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THEY'RE IN AUSTRALIA NOW: Led by their captain, Avakuki Tuitavua, who has the ball at his feet, some of the Fijian Rugby football representatives now touring Australia, are shown here at practice in Suva. These young men have had an enthusiastic reception wherever they have gone in Eastern Australia—see elsewhere this issue.

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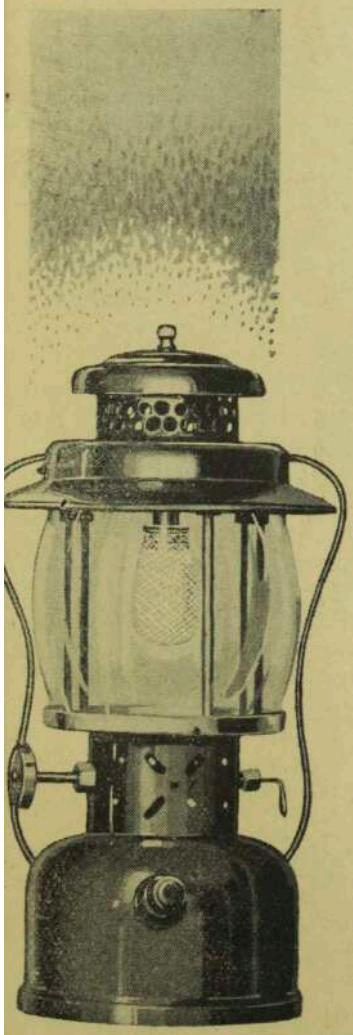
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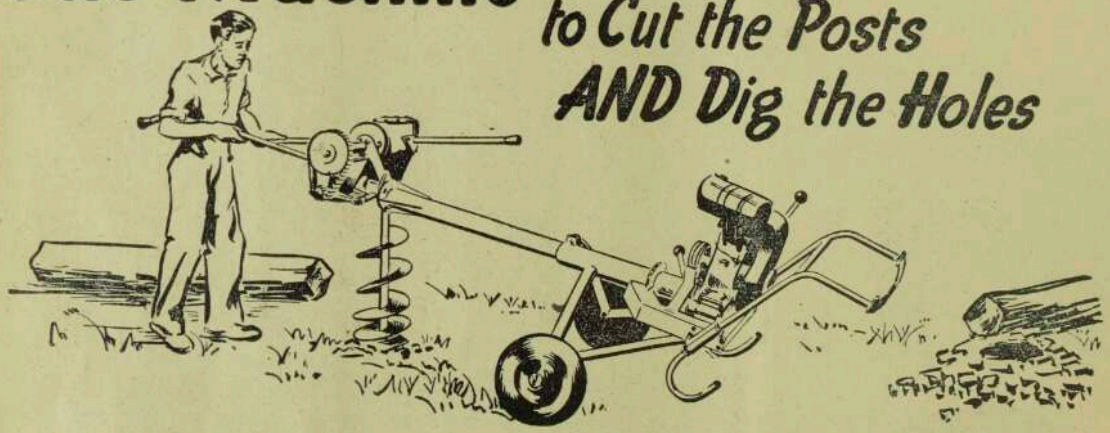
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HIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

Sydney-Suva-N. America

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

RMS AORANGI

d. ..	Sept. 25	Nov. 27	Jan. 29
ck. ..	Sept. 29-30	Dec. 1-2	Feb. 2-3
va ..	Oct. 3	Dec. 5	Feb. 6
n'l'u .	Oct. 10	Dec. 12	Feb. 13
t. ..	Oct. 16	Dec. 18	Feb. 19
nc. .	Oct. 17-23	Dec. 19-24	Feb. 20-26
t. ..	Oct. 23	Dec 24	Feb. 26
'l'u ..	Oct. 30	Dec. 31	Mar. 5
va ..	Nov. 8	Jan. 9	Mar. 14
ck. ..	Nov. 11-13	Jan. 12-15	Mar. 17-19
d. ..	Nov. 17	Jan. 19	Mar. 23.

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about ry six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-narai - Lae - Madang - Rabaul - narai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next departure from Sydney end of y.

MV Malekula left Sydney on May 21 Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Madang, , Samarai and return to Sydney. Next arture mid-July.
Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 dge Street, Sydney.

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from w Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukua-a and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago o (American Samoa), Apia (Western noa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any all of above ports at approx. five weeks ervals. Matua calls at Wellington and telton (NZ) and supplements Tofua's edule in Islands, calling at ports as ected by owners.
Owing to hurricane damage to Fiji ana plantations, Matua was with-wn from service in March and will be ployed elsewhere until October, when will resume islands service.
Tofua scheduled to leave Auckland next voyage early August.
Details from Union SS Co.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel ui Pomare has been scheduled to pro-e a regular monthly (approximately) vice between Auckland and the Cook nds subject to requirements of trade. s vessel carries 30 passengers.
Details on application to NZ Govern-nt Department of Island Territories to USS Co. which acts as agents at ie ports.

Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

MV Malaita will make a round trip at ut 2-months intervals from Sydney to d Howe-Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides ts - BSI ports - Bougainville - Rabaul - narai-Sydney.
Next sailing from Sydney early August.
Details from Burns Philp & Co., 7 dge 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 Polynesien (Messageries Maritimes) and Neo Hebridais (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.

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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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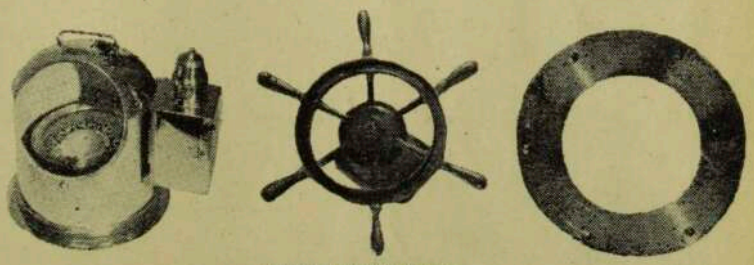
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Tues.—Dep. Auckland-Nadi-Canton-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.
Fri.—Dep. Vancouver and S. Francisco alternatively; thence same route to Auckland.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

Alternate Friday (July 18, Aug. 1, etc.) —Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.
Alternate Friday (July 25, Aug. 8, etc.) —Return by same route.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)

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

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

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

Sydney, 8.30 pm	Brisbane, 11.30pm
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
Lae, 3.00 p.m. (Tue.)	Madang, 4.15 pm

* Cargo service only. This departs Moresby at 12.50 pm Fridays and arrives in 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
Towns. (Tues.), 8.15 am	Brisbane, 1 pm
Brisbane, 1.45 pm	Sydney, 5 pm

Wednesday, Sunday (Skymaster)

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

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.

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

Returns 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 (July 9, 23, etc.).

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Catalina)

Alternate Monday.—Dep. 9 am—Samarai-Esa'ala-Louisa (overnight) (June 23, etc.).
Alternate Tuesday.—Return to Moresby, via Samarai.

MORESBY-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

In Alternate Weeks, (July 14, 28, etc),
Alternate Monday.—Moresby-Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia-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 - Losuia-Esa'ala-Samarai-Moresby.

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

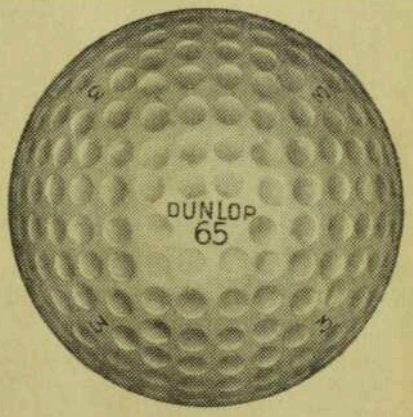
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Tuesdays.—Madang (7 am) to Goroka, Kainantu, Aiyura, Arona, as required, then returns to Madang (noon).
Thursdays.—Madang (7 am) to Wabag, Baiyer R., Hagen. Optional: Kerowagi. Returns to Madang (noon).
Fridays.—Lae (6.30 am) to Wabag, calling at any of: Nadzab, Kiaipit, Arona, Aiyura, Kainantu, Bena Bena, Goroka, Kerawagi, Kup, Nondugl,

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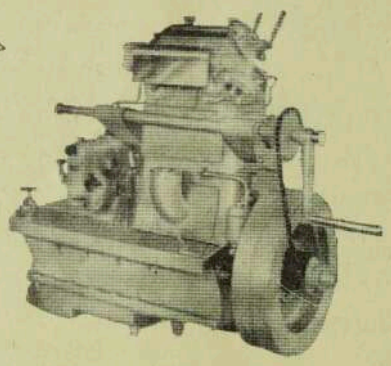
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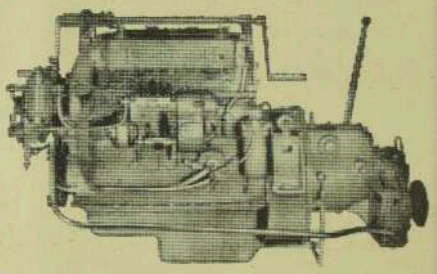


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Height —43½ in. (1,108 mm)
Weight —1,512 lb. (686 kilos)

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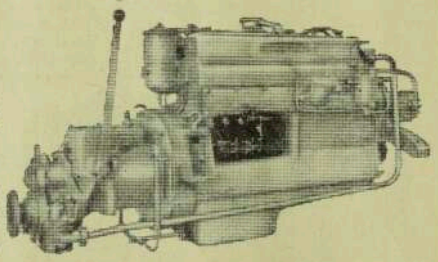


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at 1,500/1,750 r.p.m.

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

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

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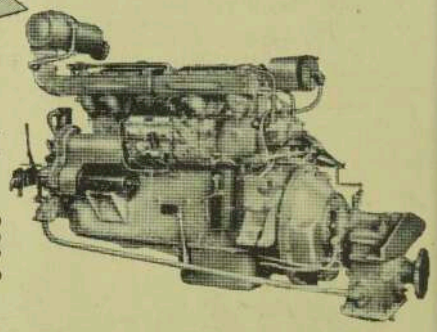


40/50 b.h.p.
at 1,500/1,900 r.p.m.

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

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

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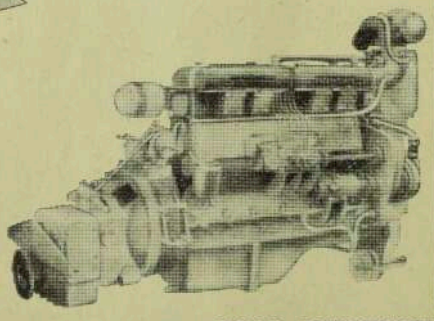


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at 1,200/1,600 r.p.m.

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

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

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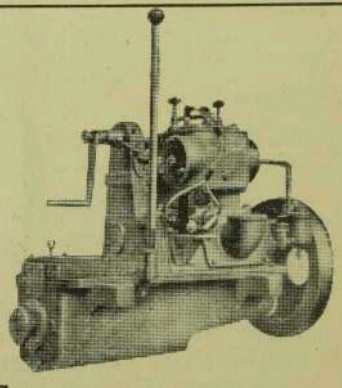


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ch Tuesday.—Honiara (dep. 7 am)- Yandina - Vellalavella-Torakina-Rabaul-Finschhafen-Lae (arr. 3.15 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

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9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham Flying Boast: (July 8, 22, etc.)

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

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham Flying Boats—Weekly.

Depart:	Arrive:
dney, Thur., 3.15 a.m.	Brisbane, 6.35 a.m.
sbane, 8.30 a.m.	Noumea, 3.30 p.m.
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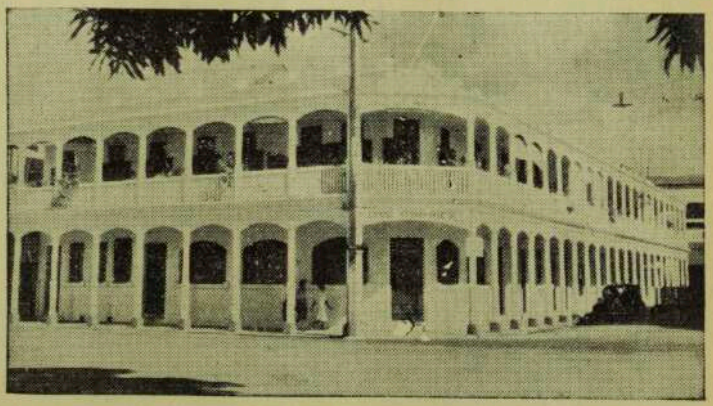
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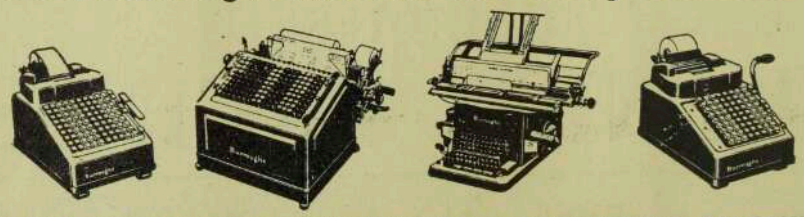
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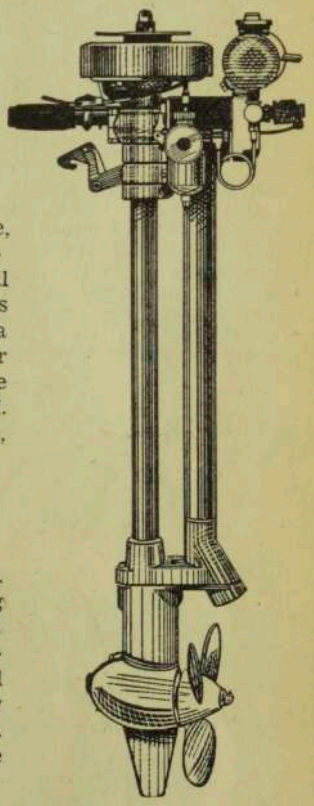
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a world where increasing popu- lations are desperately short of h consumer and capital goods, re would appear to be abundant portunities for enterprise. That lies especially to the nearly empty undeveloped Islands of the South ific.

'et the apparent opportunities are rushed. Men inspect, and hesitate come away, uncommitted. lions of pounds, which should be ating new wealth and jobs and ning big rewards, lie idle in the ks, or are lent to Governments around 3 per cent. Ask those cerned why, and they answer either certainty" or "Bloody politics"! ecause of the creations of man- l's genius, mankind to-day should enjoying such plenty, and security happiness as humanity never be- has known. Instead, all the ons live in a state of suspended or. They see the mounting pre- ations for World War III; and, t is worse, the evidence of an logical struggle so far-reaching, so bitter and uncompromising, their commonsense tells them e can be neither peace nor com- until one side or the other has defeated.

'orld War I was a clash of rival erialisms. Political incompetence fumbling led the nations into ld War II, which began as a est between rival ideologies, and d as a plain struggle for survival—in which the befuddled West, while destroying the Hitler form of Totalitarianism, let loose upon humanity the Stalin form of the same creed.

WITH a blindness and stupidity almost incredible, the Western politicians in 1945 ran away from their responsibilities, disarmed, and threw the nations, already battered and bleeding, into the clutches of the Muscovite Reds. Within five years, the diabolical cleverness of the Communist plan for the enslavement of humanity became apparent.

It is in three sections. The already enslaved nations behind the Iron Curtain are forced to work for supreme armament. Millions of Moscow's secret agents, taking advantage of the Western creed of liberty for the individual, have infiltrated into all the Western nations, to weaken those nations from within by the maximum amount of political, social and economic disruption. Meanwhile, the countless millions of Asia are being "Bolshevised", organised under Moscow direction, armed, and turned against the West.

Moscow believes that, with this plan, "Capitalism" will collapse in ruins even before we are called upon to fight in a formal World War III. It looks as if Moscow is right: the politico-economic demoralisation of the West proceeds at a terrifying pace.

There seems to be a moral strength, amounting to fanaticism, among the millions of undesirable folk who are working as a Fifth Column among the Western Nations; while among the Westerners, there is not a single institution, organisation or government of any importance—with the possible exception of one great Church and one fraternal order—with sufficient spirit and courage to stand up and defy the black cloud that now hangs over all of us.

Even if a miracle occurs, and the Western peoples forget their squabbling politics and unite against this dreadful threat to their liberty and the decencies of life, the Reds are ready and equipped to proceed from a cold to a hot war. We have been re-arming for two years, in a muddled way; but the military and air resources of our enemies seem as strong and uncompromising as the purpose behind them. While we arm, our strength is whittled away in Korea, Indo-China, Malaya, Middle East, etc.

THE greatest menace to our strength and our future, in these circumstances, are the Socialists—as distinct from the conscious allies of the Reds, whom we call "fellow-travellers". Because they will not even temporarily abandon their political creeds, so as to join with all other classes in securing the freedom without which no political creed can be implemented, the Socialists in all Western countries are ham-

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stringing the nations' efforts to defeat the cold war and prepare for World War III.

Australia is only one of a score of countries similarly bedevilled; but Australia is typical. There, a Government of almost hopelessly incompetent politicians is trying, honestly enough, to deal with traitors within, while aligning the country in a plan of Western defence. But they are being embarrassed and defeated at almost every turn primarily by Socialist organisations based on trade-unions which refuse to give up any privileges or plans for the sake of national defence. The latter are officially anti-Communist — in fact, they are hunting the Reds out of the leadership of many trade unions — but, being semi-literate and uninformed, they do not realise that the menace to themselves is far greater than it was in 1914 or 1939; and so their actions are dominated by the most petty considerations of party, class and section.

Thus beset, the unhappy Government of Australia is blundering along, trying to measure wartime problems with a peacetime yardstick; trying to apply rules made under freedom conditions to economic problems created by the system of national controls; trying to frame workable policies on principles enunciated by "expert" planners, who contradict each other savagely at every turn; and gathering public disfavour all the time.

That is Australia; but it is completely typical to-day of Britain, France and most of the Western nations. It is the most hopeless prospect ever seen in our Western era. The call is for clear thinking, ruthless leadership and great spilitual strength. None is in sight.

THE Muscovites believe that our system will collapse in demoralisation, and Red Totalitarianism will take over. Maybe that is why World War III does not come.

But there may be other reasons. The two great protagonists, USA and Russia, are deeply preoccupied with internal matters. Stalin, the arch-traitor and bloody-handed murderer who betrayed us all in the post-war era, is now dying of heart disease in his home near the Black Sea, and the Kremlin is torn by contestants for Red leadership. In contrast with the tigerish struggle in Moscow United States is staging a gigantic circus in Chicago, while it also seeks a new leader. Poor old humanity is not impressed by the spectacle of either Moscow or Chicago.

Here, briefly listed, are some of the outstanding events and developments of the month—bubbles on the surface of the hellish international brew which the Communists are cooking for their purpose—and our confusion:—

● The recent attempt by thousands of Cairo rioters to overthrow the Egyptian monarchy and government was organised and directed by Red emissaries with headquarters in the Polish Embassy in Cairo.

● A sensation was caused in Rome when Father Tondi, aged 44, absconded from his place near the head of the Jesuit Order, and openly joined the Communist Party. After special training by Communists in Russia, he joined the Order 16 years ago as a spy, and slowly worked his way into very important circles close to the Vatican. He was forced out by an inquiry (which is continuing) set afoot following a suspicion of treasonable organisation within the Vatican.

● Because of Britain's inability to pay her way—the combined result of wartime losses, failure to hold overseas trade and five years' Socialism—there is talk of further devaluation of the £ Sterling.

● French politicians are trying to undermine the government of M. Pinay, the only man who has succeeded in halting France's steady slide into politico-economic chaos.

● Following under-cover organisation there have been public demonstrations in Greece against Britain, because Britain will not surrender Cyprus (her vital East Mediterranean base) to Greece.

● Developments in Persia since the extremists there drove out the British and the huge Anglo-Persian oil establishment are daily bringing Persia nearer Russia and farther away from the West.

● Because of Communist penetration of Near and Middle East, the Vatican is trying to promote a rapprochement between Roman Catholicism and Islam, on the ground that both hate Communism and both want religious freedom.

● France and Britain are gravely embarrassed by the costliness and comparative lack of success of their respective campaigns in Indo-China and Malaya. The Korean campaign is bogged down behind endless Communist "truce talks".

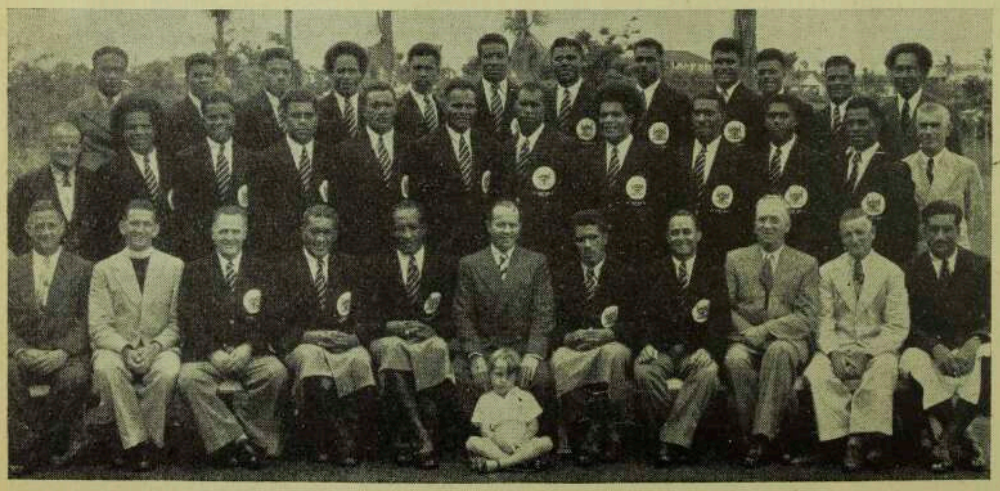
● Russian sensitivity in the Baltic—where two Swedish planes were ruthlessly shot down by Red fighters—is due to the establishment by Russia on the Latvian and Esthonian coasts of huge, ramp-like constructions and electrical installations. They are guarded by ceaseless Russian air patrols, and their purpose is completely unknown.

● Big riots in Japan and smaller disturbances in West Germany were promoted by Communists in an attempt to counteract the Western success in aligning those two powerful nations with the West against Moscow.

All these apparently disconnected events are part of the Red pattern of world disturbance.

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There is much talk of native welfare, economic development, new administrative plans in all the Territories of the South Pacific. These cannot be expected to make much progress while an explosive and dangerous world situation exists. The danger will not be removed until the ideological struggle ceases. That struggle will not cease while the anti-Red world is prevented by sectional hates from uniting against the Muscovite conspirators.



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FIJIAN RUGBY FOOTBALLERS

A photograph of the Fijian Rugby football representatives who are currently touring NSW and Queensland, with Fiji Rugby Union officials. The photograph was taken shortly before they left Suva.

—Caine's Studios.

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UNILEVER AND COPRA

Combine's Colossal Profits

THE price of copra in London at the beginning of June, CIF, European ports, was approximately £62 Stg per ton for Straits, and £67 per ton for Ceylon. Indonesian is quoted 62½ guilders per 100 kilos.

The quotation for Philippines copra in June was about 140 US dollars per short ton.

In Tahiti, early in June, copra was quoted at 7.80 Pacific francs per kilo for dry and 8.20 francs for super-dry.

A statement by the Indonesian minister in Canberra in June defended Indonesian labourers against a charge of inefficiency in the copra industry and said that "Unilever had invested 30 million rupiahs in the copra industry in Indonesia during the period 1950-52." (30 m. Rupiahs = £A6 m.)

This may provide some explanation of the marked increase lately in the output of copra from Indonesia, which appears to have been a factor in the recent world wide fall in copra prices. Another factor, of course, was a marked increase in the amount of whale oil brought back from the Antarctic in recent months by various whaling expeditions.

THE statement also directs attention to the growing activities of Unilever Ltd., which is the international combine which appears to control the markets of all the classes of oil now used in the production of soap and margarine—especially vegetable oils and whale oil.

It was announced in mid-June that the combined net profits of Unilever Ltd., (English) and Unilever NV (Dutch) were £18,837,651 stg. in 1951. This result was reached after providing over £31,000,000 for taxation and making a stock conservation of £3,000,000. The group's consolidated trading profit is stated to be just under £4,000,000 Stg., or £1,750,000 more than in 1950.

In a public statement in London on June 25, Sir Geoffrey Heyworth chairman of Unilever Ltd.) said that "the need for margarine to replace things like butter and meat is likely to increase as the population rises and industrialisation grows."

Newspaper comments following this statement said there was every indication of a growing world market for the products of Unilever—a natural corollary of the growing shortage of food caused by the rapidly increasing population in the world.

This, in turn, would seem to assure a sound future for the producers of copra—were it not that this international combine now is so placed and so powerful that it can grab all the excess profits created by the disparity between supply and demand. Unilever kept the copra producers close to the breadline before World War II, and it does not seem to be suffering from any restriction of its liberties in this postwar era.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE FIJIAN FOOTBALLERS

SYDNEY has taken the 22 touring Fijian footballers and their officials to its heart. People who scarcely know what a football looks like are attending their matches, and even crowding in to see them practise. Small children and babes-in-arms are held up "to see how the Fijians look."

Australians, of course, have had a sentimental affection for their own New Guinea natives since the war, and the Fijians are regarded as a bigger and better edition; besides, some have been heard speaking excellent English in radio interviews, and that makes them more approachable and less like strange visitors from another planet. Their good manners and simple faith have been played up by the newspapers and this makes a great appeal to citizens of this tough city of rackets where both have been forgotten years ago.

Even if they did not play spectacular football, most Sydneysiders seem to be of the opinion that it is worth the price of admission just to be on the same piece of ground as the Fijians and to see them performing their Cibi (war cry to you non-Fijians.)

Those Australian Rugby Union officials who, a few months ago, turned thumbs down on the visit of the Fijians because they were doubtful of their drawing power, must now have red faces.

At this writing they have won the first two matches of their tour, and North Sydney Oval and Manly Oval, where they played them, have been packed like sardine cans.

A crowd of 17,000 saw their first match (on a Saturday) and at its conclusion mobbed the visitors—there was no doubt as to whose side the spectators were on. The Sydney Morning Herald said: ". . . The Fijians, big and remarkably fast, battered down the home team to win 21-9. They pounced on six-foot Australian players, tackling head-high and almost drove them into the ground . . . There was a sensation within five seconds of play when a South Harbour forward was stretched unconscious on the field . . . his misfortune was quickly followed by others but in spite of this the play was clean and good humoured."

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At the second, and mid-week match, at Manly, somewhere between 10,000 and 12,000 people squeezed themselves into a football ground which accommodates 5,000 People arrived with their lunch-baskets at 9.30 a.m. to make a picnic of it and local school-children were given a half-holiday. From these two first matches the takings were £3,000—half the estimated cost of the tour—and the Fijians have not yet played on a large ground. There is not much doubt now about the financial success of the tour.

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Weather since they arrived has often been freezing, but there has been no rain, skies are blue and the visitors have had the maximum amount of winter sunshine. But said the Daily Telegraph the day after they arrived: "The Fijians' skirts went overboard this morning and they dived into suitcases for sweaters and socks to keep out Sydney cold. They appeared at their hotel for breakfast in tracksuits supplied by the NSW police-force. A bundle of greatcoats (also supplied by the police, who are the only ones to come up to Fijian footballers size) were rushed to Rose Bay to welcome the Fijians when they arrived last night."

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The visitors' habit of holding prayer-meetings and singing psalms has received the full newspaper treatment—so much so that the ungodly are apt to ask themselves when they have time to train or play football. The staff of the hotel where they stay were surprised, we are told, when they said grace before supper, held prayer meetings in the morning and then said grace before breakfast. If they are good ambassadors for Fiji, they are also good ambassadors for the Methodist Church.

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There has been considerable amazement at the size of the Fijian appetite. It is reported that they eat twice as much as an Australian—which is quite an appetite. But then, a Fijian footballer represents quite a lot of man.

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Said the Herald: "The Australians had been warned by their officials not to seize the Fijians by the hair. This particularly applied to several fuzzy-haired players, including Malakai Labaibure, 29-year-old ex-policeman, who stands 6 feet 3 inches and weighs 15 stone 7 lb."

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Fijian off-the-field activities have so far included placing a wreath on the Cenotaph, lay-preaching, church socials, Lord Mayoral and Mayoral receptions, the Rugby Union ball, visits to Sydney beaches, the Blue Mountains, the Far West Children's Home. They have sung on the radio and been interviewed at the ABC sports show.

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Fijian tongue-twisting names have not proved as troublesome as anticipated because Mr. Les Martin, team manager, has supplied broadcasters, etc., with a how-to-pronounce-it guide. The results might not altogether please Fijian purists but for local purposes they do well enough.

Eleven lucky residents of Apia, Western Samoa, calling themselves the Alofa Mai Syndicate, celebrated recently when they learned that they had won third prize of £2,500 in an Australian lottery. About a year ago another resident of Apia won £10,000 in the same lottery.

Dr. J. S. Phillips arrived recently in Honiara, BSI, to conduct further entomological research into nutfall disease in coconuts, which is caused by the insect amblypelta cocophaga. Dr. Phillips made some investigations of nutfall in the Solomons,

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MH Potential Not Fully Employed

ALTHOUGH Morris Hedstrom Ltd., the big company operating in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, etc., made a profit last year of £107,834, maintained the usual dividends, and carried forward no less than £345,642 in P/L Account, the Directors are not happy. The chairman (Mr. R. Crompton, of Suva) said that "the real wealth in terms of volume of output over the areas served by the Co. is not increasing, despite fast increasing population"; and "political conditions are increasingly difficult, and criticism on the part of islands populations, of the rewards being drawn by overseas investors is increasing."

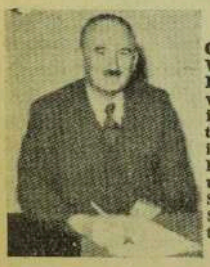
The Co. has an issued capital of £739,613; and it also employs £747,257 of reserves. With sundry creditors, items in suspense, and balance in P/L, its total funds in use are nearly £2¼ million. But too much of this is not employed at all. There is, for example, over £120,000 in cash, and well over £200,000 in stocks and shares. A big re-building programme is under way, but this is not likely to perceptibly add to the earning power of the capital.

The fact is that there are not enough opportunities in these fertile mid-South Pacific territories to give employment to the big reserves of enterprise and money available in this and similar companies. It seems an absurd situation, in a world growing every year more hungry. Where does the fault lie? The co.'s Chairman suggests "political conditions."

This Co. has a fine Pensions Fund. Its assets now total £281,420; and it received last year some £13,000 from Interest in investments, £8,777 from members, and £17,555 from the Co. The Fund has been 25 years in existence. There are 345 members but so far the annual Pensions paid out total only some £3,000.

Mr. H. J. Hulek, Secretary of the Fiji Education Department, is now in the United Kingdom on long vacation leave.

New High Commissioner for Western Pacific



The new High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, who arrived in Fiji in early July. Although Honiara, BSI, is officially WPHC headquarters it is understood that Mr. Stanley will make Suva his HQ for the time being.

Cheaper Copra Sacks

THE most sensational price development in the Pacific Islands during the month was the fall in the quotation for jute copra bags. The movement first began early in June, when it was discovered that the suppliers of jute in Pakistan and India, disturbed by an unexpected holdover from the old crop, were cutting their price by from £40 to £50 per ton. Some Indian interests tried desperately to hold up the price, but with a large holdover in sight, plus a large new crop coming in, the market collapsed. It was a severe blow to many European manufacturers, who had large stocks based on last year's prices. It is expected that for the remainder of this year jute bags will reach copra producers at prices equal to little more than one half the high prices of early 1952. Even then, they are several times the price they were in 1940.

CHINESE LST SHIP PICKS UP LOGS AT VANIKORO

SANTO, June 20

MUCH interest has been taken in the arrival recently at Vanikoro, in the Southern Solomons, of a Chinese-owned LST craft called Wan Yui, under Captain H. K. Hwang, who comes from Shanghai. He is aged about 38, and he says he has not been in Shanghai for two years, and does not know much about Communism there.

It is reported that the vessel is running under charter to Gilberts Australasian Agency Pty., Ltd., of Sydney. The whole of the crew are Chinese.

The LST arrived in the Solomons from Sydney, via New Guinea and it is reported that the logs she is loading are for Australia.

FIJI'S NEW GOVERNOR DUE ABOUT SEPTEMBER

ACCORDING to present arrangements, the new Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, with Lady Garvey and their two youngest children—Lavinia (6) and Julia (5)—will sail from England by the liner Rangtiki in August; and, if the expected connections are made in New Zealand, they should arrive in Suva about the end of September. After he left British Honduras in January last, Sir Ronald decided to take an accumulation of long leave, which he has spent with his family in Lincolnshire. In private letters, Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey express keen pleasure at the thought of returning to the South Pacific, where they spent so many happy years. Lady Garvey's parents (Dr. and Mrs. V. W. T. McGusty, formerly of Fiji) now are residents of New Zealand.

TOA To Liquidate

OCEANIC AIRWAYS LTD. has gone into liquidation, and its future is uncertain. It is still carrying on the service to Lord Howe Island—the only one left of the several trans-ocean services it pioneered—but this may be withdrawn.

Total liabilities are £240,947. They include: Clan Steamship Line, £109,738; F. W. Hughes Pty., Ltd., £62,685; Macarthur Shipping Co., £20,075; E. A. Coghlan, Ltd., £10,000; Air Flight (Training), Ltd., £17,667; Vacuum Oil Co., £7,425; Harvey Trinder, Ltd., £2,342.

Assets are not far short of total debts. They include: 3 Solents, £110,000; 3 Hythes, £6,000; spare parts, £50,762; spare engines and props, £32,000; other fixed assets, £24,800.

The Co. was started soon after the war by aviator Captain Brian Monckton with three Sunderland flyingboats. Services to Lord Howe, New Caledonia, New Hebrides and Solomons were established, and many charter flights undertaken. Other craft were bought. A NSW coastal service from Sydney to Grafton was pioneered, and then a direct service from Sydney to Hobart.

The Co. met very keen competition from the big Australian Co., Qantas; and it had misfortune when its head, Captain Monckton, was charged with deliberately destroying a Qantas flying boat, and further misfortune when a new Solent, which Captain Monckton was bringing out from Europe, was lost at Malta. Captain Monckton was acquitted of the charge, but the incident caused disorganisation. Much new capital was introduced in 1950-51, especially by the Clan Line.

The Co. then started a Sydney-Moresby service, in direct competition with Qantas, but had more misfortune—two Solents were badly smashed in the Brisbane River—and the service ceased recently.

Captain Monckton left the Co. several months ago, and there has been a series of developments which has ended in decision to liquidate.

New Indian Commissioner Leaves Fiji Shortly

SCARCELY had the functions of welcome concluded for Mr. A. K. Sen, Commissioner in Fiji for the Government of India, than it was announced that he would shortly leave for India on transfer.

In Suva at the end of June there were a series of farewell gatherings in his honour.

A successor has not been announced.

Mr. J. G. H. Holsheimer left Sydney at the end of July by air for Honiara, to join the staff of the Department of Agriculture, BSI.

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THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

'Tofa Ma Feleni"

WHEN looking through a 45-years-old scrap-book, Oscar Nordman found an early English ersion of the famous old Samoan arewell Song, *Tofa Ma Feleni.* ere it is:—

Goodbye, Samoa, my ship now sails away,
Away from fair islands, where all is bright and gay.
But I'll not forget you, not this belov'd strand
When far, far away, upon my native land.
Do not despise me, O do not angry be:
Though rank and colour differ, my heart is warm to thee.
Think nought upon what matters, what on the surface lies,
But hasten to assure me of love that never dies.
Such bitter sorrow has never touched my heart
As what it's feeling, from loving friends to part.
'Tis an affliction, when hearts would linger nigh
Whilst lips reluctant must say a fond goodbye.
O I never will forget you;
Hear this, my fond Adieu—
I never will forget you—
Samoa, I say Adieu.

"I heard that song first in Samoa 1907," says Mr. Nordman, "and ose were the words as I wrote em down, then. The enclosed notograph shows the band on the harf at Apia, playing the tune, as e pulled out."

The picture is too faded for repro-uction; and the words are different om to-day's version — but the ntiment is exactly the same.

ilms and Publicity

A film of Tahiti made by a De-oit business man, Earl D. Brink, s been shown widely in USA. After every showing," writes Mr. rink, "people come up and want ore information, and ask how to t there. It is too bad that there are ot better facilities for travel to ceania. My wife and I went there Tahiti-Hawaii Airways; but then at Line folded up, and we were arooned there, and finally got away teaming up with four boys who ere sailing the schooner *California* ound the world."

Mr. Brink wanted to make similar ms, of marked publicity value, in ustralia and New Zealand; but the ustoms officials in both places made much fuss about his introduction cameras and films that he can-lled his plans; and his consequent counts of his experiences under fficialdom in both places have no blicity value!

(Tahiti now has regular air connection—but via Fiji, not via Hawaii.)

A Menace to Natives!

It is interesting to learn that Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen, who was a notable merchant and planter in New Guinea before World War I, visited Australia in 1929 in connection with the affairs of the Melanesian Company, and that he was refused permission to visit New Guinea. It was felt that his influence as a former German commercial leader would, in the opinion of the then Administrator, be bad for the natives. Flattered, amused and maybe irritated, Mr. Wahlen returned to Germany.

"Although I am 80, I should very much like to see Australia and New Guinea again," says Mr. Wahlen, in a nostalgic note from Hamburg. "Do you think they would still keep me out, if I turn up there again?"

We do not think so. Probably, a few of the Oldtimers would make somewhat of a fuss over the former "Duke of the Northwest Islands."

'Political Appointments'?

"I am much amused by the noisy indignation of Mr. Eddie Ward in relation to the retirement of Administrator Jack Murray," writes J. J. C., from Brisbane.

"When he shouts so much about political appointments, Mr. Ward evidently forgets about the circumstances surrounding the retirement of Mr. Leonard Murray from the Administratorship in Papua when he (Mr. Ward) wanted to appoint Mr. J. K. Murray. Those circumstances reflected no credit on Mr. Ward.

"And was it not Mr. Ward who was responsible for the appointment of Mr. Wilson, ex-MP, to Norfolk Island, and of Mr. Richards of the Adelaide Trades Hall, to Nauru? If these were not political appointments, in essence and in substance, what were they?"

Chinese in the Islands

There seems to be much interest throughout the Pacific in the development of Chinese immigration and settlement. This note comes from Fiji:

"The old Chinese in Fiji were a self-effacing, pleasant crowd who had a good deal of public spirit and who could be fully trusted in business. At the end of the war, however, we had an influx of a different type—arrogant and assertive. A generation is now growing up with these characteristics.

"You notice it if you drive a car in Suva. Chinese youths in lorries hog the road and show not the slightest sign of consideration for others. . . .

"I don't know whether it is possible to calculate the amount of Chinese-Fijian interbreeding that is going on but it is considerable and increasing. . . .

"It is not a pretty prospect. Our Chinese population has increased from 2,874 in 1946 to 3,581 in 1951—about 25 per cent. in five years. It is about time we followed the example of Western Samoa." (Western Samoa, 20 years ago, had a large community of Chinese who were intermarrying with the Samoans. The NZ authorities implemented a ruthless policy of deportation, and there now are practically no Chinese in Samoa.)

An anonymous writer in Vila challenges our recent statement that many new Chinese stores have been opened in New Hebrides. He says only two or three stores have been opened by newcomers—the others, especially at Santo, belong to old-established Chinese. He considers there is no danger of Chinese selling alcohol to the natives—the Government has this well under control.

Home for Plaque

The little Wembley plaque found by the small son of Mrs. V. A. Cooper, in a dustheap in Rabaul, has now been completely identified. It appears that it was attached to an ink stand that had been made out of wood from the original warship Australia; and the inkstand was presented to the Hon. A. J. Jones when he represented Qeensland at the Wembley Exhibition in 1924—he was then Lord Mayor of Brisbane and had been for many years Minister of Mines. When he died a few years ago, it was given to his daughter, and she lost it in Rabaul.

The history of the plaque was traced through the PIM. As it has not been claimed by others, the officials of the Premier's Department of Queensland asked Mrs. Cooper if they might have it, to be placed among official records in Brisbane, and Mrs. Cooper has sent it to them.

Pests in NI

"Your article gave an accurate picture of Norfolk Island" writes an old resident of that pleasant place. "There was one thing wrong, however—there is not here a complete absence of fruit pests. As a matter of fact, the passionfruit fly has practically wiped out most of the vines on the western side of the Island; and, as you know, the production of passionfruit pulp was at one time an important industry. I might also quarrel with you about your reference to the quiet and peace of the Island. Quiet is becoming a thing of the past, what

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with motor-scooters, bicycles with motor attachments and the thump of home-lighting plants.

In Defence of BSI Set-Up

"I note what is said about Australia taking over the British Solomons (says a valued observer of Southwest Pacific affairs) but, with all respect. I could not agree with you less . . . I recently saw something of the New Guinea Administration on the New Britain side.

"Both Australia and Britain are concerned with welfare of the natives. Australia can afford to leave the private people alone, because she is not as concerned as the British with taxing them. The only advantage the Australians have lies in the enormous quantities of funds available to them, even when they think they are being economical. The same criticisms are levelled at the Administration in New Guinea as in the Solomons, but with less venom, because there is less taxation.

"As Australia, like Britain, is committed to the welfare of the natives, the Australian methods would have to be applied in BSI; and, believe me, they wouldn't go. The BSI natives are entirely different from those I saw in P-NG. The BSI folk are unconsciously very English in many ways. They don't like Australians; they are very wary of anyone who hasn't got the character and the manner they consider suitable; and they just despise matey people.

"If you could just get BSI a couple of million pounds a year from the Colonial Office, plus all the shipping P-NG has, plus war damage and no income tax, they might really get somewhere . . . It isn't fair to go on belting this BSI administration, which is doing its perspiring and exhausted best."

Darwin to Fiji

From Mrs. F. M. Parrack, of Stuart Highway, Darwin, comes a cheque for £12/15/0 Australian, to be sent on to the Treasurer of the Fiji Hurricane Relief Committee. She asks that the money be used for the relief of individual sufferers, rather than in the expensive work of restoring public buildings, etc. The sum was contributed by the RAAF and Air Force Association, £11/7/6; Constable Tiernan, 10/-; and School Children, 17/6. The generous donation has been sent on to Suva.

Mrs. Parrack was for several years a teacher in Indian and CSR Co. schools in Fiji and she has the warmest memories of Fijian hospitality. She also was a resident of New Guinea and her son, Desmond, married Miss Cynthia Carne at Bulolo not long ago, and took her to live in Toowoomba, Q. Mrs. Parrack sends warm greetings to friends in Fiji, and asks if anyone will send her some copies of the Fiji Times.

Ducks That Get Around

Recent press mention of godwits recalls a stir that occurred in the ornithological world 2½ years ago, which seems to have missed comment in PIM at the time.

Late in 1949, Meteorologist L. T. Craig, stationed up on Penrhyn atoll in the Northern Cooks, shot two ducks of a flight of six which he put up from a small swamp on one of the northern islets of the atoll. To his—and ornithologists'—surprise, one duck wore a band which the US Fish & Wild Service had given it three months earlier in a Californian game reserve, 4,000 miles away.

The birds were American pintail ducks, and this was the longest recorded flight of any of the species.

Penrhyn natives reported that a few ducks visit the island for about a month, late each year.

Bird watchers are now wondering whether the pintails migrate even farther south. American tourists are no longer news in Tahiti—but US pintails certainly would be.

Late in June this year, another kind of migrating bird did reach Tahiti—the first consignment of air-freighted chickens from Auckland.

Malekula Story

"The article about the old and new Maleluka, by Captain Brett Hilder was most interesting," writes Mr. G. R. Younger, of Cape Marsh, BSI. "May I correct him on one small point."

"The first master of the schooner was Captain Fotheringham. Captain Butchart succeeded him. On the last trip to Sydney, Captain McPhail, from the Kulambangra, was in charge and, with him, were Tom Shapland as mate and, I think, Jones, as second mate. After the wreck these three repaired the best whaleboat and left for the Queensland coast, and they arrived at Lucinda Point after eight days' sailing. The crew were picked up some weeks later. They had plenty of food and they had refused to take a long boat trip."

Rubber—or Rats?

"Apropos of all this talk about development of new industries in the Territories, you must know that little can be done unless land is available." writes "Old Timer" from Melbourne.

"Did you ever hear the story of Captain Fitch and the thousands of acres of good rubber land he had lined up in the Kanosia district of Papua? Fitch had the plan in good shape and the Melbourne capital ready to invest in rubber. The area was surveyed by an ARM.

"But when enquiries were made about the owners (the Kabadi people, a useless and inbred crowd) it was found that one of the owners was a youth and technically a minor. Thereupon Sir Hubert Murray refused to sanction the transfer, and that large area, of no use to the Kabadis, is still in its virgin state.

"Captain Fitch was very angry about it. 'Fancy one native brat holding up a big developmental plan like this.' he said to me. 'All these natives will ever do on the area is catch an old lizard or rat.'"



The passenger list of the TOFUA bound northwards from Auckland July 1, included (left to right):—

MR. W. H. GROVE and MISS D. Grove visiting Suva. Mr. Grove heads the old established Islands firm of that name. MRS. E. SUTHERLAND, old identity of Suva, returned there after four months holiday in New Zealand. MR. and MRS. I. H. CARRUTHERS who were making a holiday trip to Apia; Mr. Carruthers is Chairman of Directors of I. H. Carruthers, Ltd., of Samoa and they now reside in New Zealand. MRS. ESSIE COOPER, whose husband is Manager of Associated Foods, Ltd., of Auckland, who was holidaying to Suva. MR. H. HAMMOND, Education Officer, returning to Labasa, Fiji, after six months leave in New Zealand.

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Japan's Vital Supply Problem

Wants to Return to Micronesia

THE Prime Minister of Japan (Mr. Yoshida) has appealed to the United States to allow former Japanese settlers and fishermen to return to the Mariana, Caroline, and Marshall Islands.

He said the return of Japanese to these former Japanese-mandated territories would help ease Japan's vital food and population problems.

THE Caroline, Marshall and Mariana Islands have had an extraordinary history. They were first colonised by Spanish expeditions. After the Spanish-American War, they passed into the possession of Germany, mostly by purchase. Japan was not an active participant in World War I; but, as the official ally of Great Britain, she occupied this section of Germany's Pacific Empire while Britain and Germany were at war—and she proposed to occupy German New Guinea, only the Australians got there first.

After World War I, when Germany's various Colonies were distributed to the various countries under League of Nations' Mandates, the Mandate for the three Micronesian groups (Carolines, Marshalls and Marianas) was given to Japan. For about 12 years, Japan administered the Territory on behalf of the League of Nations; but, early in the Thirties, when she had become very arrogant and was making plans for the conquest of Asia and the Pacific generally, Japan walked out of the League of Nations and annexed Micronesia. From then on, it was administered as "a closed book" — Europeans were excluded, large numbers of Japanese were settled there, and most of the chief ports were fortified. It was from those bases that Japan, in 1942, struck at the South Pacific countries.

When the Americans cleared the Japanese officially out of these groups, most of the Japanese settlers were repatriated. Later, United States was given a United Nations Trusteeship over Micronesia. The Micronesians generally (there are only some 50,000 of them) have a close affinity with the Islanders south of the Equator; and the American Administration, through the South Pacific Commission, now seeks to co-ordinate its policies with those of the South Pacific Administrations.

Having, through defeat in war, lost the whole of her colonial empire, Japan now is faced with the gravest problems in relation to food supply. Her home islands can barely feed her rapidly growing population of over 80 millions. It is obvious that if she is not provided with additional territory for food production, she must either prepare for war again, or considerably reduce her population.

Do You Remember?

TWENTY years ago this month, PIM was celebrating its second birthday—just as we now are celebrating our 22nd. PIM was truly a Depression baby and its creator had reason to express the surprise he did in a note to readers on the occasion of our second anniversary.

He said: "PIM went out into the Pacific as a stranger. Within two years it has found thousands of friends in the Islands and in almost every country in the world." Since then we have weathered a World War, and, what was infinitely worse, a post-World War. The problems of this minute are every bit as thorny as those of 1932, but we still have our thousands of Pacific friends, for which we are grateful.

Here are some extracts from our second-birthday issue:

In a depression-time hunt for copra alternatives, tobacco-growing was getting little thought in Papua-New Guinea. In a long article, F. Robartson of Rabaul, traced the history of tobacco-growing—which never has been more than experimental except on the part of native growers—from the earliest German efforts of 1900 or even earlier, to 1932. Both Germans and Australians had favourable reports from Europe on local leaf—and unfavourable reports from Australian manufacturers.

It was suggested by Mr. Robartson that the tobacco grown in a great many of the NG districts (and known in Pidgin as "brus") was indigenous. It would be interesting to know if subsequent research has proved this so. In these days of import restrictions and dollar shortages, the tobacco industry for P-NG might bear looking into again.

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The end had come to the New Guinea goldfields air-freight war and all companies had settled down to 5d per pound from coast-to-Wau airfreight. Before the war" it had been 6d.

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"The suggestion that administrative personnel of Papua and New Guinea shall be brought together in a new Tropical Service Corps is being discussed, unofficially, by representatives of both services . . . The Papuans are indifferent so long as their present liberal superannuation and other privileges are preserved. They like the idea of a wider field of promotion . . . But NG officials appear actively hostile . . ."

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An amazing religious disturbance was reported from Onotoa in the Southern Gilberts. Two months before they were due to pay their copra taxes, the majority of the villagers decided to give all their copra to the London Missionary Society. They were warned of the consequences by the local native Magistrate who happened ot be one of the few Roman Catholics on the island. This started the Protestants off on a religious jag which includede the usual local prophet and his various attendants. It culminated in a bloody battle wherein 40 Catholics were driven off the island in canoes. The native Magistrate, a man of great courage, stood up to face the mob on his own and was seriously wounded about the head—but later recovered. Two other RCs were killed with bottles and crowbars. A European District Officer and a Missionary arrived providentially and restored peace. The guilty were punished.

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"Prices paid for the last shipment of Cook Islands oranges were 1/6 in packing shed; 2/- on the wharf Rarotonga."

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"The Administration (of Western Samoa) will enforce the ordinance prohibiting cohabitation between Chinese coolies and Samoan women. A Chinese coolie came before the Court last week accused of entering a fale with a Samoan girl. He was sentenced to a month's gaol. This will doubtless act as a deterrent to similar offenders." (Well, did it?)

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"In June all the citizens of Suva welcomed the Australian test cricket team (presumably on its way to England) which included such famous players as Mailey, Richardson and Bradman. Bradman was mobbed by the Fijians on the wharf and wherever he went groups of Fijians and Indians gathered to stare at him. The Mayor had announced that he would extend a civic welcome to the cricketers in the presence of town councillors and a few friends—but Suva was not to be denied and eventually 600 crowded into the Town Hall."

PRODUCTION BY NATIVES

RABAUL, July 1

AN interesting analysis of past records indicates the nature of the contributions which natives are making to primary production in this part of the Territory.

Of the 3,102 tons of copra produced in the nine months ended March 31, the natives provided 260 tons. Of the 288 tons of cocoa produced in the same period, 5½ tons came from native producers.

NEW HOTEL IN FIJI

A NEW hotel, providing accommodation of a high standard, was formally opened at the end of June at Tailevu, about 30 miles from Suva, out on the Kings Road. The hotel is comfortably furnished and each bedroom has a private bathroom with hot water. The hotel is about 12 miles from the new jetty which has been built at Natovi, which is now the Viti Levu terminal for the bus and launch services connecting Suva and Levuka.

Mr. Frank Wheener, of Nirex Pty., Ltd., returned to Sydney in late June from a business visit to Papeete, Suva, and Noumea, by air.

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COL. MURRAY REPLIES

Evidence of Bitter Feeling Towards Hasluck

THE following arrived as this issue was going to press. Colonel Murray's statement is much condensed.

As he has left the dignified position he hitherto maintained, and has entered the field of charge and counter-charge, some equally strong statements against him may be expected. They will be published next issue.

Meantime, this article should be read in conjunction with that on page 129.

MORESBY, July 9

THE following are some of the points made in an outspoken statement by Colonel J. K. Murray, retiring Administrator, before departing to-day for Brisbane on Bulolo:

He forecast an early change of policy on native welfare, and greater control by Canberra.

Soon after taking over, the Menzies Government tried to remove him from office, and for the last year had subjected him to an organised war of nerves.

His regret at leaving was tempered by relief in escaping "the motives, methods and manners of the Minister and some of his senior departmental officials."

Missionaries of all denominations, and other sections had protested against the way his appointment was terminated—they could not see why Territories Administratorships should be made the perquisites of politicians.

"It appears that Prime Minister and Mr. Hasluck believe Administration will be best provided here by the appointment of a person highly experienced in organising successful post-war election campaigns." Later, he said: "Mr. Cleland has my best wishes for the success of his administration during his period as Acting Administrator."

He denied his own appointment was influenced in any way by political connections. He had never been associated with politics. He had met E. J. Ward only once (in 1944, at Finschhafen) before he applied for the advertised position of Provisional Administrator. He met him next at his swearing-in.

He charged Mr. Hasluck with "unpardonable delays" in getting on with important administration matters, and mentioned the Land Titles Restoration Ordinance, appointment of Lands Commissioners, inauguration of Legislative Council, superannuation ordinance, disallowances of certain ordinances. He said the Minister "had bowed to pressure groups."

He wholeheartedly agreed with Sir Hubert Murray who had said the Territory was better off under Labour.

He believed that emphasis in administration now would move away from native welfare to natural resources and "this would be a dangerous move."

He charged the Government with failure to recognise that the basis of Territories development must be a guaranteed market for their products in Australia.

He urged that Canberra should give to the Administration a much greater measure of decentralised power.

OBE to Dr. Fox

DR. CHARLES ELLIOTT FOX, Doctor of Literature, and a well-known member of the Melanesian Mission in BSI, was appointed a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in the recent birthday honours.

Dr. Fox has completed over 50 years of faithful and devoted service to the Mission, and has added distinguished contributions to the study of native customs and languages, including the preparation of dictionaries of various dialects. During the Japanese occupation of the Solomons he remained with his people and his influence over them has always been heartening and helpful.

'PAT' HOLMES RETIRES FROM N. GUINEA

HAVING concluded long leave, Mr. E. P. Holmes last month retired from the position of Secretary of Department of Lands in New Guinea. He joined the New Guinea service in 1923: became Lands chief in 1932: and—except for the war break—held the position until now. Minister Hasluck said in Canberra that his knowledge of land titles was unique and irreplaceable, and paid warm tribute to the service he had given; and all Territorians will regret the departure of "Pat" and his popular wife.



Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Donald with the cup Mrs. Donald recently won in Port Moresby as ladies' singles tennis champion. This couple have now left Moresby for Honiara, BSI, where Mr. Donald will take up duties as O.I.C. Meteorological Branch. He has been with Met. in Moresby and Lae for the past five years.

—Papuan Prints.

New Britain Volcano Shows Signs of Activity

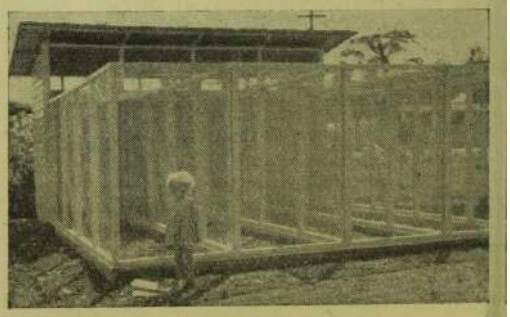
MR. G. A. TAYLOR, Papua-New Guinea Government vulcanologist left Lae for New Britain in late June when it was reported that there were signs of activity from Mt Langla volcano.

Gas escape from the mountain was reported by Father McSweeney, whose mission station on Wide Bay is about 10 miles from the mountain. About 2,500 natives live within this same radius of Langla.

Qantas Accommodation for BOP

A new addition to the Guest quarters of Qantas Empire Airways at Lae, NG, is a well constructed set of bird aviaries, which when completed will house Birds of Paradise and other New Guinea birds. Passengers passing through will get a close-up glimpse of these rare New Guinea birds.

—Photograph from Mrs. Olga Blood.



TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

AFTER 15 years' of shilly-shallying by Canberra officials, it as been decided to retain headuarters in Rabaul. Most propertywners there have always been aainst the move to Lae, Rapopo, r wherever the new capital site as suggested.

A Citizens' Association was formd between 1937 (eruption) and 1940 war) and made every effort to ave the transfer dropped; but ne Civil Servants won the day and, s is generally known, several govrnment departments were transerred to the new capital at Lae October, 1941. Records of other epartments were mostly ready acked for mail shipment to Lae hen the Nips arrived in Rabaul nd made bonfires of them.

Certainly the loss of life during the 1937 eruption among the native population outside of Rabaul was great—some 600 odd—but they pannicked and had no organisation. Presumably District Services has now inculcated some drill amongst the natives for an emergency, which will obviate deaths from collapsed houses, which was the chief cause of mortality.

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Talk of the Frangipani Ball in Rabaul (PIM, June Tropicalities) and how the term "Frangipani Blooms Again" originated, omitted to mention the phrase was actually coined in one of the Eruption editions of "The Rabaul Times'"—a roneod sheet turned out by the editor at Vunapope when Rabaul was evacuated, and later in Rabaul while the printing plant was being de-pumiced. The little white and yellow blossom was poking its head up out of the pumice-covered branches in the backyard of the Commonwealth Bank in Rabaul, and it was this ray of hope which induced the editor to adopt an optimistic policy regarding Rabaul down through the years.

Mention of Bill Heinicke and the ball recalls memories, too. He was the town's care-free lad, always full of beans and bright ideas, and did much to scrape the mud and dust from Rabaul's face. He got the BEM for it. Last I heard of Bill was in Adelaide. But that was some years ago, and he could be anywhere. Wherever he is, I'll bet he's still a cheerful soul.

Bill's biggest moment was when, as Sergeant-Major, he led the march of the NG lads down to the boat at Rabaul when they embarked for overseas. Last time I saw him he had a crown on his shoulder—not on his arm.

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Church dignitaries are certainly sticking their necks out over the Murray retirement. I wonder how they would appreciate anyone questioning appointments made in Church circles? To me it seems a bit grim for Primates and Bishops to become involved in pseudo-political issues, which they affirm they studiously avoid.

Is one to assume that J. K. Murray is the only person who will see the natives get a "fair go?" And what has he done, anyway, other than follow departmental instructions? This high-lighting of native welfare has been grossly overdone. In the TNG, anyway, it has had a high priority ever since the League of Nations took over. It is the world publicity which has increased, rather than governmental interest diminished. In fact, for the old residents—officials and otherwise—it has become a pain in the neck, aggravated by so-called experts on native administration.

Too many politicians have the idea that native welfare and private enterprise cannot go hand in hand. They can, and have done so for years, and I am one who firmly believes the planters have done as much for the welfare of the native people as any administration department. That is in actual welfare, that will be of lasting practical value.

I cannot imagine that Murray—if he were re-instated—would feel very comfortable in the job after all these screeds have been written about him.

There is time enough for archbishops and bishops to protest when, and if, they discover his successor is not carrying on a sufficiently "native first" policy.

There are three main features to be regarded in NG policy: native welfare, Australian defence and primary production. That does not seem a very difficult trio to implement, providing all sorts and sundries do not rush into print, with their pens poised for further aggression, in an endeavour to adjust situations to their own individual liking.

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In the TNG, both Wisdom and McNicoll were undoubtedly political appointees, and weathered changes of Government. Cleland, Liberal organiser before his appointment, also appears to come within that category. But he hasn't been appointed yet. There may be someone else in the background.

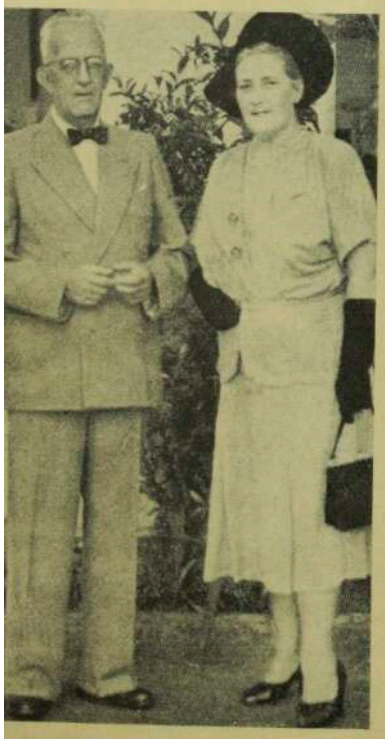
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There has been some protests lodged in clerical circles about sending Fijians to Malaya to carry on the war against the so-called "Terrorists," otherwise Communist guerillas. I don't know much about the set-up as a whole, but I often wonder what these peace-loving Fijians, who have been "civilised" to our way of life, think of being called upon to fight when Peaceful Living was one of our main arguments with their forefathers, which won them over to our Christian way of Life. Consistency, thou art a virtue!

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The citation presented to Keith McCarthy at Rabaul, as representing the Brewer Force detachment of Angau, for the landing on Los Negros, was indeed a happy gesture, and one which one would expect from the Yanks. Rabaul residents may not know it; but February 29, 1944 (the date of that successful Manus landing) was also the day on which Rabaul received its heaviest bombardment—both aerial and naval—during the Jap occupation. Anything that was left standing be-

In Honours List



Mr. D. A. Butler, who received the OBE the last Birthday Honours, photoaphed in Suva with Mrs. Butler. Be- e going to Fiji as local manager of Union Steamship Company., Mr. tler was manager for the company in ia, W. Samoa. He has taken a rticular interest in the development Suva port, and maritime matters in i generally. He has been a member the Fiji Marine Board for 11 years. —Photo by C. L. Cheng.

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ore that date was well and truly lastered on Leap Year Day, '44.

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In the local Moresby paper I oticed that "Larry" Dwyer has cele-rated his half century. Although bit late, I should like to add my od wishes; for "Larry" is a good ve, and a straight-from-the-oulder bloke. Unless he has anged since the days when he as Economic Botanist in Rabaul, e won't allow red tape to cramp s style. Many returns of June 10, ld Timer.

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Hasluck's Territory: Culled from e front page of the SP Post—A man this week allegedly won ,300 in two hours in a game of o up." . . . "Twenty-eight natives re arrested this week in police ids on native gambling schools. All were either gaoled or fined." n the same page appears the an-uncement of a Birthday Honour ard to a police sergeant.

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A pert question: What is Minis-r Hasluck doing about a portion rubber shipment from P-NG hich was refused by agents in dney?

In view of the Australian Govern-ent policy to encourage primary oduction of tropical produce from NG, it does not appear consis-nt for goods to be turned down quota excesses.

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India s Prime Minister, Pandit ehru spoke a few words of wis-m recently at New Delhi: "Tribal ople had many qualities not nd in people of the plains and e cities. They had the spirit of ng and dance and of enjoying e in a way lacking in modern ilisation. We must not send ople with long faces and black wns among the tribal folk to try d kill that spirit. Their civili-tion will last when Stock Ex-anges have ceased to be." And at goes equally for the tribal ople of NG whom, we, as Western rilisers, are trying to bring to eir knees. And yet . . . Retir-g Administrator Murray, over the BC broadcast, tells us P-NG na-es "had not yet been subject to ne of the crudities of civilisa-n which had produced the larri-n and hoodlum element." . . . lice records in the Territory seem contradict him.

'Christian Missions in Many nds" is a new mission venture rting in the Sepik district and US missionary recently passed rough Moresby on his way to e up work. According to the w arrival (Mr. Munsch) the rkers do not regard themselves a sectarian group. "Their em-phasis was an organism rather than organisation." Let's hope this non-sectarian mission does not further confuse the sectarian adherents of other missions. How many more sects and dogmas are to compete for the souls of the NG natives?

C. R. Cameron, Labour MHR for Hindmarsh in SA let his head go in the House at the beginning of last month when he advocated equal pay in NG for Europeans and natives. Such an idea, coming from a Labour Member, recalls the time when the ALP Rabaul branch was formed by the late Tom McLaren, who was secretary of the NG branch of the ALP. One of the duties of the ALP in NG, said McLaren, was to correct wrong impressions held by politicians and educate them in matters relating to NG. Perhaps the ALP better get going again in NG and carry out those corrective measures. The formation of the Rabaul branch, incidentally, took place on October 6, 1941.

Two Fijians Gain Academic Honours

RATU KAMISESE MARA, now District Officer Southern Fiji, has graduated Master of Arts at Oxford University. He studied medicine at Otago University some years ago but later went to Oxford where he completed his Arts course.

Livai Volavola who returned to Fiji in March after 18 months in the UK on a Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship, has been made an Associate of the Institute of Education at the University of London.

Livai also started off on a medical career, completing the AMP's course at Suva Medical School. He served in thte FMF during the war and after a period of teaching in Fiji went to the Teachers' Training College in Auckland.

Apia Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. J. McKinnon arriving at the reception after their wedding in the Anglican Church, Apia, on May 17. (See June PIM). The bride was Miss G. Chisholm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Chisholm and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smyth, all well-known residents of Apia.

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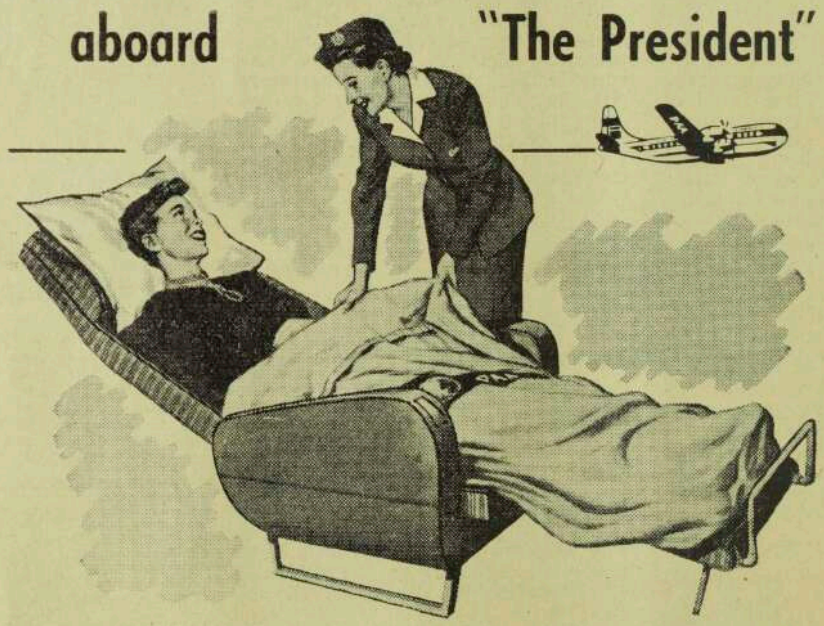


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Production Costs Too High

Fiji Sugar and World Overproduction

TWO statements of interest to the Fiji sugar industry were made during June. One was ade in London and was to the ffect that there will be a tre-endous surplus of free-market gar in the current crop year. The her was made in Sydney, by Mr. R. Knox, chairman of the olonial Sugar Refining Company, id said that since the war Fiji id changed from a low-cost pro-icer to a high cost producer and at in that change there was a eat threat to the Fiji economy. At present and for the next year so, the Fiji producer is protected an agreement with the British OF. The price is fixed annually November and announced shortly terwards — this year it was an-unced in January and the price ed was £38/10/- Stg. per ton. is meant that the Fiji cane-owers — the majority of them dian — received something like Fijian per ton for their cane. Fiji, like other British sugar oducing countries was given an port quota which would be pur-ased for the fixed price, and an ditional tonnage which could be d at world market prices. Fiji's ed-price quota is 125,000 per num—which Fiji has been unable fill since the sugar agreement ne into operation; and the dition tonnage to be sold at world market values was set at 45,000 tons.

The alarming trend in Fiji sugar production is that while wages, prices and every other cost relating to the industry have risen fantastically since 1939, the production of sugar per man has not risen at all. While the industry may feel that it has a certain amount of protection under the sugar agreement, the figures quoted from London (estimated crop for year ending August 31, 1952, 7,335,000 metric tons; estimated requirements, 4,950,000 metric tons) should give it food for thought.

Those surplus 2½ million tons of sugar have to be brought into any calculations because it has yet to be seen how the various MOF agreements will work in a world that is oversupplied rather than undersupplied — as has been the case for the past 10 years. When this year's sugar price was announced in January, it was almost the same as the free market price.

Fiji has to sell her sugar in the markets and at the same prices as other sugar producing countries. If present trends continue, she might find herself in the same position as other Commonwealth countries where demands from the workers in the industry have outstripped production—that is, that she has priced herself out of world markets and her main means of livelihood.

In 1951 the CSR Co.'s five mills in Fiji produced 113,000 tons of raw sugar. In 1952, in spite of dry conditions during part of the growing season, it is expected that the total production will be greater than any of the three last seasons.

Queen's Birthday Sports in Vila



he British Resident Commissioner, Mr. H. J. M. Flaxman, presented the prizes winners of events after the Queen's Birthday sports meeting held in Vila, New rides in June. Shown (left to right) are Mr. P. Colley, the French Resident missioner Monsieur P. Anthonioz, Mr. Flaxman, Mrs. Colley.

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The long-awaited jetty has now been provided—at Natovi about four miles to the north on the road leading to the new Queen Victoria School at Matavatucou. Passengers to and from Levuka will now be able to get on and off the launch like civilised beings.

Blow For Papuan Rubber Planters

Demand for 'Protection' Now Likely

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, July 1

IT is announced that eighty-three tons of rubber—about 25 per cent. of Papua's May shipment—were refused by Australian mills.

Agents notified the planters that the shipment "exceeded requirements," and that the rubber would be stored and absorbed into the June shipment at a lower price.

The loss of approximately 10d per pound on this excess tonnage mounts up to about £8,000, which Territory planters will fail to receive.

This follows on the disallowance by Minister Hasluck of the Rubber Reserve Fund, provision for which had hopefully been written into the Territory's laws by the last session of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Hasluck has since told the Planters' Association that the disallowance was not prompted by any personal opinion of his as to whether there ought to be a stabilisation fund or not. He said that the drafting of the Ordinance had appeared to take the revenue for a purpose which was not sufficiently defined.

The Planters have requested Mr. Hasluck to investigate the possibility of a Commonwealth guarantee to purchase all Papuan rubber for use in Australia—if necessary, imposing a higher duty on rubber imported from other sources until all Papuan rubber, amounting to about 8 per cent. of Australia s total requirement, has been absorbed.

Only by this means could Papuan planters rely on the sale of their product. And it follows that without such protection, planters would be reluctant to incur further outlay on increasing the size of their plantations.

Mr. B. Fairfax-Ross, President of the Papuan Planters' Association, said that he appreciated the fact that rubber now shipped from here as No. 1 Grade would not pass the standard test. However, most of it was equal to rubber from other sources, and local growers would be prepared to sell their product grade for grade.

Quite apart from any influence which the well-heeled rubber mills may exert in the ACT, we wonder if the visit of the Parliamentary "cricket team," which visited the Territory a few months ago, may have done our planters more harm than good.

Territorians went out of their way to extend hospitality to these visitors, on the Territorian scale of the "good old days.' As a result some of the Parliamentarians (and not only Labour Members) went away with the impression that some of us—planters in particular—are too well off.

No one envies Assistant Government Secretary Claude Champion the task of "conducting" Parliamentary tours. If planters ease up on their hospitality, he will be envied even less.

But no one will blame the planters if they do lessen the wining-and-dining process. Once let Canberrites get the impression our planters are well-to-do, and we will never achieve a stabilised industry or an assured market.



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From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, June 30

SINCE she began work in January last, the m.v. Pollurian has shifted 40,000 bags of copra from Bougainville ports (Kessa to Buin) Rabaul, and would have shifted much more but for time lost in the turn-round at Rabaul due to lack wharfage facilities.

Captain Coyne (owner) has not, however, sat and bewailed his fate. Within three weeks his own small ships' wharf will be ready for use and from then on the Pollurian could be able to average three trips a month—fully loaded on the way back, and never less than three-quarters full on the way out. During recent call at Numa Numa the ship loaded 2,225 bags in 12 working hours.

The master of the Pollurian, Captain Hallam, learnt his job in Barrier Reef waters and later with BCB, Rabaul. The Chief and Second Engineer are also Australians. The mate is an experienced old seaman ex-sailing ships. Buka and Carteret natives make up the crew—"a first class boat crew" Captain Coyne declares.

The ship herself is still in process of alteration to suit the country and the trade. When finished, she will have good accommodation for five passengers. She has a large refrigerating chamber which contains always at least one large can of fresh milk: a luxury in these parts but the Captain declares it is almost a necessity for men who are doing a hard job.

Captain Coyne was pleased with the Government's decision to rebuild Rabaul. "There is not another port to equal Rabaul," he said. "We must just forget about Matupi or the Mother, beyond being ready to move at a moment's notice. My Company have spent a lot of money and propose to spend a lot more in making Rabaul the terminal for a coastal service which may one day extend over the whole of the Bismarck Archipelago."

The Rev. A. M. Chiles, of the Presbyterian Church, who recently was stationed in the New Hebrides, was in Australia on leave recently. He will take up an Australian appointment at the conclusion of his furlough.

Mr. Tudor Collins, wellknown as a photographer attached to RNZN on Islands tours, but now farming at Warkworth, NZ, was visiting Tahiti in July—with camera.

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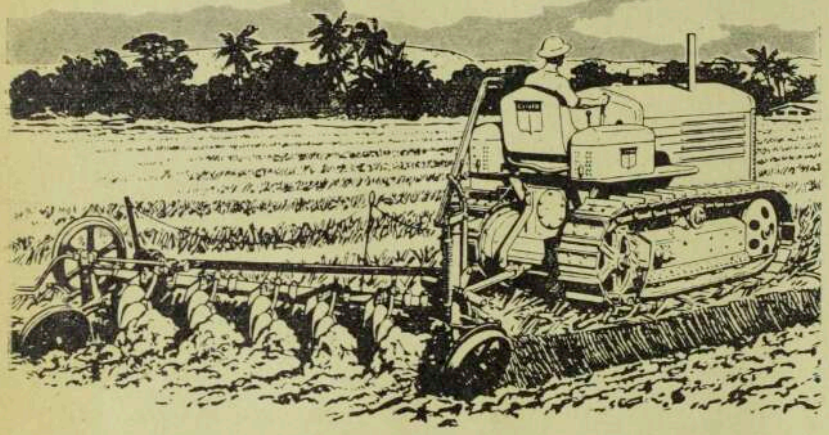
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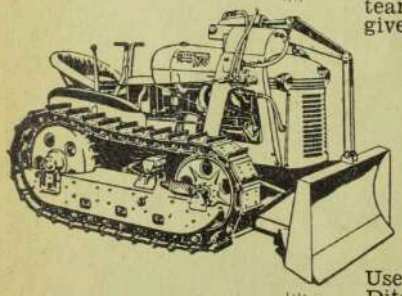
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OXFORD ENGLISH FOR P-NG SCHOOLS

The Universal Language Headache in the Territory

A SEVEN-YEAR Oxford English Course is shortly to be introduced to Papua-New Guinea native schools. Some of the first-year books, readers and wall-pictures are already in Port Moresby and others are due next year.

The Course was prepared by the Oxford University Press at the request of the Director of Education in P-NG, and is an adaptation of material already prepared for Malaya but with complete redrawing of all illustrations to suit local conditions. The whole course covers a seven years' instruction in English.

The course consists of pupils' books, carefully graded for each year, and teachers' notes to cover the same periods and prepared with the knowledge that they will be used to a great extent by native teachers. For class work there are also wall pictures.

Whether or not this is the solution to finding a universal language for Papua-New Guinea remains to be seen. But it is a step towards the solution of the Territory's greatest educational problem. According to the notes supplied to us on the subject, the course is, however, designed as a second language—which immediately raises the question, what is to be the first language?

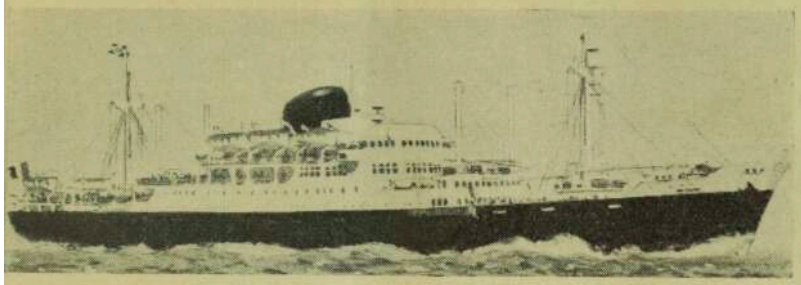
In Papua the problem might be overcome by using Motu for vernacular teaching, but in New Guinea where local dialects change almost from village to village the same old problem confronts educationalists. The Oxford English Course is obviously not designed to be a second-string to Pidgin. What then is to be the primary medium of instruction?

Most of the missions, who are still responsible for the greater part of the teaching in the Territory, have solved the difficulty as far as their particular mission is concerned. That is, some teach in Pidgin; others in the local vernacular. However, Papua-New Guinea cannot be said to have a real education system until there is a general system covering all native schools. In other Pacific territories which are not plagued by New Guinea's babel of tongues, it is usual to teach in the vernacular in the lower schools, teaching English as a subject, and in the higher schools to give all instruction in English.

As far as New Guinea is concerned it might be a better solution to reverse the process and, if Oxford English is to be the answer, make that the medium of instruction throughout.

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An interesting announcement in June is that four Asiatic countries —India, Pakistan, Burma and Indonesia—the four which were given their independence in 1946 by the British Socialist Government— are now sending teams of technicians to Japan for training.

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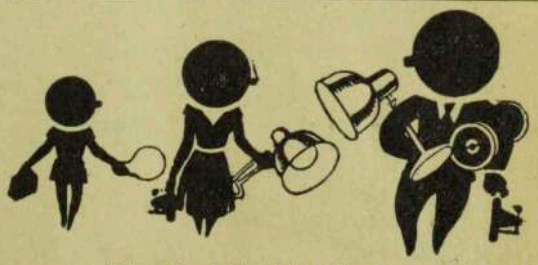
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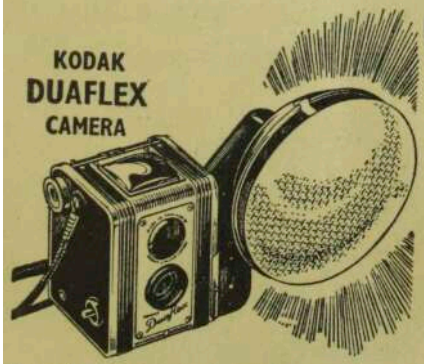


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Australian wharf labourers, the 40-hours week, the spiralling quarterly basic wage adjustments and the downright laziness of Australian workmen have effectively killed that hope. Australia has priced herself out of almost all overseas markets, and those responsible stubbornly refuse to see why.

In the case of American territories, the exchange still works in Australian manufacturers' favour, but at the present rate of cost increases, it is just a matter of time before that margin is overtaken too.

On the night of June 9, the premises of the New Guinea Co. at Rabaul, New Guinea, were entered and 24 bottles of gin, four bottles of rum and £8/10/- in notes were stolen.

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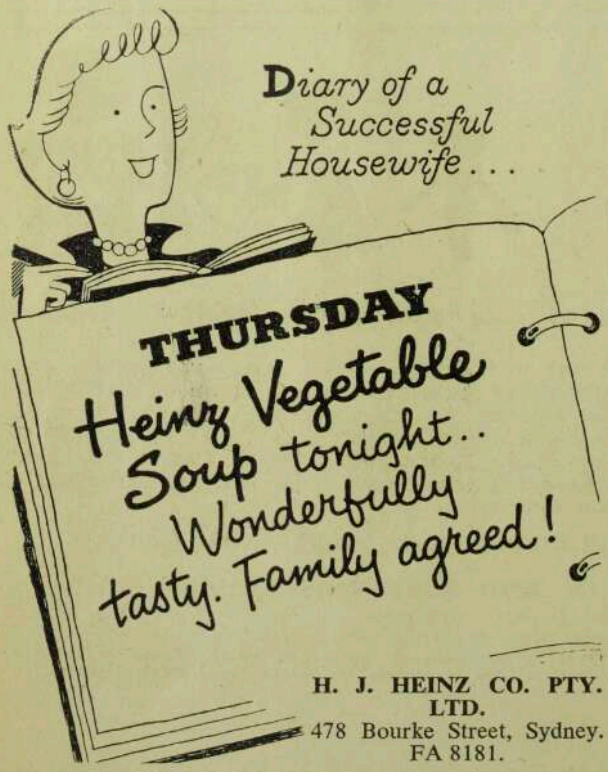
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Big Lae Hotel Is Now Open

Mrs. Stewart Wins An Epic Fight

THE new Hotel Cecil, built slowly in the last 3½ years by well-known Mrs. Flora Stewart, has een opened for business. It is not uite finished, but it is functioning t last. It is claimed for it by its roud proprietress that it is "the est hotel in Papua and New uinea". No one is likely to hallenge the statement.

Mrs. Stewart—she was formerly Irs. Gofton, and has been twice idowed—is one of the best known nd warmly esteemed "old hands" f Papua and New Guinea. She as in the Bulolo Valley almost efore the great goldfield was pened; and she established the rst hotel in Wau, and made a lot f money. With her profits, she uilt a fine modern hotel at the ıen new port of Lae, and her ster, Mrs. Baldie, managed it for er. Just before the war, she sold me of her interests in Wau, and er Wau hotel business became a rt of uneasy partnership.

Then war came, and in 1942-3 ery building in Lae and Wau as shattered. For a time, it looked ke blue ruin for Mrs. Stewart, ıen a New Guinea "evacuee" in dney. But the War Damage mpensation Fund gave her ıother chance.

The indomitable woman was one the first Territorians to return the war-smashed Territory. She ok over a collection of Army ıtments out in the jungle, a uple of miles behind Lae, and ened up the first post-war hotel. was not luxurious—in fact, it was t anything much, except a bed d a good meal—but she carried there for five years while she ught a series of mighty battles.

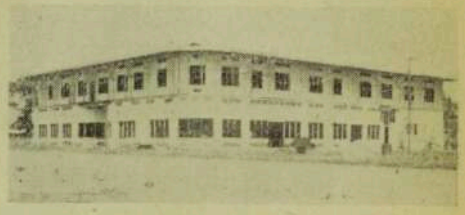
The first were with High Official-m. The Planners had decided at Lae should not be rebuilt on e flat land beside the beach and e air-strip, but up on the terrace, the back. They laid out the eal town. But that did not suit rs. Stewart: she wanted to build r new hotel on the site of her st Lae Hotel, near the beach, and rthward of the airfield.

Officialdom would not give her permit to build there. She would t build in the place where ficialdom said a hotel should go. seemed an impasse, because—so mplete was the wartime oblitera-n—a new survey was necessary fore people could find their own rmer allotments.

But some of the concrete founda-ns of the old Hotel Cecil, and especially the iron stanchions which used to hold up the tennis net, were located and identified. Mrs. Stewart took legal advice, and then went ahead with her building. In a double sense, she was sure of her ground. High officialdom, naturally eager to build a tidy, well-planned town, snarled a good deal, but Mrs. Stewart went steadily ahead. They finally decided that nothing could stop her.

With building materials scarce and artisans scarcer; and all costs rising every month, she entered into a second series of battles. Even her friends and well-wishers, at times, wondered if she could succeed. Having overcome supply and artisan troubles, she still had the problem of the shrinking pound.

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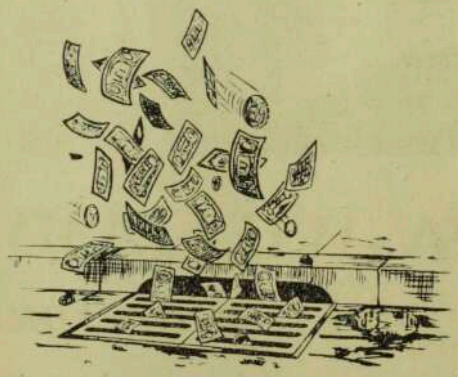
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housands of pounds. But Mrs. Stewart survived, and won through, nd is still in control of her big nterprise. An account of what his strong-willed woman has ac-omplished in New Guinea, before nd after the war, should rank igh among the success stories of he South Pacific.

The new Hotel Cecil is near the irport, but at the opposite end f the town from Milfordhaven, the ew sea-port. It is in the same rea as the big stores, and it is lose to an attractive beach. With he careful planning that has gone nto this place, and with its many menities, cool lounges, well-quipped bed-rooms, plus the tewart family's skill and ex-erience in New Guinea hotel anagement this should become a opular—and profitable—resort for urists, as well as a long-desired efuge for the travelling public.

OES AUSTRALIA EED HELP N NEW GUINEA?

A WELL-INFORMED and thought-ful article on the future of New Guinea, in the Tamworth NSW) Leader, ends with these teresting paragraphs:—

"Can Australia ever find enough oney to open up this big island nd at the same time provide a gher standard of living for illions of natives? Stronger nancial nations would find such liability a big one to carry.

"Australia, with its own colossal evelopment problems, should not ake any pretence that it can also andle the problems of New uinea.

"We can, of course, hold our tal defence interests there. But e are displaying excessive vanity trying to make the rest of the orld believe we are able to sustain is New Guinea burden without elp from other nations whose terests are identical with our wn."

Mr. Alfred Wendt, of Penang, iji is to visit the United Kingdom is year as the guest of the British ouncil. He will be in the UK for out six weeks, sightseeing, visit-g welfare centres and, as he is enthusiastic cricketer, seeing unty and representative cricket atches. Mr. Wendt is the fourth iji resident to visit the UK as itish Council guest. Others were r. R. R. Caten, Joeli Ravai and Raghvanand.

Captain Bernard Pirault, master the Makatea schooner **Oiseau des es**, was guest speaker at the Auck-nd French Club meeting on July His subject was "Tahiti."

CAREFUL!
Thousands of Unexploded Bombs Still in BSI

HONIARA, June 15.

THE Australian Bomb Disposal Unit has operated in the British Solomon Islands for over 12 months and still has plenty of work ahead of it.

Honiara township and the surrounding area have been rendered safe, and much work has been done on the big ammunition dump known as Hell's Point, about seven miles from the township, but hundreds of unexploded missiles, both Japanese and American, and dozens of American ammunition dumps still remain to be dealt with.

One party is now working near the old Henderson airfield, and another is operating in the Western Solomons which, like Guadalcanal, was the scene of heavy fighting and bombing.

Operations of the Bomb Disposal Unit are made more difficult by the length of time during which bombs and shells have been exposed to the weather. Many of them have corroded until they are extremely awkward to handle, and it is not always possible to blow them because of their nearness to native houses and villages. One of these problem dumps, near a native village in New Georgia, is estimated to contain 5,000 bombs.

On the week-end of June 28-29 Lae Golf Club challenged the Wau Golf Club in the Bulwa Cup. Of the 15 matches Wau won 10. Associates and other members matches were also played and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. The week-end culminated with a hot-dog-tea at the Golf Club.

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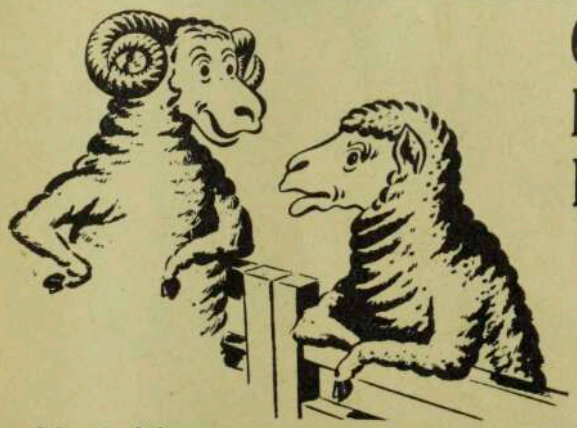
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REPORT ABOUT THE NAURU ADMINISTRATOR

AN Adelaide newspaper publishes the unofficial report that Mr. R. S. Richards may soon retire from the post of Administrator of Nauru, and that Mr. J. K. Lawrence, of the Commonwealth Audit Department, who has just gone to Nauru, is a possible appointee.

Canberra, however, says that Mr. Lawrence's mission is concerned solely with audit business, and the report about Mr. Richards is not confirmed.

Mr. Richards was appointed to Nauru, for five years, in 1949, by Mr. E. J. Ward, when he was Territories Minister. This was regarded at the time as a "political appointment". Mr. Richards, who is now 67, had been Labour Premier of South Australia, and was Leader of the Labour Party. He had had no experience whatever of tropical territory administration. Apart from that, minor Administrationships, like Nauru and Norfolk Island, should be reserved for the best of the trained men of the Papua-New Guinea administrative services, and not given to job-seeking ex-politicians.

Mr. Richards, in Nauru, and Mr. Wilson, in Norfolk Island, are both men of outstanding personality, and have made many friends since taking up their appointments. It is argued, however, that that in no way justifies what were regarded as "political appointments".

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TWO UNDERSEA VOLCANOES

Strange Phenomena in the Solomons

HONIARA, July 1

SOME further information about the submarine volcano has become available since the report of June 20 (see page 40 of this issue.)

The official geologist, Mr. J. C. Grover, now is of the opinion that there are two undersea volcanoes active to the southwards of the New Georgia group, and not one, as previously reported.

When an explosion from under the sea, on April 16, narrowly missed the mv Loma, the master, Captain Michael Georgetti, checked his position by rough bearings on mountain features, and made the location approximately 157 deg. 55 min. E, and 9 deg. 15 min. S.

On June 21, Captain MacDonald, of the Government vessel Kurimaru, sighted submarine volcanic activity and, from a position close to the volcano, he made the location 157 deg. 49 min. E, 8 deg. 55 min. S. This position is 20 Minutes of Latitude north and 6 Minutes of Longitude west of the position given by Captain Georgetti.

But Captain MacDonald also reported that just after making his observation, from his position close to the volcano, he saw an expanding red glow in the evening sky to the southwards, which lasted about 10 seconds. It is believed that the explanation is that there are two volcanoes active under the sea, and the glow to the southwards reported by MacDonald is the volcano reported by Georgetti.

Captain Georgetti described bright red flames rising direct from the sea immediately ahead and astern of his ship. His ship was passing through a hot, sulphurous atmosphere, over an area of bubbling sea about a quarter-mile in diameter. Such a phenomenon would give a glow as reported by Captain MacDonald, and at about that position. Mr. Glover has made the following additional comments:

Natives report that recent eruptions have not caused small seismic seawaves such as were observed at the end of 1951. This may indicate that the activity is not closer to the surface.

On March 14, 1950, world seismological stations recorded an earthquake with epicentre corresponding to the northernmost of these two undersea volcanoes. Examination of port records show numerous earthquake epicentres in this vicinity on an east-west line stretching for about 80 miles.

The southernmost of the two chains of islands which constitute the Solomons lies along the Pacific "ring of fire", which extends through the Bismarck Archipelago and the East Indies to Japan.

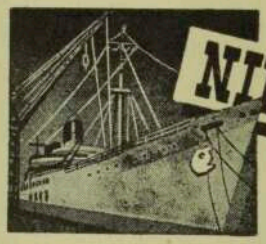
In the Solomons-Bismarck Islands the seismic activity is greater than elsewhere in the world, and probably has been exceeded only in the Japanese area, according to world authorities, Gutenberg and Richter. Earthquakes of the utmost severity occur, but many each year are not pinpointed because there are no seismographs in the Solomons.

Activity has been reported in the past by local natives, but these underwater phenomena have until recently been observed by few Europeans, although they occur on the main western islands shipping route.

The Solomons lie in a "mobile geosynclinal zone" which has undergone elevation since the Tertiary Period. The violent volcanic activity of those times has died down, but has continued on a diminished scale up to the present day.

The region is still virtually unknown geologically, and the first geological survey of the British Solomon Islands is now under way, financed by the British Government. Although the survey is essentially concerned with areas showing mineral deposits of potential economic value, it will add considerably to general geological knowledge of the Solomons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. K. B. Borron, of Mago Island, Fiji, returned to the Colony in early July after a six months visit to the United States and United Kingdom where Mr. Borron has been receiving medical treatment.



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Grave Problem for Japan

ALTHOUGH Japanese shipping is only now resuming contact with Australia and New Zealand, by far the most important South Pacific trade for Japan at present is with Makatea Island (French Oceania).

For the past year almost the entire annual phosphate output of the island (250,000 tons) has been going to Japan in an endless stream of modern, well kept, streamlined and attractive-appearing ships, which, in fair weather, load at the rate of about one per week. A few have brought cement and other goods to Papeete, but most have come south in ballast direct to Makatea.

With Makatea approaching the end of its productive life—variously estimated at from 10 to 20 more years—it is interesting to note that an official of the Compagnie Francaise des Phosphates de l'Oceanie's head office in Paris recently conducted an examination of Niau atoll, 130 miles west of Makatea.

The Co. has long held a concession on Niau, which is a somewhat raised atoll, the lagoon being actually a brackish lake completely enclosed by dry land, rising to 25 feet. The lake is about the same depth and contains considerable phosphate. While the 5½ miles-long island is not anything like so rich in phosphate deposits as Makatea; it appears likely that the Co. will exploit them. The atoll has a small population.

WITH Makatea as Japan's main source of phosphate, the Japanese are likely to be very interested in the future of that French island and any other potential supply sources, especially as her other main source—Angaur, in the Western Carolines, now under American control—is rapidly dwindling. Phosphate is vital to Japanese agricultural food production.

Angaur, administered as part of the Trust Territory of Micronesia, by the USA, is actually operated under licence by a Japanese Company which, last year, employed 400 Japanese and 45 local natives.

The American Administration last year reported to the Trusteeship Council that it is intended to exploit only a further 600,000 tons of Angaur phosphate—and present exports are at the rate of 100,000 tons per annum. Thus, within a few years, the only other South Pacific sources of high grade phosphate of any importance, apart from Nauru and Ocean, will cease to exist.

Many smaller deposits, like those on Niau, and numerous other little islands south of the equator, may then assume new importance.

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FIJIANS KILL THEIR FIRST TERRORISTS

But Still Some Misgivings on the Home Front

THE Fijian infantry battalion serving against the terrorists in Malaya moved into an operational area early in June and by the middle of the month had scored its first success.

The Battalion is now one of three infantry units in the 63rd Gurkha Brigade with headquarters in Seremban.

The area that has been allotted to the care of the Fijians is about 40 miles directly north-west of Singapore—about 50 miles from Kuala Lumpur, and 30 miles east of Seremban. It is a rubber district, and about 45 plantations are under the protection of the Fiji battalion.

A platoon of C Company under the command of Major Isireli Koroulavula MC ambushed a party of terrorists and in a ten-minute engagement killed three and wounded another who escaped.

In a second engagement, Sergeant R. T. Lowry and 30 men, out on jungle patrol, observed and followed tracks, and overtook, fought with and wiped out a small party of bandits.

Fiji, and particularly the Fijian community, is hungry for news of the doings of the battalion in and out of action. But, to date, most of the information about the Fijians in Malaya has arrived in Fiji as small news stories from Reuter's correspondents stationed in Malaya.

The local Fiji press has been waging a war against this lack of information for several months but Fiji Military Forces brass-hats seem to take the attitude that what the Fiji battalion is doing is strictly the business of the military authorities, and that the public should wait patiently for driblets of news which are, of course, released only after all the proper precautions are made for security. Civilians, these days, are not impressed by this "top secret" stuff, and the plain fact of the matter seems to be that the FMF has made little or no provision for an information service.

MISSION PROTESTS

Meantime the Methodist Church in Australia has renewed its protest over the Fijians being sent to fight in Malaya. In Sydney in mid-June the Rev. Alan Walker, a prominent Methodist minister, said that Australians and Britishers should hang their heads in shame for recruiting young Fijians to fight in Malaya.

"To recruit them for a war they know nothing about, in a land of which they have scarcely heard, is a blunder and a crime," he said.

Some time ago the Methodist Church protested to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and received the reply that the Acting Governor of Fiji (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart) considered that the experience gained by the Fijians in their overseas service would inculcate a spirit of resourcefulness and initiative and that the battalion represented only 1.2 per cent. of the total Fijian male population.

The Methodists have sent a further letter to the Secretary of State, pointing out that the male population includes infants, middle aged and old men and that in the age group of 20-30, from which the Fijian infantrymen come, the percentage is many times higher.

At the time of the sudden decision to send the Fijians to Malaya PIM pointed out that the whole thing seemed ill-considered and that, in view of the rapidly increasing Indian population in Fiji, the Fijians had a problem of their own to settle at home. To send the cream of Fiji's manhood to help clean up the Malayan mess seemed to be leaning over backwards to assume patriotic responsibilities when much better endowed countries like Australia and New Zealand were doing virtually nothing.

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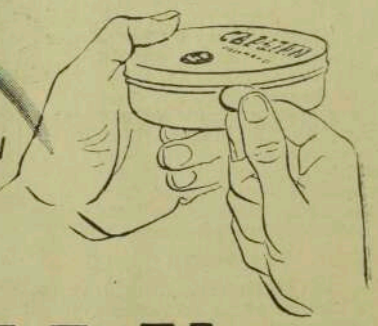
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fulness and initiative in the Fijians. Service in past wars nonetheless has not been noted for fitting servicemen to the task of tackling the problems of civilian life.

However, at the time that PIM registered its surprise, there was no official protest from the Methodist Mission in Fiji, and nothing was heard of their objections until the battalion was actually in Malaya.

The Fijians, of course, love being soldiers, just as they love playing football, and for much the same reason. They are also enthusiastic adherents of the Methodist Church. It would have been interesting to see the results if the Fiji Methodist Mission had campaigned vigorously against recruiting for Malaya when it was being undertaken in Fiji at the end of last year.

Miss Patricia Graham who is one of only three Australian women to hold a commercial flying licence, has joined Gibbes Sepik Airways (NG). Airwomen have been seen in P-NG before—but briefly. If Miss Graham flies the regular schedules of Gibbes Airways—which are mostly in the rough and tough Sepik and Central Highlands areas—she should give local inhabitants, brown and white, a new topic of conversation. The principal of the Airways, Mr. Bobby Gibbes is at present on a visit to the USA.

Second Caldwell Pacific Voyage

MR. AND MRS. JOHN CALDWELL and sons John and Stephen left California in their schooner Tropic Seas in May for Sydney via the Pacific Islands. They hope to be in Sydney early in 1953.

Fiji will remember John Caldwell—presumably the same American sea-adventurer—who was wrecked in the Lau Islands towards the end of 1946 while sailing the 30-ft Pagan from Panama to Sydney to see his wife, an Australian, then of that city.

The voyage of Pagan was uneventful until near the Northern Cooks when a hurricane was encountered. After a 21-day drift Caldwell put his boat up on one of the Lau Group deliberately, for fear he would miss the island altogether, and there Fijians found him in the last stages of exhaustion.

If memory serves us aright, Caldwell later wrote a book of his experiences getting to his wife Mary aboard Pagan—and which Australasian reviewers received with singular lack of enthusiasm.

Anyway, Mr. Caldwell apparently hopes to do it again but this time without benefit of hurricanes and misadventures in Lau.

Dr. Tony Tonakie has abandoned his medical practice in Port Moresby to take up a musical career in Brisbane. He was in Moresby for five years and was P-NG's first post-war private practitioner.



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BSI's Submarine Volcano

Dangerous to Shipping

HONIARA, June 20.

MR. J. C. GROVER, the Government Geologist in the British Solomon Islands, recently returned to Honiara from a five weeks' tour of the Western islands during which he visited Tetepari, Rendova, New Georgia, Kolombangara, Gizo, Simbo and Gatukai.

The Protectorate patrol vessel in which he travelled had had to put back to Gatukai for two days because of bad weather, he said, and he was able to make observations of the activity of the submarine volcano south of Gatukai, which erupted on April 16, immediately after the coastal vessel M.V. Loma had passed over it. This erruption was only a minor one.

Mr. Grover reports that on June 1 when he viewed it, the volcano erupted violently at one minute intervals for nearly 1½ hours, the detonations being audible in the Marovo Lagoon about 30 miles away.

He considers that if the eruption astern of the Loma had been on the scale of those of June 1, the Loma would probably have been destroyed.

A considerable volume of smoke and water rises from the sea and almost immediately forms a swelling column of cloud which rises to a great height.

The heavy weather hampered the taking of exact bearings and the Geologist has requested that observations of bearings should be forwarded so that the volcano s position can be accurately charted.

He advises that the volcano is at present dangerous to shipping, which should give the area a wide berth until the centre of activity can be pinpointed on the charts.

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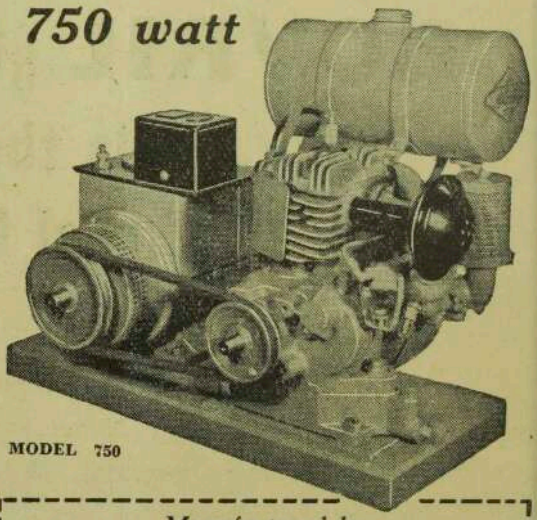
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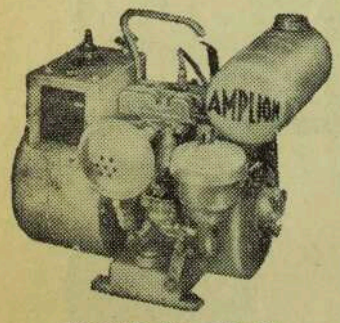
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Many Asiatics and Growing Prosperity

From a Special Correspondent

VILA, May 30.

There has been a remarkable growth of the Chinese community in New Hebrides in recent times. These are not labourers, as was stated erroneously in the PIM a few months ago—these are traders, mostly, and very successful traders, too.

Within the past year, many Cantonese have opened trading stores in Santo. There are numerous small businesses in the Canal area of Santo, and I estimate the total Chinese community there at between 70 and 80.

Opposite or close by the Santo Club there are five fairly large Chinese stores, and there is probably about £10,000 worth of goods in each store. It is reported that a member of the staff of one of the large European concerns in Vila is part owner of one of these stores.

All the Chinese stores in the Canal area are built on land owned by the "French Company." Previously, certain Europeans tried to get a lease of this land, but few succeeded.

There is also a strong appearance in the trading field in NH by the Tonkinese, who have been granted French status, and allowed to engage in trading stores, tailoring, barber shops, bakeries, etc.

The Cantonese and the Tonkinese do not mix socially or in business—they have no dealings with each other.

The Cantonese now have a strong hold in Vila, and take a lot of business from the large stores, such as Burns Philp and the CFNH. They are shrewd traders. Beer is always supplied free, as required—the usual Chinese custom. Some British do most of their buying at the Chinese stores—even officials. The name of the Chinese meeting place—Kuo Min Tang—has been slightly altered, by the addition of another Chinese word.

Their political views are not made plain. In typical fashion, they prefer to "wait and see." Alarmists easily could make a scare out of the fact that so many Chinese are appearing here, and that China now is so arrogantly Red. But these people disclose no Red affiliations, or any interest in Chinese home affairs. That means nothing, of course. If Red China became powerful in the world, these people doubtless would be smilingly Red.

There is much talk of our future. Most people here ardently hope that New Hebrides will become neither French, British nor Australian. We are quite happy to remain as we are, a Condominium, and the freest country in the Pacific. We have no income tax, a copra export tax of only 4½ per cent. (not like 10 per cent. in the Solomons) and a minimum of Government interference. Everyone, natives included, earns high wages; and if we are only left alone this country could be happy and very prosperous, under a system where private enterprise receives every encouragement and the function of government is to justly administer a minimum of laws.

Mr. Gordon F. Russell, formerly of the Meteorological Service, Fiji, and recently of the New Zealand hydrographic branch of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, has been appointed Meteorologist - in - Charge, Cook Islands. He will be stationed at Rarotonga.

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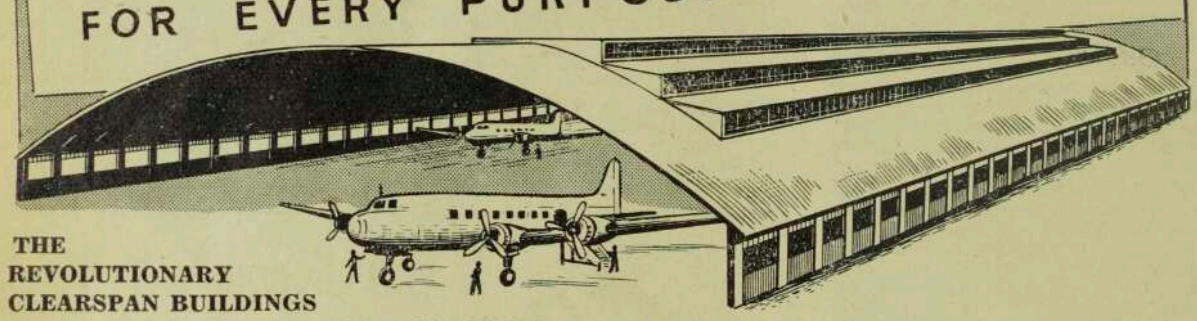
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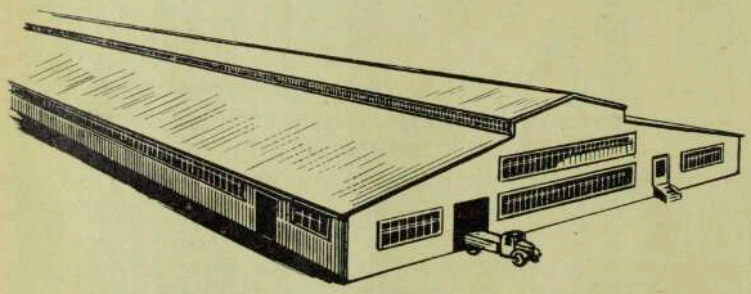
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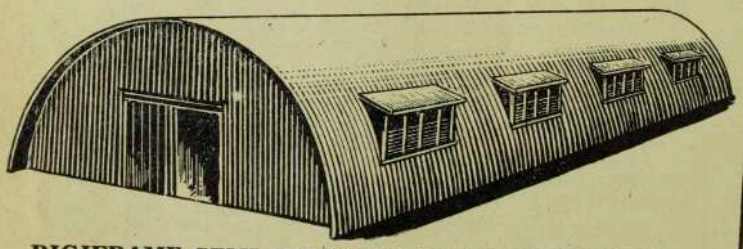
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STEALING IN SAMOA HAS NOW REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS

APIA, June 18

One of the most frequent topics of conversation amongst Europeans and Samoans during recent months has been the astonishing increase in thefts, and particularly plantation thefts, in all parts of the Territory. Government plantations, European and Samoan planters are all equally affected by this phenomenon which has assumed the character of an epidemic.

The High Commissioner, at the last Session of the Western Samoan Legislative Assembly commented on this fact and stressed the adverse effect which the plantation thefts exercise on the agricultural production of the country. His words, which were understood by the Assembly to put the blame on the whole of the Samoan population, were objected to by the Assembly, though the discouraging effect of these wholesale plantation thefts was not denied.

A recent shortage of Samoan foodstuffs, bananas, taros, yams etc. and a temporary shortage of flour and rice, has made matters worse. But it is not only Samoan foodstuffs which are stolen, but copra and cocoa also and the number of police prosecutions has increased enormously. The number of prisoners at the Vaimea and Tafaigata prisons has, since April, **of this year** risen by approximately 50 per cent.

It is impossible for the Samoan Police Force, limited in numbers and mostly concentrated in Apia, to effectively guard plantations in the outside districts of Upolu and Savaii. It is not even possible to cope with all the reports of petty plantation thefts reaching the Police. Therefore some other means must be found to put an end to a situation which threatens Samoan society and discourages the industrious and hard working majority of the Samoan people from extending agricultural cultivation and particularly the planting of bananas and taros, considered essential in view of the large population increase of the last few years.

Many remedies have been suggested. One is that landless and workless young Samoans should be encouraged to migrate to NZ. Another is to increase the powers and authority of the village councils of chiefs who should be given the right to control and punish offenders against property rights on the spot without reference to the central authorities, the Police and High Court in Apia.

It is doubtful whether either of these means would be successful. But something has to be done. No such problem exists in the neighbouring territories like Fiji, Tonga and the Cook Islands. And old timers here remember ruefully the good old times, (which economically were not as good as now) when thieving was extremely rare, when Europeans and Samoans could leave their homes for days and weeks

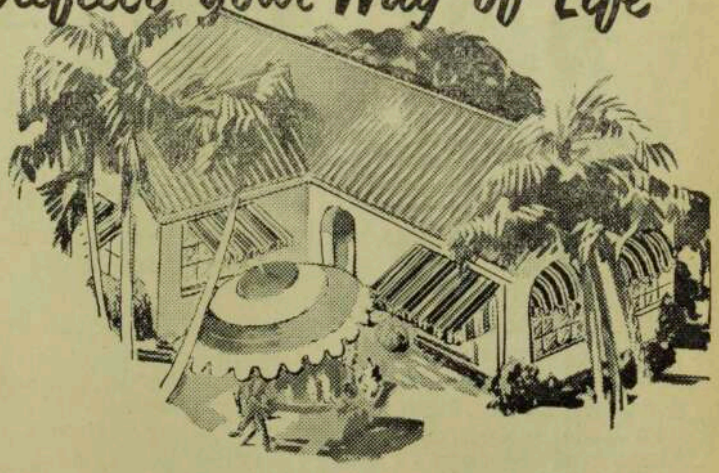
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The missions are doing their best to influence their adherents in the right direction. But so far their efforts have not been crowned with noticeable success, nor have the admonitions of Samoan leaders had any effect on the criminal tendencies of the younger section.

The Samoans have always been liked and admired for their many good qualities—their hospitality, their friendliness, their cleanliness, their intelligence and their firm adherence to their churches. It can only be hoped that they will gradually recognise the error of their present ways and that their previous level of morality will soon be re-established.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The psychologists probably have a word for this post-war spasm of hooliganism which has affected other countries than Samoa—although not others in the South Seas.

Western Samoa's criminal epidemic has mounted steadily since the Pacific war and probably has its roots in that period of instability with its US invasion and easy dollars.

But the post-war growth of crime is all the more remarkable in Samoa's case because it has occurred at a period of unparallelled prosperity in the Territory. Local and NZ Administration must shoulder most of the blame for letting the growth go unchecked.

Mission influence and community disapproval can help in stamping out the evil but the only real remedy is enforcement of the law and, for the wrong-doers, punishment sufficiently severe to impress them and deter others.

Readers will remember the 30 NZ policemen who were flown into the Cook Islands a few years ago and the salutary effect they had on industrial squabbles there. If affairs in Samoa are as bad as indicated above, some of the same treatment might be a good thing.

Until the Western Samoans can be regarded as a close-knit, disciplined and law-abiding community, their very real and understandable desire for complete political self-determination cannot be taken very seriously.

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Rubber to-day—and the Beginning of the Industry

SOMETHING like panic prevails in the rubber industry to-day where prices have fallen from last year's high of about 6/- per pound to less than 2/6.

In Papua, the price has now fallen below the export value where the Administration gets export tax (for every 6d rubber rises above 2/6, the Administration received a tax of 1d per pound).

Shortly after the war, the rubber price was between 12 and 14 pence per pound. After the Western Nations began to stock-pile for defence, it rose to phenomenal levels. Since January this year the price has steadily declined. The reason for the decline is due partly to the fact that the United States has completed her stock-piling and at the same time increased her production of synthetic rubber which is kept at a price below that of natural rubber.

Planters in Malaya and Papua view the falling prices with alarm. They say that cost of production has steadily risen in the last year and that the industry cannot take lower prices.

On the other hand, the managing-director of one of P-NG's Big Firms is of the opinion that, at the present price, rubber is still quite profitable in Papua.

On July 1 the US Federal Government turned the importation of natural rubber back to private companies. For the last 18 months a Government Agency bought and therefore controlled all US imports of natural rubber.

It is too soon to say what effect, if any, this US freeing of rubber will have on the depressed market.

Last year's 6/- a pound may have been a phenomenal price but it was by no means the record price—in one year away back in the beginning of the Malayan industry it went to 12/10 per pound. The history of Malaya's rubber industry—and with it the rubber industry of most of the adjacent areas—is comparatively short. Its beginnings go back not much further than the life of a pretty young grandfather.

The history of the Malayan rubber industry was recently told in *North Borneo News* and is worth summarising here:

The founder of the industry in Malaya was Henry Nicholas Ridley, who, at 97, is still living in London. He was educated at Haileybury College and at Oxford, and as a young man joined the Botanic Department of the British Museum. In the late 80's he spent some time in South America where he learned something about the wild rubber that grew there and when he was appointed director of the Gardens of the Straits Settlements in 1888 he immediately began researches into the cultivation of Para rubber. By 1895 he had laid the foundations of the Malayan industry as it exists to-day.

Attempts had been made as early as 1873 to introduce rubber trees to Singapore and Malaya but most of the plantings had failed through neglect. Twenty-two seedlings finally survived in 1877 and these and their descendents were already established when Mr. Ridley arrived to start his experiments. However, up until 1898 all the rubber in use in the world was derived from wild plants in South America and Africa where there was danger of the trees being exterminated because of bad tapping practices: all the bark was stripped off so that the latex could run into a gutter at the base of the tree. Stripping the bark killed the tree and the rubber was full of bark chips and dirt.

Mr. Ridley's most notable discovery was probably the tapping of the trees. He tried various methods but found that the

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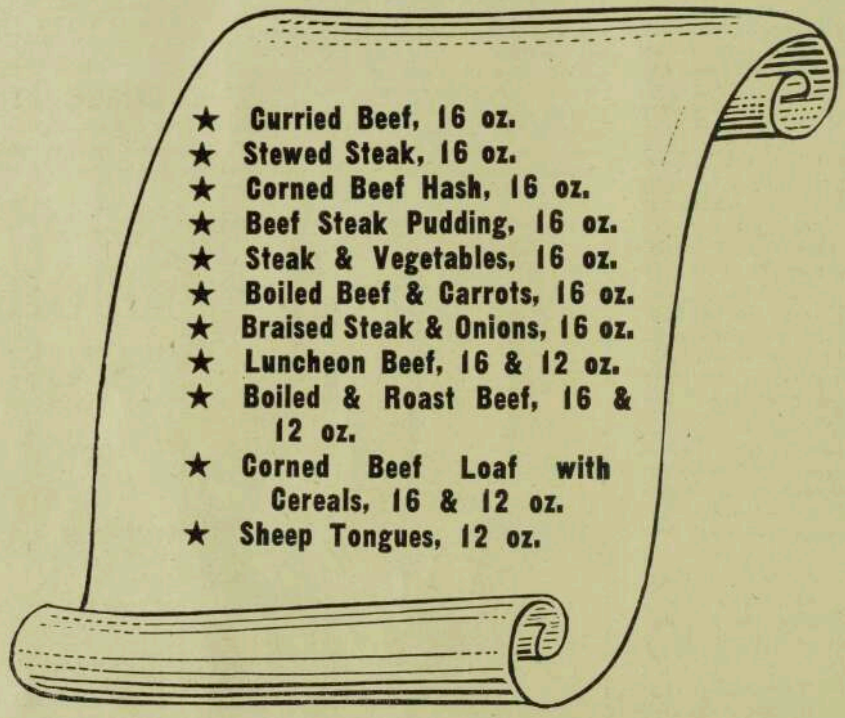
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Mr. Ridley calculated on an increased demand for rubber and foresaw the requirements of bicycles but he admits that he regarded motor-cars as merely rich men's toys and failed to take their requirements into consideration. However, with his knowledge of the limitation of the wild rubber trees he believed that there would be a great scarcity of rubber about 1900. With this in mind he talked rubber to every planter he met and filled the pockets of Government officials and planters with seeds, urging them to plant them around their bungalows.

And yet, as late as 1894 he had not induced one planter to take up rubber as a commercial proposition. In 1896 rubber was selling at 2/8 per pound in England and cost less than 1/- to produce. Then people began to take a mild interest. A Chinese started a plantation in Malacca. The brothers Kindersley started planting it in the Malaya States. In 1898, a well-known coffee-planter named Jim Baily faced ruin through competition from Brazil coffee and from plant diseases at home. He had decided to go back to England but was persuaded to stay in Malaya and try rubber. In a few years he had made himself half a million pounds.

Fired by his success, everyone went mad. Suddenly estates came up everywhere—waste ground, orchards, even gardens were planted up. No one talked or thought of anything else. Planting company shares went up to any price and people made fortunes overnight. One year in the middle of the boom, the South American rubber crop failed and two steamers carring the entire output for the year sank in the Amazon. The price of rubber went from 4/- to 12/10 per pound. Excitement and the price of rubber shares rose sharply.

And so the Malayan rubber industry began—all from the 22 seedling plants grown in the Singapore Botanic Gardens in 1877. Unlike other tropical producers of vital materials there appears to have been no attempt to keep rubber as a close preserve of Malaya. From there, seeds and seedlings went to Ceylon, Indonesia, Indo-China, Philippines—even Fiji and Samoa. Presumably the rubber that now flourishes in Papua also came from the same source.

Following the death of her husband last year, **Mrs. A. C. Burnett,** of Apia, has disposed of her indent and commission agency to Mr. Alex Macdonald, and recently went to Auckland to live with her daughter.

Mrs. Andrews of the Methodist Church, Fiji, in an address to the Auckland Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary, spoke on the urgent need of the Fijians for good reading matter.

Mrs. W. C. Groves of Port Moresby, wife of P-NG's Director of Education, and **Miss Alice Wedega,** of Kwato, Papua, attended the Country Women's Association Conference in Melbourne in June. Mrs. Groves is president of the 12-months'-old C.W.A. Branch in Port Moresby. **Mr. Groves** was also in Australia in June, en route to Nauru over whose education system he also has supervision.

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Mrs. Doris Booth of Wau, NG, said recently when interviewed in Brisbane that New Guinea natives were being treated extremely well but did not appreciate what was being done for them—their attitude was much the same as that of the Australian worker who expected more pay for less work. She said that the potential wealth of P-NG was phenomenal—all that it needed was people and money to develop it.

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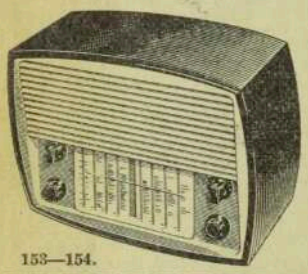
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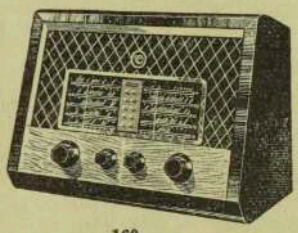
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The spectacular and perfectly-organised occasion ended when the Acting Governor (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, CMG) presented the J. J. Giltinan Trophy to Mr. Peter Mander and the crew of the beautifully-equipped yacht Intrigue, which had come from Chirstchurch, NZ, to represent Canterbury Province.

The 62 overseas yachtsmen have gone home after firmly declaring that the 1952 series at Suva had been the best contested, best organised and most enjoyable event in the history of the contest.

They were camped in tents alongside the new Yacht Club boathed and Suva's hospitality to them was overwhelming.

Some Australian sailing clubs saw no point in holding the Championships in Suva, but it is hoped that some of the returning visitors will now convince them otherwise.

To date, the championships have been sailed in either Australia or New Zealand. Suva hopes that its recent effort will entitle it to the role of host again in another few years.

The three races—two on Suva Harbour and one at Laucala Bay—were full of interest and excitement, even for non-yachtsmen, and as a result have spread interest in yachting among a large section of Suva's mixed population. The crowning achievement (for locals) was the winning of the third heat by Fiji's Talei (designed by New Zealander J. Logan, who was himself skipper of Auckland's Tarua in the contest). Talei might have won the trophy if her shackle had not carried away and caused a broken mast when she was leading the field in the first lap.

Top marks for the complete success of the occasion go to the Royal Suva Yacht Club and its hard-working committee of women supporters. The prestige of the club has soared, and Fiji has now taken its place in international yachting as well as in Rugby football, cricket and athletics.

The Auckland boats Taru and Waimarie were sold at conclusion of the event, Tarua being purchased by Messrs. P. J. Underhill and F. J. Gardener, members of the Suva Yacht Club committee, and Waimarie was bought by the Club.

Sir Henry Milne Scott, KC, returned to Fiji early in July after a short visit to Sydney.

Mr. H. E. Snell, managing-director of Morris Hedstrom Ltd., left Fiji for the United Kingdom via Canada in June. He expects to return to the Colony in September.

Qantas passengers for Honiara on June 9 included **Mr. V. J. Shearwin** (Acting Accountant-General) and **Mrs. Shearwin**, and **Mr. D. A. Donald** (Senior Agricultural Officer) returning from leave; **Mr. G. Skipper,** a senior Administrative Officer arriving to take up his appointment, with **Mrs. Skipper** and children; **Dr. R. F. Payne,** the newly appointed Government Medical Officer, with **Mrs. Payne** and child; **Mr. K. H. D. Hay** and **Mr. O. G. Chapman,** newly appointed Commissioner of Works in the Protectorate Government.



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Matua in her latest role is looked on as something of a pain in the neck in New Zealand travel and business quarters. For the first few days of her running, regular inter-island travellers were arriving on the wharf to find that Matua had sailed an hour earlier than the normal ferry sailings—due to her slower speed. She has also been unable to connect with the mail trains, causing a 24-hour delay in surface mails between the two islands. Finally, Matua is capable of carrying only a fraction of the number of passengers carried by Hinemoa and Rangatira which normally maintain the service.

Comment from one interested person: "Send the brute back to the Islands."

However, it is unlikely that she will return there until the end of October when she will replace Tofua who then withdraws for annual survey. Tofua is expected to resume again in November and by this time it is hoped that there will be sufficient Fiji bananas forthcoming for Matua also to remain in the service.

Fiji's Hydrographic Survey

H.M.N.Z.S. Lachlan, New Zealand's coastal survey vessel, sailed from Wellington on June 4 for Suva to commence a hydrographic survey of Fiji waters and the production of new navigational charts of the area.

The New Zealand Naval Board has agreed to release Lachlan for work in Fiji waters each winter until the survey is completed. Conditions at this time of the year are unsatisfactory for work in New Zealand waters.

Two specially equipped RAAF Mosquito planes arrived at Nadi in May to commence a photographic survey of the area which the Lachlan will cover this winter. Lachlan is scheduled to return to Wellington on August 1.

Mr. Jim Ingram of the Administration staff, Rarotonga, took his annual leave in June by cruising off to the Northern Cooks aboard the mission ship John Williams VI.

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GOING HOME TO MOTHER

P-NG Admin. Will Pay Some Leave Fares

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Members of the Association recently received a circular setting out the new regulations governing leave fares, viz:

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(Ed. Note: Presumably after 30 P-NG Public Servants are considered sufficiently adult to be weaned away from home and mother. With all due respect to the tribulations of Territory public servants, this latest concession seems to border on the ridiculous. Local affiliations of employees are not the concern of Government. At this stage, when economy is the key-note, assistance to reach Australia seems to discharge the Government's liability quite adequately. Public servants in Canberra do not have fares paid to Perth or Melbourne just because their mothers happen to live in those places.)

Puka Puka (Northern Cooks) had one of its very occasional visits from the outside world in June when Mr. D. C. Brown's trading vessel Mahurangi called there and at neighbouring Nassau Island from Rarotonga, bringing supplies and loading copra.

NEW JOB FOR MR. J. B. WRIGHT

IT was announced in Wellington on June 13 that Mr. J. B. Wright, who has just completed a three-year term as Secretary to the Government of Western Samoa, has been appointed Secretary to the New Zealand Island Territories Department, Wellington.

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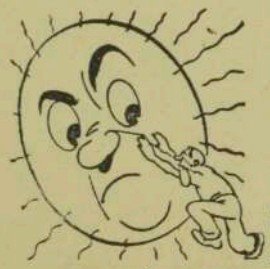
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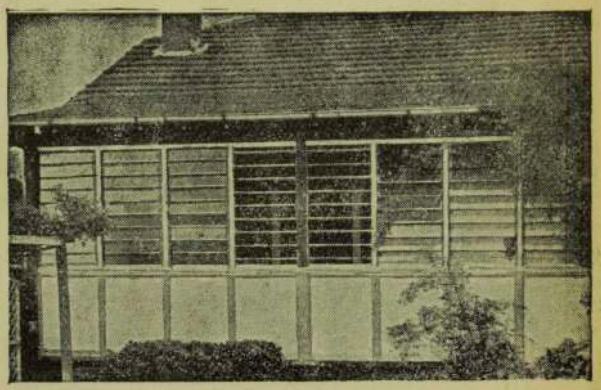
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A High Court appeal in Melbourne by a New Guinea-born Chinese, **Wong Man On,** failed in June. He appealed against a deportation order, claiming British nationality. As he was born in NG in 1916, when the Territory was under military administration, the Court ruled that it was still under German rule and that Wong was not a British subject. He went to Australia as an evacuee in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stubbs and daughter, formerly of Norfolk Island, were in Auckland in early June en route to Suva where Mr. Stubbs will be in charge of the local cable station.



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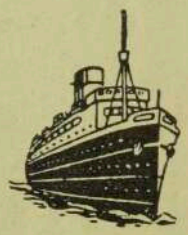
THE New Zealand Government vessel Maui Pomare, southbound from Rarotonga to Auckland in early June, experienced the same heavy weather which had delayed shipping in the Tasman.

While several hundred miles north-east of Auckland the ship took aboard a heavy sea shortly after midnight on June 4. It carried away railings, displaced a lifeboat, smashed a ventilator above one of the passenger cabins and went on to stove in the door panels on the deck cabins of the radio officer and third officer. Passengers below the damaged ventilator received a drenching as did the officers who also lost some of their belongings through water damage.

Captain L. C. Boulton, in his cabin further for'ard, also received a drenching when the sea flung his door open.

Workmen were quickly on the job when the ship reached port, the repairs continuing while cargo was discharged. The June departure for the Cook Islands was not delayed through the mishap.

Mr. Vince Idstein, Native Labour Inspector of Wau, NG, recently returned from a three months' holiday in Australia. While on leave he was married. His bride will shortly follow.



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DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RICE BOWL

Alarming Trends Shown in Survey of World Production

THE seriousness of the world rice situation cannot be over emphasised. It is the number-one food headache of to-day and the immediate future and, without too much exaggeration, it can be said that peace in Asia—even if it is the uneasy peace of the present—could depend upon sufficient supplies of it.

FOR hundreds of the world's population it is the staple food; for many of these it is the only food. Cheap and plentiful rice means comparative contentment; scarce and dear rice means famine, discontentment and trouble.

Elsewhere in this issue is a report that the latest shipment of rice received in the Solomons is being sold for £120 per ton. Before the war this same grade of rice was selling at somewhere around £12 per ton. Behind this fantastic rise in price lies the troubled story of South-East Asia in these post-war years.

This £120-per-ton, BSI rice came from Saigon because Australia was unable to supply the Solomons with all the rice she needs—as reported in June PIM, Australia's rice crop this year is much below normal, mainly due to Mr. Evatt's ducks which last year ate the young rice. But Australia's rice crop, even in the best year on record—probably something around 80,000 tons—is a mere drop in the ocean of world rice requirements. All of it at present is going to feed near Pacific Islanders and some Asiatics. All of this rice is grown on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area and it is understood that rice planting cannot be extended there because the irrigation water available is already fully employed.

As experts are enthusiastic about the prospects of rice growing in Papua-New Guinea, it might be imagined that there would be similar prospects in Northern Queensland. Little has been heard of a rice growing scheme for this area—possibly because the most likely country is already growing sugar cane.

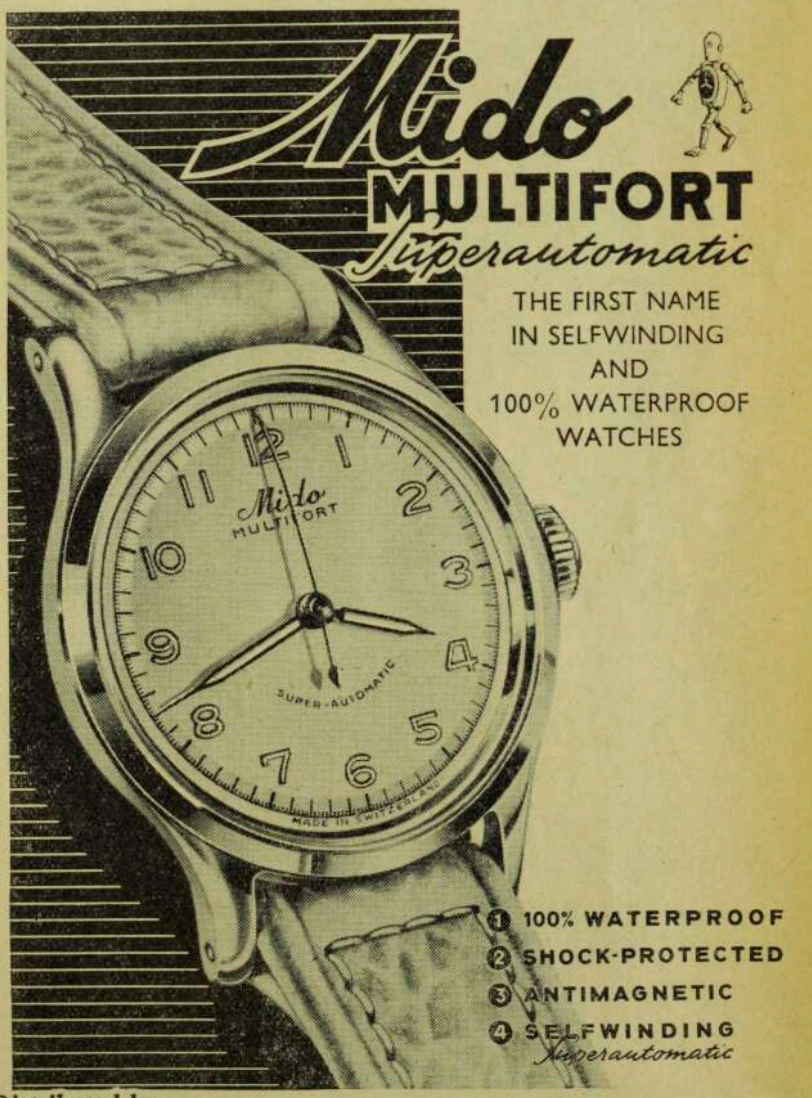
To make any impression on the rice problem quickly, large areas will have to be sown and mechanisation employed as far as possible. This rules out much improvement in production in Fiji where the crop is grown by Indian peasant farmers in small, pocket-handkerchief plots, planted and harvested by hand.

In Papua-New Guinea numerous rice-growing projects are in contemplation and experts are of the opinion that in some of the areas adjacent to the Territory's large rivers the wet type of rice can be grown with success. (Most of P-NG rice grown at present is the dry or hill type of rice which, we understand, does not yield prolifically).

All rice grown in the Territory has so far been produced as local Department of Agriculture projects or by native co-operatives. Obviously the authorities have some idea of the urgent need to grow more rice, and there has been the usual talk of interesting private enterprise in growing it on a large scale. But to this latter aspect there is of course the usual ancillary problem of availability of land and labour—a problem which is not helped by the attitude of some missions in P-NG who feel they must "protect" native land rights, and who wail whenever it is suggested that Europeans take up land to produce much-needed tropical crops.

PRESENT WORLD PRODUCTION

Some idea of the overall world rice position is given in the following facts and figures. (Next Page)

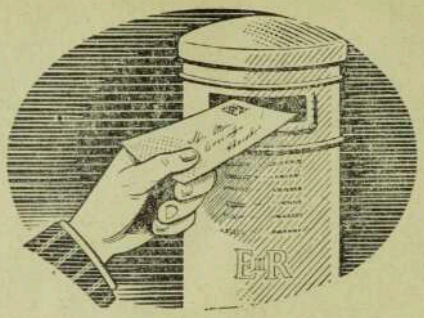


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Surplus American rice goes to Cuba; surplus Italian rice to Europe.

The traditional pre-war rice producing countries of the East were Indo-China, Borneo and Siam. Between them they exported about eight million tons a year. To-day they export something like 2½ million tons. The reason for this calamitous decline is not hard to seek. All three countries have been torn by nationalistic upheavals, Communistic insurrections and political troubles. Peasant farmers living amid these uncertainties are not interested in growing crops for export. If they can produce enough food for themselves they consider themselves lucky.

Two other factors also come into the picture. One is the alarming growth of world population—something like 25 million (the bulk of it Asian and rice-eating) every year. Even if rice were produced on the pre-war scale it would be inadequate for to-day's needs.

The second factor is Japan, which for the first time is in the market for surplus rice. Before the war Japan produced her own rice requirements in Korea and Formosa which were then included in her overseas possessions. Precious little of any sort of crop has been grown in Korea in the last two years; and the Chinese Nationalist army which is hibernating in Formosa is, no doubt, taking care of any rice crop grown in that area.

Japan is in the happy position of being able to pay for her rice requirements with manufactured goods offered at prices with which no one else can compete.

FUTURE EMPIRE PRODUCTION

In an article in a recent issue of "New Commonwealth," British MP Bernard Braine said that experiments in mechanised cultivation of rice are proceeding apace in Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia and Sierra Leone but there was little likelihood of any surplus rice coming from these sources for many years—all of it was consumed where it was cultivated.

In the meantime, the rice requirements of territories in the East for which Britain had a responsibility were 770,000 tons of rice annually. Efforts were being made in most of these places to grow more rice themselves but such was the increase of population that it easily outstripped present efforts. Malaya grew about 300,000 tons of rice before the war, last year produced 440,000 tons and by 1955 expects to be producing over half a million tons per year. But her population is keeping pace and it is expected that she will continue to import between 50 to 60 per cent. of her rice requirements, as now—if she can.

In Mr. Braine's opinion the best prospect for a quick return for effort is in the West Indies colony of

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British Guiana where production ould be raised from the present roduction of 65,000 tons per year o over 300,000 tons per year. This ncrease depends upon work being arried out to control the head- aters of certain rivers. Last year, ith this in view, £750,000 stg. was dvanced from the Colonial Devel- pment and Welfare Fund, but, ays Mr. Braine, little progress has een recorded since.

IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Rice has been traditionally the taple food of all native labour in outh Pacific territories. The time eems to be coming, however, when he employer of labour will have to row rice for his own requirements r find a cheaper substitute for it.

Before the war a ton of rice cost pproximately the same as the price eceived by the planter for a ton of opra. The latest Honiara price for ice is almost twice as much as SI planters receive for their copra. n other words, while copra is bring- ng about five or six times more han it did before the war, rice is lmost 10 times as expensive. Pro- lucers of islands crops such as ubber and copra face a falling narket but the prospect of a return o the days of cheap rice from the ast seems very remote indeed.

No other food has the advantages f rice for native labour rations ither in the matter of convenience r nutrition. But if present trends continue employers must soon ask themselves if they can afford it, even if they can get it.

Colonel H. T. Allan, formerly of New Guinea, who settled in Sydney a couple of years ago, is now moving on to Coffs Harbour, NSW, where he is interested in a large enterprise based on land subdivision. Also going to Coffs Harbour is **Major Norman Neal,** who retired from Wau, New Guinea, to Sydney last year. The two men are old Army friends; they and their families were closely associated in New Guinea; and now they hope to be together again in various activities in the Coffs Harbour district.

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NZ HITS SAMOAN SOAP-USERS

Sudden Export Levy Applied

APIA, June 20.

THE sudden imposition by New Zealand of a levy amounting to £31 per ton on soap imported into Western Samoa was criticised at a recent meeting of the Apia Chamber of Commerce.

For years no levy had been imposed on soap exported by New Zealand to Western Samoa, the Cook Islands and Niue, although soap exports to other countries are subject to it (New Zealand Government is paying a subsidy on tallow to keep the price of soap down within the Dominion). Western Samoa believes that it is entitled to preferential treatment because the Territory has sold thousands of tons of copra to New Zealand at the same price as received under contract with the British Ministry of Food, and which was far below world parity.

It is now argued by some members of the Chamber that the sudden imposition of the levy is in the nature of retaliation caused by the recommendation of a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly that preferential tariff on British goods be abolished.

The Chamber decided to ask the Samoan Government to find out the reason why the levy should apply in the case of Western Samoa and not in the cases of the Cook Islands and Niue.

(The new impost should boost the sales in Western Samoa of Island manufactured soap and be an incentive to the Apia shareholders who formed a small company a few months ago with the purpose of manufacturing soap in the Territory. Little has been heard of the new soap company since its formation).

Songs of the Solomons

MR. GEORGE MILNER of the school of African and Oriental Studies, University of London, who spent six months in the British Solomon Islands investigating native languages, also recorded native music in the Solomons, including the playing of Malaita panpipes, some songs from the Polynesian islands of Rennell, Bellona and Lord Howe, and traditional music from the Western Solomons. Some of this music was so old that many of the younger natives present at the recording had never heard it. The records were played back to a European audience during Mr. Milner's visit and some of them had considerable musical appeal.

Pressings of these recordings are now being made in London for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Government.

Light-heavyweight champion of the Fiji Battalion now serving in Malaya, **Isimeli Radrodo**, in May beat Boy Brooks, Orient triple champion, over 10 rounds. The contest took place at a Stadium in Singapore.

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IT was reported from Papeete in late June that Air Tahiti which, for the past two years, has been maintaining a monthly service between Papeete and Aitutaki, Cook Islands, to connect with the NAC service from New Zealand, has discontinued the service, due to the commencement of the TEAL fortnightly service through to Papeete from Auckland.

Air Tahiti will continue to fly charter-flights and unscheduled flights with its amphibian aircraft to all parts of French Oceania.

There are about 10,000 European residents of Papau-New Guinea—and the same number of radio receivers. This is believed to be something of a world's record.

Mr. Harold I. Dowrick formerly on the staff of the Te Araroa District High School, NZ, has been appointed vice-principal of Samoa College, Apia, W. Samoa.

Food Shortage Over on Norfolk

NORFOLK IS., June. 13.

THE Malaita, the first Australian ship to call for months, arrived here to-day with much needed supplies.

There was considerable concern last week when it was learned that this ship had run on a rock at Lord Howe and might have to return to Sydney. For weeks, residents have been out of flour and butter and other commodities and when word of the mishap reached here on June 6, Mr. C. I. Buffett, official Secretary and acting Administrator, contacted the Australian High Commissioner in Wellington, NZ.

On June 8, residents were much heartened when a RNZAF Bristol freighter arrived loaded with flour and butter. The aircraft and its crew received a royal welcome.

This quick help from New Zealand was much appreciated and has set residents yearning for a regular service. A fortnightly Bristol freighter from NZ would make a big difference in the Island's economy. There would be ample back loading in out-of-season fruit, vegetables and cut flowers for New Zealand.

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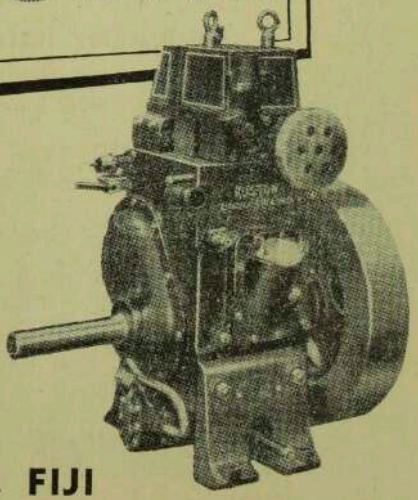
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Political Colour and Rev. and Dr. Burton

THE row in Australia because the Australian Government allowed a delegation of five persons to go from Australia to the Communist-sponsored "Peace Conference" in Peking has a special as well as a general interest for Pacific Islanders. The leader of the party, youthful Dr. John Burton, is the son of the Rev. J. W. Burton, who was a well-known missionary in Fiji for years, and later was even better known as General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society. When he retired, he was appointed by the Australian Socialist Government to be Australia's Second Commissioner on the South Pacific Commission, and he held that position until 18 months ago.

The "Peace" delegates loudly denied that they were Communists or in sympathy with Communists; but "Free People," a Sydney monthly journal, published a lot of details to show how they were connected with Communists. This is what it said about the Burtons, father and son:

In "The Red Leader" (4 Oct., 1933), official organ of the Red International of Labour Unions, the name of the Rev. J. W. Burton (ex-Chairman of the Methodist Conference) appears among the list of prominent delegates at the National Anti-War Congress, organised by the Communists through an auxiliary known as the League Against Imperialism. In 1938, the Communist Auxiliary, the Friends of the Soviet Union, organised a National Congress of Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union, in the Railway Institute, Sydney. Among the speakers were two clergymen who spoke in high praise of the Soviet Union. One was the Rev. E. E. V. Collocott, who is at present behind the Iron Curtain; and the Rev. J. W. Burton, who is the father of Dr. John Burton, delegate to the Peking Conference.

Dr. John Burton's pedigree certainly suggests that he is bred for the role he is now playing. At a very early age Dr. Evatt appointed him his private secretary. Later he elevated him over the heads of older and more experienced members of the diplomatic staff, to the position of head of the External Affairs Department. Massey Stanley in the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" (29/3/51) referred to Dr. John Burton as "the brash intellectual who cruelled his pitch as an ecclesiastical student when he insulted a congregation (which had had many relations at the First World War) with a belligerent pacifist sermon." Dr. Burton was, and still may be, President of the Fabian Society in Canberra. Still a very young man, he became a pastoralist when he bought a property near Canberra at a cost of £16,000.

At the beginning of 1951 he was appointed Australian High Commissioner in Ceylon. Shortly after, he deserted his post in a most irresponsible fashion and flew to Australia in order to contest the Federal seat of Lowe. It is generally considered that he returned from Ceylon in response to an urgent call from a very important personage. This same powerful force influenced his endorsement as candidate for Lowe by the Australian Labour Party. Some of his more recent

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artivities have been reported in "Tribune," official organ of the Communist party. A report in that paper (8th Oct., 1951) informs us that Dr. John Burton and his co-delegate the Rev. Mr. Van Eerde, in company with prominent Communists, spoke at the "Don't Re-arm Japan" meeting held in the Sydney Town Hall in July, 1951.

HURT IN A STRANGE ACCIDENT

When, during boat drill on the liner **Lurline** in San Francisco last January, a steel boat, carrying 10 men, fell 60 feet from a high deck to the water, one was killed and nine injured. One of the nine was Mr. Peter Wilkie, well-known in Tahiti, where for some years he was in the insurance business. Both his legs were broken and his back gravely injured, but he has made a good recovery.

Cause of the accident is unknown. The mechanism which released the boat from the davits was doubly guarded, yet someone pulled the pin, and the steel boat fell like a plummet. It hit the water with such force that it was split from stem to stern.

Miss Sue Altmann left Melbourne in June en route for Mt. Hagen, New Guinea, where she will marry **Patrol Officer Robert Dougherty.**

BUILDING ACTIVITY AT RAROTONGA

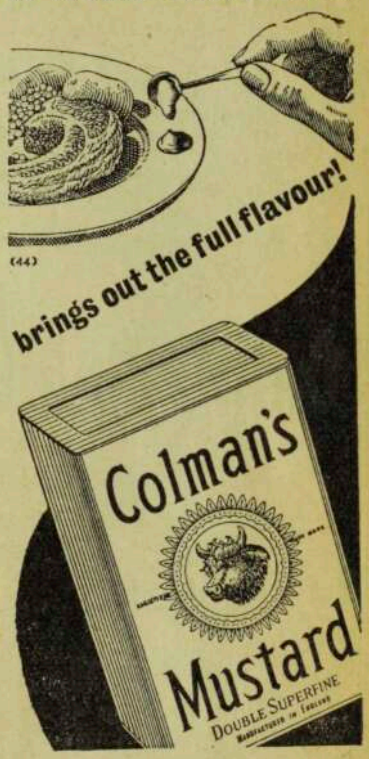
CONSIDERABLE Administration building activity has been taking place in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, during the past several years. A modern radio station for communication with New Zealand, the outer islands of the Group, and other Pacific Territories and with shipping, was completed two years ago.

Other building work completed or in hand includes housing for the radio staff, meteorological observer, medical assistants, Public Works Department staff and other Administrative staff, also extensions to the Government-owned Rarotonga hotel.

Mr. W. H. Ryan, in charge of Public Works, reports success with the locally made coral-cement bricks, machinery for the production of which was imported some time ago. These local bricks and building blocks are proving a valuable and ideal building material for the work in hand.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. George Shaw, aged about 55, who was last heard of in New Caledonia about 10 years ago, and who is believed to be in the South Pacific Islands, is asked to communicate with his daughter, Mrs. Clune, of 182 King Street, Sydney.

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THE Guild of Air Force Pilots and Air Navigators announced in London, June 25, the award of the coveted Cumberbatch Trophy to Tasman Empire Airways "for safely operating passenger, mail and cargo services for 11 years (April, 1940, to August, 1951,) with an accident-free record."

The Cumberbatch Trophy, first awarded in 1939, is usually presented by the King—or Queen—at the Farnborough flying display and exhibition. It is not an annual award—this being the fifth occasion on which it has been made. As Grand Master of the Guild, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth is expected to present the Trophy to Mr. G. N. Roberts, General Manager of TEAL, when he visits England later this year.

During the period covered by the award TEAL made 5,723 flights, carrying 130,791 passengers, 1,677,607 lbs of freight, and 2,245,407 lbs of mail. Routes concerned were Auckland-Sydney, Auckland-Suva, and Wellington-Sydney—and the total mileage covered was 7,407,992 service miles.

HONOUR FOR "BILL" TAYLOR

The Guild also announced the award of the Johnson Memorial Trophy for feats of navigation to Captain P. G. Taylor, well known Australian trans-ocean aviator-navigator. The award was made for "excellent work" in survey duties, and is made to Captain Taylor for the second successive year, according to the announcement.

Captain Taylor received the award last year in respect of his survey flight across the previously unflown Tahiti-Mangareva-Easter Island sector of the Southern Pacific route. The sector from Peru to Easter Island had already been flown by a Peruvian military plane, which crashed on Easter Island. Captain Taylor made the first east-bound flight on that sector, and a return flight along the same route to his starting point, Sydney.

Mr. J. West, ADO Aitape, NG, proceeded on Australian leave in July.

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THE CHENG HO

Degener Gets Visa: Next Move Awaited

The action by which Mr. Otto Degener, of Honolulu, planned to compel Captain de Bisschop, of Tahiti to deliver to him the famous luxury junk **Cheng Ho**, in July, 1952, on payment by Degener of 15,000 US dollars in accordance with a contract made in 1947, was due to come before the French authorities in July; but no definite development is yet reported.

Some months ago, Mr. Degener sought passport visas to allow him to visit Tahiti; but, to his great anger and indignation, the visa for Tahiti was refused by the French Consul in San Francisco. Thereupon Mr. Degener began a bombardment of high American and French officials with statements of his case—he posted literally hundreds of photostat copies, and in May he personally visited Washington.

Mr. Degener's representative in Papeete, Mr. O. Nordman, made strong representations in the matter to the Governor of French Oceania; and, as this was clearly a case of misunderstanding, M. Petibon referred the matter back to the Consul in San Francisco.

In mid-June, Mr. Degener, then in New York, was informed by the French Consul that his visa for Tahiti had been granted. Mr. Degener then wrote and informed his friends in Tahiti that, as his honour had been cleared, he saw no reason why he should visit Tahiti at this stage—he felt that his legal representatives there could handle the **Cheng Ho** matter quite satisfactorily.

Meanwhile, the **Cheng Ho** is lying in Papeete Harbour and Captain de Bisschop, who is registered in Papeete as the owner of the junk, is now away in the island of Rurutu, doing a survey job for the Government.

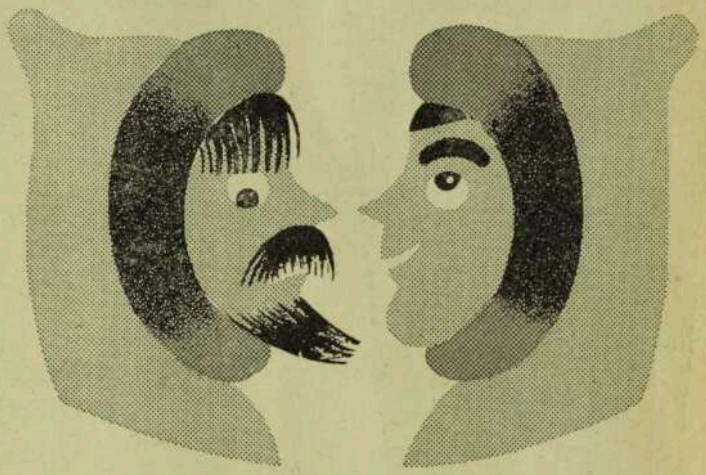
The next chapter in the extraordinary story of the Archbold family's famous junk **Cheng Ho** is now awaited with interest.

HIGHER AIRFARES LIKELY

TEAL'S Sales and Traffic Manager, H. M. Denton, returning from IATA conference late in June, brought the gloomy news that "increases in air travel fares in many parts of the world" are most probable in the near future. He stated that TEAL fares would not be affected. Trans-Tasman fares were raised on May 1 last.

Mr. Denton reported that TEAL'S new Coral Route service to Tahiti was creating considerable interest in the travel sphere in America and elsewhere.

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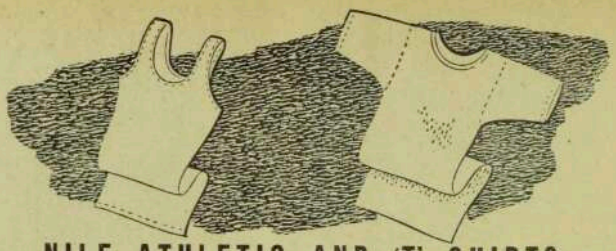
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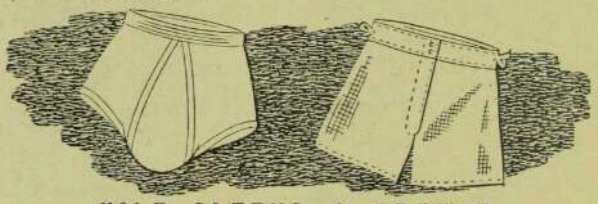
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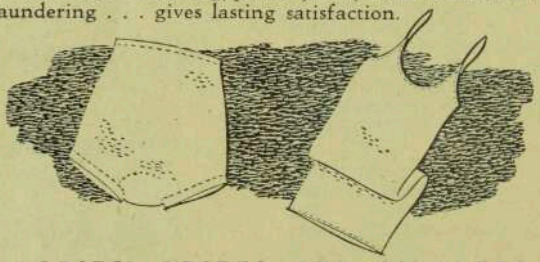
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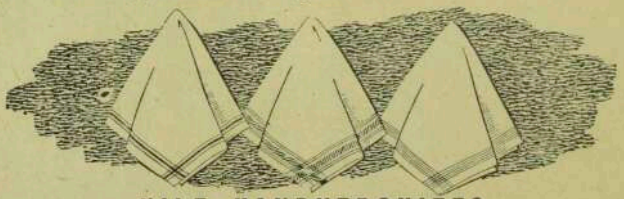
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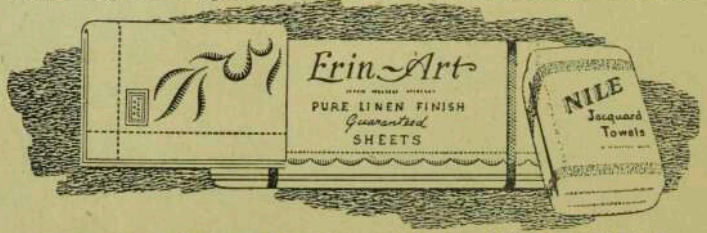
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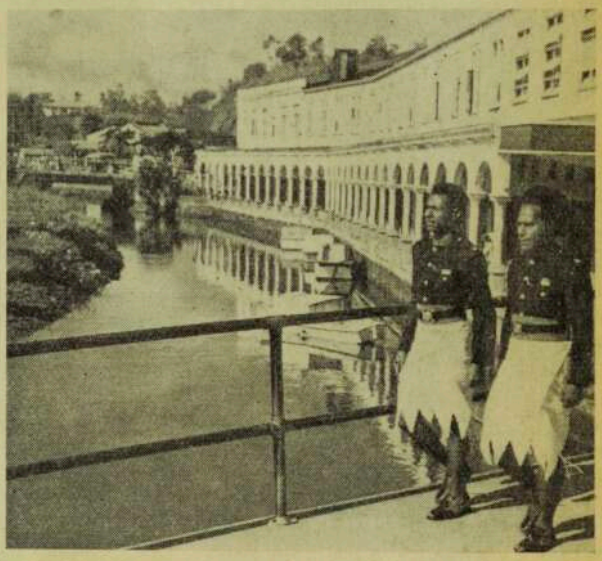
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MAGAZINE SECTION

We're Happy To See You

—Says Sydney to the Fijian Footballers.



Kalivate Cavuilati and Sailosi Valewai, both members of the Fiji police force are now in Sydney with the Rugby Union team. —Photo taken in Suva by Public Relations Office.

ROSE BAY flying-base, Sydney, is not built for handling a multitude; a flying-boat of passengers and a friend a-piece, and that is about all.

But on the night of July 2, it accommodated several hundreds—scores of small boys with autograph books, a Suva Knight, a NSW Judge, top-brass of the Methodist Mission, a bull-dog on a leash, a Silkie terrier in a monogrammed dog-blanket, a near relation to the Hound of the Baskervilles without benefit of leash or dog-blanket, a tall, black pooch, plain football fans, residents, ex and otherwise, of Fiji, members of the Polynesian Club, what looked to be the entire crew of WRC ship *Lakemba*, then in port, the Press and photographers.

The reason: The impending arrival of a flying-boat carrying the 22 members of the Fijian football team, Fiji Government representative, Ratu George Cakobau, the team's manager, Mr. Les Martin, and its coach, P. T. Raddock.

The night was clear and cold, and sharp at 8 pm the flying-boat roared overhead and slid off into the darkness of Rose Bay. The crowd surged through the inadequate waiting rooms onto the wharf outside. The crew of the *Lakemba* got a step-ladder, removed an electric bulb and plugged in their electric guitars. Everyone prepared to enjoy themselves.

Ten minutes slid by; twenty. Crash boats tore about, fire-floats came in to their berths. Still no Fijians. The *Lakemba* crew sang several songs with spirit, and *Isa Lei* twice. The crowd was still determined to be happy. Officials, crowded into odd corners around the place, looked determined on business-as-usual and one spoke through a microphone to the effect that the flying-boat was from "Noumea, Port Vila and Santo" (most everyone could have told him otherwise) and for visitors please not to try to communicate with passengers before they had been through Customs.

Then Australian officialdom cracked down. Visitors were sternly ordered back inside the waiting room. Two sour-faced individuals pushed all the Press photographers into one corner and the *Lakemba* boys and their guitars back from the strategic positions they had taken up, into another. Some of the crowd obediently tried to get back into the waiting room; most stuck to their guns. Officialdom pushed at the crush of bodies in one place only to see it bulge out in another. In the general fussing and shoo-ing the launch sneaked in almost unobserved, then there was a shout of "There they are!" and even officialdom had its attention momentarily distracted.

In single file the lads came off, black-and-white leis around their necks, dark grey sulus, black blazers —and bare legs on one of Sydney's coldest winter nights. Some looked as self-assured as seasoned diplomats; others as embarrassed as prohibited immigrants. One, dodging the arm of a clucky official, embraced a *Lakemba* friend, wreathed in smiles.

There were shouted greetings from the *Lakemba* musicians (who forgot to play) cheers from the men, sighs from the ladies that didn't they look *big*—and *look* at that hair—and that they should have overcoats.

A minute perhaps, as a reward for waiting hours—then the whole 25 were swallowed up in the mysterious maw of Australian Customs.

The next three-quarters of an hour developed into a business of peering through windows and glass doors, of craning over someone else's shoulder to catch fleeting glimpses of a huge bush of hair or a dark face or a large smile. The crowd moved

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though to the leeward side of the building and milled around the bus that would carry the visitors to the city.

As the weary formalities dragged themselves to an end behind locked doors, a Sunderland, pulled up on an adjacent vacant lot, burst into life. First one engine; then two; then the whole four, at the limit of their capacity, until the air shook and shrieked and vibrated. And in the middle of this mad maelstrom of sound the 25 ambassadors from Fiji were deemed fit to mingle with free Australians. They came out quietly and got into their bus, the doors were slammed and they were whisked from sight.

Anti-climax? Well, public welcomes are largely a matter of that. The important thing was that they came up to expectations; it seemed that they might be all the sporting writers had said they would be. They were, as the papers said the next morning, impressive. —JT.

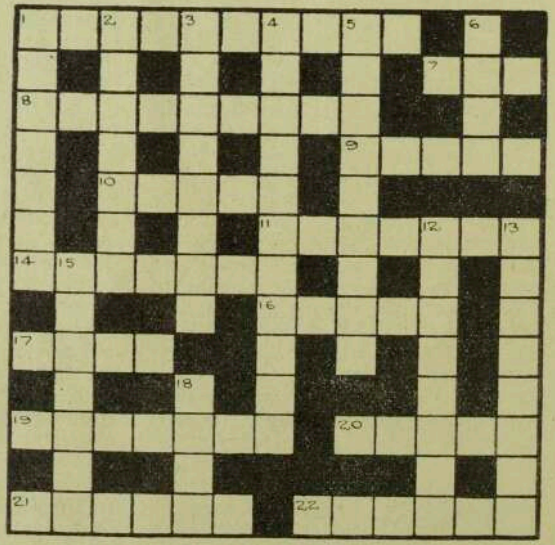


Between immigration formalities, Press photographers with the persistence of their kind, managed to get the Lakemba boys and some of the team together long enough to take this photo. Mr. Les Martin, manager of the team, is shown in centre holding tortoiseshell shield presented by Mr. Noel Levy of Suva for competition between Australia and Fiji.

—Block by courtesy Sydney Daily Telegraph.

Crossquiz No. 31

(Solution on Page 70)



ACROSS

1. Of whom is a statue erected in Coventry, England?
7. What is the quarter part of a chain?
8. Who was the German dramatist, poet and novelist made world-famous by his play "Magoa"?
9. Who was the author of "Monte Cristo"?
10. Under what other name is a county known?
11. What is the name of the science of intellect?
14. Besides doubles what other games are played in tennis?
16. What fortified naval station is in the extreme North West of France?
17. Who invented the telephone?
19. In what town in England was the gunpowder plot concocted?
20. In Capek's play, "R.U.R." what is the name of a human automaton?
21. What was the name of the only English pope?
22. What city is situated in Texas on the Trinity river?

DOWN

1. Who constructed the Suez canal?
2. Whose pseudonym was Lewis Caroll?
3. Which American president was assassinated in 1881?
4. Under what other name are known the Kahlamba Mountains in South Africa?
5. After which Dutch admiral was one of the Australian states once named?
6. What is the name of cold North East wind blowing in the Upper Adriatic?
12. What did the Turks call their former capital city?
13. Who was the Greek philosopher charged with impiety by Anytus and executed?
15. Which country has the same King as Denmark?
18. What is the capital of Latvia?

FIJI TOURIST-LURE

SIXTEEN pages of the 100-page "South Pacific Tour Guide," recently produced by British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, is devoted to Fiji. The guide-book, the first of its kind produced, will be distributed to travel agents in North America and the UK this month and its chief purpose is to encourage dollar tourists to Australasia and Fiji.

The Governments of Australia and NZ, the Fiji Publicity Board, Ansett Travel Industries of Australia, NZ National Airways Corporation and TEAL all contributed to it.

The section on Fiji contains over 30 illustrations and in word and picture shows the overseas tourist that Fiji is one of the most beautiful tropical islands in the Pacific and "not the uninteresting island it seems when passing through Nadi Airport —on the wrong side of Fiji."

(Residents of the north-west portion of Viti Levu who are sensitive on the merits of their side of the island, are kindly asked to note quotes above. This heresy was uttered by the compilers of the book —not by PIM).

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Tropicalities

THOSE GODWITS AGAIN

THOSE godwits which migrate down through the Islands each year from Siberia and Alaska, were in the news again in June. (See May, Tropicalities).

When Walter Tepinia appeared before a magistrate at Kaitaia, New Zealand, charged with being in possession of totally protected birds —to wit, godwits—his defending lawyer pleaded as follows:—

"When the godwits go back to Siberia they are slaughtered in thousands for food, and the general opinion in the North (of NZ) is that if it is good enough for the Russians, it is good enough here."

But the magistrate thought differently. £15, and costs of £6/12/-.

"CULTURAL DYNAMICS"

MR. D. MARSHALL, an anthropologist from Harvard University, USA, left New Zealand in late April to visit the Cook Islands, via Fiji.

Mr. Marshall is a specialist in Cultural Dynamics—"the study of factors that go to make people do what they do".

Mr. Marshall said in Auckland that, while a great deal of work had been done in Polynesia on material culture, by specialists of the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, and others, his own particular field of study remained largely untouched. He would examine the factors that tend to alter social conditions, and the social aspects of economic development in the Cook Islands. "Does the people's way of life fit in with certain economic developments?" — such matters will be studied, said Mr. Marshall.

AN APPRECIATION

IN the time "belong before" in P-NG tourists came and went, and I fear there were occasions when we despised them as does the round-the-year-dweller the trippers to English posh seaside resorts! They parked themselves on you, drank your Scotch and Bundaberg, took photos ("We will send you some": They never did) and left; and that was Finis.

Not so with the Percivals (Mr. and Miss). I met them first at Wasida, on the Buna-Kokoda Road. R. M. Jack Atkinson had already advised me that two English people could be expected at Kokoda. Returning to the rest-house at Wasida, after ploughing around creeks all day trying to ascertain exactly where a falling tree had killed a youth, I found Mr. and Miss Percival in residence. They were tough: their kit and tucker an absolute minimum, but enough. Blankets on boughs and a net—no Hollywood stuff.

I told them I was in no hurry to get home. For hours, every day, they listened in to court cases, taking many notes. As world travellers (including a trans-Andean trip) they must have enjoyed themselves! At Kokoda they hiked to Yodda, and to several hill-tops.

The day they left per Ford high-winger for Moresby Miss Percival said, "Is there anything I can do for you in England?"

"Yes," I said. "I want a copy of a very special book,"

It, and some others, are now on my bookshelves. They sent snaps, too. I gather from Miss Percival's last letter from Blighty (16.3.52) that both she and her brother (University graduates both) did their jobs in World War II and, to those who met this couple, I regret to report that Miss Percival has lost a leg, and is philosophically awaiting an artificial one. She fears it's the end of her travels. Tourists like the Percivals are few and far between.—

SANASI, (Q).

MORE ABOUT THE TARALALA

AFTER patient research, a Fijian reader of PIM has settled the origin ot taralala, which caused misgivings in the mind of Judy Tudor when, last year, she found that she had called it "tralala."

It is stated by this authority that it all began as organised recreation in the kindergarten at (of all places) the Methodist stroughold of Davuilevu.

Small Fijian children sang an English jingle to the rhythmical walk, and the jingle duly contained the English "tra-la-la" fill-up line. But Fijians, like Polynesians, don't like the consonants "t" and "r" together, and so it became "taralala," with slight emphasis on the first and last syllables.

All this must have been about 25 years ago. Taralala remained strictly conventional and innocuous for adults as well as children until the Second World War. Then "sophistication" came in—probably with the Americans—and now the Methodist Church eyes the whole business and its sideline activities in the towns with serious disfavour.

In fairness, however, it should be pointed out, that for 95 per cent. of the Fijians living in the overcrowded towns, taralala and, on occasion, the cinema, are virtually



MR. GEORGE FORESTIER is a dynamic person who has developed in the fertile environment of the New Hebrides, where he has spent 26 vigorous years. He was born in New Caledonia, and went to work at Epi for Tibby Hagen. Later he worked for Naturel and for Burns Philp, and recently for himself at Tanna. He arrived at that island two or three years ago with about £600 in cash and trade goods, travelling in the yacht *Nes*, which was wrecked and became a total loss in a matter of minutes. George was left ashore with about five shillings in his pocket, and this he defliantly threw into the sea, to start right from scratch again.

A year later he had enough to buy a property on Norfolk Island, where he has taken out naturalisation papers. He won't be settled there for long — not being a vegetable by nature — but can be expected back in the Hebrides at intervals.—BRETT HILDER.

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the only forms of entertainment available.—J. K.

RABAUL QUOTATIONS

WHY is everyone getting hot and bothered about Clyde Cameron's declaration that New Guinea natives should be paid the same amount as Europeans for doing the same work. Of course, they should, "for the same work."

Visitors to Rabaul Regional Library are disappointed to find that the latest numbers of, say, "Sydney Morning Herald," are dated late April. Reason: Head Office, Moresby, thought it more efficient if all orders were submitted through them. Alas, instructions were faithfully carried out. Result: no papers.

LAUANS BREAK RECORDS TO BUILD CANOES

SUVA reported early June that the natives of Fulaga and Ogea islands in the Southern Lau Group recently completed in three weeks a film company order for 55 canoes of 16, 24 and 36 feet in length, to be used in the filming of Warner Bros.' "His Majesty O'Keefe."

Five hundred men, women and children were on the job. Final assembly is to take place at the film company's Deuba headquarters near Suva. This was to simplify shipment from Lau.

Only Americans could inspire South Sea islanders to get this sort of hustle on.

FIJI PWD PROVIDES A JUNK

FIJI generally is putting its best foot forward to help the movie-makers. Properties required for the film include such exotics as rickshaws and a Chinese junk. Mr. Alex Bentley is going to work on the junk which will be manufactured out of an old PWD barge. The junk is not expected to do any deep sea sailing, but it is expected to look "romantic." Members of Fiji's Chinese community will be the crew in the film.

A sound stage is being built near the Deuba Hotel and the hotel itself is being added-to to accommodate the 85 members of the company. New bures are being made and old ones rethatched at the village of Galoa but here again improvisation is necessary because, although the filming is being done in Fiji, Mr. O'Keefe was inconsiderate enough to have lived on Yap in the Carolines. There is a difference between native houses in Yap and native houses in Fiji and the script called for one edifice 50 ft long by 40 ft wide and 50 ft high. Fijians do not go in for mansions of this sort, but with the help of local carpenters, something adequate has been contrived.

Miss Elizabeth Hennings, who is designing the costumes is using a variety of local material such as vau bark which is being gathered in Lau, Vanua Levu and Taveuni.

GOOD FOR FIJI PUBLICITY

WHATEVER the merits of the finished picture—and only movie-makers would dare to overlook the marked differences between Fijians and Yap Islanders, and Fiji and the Caroline Islands—Fiji is certainly getting plenty of publicity from Mr. O'Keefe.

The *Gosford Times*, a NSW provincial twice-weekly paper, in recently recording the fact that a local girl was off to Fiji to assist H. M. O'Keefe in her profession of hairdressing, described the story as being one about a half-cast Australian aborigine girl.

But that is another film, being made in Australia. The *Times* can be pardoned for the error—there has been a veritable plague of movie makers in Sydney recently and, to the average Australian, aborigines, the Torres Straits Islands, Samoa, Fiji, Yap and Micronesia all come under the general heading of Furriners and Furrin Parts.



A well-known resident of Rabaul, Mr. Dudley Jones sings the 1952 version of "Frangipani Blooms Again", at the Frangipani Ball in Rabaul, NG. in May. For more about this old Rabaul custom, see June PIM.

A RECENT STORY OF DOGS

THIS has nothing to do with the Pacific Islands. It is told here because it is the funniest oversea story of the month.

A debate was proceeding in the House of Commons on July 2.

Mrs. Barbara Castle (Labour, and very Leftist): We used to think of Mr. Churchill as a bulldog, sitting on the Union Jack. He has become a lap-dog, sitting on the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. Ian Harvey (Conservative): We all know on what flag the honourable lady is sitting—and she is no dog.

RUBBED OUT

IF anybody knows how the applications for 27 Suva Europeans for enrolment in the new, Southern District electoral roll came to be "disallowed", he or she is not saying anything about it.

Most of the rejects have been voting for years. They include two heads of Government departments, a deputy head, some present and former members of the Legislative Council, civil servants and prominent business executives.

Nobody could do anything about it because the Gazette containing the "disallowed" list came out hours after the deadline for lodging protests. One of the aggrieved departmental chiefs has said that apparently the more respectable members of the community are not to vote — and stuck to it, even though it was pointed out that a well-known businessman was apparently to have two votes because his application had been allowed twice and he had two registration numbers.—J.K.

CASE OF THE BIG CAKE-MIXER

YOU never know with volcanoes, said Aucklanders (NZ), in June, although assured by geologists that the 60 local ones had been extinct for from 5,000 to 20,000 years.

The citizens, unable to explain a shaking city waterfront building, a mysterious blowhole in a suburban garden, and heating underground petrol tanks of the Mt. St. John Garage, called in vulcanologists, geologists, thermo-physicists and other scientists. As these experts were about to converge on the city, local officials of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research uncovered the mysteries. The quaking five-storey building in Quay Street really did shake. The cause: An

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On the Island of Mapia. At left, natives are carrying copra out to surf boats. On right, some of the Papuan native labourers are shown. Name of European not given.

Far Outpost of the O'Keefe Empire

THESE very old photographs represent a real link with that gentleman in the news these days, Captain O'Keefe, or as Hollywood prefers it, His Majesty O'Keefe.

They were sent to us by Mr. H. C. Davenport, of Auckland, New Zealand, whose father was one of O'Keefe's schooner captains and who himself apparently lived on Mapia Island, O'Keefe's most southern outpost.

Mr. Davenport wrote and sent the photographs as a follow-up to a Tropicality in April PIM, wherein Mr. John Riedel, of Washington, DC, asked for details about Mapia and a Miss Brown who lived there. Miss Brown was an American, he thought.

Mr. Davenport tells us that Miss Brown, really Mrs. J. S. Brown-O'Keefe, was the eldest daughter of O'Keefe by one of his two island wives (according to the book he left another wife behind him in the southern United States when he got out in a hurry in 1870). One of his wives was on Mapia and by her he had three children, Janie, Nellie and Harry. His other wife was on Yap and from this union there were four children, David, John, Lily and Daisy.

Mr. Davenport's father took over the management of O'Keefe's estate on Mapia after O'Keefe and his two younger sons were lost during a typhoon in the China Sea. Some of the children of O'Keefe are believed to have settled in Hongkong and the two youngest daughters are thought to be still alive.

There evidently was some dispute about the ownership of Mapia Island at the time the Germans owned the Carolines and the present Territory of New Guinea. Mapia, however, is much closer to Dutch New Guinea than even the most southern of the Carolines—it is north-west of the Schouten Is., which are at the mouth of Geelvink Bay, and apparently was originally populated by the same stock as the New Guinea mainland.

But it seems that not only did Caroline Islanders — probably introduced by O'Keefe — live there for some time but that there were also small incursions from the eastern islands of Indonesia. It is said that the local rajah gave a monopoly of the beche-de-mer and collection of cloves to an American (presumably O'Keefe).

One of the photographs, herewith, shows copra being loaded into surf boats preparatory to being taken onto the steamer and Mr. Davenport speaks of using Papuan boys (also shown) as labourers. Whether these boys actually came from Papua, or the term is used here to designate natives from Dutch New Guinea, is not clear.

Mr. Riedel believes that Miss (or Mrs.) Brown lived on Mapia up till the time the Japanese occupied the Island and that she was then removed by them to the Netherlands Indies. It would be interesting, indeed, to know if she is still alive and what has happened to the plantation on Mapia.

Leaving Hollywood sentimentalising out of it altogether, some of the most romantic stories of the early Pacific hinged around such characters as O'Keefe. By no standards could their conduct be called conventional, but viewed from the distance of these milk-and-water days, they can at least be called stimulating.



A photograph taken on one of Captain O'Keefe's schooners. Left to right, Mr. Davenport's father; King Arikoko, of the Pellew Islands; one of O'Keefe's sons-in-law.

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THE TALE OF A TIKI

By J.P.S.

"WHAT'S the story on this one, Carl?" we enquired as we turned through an album of old photos of Tahiti.

The photo in question was of a stone god, or tiki, about twice the size of a man's head, carved out of a block of scoria. In the photo its owner was sitting alongside it.

"Well," said Carl, "just what the early history of that tiki was I haven't a clue. For all I know he may have been a very important god in Tahiti's dim past. As far as I was concerned he taught me that the present-day Tahitians, though they seem on the surface to have lost most of the old beliefs, are still highly superstitious underneath.

"You know, of course, that I was with a large firm in Papeete. Well, around 1937, one of our trucks came in one day—Tino Papara was driving; you remember him, of course—and on the back was this thing. It seems they'd found it in the long grass on the side of the road in the Pirae district.

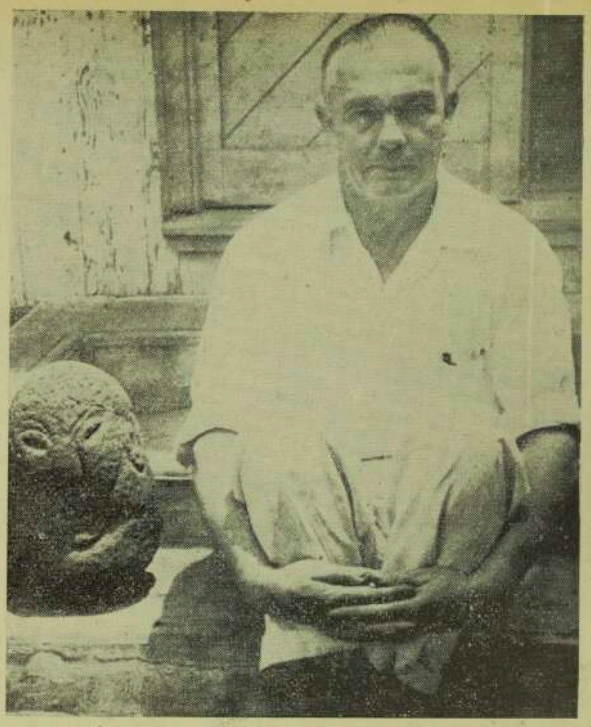
"I was rather taken with it. It was obviously the genuine article and not carved for the tourist trade. I inquired of Tino what he proposed doing with it. He announced that it was mine for the taking away. Couldn't understand why he'd brought it in, really.

"Well, it lay alongside my motor garage at home for several years, then, when I was going to Europe for a holiday in 1939 I shifted it into the front garden, and never thought another thing of it until about 1943, long after I had arrived back in Tahiti. Just happened to notice one day that it wasn't there, so made some enquiries of the family as to what had happened to it.

"Seems there'd been a terrific hullabaloo one morning while I was away in Europe. Half the natives of Pirae district had arrived at the house—carrying the tiki with them. It turned out that one of their villagers had stolen it from my property without the family ever noticing that it was missing. This man had shortly afterwards died, and a native priest had pronounced that the death was due to being in possession of the stolen tiki. The hullabaloo was the official return of the little god. Apparently the village was in a terrible state over the thing being on their property. All sorts of dire troubles were predicted by the priest unless it was promptly returned to its owner—me.

"Of course, I'm not at all superstitious myself — but when the Danish oceanographic survey vessel *Albatross* called in at Papeete, and one of the scientists aboard showed keen interest in the old tiki, I promptly presented it to him—and I believe it now sits in some museum in Copenhagen.

"Looks a malevolent little brute, doesn't he!"



Carl and his Tiki.

At a recent exhibition in Sydney, called "Architecture To-day and Tomorrow", an exhibit of the design for the new Commonwealth Bank in Port Moresby, was described as "the most startling design" in the show.

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Nor Mareme Elisa
The hairdresser—good, though she's new,
I just want 272.
Behind me is waiting a queue.
At least, they sit drinking,
But waving and winking,
Like those who have phoning to do.
Hello! Oh, how do you do?
No, I wanted 272!
I'll see if she's handy—
Yes, having a shandy . . .
No, really no trouble at all,
No, really, it's over to you.
The time that you took was so small!
Ouch! Pardon my starting
Your number departing—
They're just ringing off from the call.
PLEASE give me 272:
No other number will do.
I don't want the Jones',
Lost Dog or Cat Homeses—
I only want 272.
Please give me 272.
My taxi is waiting now, too.
"Are you through?" they keep sighing:
But I exit flying—
I'm **walking** to 272!

—NOELLE MASON
Bougainville.

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Goodbye, Morinda . . .



Morinda sailing for her last voyage from Sydney to the New Hebrides last December. See story below.

Farewell, old enemy! Now at last I love you—
Worn, as I am, battered and warped by age.
No calm, safe harbour in your need is offered,
But alien scrap-heap, deemed a life-time's wage.

How I have cursed you! Prayed for death to snatch me
Up from the heaving decks beneath my feet,
And needed all the courage storm had left me
To sit below, and stay from soup to sweet.

But sometimes there was calm: those nights when moonlight
Shone black and silver on the patterned sea—
Then your dark boat-deck offered soft distraction—
Left unexplored, I'm almost sure, by me.

Three thousand pounds! Ah, what a wretched insult
To offer for a ship that's battered through
Tempest and cyclone, waves that roared to Heaven,
For years and years, and always brought us through.

Adieu, old ship! Could power rest with me
You'd spend your dotage honourably—at sea.

—M.M.

Bowral, NSW.
June, 1952.

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oversize cake-mixer in the building next door.

The blowhole in the Onehunga front garden was caused by weed-killer washing into a hole where it reacted with organic matter or leakage from a sewer.

The self-heating petrol tanks remain a partial mystery, but the scientist who investigated thinks that it is hot water leaking from broken drains.

An urgent telegram was sent to the Director of Geological Surveys in Wellington, who was about to set out for Auckland, telling him to stay home. A few days previously he had pulled a long face and said volcanic signs and portents in Auckland were "most serious".

MORINDA'S ASTONISHED BUYER

I AM told that the most astonished man at the auction sale of the old Burns Philp steamer *Morinda* was Mr. Stanley P. Bell, who bought her for the Henderson-Trippe Shipping Co., a Philippines concern, for £3,100.

He went to the sale prepared to start the bidding at £5,000, and go up to £15,000—he was not to know that the reserve had been set at £2,000. The *Morinda* had been a faithful servant of the Big Firm for 39 years, and they probably had written her off to nothing long ago.

Before our Philippines friend could get going, someone whipped in a bid for £500, and the auctioneer accepted £50 rises. So Mr. Bell just tagged along, and he got the ship without much competition, but with much surprise, for £3,100.

A few of the merchants and agents around Bridge Street have been kicking themselves hard ever since. The *Morinda's* lifeboats alone are worth perhaps £2,500. If she had been broken up and sold for scrap, any syndicate buying her for £3,000 would have made a little fortune.

As the *Morinda's* engines were done up recently, she could go to Manila under her own power. But, as the new owners have bought her so cheaply, and want to avoid labour complications, they probably will hire a tug and have her towed to her new field of operations.—R.W.R.

THE GIN IN THE COCONUT

MR. WILLIAM PIERIS, newly appointed to the South Pacific Commission, Noumea, as copra expert, had a few things to say about the coconut when passing through Sydney recently.

Mr. Pieris has devoted most of his 47 years to the study of the coconut and says he has hardly scratched the surface. Coconuts are used for soap, clothing, biscuit-making, meal, building material, margarine, rope, charcoal and a "pretty potent gin". "It is illegal to distil the gin," he said, "but it shows that you shouldn't underestimate the coconut."

He has been director of the Coconut Research Institute in Ceylon and is compiling a bibliography on the coconut tree; has already 10,000 references to authors.

PLEASE, DON'T FLOG YOUR POOR NATIVES

A VARIETY of the Have-you-stopped-beating-your-wife question arose in Australia in June when the Attorney-General announced portentously that "corporal punishment in New Guinea would be abolished . . . except in certain cases".

Thereupon—although, hitherto, no Australian had spared a thought pro or con corporal punishment in New Guinea—every little editor of every tin-pot weekly in provincial Australia started madly to write leaders about it.

How many New Guinea natives have been corporally punished in the last 10 years — apart from the attentions of our allies the Japs? The only case even dimly related to corporal punishment since the war occurred a few months ago when a Madang native was ordered a caning — a caning, mark you — for an offence against a young European girl. (Continued on Page 75)

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A VOYAGE PACKED WITH INCIDENT

Pages From the Notebook of Oscar Nordman, Tahiti

A VOYAGE I made in 1921, as supercargo of the trading schooner *Percival S. Parks*, out of Papeete to the Gambier Islands, via the Tuamotus, was packed with incident.

We had a number of passengers, including two Australians—Charles Howe and his mate. They were booked for Pinaki, believed to be the island where a huge treasure, looted from Peruvian religious institutions, was cached.

We were on the point of sailing, when the Tahitian crew assembled on deck and announced they would not go unless the two white passengers were disembarked. Howe was regarded as a treasure-seeker; and the crew remembered what happened several years earlier, when those notorious Rorick Brothers sailed away from Tahiti in their chartered schooner *Niurohiti*. Between that time and their ultimate arrival in the Carolines, where they were arrested, the Roricks murdered captain, crew and passengers—everyone except the cook, Mirei.

It took some time to persuade our crew that Howe and his mate were not pirates. But when we left the dock, we could hear derisive shouts from the folk ashore: "You'll never come back. Those two whites will burn you all, like the Roricks."

En route to Mangareva, we arranged to call at Pinaki and land Howe. We were sailing along quietly one afternoon, when there was a sudden fusillade of shots. Consternation spread through the crew. I fell out of my bunk and raced on deck. It was only Charles Howe, practising revolver shots at the tropic birds. But it took us half an hour to calm the Tahitians.

STORY OF PINAKI TREASURE

That night, I told Howe why the men were so excitable, and he told me why he was returning to Pinaki, and had the reputation of an adventurer.

Howe said that, several years before this time (1921), he was a patient in Sydney Hospital. In an adjoining bed there was an old man; and they became friendly. It was clear that the old man was near his end. One day he said: "I am about to die. You can take these." He gave Howe a roll of soiled and tattered old papers. He told him that this contained a chart and details of a treasure that had been taken from some religious people in Peru very long ago, and buried on the island of Pinaki.

Eventually, Howe told me, he got to Tahiti, and formed a small syndicate to look for the treasure. In the company were Frank Howe, George Spitz, Louis Juventin, John Chave. They chartered the schooner *Suzanne*, and sailed from Tahiti for Pinaki.

But the Government had heard of the plan, and the Government claimed all buried treasure in the islands it controlled. The Governor's Secretary, M. Dornier, in the absence of the Governor, took prompt action. It put three gendarmes, Fromentin, Mugnier and Loup, aboard the steamer *St. Michael*, and sent her off full speed to Pinaki. The story which the officials had was that the treasure comprised four tons of gold, and an enormous quantity of pearls, diamonds and amethysts, all in metal caskets, sealed with lead, which bore a disfigured image of the face of Father Combes.

When the slower *Suzanne* reached Pinaki it found the *St. Michael* already there. The three gendarmes were ashore, guarding a small coconut grove wherein it was said the treasure was buried.

There were some lively interchanges. The *Suzanne* and the treasure-seekers set sail for Papeete. The *St. Michael* followed. The gendarmes remained on Pinaki.

The Governor now was back in Papeete, and exceedingly annoyed at the way in which this matter had been handled. The syndicate refused to surrender their supposed fortune to officialdom; the latter would not give up its claim. So the whole enterprise was abandoned. The Governor had to send the gunboat *Zelee* to Pinaki to pick up the gendarmes. They searched, but could find no trace of buried treasure. Now Charles Howe, still convinced that the old man "had something", had come back to look the ground over again.

In due course, we disembarked Howe and his companion at Pinaki. Howe explained his mission to the local chief, and hired a hut to live in, for a time.

Howe took me across to the reef, and showed me three peculiar marks carved there. He claimed that they pointed directly to a group of three coconut palms, and said the treasure should be somewhere near them. He said the marks were made by the party which, very long ago, took the treasure ashore one night and buried it. I was not impressed. I thought it more likely that Howe or one of the lads of the previous expedition had made those marks.

We left Howe there on Pinaki. The treasure was never found.

WHOLE CREW POISONED

Our next call was at Maria Island. Our ship lay off one whole day. While the crew fished, I wandered around inspecting a large amount of debris, lumber and wreckage from vessels that had gone ashore at Oeno Island, which is not far from Mangareva and Pitcairn. I came upon a ship's boat, still bearing the marks of the American barquentine *St. George*, of San Francisco.

When we returned aboard, our boat was half-filled with little fish, caught there by the crew. Everybody ate hugely of the fresh food; but somehow, I did not like these fish, and made my supper of Hellaby's canned beef and tea. Soon after, we were on our course to Mangareva.

That night, the captain aroused me. He and all the crew and passengers were extremely sick, and getting worse: The fish were poisonous. He said I must take the wheel and keep the course, which he had laid for Rikitea Bay, chief port of Mangareva Atoll. I followed instructions. I had seen the engineer oiling his engines; so, at intervals, I left the wheel and attended to the machinery.

Everyone was extremely sick. They were taking brown sugar, dissolved in water, to offset the poison.

At daybreak, we were off Rikitea. There was not a soul in sight. Off to starboard lay a four-masted barquentine. She flew the American flag and signals which said she was the *Maraweli* and asked to be reported all well to her owners, Hind Rolph & Co., San Francisco.

I circled around the entrance to the Bay, and called the crew to get the anchor ready, but they were all too weak. The engineer crawled up to me, but was in a bad way. I asked him to slow down the engines, and we crept into the Bay. There was a little schooner in the harbour; she turned out to be the *Messenger*, from Pitcairn.

I made slowly towards the *Messenger*, and then I got the engineer to reverse, and stop. Then I megaphoned the little ship, and explained our plight, and asked them to send a boat over to our help. The captain, McCoy, came over with some of his men (whose names sounded like the story of the *Bounty*) and they dropped our

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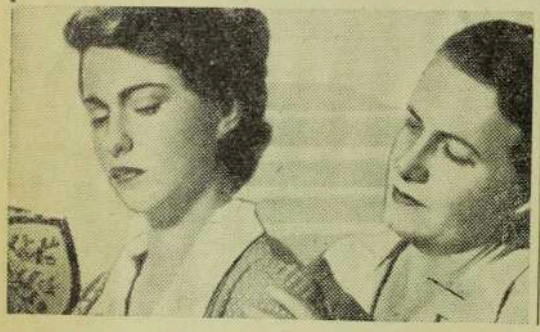
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anchor, and brought medicines. In a few hours, our men began to recover.

I asked the *Messenger* men to eat with us. I was struck by the way Captain McCoy and his crew stood bareheaded and said prayers before a meal.

That evening, I wandered ashore to inspect the little town of Rikitea and saw the famous cathedral, built 100 years ago by Pere Laval. I noticed a young girl sitting on a log, and when she smiled at me I talked to her and asked her her name.

"My name Pyrenees", she said.

That seemed a strange name, and so I got the story. She said a ship called *Pyrenees* was there when she was born, some 19 years before, and the captain asked them to call her after his ship.

Later, I checked on that, and I found that, about that time, a British four-masted barque *Pyrenees*, caught fire at Mangareva, and was beached. They got the fire out, and took her to Tahiti, and later to San Francisco, where she was re-fitted. Under American registry, she sailed the seas again as the *Mangareva*, and she was lost on a voyage from America to England in World War I.

Only the other day, when I was talking with Pilot Captain Louis Carlson, I learned with pleasure that my girl friend Pyrenees is still alive and well at Mangareva.

We of the *Percival Parks* left Mangareva the following day, and proceeded with our voyage. We were supposed, on our way back, to call at Pinaki to pick up Charles Howe. But the crew were still so much opposed to the idea of carrying a possible pirate that we omitted the call. I do not know how Charles Howe eventually got away from there.

E. SAMOA'S TIRELESS GOVERNOR

THE tireless Governor of American Samoa, Colonel Phelps Phelps, has been recently in Washington, urging acceptance of an offer by Pan American Airways to make a regular call at Pago Pago, reports the Honolulu Star Bulletin. He also is trying to induce Washington to make 1 290,000 dollars available for his Territory in 1953, which is nearly 700,000 dollars more than the current year's budget.

American Samoa's only regular communication with the outside world, says the newspaper, is a monthly call by the 5,000 tons steamship **Tofua**, which travels via Suva and Apia. Is this a new service, or does the newspaper refer thus to the new motor-vessel **Tofua?**

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Tolala remarked in *Talk-Talk* at the time that it would not be long before someone was muttering darkly about flogging poor innocent natives. He had not long to wait. Although he foresaw some emissary of Russia wailing at the United Nations, first wails actually came from the country editors of Australia who howl about "human rights".

It does not seem to occur to them that it is a question that can quite safely remain in the hands of those in charge of law and order in the Territory.

WHALE TAGGING IN NZ

SOME time ago we reported that, to check on the migratory routes of swordfish, the New Zealand Bay of Islands Swordfish and Mako Shark Club at Russell this year tagged six fish and released them in the hope that the tags will eventually be recovered elsewhere in the Pacific. These swordfish are now heading north to their unknown winter resort in the tropics or northern hemisphere.

Now from New Zealand's only remaining station in Cook Strait comes word that a special gun is being imported from England to fire tag-darts into passing whales which it is not intended to harpoon.

Norfolk Island and Tongan whalers should keep a sharp look-out for these southern visitors, which are now on the move north, cheek by jowl with swordfish.

The Cook Strait station reports a particularly early and prolific run of whales this season, indicating similar conditions for the Islands. But from London comes word that whale oil prices have hit a new low—£80 Stg. per ton—due to increased

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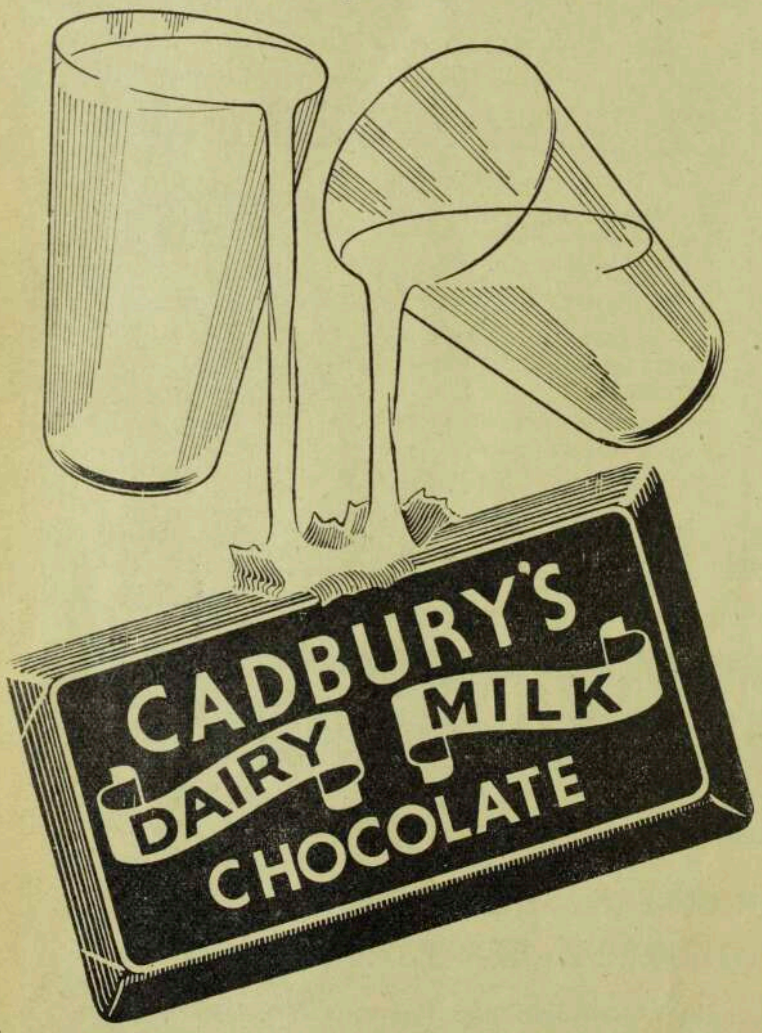
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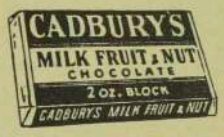


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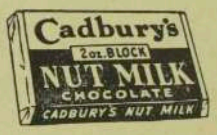
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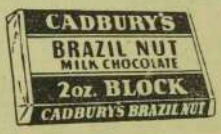
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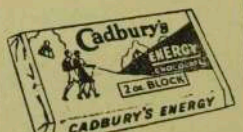


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BC, R. Hanley, Box 32, Rarotonga.
BD, W. Jones, Aeradio, Aitutaki Is.
BE, I. R. B. Sutherland, Box 41, Rarotonga.
BF, N. J. Mitchell, Ionisphere Station, Rarotonga.

This list possibly includes only active Hams, and not all ZK-1 stations, as it s noted that Tom Davis, ZK-1-AN, is ot included, and a recent QST reported W station as having heard ZK-1-AC ctive about March.

Tom Davis, ZK-1-AN, is the mystery-an of the month.

At time of going to Press the Miru had ontacted New Zealand only once—on une 4—since sailing from Wellington for Callao, Peru, on May 31. There was much discussion on the Ham bands in ZL as to who had contacted Tom. If the P & T Department knew, they were remaining mum. Behind the scenes there was believed to be some mild annoyance by the Department that the yacht had contacted a Ham but had yet failed to maintain the commercial sked on 8280 kc/s CW which, it was said, had been arranged before sailing.

On top of this was the suggestion that Tom had not obtained a portable Ham license for the voyage. Awarua Radio, near Bluff (NZ), continued to call the yacht unsuccessfully each day with traffic, but that station—and the Hams—had heard nothing further to late June. Despite heavy weather which had crippled a launch between New Zealand and the Chathams and sent out the Search and Rescue planes, no fears were felt for Miru which was reported to be well found for the long run. (See Small Ships News elsewhere this issue for later news of the arrival of Miru and crew at Rapa).

Some Hams are expecting next news of the yacht to come from Roland D'Assignies, FO-8-AD, the French Government operator down on Rapa. Roland is active on 20m CW using 6L6's and 45 W.

Subject to suitable winds, the yacht was expected to call there and perhaps at Easter Island on the 5,500 mile leg across the Pacific.

Every attempt was made by PIM to secure details of the Miru's radio plans before she sailed, but no replies were received from Tom Davis, and it is still unknown what gear he is carrying and on what frequencies he may decide to work.

In mid-June ZL Hams were advised

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that, as from July 1, hf permit holders may use the band 26,960-27,230 kc/s, types A1/A3. Also A3 transmissions may from that date be made on 21,101-21,450 kc/s portion of the new 21 mc/s band. Doubtless the same conditions will apply in the New Zealand administered Islands.

It is noted that, under the new frequency arrangements effective last May 1, ZL stations have the advantage over VK in an additional 100 kc/s at the high end of 80 m. and 150 kc/s at the high end of 40 m.

Conditions generally have been extremely poor on all bands in ZL recently, only 40 m. showing some DX at odd times.

Stations heard active include a new VR station—VR-2-CK—and VR's 2-BZ and CG. From Samarai VK-9-XK is putting out a good 14 mc/s CW sig. We understand that S. R. Coleston of that station is in the Lighthouse Service. George Meaton, VK-9-GM, on Norfolk is another active man on 7 mc/s CW.

ZM-6-AA at Apia, usually a phone man, was heard on 14 mc/s CW of late. Pat Spry, formerly VR-5-GA of Tongatabu, is heard active under his new call-sign ZL-1-AJL.

New Caledonian boys heard active on Sunday mornings include FK-8-AH, R. Garde, FK-8-AL, J. Garde, FK-8-AM, F. Coursin, and FK-8-AN, G. Cortot, on 7 or 14 mc/s CW. Felix Franchette, FK-8-AC, holidaying in France, is expected back late in the year.

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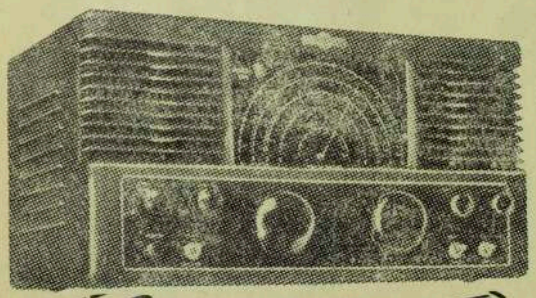
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Practical Plans for Native Welfare

PLANS to guide the South Pacific Commission next year in ontinuing its task of promoting the elfare of Pacific Islands peoples ere finalised at the Fourth Meetg of the Research Council held Commission headquarters, Nouea, June 9-19. The Council, which eets annually, is the Commission's xpert advisory body.

The meeting was attended by sevnteen specialists in the Commison's three fields of activity: ecomic development, health and cial development. Most were chnical officers of territorial adinistrations, with wide practical perience of Pacific problems. The llowing is the official list:

HEALTH SECTION

Dr. G. Loison (vice Dr. E. Massal)—ting Executive Officer for Health, SPC.
Medecin Colonel P. Filippi—Director of alth Services, New Caledonia, and rector of Army Health Services, French tablishments in the Pacific.
Dr. J. T. Gunther—Director of Public alth, Papua-New Guinea.
Dr. Hiram L. Marshall (vice Dr. James Dean)—Director of Public Health, ust Territory of Micronesia.
Dr. R. W. D. Maxwell (vice Dr. J. M. uikshank)—Acting Inspector - General, uth Pacific Health Service, and Acting rector of Fiji Medical Services.
Dr. H. B. Turbott—Deputy Directoreneral, NZ Department of Health.
Mr. J. C. van Hell—Head of Malariogical Service, Dutch New Guinea.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Homer Baker (vice Dean Knowles Ryerson)—Director of Economic Affairs, ust Territory of Micronesia.
Mr. D. R. Eden—General Manager, NZ paration Estates, Western Samoa.
M. M. Legend (vice Dr. F. Bugniciort) Acting Director, French Institute of eania, New Caledonia.
Mr. B. E. V. Parham, O.B.E.—Senior ricultural Officer, Fiji.
Mr. T. H. Strong—Director, Bureau of ricultural Economics, Australia.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. H. E. Maude, OBE—Executive Offir for Social Development, SPC.
Dr. J. van Baal—Head of the Bureau Native Affairs, Dutch New Guinea.
Dr. Homer G. Barnett—Staff Anthrologist, Trust Territory of Micronesia.
Mr. F. J. Grattan—Secretary of Samoan fairs, Western Samoa.
Mr. J. C. Guiart—Ethnologist, French stitute of Oceania, New Caledonia.
Mr. J. H. Jones—Director of District rvices and Native Affairs, Papua-New uinea.
Mr. G. K. Roth (vice Mr. Howard Hayn)—Assistant Colonial Secretary, Fiji.

OBSERVERS

Mr. A. J. Patterson—World Health rganisation.
Mr. Homer Baker—Pacific Science Asciation.

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Sir Brian Freeston, KCMG—Secretaryeneral.

Dr. J. van Baal, Head of the ureau of Native Affairs, Government of Netherlands New Guinea, was elected Chairman.

The Council reviewed the progress made in the year's work programme, and formulated recommendations for 1953. Special consideration was given to the extension of Commission projects to include Guam and the Trust Territory of Micronesia, which are now included in the Commission's area.

IMPORTANCE OF FOOD

The Council considered over 40 existing projects. The main emphasis was on economic development, especially the Commission plans for encouraging the expansion of food and cash crops in South Pacific territories. The need for regional development in this field is becoming increasingly urgent, because of the steady growth in population of many territories.

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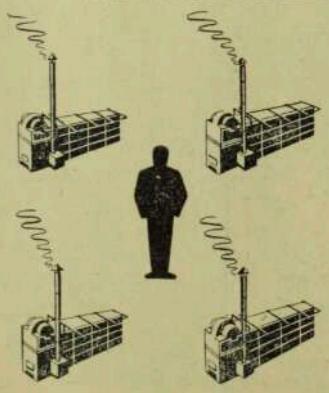
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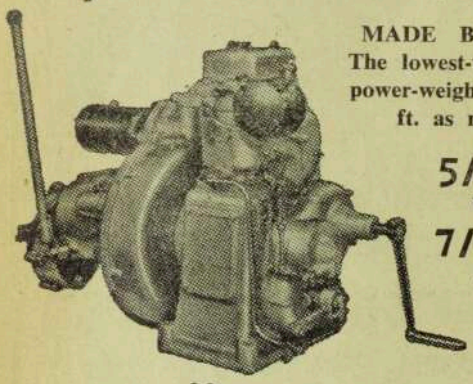
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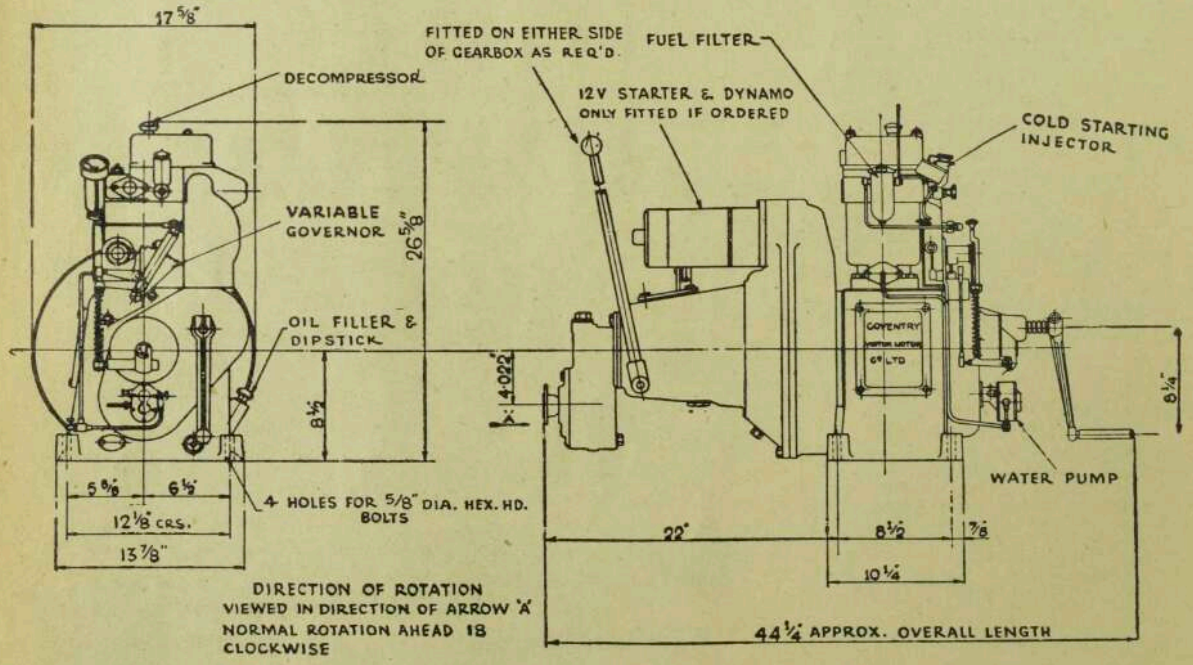
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tuff and major source of wealth, he Commission is fostering coco- ut production in many ways, and romoting increased plantings of im- roved high-yielding strains.

A specialist from the Ceylon Coconut Research Institute, Mr. W. . D. Pieris, has just arrived at Commission headquarters to make survey and prepare recommenda- ions. He will collaborate in the ex- eriments to develop improved trains of coconuts for South Paci- ic regions that are now being car- ied out in Samoa by NZ Repar- tion Estates, a plantation enter- rise owned by NZ Government.

The Council reviewed the exten- ive research work on the coconut alm that is being carried out in he area, notably in Papua and New Guinea, Fiji and Western Samoa.

Another specialist officer, Mr. L. . Dumbleton, an eminent New Zealand entomologist, has been ap- ointed to the staff of the Commis- ion. He is examining the plant nd animal quarantine regulations f the various territories to deter- nine if more efficient quarantine arriers can be developed. This is f vital importance to the copra in- ustry, owing to the growing menace f the rhinoceros beetle, a pest which is inflicting extensive damage o coconut crops in some territories.

An eminent world authority on he cocoa industry, Mr. D. H. Urquhart, is engaged in an exten- sive tour of territories, investigating for the Commission the possibilities of expanding production.

The development of the rice in- dustry in suitable areas was con- sidered by the Council, which recognised that serious problems of manpower and capital were in- volved.

In Fiji an experimental garden is maintained by the Department of Agriculture, assisted by the Com- mission, for the introduction and improvement of plants of economic importance. After studying its re- ports, the Council reaffirmed the importance it attached to the work of plant introduction as a basis for the regional development of agri- culture. A similar garden in the New Guinea Highlands Experimen- tal Station at Aiyura was considered of equal importance.

The Council endorsed the report of the recent Fisheries Conference and made plans to implement its recommendations.

TO ASSIST NATIVE HEALTH

In the field of health, the Council reviewed the work of the Commis- sion's nutritionist, who for the past two years has been carrying out field investigations on child and adult nutrition in Papua, New Guinea, and New Hebrides. It was considered possible that the Lava process for extracting oil and protein from fresh coconut meat, as yet untried in the region, might make available a protein suitable for infant food, now so lacking in the area.

The work of the Commission's tuberculosis teams, which carried out field investigations during 1950 and 1951 in Fiji, Samoa, Cook Is- lands, French Oceania and New Caledonia, was studied.

Reviewing the year's work on fil- ariasis and elephantiasis, the Coun- cil considered that an important contribution to world knowledge of these diseases had been made.

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The Council studied the report on leprosy in Nauru, prepared by Dr. C. J. Austin (Medical Superintendent of Makogai Leprosy Hospital in Fiji) who also recently conducted a survey in the Solomons. Another leprologist, Dr. Norman Sloan, of New York, is making a survey in Netherlands New Guinea.

EDUCATION AND HOUSING

In social development, the progress made in 21 defined projects was examined. Projects already completed include those relating to anthropological and linguistic surveys of the Pacific, visual education, and a survey of the vocational training needs of the Islands peoples. Nearing completion are those dealing with native housing in the South Pacific, community development on the island of Moturiki, Fiji, and a prototype central vocational training institution for the region.

The interest shown in the co-operative movement by native peoples is regarded as evidence of their desire to play a greater part in their economic and social advancement, and in the use of their resources. As the Commission has sought means by which it can advise territorial administrations to develop the movement, the Council made a specific proposal for consideration by the Commission.

The Council dealt with the current activities of the South Pacific Literature Bureau, set up earlier this year by the Commission to promote distribution of simple literature for Islands peoples.

CATALINA FOR SCRAP-HEAP

WHEN Captain C. J. Le Couter took TEAL's Solent flight out from Auckland for Tahiti early in July, it marked an interesting coincidence.

Captain Le Couter made the first TEAL survey flight along the Coral Route—checking landings, radio facilities, etc., in preparation for the now fortnightly service—and the aircraft he used was a white Catalina named **Maroro** (flying fish). Exactly one year later, as the TEAL Solent left Auckland, a newspaper advertisement offered the **Maroro**, now stripped of engines, instruments and all fittings, for sale—"delivery on buoy at Mechanics Bay."

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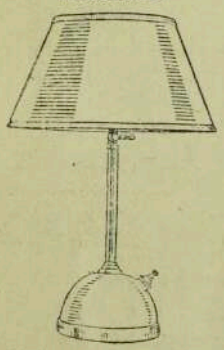
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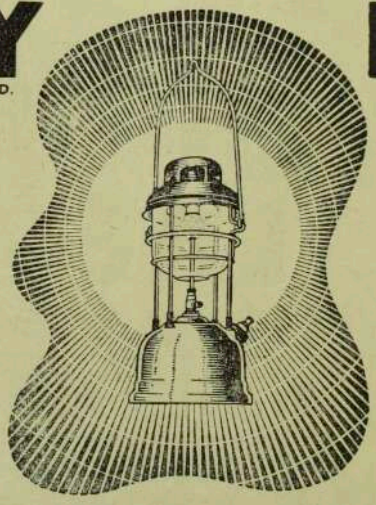
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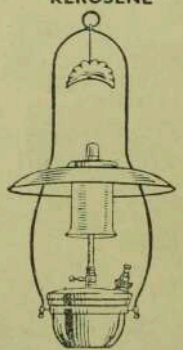


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BSI's Rice Famine Ends—At a Price

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THE freighter **Les Glieres** arrived in Honiara at the end of May from Saigon with 500 tons of rice for the British Solomon Islands Government Trade Scheme.

This rice, which was urgently needed, will alleviate for the time being the serious shortage which has arisen as a consequence of the Australian Government's inability to supply the Protectorate's full quota of rice for 1952.

The rice brought by **Les Glieres** is selling at £120 per ton, which represents a formidable rise in production costs to the employer of labour. Attempts to grow rice in the Solomons have so far met with little success.

These 500 tons of rice from Saigon are expected to solve the Protectorate's rice supply problem for the next six months. More than 2,000 tons are required annually for native rations, and only 1,100 tons could be allocated to the Solomons by the Australian Government this year owing to a low Australian rice harvest.

Although the cost of the Saigon rice is considerably above the controlled Australian export price, its acquisition was the only alternative to no rice at all, other normal sources of supply having no rice to offer.

Les Glieres, after entering the Protectorate at Honiara proceeded to Tulagi and unloaded there. Hatches were closed from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. as the vessel had arrived from areas in which there is a much larger and more voracious rhinoceros beetle than the variety present in the Solomons.

The Protectorate already has its fair share of coconut pests in Amblypelta cocophaga, the sucking insect which feeds on young coconuts, damaging them so that they fall before they reach maturity.

VANUA LEVU GETS ITS FIRST BANK

SUVA, June 13.

ON June 12, Vanua Levu, Fiji's second largest island, acquired its first bank. The Suva branch of the Bank of New Zealand opened an office at Labasa with Mr. B. H. Smith, formerly an accountant in the Suva office, in charge.

The CSR Co. has a sugar-mill at Labasa and there is a large Indian population in the area. In addition, Vanua Levu produces a substantial part of Fiji's copha output. A bank has long been needed.

There is a peculiar rumour—quite scandalous, of course—that the BNZ popped in to forestall a move by the New South Wales opposition. —As if the BNZ would!

SUVA SEAPLANE BASE UNDER REPAIR

WHEN New Zealand's Minister of Defence (Mr. MacDonald) returned from the South Pacific Air Transport Council meeting in June, he reported that the RNZAF unit at Laucala Bay, Suva, was making good progress in repairing hurricane damage. All of the damaged accommodation buildings in the barracks area, and the large waterfront hangar had been repaired. About 80 per cent. of the buildings had been damaged. Buildings demolished will be replaced.

A start has been made on the new concrete barracks and plans are being prepared for new technical buildings, to replace those destroyed.

"SECRET" MAPPING

COLONEL J. B. Abell, of the United States Army, arrived in Sydney from Tokyo to arrange for the mapping of "secret islands" in the Pacific.

Colonel Abell would not name the islands, but said they would be mapped on foot. He said America had arranged with Australia after World War II to send a mapping expedition to the islands.

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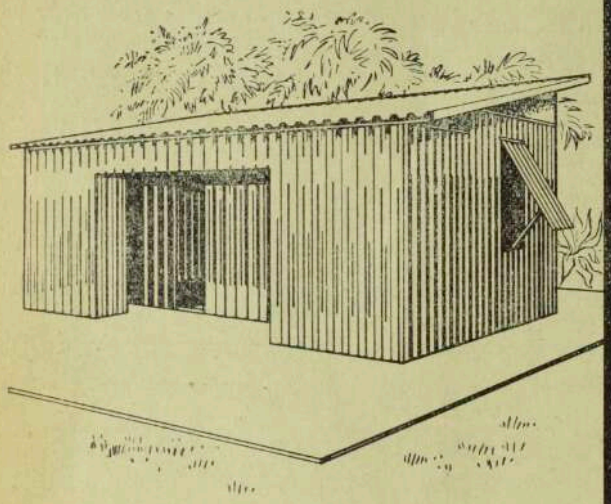
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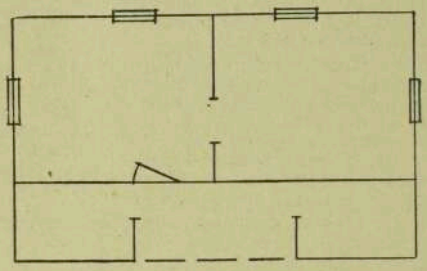
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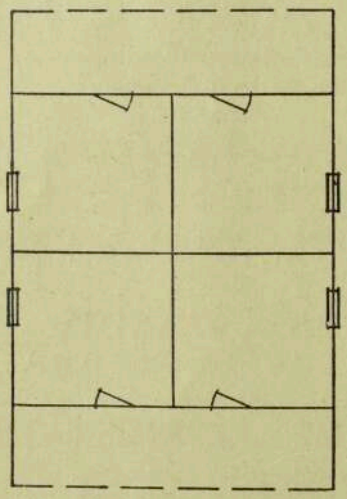
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Marriage Unites Fiji Indian Families



Members of two well-known families of the Indian community in Fiji (Umiagori, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Damodar N. Dass, and Jekisan, son of Mr. Ambaram Kalyan) were married on May 10. National tradition and ceremony were carefully observed.

The main group shows the bridegroom, holding the traditional garland, arriving at the residence of the bride's father. Beside him are the bride's father, Mr. Bukhan Jagyeevan Navsariwala, Mr. Shankar Pratap, and other well-known Indians. The inset shows the marriage ceremony, which was performed in accordance with Vedic rites by Pundit Ami Chand.—Photos from Tara Press

The Thursday Island Town Council seems to have fallen on evil days. It has no town clerk, and at recent elections there were no nominations for the office of Mayor, and not enough Aldermen nominated to fill all vacancies. In early June, the Queensland government dissolved the Council (which had accumulated £10,000 of debts) and sent an official to Thursday Island to straighten out the island's affairs.



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A Papua-New Guinea Ordinance, which probably will soon become law, will enable suitable young natives to enter trades as apprentices. Natives will have to be over 15 years and have the necessary educational qualifications. An Apprenticeship board of five members will supervise the working of the system.

Rabaul, New Guinea is currently interested in four types of competitive sport—tennis, rugby, basketball and baseball. Soccer, cricket and golf are also played. Several new tennis courts are to be laid down shortly to cater for the 10 teams at present playing competition matches. There are only four courts now.

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YOUNG FIJI COUPLE OBSERVE WORLD CONDITIONS

MR. AND MRS. C. J. T. KRONE, of Gathavula Estate, Taveuni, have just returned to Fiji after an 18-months' wander abroad, when they went far off the usual tourist paths.

They returned home via East and South Africa. They saw Princess Elizabeth arrive in Kenya as Princess, and depart tragically a few hours later as the young Queen Elizabeth II of England. They were in South Africa when the political crisis developed there over the racial question, and they blame Dr. Malan for his anti-British policy as much as they praise his effort to keep the communities in separate sections.

Mr. Krone's outstanding impression relates to Germany. He comments on the amazing speed and vigour of the German recovery. While Britain and France seem to be politically disheartened and industrially sick, the Germans are working about 80 hours a week, and producing hugely, so that their chief shipping centre, Hamburg, is now one of the world's busiest ports. For the third time in 30 years, the Germans are staging a come-back which must soon have a profound effect upon world conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Krone left Sydney by air for Nadi at the end of June.



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Methodists Celebrate 50 Years of Effort in BSI

THE Methodist Mission in the Western Solomons celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the oundation of the Mission in the Solomons with a Jubilee which pened at Munda on May 23.

The Reverend J. F. Goldie, who ounded the Mission and was its eader until his retirement last year, eturned from Melbourne to attend he celebrations. Many representa- ives of the Methodist Church in New Zealand and Australia ttended, including the Rev. G. T. aurenson, the President of the New ealand and Methodist Conference, he Rev. S. G. Andrews, General ecretary of the Board of Missions, he Rev. E. Te Hiu representing the Maori Methodists of New Zealand; nd Mrs. L. Hallam representing the New Zealand Methodist Mission's Women's Union.

A very large assembly of Western Solomon Islanders attended. in- luding many ex-students of the xcellent Methodist Mission schools, ome of whom now hold responsible ositions with the Protectorate Gov- rnment and with private firms.

Messages were read at the pening ceremony from the Acting High Commissioner, Western Pacific High Commission, and the Acting Resident Commissioner, British Solomon Islands, congratulating the Mission on its 50 years' record of faithful and tireless service.

The Australasian visitors flew via Rabaul to Buka and from there ourneyed in small boats in easy tages 400 miles down to Roviana n New Georgia, visiting mission tations en route.

Mr. Goldie, who inaugurated the nission at Roviana Lagoon in 1902 eceived a tumultuous welcome from he native people. He retired at he beginning of 1951 and has been iving in Melbourne.

Apart from religious services, ancing, feasting, canoe races, choir singing, movies and other enter- tainments were part of the celebra- tions programme.

Leper's Trust Board Allocatiosn

Figures published in June show that the following sums (in NZ cur- rency) were distributed for leper relief in the Pacific in 1951:

Makogai, £5,000.

New Hebrides. £4,500 to each of Melanesian, Marist (Catholic), Methodist and Presbyterian mis- sions for expenditure on vessels for leper relief.

South Solomons, £1,500 to each of the Melanesian, Marist and Metho- dist missions and £1,000 to the Seventh Day Adventist mission. Tetere Leper Hospital, Guadalcanal, £1,000.

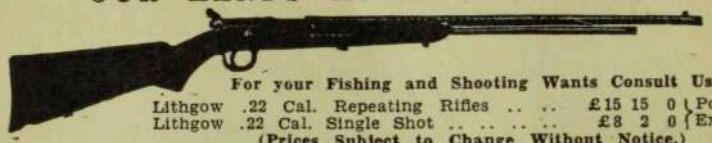
Tahiti. £2,000 for Orofara Hospital.

Gilbert & Ellice Islands, £100.

Mr. Igor Allen and **Mrs. Allen**, Americans of long residence in Tahiti, returned there by the Waitemata recently. **Mr. Allen** is an artist and a skilled wood carver. During the war he was employed for some time in the States training wounded servicemen in carving and handcrafts.

An investigation into the trans- mission and control of malaria in BSI and New Guinea is being con- ducted by **Dr. R. H. Black** of the School of Tropical Medicine, Sydney. The investigation is on behalf of the South Pacific Com- mission and should be completed in July.

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WAR-PENSIONS FOR COOK IS. VETERANS

THE New Zealand Government finally announced its approval on June 12, for the payment of war-veteran allowances to ex-servicemen resident in Niue and the Cook Islands.

Until now the Government has refused to pay such allowances to ex-servicemen resident in the Islands, though Islanders resident in New Zealand were eligible. The reason has been that Islands residents are not taxable and therefore make no contribution towards New Zealand's Social Security fund.

The announcement, made by Mr. Webb, Minister of Island Territories, indicated that there are 183 war veterans of the two World Wars living in the Cook Islands and a further 63 living on Niue. Many of them are now no longer able to work, the Minister declared.

New Resident Agent for Mangaia

MR. J. W. W. GRAHAM, formerly head master of the Government School, Avarua, Rarotonga, has recently appointed Resident Agent at Mangaia Island. The position had been vacant since January.

L'AMICALE FRANCAISE

MR. GEORGE DEXTER of Tahiti was the speaker at the May meeting of Auckland's younger-set French Club, L'Amicale Francaise. Mr. Dexter spoke on Polynesian Mythology.

On the same occasion Mme. Jeanne Biddulph was elected new president of the club and Mr. Ian Cotton, honorary treasurer.

The club meets at approximately monthly intervals at the Overseas League Rooms, Queen's Arcade, Auckland, forthcoming meetings being scheduled for 8 p.m. on July 2, August 6, September 3 and October 1.

A special meeting is scheduled for the French national fete day, July 14.

Visitors to Auckland from French Territories in the Pacific are invited to contact the Secretary, Mlle. J. C. Fordyce, telephone 61.204.

NZ Scouts on Fiji Tour

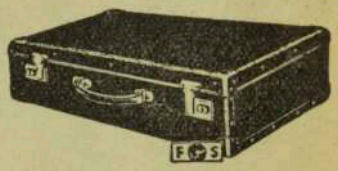
FIVE boy scouts from Waikato, NZ., stepped ashore from the Tofua at Auckland in June wearing Fijian sulus and neckerchiefs which they had exchanged with their Fijian scout hosts during a 320-mile tour round Viti Levu.

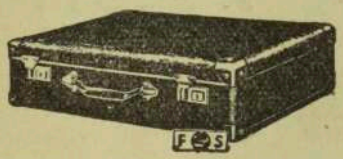
The boys had left Auckland on their unofficial goodwill tour equipped with bicycles, at the end of May. But due to the bad roads —and the heat—most of their travelling was done by bus and CSR puffing-billy train.

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The Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches —representing Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist denominations at Christchurch, N.Z., reported in early June that as a result of a collection taken up on the Women's World Day of Prayer, £NZ652 would be distributed amongst Mission Boards for the relief of Pacific hurricane victims.

NZ DISTRIBUTES 15-YEAR-OLD FRUIT FUND

AN amount of £NZ938, collected from fruit growers in the Cooks in 1937 (Growers' Redemption Fund) will now be returned to growers. This was announced by the NZ Government at the end of June.

Those who have first call on the fund are shippers who were not in debt to merchants at the time of the fund's inception. They will receive a refund of the full 6d per case collected. Claims will be called for shortly.

The balance of the fund is to be divided between merchants and the various Island Councils, each Council receiving an amount in proportion to the number of cases shipped from their particular Island at the time the Redemption Fund was in operation. The Council's portion will be vested in the Resident Commissioner and is to be expended on Council-approved items that will improve the Islands fruit industry.

The merchants concerned in the repayment are A. B. Donald, Cook Islands Trading Co., Jagger and Harvey, and A. B. Donald as purchasers of the business of Bonnar and Shearman. All of these firms have advised the NZ Government that their shares of the fund are to be paid to the Cook Islands Crippled Children's Society for the purpose of assisting that Society in sending crippled children to NZ for treatment.

Repayment of this fund will come as a shock to cynical Pacific Island residents who believe that compulsory contributions to Government funds is a polite form of robbery.

The engagement is announced of **Miss Kathleen Johnson** to **Mr. John Weeks**, both of Rabaul, New Guinea.

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THE presentation in Rabaul on June 14, by Colonel Rufus S. amey (United States Senior Mili- ary Attache in Australia) of a residential Distinguished Unit itation, to Lieut. Colonel J. K. IcCarthy, MBE, as commander of art of a force which did remark- ble service in the Admiralty Is- nds (Manus), directs attention gain to that District Commis- oner's fine war record.

When the Jap invasion over- helmed Rabaul in January, 1942, disorganised mass of civilians and ilitary personnel fled westward, rough the New Britain jungles. efore that month ended, J. K. IcCarthy (who was then an ADO, nd an officer of the NG Volunteer ifles) found himself in charge of ew Britain, between Talasea and abaul, carrying out rescue oper- tions.

It is a long story; but eventually IcCarthy and his assistants gath- red hundreds of distressed Euro- eans and natives into parties, and ed them and got them away west- ard, across to the NG mainland, nd southwards to Australia. It as a notable performance, under ost discouraging conditions.

Then McCarthy joined ANGAU; nd, two years later, he was the eutenant-colonel in charge of an NGAU unit which was part of the rewer task force, which on Febru- ry 29, 1944, made a pounce on Momote, in Manus. This was to be nerely a reconnaissance; but the ovement was so rapid and aggres- ive that it disrupted the Jap de- ence, seized part of the Momote irstrip and established and held beach-head; and this allowed ther American-Australian forces to ush in and secure and exploit an nexpected and important victory.

This in turn opened the way to he seizure of Hollandia a few weeks ater, and shortened perceptibly his part of MacArthur's northward rive against the Philippines

McCarthy has handed the Cita- ion over to Major Wilson, officer ommanding the PNGVR, in Rabaul, or safe keeping. It is eight years ince the Citation was won; but, efinitely, better late than never.

Mr. I. V. G. Mackay, M.B.E., Senior Auditor, North Borneo, since 1947, will shortly be proceed- ing on leave, after which he will go to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate as Accountant-General. He was born in 1912 and educated at Dunfermline, Scotland, and Edinburgh University. He was Assistant Auditor in the Gold Coast in 1938, and was on military service from 1939 to 1946. In 1945 he was transferred to Malaya.

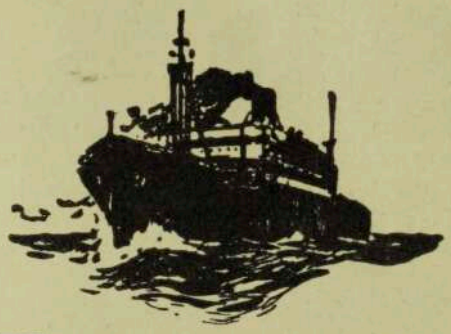
RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF COOKS ON TOUR

MR. G. NEVILL, recently appointed Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands, was making his first official tour of the Lower and Northern Group Islands in June-July.

Mr. Nevill left Rarotonga aboard the Charlotte Donald on June 20, and then joined the L.M.S. mission ship John Williams at Aitutaki to continue on to visit all Northern Group islands.

As reported in June, the John Williams was visiting the Cook Islands in connection with the centenary celebrations of the mission at Penrhyn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams and daughter Jennifer of Rabaul, NG, were in Australia on leave in July.



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Progress of Rabaul

RABAUL, June 15.

RABAUL residents who have prospered are showing their confidence in the town by ploughing their profits back into it.

Rabaul Butchery Ltd. has just sunk something like £25,000 in the erection of new premises in Malaguna Road: a 35-tons Freezer; deep-freeze units; specially designed and glassed-in showcases ensuring that the public is well served for their meat and small goods.

Very soon, too, the delicatessen, cafe and candy store will be opened. Many people have suggested that this shop is ideally situated for a roadhouse but "one thing at a time" replies the management. Mr. Dick Gault was responsible for the erection and fitting out of the shop. The United Builders Co. housed and installed the Freezer and built the Queensland-style home for Mr. Con Pappus, the presiding genius.

After a wait of two years for the electric equipment, the Pacific bakery can be justly proud of its new business premises. The building is of fibro-cement, entirely wired against rats and flies.

This is an all-Chinese concern, August Chan, Gabriel Sing Yipp and E. Achok being the Directors.

Though the initial cost was around £10,000 they are already planning additions and improvements.

The Chinese are steadily moving out of the dust bowl of tin shanties allotted them in the first days of post-war rehabilitation. Standard Services has moved its retail business to a well-planned shop in Yarra Avenue and George Kui is building at the same end of the town.

The tin shanties are being replaced by decent dwellings, quite a few of timber. The "Single Men's Club" a derelict building in Main Avenue, had gone and a family now live in reasonable comfort in a new home erected on the spot. The Club has folded up—all the men have married.

Passengers who left by air from Honiara, BSI, for Australia on June 24 included **Father Palmer** of the Roman Catholic Mission, Honiara, who is travelling to Brisbane and New Zealand on duty; **Dr. Robert Black** who has completed a malarial survey in the Protectorate for the South Pacific Commission; **Mr. R. J. Lotze**, manager of the Government Trade Scheme, on a business trip to Australia; **Mrs. M. B. Hamilton** who is going to England on leave; and **Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Palmer**, who are leaving the Protectorate after spending two years with the Government Trade Scheme.

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The Secret War on TB in Fiji

Results of 3-Year Campaign Unknown

SUVA, June 19.

ONE of the major post-war disappointments in Fiji has been the way in which the wave of nited, enthusiastic generosity hich in 1949, carried the Colony's ar Memorial Anti-Tuberculosis nd to a total of more than £60,000 lus £20,000—from the Governent) has been allowed to die away d virtually expire.

The campaign was launched and cceeded brilliantly, but for nearly ree years there has been very tle to inspire the slightest public thusiasm. No doubt the inevitable ortages of trained staff and uipment have retarded the camign, although there has been exnsion of hospital accommodation r tuberculosis patients in some ntres. Information, such as it is, out the Colony's anti-TB work, s come almost entirely from ficial reports—a source which prodes little material for publicists, ficial or otherwise, to build on.

The fund's accounts are published the War Memorial Anti-Tubercusis Trust Fund Board, but after early three years it is difficult to get any sort of picture of the proposed 10-year war against tuberculosis as a whole.

The Fijians are by far the worst sufferers from tuberculosis in these islands, but there are no official ngures to show the results of the survey started in 1947. In January this year it was unofficially estimated that there was eight times as much TB among Fijians as among Indians, but that estimate has been neither proved nor discounted.

Two aged Chinese were before the Rabaul District Court recently charged with being in possession of opium. They were fined a total of £55 by Mr. F. Warner Shand.

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ROTUMA'S 71 YEARS AS A BRITISH COLONY

SUVA, June 19.

MR. W. J. E. EASON has recently been instrumental in focusing attention on Rotuma, small and little known-island outpost of the Colony of Fiji.

He spent three months there early this year, suggested the May celebrations to mark 71 years of British rule and has now had published a book about the island.

His "Short History of Rotuma," has been published by the Government Printing Department, Suva. It gives a fascinating record of the origins of the unique Rotuman people who, after all but dying out after the impact of European influences, now number nearly 4,000 and are steadily increasing. Their birthrate is the highest in Fiji—higher even than that of the prolific Fiji-Indians.

He writes: "One cannot help feeling that such a people have been hindered and handicapped by civilisation and missions and would have been far better off had it been possible to leave them untouched. The few things they have gained by contact with civilisation have been gained at the cost of civil war, hatred and bitterness, not to mention the European diseases which mowed them down."

Mr. Eason was primarily responsible for the pageantry, dancing and feasting in Rotuma in May to commemorate the cession of the island to Queen Victoria in 1881, seven years after the cession of Fiji. The celebrations saw a vivid revival of Rotuman traditional culture in the performance of immemorial dances and songs by trained teams from each of Rotuma's seven districts. No one seems to have thought of celebrating Cession in that way before.

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WARNING SYSTEMS FOR SOUTH PACIFIC HURRICANES

A Review By J. P. S.

WITH another destructive hurricane season behind us — upwards of 500 lives were lost and great damage was done in Fiji, the New Hebrides, Solomons and Louisiades this year—there naturally is speculation as to whether all possible measures are being taken to evade these almost annual visitations.

Islands residents are asking whether the present hurricane-tracking and warning organisation can be improved, and just what is being done in other hurricane areas of the world to avoid damage and, above all, loss of life. Is the weakness—if any—in the meteorological or the Administrative sphere?

Much, though by no means all, of the damage done in the South Pacific occurs within New Zealand's area of responsibility—one of the world's largest meteorological zones, extending from the equator to the Pole, and from 160 degrees East Longitude eastward across the South Pacific Islands area to beyond French Oceania. The tropical portion of this zone is under direct supervision from Nadi Airport, Fiji, which is the New Zealand Meteorological Service's Islands headquarters.

Therefore, for a reply to some of these questions, we approached Dr. J. F. Gabites, who, as head of the Research Section of New Zealand's "Met", has responsibility for keeping the Service abreast of the latest developments, examining the virtues of the latest methods by on-the-spot investigations overseas where necessary, and making recommendations. Dr. Gabites' findings disagree considerably in some respects with articles that have appeared in the popular press in recent years.

AT regular, internationally-agreed intervals, day and night, throughout the year, over 50 observing stations in the South Pacific tropical area report their instrument readings to Nadi. A few take observations of winds high above the earth. All send in pressure, temperature, cloud, surface wind, rainfall, state of sea, etc. These are simply observation stations, with no responsibility other than to accurately report their instrument-readings regularly. These are *not* forecast or warning stations.

The *entire* responsibility for tracking and warning rests with the forecasting staff at Nadi where, with all observations entered and the pressure and wind systems drawn in on the current weather-map of the area, only they are in the immediate position to assess the situation within an hour of the reports arriving by radio.

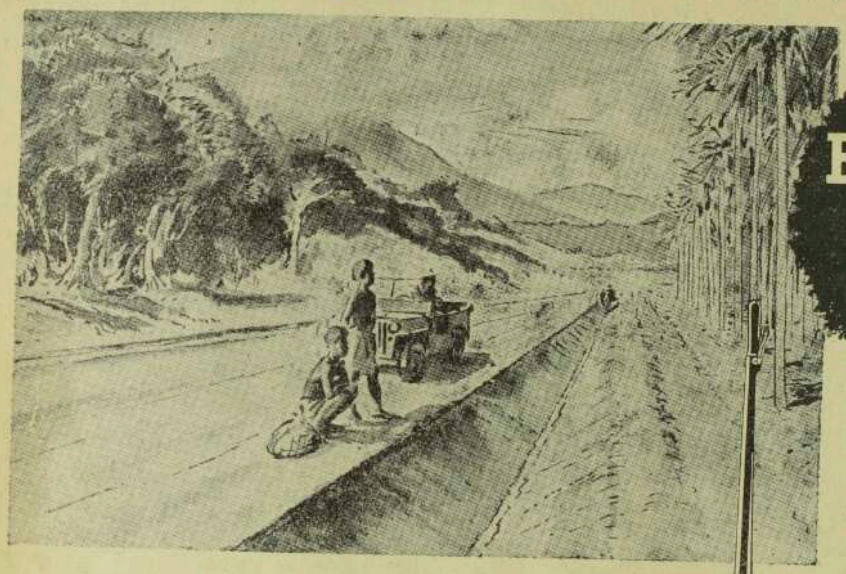
Later, this mass of information, first in original form as received from the individual Islands observers, and later in digested form — a coded picture of the map as drawn at Nadi—is broadcast by high-powered transmitters to the world at large from Nadi.

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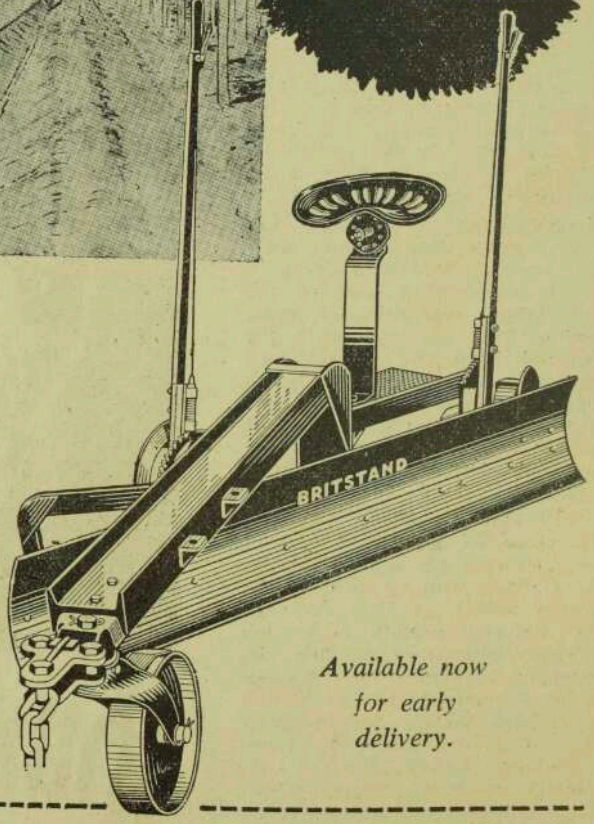


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map if he so wishes—and also a copy of just how Nadi has drawn the map and assessed the situation.

But only experience can provide the knowledge required to make a forecast—and there is nothing more tricky to forecast than the precise direction of movement of a hurricane.

Dr. Gabites points out that, whereas in the past the curving paths of the hurricanes could be plotted only in a very general way from the sparse information available, it has lately been possible by the use of aircraft and radar to follow in detail the tortuous paths of West Indian and North Pacific hurricanes. The tracks show changes in speed and direction and even complete circles that could never have been deduced with certainty from the normal observation networks. The precise movements from hour to hour are in fact, according to present knowledge, about as predictable as the movements of one of those little swirling eddies in the Rewa River, as it wanders seaward from Nausori Bridge.

ONE system of hurricane tracking which has received publicity at intervals since World War II is the seismic method. This is based on the fact that the violent agitation of the sea sets up minute earth tremors or "microseisms" which may be detected and their distance approximately determined from the recordings at three inter-connected seismic stations a few miles apart.

Science has long been aware of these characteristic storm vibrations, but probably the first practical use was made of the method in the Caribbean area during the last war. Radio silence precluding the transmisssion of observations from ships in the area, the US Navy, seeking a way out, became interested in the experimental work of the Rev. Fr. J. E. Ramirez, S.J., of St. Louis University. Results seeming hopeful, the Joint Chiefs of Staff set up a group of seismic recorders at tthe US Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and one at Richmond, Florida, in 1944; then, a year later, a station at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and another at Richmond.

According to Rev. Fr. James B. Macelwane, S.J., Dean of St. Louis University, in his book *When the Earth Quakes*, published 1947, the results achieved from this group of recording stations were regarded as most encouraging. Storms and hurricanes were said to have been accurately spotted at distances of up to 2,000 miles for severe storms and progressively less for smaller disturbances.

On the strength of these results the US Navy later established similar stations in the Northwest Pacific, at Guam, Manila and Japan—and the Australian Met Service, late last year had the aid of a similar station, set

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up in Brisbane, at the University. This apparently, was the first micro-seismic recorder station of improved design to be operated under civilian control anywhere in the world, and cost £10,000 to establish.

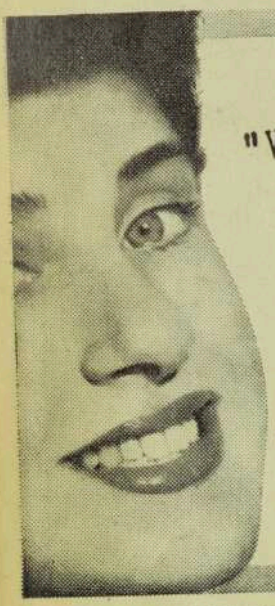
These developments indicate that the seismic method can become a valuable one. It has been repeatedly reported that as a hurricane-tracker over the ocean, the method has no equal—excepting only visual tracking by aircraft.

DR. GABITES, however, is far less enthusiastic. He emphasises that only under certain circumstances, and with certain types of hurricane disturbances, is the method in any way accurate; that considerable error have been observed; and that only where all normal reporting method are absent—such as over an ope ocean area, devoid of island or shi reporting stations—is the method jus tified at all.

New Zealand has carried out ex perimental work, and Dr. Gabite himself has inspected some of th overseas seismic stations to satisf himself of results at first-hand. H considers that insofar as the Sout Pacific Islands area is concerned— the area where damage is done— seismic net comprising two or thr interconnected stations would pro ably be a useful supplement to exis ing observing networks, but wou be disproportionately expensive equipment, manpower and mainte ance. The same expenditure devot to improving the weather reporti networks would be of greater a more direct advantage.

Dr. Gabites considers that the or very accurate hurricane-tracki method far from land is the use relays of aircraft. The Americans using this method in the North Pa fic and elsewhere—but no suita heavy-bomber type of aircraft is present available for such work the South Pacific. For short ra

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ork—say within 100 miles—radar ethods are accurate; but the equip-ent and operational costs of radar ould be high. A single station may st well over £10,000 to establish—nd a hurricane may not pass within s range in years.

No doubt a radar station would ffectively guard Suva, say, and pro-ide reliable warning an hour or two efore the hurricane hit—but it would t *prevent* the hurricane from doing e usual damage.

N Suva, in the past, there has been criticism of Met in regard to arnings. When there has seemed a al possibility of the hurricane hitting e capital, Met has issued a final arning. If the hurricane has then t arrived in Suva, business houses ve complained of the expense and aste of time involved in battening wn and unbattening again.

On the other hand, when a hurri-ne has seemed unlikely to strike va and no final warning has been sued, Met has of course again been amed for falling down on the job hen the hurricane has struck.

Would the very high cost of a dar station to avoid this situation warranted—or would it be better r Met to invariably issue a full arning and for business houses to ose down so long as the period of certainty lasts?

Dr. Gabites considers that it is up the community—not Met to decide hat should be done in regard to al warnings. The problem is a real e in heavily populated places like e South-east coast of the U.S., here the cost of closing down in adiness for a hurricane is very gh indeed.

The question to be decided is hether, in a moderate-sized town ke Suva—or in Vila, Apia, or oumea—it would *always* be advis-le to make full preparation as soon the slightest doubt develops. Or ould the cost of doing so be greater an the cost and maintenance of itable radar stations at the Capitals -or of groups of stations scattered rough the more populous South acific areas? Or is it better to take e risk, as at present?

MEANWHILE, people in the *South* Pacific should realise that no-here does there exist today the eans of *accurately* reporting or pre-cting the movements of a hurricane; at the means *are* available—at very gh cost—for localised areas only; d that once a warning has been sued for their general area (say, ithin several hundred miles), it is ise for them to assume that they e going to be hit and to take full measures to prepare their buildings for the blow.

People living in the hurricane area should accept the fact that, sooner or later, they are going to be hit, and they should have some safe refuge, well above sea level, planned in advance.

There would seem no sound reason why native villages should not establish well-built shelters, of solid yet simple type, at little expense. Native houses rarely withstand a hurricane, and they frequently prove to be death-traps, killing the inmates as they collapse. School children should be taught that the greatest danger, once the blow commences, is in being out where there is enormous risk from flying debris. People should also realise that when a hurricane passes directly across their area there will be a temporary complete calm —which will very soon be followed by an equally violent blow from the opposite direction. Lives are frequently lost through people coming

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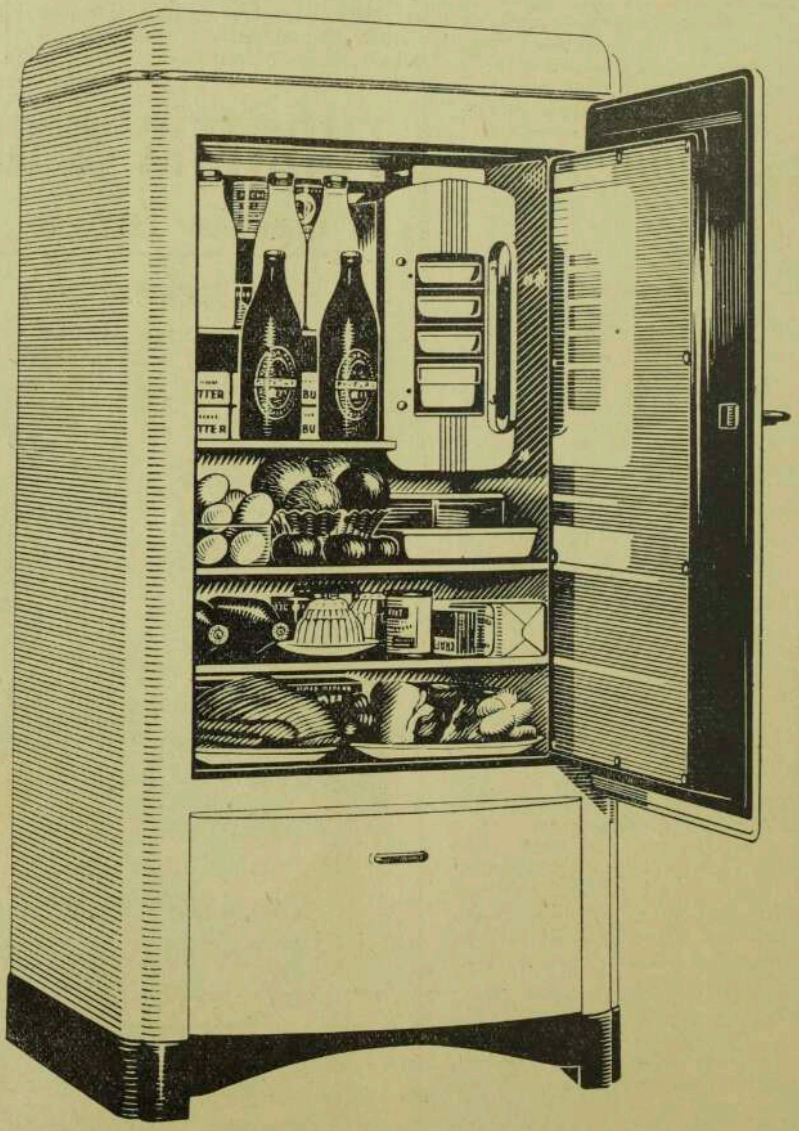
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ıto the open when this calm arrives, elieving that the blow is over.

Material damage, especially to plan- ıtions, can never be overcome, but ıuch could be done towards saving ves and buildings if prompt action taken.

Certainly there has been no hurri- ane in the South Pacific area that as not been adequately reported by ıe existing Met Organisation in the ast 10 years. If Met has fallen down t all it may have been in its reluc- ance or failure to advise the public f its limitations in ability to pre- ict the exact movement of hurri- anes, thus encouraging over-con- dence.

MISSION PRINTER AND PRESS RETURN TO SOLOMONS

AFTER ten years of "exile," Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isom are return- ing to the British Solomon Is- nds, to resume the operation there f the Melanesian Mission Press. fr. Isom has had charge of this ction of the Melanesian Mission's ctivities for about 40 years. He ıd his wife, before tne war, were ld in high esteem in the Solomons, ıd all the "old hands" will be ad to see them again.

Mr. and Mrs. Isom, with daughter argaret, aged 8, got away from the olomons in 1942 only a little while efore the Japanese invasion. Soon fterwards, their Mission printing ant was completely destroyed. Mr. om got some equipment and re- tablished his printery at Summer ill, Sydney, in 1944, and has been rrying on there ever since. Mean- hile, daughter Margaret, now 18, as gone back to the Solomons as Mission teacher. Fred Isom has en the Melanesian Mission printer nce 1913.

REDS ON NG PETTY CRIME

The Australian Communist news- aper Tribune—a particularly un- leasant specimen of journalism— as been giving some attention to hat it calls "Australian Justice— G Style." It seems to be deeply oncerned because natives convicted petty crimes—like thieving from ıe Moresby stores—have been sent gaol. It thinks this is "vicious" ecause persons convicted of what regards more serious crimes in ustralia were not gaoled or fined. says the NG natives must have equality;" that they will never ave it until they win it with the d of the Australian working class nd its allies" (the Reds, presum- bly); and it calls for the salvation these natives from destruction the hands of "Imperialists and olonisers."

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RABAUL, June 30.

The farce "See How They Run" was successfully produced by Miss Jo Keating, of the R.S.L. Players, and her well-chosen cast got every ounce of mirth and merriment out of a fast sequence of wildly improbable happenings.

On a more sombre note, and more ambitiously "theatre", was The Malaguna Players' presentation of "The Case of the Frightened Lady", produced by Keith Armistead under the direction of Arthur Savage—who, incidentally, was chiefly responsible for the fine settings, as well as giving an effective characterisation of the last of a long line of lordly lunatics. Some untried players proved equal to exacting parts: in fact, Stan Dwyer, as Sergeant Totty, partly stole the show.

With such a nucleus, Rabaul should be able to stage some really worthwhile productions in the near future.

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"Well some years back a Dane resident in the outer districts and footing it into town, saw the sign and, feeling very ready for some liquid refreshment, decided to step into the bar for a while. Rather surprised to find the front door closed and unable to raise any response he presented himself at the back, where the lady of the house answered his knock and enquired of his wants. Naturally the Mayoress was somewhat taken aback when he called for a rum punch—but after all, how was a Dane expected to know that Hotel de Ville is not as all other hotels?"

NO NUDISTS HERE

FIJIAN proprieties are offended—but not as much as they used to be—by the insistence of the producers of tourist-bait literature on the inclusion of pictures of entirely undraped figures to give the impression of carefree pagan abandon in the South Seas.

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ublished a more than idyllic version f the Yasawa Group (the southern lands that the hurricane missed). Vith it went a picture of an authen-cally muscular and beautifully pro-ortioned gentleman with no clothes, a fish-spearing pose. The caption as "Poised for Action: A Fijian pearing fish from the rocks at aradise Island."

Very effective, but the truth is that there is one thing that a tourist ill not see in Fiji it is a naked ijian spearing fish (or a naked Fijian, eriod).

Generally speaking, Fijians are ssy to the point of prudery in the atter of covering. If the man legedly spearing fish had really been pearing fish for the family meal he ould have worn an ample sulu with, ore likely than not, a pair of shorts nderneath. So much for primitive mplicity in the Yasawas.—J.K.

TOFUA NIGHTMARE

THE Union Steam Ship Co's Island vessel *Tofua* was surging outhward from Suva towards Auck-nd one night in May. Most of the assengers had turned in as it was old on deck.

Suddenly, someone right aft heard faint cry "Help! Help!"—and, isely, lost no time in giving the arm to the bridge.

Immediately the whole emergency rganisation came into operation. boat's crew stood by ready to ower away. The ship circled back. yes peered into the darkness. Ears rained to maximum pitch. A ghted buoy marked the approximate ot.

It took some time for the excite-ent on deck to filter through the ip. Naturally it reached the off-atch crew before reaching the assengers below.

Then an urgent messenger rushed the bridge with the horrible uth. It was just old Bill, one of the ngine-room boys, having one of his utine nightmares by an open port ot far below the deck level. The ip resumed her voyage.

Nightmare over and snoring bliss-lly, Bill was disturbed from his reams to be told of the trouble he'd used. He snarled and went right ack to sleep.

Some national teams will be atched with great interest at the lympic Games in Finland this onth. For the first time, the Rus-ans will be there, and they have oasted in broadcasts that their eds are going to "clean up" the apitalist athletes. The new "Re-ublic of Indonesia" has sent a eam of eight men.

FIJI BANANA OUTLOOK GOOD

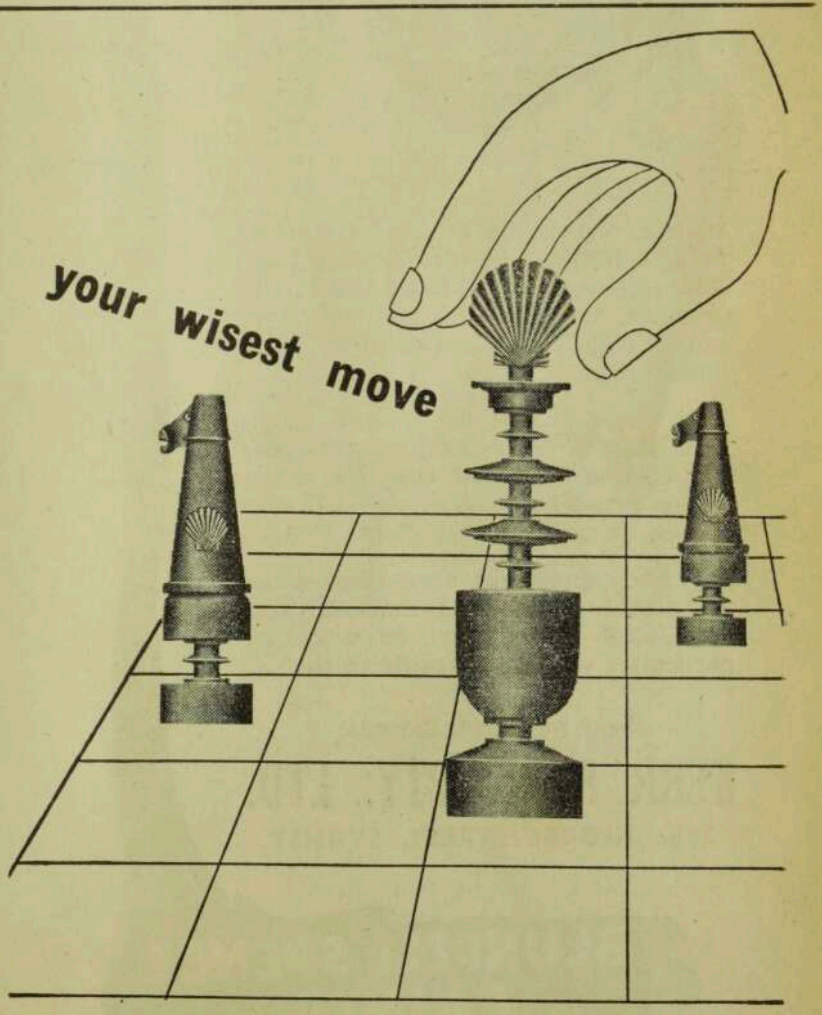
MR. C. ROSS WALKER, manager of Fruit Distributors Ltd., the New Zealand imported-fruit distribution organisation, in a statement in June reviewed Fiji banana industry prospects.

Fiji would resume exports to New Zealand in September and by December it was anticipated that regular cargoes of 24,000 cases per month would be coming forward, Mr. Ross Walker announced.

Substantial new areas in southern and eastern Viti Levu are now being planted, including a first venture by Fijians near Suva.

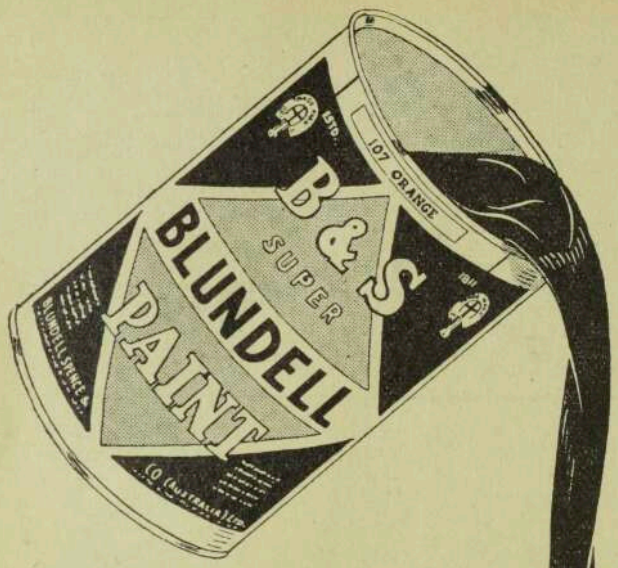
Four members of the NZ Government Film Unit staff of Wellington, are assisting in filming the Warner Bros. film "His Majesty O'Keefe," at Deuba, Fiji. They are cameraman Randal Beattie, stage manager Peter Newman, electrician David Chaplin, and Derek Wright, prop man. Messrs. Newman and Chaplin went to Fiji in June, and the others in July. Production will last three months.

The New Zealand Gazette of May 29 confirmed the appointment of **Mr. Lionel Harold Trenn**, formerly Resident Agent of several Cook Islands, to the position of Commissioner of the Native Land Court of the Cook Islands.



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THE South Pacific Commission's investigator, Mr. D. H. Urquhart, former Director of Agriculture of the Gold Coast, visited Fiji in June to survey the possibility of establishing a cocoa-growing industry in Fiji's wet zone.

Mr. Urquhart will report to the Commission, which will pass on his recommendations to the Fiji Government.

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SEASONAL CHANGES TO RADIO NZ FREQUENCIES

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NZ NEWSLETTER

Recently, the NZ Broadcasting Service began a weekly session of news and other items of special Islands interest called Islands Newsletter. It is broadcast each Thursday at 8.40 p.m. (Fiji time) and includes information about shipping and air services, news from various Pacific territories and from the HQ of the South Pacific Commission.

NEW WEATHER BROADCAST FOR FIJI

Nadi Aeradio recently commenced transmission of an excellent weather broadcast for the Fiji Islands, which should be of considerable interest to yachtsmen and other shipping heading in that direction. For several years Nadi has broadcast weather information at rather high speed, in morse, which was suitable for qualified operators. The new transmission serves those unable to read morse. It is made on voice, at 0915 GMT daily, on 7.5 mc/s.

The Suva broadcast station also broadcasts a weather forceast but the present Suva station is of low power and its range is very limited. The new Nadi transmission is heard excellently as far away as New Zealand, and, especially in the hurricane season (Nov.-April) should be a valuable aid to shipping, and residents in the outer islands.

RADIO TAHITI FREQUENCIES

Radio Tahiti is reported now to be transmitting the afternoon programme simultaneously on two frequencies—6135 kc/s and 6980 kc/s—from 0430 to 0630 GMT.

Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Mills recently left Sydney for the New Hebrides where the Doctor will take up his appointment as British Government Medical Officer.

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GATHERING KENAF SEED

New Stage In New Guinea Industry

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, June 20

NEAR Moresby this month, mechanical harvesting of Kenaf seed began. This is believed to e the first operation of its kind in ne world. This also marks an im-ortant stage in the establishment f the Kenaf fibre industry in apua-New Guinea.

The locale is the Agriculture epartment s nursery beside the aloki River, 14 miles from town. he Kenaf plots are laid out on vel ground, formerly part of chimmer Airstrip during the Paci-c War.

Recent world shortages of fibres, nd Australian requirements of bre products, such as woolpacks, ornsacks, etc., highlight the im-ortance of this venture to Aus-alia's self-sufficiency. It is believed hat the installation of machinery uitable for the production of bags nd similar containers from Kenaf bre would follow its availability on ne Australian market. Apart from ustralian needs, Kenaf can be a ood dollar-earner.

Kenaf seed from Cuba, landed in ne Territory nearly two years ago t a cost of five dollars per pound, now unobtainable from outside sources, and the Laloki experiment is aimed at ensuring local supplies.

The estimated yield per acre, through mechanical harvesting, is about 250 lb.

At present the machine in use on the site is an American John Deere 12A Combine Harvester, a type which has been successfully used on many crops, including a satisfactory harvesting of flax in Australia; and the P. & N.G. Department of Agriculture plan to try it out on further crops.

THE overall height of the harvester exceeds fifteen feet. It has been modified by fitting a false axle about four feet below the original, which allows the cutter tray to operate more than six feet above the ground. The diameter of the overhead reel, which feeds the crop into the cutter tray, has been increased from five to nine feet. Possible points of strain have been reinforced so that the machine may be dragged through the coarse stalks, half an inch to one-and-a-half inches thick.

Some of the unshielded moving parts tend to foul when working on very tall stands of dry stalks. Becoming entangled, these quickly convert into tough balls of fibre, impeding the action of the machine.

The highest plots of Kenaf have been allowed to grow only because recent rain has delayed harvesting. When the cutter tray is operating five feet high on plantings five months old, the harvester works efficiently without fouling.

American fibre and harvest machinery experts have commented favourably. One of them said it worked better than anyone had a right to expect! But spares are difficult to obtain. The officer working on the project hopes he will be

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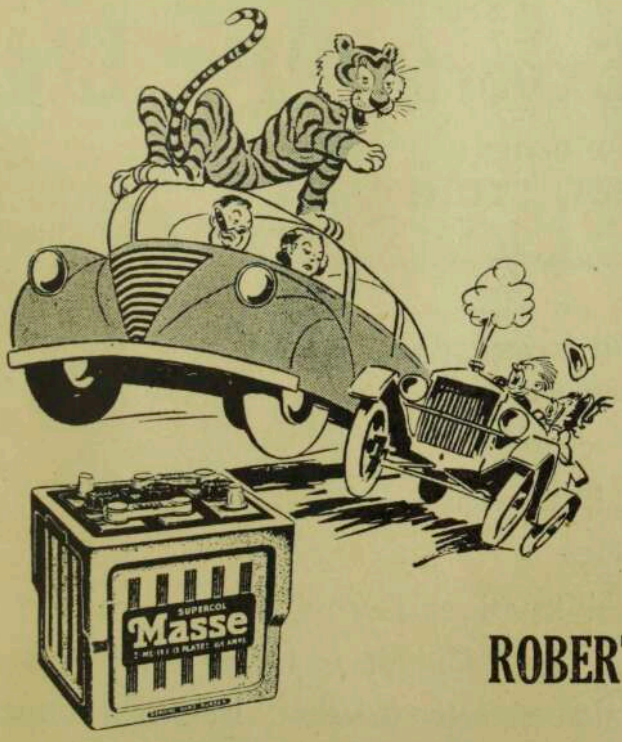
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able to get a quantity of the parts most likely to be required.

The tractor, an International W6, has also been modified. An early experiment with the harvester, bringing its coupling down to the level of the tractor drawbar, was unsuccessful. Then it was decided to attach a second drawbar to the tractor, just behind the seat. Although this arrangement does not conform to accepted practice advocated by the makers of farming machinery, results have been satisfactory.

All the modifications have been carried out by the Department of Works on the advice of Agricultural Officers on the job.

THE area at present being harvested was planted six months ago and covers about 80 acres on part of the old airstrip site. Next year's planting will probably extend to 200 acres, if the unseasonable rains during the "dry"—which threaten to become a permanent feature of Moresby—do not eliminate it as a Kenaf growing locality.

The 200 acres should absorb about 6,000 lb of the present seed crop for planting, and should yield in the vicinity of 50,000 lb, from which growers in the territory will be supplied.

Kenaf grown for fibre is cut after from 70 to 100 days' growth, compared with five months required for seeding. It grows best in full sunlight.

The seed pods are about 15 mm. long and contain a few seeds, of distorted segment shape, about five mm. across. The seed collected by the harvester has a small amount of chipped stalk mixed with it, but this is later cleaned in a separate operation. The pods may be spread out over a foot or more of the upper end of the stalk, and the refuse ejected by the harvester is mostly coarse wisps of fibre.

Minute spines abound on the pods and are blown into the surrounding air by the harvester. Then they wedge in between the operator and



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is clothing, or stick to the body herever there is sweat to hold hem.

"You get used to it," said Mr. A. imson, who is supervising the work, lthough his hands showed irri- ation between the fingers from the oines. Mr. Himson was previously ngaged on a Kenaf project run by he CSIRO in the Northern Terri- ory, but says that the fibre grows etter in Papua. Some experts be- eve it may do better still in the Markham or Ramu Valleys in New Guinea, further north.

If the Kenaf harvesting experi- ment at Laloki is carried to a suc- essful conclusion, it could lead to he complete mechanisation of fibre rop growing and preparation.

MORESBY, July 3—owing to con- nued wet weather, there now is a anger that a large part of this im- ortant Kenaf crop cannot be har- ested. Operations have been held p for some time and the seed may e ruined.

TWIN-HULL YACHTS

Honolulu's Experiences

A FEW years ago PIM published specifications of a "luxu- rious" twin-hulled 90-foot sail- ng canoe-yacht which was about o be built in Honolulu for the Hawaii-Tahiti tourist trade.

Since then shipping people have waited with interest the finished roduct, which was to carry 30 pas- engers in two-berth cabins and ave, between the two hulls, a sa- oon 32 ft by 27 ft.

The craft was to be built by Fran- is Creger and was sponsored by Don Beachcomber, well-known Hawaii restaurant proprietor.

We now learn from Honolulu that, ue to high costs and shortages of ertain materials, the plan was not roceeded with, and, as far as the ervice to Tahiti is concerned, it's all off."

However, a half-scale yacht was uilt for local use and this 50-foot win-hulled sailing craft has demon- trated the possibilities of the type, s easily driven hull reaching speeds n excess of 20 knots. This craft, amed **Hawaiian Queen**, sleeps 10, nd can carry 30 passengers com- ortably on day trips. Fully laden, he draws only 3 feet, and has won- erful performance to windward, hough naturally is very lively in a ead sea. Her total beam is 18 feet.

She was to have competed in the 951 Trans-Pacific Yacht Race, but as not ready in time.

Prior to the construction of this 0-footer, the builders turned out ineteen 20-foot craft of similar de- ign, all of which were sold locally s day-sailers. The larger craft may e seen elsewhere in the Pacific oon.

SCIENTISTS ON TIKOPIA

UNDER an arrangement with the South Pacific Commission and with the blessing of officialdom, the famous anthropologist Dr. Raymond Firth is at present making a six months' stay on the island of Tikopia (or Tucopia) which is an isolated member of the British Solomon Islands administration, and which carries a healthy and attractive community that is predominantly Polynesian. Dr. Firth spent a year there about 20 years ago, and his published descriptions of this community are of considerable scientific interest. On the island also, on a twelve-months visit, is a Mr. Sellars, a Canadian. They have a teleradio set and sound-recording instruments.

Tikopians as Labourers

Messrs. Hayling Brothers, who run the kauri-timber enterprise on Vanikoro Island, have tried to solve their native labour difficulties by recruiting Tikopian natives. Out of the 40 men taken to Vanikoro two have died and three have been returned to their homes.

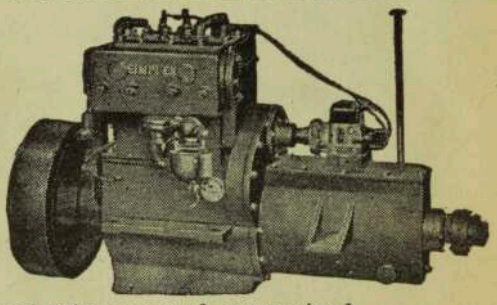
NEW PLANTS FOR RAROTONGA

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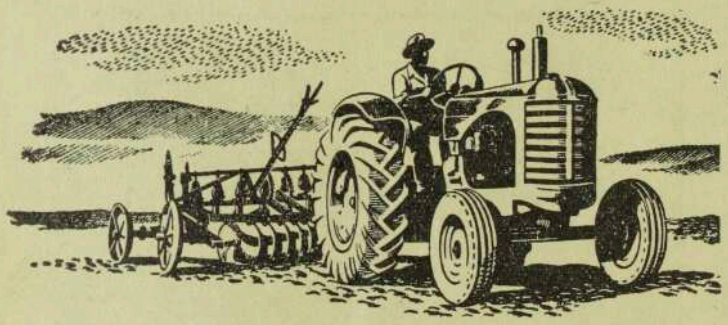
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NOTES FROM RABAUL

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, July 1.

Mrs. Mildred Costello, of Ravuvu, Rabaul, as pleasantly surprised to hear that her ank Pass Book, lost 10 years ago in the urry of evacuation, had been found in he possession of a native. Mrs. Costello an only guess that she left it behind at ire Gire plantation, and this ties in ith the news that at the same time, nd among the same group of natives, ad been found a British Passport be- nging to the late Mr. Hunter, who took ver Gire Gire plantation when Mrs. ostello left.

There is no explanation of how the ative came to have the Pass Book; but he passport seems to have been given a native woman who worked for Mr. unter, so that she might later be dentified as having helped him.

Mrs. Costello suffered little incon- enience from the loss of her book. ommonwealth Savings Bank officials ere very sympathetic, and paid on her ord.

PUMICE MAY HAVE VALUE

Soap manufacturers of Brisbane have nquired about the possibility of import- ng light grey pumice from Rabaul, in lace of supplies imported from New ealand and Italy. The company re- uires the pumice to be dried, finely rushed and packed in double bags. It s understood that the enquiry is being andled by the Chamber of Commerce.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

A native, Borava of Bougainville, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour for breaking and entering the dwelling house of Chong Yung. The Police received a report, proceeded to the dwelling and found the defendant inside. As they entered, Borava smashed his way out with an axe and ran, chased by the police. As the police got hold of him, he unsuccessfully slashed at them with a knife.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

We have heard warm praise from a Diehard about the splendid job being done on the small ships' wharf by the Department of Works.

PLANS FOR FRESH FOOD

Mr. Anderson, Managing Director of Anderson's (Pacific) Trading Co., Ltd., is in Port Moresby in connection with his projected deep sea fishing venture. Rumour hath it that he is negotiating the purchase of two trawlers; that his ice-works are already functioning; and that the machinery for making boxes for the fish is being installed. Mr. Anderson will return on the Bulolo from Lae. Territorians look forward to the day when they can have fish regularly without the aid of a tin opener. Ever since fresh green peas and new potatoes from the "Centre" have been purchaseable, Rabaulites have talked of the possibilities of fresh lamb chops. Highlanders, please note!

PROGRESS

That Meen's milk bar is popular is indicated by extensions being made there at the moment. Mr. Meen plans to run a cool drinks and sweets canteen on the Recreation Reserve each week-end. A similar stand at the picture theatre does a roaring trade.

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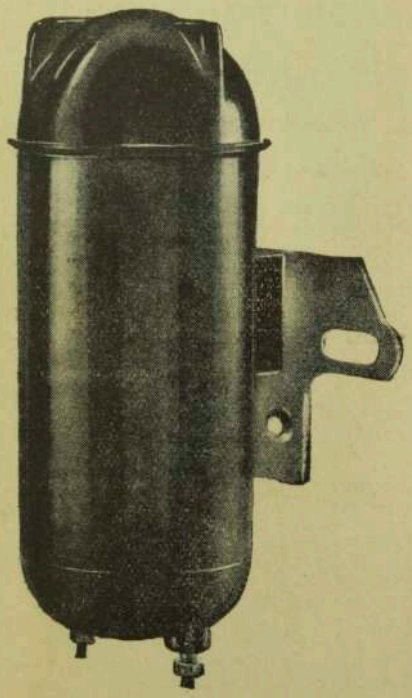
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Council that appointment of two civilian J.P.'s be sought, Mr. Dudley Jones explained that under present circumstances an alternative bench could not be formed if the official Magistrate had to retire owing to the Administration being a party in a case.

The Council has suggested the provision of suitable signs at dangerous points along the Kokopo road and the provision also of well marked parking areas in the town. As part of the new plan of re-establishing Rabaul, the Council wants pressure brought on persons concerned to quickly remove wartime salvage. The need now for a survey was stressed—the Council pointed out that if it could spend £3,000 on a survey of Rapopo it surely could provide a suitable salary for surveyors. Until a survey is complete builders are taking a big risk in proceeding with operations.

Co-operation between Advisory Council and District Commissioner has resulted in many improvements in town amenities in recent months.

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NADI'S THIRD RUNWAY

PRELIMINARY skirmishing over the projected third runway at Nadi, Fiji, is now over and it remains only for the three Governments most concerned—Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom—to agree and to provide the necessary funds.

At its June meeting, the South Pacific Air Transport Council recommended that a third runway be built and that navigational aids be installed to allow the airport to be ready as soon as possible for use by jet aircraft.

A master-plan for the layout of the airport, including new terminal buildings was also approved.

It was originally estimated that Nadi's third runway would cost £1 million. In addition, it is expected that in the 1952-53 financial year operation and maintenance of Nadi airport will cost £250,000 Fijian.

Mr. David Tearell, manager of Gadaisu Rubber Estate, 70 miles from Samarai, Papua, was married to **Miss Val Tallon** in Sydney in June.

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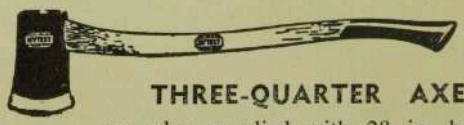


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SUVA, June 30

WHEN heading for Tahiti for the seventh time, Mr. V. Jamieson, of Lyttelton, New Zealand, ent part of a two-day call at Suva oking for the grave of Ernest W. arling one of the most picturesque gures in Jack London's book, ruise of the Snark.

Early in the century, Darling, an merican university man, settled in ahiti after finding that Hawaii did ot come up to his expectations. e was one of Tahiti's famous nature men" when Jack London nd his wife visited the island in 06. He lived in the hills behind Pa-eete, growing most of the food he te. His ideas of dress may have een a bit startling in 1906, but on is visits to Papeete his garments ould have constituted conspicuous ver-dressing on any modern bath-ng beach.

In many ways Darling seems to ave been an exemplary character, ut by 1918 his ideas had apparently ecome rather too advanced for ahiti (so much for the tourist-olders and travel-writers!) and he oved out. At Suva a few people emember him as a quiet-mannered an who lived on fruit and fresh egetables and wore only as many lothes as he had to.

He interested the Fijians, who ommented that he resembled the eople in various Biblical pictures.

At the time of his arrival, Fiji and ost of the other South Pacific roups (barring American Samoa, here proper precautions were aken) was caught in the disastrous orld-wide influenza epidemic. Dar-ing became a victim, but as a ospital patient refused to take any orm of drug or medicine. He ied, and was buried at the Suva emetery, where the name on his eadstone is preceded by the Latin ord Natura, summing up his creed n life. He died on December 9, 918.

On one of his earlier visits to ahiti, Mr. Jamieson visited the site f Darling's dwelling, where the nature man" trounced the redoubt-ble Jack London at boxing. Hardly trace of the primitive hut now emains.

The New Zealander first visited apeete in 1917 when he was aboard he Admiralty transport Karori. ike many other people, he was aught by the indefinable charm of ahiti. Now, on his seventh visit, e thinks he may settle there perm-nently.

Sister Dorothy May left Syd-ey on the June Bulolo and will ork with the Anglican Mission in apua.

HOW USA IS DEALING WITH MICRONESIA

REPORTS indicate that United States is putting much energy and a great deal of money into its administration of the Trust Territory of Micronesia, for which it became responsible after the defeat of Japan.

Administrative headquarters are away eastward in Honolulu. The three archipelagoes (Carolines, Marshalls and Marianas) are divided into six administrative districts; and the districts, and the American independent territory of Guam (in the centre of Micronesia), are controlled from Honolulu.

The American's biggest problem probably lies in communications. There are only 60,000 people in these innumerable small islands, spread over a huge expanse of ocean. For communications, the Administration maintains four planes, one ocean-going ship, and four smaller ships (AKL's). A plan to reduce costs by the employment of auxiliary schooners is under consideration.

Mr. T. T. Russell, now of Auckland, who was a Magistrate in Fiji between 1936-40 and who subsequently was a Judge in Malaya, has been appointed Judge of the Fiji Court of Appeal for the Sessions to be held in August.



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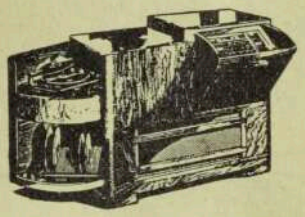
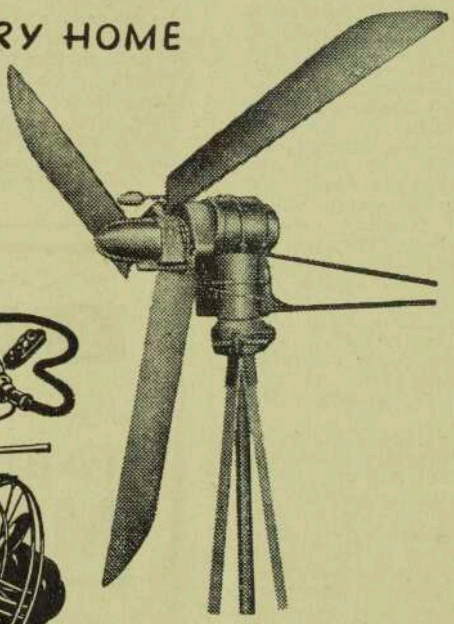
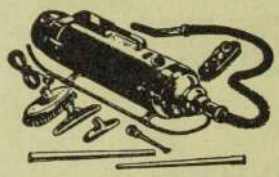
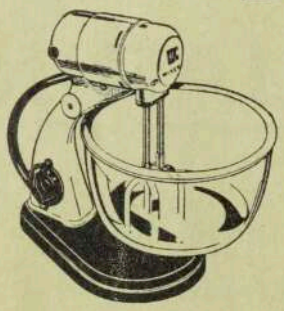
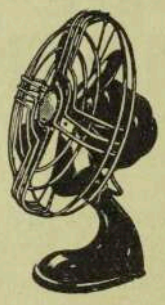
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TOO MANY MURRAYS FOR COUNTRY EDITOR

THE editor of the Wingham (NSW) Chronicle, on June 17, produced a thunderous editorial. t commenced this way:

"Colonel J. Murray, retiring Administrator of New Guinea, and, ike his father, one of the greatest nen who ever tackled, and tackled uccessfully, the task of civilising he cannibalistic tribes of the isands to the North, has given us omething to think about."

We found it a little hard to follow, ntil we realised that the worthy ditor had got his Murrays mixed. Ie evidently thinks that the Colonel s a son of the late Sir Hubert. Then follows a long quotation from statement by Colonel Murray, nd the final sentence: "There is omething for Canberra to ponder bout."

One is reminded of the old pressnen's story of the tired editor. He ad not time nor inclination to write n editorial. So he scissored the eading article from his morning ewspaper, wrote in front of it, What does the London Times mean y this?", sent it out for setting—nd thus discharged his journalistic bligations.

New Mission Magazine

A NEW, and attractive, addition to the mission magazines of the Pacific has recently been put out rom Maryvale, Hunter's Hill, Sydney, by the Marist Fathers.

Called "Harvest," it covers Marist ctivities in Australia as well as n the Pacific Islands. The magaine is published every two months nd in the June issue there is a ong article on Father Leo Lejeune.

Father Lejeune had served 34 ears as a missionary in Fiji before t was learned in 1935 that he had ontracted leprosy. So the good ather went to Makogai, Fiji's nodel leper settlement, in theory s a patient but in practice he carried on his missionary work until is death just a year ago.

SCIENTISTS ON AN ATOLL

A TEAM of seven scientists, mostly Americans, left recently by air, via Honolulu and Fiji, for the remote atoll of Raroia, in the Tuamotus, French Oceania, where they will spend three months in a study of atoll environment and animal and plant life. They expected to travel from Papeete to Raroia in a steamer provided by the French Administration, which is assisting.

Members are Dr. Maxwell S. Doty, University of Hawaii; John Byrne, Columbia University; W. J. Newhouse, New Hampshire University; Bengt Danielsson, of Johanneshov, Sweden, who was aboard the raft Kon-tiki which in 1949 drifted from Peru to the Marquesas; Dr. Joseph P. E. Morrison, United States National Museum; Dr. Norman D. Newell, American Museum of Natural History, leader of the group; and Dr. Robert R. Harry, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. Some of the material collected will go to the Bishop museum in Honolulu.

Atom-bombs?



Not a Bikini atom-blast. This photograph was taken by Mr. Edwin Gold of Mangaia, Cook Is., when the RNZN ship Kanieri was blasting a passage through the reef off that island late last year.

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A Terrible Thirst at Norfolk!

"NO empties—no beer!" That was the reply of the Wellington breweries to an order from Norfolk Island late in June for 600 dozen bottles of beer, to be despatched post-haste per the **Vila Star.** **Vila Star,** already loaded with gasoline and other general cargo, lay at the wharf while urgent pleas flashed by telegraph.

"Shipping to Norfolk is scarce enough—don't let her go without the beer"—was the substance of anguished messages from the Pacific tourist Mecca.

Finally, the brewers relented and released "some hundreds of dozens —but not the full order," on the promise that the equivalent number of empties would be got to New Zealand "by hook or by crook" in the near future.

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COPRA DIVERTED FROM NZ TO UK

ISLANDS Territories Department of NZ announced early in July that the copra needs of Abels Ltd., Auckland (who operate the only copra crushing plant in NZ) were fully met, for this year. Consequently, the British have been asked to receive all future shipments from the Cooks, Niue and W. Samoa.

Abels normally import about 1,800 tons from the Cooks, 500 tons from Niue, and about 2,000 tons from Samoa. These quantities represent the entire production of Cooks and Niue, but only a fraction of the Samoan output, which has mainly gone to UK.

The sale of coconut oil in New Zealand has recently fallen. Soap manufacturers pay about £118 (NZ) per ton at present.

Sister Lorna Heath, of the Anglican Mission, has been transferred from Northern Australia to Papua.

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AST SAMOANS VISH TO IGHT FOR USA

ACCORDING to newspaper reports, the Governor of East amoa, Colonel Phelps Phelps, who as been in Washington, is seeking cilities under which some 2,000 ung Samoans of his Territory may ve expression to their desire to rve in the American armed ser- ces. The authorities seem sym- thetic.

Sociological thinkers seem to be uch disturbed because less than 000 young Fijians, out of a total 125,000 Fijians, have been sent road on war service. What will ey have to say if 2,000 East Sa- oans, out of a total of less than ,000, are similarly sent overseas. here are altogether some 90,000 amoans, but less than one third that happy Polynesian race is in e American Territory. The re- ainder are in West Samoa, under Z.

OLOMON ISLANDS SOCIETY

A GENERAL meeting of the British Solomon Islands Society in Honiara June 26 marked the beginning of the cond year of the Society's activities.

The retiring President, Dr. W. H. Mc- onald, in a short address, summarised e Society's work.

The objects of the Society are to pro- ote the study and acquisition of cientific and industrial knowledge relat- g to the Protectorate and other Pacific slands; to encourage the interchange of formation and ideas regarding science r industry in its area; to collect for reservation publications, books, records nd manuscripts relating to the Solomons; nd to publish records of the transactions f the Society.

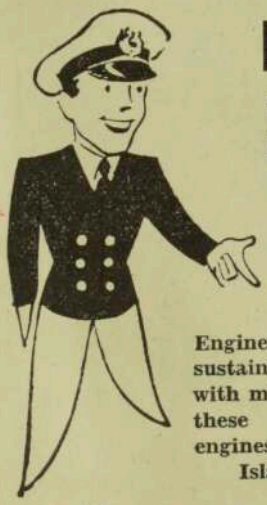
Officers elected for the year were: resident, Mr. D. A. Donald; Vice- residents, Mr. J. A. Johnstone and Mr. . A. Dethridge; Councillors, Mr. C. H. llan, Mr. R. Pullen, Mr. G. F. Dennis nd Mr. J. C. Grover. The Honorary uditor is Mr. K. Fox.

At the close of the meeting Mr. J. C. rover read a paper written by Sister eronica on the wrecking of the Avu vu and Tangarari Missions on the eather coast of Guadalcanal in the launary storm, when mission staff and onverts were driven by huge waves to ake refuge in the hills. She described ow old and young alike ran through vaist-deep water as the waves demolished he Mission buildings behind them. An dded hazard was the presence of large umbers of poisonous centipedes all over he stile which crossed the refugee's path rom the Mission to high ground. These, driven from their places by the water, warmed over the faces and through the air of the people hurrying to safety, ut no one was bitten. The exodus from he Mission buildings took place at 3 .m. by the light of two torches and a few hurricane lanterns.

Among those who have addressed the British Solomon Islands Society during its first 12 months are Mr. Torben Wolff, a member of the Danish Oceanographic Expedition of 1950-1952, on the occation of a visit by **H.D.M.S. Galathea**; Dr. C. J. Austin, from the leprosarium at Makogai Fiji; Dr. Raymond Firth, who is spending some months on further anthropological research on the island of Tikopia; and Mr. W. Poggendorff, a rice expert from the NSW Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Sid Pasley, of Rabaul, has resigned from the staff of the Expropriation Board and he and his wife have gone out to Manus, where he will be in charge of the Fletcher establishment.

When the Japs invaded Rabaul in 1942, there were in the tiny garrison there about 150 members of the 17th Australian Anti-Tank Battalion. Some were killed in battle; some escaped westward into the New Britain jungles; many were later captured and murdered. It is believed that to-day only 8 of the original 150 are alive. Recently, by sheer accident, three of the eight met at Mascot airfield, Sydney. They were Archie Taylor, BCPA base traffic officer; Mark White, of Fiji, who was passing through; and Alan Fischer, of Sydney. Taylor and White had not seen each other for five years; and, as they talked, Fischer—whom neither had seen since they parted in Rabaul ten years before—came along.

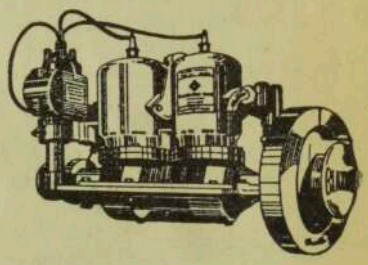


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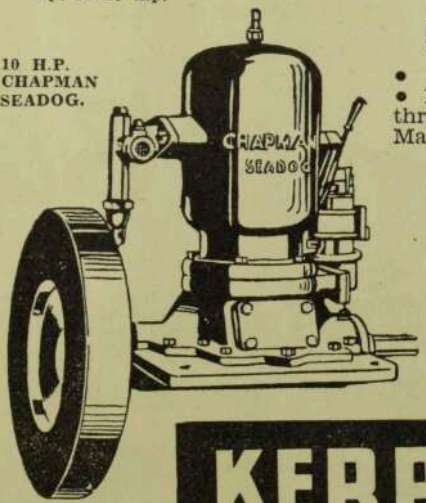
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Committee Already at Work

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ALREADY, with speed and little fuss, the District Commissioner has got to work with a small local committee, to make plans for and proceed with the building of Northern New Guinea's capital on the site of old war-blasted Rabaul. The Committee comprises:

The District Commissioner (chairman) and Messrs. J. J. Murphy, District Officer; G. I. McLennan, Department of Works; D. Barrett, MLC; W. B. Ryan, Rabaul Advisory Council; J. L. Chipper, Chamber of Commerce; J. C. Koeford, Land Valuator; A. Richards, Expropriation Board.

Since funds have already been allocated for a permanent escape route over Tunnel Hill, and for a new wharf and Customs sheds, it was agreed that priority be given these two works, and that wharfage facilities be suitable for both large and small craft.

The need for a surveyor to define existing boundaries of freehold and leasehold blocks was emphasised.

Suitable sites for the native and Asiatic Hospitals were debated, and consideration given to Rapindik (on the eastern foreshore of Matupi Harbour) as a possible site for the Native Hospital, Pathology and X-Ray Departments; and, probably, also the native compounds. There was a suggestion of a light railway to connect Rapindik with Rabaul.

It was decided that all reserves including the Botanic, Baths and Recreation reserves should revert to their proper purpose. The single women's quarters at the Recreation Reserves will be removed.

The Committee urged generous parklands and every effort to re-create the pre-war "Rabaul beautiful." (Some progress has already been made following an Advisory Council decision that all roads and open spaces should be bordered with suitable trees. Shrapnel-damaged trees in Mango Avenue have been replaced by Kamarere trees and the approaches to Namanula Hospital bordered with Jacarandas—all, plus the tree guards, a gift to the town from Mr. J. L. Chipper.)

The Committee discussed the special bracing of houses and minimum slope of roofs, so as to prevent damage by earth tremors or minor eruptions. It suggested the Building Board should carefully check all types of buildings: (a) to ensure that proper buildings are erected; (b) to prevent residential areas being encroached upon by commercial and industrial concerns.

It is anticipated the residential area will expand up the slopes of the Namanula Hills, on the hill itself, and to the north of Malaguna Road.

The DC said the Administration would ultimately provide power and light for the entire town.

Permanent water supply and sewerage plans were discussed.

PACIFIC SUMMER CRUISES

ORIENT Line has announced resumption of Pacific holiday cruises in the coming summer. Itineraries for Orcades and Oronsay, 28,000-tonners, are being planned for December and January, and the 13 days trip will include Suva and Auckland.

Around the World Alone

AFTER circumnavigating the world in 2¾ years, Breton fisherman Jacques Yves le Toumelin, on July 7, returned to the French Atlantic port of Le Croissec, and got a tumultuous welcome. He sailed alone in a 40-ft cutter he built himself; and, in the course of 30,000 miles, he visited South Pacific territories, including Tahiti and New Guinea.

Mrs. Susan Georgetti, whose husband owns and operates the small vessel "Loma," in the Solomon Islands, has been in Sydney on holidays recently.

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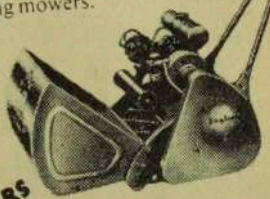
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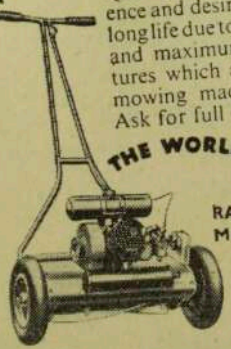
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Fijian Boxer to Meet Australian Champion

EMPIRE middleweight champion Dave Sands of Australia, will fight Fijian light-heavyweight Isimili Radrodeo in Singapore on July 18. Sands and manager Bede Kerr will fly to Singapore on July 14. Radrodeo is a member of the Fjiian regiment serving in Malaya but is practically unknown outside Fiji.

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SOLENTS OPEN NEW TRADE ON CORAL ROUTE

TEAL'S eastbound solent had some interesting cargoes aboard in late June.

From New Zealand the aircraft took the first consignment of day-old chicks—100 each for Suva and Papeete—as an experimental shipment from the Bromley Park Poultry Farm, Tuakau, NZ. Many more are expected to follow if results are good. Also aboard were Chinese gooseberry and raspberry cuttings for planting in Tahiti.

From Aitutaki went two tons of fresh tomatoes, first of what is hoped may become a new and valuable trade. In Papeete, tomatoes are scarce and command a high price. Soon mandarins and oranges will also be going forward to the fruit-hungry Papeete market.

The Solents are capable of carrying substantial cargoes in addition to their full passenger load. Ton lots of fresh meat and sausages are regular cargoes from Auckland to Suva; and, southbound, the big TEAL planes bring orchids, ginger blossoms and other tropical flowers to the lucrative flower market in Auckland.

Mrs. S. McCosker of Brisbane was a passenger on the June Bulolo for New Britain where she will visit her husband's plantation, Matala, about 50 miles from Rabaul.



ANNUAL REPORT OF NG WOMEN'S ASSN. OF MELBOURNE

THE following is a report of the year's activities of the New Guinea Women's Assn. Melbourne, made on July 3 by the president, Mrs. H. A. Gregory.

Meetings have been held on the first Saturday in each month and thus we have been enabled to keep the Association alive and a rendezvous with Territorians which would otherwise be lost.

Food parcels have been sent to Britain during the past year. They have been gratefully acknowledged and, on our part we were glad to be able to do this small service.

A donation was sent to the Shrine Memorial Fund in honour of our gallant men lost in the last world war.

A donation of £10 was forwarded to the Bill Cook Appeal Fund, and many members made individual donations. We were happy to see Mr. Cook amongst those of the 2/22nd at the memorial service in January, when a wreath was placed on the Shrine in memory of our own men who lost their lives in New Guinea.

The Xmas Party was a success and enjoyed by a great many Territorians and their friends and my grateful thanks go to the usual willing workers, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Green, Miss Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and Mr. M. Clarke. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Mrs. Farnsworth, our capable and efficient Treasurer for her excellent work and co-operation throughout the year, also Miss Valda Youlden, our Secretary, for her services to the Association.

Our thanks go to the Vacuum Oil Company for an enjoyable night which they arranged for us, and to the members who donated sweets which were sold to assist our finances.

Parcels of clothing brought in during the year were collected by Mrs. Linggood for the "Save the Children Fund".

The Memorial Scholarship winners for the past year were Jean Ashby and John C. Spensley, both of whom lost their fathers during the war in New Guinea.

At present six children are benefiting from the Scholarship; they are Laloma Linggood, Nigel R. Cooper, and Ian Stanton Crouch, whose awards will terminate at the end of this year and William R. Bliss who finishes at the end of 1953. The awards granted this year will terminate in 1954.

Mr. Harry Erskine, popular pre-war Medical Assistant at Wau, New Guinea, has returned to the town again. Mr. Erskine will be joined by his wife and family at a later date. He relieves **Mr. E. Kuter** who has been Medical Assistant-in-Charge for the past two years.

Mr. D. E. Ward, senior geophysical interpreter of the American affiliate of the Vacuum Oil Company arrived in Australia recently en route to Papua. Oil drilling activities in the Territory will now be based mostly on seismographic data, and on Mr. Ward's interpretations probably will depend the future of activities in the area. He has just completed a three-year assignment in Indonesia.

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MRS. ENA DRYSDALE AND DAUGHTER

Mrs. Ena Drysdale and her daughter Janet, aged 11, of Suva, were killed in a road collision between a car and an Army truck on the Tallangatta Road, near Banlianna, Victoria, on June 20.

They were on holidays and were to have returned to Suva with Mr. Drysdale within a few days.

Mr. Drysdale, who has been Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue since 1951, had been spending six months' leave overseas. Mrs. Drysdale, a well-known Suva golfer, was a most popular figure among a wide circle of friends in Fiji.

MRS. JULIA NORDMAN

An esteemed and highly respected resident of Papeete, Tahiti, Mrs. Julia Nordman, died on June 14, aged 87. She was a member of the well-known Thompson family, pioneer English settlers in the United States. Miss Julia Thompson married a Captain Nordman, and they had a number of children, of whom Mr. Oscar Nordman, of Tahiti, is one. Among the many people who attended the funeral were the Mayor (M. Poroi) and sub-mayor (M. Pamrun), both of whom were connected with the Thompsons by marriage.

MR. EDWARD JAMES MATHEWS

Mr. Edward James Mathews, formerly well known in the Cook Islands, died at his home at Henderson, near Auckland, NZ, on April 24, aged 82. He went to Rarotonga as Branch Manager for A. B. Donald & Co. about 1904 and about 1929 he retired with his family to New Zealand. Disliking the NZ climate, he joined the firm of Jagger & Harvey and went to their Rarotonga branch about 1930; and after that, until final retirement in 1948, he made frequent journeys between Rarotonga and Auckland. He was born in Liverpool, England.

MR. CYRIL GLEESON

Soon after he arrived on the Parer plantation in New Britain, the death occurred of Mr. Cyril Gleeson, who was very well known in the Territory.

BROTHER ALEXIS

Brother Alexis, MSC, died peacefully in his sleep at Yule Island Mission Station, Papua, on June 21. He was 83, and had spent 58 years in Papua. He was best known in the Territory many years ago, as a skilful seaman in charge of the Mission ketch St. Andrew.

CAPTAIN BURCHAELL

Captain Burchaell, well-known master of the vessel Neo Hebraidais, which trades regularly between Sydney and Noumea, died suddenly at sea on the night of July 7. He was under 50 years of age, but had been in poor health. Mr. Simon, the mate, took charge of the ship and on arrival in Sydney, he was appointed captain. Captain Burchaell was married and his home was in Noumea.

MRS. ALICE EVETTS

The death occurred in Suva, on June 9 of Mrs. Alice Evetts, in her 85th year.

Mrs. Evetts was born in England, and when in her teens went to New Zealand with her parents. She married there and in 1916 with her husband went to Suva to take over the Pier Hotel, which was then just being built. Mr. Evetts died in 1919 and Mrs. Evetts continued to manage the Hotel until 1926, when she sold it to Mr. D. B. Costello. The Hotel was later given its present name of the Garrick.

Mrs. Evetts is survived by her son, Mr. R. C. Evetts of Suva.

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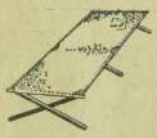
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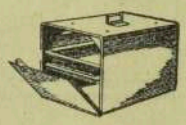
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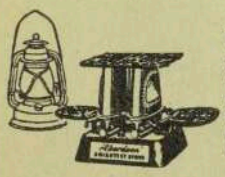
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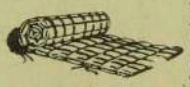


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Samoa Celebrates Flag Raising And Queen's Birthday

APIA, June 16

JUNE 2 and 3 were days of celebration in Western Samoa. The first date was the fourth anniversary of the raising of the Western Samoan flag. And June 3 was celebrated as the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

Samoa's flag-raising anniversary took place on the malae at Mulinu'u and in the presence of a large gathering the flags of Western Samoa and New Zealand were again raised side by side.

Speeches were made by the High Commissioner, the Chairman of the Fono of Faipule, Gatoloai Peseta, the Hon. Malietoa Tanumafili, the Hon. Mr. A. M. Gurau, representing the European members of the Legislative Assembly, and by the Hon. Tualaulelei on behalf of Samoan members.

All stressed the part youth must play in the future of the Territory, particularly in relation to self-government and Mr. Gurau spoke of the progress already made during the few years since the Samoan flag was first raised on the malae.

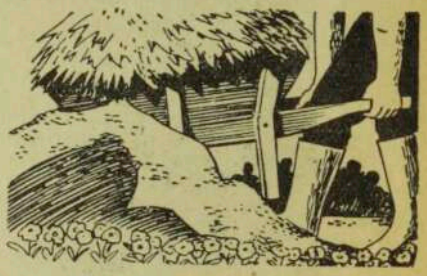
On June 3, official functions were held at Central Office and at the High Commissioner's residence, Vailima, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday and during the afternoon Apia Turf Club held a Queen's Birthday race meeting at Apia park. The main event, the Samoa Cup, was won by Mrs. C. Carruthers' Beau Martian.

The Burns Philp Motor-vessel Muliama put in to Brisbane with engine trouble in early July, on her way from Sydney to Honiara, BSI.

Pacific Travellers



Passengers arriving in Auckland per TOFUA in June included (left to right, top to bottom): MR. C. VERNON YOUNG, President of the Auckland 18 ft. Flying Squadron, and owner-sailer of KIA-ORA, returning from the Yachting Regatta in Suva. MISS JOSIE PHINEAS and MISS TU'I FA'ATUI, of Apia, who will spend three months' holiday in Auckland. MR. FAKAHOA down from Niue to visit relatives. MRS. M. MEREDITH, formerly of Apia, down to meet friends. SISTER MARGARET PARSONS, completing her term at Niue hospital, added adventure to her travels by journeying aboard the Auckland yacht WAKAYA as far as Suva before joining TOFUA. MR. J. B. MITCHELL returned to Auckland after completing extension work at the Niue electric power system. MR. HANS G. MOA of Vavau, down on holiday, was met by his young cousin David.



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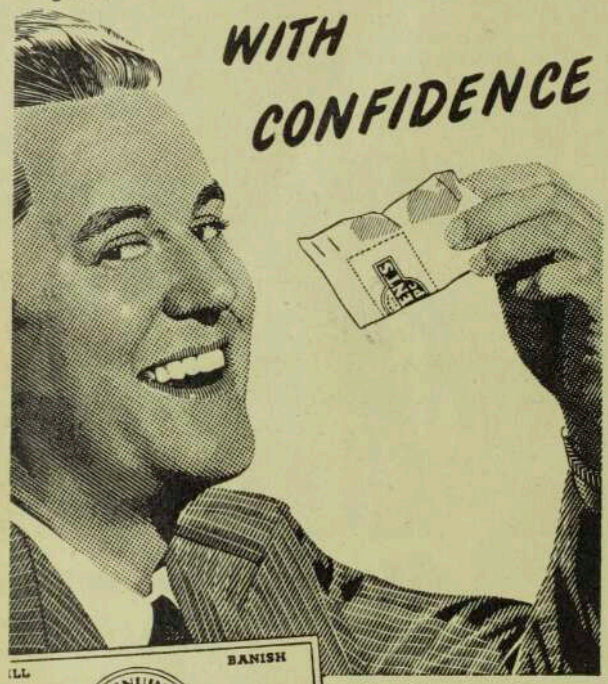
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The Decline of Fijian Culture

Fiji Society Discusses Thorny Problem

SUVA, June 30

HAVING shelved for the time being the question of whether yaqona (kava) is, or is not a beverage with valuable medicinal qualities, (see May PIM), the Fiji Society has turned its attention to a problem nearly as old—the decay of traditional custom among the Fijian people.

At the end of a recent debate on a paper read by Mr. R. H. Lester, the society left this question as open as that concerning kava, but with a fairly general feeling that affairs were not as well as might be.

Mr. Lester's paper inclined to the view that there had been little change of custom in Fijian society thanks largely to Sir Arthur Gordon's Fijian Regulations in 1877 which, Mr. Lester claimed, had gone far to ensure that Fijian culture should be preserved.

Mr. Lester estimated that even to-day, out of a total of 78,000 Fijian males over the age of 12 years, only 14,700 were engaged in any sort of industry, "the remainder being in their villages, living their traditional life." (There is some doubt as to whether the 14,700 include all those in the armed forces, the police and many branches of the Government service, as well as in commercial employment. If so, the figure quoted may be on the conservative side.)

Mr. Lester outlined the changes that had come into Fijian culture through the centuries. First there was the Melanesian influence (matrilineal descent, rule by elders and belief in the spirits); then Polynesian (rule by chiefs and an ancestral cult) and lastly the European impact together with the code based on Christian ethics.

In the discussion that followed the paper, Mr. R. A. Derrick, Fiji's foremost present-day historian, said that without customs any race loses its character and added that it was Fijian custom which had made the Fijian people distinguished on all occasions He praised the work of Sir Arthur Gordon towards the preservation of Fijian culture and recalled how bitterly the Fijian Regulations were assailed by the Europeans in the years after Cession.

When Dr. A. S. Frater, the Society's president asked Mr. Lester if he believed that the British had given the Fijians enough in the way of interest and training to take the place of lost customs, the lecturer said that the Fijian was by nature a busy and not a lazy person. Hard daily work went into the Fijian village food gardens.

A Fijian contributor to the dis-

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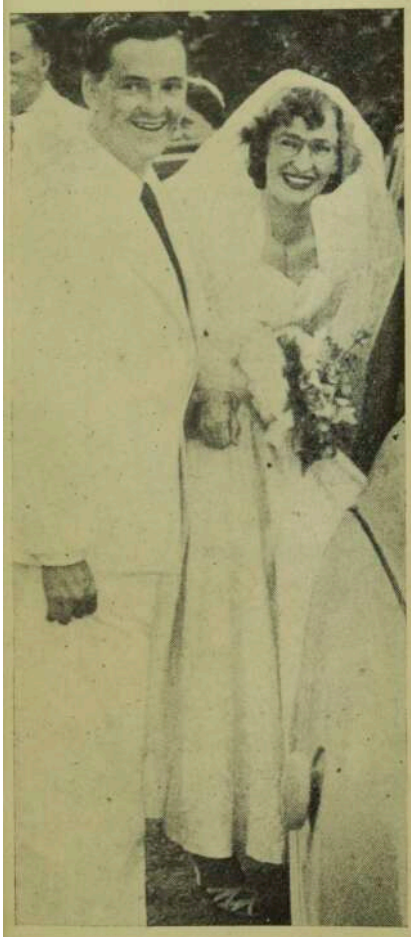
cussion was Ravuama Vunivalu, a member of the Legislative Council with a brilliant record in New Zealand and English Universities. He said that fewer and fewer of his people were now really conversant with Fijian customs, that they were dying out and that it was only a matter of time before only well-to-do Fijians would be able to afford them as luxuries.

In reply to a question by Dr. Todd, who is a visitor from Papua, Ravuama said that witchcraft was dead, although there were still certain young men who posed as seers. This was countered by the Rev. L. D. Fullerton, of the Methodist Mission, who said he understood that witchcraft was still prevalent.

Mr. G. K. Roth, an authority on Fijian history and culture, drew attention to two ways in which the decay of custom was obvious—the decline in quantity and workmanship in the making of pottery and the decrease in the women's contribution to society, such as the making of mats, tapa and certain foods. The latter, he added, was fortunately being remedied to-day.

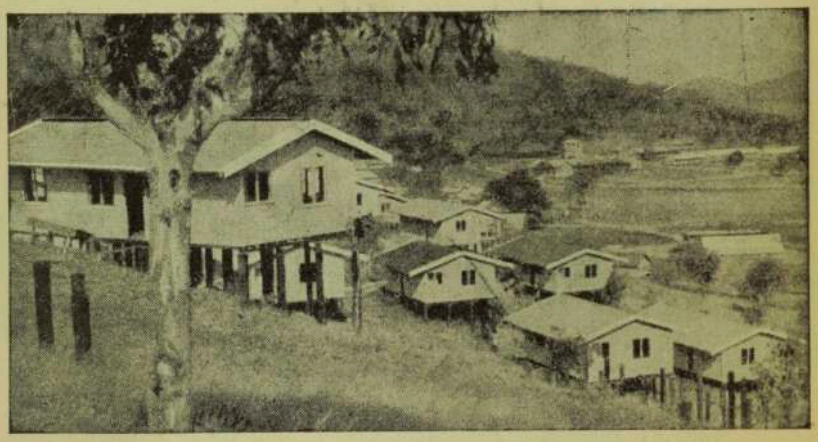
Mrs. Derrick, who said that young Fijian women were no longer being taught many of the traditional crafts, suggested that the study of customs be introduced among them.

Captain A. V. Bunyan, Harbourmaster at Makatea, well-known phosphate-producing island in French Oceania, will leave Sydney on July 17 on his way back to Makatea. He has been harbourmaster since 1945, and prior to that served in the Navy and as Master of the British Phosphate Commission's vessels.



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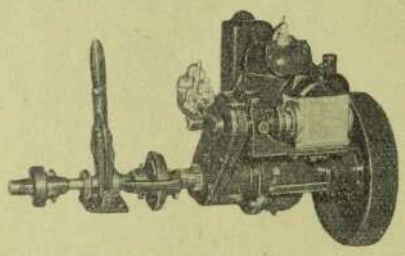
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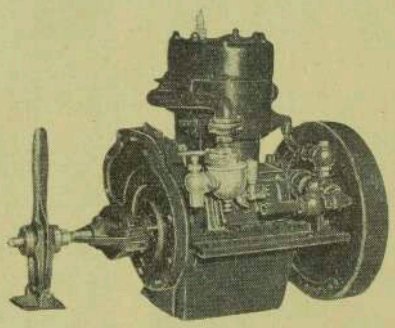
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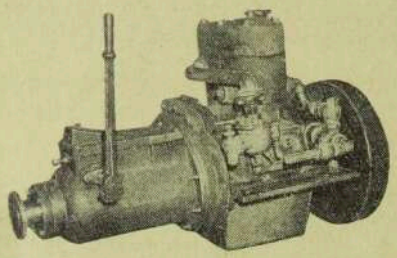
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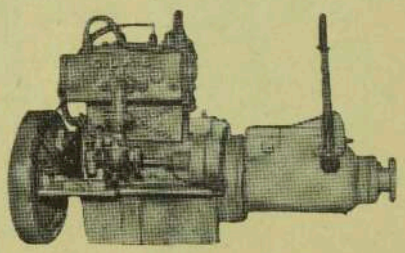
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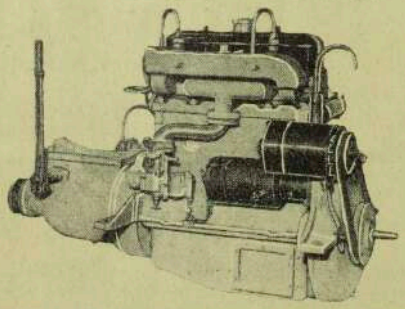
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Small Ships News

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His two former island traders, **Karoro** and **Alexander**, by an amazing coincidence, both ended their days on the same Pacific reef —at Aitutaki Island.

Mr. Graham returned home to Auckland per **Tofua** on June 17 after visiting Suva. On the same afternoon, a 30-foot launch on which he had expended two years of part-time work, was completely destroyed by fire in the shed where it was being built.

The fire was believed to have been caused by a sudden power surge following a general power failure occasioned by a seagull entangling itself in hign voltage lines.

GALATHEA'S 63,000 MILE CRUISE

The Danish ocean survey vessel **Galathea** dropped anchor in Plymouth Sound on June 21, completing a 63,000-mile cruise round the world taking ocean soundings for marine life.

BENECIA SCANDALIZED

Travellers coming to New Zealand per **Waitemata** late in June reported that the well-known Tahiti schooner **Benecia**, which went on a Tuamotu reef some time ago, and was since been salvaged and refitted, is now no longer a graceful schooner as of yore.

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Arrenak made a spectacular arrival from Papeete early in June, when, coming alongside at Auckland with a pilot aboard, the vessel shattered a 12 in. wharf-pile and deeply dented her bow.

The little ship had been in trouble in the Atlantic in March when, striking a terrific storm in the vicinity of the Canary Islands she developed a steering fault and was forced to transmit distress signals. She eventually reached Las Palmas where repairs were effected and the voyage resumed uneventfully.

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VILA STAR FOR NORFOLK

The New Hebrides Shipping & Trading Co's **Vila Star** was due at Norfolk Island with general cargo early in July.

When the ship returned to her former home port of Wellington in June, her native crew caused interest on the waterfront. Few Island vessels call at the New Zealand capital.

Vila Star was drydocked at Wellington before loading general cargo for Norfolk. From there she was scheduled for Sydney before returning to the New Hebrides.

CHIQUITA AT RAROTONGA

The new 35-foot reverse-sheer cutter **Chiquita** arrived at Rarotonga, Cook Islands, on June 27, after a rather slow 23-days passage from Auckland. She is the first hump-backed reverse-sheer type of yacht to be built in New Zealand.

Mr. Jack Campbell and his companion, Mr. McLean, reported rough weather for the first ten days of the 1,630-mile passage. They plan to call at Papeete on their voyage to San Francisco.

MANZANITA EXCHANGED

Californian Raymond Lee, who sailed down through the Islands last year to land himself in some trouble in the Tenimber Islands (Indonesia) north of Darwin (PIM, May, P. 127), exchanged his yacht **Manzanita** for a vessel of half the size (21 feet) at Darwin.

Lee sailed from Darwin in his new craft, named **Zyclon,** on July 1, for Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean. From there he plans to call at Cocos, thence "perhaps India, perhaps Africa", depending on the time of year and the prevailing winds.

The exchange was reportedly influenced by damage to **Manzanita** at Tenimber Is.



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TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MONTEVIDEO MARU SINKING

A REPRESENTATIVE gathering of New Guinea ex and present residents gathered at the Cenotaph, Martin Place, Sydney at 3 pm on June 29 to take part in a commemorative service to the men of New Guinea—mostly from Rabaul and New Britain—who died in the sinking of the Montevideo Maru. It is just ten years since this ship was lost off the Philippines when carrying Australian POWs and New Guinea internees to Japan.

The ceremony was organised by the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney and was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Gribble, General Secretary of the Methodist Overseas Mission. At the conclusion of the short but impressive service, Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft, president of the Women's Club placed a wreath on the Cenotaph. The New Guinea Ex-Servicemen's Club were represented at the ceremony and a wreath was placed on the Cenotaph on their behalf. There were many private floral tributes.

Later, afternoon tea was served in the Ex-Servicemen's club rooms in George Street.

(According to official reckoning, Montevideo Maru was sunk on July 1, but the day is commemorated on the nearest Sunday.)

Simbilando Pltn. in the Western Solomons has been purchased by two native trustees appointed by Vella Lavella Native Council. It will be used for the resettlement of Eduali natives.

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AN OIL PERMIT FOR ENTERPRISE OF NG?

ENTERPRISE of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development whose original purpose included oil search in New Guinea might now be granted a permit to cover an area in the Sepik River district of NG.

Mr. W. H. Best acting chairman told an extraordinary meeting on June 20, that the Minister for Territories had said that a permit would be given the company if it had sufficient financial standing and was otherwise fitted for the exercise of its rights and obligations. Mr. Best said that the first step was to increase nominal capital from £150,000 to £500,000.

A considerable amount of surveying was done in the Sepik-Aitape area by Oil Search Ltd. before the war and directors of Enterprise believe that there is a reasonable possibility of finding oil in the area in which they are interested.

This company has been asking for a permit since 1937 and has always been refused for a variety of reasons—one being that the Sepik River was an "uncontrolled area." The Minister has not mentioned this objection in his latest communication with the company.

However, oil search is an expensive business—APC has poured millions into the ground in Papua without producing, as yet, one barrel of oil.

'TONKS' STRIKE IS OVER

EARLY in June the Tonkinese taxi drivers ended their strike and put their cabs back on the road and are observing Government regulations—where their fares insist upon it.

Because of excessive demands the Government, four months ago, brought in regulations and a scale of charges which was approximately 8 francs (1/2 Aust) per half mile. The Tonkinese resisted this on the grounds that the cost of petrol was constantly increasing in price—it is now 6/8 per gallon; motor-parts are more expensive; and local roads are so bad that maintenance of vehicles is very costly. They finally went on strike in support of their demand that the rate of 10 francs per kilometer (1/6 per half mile), which does not seem excessive.

Sir Brian Freeston, Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission, visited Fiji and Honolulu in June and July, and called at Sydney on his way back to headquarters at Noumea. In Honolulu he had useful conferences with the Administration of the American Trust Territory of Micronesia, which recently joined the South Pacific Commission area.

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Series of Farewell Functions

DURING the latter half of June, the retiring Administrator, Colonel J. K. Murray, accompanied by his wife, visited all parts of Papua and New Guinea, and said farewell to the officials with whom he had worked during the last six years, and to all classes of the community.

He was entertained at numerous functions arranged by Europeans, Chinese and natives, and many warm tributes were paid to his unsparing industry, his determination to see justice done to all the peoples in his care, and his unvarying courtesy. In some places, speakers frankly expressed their great regret that he was about to retire.

Colonel Murray made many speeches in reply, in all of which he expressed his ardent wish that all classes should co-operate, in the difficult present and the possibly difficult future, for the protection and development of the Territories, and the assistance of the natives to a better standard of life.

At a public meeting in Port Moresby on June 27, Colonel Murray was presented with a Territory Residents' Testimonial. Messrs. A. L. Davidson, B. Fairfax-Ross and J. H. Ahearn were the chief speakers on behalf of the citizens.

A final farewell was said by Colonel and Mrs. Murray at Government House, Port Moresby, on the evening of June 30, when they were at home to all citizens who cared to call.

Colonel and Mrs. Murray later departed for Australia, attended by the warmest good wishes of the members of the Port Moresby community.

Minister Explains Why

HAVING been "nagged at" persistently by the leaders of the Papua-New Guinea Anglican and Methodist Missions on the subject of the retirement of Colonel J. K. Murray from the Administratorship, the Australian Territories Minister (Mr. Hasluck) on July 2, issued in Canberra a statement of about 500 words. Its purpose was to explain why he had thought it was desirable that Colonel Murray should retire. It was summed up in these two paragraphs:

"The Government does not regard the Administrative capacity of Colonel (J. K.) Murray, at the present day, as adequate for the duties of his office.

"We have a full appreciation of the heavy demands made on him during the past six years, of the toll which life in the tropics takes, and of the fact that he is well past the age at which every other official in the territory retires. Surely the official who occupies the most onerous post of all in the territorial administration can be regarded as being affected by the same circumstances which have led to the fixing of a comparatively early retiring age for all other officials in the territory."

(A sharp reply by Colonel Murray is reported on page 16.)

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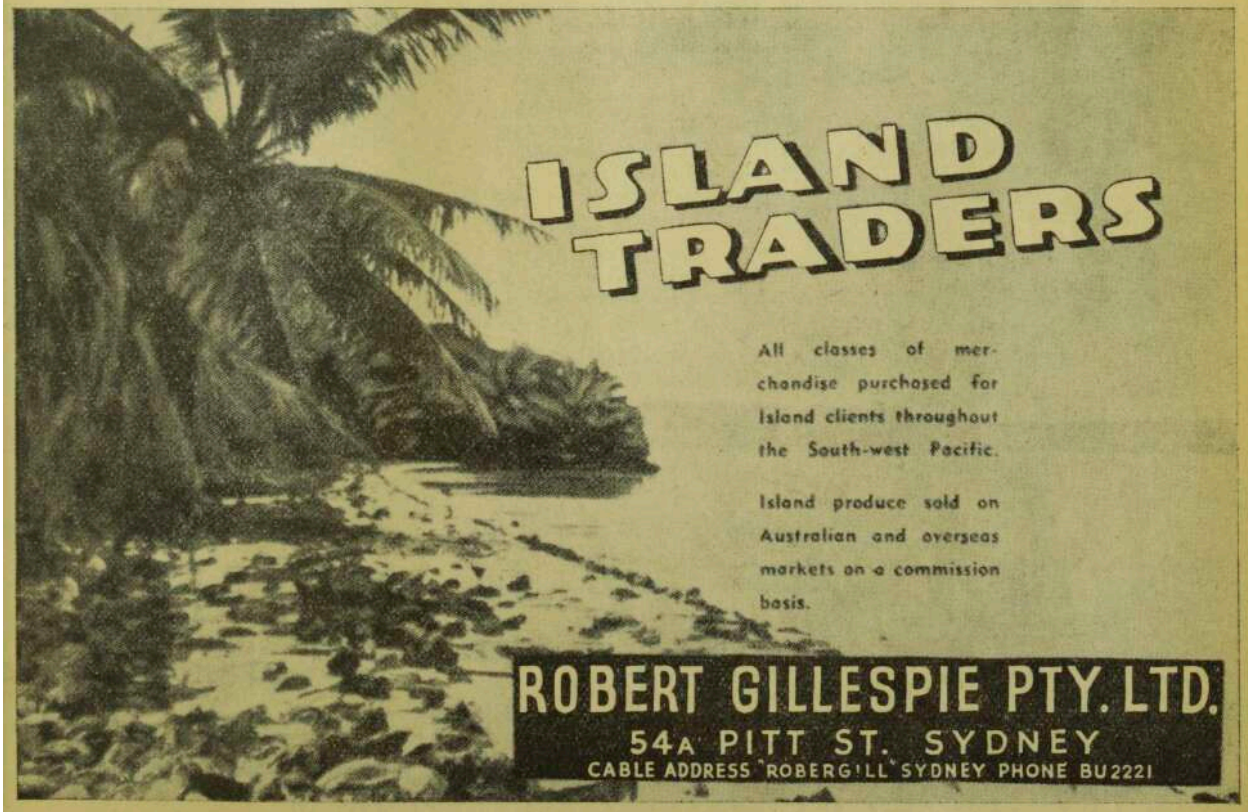
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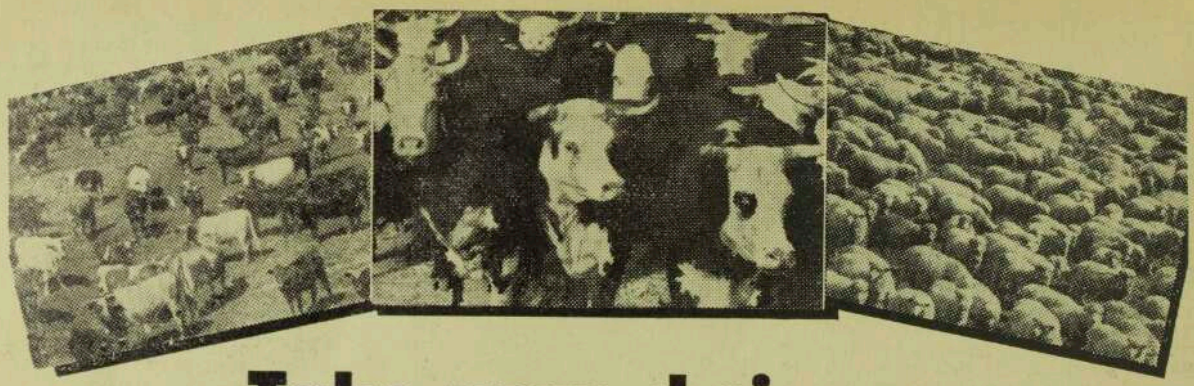
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In the history of New Guinea, nce 1920, no other departing Administrator evoked a public demonration such as that accorded olonel and Mrs. Murray.

The Administrator visited Wau nd Bulolo on part of his farewell our. He stayed overnight, and was he guest of the management of GD during the afternoon.

During the evening he was the uest of Mr. H. P. Seale, Assisnt District Officer, Wau, and Mrs. eale. Colonel Murray was accomanied by Mr. N. M. Tolhurst and Ir. E. Glover of the South Paci-c Post.

MILITARY MISSION TOURING ISLANDS

TO observe local conditions and discuss defence matters with the Islands Administrations, a New Zealand military Mission left Auckland per RNZAF aircraft on July 8.

It is scheduled to visit Fiji, Funauti, Tarawa, Western Samoa, Tongatabu, and Rarotonga; is led by Chief of Naval Staff Commodore F. A. Ballance; and consists of Army, Navy and Air Force officers, accompanied by officials from NZ Department of Territories, and British services.

On return to NZ the Mission will confer with "those who are formulating defence policy," which is, presumably, a prelude to the Pacific Defence Council meeting scheduled to be held in Honolulu in August.

HUGE TAX CLAIM FROM N. GUINEA SALVAGE

A DECISION has not yet been announced in the appeal which War Assets Pty., Ltd., of Melbourne, made against an assessment of £62,483 by the Australian Taxation Commissioner. (See PIM, April, p. 14).

Shareholders in War Assets include Mr. John Wren, Jnr., Mr. Joseph Wren, Mr. P. F. Cody and Mr. A. M. Westhoven. A lot of goods and equipment were left in Papua-New Guinea after the war by Standard Oil. Standard Oil sold its rights therein to Vacuum Oil Co. of Australia. Vacuum Oil sold its option over the salvage for £65,000 to War Assets Pty., Ltd., of which Mr. Westhoven appears to have been the active member.

The Tax Commissioner claimed that War Assets made a profit of £137,057, and it was taxed accordingly. War Assets said in reply that it had assigned its rights in Milne Bay salvage (from which apparently the main profit came) to a Co. registered in New Guinea, Milne Bay Merchants Ltd., but, unfortunately, that assignment was not made in writing. It submitted evidence to show that the assignment was made, and claimed that the profits of the NG company were not taxable.

The case was heard in Melbourne.

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LTHOUGH it is surrounded by jungles and mountains, and apparently serves no economic pose, a small community of opeans and natives are in some ree maintaining the establishnt at Finschhafen (on the maind of New Guinea, 60 miles north t of Lae.) There is a good small bour there, and Finschhafen, ing the war, was an important al base and was maintained as very large establishment, until st of the Navy staff and equipnt was removed to Manus.

After the Manus transfer, the ce was handed over to the Mae Section of Works & Housing partment and, for a time, an eneer, Mr. V. Dawson, with a staff 15 to 20 Europeans and 100 nas, using the very considerable ipment available, carried out intenance work on the Administion ships. They constructed a ating dock from the available vage and could handle vessels to 150 tons.

t was difficult to get the right e of tradesmen and considerable blems developed and when the rritories vote was cut, much of establishment closed down.

n May, however, there were five sels at Finschhafen rather hopesly awaiting maintenance. Some them had had new 80 hp engines talled in place of 120 hp engines.

On last advices the European establishment at Finschhafen—which has been described as "still a tremendous place"—consisted of an ADO, a body of police with a sub-inspector in charge, a small European staff attached to the Education department, a native hospital, and three officials of the Department of Civil Aviation who, with a native staff, are keeping the old bomber strip in order as an emergency alternative for Lae airstrip, 60 miles away. The Education officials have 200 native students there living in barracks and being trained in such things as carpentry and sheet-metal working.

Malaita in Solomons

The m.v. Malaita, at Honiara on June 28, discharged 54 passengers, 6 tons of freezer cargo, 143 bags of mail and 5 motor vehicles. She then proceeded to Tulagi to unload general cargo, and went on to Tenaru on Guadalcanal to load timber for the Tenaru Timber Co.

Inward passengers included Miss M. Bartlett, Bro. J. L. Boshell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark and two children, Mrs. D. A. Donald, Mrs. E. Fox, Miss J. A. Ironmonger, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mitton, Mr. L. R. Waddington, and Mrs. Yee Lin and three children. Passengers making the round trip included Mr. J. M. Clift and Miss Clift, (who are making a short visit to Mr. Clift's old home at Aruligo) and Lady Hallstrom. Miss McMillan (Methodist Mission) was a passenger to Gizo. Outward passengers for Sydney included Father J. Wall (of the Roman Catholic Mission on Malaita), Sister Veronica, Misses Harkness, Jones and Deck; Dr. J. A. R. Dovi; Mrs. Tilley and two children; Mrs. Newman and two children, Miss L. M. Baxter, and Mrs. Ho Kee and child.

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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 receive 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. July 1, NH shipment brought 69,000 Metrop. francs per metric ton. (£A89 per long ton.)

Tahiti.—Early in June, price for Papeete copra was: Dry, 7.80 Pac. frs. per kilo (£A55/4/- per long ton); Super dry, 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 20 was £Stg.310 (£A387/10/-) c.i.f. Cont. ports.

Pacific cocoa was quoted in July at:—

N.G.—£A290 approx. per ton, ex wharf, Sydney.

New Hebrides.—Marseilles in late June quoted: Superior, 295-310 M. fr. per kilo (approx. £A381-£A400 per long ton); Average, 260-270 M. fr. per kilo (approx. £A336-£A348 per long ton), in bond.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in July quoted Samoan cocoa at £S310 (£A387/10/- f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.) Market strengthening.

COFFEE.—Islands prices are based on Uganda Arabica, currently £A560 per ton c.i.f. Australian ports.

Papua-NG.—1st grade, 5/4 per lb. ex wharf Sydney (£597/10/- per ton).

New Caledonia.—Crop mainly exported to France. Marseilles in late June quoted: 376-378 M. fr. per kilo, ex-store (£A485-£A487 per long ton).

RUBBER.—Australian Rubber Pool quotation (July 4) for **Papua-NG:** 24 7/16d stg. per lb., c.i.f., Sydney (30 11/16d 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), July 4: No. 1 grade RSS (sellers), spot, 88c. lb., c.i.f. (33 7/9d 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 July.

DESICCATED COCONUT. — Sydney agents quote Ceylon, 1/2½ 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 Gerdau Co. (USA) for 1952 are: AA/A/B grades 85 cents lb. (£A850 approx. per long ton); C, 80c. 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. 31.5 cents per lb. (£A315 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 £95-£100 per ton, f.a.q.

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Philippines, (bulk) June/July	$137½ US

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FM Straits (bulk)	£92 Stg.
Ceylon (bulk) June/July	£87 Stg.
Philippines (afloat) June/July .	$187 US

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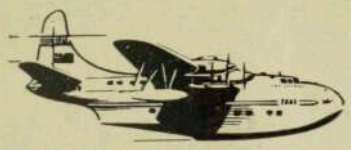
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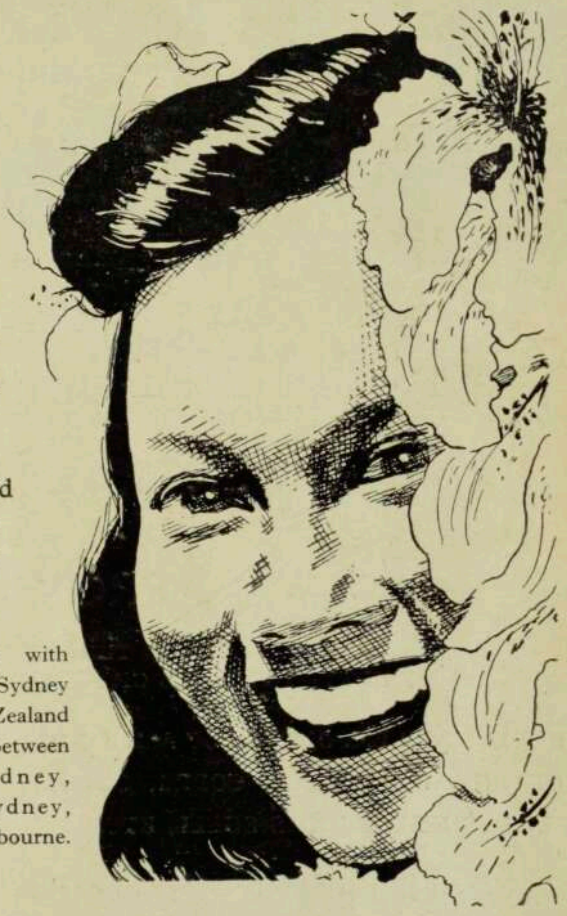
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