency Changes: On May 1, some important changes occurred to Amateur frequencies. Outstanding among these is a new band from 21 to 21.45 mc/s, a reduction of the present 20-metre band by banning use above 14.35 mc/s, and, for Australian-administered stations, a reduction of the 40-metre band by banning use above 7.15 mc/s. The New Zealand-administered stations retain use of 7.3 mc/s, though in actual practice much of the higher portion is unworkable, due to b/c interference.

Those who have the opportunity to listen frequently on the Ham bands report that not for a long time have Islands Hams been so conspicuous by their absence as in recent months.

We have not yet obtained details of ham operations planned by Tom Davis, ZL-1-AN, on his long voyage across the South Pacific from NZ to Chile. In April Tom sailed his 48 foot yacht—formerly named *Soubrette*, but now *Miru* from Wellington to Lyttelton to meet his wife and two sons who came down for last voyage of *Maul Pomare*. Then the family sailed back to Wellington, from where the long voyage commenced early in June. He has amateur radio gear aboard, so keep an eye on 7 mc/s.

We are indebted to that tireless tennor, Eric Trebilcock (BERS-195) of Victoria, for some interesting information on Islands stations this month. We quote part:—

at Spry, formerly VR-5-GA, of the Taranaki Public Works Department, is now resident in New Zealand and active with 100-W Collins autotune rig as ZL-1-AJL—heard on 14 mc/s phone.

Two new men are heard active away from Macquarie Is.—VK-1-RG (other—VK-5-RG), and VK-1-EM. The former is active on 14 mc/s CW and the latter on 7 mc/s CW.

K-1-RP, formerly of Macquarie but now on Heard Is., has not been heard in his new location yet.

The Ponape (Carolines) station mentioned in March as KH-6-QY/KC-6 is now KC6QY. Johnny West is the operator, formerly well-known as KM-6—on Midway (1947). He is now very active on 7 and 14 mc/s CW.

The most active Fiji station at present is VR-2-CG, Wynn McGee, formerly well-known as ZL-3-LR. Between DX contests he skeds his brother ZL-3-PM on 7 mc/s CW.

Asil Dale, formerly of BP & Co., Durban, call-sign VK-9-XX, is now resident in Durban, South Africa, and is the air and active as ZS-5-XX. He is secretary of the S.A.R.L. there. He is also member in Sydney as VK-2-XX.

An active Eastern Samoa station is 6-AA, heard keeping a 14 mc/s CW with Hawaiian station KH-6-WU on days at 2000Z. We assume he is at Administration radio station in Pago Pago.

Dr. Rob Black, VK-2-QZ/VR-9, has been heard a lot on 7 mc/s CW from the Trobriand Is. He apparently survived the mid-April hurricane.

KX-6-AH, somewhere in the Marshall Is., is putting a powerful CW sig onto 7 mc/s each evening. Island unknown, but QTH is 1960 AACs, Navy 824, Box II, Fleet P.O., San Francisco.

A new signal has appeared from Norfolk Is.—George Meaton, VK-9-GM, attached to Dept. of Civil Aviation. Report hath it that he is liable to be heard a good deal on 7 mc/s CW.

VR-1-A, Chas. Adams, at the radio station, Tarawa, continues very active—

heard contacting European stations on 14 mc/s CW.

FOR YACHTS AND SMALL-SHIPS

Weather information for seafarers who cannot read morse is available for several South Pacific areas as follows:—

North-eastern Tasman and waters north and east of New Zealand: From Auckland Radio on 2162 kc/s at 0918 and 2118 GMT and from IYA and other New Zealand national broadcast stations at 0030/0900/1915/2100 GMT.

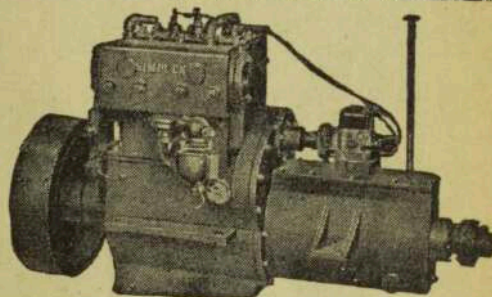
For waters in the Fiji area: From Suva broadcast station on 930 kc/s at 0600 broadcast station on 930 kc/s at 0900 GMT.

For waters in the Samoa area: From Apia broadcast station on 1420 kc/s at 0600 GMT (Tues./Thurs./Sat./Sun.) and at 1800 GMT (repeated at 1830 GMT).

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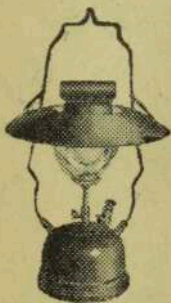
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WASTING PALMS—AND A WASTED MEETING

THE official report of the meeting of the Solomon Islands Advisory Council held in September, 1951, was not published until the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette came out at the end of last February, and a copy of that reached us only recently. This was the meeting attended by the Rt. Hon. John Dugdale, British Minister for the Colonies.

This report contained a great deal of interesting and important material; but it is now of little use because so many changes, administrative and otherwise, have taken place since September.

It is suggested that, if a report of Council is to be published at all, an effort should be made to get it into circulation within a few weeks—and certainly before the next Council meeting is held. Otherwise, it is merely a waste of effort and money.

At the September meeting, Mr. L. C. Thomas pointed out that, as the copra industry, directly and indirectly, provided 75 per cent. of the B.S.I. revenue, there should be a bigger allocation to the Agriculture Department. He urged that there should be research into the illnesses—present and potential—of the coconut palms.

"Very few people seem to realise that the palms are a wasting asset," said Mr. Thomas "and I visualise in 30 years from now, unless something is done, we will see very few palms bearing as they are to-day in the Protectorate, and I do think something to relieve the situation should be done."

"I urge appointment of an Agronomist who would be allocated to the improvement of the soil and the breeding of the palms: that is, unless we are going to change the whole policy and go in for an alternative crop. They are at present our only asset—and I think it is up to the Government as well as companies, to do something to improve that asset."

Address Wanted

WHERE is Hugh Beach, formerly of Daru, Western Papua? He was last heard of in Auchenflower, Q., but he left there last year. Judith Hinds, daughter of Percy Hinds of Papua, is inquiring; and if anyone knows the address he is invited to send it to Miss J. Hinds, C/o Mr. P. Hunter, Orchid St., Enoggera, Brisbane.

Qantas has now an aircraft engineer stationed at Rabaul, N.G. Aircraft may now be serviced locally.

TO-DAY'S POPULATIONS IN THE S. PACIFIC AREAS

WHEN the Fisheries Conference assembled last month in Noumea, there was placed before it the following statement, officially compiled by the South Pacific Commission, showing areas of all the Territories, and to-day's estimates of population:

	Popu- lation	Area Sq. Miles
AUSTRALIA		
Nauru	3,500	8
Norfolk Is. .. .	1,140	13
New Guinea .. .	1,080,000	93,000
Papua	373,000	90,540
FRENCH		
Fr. Oceania .. .	56,000	1,449
N. Caledonia .. .	68,000	7,000
NETHERLANDS		
New Guinea .. .	1,000,000	164,090
NEW ZEALAND		
Cook Is. (inc. Niue) .. .	19,200	200
Tokelau Is. .. .	1,450	4
W. Samoa .. .	84,000	1,130
UNITED KINGDOM		
Br. Solomon Is. .. .	95,000	14,000
Fiji	295,000	7,000
Gilbert & Ellice .. .	35,600	215
Tonga	41,000	269
UNITED STATES		
Am. Samoa .. .	19,000	73
Guam	59,000	225
Micronesia .. .	54,000	687
SPAIN		
New Hebrides .. .	43,000	3,590

Official estimates of the population
Australian (Trustee) New Guinea

vary widely. Above, the figure is 1,080,000. Australian Territories Minister Hasluck, the other day, gave his estimate as more than that. Other recent estimates have been as high as 1,500,000 for Papua-New Guinea. Like Dutch New Guinea, also partly unexplored, it is largely guesswork.

Mr. Lou Graham, former part-owner of the *Alexander*, wrecked at Aitutaki Island last year, left Auckland with Mrs. Graham by the May sailing of the *Tofua* on a holiday trip. Mr. Graham had just signed off the well-known *Viti*, where he has been serving as an engineer.

Students' Interest in P-NG

AT the May meeting of the Oriental Languages Study Society in Brisbane after a language sketch by ex-RM of Papua, Sydney H. Chance on Motu grammar, Senator Roy Kendall addressed a mixed audience of European and Asian students.

He spoke on present day affairs in P-NG and cleared up many points on which the majority were misinformed. The Senator was a very busy man at question-time.

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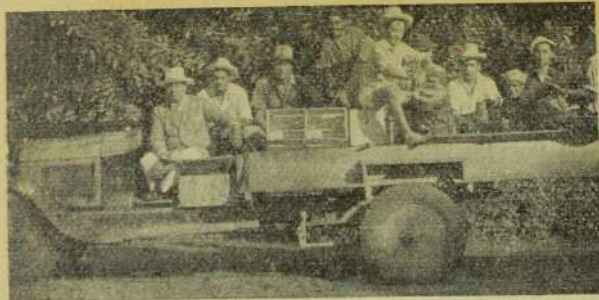
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WELL-KNOWN RAROTONGANS ARE MARRIED

INTEREST throughout the Cook Islands was occasioned by the recent marriage of Miss Elizabeth Marsters, a young member of the well-known Palmerston Island

family, and recently a school-teacher at Manihiki Island, to Mr. "Willie" P. Browne, prominent Rarotonga businessman and leader of one of the Ariki families of the Island. Mr. Browne's first wife died in 1951.

For many years, no visitor to Rarotonga has failed to enjoy the sight of Mr. Browne and his drum band hurtling through the villages aboard an ancient jalopy-truck on "movie days"—the band beating a rousing tattoo while "Willie", sitting regally on the open seat next to the driver, scattered handbills announcing the evening attraction.

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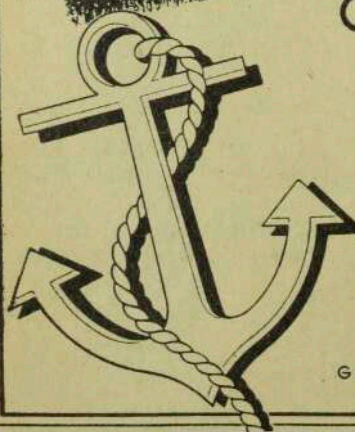
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Good Work for Tahiti Tourism

Letter to the Editor

ON page 119 of March PIM you ask why M. Jacquier, of Tahiti, was sent to Honolulu to attend a conference about Pacific Islands tourism. The answer is simple. He happens to be vice-president of the Tourist Bureau (Syndicat d'Initiative) and the very able and trusted assistant to President Charles van den Broek d'Obrenan. Both have done a great deal to improve and develop happy conditions here for Australian, New Zealand, and American visitors.

M. Jacquier was supplied with free air transport only between Papeete and Honolulu, and all of his living and subsequent travelling expenses were borne by himself. They were considerable.

I received two letters from the Honolulu newspapers telling me how much they had enjoyed meeting M. Jacquier and what a fine job of selling Tahiti, he had done there at the Conference.

During his stay in Honolulu, M. Jacquier made an extensive and intensive study of tropical diseases, as prevented and cared for in Hawaii. He also visited and observed the sugar cane and pineapple industries. Comprehensive reports, both oral and written, were turned in by M. Jacquier to the Governor of Tahiti and other interested officials and

business men. Everyone here agrees that he did an outstanding job.

M. Jacquier was chosen to be the official representative of Tahiti, not only for his ability but also because Mr. d'Obrenan was unable to attend himself.

I am, etc.,

BERNARD COVIT.

Tahiti, 14/5/1952.

The Presbyterian Overseas Mission appointed five new missionaries to the New Hebrides in May. They are: Miss Wilma Sinclair, who will go to Tangoa; Miss Meg Cranstoun and Miss Joyce Trudinger, who will go to Aulua; and the Rev. I. Neilson White and Dr. Mary White who will go to South-West Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKay have recently taken up residence at Wau, NG, where Mr. McKay is Resident Geologist. He relieves Mr. Jack Thompson who is now Senior Geologist stationed in Port Moresby.

Monsieur Favre, formerly of New Caledonia, and in recent years employed by the Makatea Phosphate Co. as stevedore, is now in command of Etablissements Donald Tahiti's well-known islands schooner *Tiare Taporo*. The schooner, for many years engaged in the Cook Islands, was transferred to Papeete when the Co. put its motor vessel *Charlotte Donald* onto the Cook Islands service.

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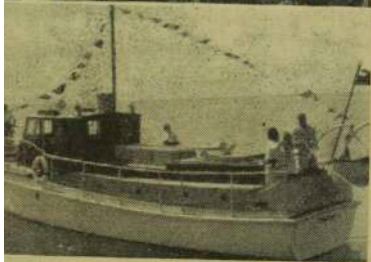
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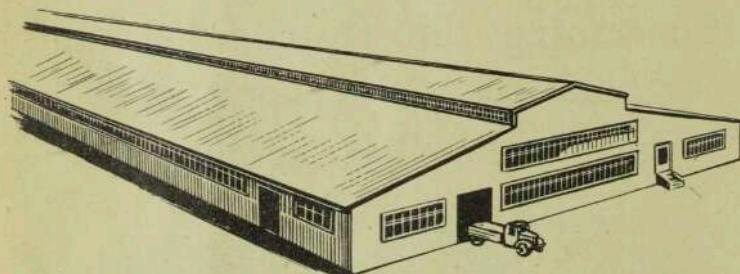
April Queen Salote christened Tonga's £10,000 launch "Frangallifuka" (shown here in lower photo) which is to be used for inter-island communications by Government officials. In top photo, Queen Salote (right) is shown with Mrs. E. Windrum, wife of the British Consul in Tonga, and her Alde.

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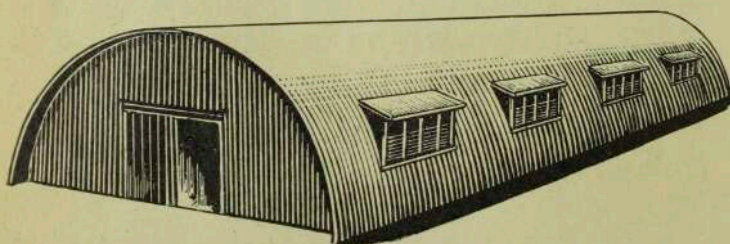
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ALTHOUGH the operations and turnover of the biggest South Pacific Company, Burns Philp & Co., Ltd., have increased very much since World War II, the profits of the Co. have not increased correspondingly—in fact, said the Chairman (Mr. James Burns) at the annual meeting in Sydney on May 29, they tend to shrink. The Co. has been paying 12½ per cent.; in future it may have difficulty in paying 10.

The rise in shipping costs was "staggering," he said. To load cargo now cost as much as was received in freights in past years. Ships took 100 to 150 days on the Singapore round trip, against 60 days pre-war.

The 40-hour week at sea made it almost impossible to compete in overseas trade. The Bulolo, which cost about £400 to £450 a day to run in 1939, now cost £1,200 a day.

With a return to 1939 conditions of handling ships a good invisible export trade could be worked up.

Mr. Burns said there were signs that sales in branches and country

stores were beginning to fall, but costs were still rising.



LOSS OF RALUANA

The New Guinea Production Control Board's 110 ft auxiliary ketch "Raluana" which grounded on a reef near Ramat, east coast of New Ireland, during bad weather on May 18. She was built in Tasmania in 1942, as the "Sir John Franklin", and carried sail until 1950. Cargo and gear are being salvaged, but the hull is considered a total loss. The photo by W. A. Hornberg, shows her in Rabaul some time ago.

Mr. Tony Thomson, eldest son of Captain Andy Thomson of Rarotonga, who has been serving as Second Officer in *Maui Pomare* for some time, recently gained his Mate's ticket. He returned to Rarotonga per *Maui Pomare* in May as passenger and has rejoined his father in A. B. Donald and Co's inter-island vessel *Charlotte Donald*, as mate.

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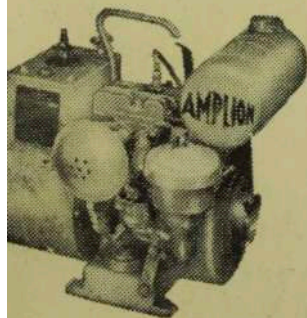
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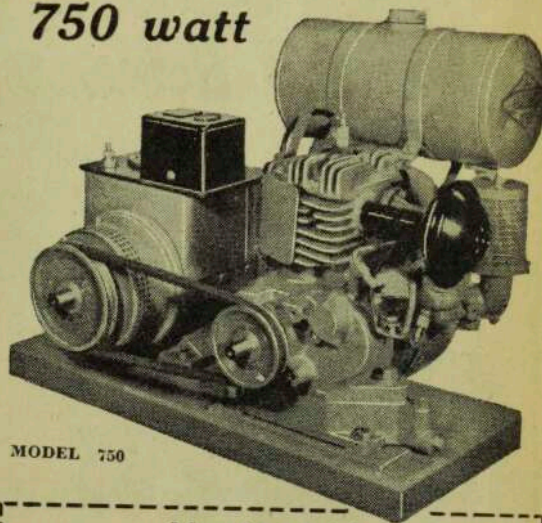
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FIJI'S WAR ON LANTANA

SUVA, May 30.

FIJI has guaranteed £F800 towards the cost of a Hawaiian expedition to Central America to try to find a parasite that will kill that ubiquitous weed pest, lantana, which

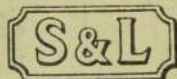
is now ranked a major headache in Fiji.

Fiji will contribute another £F1,000 this year to a Canadian organisation which is making preliminary investigations into the biological control of a number of weeds including lantana, guava and

tobacco weed, all of which are present in Fiji.

(Ed. Note: If Fijian authorities say there is lantana in Fiji, then no doubt there is lantana, although it is not noticed by the visitor as guava, for example, cannot help being noticed. If there is a collection being made to finance the finding of a parasite, then NSW should be asked to contribute. In NSW, from Sydney northwards along the higher rainfall area, lantana grows faster than Jack's beanstalk. Giant hedges line the country roadways and year by year it encroaches on farm land and even uncleared bush. It is a bigger curse than blackberry. In recent years a special hormone or selective weed-killer has been devised; this, used as a spray, certainly kills the top growth but whether it completely eradicates the pest remains to be seen. In any event, selective weed-killers are expensive and it would probably cost millions to kill off all NSW's lantana by this means.)

Mr. Harry Whiteman has been sent to London by Qantas Empire Airways as assistant engineering liaison officer. He will remain there for two years. New Guinea residents were particularly pleased to hear of this young man's success in his chosen work—he is the son of Mrs. J. Whiteman, one of New Guinea's war widows, formerly of Rabaul and now of Sydney.



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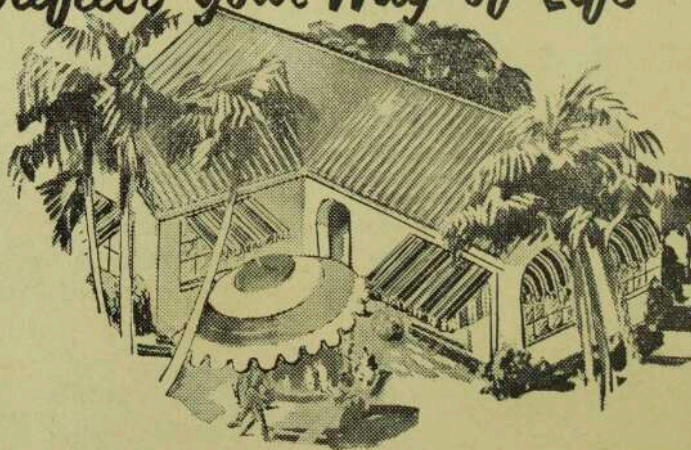
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Territories Talk-Talk

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payment for an account. Errol is no hero to old NG residents.

The man from Colorado should read Frank Clune's article which appeared some years ago in the Sydney *Bulletin* entitled "Debunking Errol Flynn." It gives full coverage of his career.

Incidentally, Alistair McLean, as reported in PIM some time back has passed over the Great Divide. And should be surprised if Bill Money has deserted his old home in the Tassie Group for Kavieng, as indicated in the paragraph.

Mention of the *Cheng Ho* in last month's PIM (p. 20) reminds me of the time she lay in Rabaul Harbour for some weeks on her way to Fiji, from the East. She was about the most luxuriously-fitted craft I ever lumbered aboard, and there were some nice overseas yachts and craft calling at that port in the good old days. There were no passengers at that time, but the skipper was a wonderful host, and—what pleased me more—an ardent philatelist.

I can corroborate H. L. Schultze's remarks about the New Ireland brought in 1914, as mentioned in PIM May, p. 50. At the time I was in a Bougainville estate and many New Ireland natives were employed here. Sweet potatoes were used as a cover crop as soon as the coconuts were planted. The "kaukau" crop was most prolific and many whaleboats and large canoes from New Ireland arrived and loaded up with food for the starving New Irelanders. In the latter part of the year we were suffering from food shortages ourselves, as all our supplies came from Sydney via the British Solomons, and Bougainville was besieged and not occupied by the Australians until December, 1914. That was a hungry year in many ways.

An appeal by a Chinese chef against his deportation from Australia was recently dismissed by the High Court. Wong Man On was born in G in 1916, during the Military Occupation, and went to Australia in 1942 to avoid the Japs. Wong claimed British nationality, but the Court ruled otherwise, as during the Military Occupation "it was agreed that existing German laws should be in force as far as practicable."

As a matter of fact national status has always been a ticklish question for those born in TNG, and I can't

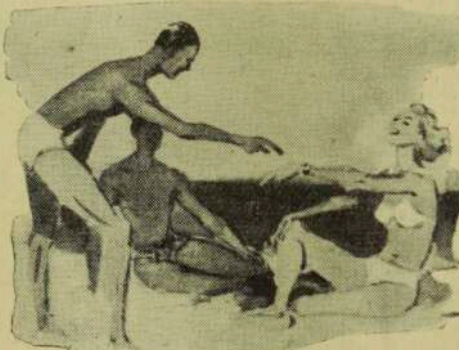
remember ever having seen the position properly clarified.

TO be sold by auction this month is the well remembered *Morinda*, about the last of the old BP fleet that did pioneer work in the Islands and dear to the hearts of many of the Bepores on account of the pleasant memories they hold of congenial voyages. If not equipped with the modern amenities, at least the smoke-room was always a cosy corner, filled with good fellowship and a friendly spirit.

On questioning Old Bill, recently

down on leave from Rabaul, as to the removal of that township to Rapopo, he replied laconically: "Who knows? I don't, nor does anyone else. But I'll tell you one thing that may be an indication: I saw Norman Duncan the other day taking out a tractor and some gear to work the Rapopo plantation. You can draw your own conclusions."

Bits and Pieces: Said Minister Hasluck in the House of Reps: "Corporal punishment will be abolished in NG—except in certain cases." . . . Reg Halligan has been appointed to the board of the British Phosphate



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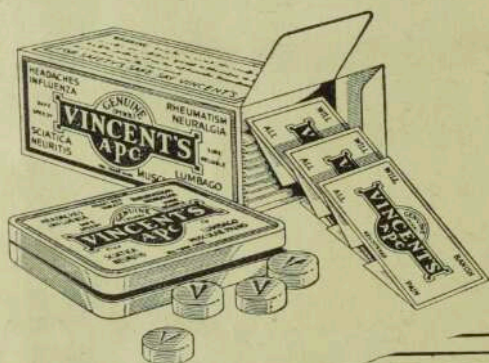
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Commission . . . passed away in
England on May 6, Mrs Eleanor
Dorothea Crozier, widow of the late
Rev. E. F. Crozier, one-time Arch-
deacon of NG . . . Congratulations
to Sir Edward Hallstrom of Nondugl
. . . Said Administrator Murray in
an ABC broadcast "Native labour
costs about £100 a year a head" and
added that it cannot compare with
the Australian workers' wages. He
continued: "Some people say the
natives were spoilt as a result of
coming in contact with the armed
forces for the first time. But the
good influence has outweighed the
bad influence. Native development
should be done rapidly."

French Judge From NH Talks Interestingly

WHEN the PIM, a few months
ago, suggested that a greater re-
sponsibility should be given the South
Pacific Commission, so that vital
matters like defence could be dealt
with on a common basis, some
thoughtful men said they did not like
the idea. They said that the SPC
would serve its purpose best as it was
—a body for research, co-ordination
and recommendation.

However, here are the views of
another distinguished man, M.
Phillippe Comte, French Judge in
the New Hebrides Condominium,
who was interviewed by newspapers
on arrival in Sydney on June 1.

Europeans in Pacific islands do not
regard the nearness of Australia as
defence protection, the Judge said.

"They think Australia would be
hard put to it to defend herself, let
alone the islands." He advocated
a federation of all European nations
with possessions in the Pacific.

He said that such a federation,
based on the present South Pacific
Commission, was the only way in
which the different policies and
economic set-ups in the South Seas
could be integrated effectively.

"Just as the Western European
nations are getting together in an
over-all policy for joint protection,
defence and economic progress, so
should the Pacific possessions re-
linquish part of their national
sovereignty and form a federation,"
the Judge said.

Mr. E. K. Laws, recently Police
Superintendent in Kenya, has arrived
in Suva, to take over the duties of
Police Commissioner, in succession
to Mr. I. E. Lucchinelli, who retired
recently. Mr. Laws was accompanied
by his wife and three children.

FAMOUS OLD SAILING SHIP

Service Under Many Names

THE 2,300-tons, 60-years-old Portuguese vessel *Foz do Douro* is present in Australasian waters, discharging cork from Portugal. Her present name means little to shipping people here; but, as one of the oldest ships on the world's ocean lanes she has had a most interesting history, closely associated with the Pacific.

Built in Glasgow in 1892 as a steel four-masted barque, she was launched as the *Hawaiian Islands* and, engaged in the Hawaiian sugar trade, she flew the flag of the former Hawaiian Republic. She became well-known on both coasts of the States.

Then, about 1910, she was acquired by the Alaska Packers Association and entered its famous and numerous sailing fleet as the *Star of Greenland*. For 20 years she ran Alaska and the Aleutians in the salmon-fishing trade. During this time she made a record passage from San Francisco to Unalaska, 2,400 miles, in 7 days, at an average speed of 15 knots.

When the Alaska Packers fleet was disbanded in 1930, *Star of Greenland* was purchased by Rydberg Association of Sweden for use as a training ship for seamen. The San Francisco waterfront declared a holiday when this proud survivor of sailing-ships sailed out of that port for the first time.

In her new life, renamed *Abraham Rydberg*, she ran in the Australian mail trade to Europe, until just before World War II. Her present Portuguese owners purchased her in an American port in 1943 and, for some time, she engaged in the Atlantic coastal trade between North and South America.

In 1946 she was fitted with twin motors and she now has a loaded speed of 10 knots under power. She survived the war; but her past glory has gone, for most of her sail has been stripped from her, although she still carries a little under favourable winds. She is likely to be seen in the Pacific later this year.

A reader sought the address of *Andre Sherwin*, who gave distinguished service in New Guinea in wartime. He is now in Australia. His address is: The Rev. V. H. Sherwin, The Rectory, Murray Bridge, South Australia.

SOME NEW CALEDONIA HISTORY

UNDER the direction of Father Patrick O'Reilly (now in Paris, and formerly a prominent member of the Roman Catholic Mission in New Caledonia) there has been published a Bibliography of the publications for which the New Caledonia Catholic Mission was responsible between 1885 and 1939. It is an impressive list; and as each work has been examined and annotated by Father O'Reilly the Bibliographic really is, apart from its religious significance, an important contribution to the history of New Caledonia and the island dependencies thereof.

The Bibliography appears to have been a labour of love by Father O'Reilly, and his notes are very interesting and

valuable. There also is artistry and unusual interest in the hundred or more tiny sketches which illustrate the 50 pages of the compilation.

As illustrating the ferocity of Australian taxation, it is noted that Guinea Airways, Ltd., made a profit of nearly £44,500—but after the Taxation Commissioner had got his proportion (£24,197) there was only £20,319 left for the shareholders. Guinea Airways, a moneyspinner in New Guinea in the halcyon gold-fields days, is now partly operational and partly an investment concern; and all its interests have been in Australia since World War II wiped it out of the Islands.

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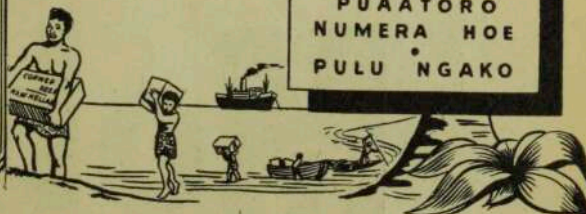
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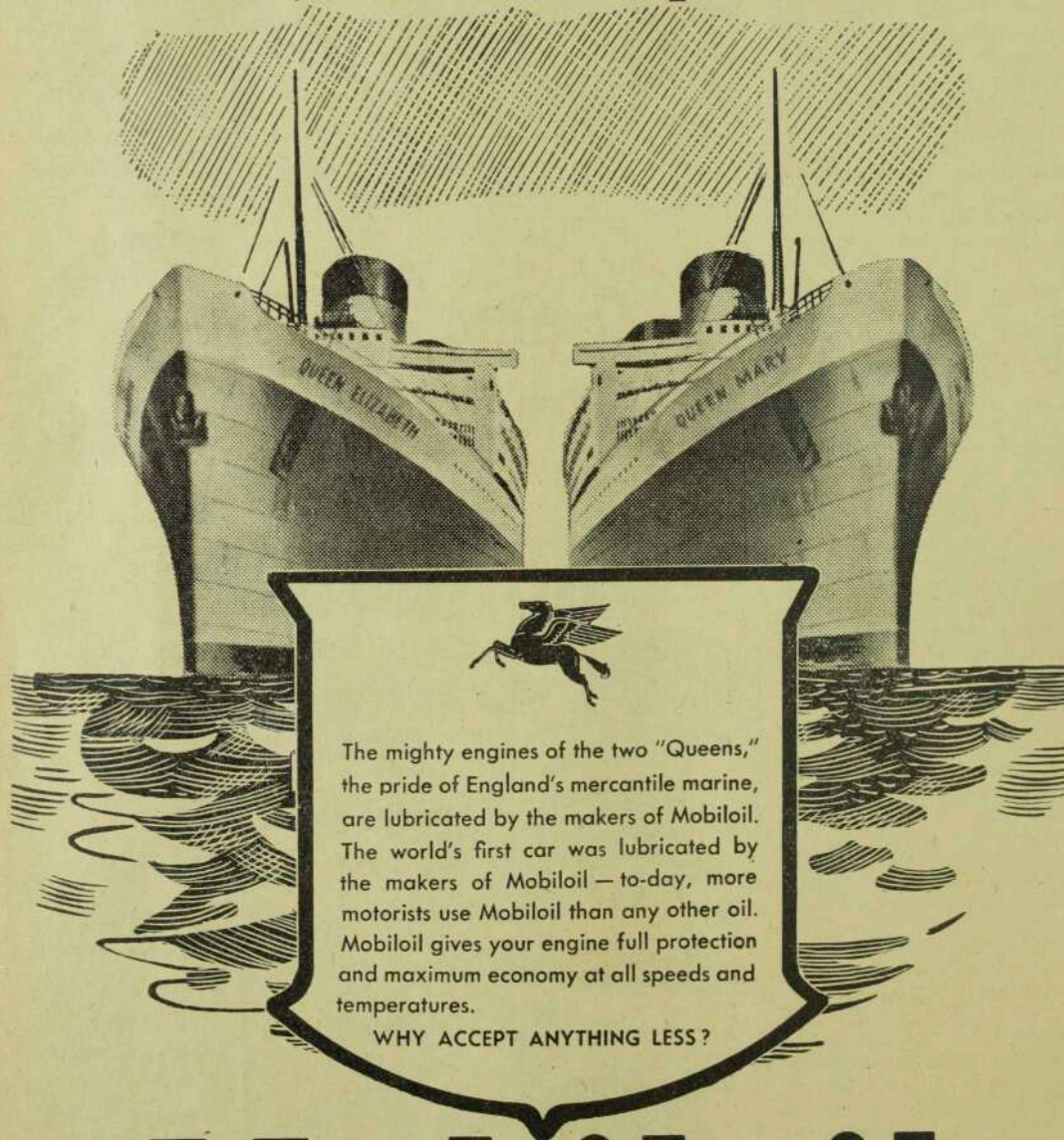


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CARGO PILLAGE AT NIUE

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At the May meeting of the Rabaul Town Advisory Council Mr. V. F. Harrison was re-elected Chairman and Mr. W. B. Ryan Deputy Chairman.



THE CRITIC

Suva Girls' Grammar School pupils played Sheridan's play "The Critic" at Suva Town Hall recently. The photograph shows a scene from the play and (left to right) Valerie Lee, Agnes Gibson, Margeurite Spitz, Lenora Schierling, Lesley Cato, Brenda Smith and Ruth Delbridge. —Photo by Stinson Studios.



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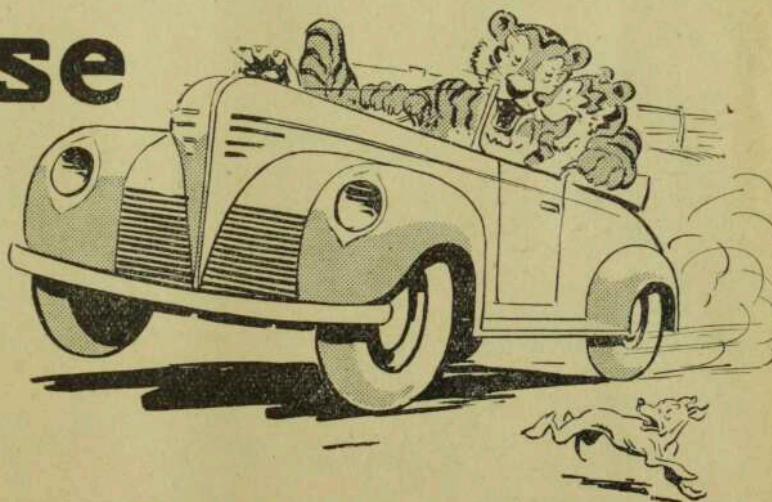
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The secretary of Western Samoan Affairs, **Mr. F. J. H. Grattan**, and the General Manager of NZ Reparation Estates, **Mr. D. R. Eden**, left Apia by air at the end of May for Noumea where they represented W. Samoa at the June meeting of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission. The proposed economic

survey of Western Samoa was discussed at the meeting.

Mr. Pat Gardiner, of Apia, Samoa, formerly employed as a radio operator at Nadi Airport, Fiji is now operating a photographic business at the thriving young milling town of Tokorea, central North Island, NZ.

Honiara Experiments With Broadcasting

HONIARA Radio Station, which for nearly five years has broadcast an experimental transmission of local news for half an hour on Sunday mornings, conducted experimental broadcast transmissions from 5 to 6 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. during the third and fourth weeks of May, with the call sign VQO, on a frequency of 1030 kilocycles 2911 metres in the medium frequency band.

Local reception was excellent. Reports from further afield have not yet been received.

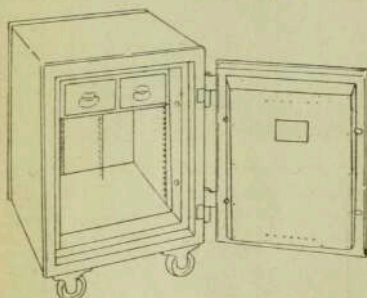
Until such time as funds and staff are available, no great expansion of broadcasting is possible in BSI, and no indication has been given by the Government as to what developments may be expected.

The completion by radio station staff of a new transmitter capable of broadcasting music merely shows what can be done if funds ever become available.

Mr. K. H. Dalrymple Hay, of Honiara, BSI, was a passenger by Qantas plane on May 13 to Sydney, where he expects to remain for a month.

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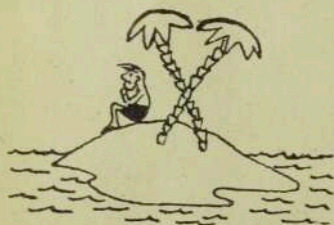
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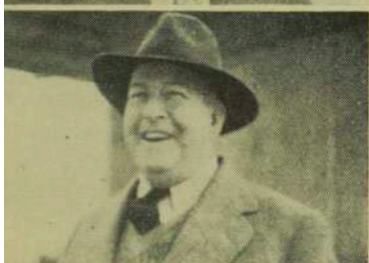
Mr. Alexander Wishart who has been operating a drapery business in Tonga came south by the May Tofua to reside in New Zealand.

Mr. Floyd H. McCoy, Inspector of Police for Pitcairn Island, was in Auckland on a police course. (See elsewhere).

Seven teams will compete during the Rabaul, NG, 1952 baseball season.



Mr. J. B. Bell, representing the Brisbane "Courier-Mail" recently spent a week in the Wau-Bulolo area, writing a series of articles for his paper. Wau has a particular interest for Mr. Bell as he was mining there nearly 20 years ago, and did considerable prospecting in the Baum country at that time.



land visitors to Auckland during May (top to bottom):—

Mr. Hugh H. Hickling, newly appointed Location Officer for the Cook Islands (elsewhere) who came south from on leave.

Mr. D. Reid, former resident of Samoa now living at Hamilton, NZ, who friends on the Tofua.

Mr. Thor Gundersen, Radio Officer/ser of the NZ Government steamer ai Pomare snapped on the wharf.

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BRITISH 'GIFT' TO SUGAR PRODUCERS

THE United Kingdom Government has opened its heart and is unexpectedly sharing a considerable amount of money that has accumulated as a result of sales of sugar to Canada.

The windfall comes from the difference in exchange between Canadian dollars and sterling and the recipients will be Empire sugar producing countries. It is called a gift—although the producers themselves might be expected to dispute this term.

Fiji's share is about £138,000. It is not intended to share the money between producers. The Fiji Government will discuss the best way of using the money for the good of the industry with representatives of the sugar growers and the CSR Company. Several suggestions have been made as to how the money might be spent—research on cane varieties or fertilisers; the creation of a machinery pool to help farmers; or the purchase of improved milling plant, etc.

Lamington Relief Fund

RECENTLY, Mr. Justice Gore of Papua made the following statements with regard to the Mt. Lamington Disaster Relief Fund:

The Fund was subscribed to, not only by people resident in the Territory but by many from overseas.

The native people throughout the entire Territory of Papua and New Guinea contributed the sum of approximately £5,900. On the New Guinea side the Chinese community endorsed their sympathy by donations of approximately £1,200. The remainder came from Europeans in the Territory and abroad—a sum of approximately £8,500. Donations from public companies brought in £3,700. The grand total was £21,300.

In distribution the Committee was helped by the Red Cross Society in locating dependants and reporting on their condition in the early stages.

Most of the sum for the benefit of Europeans went to the relief of the dependants of those who lost their lives, but part of it was used to compensate some who lost their personal effects in the eruption.

The amount of £8,000 was allocated for native relief in kind, and this sum has and is being used for the purchase of necessities for individuals and furnished through the District Commissioner.

Fiji's largest pleasure yacht, the 48-ft. *Tamatea* will arrive in the Colony shortly from Auckland where it has been purchased by Mr. H. Kempf of Suva. It will be sailed to Suva by Captain S. Brown of the WPHC, assisted by Mr. T. Moore of Suva and a wireless operator of Auckland.

The Real Hurdle in Papua-New Guinea

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ants for land! In a general way, there is no land for settlement.

HOWEVER, let us suppose that a hard-boiled official with commonsense does take charge, and does make land available. The next hurdle is labour.

The combined effect of wartime conditions and the Ward-Murray regime was the demoralisation of P-NG native labour; it is far more expensive and much less efficient than in 1939-40. Industries sufficient to maintain the present P-NG economy (which now is based on government subsidies plus oil search funds) would in any event require a labour force bigger than can be supplied by the 1½ million natives, without destroying their communal life.

On paper, there is no reason why such industries should not be worked by indentured Asiatic labour. But experience has shown that invariably the repatriation provisions break down, and the Asiatic labour settles. (Examples already seen in New Guinea, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji, Tahiti.)

The only answer to that is the early, rapid training of natives so that they will assist European plant-ent-prises to adopt a high degree of mechanisation.

FOR years, and even to-day, the coconut planting industry was heavily handicapped by insufficiency of shipping. As part of its hate campaign against European enterprise, the Ward-Murray regime abolished private ownership of ships, and tried to carry on with a fleet owned by the State and operated by black-watching civil servants, with distressing results. The non-Socialist government invited private enterprise back into the demoralised field of transportation; but private ship-owners still are shy and suspicious and the industry is far from making complete recovery. Dependable shipping, as well as good roads, is essential to any worthwhile industrial development.

But, even if given land, labour and transport, private enterprise—whether big company or individual servicemen—is not going to invest money and years of hard work in New Guinea if, following some action upset, another Eddie Ward is going to come along and reproduce Socialism, accompanied by mobs of hate against all profiteers and exploiters.

Indeed, private enterprise may not have to wait for another Eddie Ward. The Customs Tariff Inquiry now proceeding in P-NG has all the earmarks of a Ministerial plan to impose taxation of incomes. Such a change would give the *coup de grace* to any chance of developing P-NG by private enterprise.

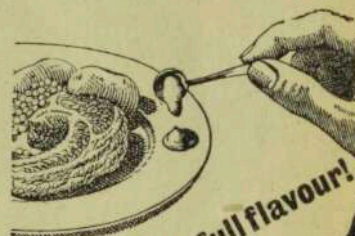
No pioneer development worthy of the name ever has been or ever will be achieved except under conditions permitting the pioneers a rich personal reward. Would the incredible hardships of the Morobe goldfields ever have been surmounted, had not men been driven on by the hope of making fortunes? Would men have made the effort to establish plantations and trading stores in remote and unhealthy jungles if they had thought their incomes would be scrutinised by an implacable tax-collector?

New Guinea can be developed by private enterprise—but only if private enterprise is given the fullest opportunities to gain (and keep) rich rewards. Most worthwhile effort is motivated by human selfishness. If real development is wanted, it can be secured only by harnessing the profit motive to the cart of human progress.

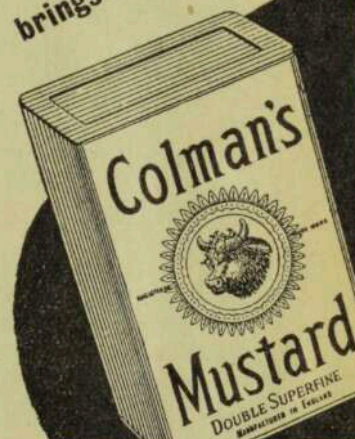
In other words, give private enterprise a real franchise in Papua-New Guinea, and protection against future Socialist interference, and leave it alone. Maybe, the Bulolo Timber Plan (partnership between the State and a rich and powerful private

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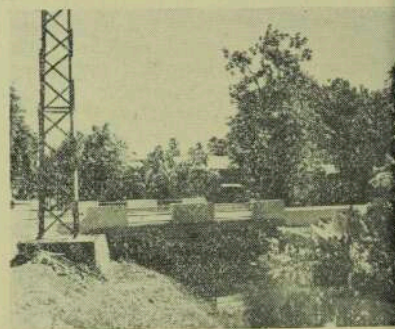
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THE Bulolo Gold Dredging Company's drilling party which has been working on Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands since December, returned to New Guinea by the Company's vessel *Mubo* in June. During its six months' stay, the party carried out extensive tests on the alluvial flats in the area of the Sorvohio and Metapona Rivers. Samples were good, tests showing gold only slightly below payable quantity, but there was not enough yardage in it for dredging. Although results are described as "just on the borderline," it is understood that the Bulolo Company is not proceeding further with mining on Guadalcanal.

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Murray Avoided Ward's Attempts at Muck-Raking

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ut of sympathy. More than once, Mr. Spender expressed exasperation because his "New Guinea policy" was not being implemented in the way he expected. There was acute dissatisfaction with the attitude of Colonel Murray. But (it was semi-officially explained) nothing could be done because Colonel Murray had been appointed for a term of five years, just before Mr. Ward left office at the end of 1949.

Now, Mr. Hasluck says that the Administrator holds office during "the pleasure of the Governor-General". He would have given Mr. Spender, if not the G.G., "pleasure" to have terminated the appointment early in 1951; yet no such action was taken. This creates an outlook for Mr. Hasluck that is rather blue. Ending his diatribe on May 15, Mr. Ward said: "When the Labour Party assumes office again we can reciprocate by rooting out of every position where we find them, people who have been appointed by an anti-Labour Government merely because they hold political opinions."

Next election will be in 1954. The position may alter in the next months; but at the moment Australian public feeling against the Menzies-Fadden Government is so strong that, if there were a vote now, the Socialists would be returned to office.

IN the ensuing three weeks, Colonel Murray received a great deal of publicity from newspaper articles, addresses to public and private meetings, and broadcasting. He discussed P-NG affairs at length, but he appears to have made only one reference to his own position. He is reported to have said in Brisbane on May 22 that he would have liked to have continued in office as Administrator; but "the essential thing is that in any change of Administration the best interests of the Commonwealth and the native peoples will be conserved. Such a change should be as smooth as possible."

A study of innumerable reports of Colonel Murray's utterances indicates that the following summary presents his opinion of the situation in P-NG, and of what ought to be done there:

- The Territories can provide several tropical products which Australia requires in large quantities. It is a matter of economics to produce them in P-NG, instead of buying them from overseas.

- In view of the strategic position,

it is a safe insurance to spend money on New Guinea development. "Better a New Guinea Line than a Brisbane Line," he said.

- To achieve measurable results in P-NG, expenditure must continue there at the rate of many millions per annum—more than the £6,000,000 p.a. now being provided by Australia.

- It was wrong to say that native standards of life can be lifted only slowly. If anything worth while was to be accomplished in New Guinea, it must be done largely by the native people themselves; therefore, Australia must raise native living standards as rapidly as possible.

- In the development of P-NG's resources, Europeans must provide the know-how, but it cannot be successfully carried out without the assistance of the natives themselves. That involved a huge programme on native health and education.

In all his utterances, Colonel Murray was consistent: He laid stress upon the welfare of the native people, and his belief that they should carry much of the burden of developing the territories' resources, rather than upon the plans for encouraging European people and new capital to enter the territories and exploit their resources.

THERE is little doubt that Colonel Murray has been retired because Canberra is not happy about the way he has implemented the Menzies Government's Territories policy.

Therefore, the eagerness of Mr. Ward and persons of his kind to stir up a political brawl might easily have led to an unprofitable and unpleasant controversy.

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Bishop Strong Indignant Over Col. Murray's Retirement

JUST when it seemed that the flurry over Colonel Murray's retirement had died away, it was revived by a public statement in Australian newspapers on June 10 by Dr. Strong, Anglican Bishop of New Guinea.

The Bishop said that deplorable political considerations had brought about the removal of Colonel Murray; that his retirement was a disservice to NG and especially to the natives; and he appealed to the Bishop of London and the Australian Prime Minister for review of the matter.

Territories Minister replied that native welfare and administrative efficiency were the chief considerations of the Government in making changes; and the retirement of Colonel Murray would stand.

Invited by Sydney "Daily Tele-

graph" to comment, the editor of PIM (Mr. R. W. Robson) on June 11 gave details of the way in which Colonel Murray, by placing himself officially and politically "offside" in the early days had crippled his Administration. He asked: Which system does Bishop Strong think will ultimately benefit the natives—an efficient and tough Administration, which will make the economic development and effective defence of PNG its first consideration, or a namby-pamby policy dictated by Planners—which inevitably will open the way to the penetration of New Guinea by Asiatics?

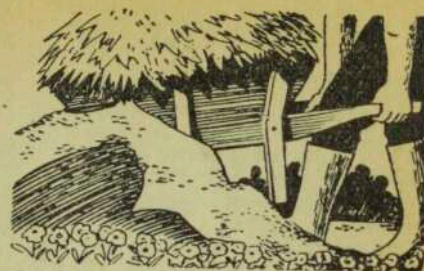
The Customs Inquiry Committee under Professor S. J. Butlin visited Wau on May 14, held a Public Meeting in the Memorial Hall and later met the Town Advisory Council.

New Indian Commissioner in Fiji



the arrival in Fiji recently of Mr. K. Sen, the new Commissioner in Fiji the Government of India, was marked a cocktail party given at his residence Suva by Dr. C. M. Gopalan. Dr. Gopalan is president of the Merchants

Club. All communities were represented. Seated, from left to right, are Mrs. B. H. Hooper; Mrs. Bhagat Ram; Mrs. Shankar Pratap; Mrs. C. M. Gopalan; Mrs. Kim Sim.—Photo from Tara Press.



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M. GEORGES GOURNAC

The death occurred in Papeete on May 27, following an operation, of M. Georges Gournac, a member of one of Tahiti's best known families. M. Gournac failed to survive an intestinal tumour operation. He is survived by his wife and a grown-up family.

CAPTAIN BRISSON

Captain Emile Brisson died at the Colonial Hospital, Papeete, on April 4, after a short illness.

Captain Brisson was for some years

second pilot at Papeete and, prior to that, was a familiar figure around Tahiti because of his association with the local trading schooners. He captained the old *Aratapu* on two visits to Gusenada, Mexico.

MR. HAROLD THURSTON

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MR. DICK BAMBRIDGE

There was a large gathering at the funeral, in Papeete, of Mr. Richard Bambridge, who died on May 8, aged 64, after a long illness.

Mr. Bambridge—popularly known as "Dick"—was a lover of horses and was in charge of the Societe Hippique de Tahiti's race meetings. He was employed by the Department of Public Works. He is survived by a sister, Mary Marcelle, and two brothers, Louis Lionel and Antoni Pierre.

NG PIONEERS

Work of Leahy Brothers

An interesting film illustrating some aspects of his activities in establishing European cattle on the high country of the New Guinea mainland was shown in May to members of the Pacific Islands Society by Mr. M. J. Leahy, MBE, who now farms several hundred acres on the plateau at Zenag (between the atut and Lae).

The pictures showed all types of cattle in excellent condition. Mr. Leahy said that generally he had been able to surmount local difficulties; he had found it possible to raise the cattle satisfactorily on indigenous grasses, with some additions from outside; and he was content that cattle-farming on the Highlands country could be successful.

The Society also entertained Mr. James Leahy and Mr. Dan Leahy, who are likewise established as farmers—James at Goroka and Dan at Mount Hagen, in the Highlands.

James Leahy, when he first settled, planted coffee. It has grown most satisfactorily, and now he is sending out (air freighted) some five or six tons of coffee per annum, to a hungry and highly profitable market in Australia.

Dan Leahy, in addition to considerable planting, has experimented with high-class pigs. He built up a large herd—only to see the animals wiped out in a very short time by disease. He is trying again—this time under conditions which should beat the disease.

All three brothers have had much enthusiastic help in their pioneering work from officers of the NG Department of Agriculture.

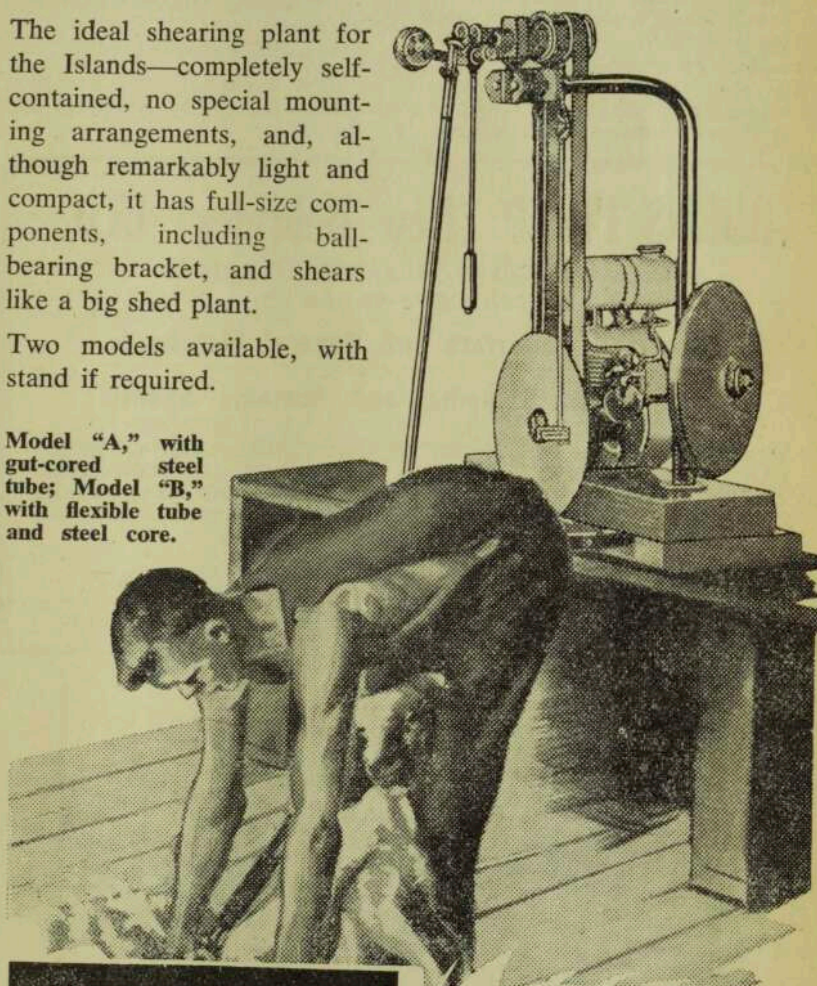
Mr. and Mrs. J. Hohnen—he is general manager of New Guinea Goldfields, Wau—accompanied by their four children, are spending several months' leave in Queensland.

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NATIVE TOMS WHO PEEP Concern in Rabaul

RABAUL, May 30
RABAUL residents are alarmed at the increasing number of "Peeping Toms" that are appearing around the town. These appear to be mostly unemployed natives who have no fixed place of abode.

The matter was discussed at the May meeting of the Town Advisory Council and members were assured

by the District Commissioner's representative that in future, the regulation that no native is to remain unemployed in the town for longer than four days would be strictly enforced. He said that the ordinance that obliges an employer to repatriate his time-expired labour would also be enforced.

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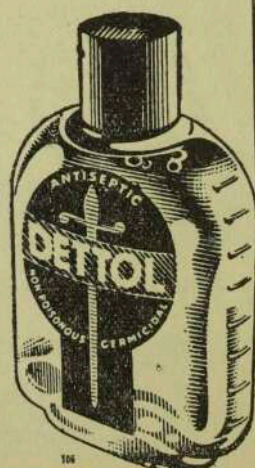
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NZ NAC aircraft have been chartered by Aspen Productions—the American film company which is about to film "Mr. Morgan", the Vignette from James A. Michener's *Return to Paradise*—to transfer the company and their equipment from Fiji to Western Samoa.

The first charter flight by a Dakota on May 12 took producer Mark Robson and film-star Roberta Haynes. Two days later Australian Assistant-director Ron Whelan and an actor, John Hudson, followed. There were further flights from Nadi to Faleolo on May 27 and June 16 with technical staff and equipment.

Gary Cooper, leading man, who plays the part of the beachcomber was also to follow in June.

The locale for the film is a village on the south coast of Upolu. Local people will be employed as "extras."

BOOSTING FIJI'S BANANA PRODUCTION

FIJI'S January hurricane may, in the long term, bring lasting good to the Colony's banana industry.

Since the hurricane the job of rehabilitating Fiji's banana lands has been tackled enthusiastically by Fijian growers and the Department of Agriculture. In many places the old banana groves which just grew to no apparent plan have been replaced by regular plantations laid out in straight lines which facilitate cultivation. Much weeding and pruning has gone on in other places and it is hoped that small shipments will be possible by August or September and that by next year the plantations will be producing more bananas than ever—some optimists hope that exports will reach 400,000 cases next year.

Flour Famine on Norfolk Is.

NORFOLK IS., June 14.

Supplies of flour ran out in Norfolk Island several weeks before the recent visit of the BP ship *Malaita*.

Islanders, who are gifted improvisers, were using oatmeal, sweet-potatoes and bananas to provide material for bread substitutes.

Before the recent visit of *Malaita* only one other Australian ship has called here since Christmas.

After a year in Sydney, mostly in receiving medical treatment, Mr. Matt Wells returned recently to his plantation on Malo Island, New Hebrides.

STERN FIRST TO PAGO

World War I Reminiscence by
OSCAR NORDMAN

It was late in 1917. The night was dark, and we were sailing "blackout". The German raider *Wolf* was somewhere loose in the Pacific—and I was in the smoke-room of the old *S. S. Sonoma* talking to Dannie T. Hehigan, another member of the ship's company.

The *Wolf* had, earlier in the year, captured and scuttled B.P.'s. *S. S. Matunga* in New Guinea waters, and had laid several mines on the New Zealand coast and elsewhere—so, naturally, our thoughts turned to the *Wolf* when suddenly the old ship gave a violent shudder, followed by a heavy roll, first to port and then starboard, sending everything flying in all directions.

But it wasn't the raider. We had struck Vatoa (or Turtle Island) in the southern Lau Group, Fiji, which lay on our course from Sydney to Pago Pago. *Sonoma* was homeward bound for 'Frisco and due next day at Pago Pago. The late Captain J.

Trask was in command and other oldtimers of the Oceanic Line aboard were Milton L. Towne (chief engineer), Dr. G. H. Clarke (surgeon), Hugh Holtz (purser) and E. Carlton (chief steward).

The lookout saw breakers ahead, but too late to prevent the ship from running on the reef for half her length, although the engines were running full astern.

It was some time after midnight when the stranding occurred and an SOS was sent and picked up in Suva. But a few hours later the ship came off, and proceeded on her voyage, stern first, to Pago Pago, where a naval diver examined the hull and reported the ship in condition to continue, bow first, to 'Frisco.

Luckily we had good weather all the way, though the old ship, with her bow twisted, wobbled quite a bit when in a swell.

The deck officer had taken a liking of what he thought was another island—there were several in the vicinity—during that afternoon. Perhaps it was the wrong island—maybe it was only a cloud—but that bearing was blamed for the accident.

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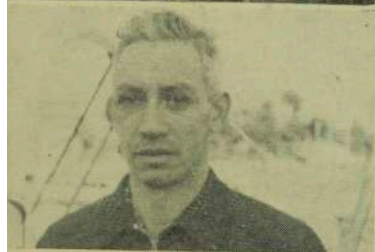
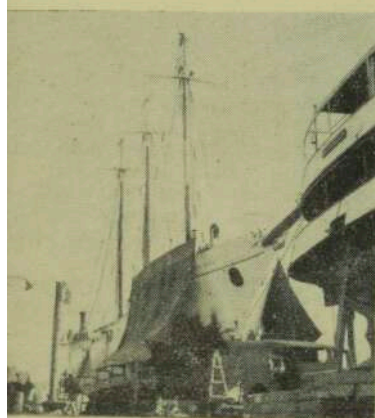
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Small Ships News

MR. TOM DAVIS has renamed his 38 foot ketch *Miru* for his planned voyage to Boston, U.S.A. from Wellington, N.Z., in accordance with the Maori custom of changing the name with change of ownership. *Miru* was put through her paces when Dr. Davis recently sailed her from Wellington to Lyttelton to pick up his wife and two sons who came down from Rarotonga to join the yacht by the last trip of *Maui Pomare*. *Miru* returned to Wellington and once sailed on the first long leg of the voyage early in June. First stop planned is Rapa Island, then on to Callao, Peru.

The ship's company for the voyage, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Davis



The Makatea Phosphate Company's steel schooner *Oiseau des Iles* slips at Auckland undergoing repairs (see elsewhere). Captain Bernard Pirrault, master of *Oiseau des Iles*.

Sons John, (10) and Timothy, includes Christchurch yachtsman El Arrow, and two kittens. The voyage received favourable publicity in N.Z. *Auckland Herald*, a leading article entitled "Spirit Adventure Still Lives" drew a comparison with the motives which inspired the *Kon Tiki* voyage across a portion of the same lonely ocean. Mr. Davis is writing a series of articles for the *Herald*.

The 35-foot Dutch yacht *Anna*

Elizabeth (PIM, April, page 120) arrived at Penrhyn, Northern Cooks, from Papeete on May 24, in continuation of her cruise round the world. Owner Lamberty was accompanied by an Englishman and a Canadian on arrival at Tautua, Penrhyn.

Mr. Athol Rusden, of New Zealand, former part-owner of the Tahiti schooner *New Golden Hind*, is reported en route from England with a converted Fairmile motor vessel named *Philante II*, which he recently purchased there. He went to England after the *Golden Hind* was disposed of in Tahiti.

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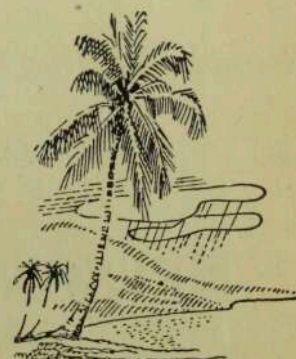
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ner *Te Aroa* arrived back at Rarotonga, May 10, after a good passage from Auckland. The vessel was refitted in Auckland during the hurricane season.

The 230-ton twin-screw vessel *Altair*, well known in New Caledonian waters, has been sold by her present owners, Societe Commerciale

et Maritime, to Morris Hedstrom Ltd. for use in Fijian waters.

AGAIN THE MAHURANGI

When the Fairmile *Mahurangi* left Rarotonga for the Lower Cooks, under charter to Mr. D. C. Brown, one of her twin diesel engines was out of commission. Some time later,

the other engine failed. The brows of owners and charterer for days were furrowed with care, but the engineer managed to make repairs at sea, and the ship eventually got back to Rarotonga, on May 15.

This was not the *Mahurangi's* first adventure. Late in 1949, when 70 miles north of Aitutaki, both engines went "out." It was a hopeless breakdown, so the Fairmile broadcast distress signals. She was towed to safety by the freighter *Waitemata*.

OISEAU DES ISLES

The Compagnie Francaise des Phosphates de l'Océanie's 350-ton steel 3-masted schooner *Oiseau des Iles* arrived in Auckland on May 8, under command of Captain Bernard Pirrault, for an extensive replacement of bottom plating.

She is well known in Auckland. Her three 75-foot Oregon masts were replaced there in the summer of 1947-48. In mid-1948, whilst carrying labourers from the Cook Islands to Makatea, she went aground at night on Mopelia atoll and, after temporary repairs in Papeete, went to Auckland. The following year she was fitted with a new engine in Auckland. She is likely to be in port this time for three months.

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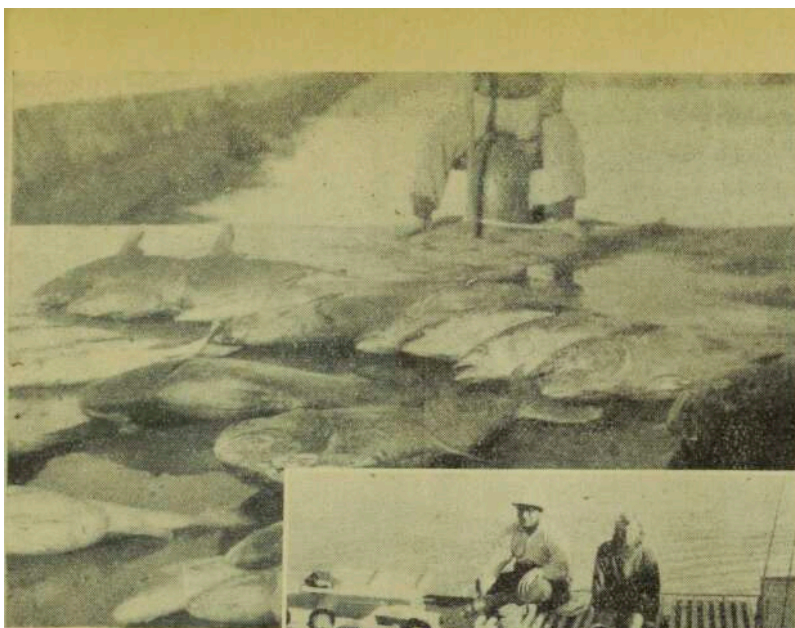
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SOME FISH!

While Preben Kaufman, a Danish yachtsman who recently sailed single-handed across the Pacific, was in Tonga in May, he took Prince Tugi on a fishing expedition between Tonga and Haapai. They used a Jap fishing method — pounded fresh fish tied in muslin bags first dragged along through the water to be fished, then the same area is gone over with baited lines. The results (top) speak for themselves. In lower photo

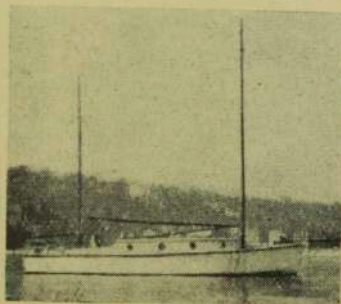


the fishing party — Prince Tugi, shown sitting, at back; Mr. Kaufman immediately in front of him.

—Photo by Hettig.

after which he was transferred to England, where he married his English wife. He decided to return to Tahiti after the war and has been

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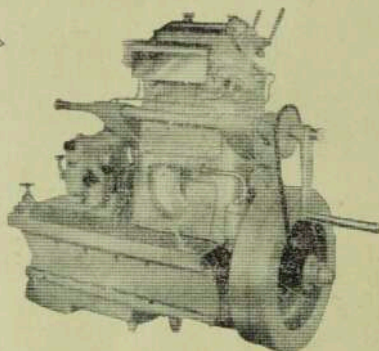
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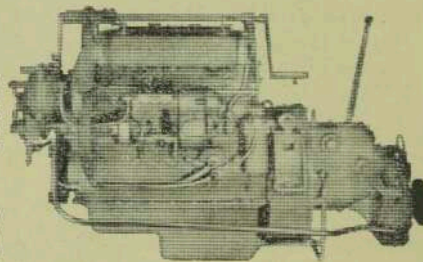
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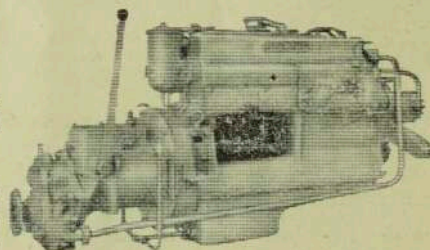
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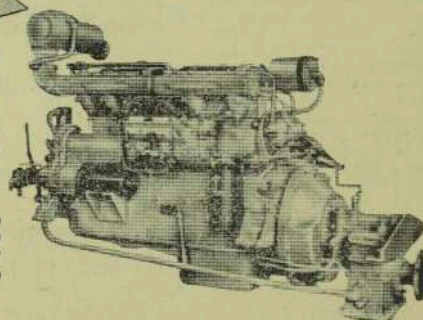
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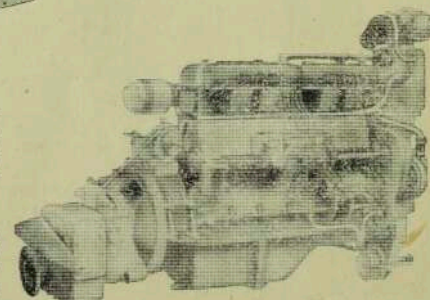
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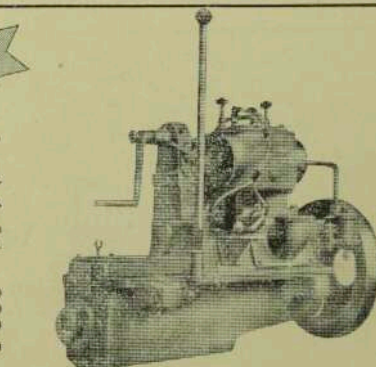
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Fiji Battalion in Operational Area

IN early June the men of the Fiji First Battalion moved into an operational area in Malaya, taking over from a Gurkha regiment.

Their area of operation, known as Segri Sembilan, is a rubber and forest area in South-west Malaya. There have been periodic outbursts from terrorists there in the past four years but it has been quiet for a couple of months.

In future, Fiji importers will be required with licences to import goods from Japan only if the Controller of Customs considers the goods absolutely essential.

Conspicuous in the Brisbane Anzac Day march was 82-year-old, 15th

On Loan to Bishop



This yacht, *Lady Sterling*, arrived in Suva in mid-May on loan to Bishop Foley of the Roman Catholic Mission in Fiji. The Bishop's own boat was wrecked in the January hurricane and *Lady Sterling* has been loaned by Mr. Edward Sheehan of Auckland, N.Z.

—Photo by Stinson Studios.

Battalion Gallipoli campaigner ex-Captain Coryndon Luxmoore. He

is now living in Brisbane but was for many years a resident of Rabaul.

A plantation manager of the NZ Reparation Estates in Western Samoa recently caught 17 young residents of a nearby village stealing breadfruit from the plantation. They were later sentenced to prison terms of three weeks to three months.

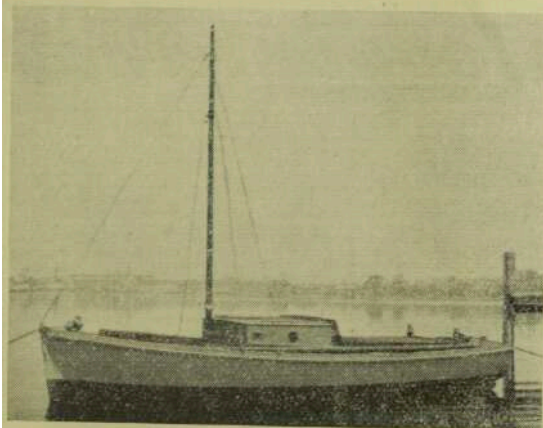
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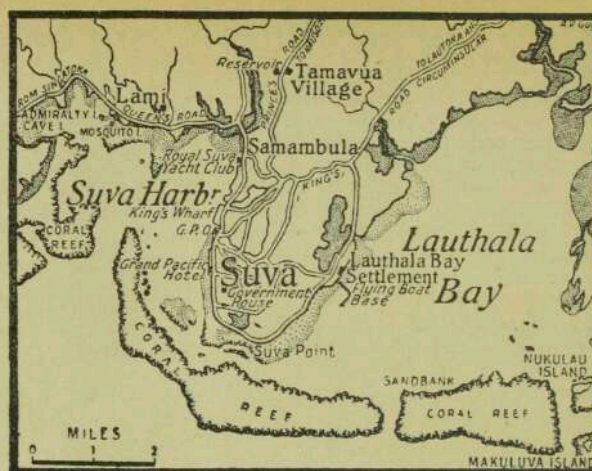
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Suva has been en fete for some weeks, —before, during and after the arrival of the Australian and New Zealand yachts, which took part in the championship races. Functions are still in progress, but it can be said now that the

yacht race season has been a big and unqualified success and reflects the greatest credit upon those who planned it, especially upon the fine team of Fijian residents who carried through all the arrangements and gave to the event so much valuable, honorary work.

Suva residents opened wide their doors, and the visiting yachtsmen will not soon forget the hospitality that has been showered upon them. It is expected that this will be the first of a long series of similar competitions; but the future committees have been set a hard standard to follow, both in the efficient management and the



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end of June. Miss Thompson flew solo from England in 1934 and has remained actively interested in flying ever since.

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GEORGE GREATHEAD BECOMES NG HIGHLANDS FARMER

THE retirement of Mr. George Greathead from District Services a blow to the New Guinea Administration. He was regarded as one of the best of the younger brigade, and he received much official and non-official praise for the fine work he did after the war, as District Commissioner in charge of the New Guinea Highlands.

He commanded, to a remarkable degree, the confidence and loyalty of his staff, and he showed vision in planning the introduction of Europeans to the new areas, and in assisting the natives to understand the ways of Western civilisation. His work will be long remembered in that area of New Guinea.

Mr. Greathead has decided to join the Leahy brothers and other pioneers in the Highlands, and will apply his notable energy and his savings to farming. He already has left the Service, and he and Mrs. Greathead are occupying the residence of Mr. James Leahy at Goroka, while Mr. Leahy is in Australia.

Mrs. Phyllis L. Keenan, wife of Mr. John Keenan, Acting DC at Kavieng, New Guinea, gave birth to a son in Sydney on June 6. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan, after a long holiday in Europe, returned to NG last year, and, until he went to Kavieng recently to relieve District Commissioner Farlow, he was ADO at Madang.

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MV "MALAITA" SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

WHEN manoeuvring for shelter in very bad weather off Lord Howe Island, on June 7 the Burns Philp motor-ship *Malaita* struck one of the pinnacles that infest that region, and was slightly damaged, and leaked.

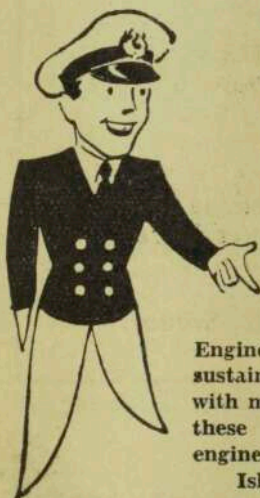
Experts who flew to Lord Howe found that the damage was not enough to prevent continuance of the voyage. Temporary repairs were made and the *Malaita* reached Norfolk Island on June 13. She will have to receive some attention on her

return to Sydney.

News that she would not be withdrawn was received with much relief in Norfolk and Solomon Islands, where supplies have been short.

The Fiji European cost of living index figure rose by two points in the March quarter bringing it to 221 (the base year being taken as 100).

Ratu George Tuisawau has been appointed a member of the Fiji Executive Council in place of Ratu Edward Cakobau who is serving with the Fiji Infantry Regiment in Malaya.

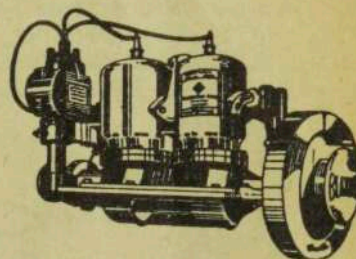


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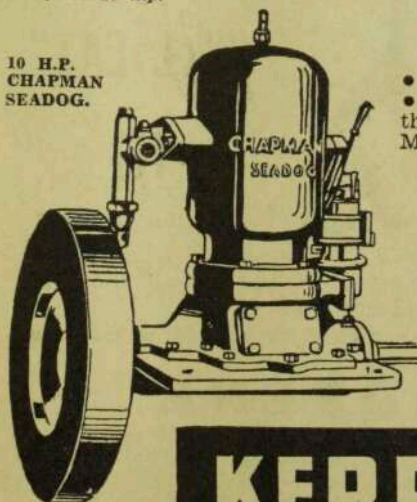
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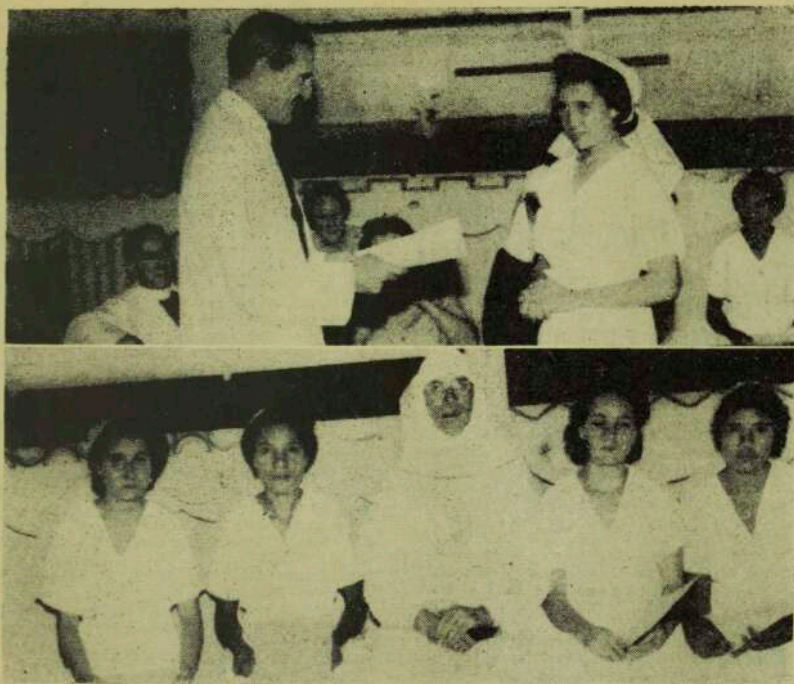
EDUCATED Swiss gentleman, 25 years of age, desires position in Pacific area (New Guinea or elsewhere). Plantation work considered. Qualified plumber and experienced driver of all vehicles. Will travel anywhere at once and pay own fare to place of employment. Reply, by air, to: "Suisse", c/o Box 3408, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.

YOUNG MAN, 33 years' old, wants position as plantation overseer in Papua-New Guinea, or other Pacific Territory. Experienced in handling labour, Middle East. Would pay own fare. Airmail reply to: "Islander", C/- Box 3408, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

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Papuan Child Welfare Nurses



This illustrates a very notable occasion in the history of medical administration in Papua-New Guinea. At the Catholic Mission Recreation Hall, Koki, near Port Moresby, the Director of Health, Dr. Gunther, presented Nursing Certificates qualifications in Midwifery and Child Welfare) to four Papuan girls—seated, in the photograph, left to right—Rita Keane (18), Hildegard Naine (20), Therese Watkins (18) and Mary Ah Wong (17).

This is the first time that Papuan girls have attained this standard of nursing. The girls were trained by Sister Annette, of Koki Mission (shown in the photograph).

In the top group, Dr. Gunther is seen handing her Certificate to Sister Keane. In the top left corner is Father Eather, with his mother as an interested spectator. Mrs. Eather, 86, is at present a visitor to Port Moresby; and is an incorrigible air traveller.

—Photo by Papuan Prints

WARNERS HAVE ENGLISH FUNDS FOR FIJI FILM

As Warner Brothers will spend many thousands on making a film in Fiji, the Government has loaned them Mr. Howlett, from the staff of Public Relations, who will act as secretary and liaison man. Warner Brothers, it is said, had accumulated a lot of funds in Britain, which could not be transferred to USA. So the funds are being used to make a first-class film in Fiji. There is nothing to pre-

vent the film being sent to USA—and everywhere—good for Fiji, good for Warner Brothers and a good dollar-earner for Britain.

Mr. R. G. Ormsby formerly District Officer of Sohana, NG, has been recuperating at Wan, NG, after a serious illness. In June he leaves for Rabaul for a new posting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lawson have arrived in Honiara, BSI, where Mr. Lawson has taken up his new duties as Secretary-Accountant to the B.S.I.P. Copra Board.

GLANDS MADE YOUNG VIGOUR RENEWED WITHOUT OPERATION

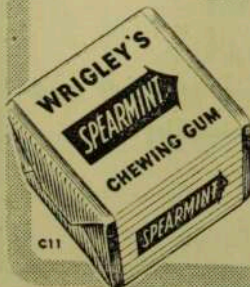
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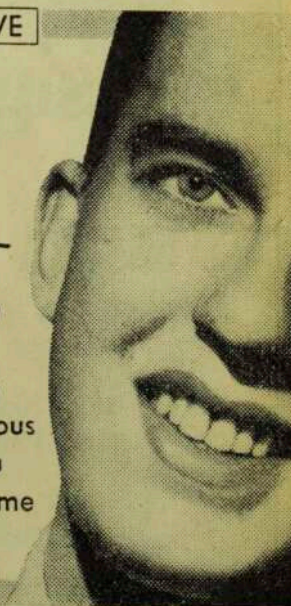
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COPRA

Papua-NG.—Production Control Board price: Main ports, Hot-air, £69/5/- per ton; FMS, £68/5/-; Smoked, £67/17/6. Sydney crushers pay: Plantation Hot-air, £91/15/-; FMS, £90/15/-; Smoked, £90/2/6. Australia has a 9 years' UK contract (based on £Stg.59/15/-, 1952).

Fiji.—At Suva and Levuka, 1952: Plantation Grade (60 points and over) £F65/0/6 per ton; FMS (45-57½ points), £F64/15/-; Lower Grades £F63/10/-.

Samoa.—MOF contract is at £65 Stg. per ton Western Samoa; producers re-

ceive about £10 less.

BSI.—Growers are now receiving £A63/10/- per ton, delivered Honiara or £A63/15/-, delivered Yandina under the UK's MOF contract.

New Hebrides.—Marseilles quotation, June 3, NH shipment brought 68,000 Metrop. francs per metric ton. (£A87/2/- per long ton.)

Tahiti.—Late in May, price for Papeete copra was: Dry, 7.80 Pac. frs. per kilo (£A55/4/- per long ton); Well-dried, 8.20 Pac. frs. per kilo (£A58/11/- per long ton).

COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on June 2 was £Stg.327/10/- (£A409/7/6) c.i.f. Cont. ports.

Pacific cocoa was quoted on Sydney market in June at:—

N.G.—£A310-£320 per ton, ex wharf.

New Hebrides.—Marseilles in late May quoted: Superior, 335-350 M. fr. per kilo (approx. £A432-£451 per long ton); Average, 310-320 M. fr. per kilo (approx. £A400-£A412 per long ton), in bond.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in June quoted Samoan cocoa at £S300 (£A375) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.) Market strengthening.

COFFEE.—Islands prices are based on Uganda Robusta, currently £A456/17/6 per ton c.i.f. Australian ports.

Papua-NG.—1st grade, 5/4 per lb. ex wharf Sydney (£S97/10/- per ton).

New Caledonia.—Crop mainly exported to France. Marseilles in late May quoted: 377-380 M. fr. per kilo, ex-store (£A486-£A490 per long ton).

RUBBER.—Australian Rubber Pool quotation (June 4) for Papua-NG: 24½d stg. per lb., c.i.f., Sydney (30 5/8d Aust.) —Papuan rubber is allowed in primage-free (10 per cent. from elsewhere). Singapore rate (used by Australian firms as basis for buying Papuan rubber), June 4: No. 1 grade RSS (sellers), spot, 82½c lb., c.i.f. (31 2/3d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 18/6, Yellow, 18/6; Green, 17/6 per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE.—Rice shipped from Sydney to Islands was fixed in October, 1951, at £75 per ton, f.o.b., White, Unpolished and Brown. (On plantation Papua-NG approx. £100). New price expected late June.

DESICCATED COCONUT.—Sydney

agents quote Ceylon, 1/2 lb spot, delivered to store, Sydney. New Guinea: 2/3 lb spot, delivered in store, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between Torres Strait producers and Otto Gerda Co. (USA) for 1952 are: AA/A/B grades 85 cents lb. (£A850 approx. per long ton); C, 89c. lb. (£A800); D, 55c. lb. (£A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); EE, 30c. lb. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York.

Cook Is.—US quotations for Manihiki blacklip are approx. £Stg.250 (£A312) per long ton, f.o.b. Rarotonga; market weaker due to an accumulation of unsold shell in USA.

TROCHUS SHELL.—In company with a world-wide slackness in the industry, business in Sydney has been dull during the past few months. **New Hebrides.**—Recent sales to France at approx. 2,400 Pac. fr., per ton. **NG, BSI.**—Sydney agents quote £90-£95 per ton, f.a.q.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Nominally £157/10/- per ton, on wharf, Sydney.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, April 17.

Copra. c.i.f., Continental ports, ton:—
New Hebrides, Metrop. frs. nominal 64,500
Tahiti, Metrop. frs. 66,000
FM Straits/DEI, May/June £59/5/- Stg.
Ceylon, FMS, nominal £64 Stg.
Philippines, (bulk) \$135 US

Coconut Oil. c.i.f. ton:—

FM Straits (bulk) nominal.
Ceylon (bulk) no market
Philippines (afloat) \$182½ US

Cocoa. Stg.:—
Accra, May/July, 312/6 (sellers) per 50 kilos, c.i.f. Nth. Continental ports.

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Loloma . . s25/6 s30/- b27/6

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA
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N.G.G. Ltd. . b1/10 s1/7 b1/9
Oil Search . . s3/11 b3/3 b2/6
Oriomo Oil . . b5/- b1/3 b1/1
Papuan Apin. b4/11 s1/- s9d
Placer Dev. . b68/6 s392/- s360/-
Sandy Creek . b1/5 b2d b2d
Sunshine Co. b6/5 b2/- b2/-

EXCHANGE RATES

FIJI.—Through BANK OF NSW and BANK OF NZ. Australia on Fiji, basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A113. Fiji-London, basis £100 London: B. £110/12/6; S. £112. NZ-Fiji, basis £100 NZ: B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa: B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. Samoa-London, basis £100 London: B. £A100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. Samoa-NZ, basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/-. Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

PAPUA-NG.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branches Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and BANK OF NSW (Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-NG as 10/- per £100.

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia-BSI as 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs, most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania. FRENCH BANK in Sydney quotes (nominally): 140 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 175 Pac. fr. to £Stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US \$.

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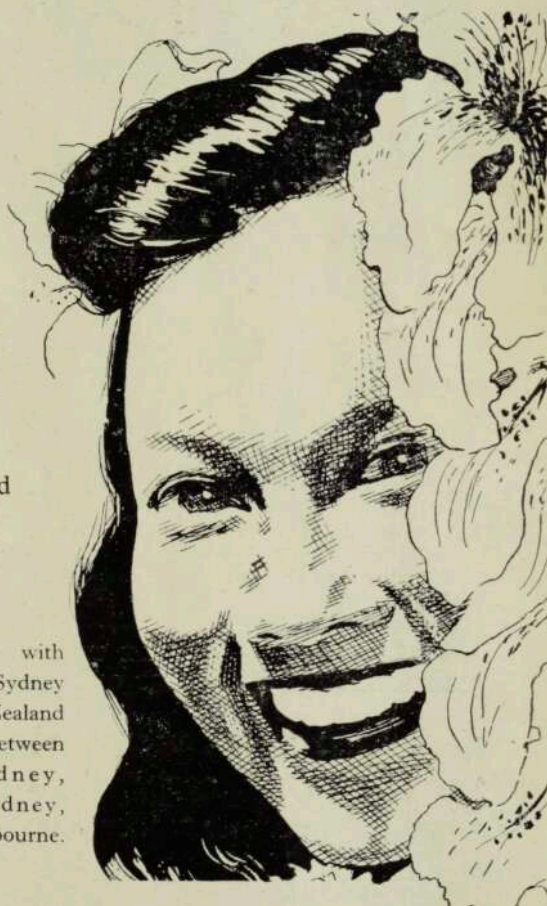
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