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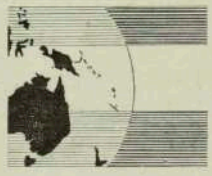

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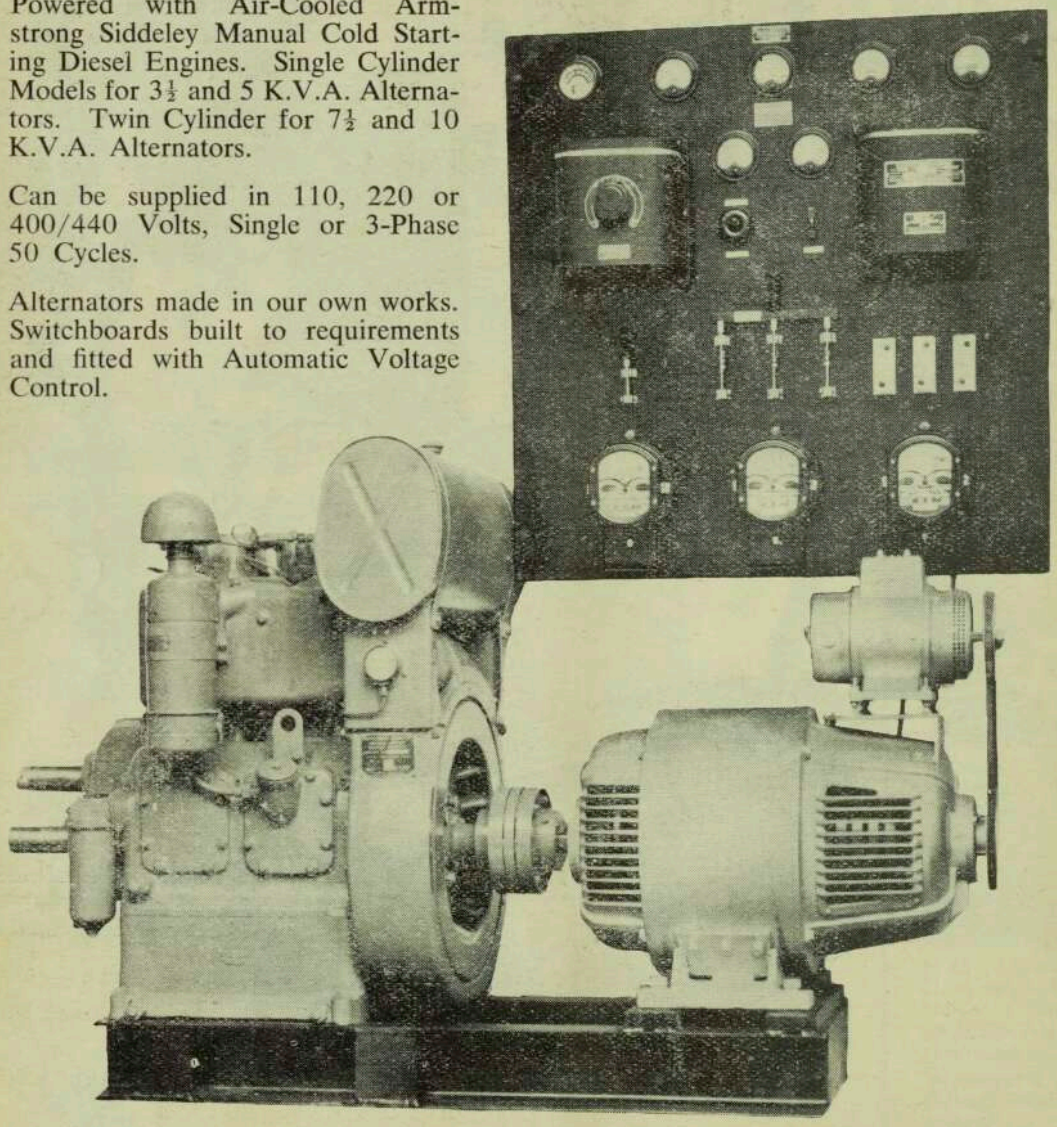

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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

Sydney-Suva-N. America

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

RMS AORANGI

Syd. ..	Sept. 25	Nov. 27	Jan. 29
Auck. ..	Sept. 29-30	Dec. 1-2	
Suva ..	Oct. 3	Dec. 5	Feb. 2-3
H'n'l'u .	Oct. 10	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
Vict. ..	Oct. 16	Dec. 18	Feb. 13
Vanc. .	Oct. 17-23	Dec. 19-24	Feb. 19
			Feb. 20-26
Vict. ..	Oct. 23	Dec 24	
H'n'l'u ..	Oct. 30	Dec. 31	Feb. 26
Suva ..	Nov. 8	Jan. 9	Mar. 5
Auck. ..	Nov. 11-13	Jan. 12-15	Mar. 14
			Mar. 17-19
Syd. ..	Nov. 17	Jan. 19	Mar. 23.

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

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

Next departure from Sydney about Sept. 16.

MV Malekula will leave Sydney about Sept. 8 for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney.

Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

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

(Owing to hurricane damage to Fiji banana plantations, Matua was withdrawn from service in March and will be employed elsewhere until November when she will replace Tofua which withdraws for annual survey. Matua not expected permanently on Islands service until January.)

Tofua scheduled to leave Auckland on next voyages early Sept. and in early October.

Details from Union SS Co.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel Maui Pomare has been scheduled to provide a regular monthly (approximately) service between Auckland and the Cook Islands subject to requirements of trade. This vessel carries 30 passengers.

Details on application to NZ Government Department of Island Territories or to USS Co. which acts as agents at some ports.

Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

MV Malaita will make a round trip at about 2-months intervals from Sydney to Lord Howe-Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides Ports - BSI ports - Bougainville - Rabaul - Samarai-Sydney.

Next sailing from Sydney mid-September.

Details from Burns Philp & Co., 7 Bridge 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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1. Australia (or NZ)-Fiji-Hawaii-N. America

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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.

BY BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES (BCPA)

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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 (Sept. 12, 26, etc.)—Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

Alternate Friday (Sept. 19, Oct. 3, 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, Bulolo (Wed.); and (Sun.) for Rabaul.

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

Sydney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.30 pm
Brisbane, 1.30 am	Rockhampton, †

Tue., Fri.,* Sat.

Rockhampton, †	Townsville, 4 am
Townsville, 5.30 am	Cairns, 6.30 am
Cairns, 7.40 am	Moresby, 11.10 am
Moresby, 11.40 am*	Lae, 1.00 pm
Lae, 3.00 p.m. (Tue.)	Madang, 4.15 pm

* Cargo service only. This departs Moresby at 12.10 pm Fridays and arrives in Lae at 1.30 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

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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

Operated by Qantas

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 (Sandringham)

Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional), Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Wednesday; returning same day (Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29, etc.).

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Sandringham)

Alternate Monday.—Dep. 9 a.m.—Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia (overnight) (Sept. 15, 29, Oct. 13, 27, etc.).

Alternate Tuesday.—Return to Moresby, via Esa'ala and Samarai.

MORESBY-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)

In Alternate Weeks. (Sept. 22, Oct. 6, 20, 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

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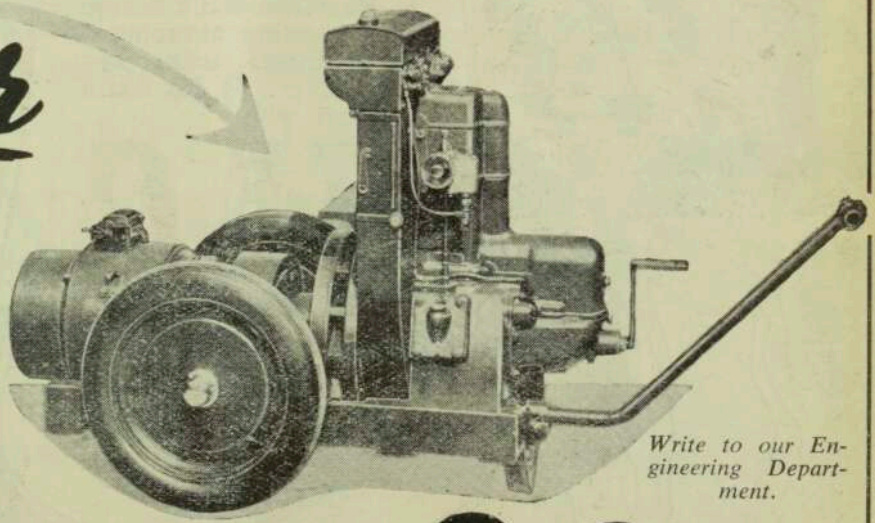

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Alternate Thursday:—Rabaul - Losuia-Esa'ala-Samarai-Moresby.

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

LAE-GARAINA (DH84)

Tuesdays.—Departs 7 am; returns 9 am.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (DH84)

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

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

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9. Sydney-New Hebrides

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

Depart:		Arrive:	
Sydney, Alt. Tue.,	6.30 am	Noumea, (nightstop)	3.30 pm
Noumea, Alt. Wed.,	8.00 am	Vila,	10.35 am
Vila,	12.45 pm	Santo,	2.00 pm
Santo, Alt. Thu.,	6.00 am	Vila,	7.15 am
Vila,	8.15 am	Noumea,	10.55 am
Noumea,	12.30 pm	Sydney,	7.45 pm

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Sydney, Thur., 6.30 am	Noumea, 3.30 (nightstop)
Noumea, Fri., 8.30 am	Suva, 3.00
Suva, Sat., 6.00 am	Noumea, 10.30
Noumea, 12.30 pm	Sydney, 7.45

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

By NZ National Airways, with DC3

Sundays.—From Auckland, returning same day.

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

12. Sydney-Auckland

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14. Melbourne-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC4 Skymaster

Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'ch. 8.15 am next day.

Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 8 pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents.

Dep. Auckland Aug. 2, 12, 16, 26, 30, Sept. 9, 13, 23, 27 Sept. 7, 11 Oct., etc.

Return to Auckland on following day.

Depart:	Arrive:
Auckland, 7 am	Suva, 2
Suva, 8 am	Auckland, 3

16. Auckland-Fiji-Samoa-Cooks

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

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

All times local standard time.

17. New Zealand-Chatham

During the coming summer service between Auckland and Waikato Heads Chatham Is., via Wellington, will be operated on the following dates:—

November 6, 1952, December 3, December 15, 1952, January 28, 1953, March 11, 1952.

Solent flying-boats will leave Auckland on these dates at 3.30 am, arrive Wellington, 5.30 am, dept. Wellington, 7 am, arrive Chatham Is., 10.30 am. Return by same route, arriving Auckland 7.30 pm same day.

18. Auckland-Tahiti

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents.

TEAL service, Auckland-Suva-Aitutaki-Papeete, is operated with Solent flying-boats once every two weeks. Depart Auckland, Tues. 7 am; arrive Suva, 2.00 pm. Dept. Suva (Wed.), 10 pm; cross International Date Line; arr. Aitutaki, 7.20 am Wed. Leave Aitutaki 9.20 am; arrive Papeete 2 pm. Return by same route every alt. Friday, leaving Papeete, 6.00 am.

The next flights leave Auckland September 2, 16, 30, October 14, etc.

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19. Micronesia

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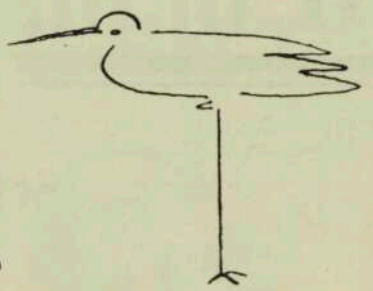

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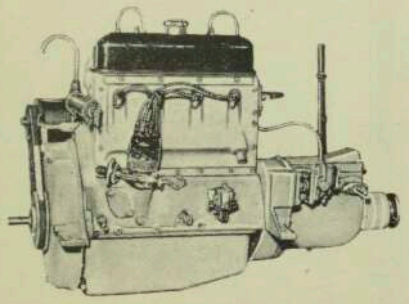

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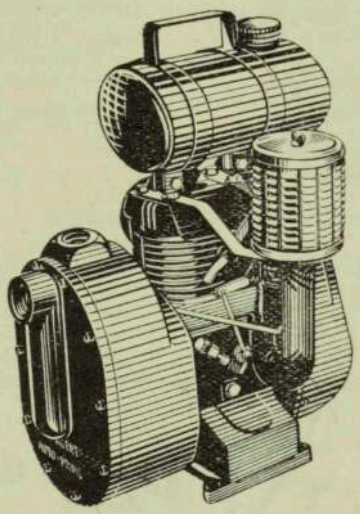

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NEW GUINEA'S PLACE IN SOUTH PACIFIC DEFENCE

IN a political and international sense, New Guinea to-day is one of the most uneasy places in the world. Not only has it local problems which are embarrassing: It also is very sensitive in relation to all Asiatic affairs which may affect the South Pacific area.

The map suggests that Fiji, or Tahiti, or Samoa—surrounded by thousands of miles of empty ocean—is happily isolated against world unrest. But the residents of those countries, who may examine the map against a background of world news, will note that New Guinea lies in their northwest like a stopper in the neck of a funnel; and the base of the funnel rests on the southeastern mainland of Red, overcrowded Asia. What happens in New Guinea, and all points immediately westward thereof, is of vital concern to South Pacific countries. If an unfriendly Power ever occupies New Guinea, the days of the Europeans here will be numbered.

The events of the past month are significant. Australia now appears determined to use New Guinea primarily as a defensive barrier against Asia; and, in doing that, Australia assumes (under United States) the role of chief protector of the South Seas.

IN this connection — and despite American reassurances—Australia is uneasy about Japan. Japan again is independent; the Japanese are an aggressive people; Japan, typical of Asia, is overcrowded to the point of hunger; Japan literally must find new countries into which she may spill her surplus population. The southwest Pacific Islands are almost empty, and very fertile.

We imagined, when Japan surrendered unconditionally in Tokio Bay on August 15, 1945, that that menace was removed for a couple of generations. The Australians see it already at their gates, again. That is because the threat of world Communism is much greater than the threat of any one nation; and the Americans have freed Japan so that Japan may align herself with the Westerners in resisting the Muscovite *bloc*. But will Japan resist the Reds? Russian and Chinese political emissaries already have penetrated Japan deeply, trying to cripple, in advance, any anti-Communist military organisation that Japan may plan.

A Communist or neutral Japan will certainly demand entry to the South Pacific countries. But even a Japan that aligns herself with us in resisting Red Asia will not expect to go territorially unrewarded.

DISCUSSIONS which have taken place in Australia during the month in relation to New Guinea have been nervous and pointed. The few real thinkers in the national Parliament say, unequivocally, that if the Europeans do not themselves occupy this vast funnel-stopper of a New Guinea, the Asiatics will. And "native rights" will not trouble the Asiatics.

New Guinea residents insist that large submarines, with Russians and Chinese aboard, have been seen in New Guinea waters. Australian officials deride the reports. Whether the Territorians imagined it or not does not matter. We can be quite certain that Red submarines from the north of Korea have been having practice runs in the South Pacific.

INDONESIAN leaders—who were placed in position by the Japanese in World War II, and permitted by the bumble-footed Socialist Governments of Britain and the Netherlands to dispossess the 350-years-old Dutch Administration—have again been going through their bag of political tricks. President Soekarno, in the name of humanity, demands that Dutch "colonialism" be removed from Western New Guinea, so that the enlightened rule of Indonesia may be imposed there. Racially, geographically, historically, the Indonesians have no more right there than the Dutch; but in sight of the humourless Soekarno the rule of the Indonesians is beneficient and in-

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spired, whereas the Dutch are mere "exploiters."

Australia grimly informed Indonesia that she would not regard with equanimity the substitution of Indonesian for Dutch rule in Western New Guinea. Whereupon the incalculable Mr. Soekarno said that he could not understand why: Indonesia felt warm friendship towards Australia, and had not the remotest thought of taking over Eastern New Guinea from Australian rule.

We cannot guess what Netherlands will do, eventually. Their new Parliament seems to be more or less under Socialist influence; and, as Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France and Italy have shown, in the past five years, Parliaments dominated by Pinks will never do anything effective to stop the Reds.

But Dutch officials at present are showing great energy and wise planning in opening up Western New Guinea, studying the, as yet, uncounted population, encouraging the right kind of immigration, and organising important new industries—especially the development of their oil wells in the Vogelkop area. In the Nimboran Plains—behind Lake Sentani, at the back of Hollandia—they are preparing an agricultural area of between 2,000 and 5,000 acres, where natives will be instructed and trained. The Dutch show no signs of an early withdrawal.

MEANWHILE, as an indication of what our shrewder planners think of future conditions in Southwest Asia and the Middle East, Australia at the end of August inaugurated its new international air service, to provide an alternative connection with Britain. A big passenger plane, operated by Qantas, has flown from West Australia to Johannesburg, via the new airfields on Cocos Island and Mauritius; and in South Africa it links with the regular air services to Europe. Now, if nationalist disturbances in Indonesia, Malaya, India, Persia, Iraq, Egypt, and similar restless countries should break our main air-line connections, Australia can promptly switch to the Indian Ocean-Africa route.

Even in the remote South Pacific there is no complete security—not while Red submarines can thrust southwards from Vladivostok, or Red planes come down across the archipelagoes of Indonesia and New Guinea.

Who Will Get the Nauru Administratorship?

THE post of Administrator of Nauru is to be filled some time this year by the Australian Government. Another minor Administratorship, that of Norfolk Island, also is due for consideration by Australia. Is the vicious system of posting political job-hunters and superannuated soldiers to these places to be continued?

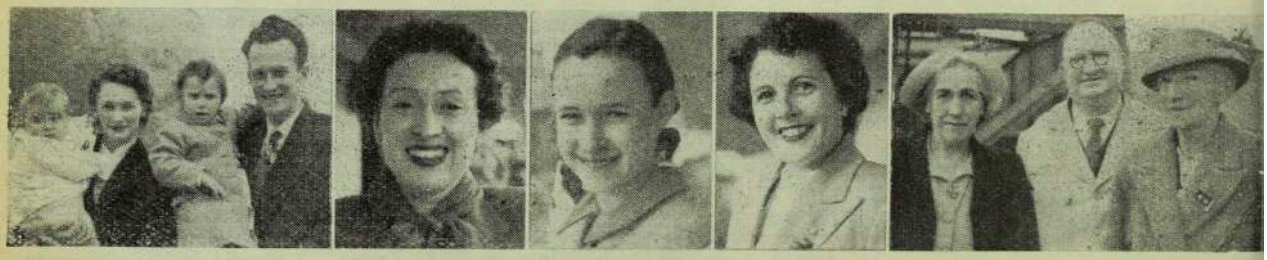
Ever since it was established, 22 years ago, the PIM has been protesting against the Australian method of selecting men for these exceedingly pleasant Islands jobs. We say that the positions should be allotted, as recognition of meritorious service, to the best of the Administration officials in Papua and New Guinea. Instead, they are handed out by Ministers and bureaucrats on a system of favouritism, to people who usually lack the essential qualifications—namely, practical experience of tropical administration, and knowledge of the machinery of administration.

Only once in those 22 years was an appointment made along the lines we advocate—that was when Mr. C. R. Pinney, a senior member of the Papuan service, was appointed Norfolk Island. It is a waste of tir to describe again the kind of a pointments that were made. T last two will suffice.

Mr. Wilson, who was sent to No folk Island by the Socialist Gover ment, had been a non-Labour mer ber of Parliament. He changed h party vote at a critical time, and allowed the Socialists to get in power—for which, presumably, t Socialists were very grateful. Heav alone knows why the Australi Socialist Government selected M Richards for the Nauru job, beyo the fact that Mr. Richards was t Leader of a State Labour Party. N doubt, both Mr. Wilson and M Richards will assert that they had difficulties in filling the Administr torships. Actually, the jobs are sinecure—a light task under excee ingly pleasant conditions. But th carry good salaries, with certain a lowances and quite substantial priv leges; and why should they be r served for undistinguished politician or for non-professional soldiers wh find themselves job-less at the en of a war?

The work of the Administratic officials in Papua-New Guinea—e pecially those on field duties—much more arduous; and there, in most professions, it is usually th best who get to the top. When the reach the rank of Department chief there is nothing much to loo forward to, except retirement. Th P-NG Administratorship never y has gone to the best man among th Departmental heads — and, agai Heaven alone knows why.

But if those Departmental chie knew that one of them would go t the vacant Administratorship i Nauru or Norfolk or Northern Terr tory, all would feel at least that in centive was recognised, and tha there was some sense of justice i Canberra.



Passengers from Auckland for Tahiti per the Waitemata late in August included: (left to right):—
Mr. W. Stuart, formerly of Tahiti, was seeing Mrs. Stuart and the children, Leone and Paul, away on a holiday visit to Tahiti.
Mrs. M. Philipps and her daughter June returned after eight months holiday in New Zealand.
Miss V. Rule, of Auckland, was making her second visit to Tahiti visiting relatives.
Mrs. and Mr. M. Barrier returned from holiday in Auckland. They were farewelled by Mrs. Barrier's sister (right).

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Nauru Head Resigns His Post

WHEN he arrived in Adelaide on a phosphate ship late in August, Mr. H. S. Richards formally resigned his post as Administrator of the Trusteeship Territory of Nauru, on the ground of ill-health. He will retire at the end of three months' leave.

Mr. Richards, who was a Labour member of the South Australian Socialist Parliament, was appointed to Nauru by the Australian Socialist Government in 1949. At the time, the appointment was strongly criticised by this journal, on the ground that it reeked of political favouritism. Mr. Richards had never had one hour's experience of tropical islands administration. He worked hard and conscientiously while there, however, and the Minister has praised his services.

A reference to the system of filling these positions will be found on page 14.

WHY NOT MAKE PAPER AND PULP IN N. GUINEA?

Letter to the Editor

IN all the discussions of possible industries which might be established in Papua-New Guinea there is one which has not been mentioned, and yet all the conditions here are in its favour—I refer to the manufacture of pulp and paper.

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EXPERT SAYS THERE IS NOT ENOUGH GOOD LAND IN NG

AMID a chorus of persons who believe that the Central Highlands of New Guinea offer great possibilities for European settlement comes the dissident voice of Dr. K. E. Read, a Research Fellow of the Australian National University, who has just concluded two years in the Goroka area of the Highlands.

In an article in *Sydney Morning Herald* in early September he claimed that, among the vast areas of attractive-looking land in the Highlands there is a very high proportion of soil of poor quality, and broken country; and he thinks that most of the first-class land is needed for the Highlands' half-million natives.

He believes that the native population will increase, and he argues that the disadvantages of introducing Europeans will far outweigh the advantages claimed. The high cost of the only available transport (air) rules out most European farming and planting, except perhaps coffee; but coffee will not come in under 3½ years. A settler would need a minimum of £5,000 of capital.

Praising Dr. Read's article, Mr. J. T. Bensted, a retired Departmental head with long experience in Papua, said the most logical long-range policy for the development of these Territories appears to rest in native training under European management (both private and official), supplemented by the existing system of native plantations and co-operatives, together with technical education and manual training.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW GUINEA ARMY BADLY HOUSED

AS part of her task in preparing the Southwest Pacific region against aggression, Australia is rapidly creating in New Guinea a military organisation, in which specially selected natives are being intensively trained. As was demonstrated in World War II, these people can be very useful in certain classes of warfare.

A plea was made in Canberra in September that better accommodation be provided in Papua-New Guinea for the many officers and non-commissioned officers now stationed there; some of the housing was described as shockingly bad.

Army Minister Francis agreed that the provision of suitable housing for Army personnel was "vital and important," and said he would go personally to New Guinea and examine the situation.

Mons. B. C. d'Hauteserre, Director of the Meteorological Department of French Oceania, was on holiday in New Zealand in September.

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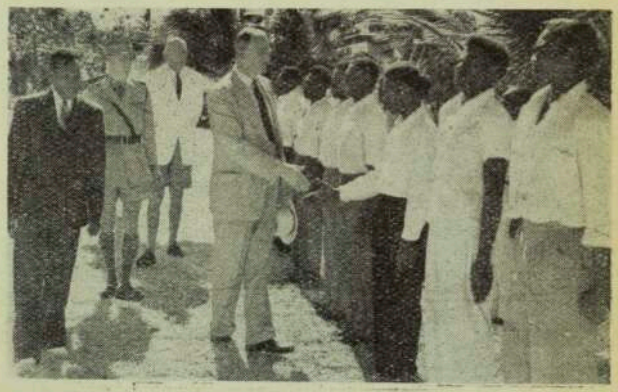

The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, with his wife, daughter and official party, spent five busy days in Vila, New Hebrides, in August. Top photograph shows the High Commissioner at Pagoa; lower photograph, the party among school children at Mele.

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Old Papuan Located

The Brisbane reader who sought the address of Mr. W. T. Hughes, formerly of Samarai, probably could get news of him by communicating with his niece—Mrs. Wilma Herriott, of Mumeng via Lae, New Guinea. She says her uncle, "Bert" Hughes, was at Mudau over 30 years ago. He went to Melbourne when the Japanese invasion forced evacuation in 1942, and he still lives there, in good health.

Up Yonder Greets Down Under

"Here I go on my seventh year with PIM," writes former Colonel C. B. Wales, from San Antonio, Texas. "I very much enjoy the news from the South Pacific. Here in my little office, built into my garage, I have rugs from Tarawa, and a lamp from Bora Bora, and I am surrounded by artifacts from Munda (BSI), Fiji, Luzon (Philippines) and Hawaii. I can't realize it's been six years since I left the Pacific for home —your PIM keeps me in touch. Best regards to all your wonderful people out there and best wishes for your (and PIM's) continued success!"

We get quite a number of such communications from the friendly Yanks we met in World War II. Only a few weeks ago, we were surprised and delighted to receive a radiophone call direct from Cleveland, Ohio—it was Attorney John R. Crossen, who held a high commission down here in 1943-45, making a casual inquiry about a matter of mutual interest. In a subsequent note, he said he first met the PIM in the Tailevu Hotel, in Fiji, and he proceeded:

"Thinking back on those days, I wonder if Mr. Gatwood still runs the place, and has the same Chinese cook; I wonder about Ryan, the newspaperman in Suva; I am indebted to you for putting me in touch with the Rev. Goldie of Munda (where we once fought quite a battle); it was through PIM that I learned of Father Wobkin at Cawaii, Ovalau, and then visited Malakai, the leper colony."

Mr. Gatwood Snr. who owned the old Tailevu Hotel, died within the last couple of years. The new hotel, on a different site, was opened recently. We published a photo of it not then completed, about last November and there is another elsewhere in this issue. The old Gatwood Hotel was a rendezvous for American servicemen during the war.

Auckland's French Clubs

To acquaint visitors from French Pacific Territories to Auckland of the existence of French club activities there, we published some information in July PIM, p. 89.

Mrs. Germaine Matthews, secretary of "L'Amicale Francaise" points out that part of this paragraph, dealing with the monthly meetings, refers not to her club, but to the rival "L'Alliance Francaise."

"L'Amicale Francaise" is the less staid club—most favoured, it seems, by the younger set in particular and apparently in the main by Islands visitors. It meets at the Auckland YWCA building, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month: Mrs. Matthews, Telephone 42.860, will tell you about it.

Beetling in Vavau

Mr. H. Hunter, of Citrus Products Ltd., Auckland, suggests an explanation for an article about "beetle day" at Vavau (p. 82 of June PIM).

Mr. Hunter says that the "beetling" is not at the employer's expense, though employers of labour, of course, lose the use of their labour on that day. It was not intended to belittle the efforts of the Government of Tonga in organizing this beetle drive. It has, in fact, been highly successful. When the campaign was commenced, last March, from 800 to 1,200 beetles were probably being caught per person, per day. But latterly the catch has been only from 10 to 50 beetles; so that a day's beetling does *now* amount to a picnic.

Fed Up!

AN old NG friend, writing "from a full heart and a wheezy typewriter," says: "I am fed to the teeth with plantations, native labour, copra and the whole box and dice." (Ever felt that way, gentlemen of the "Isles of Romance?") He discusses the miseries of life in an isolated tropical place, and proceeds:

"I once came across a diary, kept by a city gent who, in the Expro Board days, got marooned out in the Ninigoes as an overseer. He was out of the main food items and, had had fever, wanted his mail, had his life threatened by the native l bourers, and a small tidal wave h been over one part of the isla (the highest part was three fe above sea level). He wasn't hap —not a bit. One item in diary w a quotation which seemed to be a plicable to his sad lot and wen

In prison cell I sadly sit,
A most crestfallen chappie:
And own to you I feel a bit,
A little bit—unhappy!

"That verse leapt at me, becau I knew its origin. It was written b Harry Morant (The Breaker), in h cell at Pretoria Gaol, the night b fore his execution, by British Mil tary heads, for shooting Bo prisoners. You probably know th story? Morant was well-known the part of Queensland where I wa reared, as a reckless liver, a wonde ful horseman, and for his poen under the name of The Breake Funny I should come across th verses in the Ninigoes."

Home for Chandos Bar

The bar counter from the Char dos Hotel, London, on which tw generations of Fiji servicemen carve their names, has arrived in Suva an is on exhibition before being give a permanent home in the Defenc Club. The PIM, last year, told ho Mr. L. A. Lawlor, of Suva (himsel a World War I veteran) learned b chance on a recent visit to Londo that the old Chandos bar was bein dismantled; and, when he disclose his interest in the carved names, th owners of the Chandos Hotel o fered him the relic, if he could find place for it. The Committee of th Defence Club co-operated with Mr Lawlor, and the counter was dul shipped from London.

A Fighter's Grave

I was at Kieta recently—it's real South Sea place now, and very quiet (writes Fred Archer, veterai NG planter). I went to see J. W Campbell's grave. The marker ha gone, and it's just enclosed by stones but the red lilies that Amy, his wife planted on the grave still have thei descendants there. It seems strange to think that "after many a foughter fielde" JWC should be lying there so quietly. He was in Boer War Great War and fought in some Afri can turmoils—besides many private wars of his own up here! Well, he was a pioneer hereabouts and now lies in an unmarked grave. I must see if we can alter it—we who ate of his salt and slept under his roof.

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£3,100 IN SIR HUBERT MURRAY MEMORIAL FUND

ABOUT £200 for a Sir Hubert Murray Memorial Fund had been raised when, in 1942, the Japs invaded New Guinea and the Territories were evacuated. Last year, the appeal was revived, and additional subscriptions in Moresby and Sydney brought the fund to £3,100.

Nothing need be said here to emphasise the worthiness of the movement. As Minister Hasluck said: "Sir Hubert Murray rendered outstanding service to the people of Papua and of Australia, and his patient, wise and sympathetic work added to the brightness of the British colonial record."

The Commonwealth Government has added £2,000 to the Fund, which now has reached £3,100.

The Memorial Committee will decide the form of the Memorial. Numerous suggestions have been made, ranging from stone or bronze monuments to libraries, schools and scholarships. The Moresby Memorial Committee includes Mr. Justice Gore (chairman), Mr. E. A. James (Deputy Chairman), Mr. J. H. Ahearn (Secretary), Mr. A. Anthony (Assistant Secretary) and Mr. W. N. Chester (Treasurer). The Sydney Auxiliary Committee: Messrs. J. T. Bensted (chairman), C. D. Rowley (secretary), E. Taylor, R. Melrose, E. M. Bastard, S. A. Greenland, H. V. Champion and R. W. Robson.

PRINCE TUNGI IN NZ

Prince Tungi, Premier of Tonga, and heir to the throne, went to New Zealand by TEAL Solent from Fiji on August 10. His visit was unofficial, but he was entertained at lunch by Prime Minister Holland in Wellington, and afterwards given a seat to the left of Mr. Speaker in Parliament, reserved for distinguished visitors. Queen Salote will visit New Zealand in November.

By means of a general knowledge quiz contest and talent quest, now proceeding in Papua-New Guinea, the P-NG branch of the Country Women's Association is raising funds for the establishment of a rest-home in Port Moresby for expectant mothers, and for women and children from outlying districts awaiting hospital treatment in Moresby. Quiz teams have been organised and the winners will get a trophy. Entrance fees go to the good cause. Organisers are Mesdames Grove, Hunter, Nolan and Watkins, all of Port Moresby.

NATIVE CHIEF MURDERED BY POLICEMAN AT MANGAIA, CI

MANGAIA, COOK IS., August 1

THE customary peace and quiet of Mangaia Island was shattered in the early morning of July 8 by the discovery in an empty hut at Kaumata Village of the body of Angareu Okirua, a chief of Veitatei District.

This is the first murder here for at least six decades.

The crime was eventually traced to one of the local policemen, Atatoa Tamarua, who was charged in a local court convened by Mr. Justice McCarthy who came from Rarotonga with Police Chief O'Halloran. There was a jury of seven assessors, including one European.

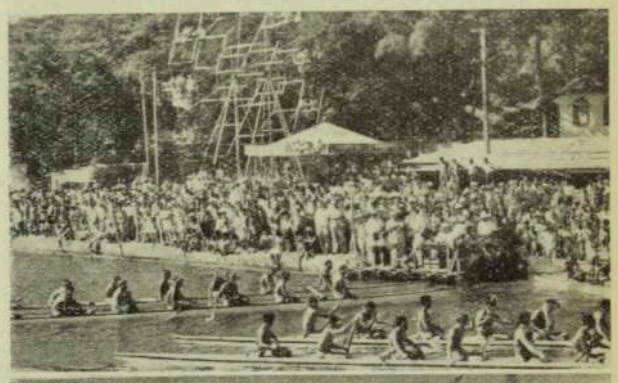
The trial occupied two days.

The accused admitted that he had on the night of July 8, intervened in a bush-beer party, but that after having "taken names" he himself joined the party. He later left it with his victim, Angareu, and alone they drank in Atatoa's house where they eventually quarrelled. Atatoa alleged that Angareu attacked him with a knife whereupon he threw him down upon the floor where his head struck a bedstead breaking his neck and killing him. Atatoa said that he had no intention of killing Angareu.

Evidence for the prosecution was mainly circumstantial, there were no witnesses and the only account available was accused's own statement. The jury found him guilty of manslaughter. He was sentenced to five years hard labour at Rarotonga prison.

FIJI'S NEW GOVERNOR

Sir Ronald Garvey, KCMG, with Lady Garvey and family, will arrive in Auckland late this month, and are expected in Suva on *Tofua* early in October.



TAHITI CELEBRATES

Tahiti's celebration for Bastille Day (July 14) — which lasts a week — were as exciting as ever this year. As shown here, ferris-whee's, merry - go - rounds, dancing and competitions were popular. These photographs are from T.E.A.L. who flew tourists from NZ for the occasion.

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FIJI'S MOST VITAL PROBLEM

Growing Population and Indian Demand for Land

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, September 1

PROBABLY the first open Indian suggestion that the British pledges to preserve Fijian land for the Fijians should not necessarily be regarded as sacrosanct was made on August 22. The *Pacific Review*, an Indian weekly printed in English and Fijian, published an editorial which stated that the increase of population and post-war changes have completely transformed the food situation in Fiji.

It added: "If the land laws have to be readjusted in order to make it attractive and worth while for the tiller of the soil to work on the land and produce food for himself, his family and the inhabitants of the Colony—well, that must be done. Will the Government take heed betimes?"

Theoretically, and at face value, the argument looks all right. But the *Pacific Review* also says that if "certain fundamental principles on which the development of the Colony has been carried out so long get a jolt, well, that cannot be helped"; and "if a readjustment of the balance as between commercial and food crops has to be effected, well, it has to be done, whatever be the interests that might be affected thereby." This is apparently a proposal to reduce the area of sugarcane land.

In the canegrowing areas of Fiji there is at present a great deal of talk among the Indian farmers' unions about increased land rentals recently announced by the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. There have been protest meetings at which "direct action" has been urged, wordy press statements, and a memorial presented to the Acting-Governor. The basis of the whole campaign is the bracketing of the CSR with the Native Land Trust Board as joint monsters of iniquity bent on exploiting the Indian canefarmer.

At no time has the Indian propaganda mentioned the fact that in many cases of long standing the rents paid to the Fijian owners of caneland were so trifling as to be absurd. Farmers' Union statements have alleged that the increased cost of living has cancelled out the benefit conferred on the Indian farmer by the present high price of cane, but have overlooked the parallel fact that the landowners, who have been receiving fantastically low rents fixed many years ago, are in the same box as regards the cost of living.

The CSR Co. has flatly rejected Indian allegations of "extortionate" new rentals. The increases, it maintains, are moderate and the new rates are absolutely fair.

As yet this minor flare-up is no more than an illustration of Fiji's increasingly precarious balance on the land question. In 1949, Sir Brian Freeston told the Legislative Council that there could be no going back on the firmly-based principle that Fijian land belongs to the Fijians and may not be taken from them by legislative or other changes. And that is precisely what Indian politicians, behind a wordy smokescreen, are demanding should done.

Incidentally, Fiji has less th 1,000,000 acres of land suitable f grazing or arable farming. On th basis, an official statement in 19 maintained that the Colony's dange point in population increase w about 400,000. At the present ra of increase (predominantly India the danger-point will be reached a comparatively few years.

Captain Smith, Harbour Mast at Christmas Island, prospha source in the Indian Ocean, was g sick leave in Australia in Augus Captain Smith was evacuated fro Christmas Is. before the Japane occupied it in 1942. He then becan Harbour Master at Makatea, b returned to Christmas Is. whe phosphate working was resume after the war.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

IF you think that Communism in the southern hemisphere is a post-World War II manifestation you will probably be surprised to know that the Comrades were busy pushing their wares back in 1932. Our issue of September, 1932, seems to indicate so, at all events.

For the rest, that issue goes to show that Pacific Islands affairs have a habit of repeating themselves and that the problems of to-day were no less so in those days.

We reported that New Zealand Communists were showing an interest in Western Samoa "probably on account of the Mau unrest". Letters had been received by two residents hard hit by the prevailing depression. They were urged to start some Communistic agitation among local Europeans.

The Comrades, however, appear to have had little success as the letters were handed over to the Government.

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"Mr. Ion L. Idriess, well-known Australian author, is at present engaged on a book which will tell the fascinating story of the discovery and development of the Morobe goldfields, New Guinea. The book will be published early in 1933 and will be called 'Gold Dust and Ashes'."

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The men and interests which had established the highly successful Guinea Airways, Ltd., in New Guinea were reported to be thinking of extending their operations to Fiji and forming a company called Fiji Airways, Ltd. A director of G'air, Mr. George Jeffreys, and the company's NG manager, Mr. Alan Cross, were leaving for Fiji to make investigations on the spot.

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The death of Captain Les Holden was reported. He was one of the air pioneers of New Guinea and the man who found Kingsford-Smith, Ulm and crew when they were lost in the Southern Cross N-W Australia. He, with two friend was on his way in a small plane on Barrier Reef fishing trip when the pla crashed near Lismore, NSW.

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A correspondent pleaded that the ba on bird-of-paradise shooting in Ne Guinea should be lifted on the groun that (apart from the fact that skins we worth from £5 to £50) the prohibitio on hunting was causing the birds to d out. His theory was that the male bi develops full plumage only when h potency as a breeder was on the wan Thereafter, he simply went around annoy ing younger males and interfering in th domestic affairs of more marriageab birds. It will probably surprise th amateur ornithologist to find that 2 years later, New Guinea BOP, thoug still unhunted, show no signs of havin died out (ask Sir Edward H.).

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The BP ship Mataram left Sydney durin September, 1932, with 203 crates on boar containing one complete church for th South Sea Mission at Fui, BSI. It ha been donated by Mr. Alfred Sage o Melbourne, Victoria, as a memorial to h son. When erected, the church would b 85-ft. long by 58-ft. wide and it wa claimed that it was the biggest in th Pacific. Two carpenters went along wit it.

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An amendment to the New Guinea Ac was before the Australian Parliamen whereby it was expected that New Guine would be given its first Legislativ Council and Executive Council. Th Legislative Council was to consist of th Administrator, eight officials of the Terri tory service, and seven unofficial member nominated by the Administrator to repre sent planting, mining and commercia interests. The Executive Council was t consist of nine members appointed by th Governor-General, and its purpose was t advise and assist the Administrator Thus was New Guinea given its firs somewhat muffled voice.

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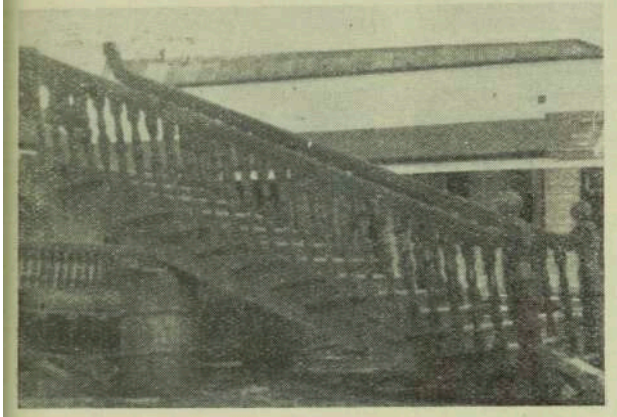
SUVA'S HOTELS
Old Club Relic Goes Into Films

When the rubble of Suva's old Club Hotel — irretrievably damaged in the January hurricane — was cleared away, this fine old staircase remained, awaiting removal.



The staircase was noticed by an executive of Warner Brothers film production unit, now making "His Majesty O'Keefe" in Fiji; and he promptly rented it for £20 per month. It is now one of the properties of the huge sound stage erected about two miles east of Deuba, where interior shots are being filmed. (Photo is by Jack Thornton).

There are indications that Morris Hedstrom Limited will go ahead with the erection of a fine modern hotel on the site of the demolished Club Hotel. The big Co. has made no formal announcement, but reports in Suva (which naturally is deeply interested) say that the hotel will have at least five storeys—two floors of shops and offices, one floor of dining-room and lounge, and two floors of bed-rooms.

Travellers say "the sooner the better." The accommodation position in Suva—the natural centre of the growing traffic of the South and Southeast Pacific—is becoming steadily worse.

Captain Allan McNicoll, new commander of **HMAS Australia,** is one of the distinguished sons of the late Sir Ramsay McNicoll, Administrator of New Guinea before World War II. He specialised in submarines and torpedoes and saw very tough service in the Royal Navy during the war. For delousing some Italian torpedoes—a job which calls for superb courage—he was awarded the rare George Cross. Another son of Sir Ramsay is David McNicoll, notable Sydney journalist.

REARRANGED SCHEDULE FOR TOFUA AND MATUA

THE Union SS Co. has announced that, due to the unprecedented dry spell in the Fiji banana-producing areas, the banana crop is behind expectations. Consequently, to carry the Fiji bananas to NZ, it will not be necessary to employ the *Tofua* and *Matua* together until January.

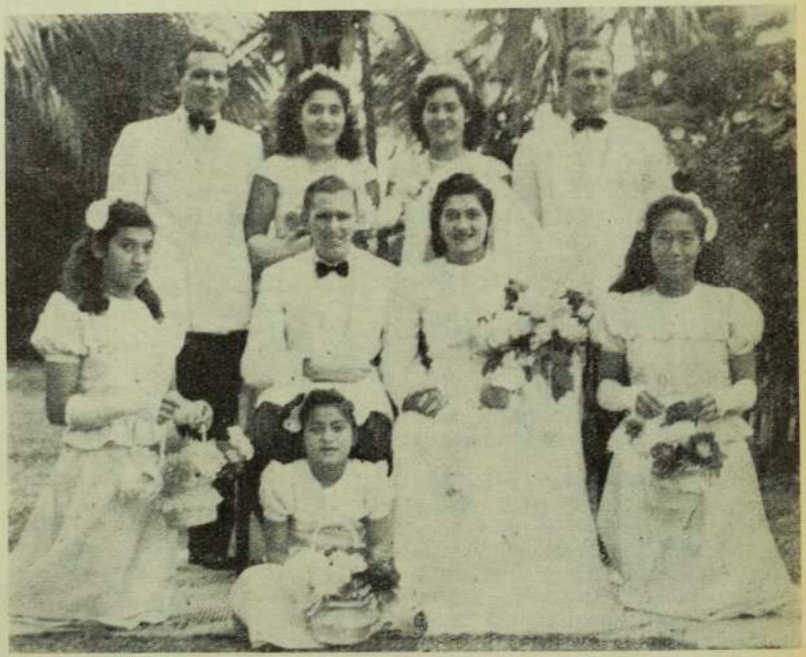
Under a rearrangement, *Tofua* will leave Auckland, northbound, about October 2, November 20, and December 23. On return from the October voyage she will undergo survey. *Matua* at present on survey in Auckland, will make a cargo-and-passenger run to Melbourne, leaving Auckland not later than October 1. Then, on return to Auckland, she will make an Islands trip while *Tofua* is on survey, sailing from Auckland October 30.

The vessels will call at Suva, Nukuaiofa, Vavau, Niue, Pago Pago, Apia, and Suva on each of these Island voyages.

MATUA AS A FERRY

Some good-natured criticism of the *Matua,* as a passenger ferry employed between Wellington and Lyttelton, NZ, was published in July PIM. The *Matua* was built for the Auckland-Pacific Islands services, and usually runs there; but the simultaneous arrival of the *Tofua* and the January hurricane rather dislocated shipping plans, and the *Matua* was temporarily diverted to other duties. It was reported that NZ travellers were clamant in their dislike of her.

The Union SS Co. advises that both its Wellington and Christchurch branches report no dissatisfaction with Matua's service. On the contrary, passengers spoke well of her amenities and of the spaciousness of her public rooms. The fact that she had to start a little earlier than the regular ferries was well advertised, and caused no inconvenience to passengers and mails.



A photograph taken after the recent marriage in Nukualofa, Tonga, of Miss Joyce Georgina Violet Cocker to Mr. Selwyn Percy Jones. The wedding was one of the social events of the year in Nukualofa and a large reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The photo shows (back row from left): Mr. Adolph Johansson, groomsman; Miss Ida Cocker, sister of bride; Miss Ruby Cocker, chief bridesmaid and sister of bride; Mr. Karl Riechelmann, bestman. Second row, from left: Bridesmaid Naina Cocker, sister of bride; bride and bridegroom; bridesmaid Charlotte Cocker, cousin of bride. Seated in front is bridesmaid Irene Cocker, another sister of the bride.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

Liquor Inquiries seem to be the vogue these days. Late reports from Moresby describe contemplated action by the Town Advisory Council into native drinking and the need to ascertain the source of supply to natives of intoxicating liquor. That should not present such a problem —providing it is not home-brew. Another matter of civic importance to be investigated by the Moresby TAC is the strength of the police force, which is stated to be well under-staffed.

In comparing present conditions there with pre-war Rabaul, one of the Councillors mentioned that there was always an armed European officer on patrol at night and he was called a "sut" man. What he was actually called was a "shoot-man" and it was derived from the old German word "Schutzmann" (a policeman).

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And talking about old times and old timers in Rabaul reminds me of an interesting article I glimpsed recently in the "Christain Science Monitor," all about Mrs. Rhoda Coote and her son Peter and daughter Diana, and the work they are putting in on their plantation on the North Coast, out of Rabaul. Unlike a lot of US papers' ballyhoo in regard to NG, it paints a life-like picture of conditions and the job of work carried out by the Coote family. I "dips me lid" to them, and to all those other brave women in NG who have staged a comeback after losing everything, and at a time when the going was rough for the white planter. Good luck to them!

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Apropos of US papers, an American friend sent me a clipping recently from a six-year-old issue of the "St. Paul Dispatch." It is headed "Blamey Opposes US Hold on Isle," with a Melbourne date line; and it says that Sir Thomas Blamey, former Australian Army commander, declared that "Australia, not the United States, should control the big naval base built by the US on the island of Manus . . . Australia is the only country in the Pacific which would be menaced if Manus were out of her control." He added, cryptically, that "history shows that nations with great power have great difficulty in restraining themselves from using it."

So now we know. At least, we know what some of the Yanks thought.

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Old TNG residents will be sorry to hear of the death of Tom Fox, who, with his brother, back in the '20's was an Exproboard overseer in the Kavieng district and, in after years, made a name for himself (with his brother) in opening up sections of the Highlands area. He has gone to his well-earned rest.

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I notice that Minister Hasluck is showing interest in the preservation of old brick buildings on Norfolk Island. Paul Hasluck has a natural penchant for matters historical. I mentioned before he was lecturer in history at the WA University at one time, and for over six years was Hon. Sec. of the WA Historical Society. I'd like to see him start some move in NG to preserve old historical landmarks and do something about recording NG's history for future generations, instead of leaving it until it is too late to collate reliable information.

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Should we call it MANZUS now?

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Anyway, Minister Casey's action at the Honolulu Conference in patching up the damage, done by his opposite number in the Chifley government over Manus, did a lot to raise the morale of the average Australian. What we want now is action, not words.

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Seems to me that history is repeating itself. Once again we read of unidentified submarines and shell-poachers in northern waters; once again Emirau comes into the news. That was the island on which German raider dumped its prison which were later collected *"Nellore"* in '41. And once ag officialdom is trying to brush whole thing off. Or at least appears to be doing so. Ministers have an unhappy knack objecting to unpleasant truths be made public by other than their c officers.

We had the same old story in T twelve years ago and were cau napping by the Nips.

There should be little wrong w George Whittaker's eye-sight. He been a qualified optician for m years.

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Even the announcement by GOC Northern Command of "t army outposts on the North Co of New Guinea" is not reassuri but one must naturally expect—a hope—that all defensive measu are not publicised for the world large to read. It would be nice know we had Eric Feldt and Coastwatchers, or some such set- on the job again—though I'm afr they would not find the same loya amongst the natives as displayed the last war.

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News items concerning the ar Indonesian movement up in our Ne North brings to mind the wide g which separates the Javanese fr such smaller Island folk as the A boinese. Most of the Mala originally brought to TNG were fr Amboina, and had little in comm with the Javanese. A mark difference in treatment was m apparent by the Japs when occup ing Rabaul during the last wa Javanese POWs were treated pra tically as their allies and strutt around in their natty green uniform wearing side-arms, while POW's fro Amboina and the Celebes receiv true Jap POW treatment.

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Popular British Public Servant Retires

After nine years in the British service in the New Hebrides—latterly as District Agent CDI and Commandant of Constabulary — Mr. Peter Colley has gone on pre-retirement leave. Mr. and Mrs. Colley were popular, and this photograph shows them being entertained at a farewell party in Port Vila. From left to right: Mrs. Colley, Mr. Colley, Mdme. Bastoui, M. Bastoui, Mdme. Page, Mr. Love.

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BSI TAX POWER CHALLENGED

Whole W. Pacific Structure May Be Affected

ACTING on the advice of one of Australia's leading constitutional lawyers, a number of persons have declined to accept the taxation assessments on their incomes made by the government of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate (BSIP).

The whole administrative structure of the Protectorate is affected by the move.

A Sydney solicitor has lodged in Honiara the formal notices of appeal. The latter probably will go to the Supreme Court in Fiji, which is the channel of appeal for the Territories under the High Commission for the Western Pacific.

Eminent counsel contends that the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (HCWP) has not the power to make assessments. He says that King's Regulations Nos. 12 and 13 of 1947, on which they are based, are *ultra vires* the law making the powers conferred on HCWP by the Pacific Order in Council, 1893. The laws made in 1893 became the Constitution of both the Solomons and the Gilbert and Ellice Colony; and, if the challenge now made to the BSIP assessments is successful, the whole of the taxing powers of the HCWP will be thrown into the melting-pot.

It is possible that the laws affecting the collection of import and export duties, and the constitution and acts of the Copra Board, will be affected. Counsel's opinion, that all these Regulations are invalid, is most definite. The BSIP's right to sell or lease land might be affected.

The constitutional history of the British Solomon Islands has been carefully examined. It appears that, in the 'Nineties, owing to the expanding colonial ambitions of Germany, a scramble for new lands was going on all over the world. Britain was anxiously safeguarding her colonial rights—especially in areas where her claims were ill-defined. Consequently, some nations were angrily accusing the British of "land-grabbing."

Therefore, the British were proceeding with care. As was shown in the article in August PIM on Sir Peter Scratchley, there is a substantial difference between annexation, and a Protectorate. A Protectorate goes only part of the way. In the case of the Solomons, Britain probably decided to claim only the Protectorate, and confirm her title by annexation later.

But the Boer War and the tense situation preceding World War I intervened. There came into power a new generation of statesmen who did not have the same affection for expanding colonial power. The BSIP set-up was more or less forgotten. From then until now there has never been a challenge.

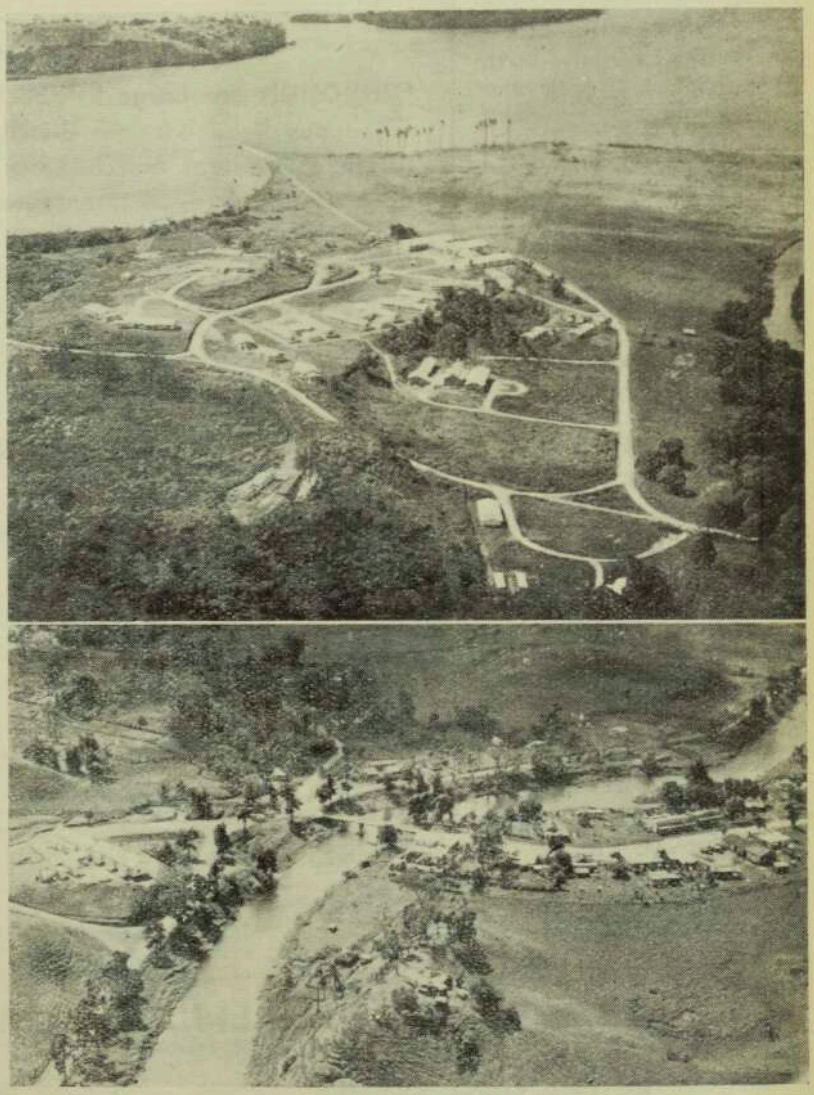
Learned counsel points out that there is a considerable difference between a Protectorate and a sovereign State.

The Order in Council of 1893 gave power to the High Commissioner in five directions, namely—control of prisons; control of immigration; power to compel the lodgement of returns of imports and exports; observance of treaties; power to legislate for peace, order and good government.

It is the latter power which is under challenge. How far can that power be interpreted as giving the right to tax?

In a sovereign State, the power to tax would be clear. It is not clear

Tailevu District, Fiji



Aerial photographs of the fertile Tailevu district of Viti Levu, Fiji. The top photograph shows the new Queen Victoria School (for Fijian boys) at Matavatacou. The lower photograph is of Korovou with the new Tailevu Hotel above the river on the left.

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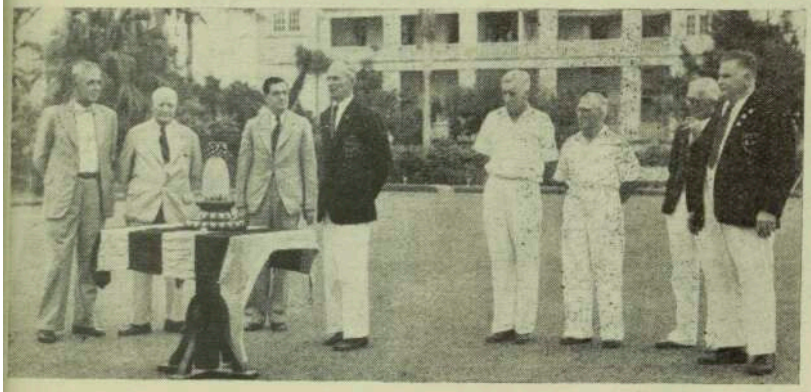
in the case of a Protectorate. The order in Council should have been much more specific before the High Commissioner could arrogate to himself the powers to tax, in the manner that has been put into operation in recent years. There is held to be significance in a recent remark on Protectorates: "They take sovereignty over persons—not over lands."

THE BSIP Government certainly has brought what it regards as taxing powers into operation in the years since World War II. The only industry worthy of the name in the BSIP is copra production. An import duty of 17½ per cent. ad valorem on Britsh goods and 35 per cent. on non-British is imposed, for a start; then an export duty of 15 per cent. is imposed on copra; and after that incomes are taxed—1/3 in the £ on the first £1,500, 2/6 in the £ on remainder, plus a general surcharge of 5/6 in the £; so that an individual showing an income of £3,000 or £4,000 loses about one third of it in income taxation. Although it costs a great deal of money to bring a coconut plantation to profitable bearing, and such a plantation does not last much beyond 40 years, there is no provision at all under which depreciation of plantation can be set against income, as in any other industrial enterprise.

It is notable, also, that only

Pineapple Cup, 1952 Series



Fiji's big singles bowling event—for the Pineapple Cup—took place in Suva on August 4. Twenty-five players entered for the event which was won by J. Taylor of Tewa Club from runner-up W. Thompson of Suva. The photograph shows the presentation of the cup and (from left to right) Mr. Noel Levy, Mr. M. Brodie, the Acting Governor, Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, Mr. L. F. Garnett, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. W. Thompson, Mr. R. W. Steward and Mr. E. H. McIlwain. The silver Pineapple Cup, also shown, was presented in 1928 by the Pacific Biscuit Company for annual competition in Fiji. —Photo by Stinson's Studios.

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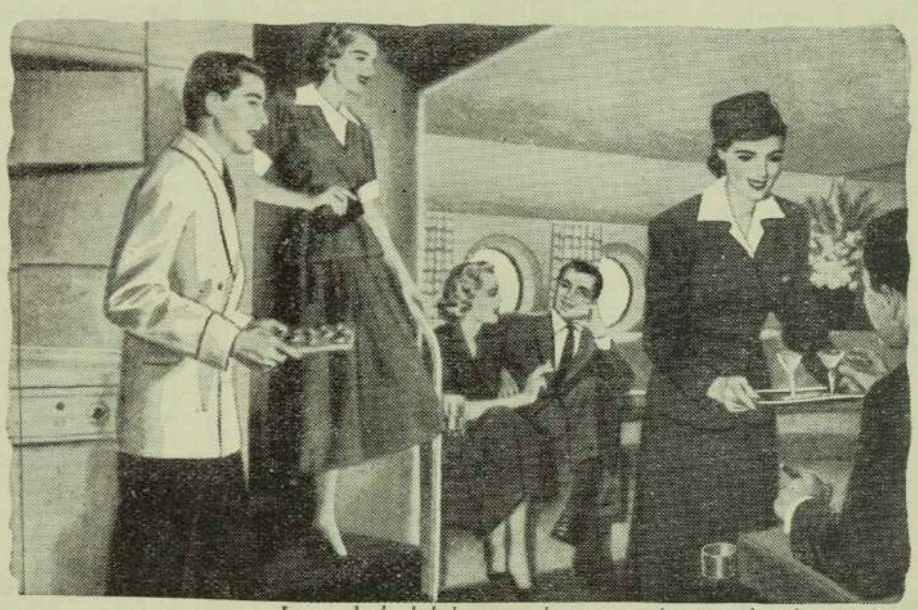

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The past acts of the BSIP Administration, taken under the various Regulations referred to, if they are upset by the taxpayer's challenge, will, of course, be validated by laws rushed through in Britain; and the taxing powers of the High Commissioner will be legally established, without delay.

The challengers recognise this; but, they say, if their appeal succeeds, they at least will get a chance to make representations to the highest authority concerning the injustices under which they now suffer, and about which they have appealed in vain, in the last five years.

They believe—and probably they are right—that Britain now is weary of paying out for the privilege of flying the Union Jack over this undeveloped and unprofitable Solomons archipelago; and that this might be a suitable occasion for the introduction of policies which, at least, would lead to European settlement and investment, and ensure that the area would become more self-supporting. That will not be done by oppressive taxation.

AIR SURVEY OF N. BRITAIN

In October, Number 78 Photographic and Reconnaissance Squadron of the Australian Air Force will commence the task of surveying and mapping in New Britain and New Ireland. It has just completed the photo survey of 300,000 square miles in Central Australia. A detachment also has completed a similar survey in Fiji. The planes work from fixed bases and generally fly at around 25,000 feet.

Fire broke out in one of the wings of a Fiji Airways 'plane when preparing for take-off from Labasa on August 23. The passengers quickly left the 'plane and the fire was brought under control, but it is expected that the aircraft will be out of operation for some weeks until a new wing arrives from New Zealand.

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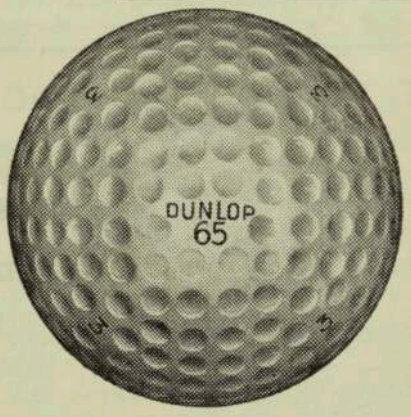

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Mr. R. Frisby is to retire from the post of Works Superintendent in the Public Works Department, Fiji. He went to Fiji in 1928 as Inspector of Water Supply and in his 24 years of service with the department, has been closely connected with the development and maintenance of the water supply of the town of Suva.

PLANS FOR PROGRESS IN NEW BRITAIN

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Aug. 28.

"THAT areas of up to 100 hectares in different districts be made available to Chinese residents of the Territory for planting and farming;" and "that the establishment of an apprenticeship system be set up for the Chinese were resolutions unanimously carried the recent meeting of the New Brita District Advisory Council presided ov by the District Commissioner, Mr. J. McCarthy. Other resolutions included:

"That this Council considers that t Territory of Papua and New Guin should be administered by a Lieut Governor."

"That all possible steps be taken preserve and encourage native hand crafts and that a museum of native a be established in the Rabaul Botanic Reserve—funds to be provided Central Administration."

"The future expenditure on roads an bridges in the New Britain District directed towards permanent construc tions."

"That the Administration should tak steps to either acquire or resume, on just basis, what is considered to be sufficient area to satisfy the Kokop District's needs for some time to com within the town area."

"That casual labour should not be em ployed outside the native's district unles permission is granted by his Distric Commissioner."

"That the broadcasts of court new over 9PA, particularly cases of an un savoury nature, are undesirable an should be discontinued forthwith."

Mr. B. Bembrick has been appointed Lae, New Guinea, representative of the Queensland Insurance Co., Ltd. He was formerly with the company's Hurstville NSW, branch.

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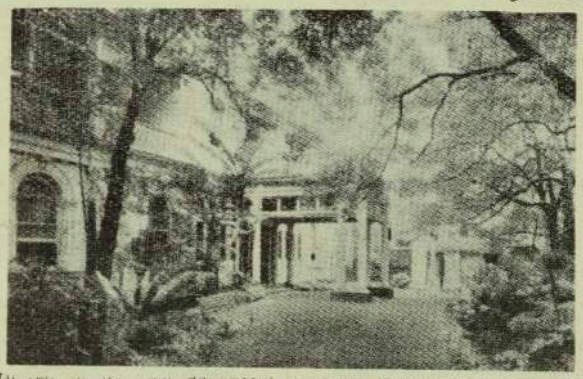

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NEW TIMBER INDUSTRY AROUND RABAUL

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, September 1

IT is estimated that some 10 million su. ft. of timber will be required, over a 5-years period, for Rabaul's rebuilding projects; but that, with present commitments and at the present rate of production, it will take three years to catch up with requirements.

For the year ended June 30, 1952, 5,048,625 su. ft. of timber was logged in the Gazelle Peninsula, more than half of it going through the Administration sawmills at Keravat. J. L. Chipper's leases at the Warangoi Valley produced approx. 1,300,000 sq. ft. of logs, and New Guinea Forests Ltd., Powell Harbour, some 1,374,087 su. ft. of logs.

The Chinese-owned United Services Co. have installed a new Canadian-type circular saw and can now cut 660,000 su. ft. per annum, but are perturbed that no suitable timber lease has been granted. Another Chinese concern, the ABCT, (also operating on privately-owned property at Keravat) has an annual output of 660,000 su. ft. of logs.

The Chipper interests are constructing roads which will give access to the head and middle waters of the Warangoi River, and are being built to carry loads of up to 15 tons. They have under order from USA a caterpillar road patrol which they plan to use to maintain a road from the Warangoi area to their rafting stage at Kokopo. The logs will be loaded from Warangoi to Kokopo, then rafted. The rafts will be towed by the Co's tugs to Rabaul, where export quality logs will be shipped to Australia, while mill quality logs will be used here.

Mr. Chipper's plans at present include the installation of a breaking down saw capable of handling 16 ft. logs and a kiln dryer for timber for local use. A modern 4-header planing machine is now being installed.

New Guinea Forests Ltd. have a timber lease over nearly 60 sq. miles at Powell Harbour, where they log for export to Australia and have two sawmills cutting timber for local use. Logs are drawn out by tractor to the beach, where they are barked, creosoted and cut into lengths for shipping. They are then rafted to the harbour to await shipment, usually by ships from Japan en route to Australia. Over a million super feet are shipped each year.

The species most used for plymaking is Taun and Calyphyllum whilst walnut is sliced for veneers or cut into flitches and shipped to America.

An announcement was made in Rarotonga on August 15, that the NZ Government had approved the payment of 7/6 per week assistance to the veterans of the 1914-18 war, in the Cook Islands and Niue, who are unable to work. A committee has been formed, consisting of the Chief Medical Officer, the President of the Cook Islands Returned Services Association, and a representative from the Resident Commissioner's office. The committee will consider all applications.

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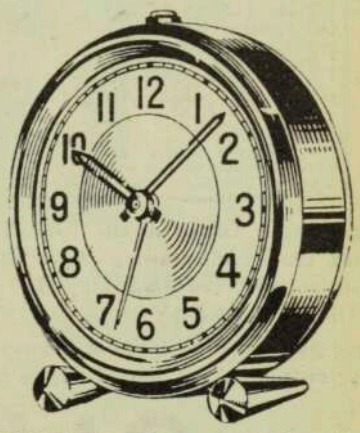

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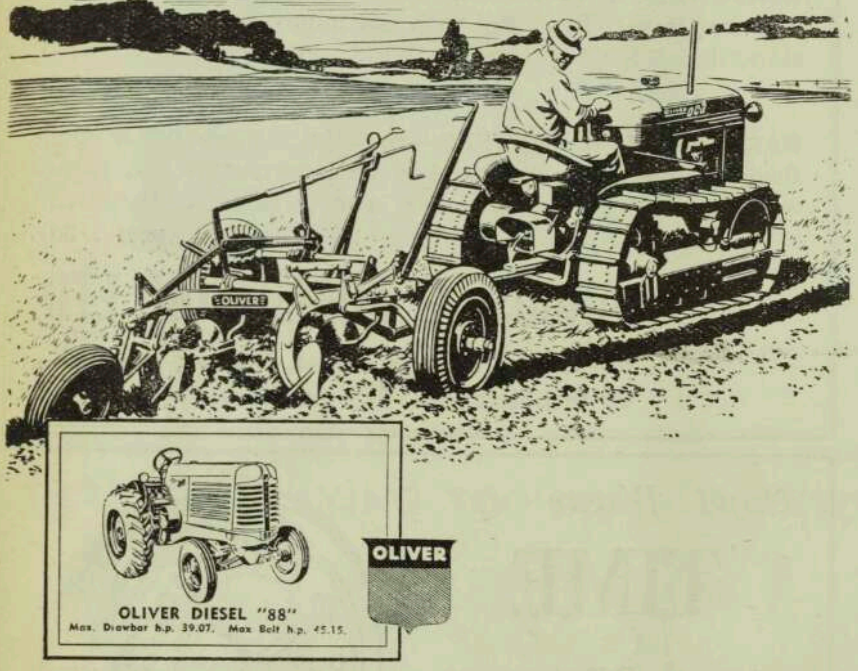

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COPRA PILING UP IN COOK

SINCE Abels Ltd., of Auckland who handle all copra coming in New Zealand, announced at the e of June that their requirements f the local market are fully met for t present year, copra congestion h developed at Rarotonga and Niue.

Early in July the NZ Islands Ter tories Department announced that had asked the British Ministry Food to arrange shipment of all su copra to the United Kingdom, un further notice, as provided in t present agreement.

The British MOF is naturally r luctant to send a vessel to the Coo for a comparatively small shipmer but the 500 tons which had accum lated in Rarotonga alone by mi August was causing considerable i convenience, due to limited stora facilities.

The Rarotonga traders feel th it is up to the NZ Government to c vert *Maui Pomare* to Apia or othe wise arrange shipment of this cop to a point where a MOF vessel ma load it along with other copra. S long as it lies in the Cooks th traders are penalised, as payment t them is on an f.o.b. basis. At th same time they are expected to co tinue purchasing copra from pr ducers and holding it in store unt shipment is arranged.

Rarotonga in late August, sa that unless the accumulation is soo shipped they will cease buying.

Later—announced in Sydney ear September that British ship going once to pick up Cook Is. copra.

WASP SWARM CAUSES STRANGE ACCIDENT

PAPEETE, August, 11

AN extraordinary fatality occurre here on August 7. M. de Vu pilleres, agent here for Messageri and a well-known and popular ma was driving his car across the Fa taua Bridge, about noon, when sud denly a swarm of flying wasps cam through his opened wind-screen an blinded him, so that he momentaril lost control of his car.

A Tahitian man was standing the side of the bridge. The swer ing car struck him and knocked hi over the side, and he fell into th stony riverbed, 20 feet below. H was picked up unconscious, and die later. M. de Vulpilleres, who r gained control quickly, and remaine on the bridge, was deeply shocke by the unfortunate accident.

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From a Special Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, September 2

NO one knows whether the development is the result of the "Maxwellitosis" which has hit the night-life of Sydney and made incalculable quantities of beer available for the normal market, or whether the pending appearance of "Joe Burke's Moresby beer" has upset merchants' calculations—but the fact remains that the beer market in the Territories is in a condition of profound disturbance.

"Unlimited quantities of Australian beer" are announced by the big distributors — Victorian Bitter by Carpenters, Fosters by Burns Philp and Richmond by Colyer Watson. People who have seen very little Australian beer of any kind for many years, and have been compelled to drink foreign bottled beers at high cost, now are literally licking their lips in anticipation of really competitive prices.

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The other big firms also are carrying big stocks of foreign beers, which they propose to unload as quickly as possible. The Burns Philp offerings will work out at around 1/8 per bottle.

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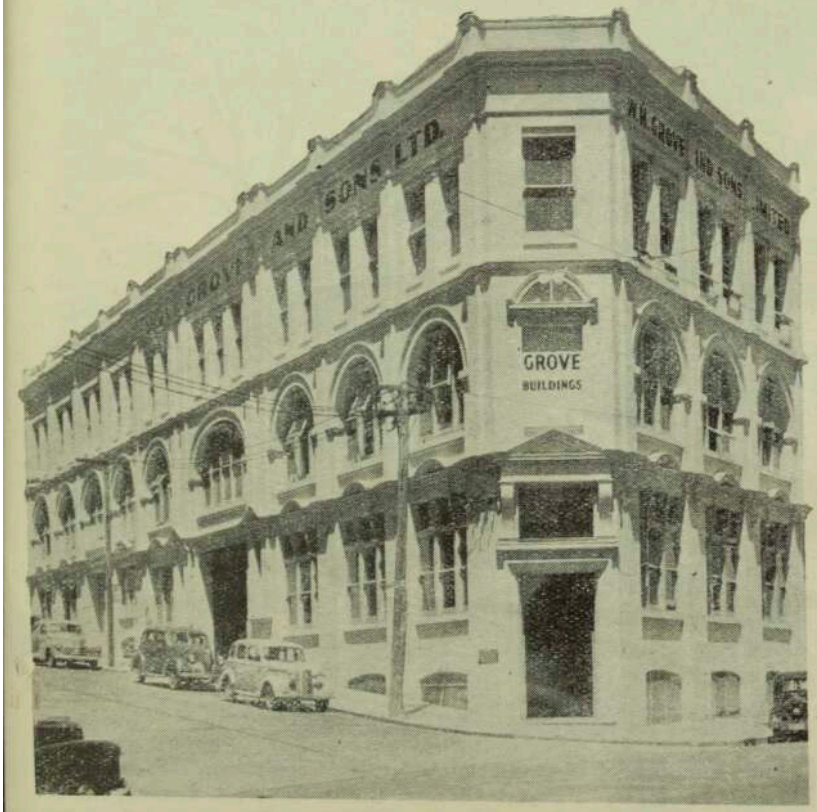

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beer-drinkers, and their preference usually is for Australian draught beer. If the promoters of the new brewery can give the community what they have promised—namely, a draught light beer of Australian type—they will capture the bulk of a large part of this valuable market, irrespective of anything that the distributors of overseas bottled beer can do.

When, two years ago, it was first proposed, by Mr. Burke and his associates, that the waters of the Laloki River, properly manipulated by skilled brewers, could provide the Australians here with what they want, few took the idea seriously. But the plan, in spite of many dif culties, has taken practical shap Everything now depends on the qua ity of the product.

LOCAL BEER ON SALE NEXT MONTH

P. MORESBY, Aug. 27.

THIS Territory is likely to enj increased supplies of beer soo when the new local brewery is production and BP's are handling a increased quota of Australian bee

South Pacific Brewery expects sell beer in Port Moresby by the en of October. It will distribute bot bottled and draught beer, in pr prietary bottles and 10 gallon stai less steel kilderkins, both made Australia.

Mr. Meier, manager of Sout Pacific Brewery, estimates his bee will sell at roughly 2/6 per bottl but he cannot be definite until th excise position is known. At preser there is no excise on beer brewe in the Territory, but Governmen Secretary Steve Lonergan says " may be anticipated".

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Various Incidents — and Australian Sensitiveness

Although only six months have passed since the United States freed Japan from the shackles imposed upon her in 1945—when, after a bitter war, she was forced to unconditional surrender in Tokio Bay—the Japanese are beginning to make their presence felt again in the South Pacific. Following are a number of incidents reported during this month.

"SOMETIMES I feel trepidation because we Australians have done little or nothing to develop New Guinea" said the late Administrator, Colonel J. K. Murray, in Brisbane, on August 25."

"If the Japanese had captured New Guinea there would be a great number of hydro-electric plants there today, developing millions of horsepower." He said that lack of finance was "one of the things that crippled New Guinea." Of course, this comes strangely from Colonel Murray. While he ruled, Australia gave New Guinea from three to six million pounds per annum, whereas before the war the country was self-supporting; he was responsible for scattering huge sums among the natives, under the heading of war damage compensation; and it was the ferocious Socialism of the Ward-Murray regime that did so much to discourage private enterprise in the Territories.

Nonetheless, what Colonel Murray says about the Japanese is perfectly true.

About the same time, in the Australian Parliament, Mr. W. M. Hughes was pointing out that Japan simply must have extensive new territories for her expanding population and, if Australia cannot develop New Guinea, then some Asiatic power—most probably Japan—certainly will.

FATE OF JAP CONVICTS

JAPAN now is making urgent representations that the terms of imprisonment imposed upon war criminals should be cancelled—war-time crimes to be forgiven and forgotten.

Australia does not take kindly to the idea. An Australian Court spent about a year in Manus trying Japs charged with war-time crimes, and hundreds of them were sentenced to punishment.

The Japanese committed horrible crimes all over the South Pacific—the massacres in Tol Plantation (New Britain), in Ambon, in Tarawa; the cruel murders of missionaries in New Guinea; the terrible sufferings imposed upon Australian POW's in Burma and Borneo—these are among incidents which come immediately to mind.

There are over 200 convicted Japanese war criminals now engaged in hard labour in Manus. Tokio is asking that they be sent home.

SHELL FISHERS ARE AUSTRALIA'S PROBLEM

THE Australian Minister in charge of Fisheries announced at Canberra on August 27 that Australia had asked Japan to negotiate a fishing agreement. The Minister denied any knowledge of rumours that the Japanese are at present preparing a large pearl-fishing fleet with mother-ships, similar to a whaling expedition, with the intention of fishing the waters north and north-west of Australia, outside territorial waters.

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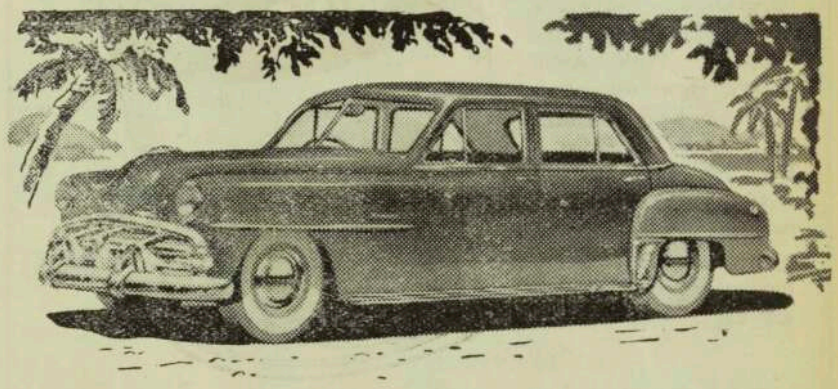

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It will be recalled that the Au tralian House of Representatives, o March 6, passed the Pearl Fisheri Bill and the Fisheries Bill, both which empower the Minister to pr claim waters beyond the three-mi limit, with the clear intention of e cluding Japanese pearl-fishermen i particular from some of the be shell beds which lie outside Au tralia's present territorial waters.

At that time it was pointed ou that, whilst the legislation was "per fectly valid it still required an agree ment with Japan to ensure its en forcement on the internationa plane." In plain language, accordin to present international Law, th Minister would have no power t prevent or interfere with foreig fishermen outside the accepted terri torial waters of Australia.

As Australian fishermen are mos unlikely to want to fish in the vicin ity of Japan, it will be interestin to see what Australia has to offe Japan as an inducement to keep ou of the lucrative—and at presen unfished — pearling grounds beyon Australia's three-mile limit in north ern waters, but within the Austral ian continental shelf's 100-fathom line.

RED SUBMARINES?

ALTHOUGH Japanese vessels ar being more frequently reporte among the South Pacific Islands, th submarines which are said to have been seen in New Guinea waters i recent months are thought to b Russian—not Japanese.

Addressing a Returned Soldiers League in Australia in late August Mr. George K. Whittaker, well known Lae resident, said that Russian submarines—some carrying Chinese—had been seen on a number of occasions in New Guinea waters. His statement was given prominence in most Australian newspapers; but Canberra politicians "played down" the report.

The Muscovite Power has assembled a fleet of powerful, long-distance submarines in Manchurian and Chinese ports and, if World War III comes, they surely will be used against all Western shipping in the Pacific. It is equally certain that those submarines are being sent out on long practice cruises.

The Australian Parliament was assured, in late August, that the reported presence of unidentified submarines in the vicinity of Emirau (northern end of New Ireland) was a figment of someone's imagination. Such incidents always are attended by a certain amount of hysteria.

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It would not be surprising to see ted subs in the South Pacific, nevertheless. It is worth noting that there re good air-strips—made in World Var II—on isolated New Guinea lands such as Emirau and Nissan. hey are completely abandoned ow; but an old NG planter who exmined the Nissan strip in June inorms us that it is "practically as ood as ever."

FLEET OF JAP WHALE CHASERS

One dark night in May, when the ter-island vessel *Maimuna*, en route Rabaul, was half-way across the ndred miles stretch of water beween north end of Buka and south d of New Ireland, it suddenly und itself surrounded by lights. A an aboard counted seven lights, d the vessels carrying them seemed be headed generally for North uka—small ships with a single asthead light. Later in the night, e *Maimuna* passed a single big ip, going the same way. The skipr knew nothing of any big ships ing in that area.

Later, in Rabaul, it was ascertained that they were a Japanese whaling fleet—mother-ship and chasers; and they had omitted to notify anyone of their presence.

About August 25, the Rabaul trading ship *Polurrian* noticed a large ship, about 12,000 tons, in the vicinity of the Carteret Islands (50 miles northeast of Buka). It later was ascertained that she had been thereabouts for two days, and the natives reported that what appeared to be Japanese had been ashore buying bananas, etc.—apparently they were whale-men. They were near Nissan, where there is a very good air-strip.

It does not appear that such casual visitors, when sailing through an archipelago, are obliged to identify themselves to officialdom ashore—although it is customary. But it is an entirely different thing when the voyagers go ashore and make con-

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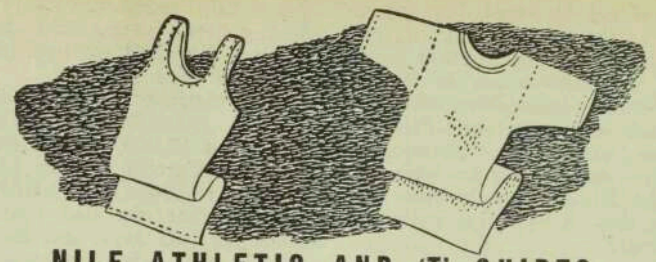

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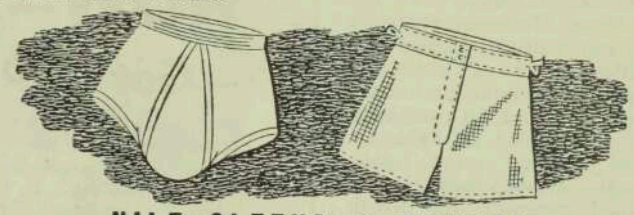

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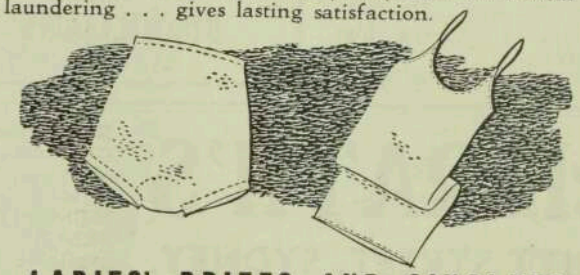

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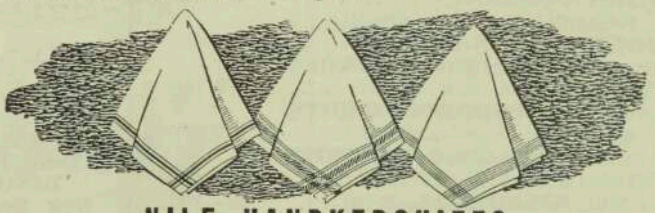

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WAR-TORN BRITAIN: Some Plain Aspects of The Sterling-Dollar Problem

By R. D. Blandy, CMG, OBE*

THROUGHOUT the South Pacific area, particularly in Australia and New Zealand, one frequently hears opinions expressed against the official policy of channelling trade to and from the Sterling Area at the expense of trade with the Dollar (or hard currency) Area. "Why should WE be made to suffer because of the Old Country's economic troubles?" is a typical protest. To acquire a more sympathetic understanding of British policy it is necessary to examine the causes.

The causes of the critical economic and monetary sickness from which the Sterling Area is suffering are legion and include the fact that Trade, like War and Peace is now practically "indivisible". However, the progressive reasons may be briefly summarised as follows.

Britain created the Sterling Area between two World Wars to protect Sterling Currency and its Satellites from economic effects deriving from World War I.

Britain is the fountain-head of the Sterling Area and, this being so, Sterling and its Satellites stand or fall by Britain. But, owing to Britain's steadily multiplying economic troubles, she can no longer "carry" the Sterling Area as formerly; and the other component parts thereof, particularly the British Commonwealth, must now take a greater share and responsibility in the protection of the system from bankruptcy. This means that concerted economic planning and co-ordination have become of the utmost urgency.

The basic origins of the troubles now affecting the Sterling Area are broadly and progressively as follows:—

- The loss of the American Colonies, which under British Sovereignty would to-day have provided the Sterling Area with huge markets and sources of raw materials (as well as huge *British* defence potential)
- The building up, under conditions of "export prosperity" of a top-heavy population in Britain.
- World War I, with its heavy loss to Britain of treasure and of the ex-

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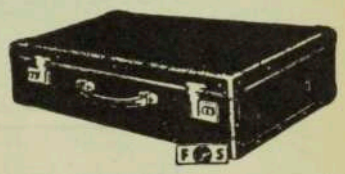

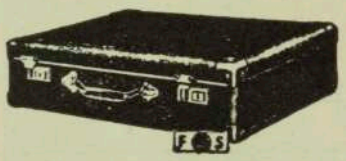

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port markets. From these, up to 1914, she derived most of her wealth and a surplus of foreign exchange, so that she was not only able easily and cheaply to import the 5/6 balance of the food, required to feed her top-heavy population, and her new materials, but also to invest huge sums in foreign countries.

• World War II, as a result of which Britain, apart from further loss of treasure, materials and export markets, was forced to sacrifice (or was otherwise deprived of) the bulk of her remaining foreign investments and gold—in fact the "invisible exports" which used to complete h balance of payments and ke Sterling stable. This has led to t necessity greatly to increase t volume of her physical exports pay for her balance of food and ra materials—and she is trying to this in the face of trade barriers, i creased industrial competition and rising inflationary world market.

• Finally, the additional (inflatio ary and unproductive) burden hurried re-armament throughout th Commonwealth.

BRITAIN became a great Powe *inter alia*, by building up a larg population. Her present problem to *keep* that large population and s remain a Great Power (and a adequate force in the defence Western Democracy), in spite of he imported food and raw material difficulties (alleviated, but not solved by help from the United States).

The alternative is to reduce he population to an "economic" leve and thus become a second-rate Power with all that that implies to "Western Civilisation" and to the Common wealth. It is, then, clearly imperativ that we save Britain from this latte course.

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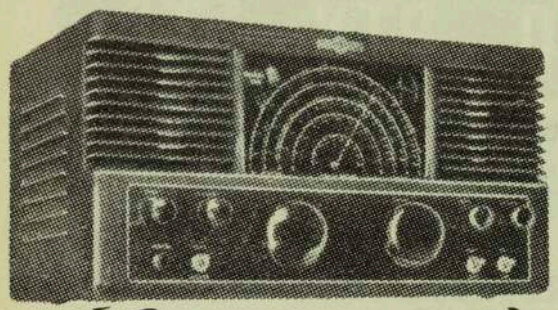

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be—and this appears already to be taking shape—the formation of a "British Front" consisting of the various units of the British Commonwealth which by ties of blood, affection and the instinct of self preservation (all or any of them) sincerely desire to retain British world-wide greatness, prestige and influence.

The British Front would co-ordinate its "total economy" and Foreign Policy, and would gain huge strength by speaking and acting as one great unit. Such a procedure would require much initial give-and-take, and possibly sacrifices; but its ultimate success should bring prosperity, peace and stability, not only to the peoples and countries of the Commonwealth, but to the world in general.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

British-American Relations in the Future

We endorse every word of our contributor's lucid argument. The alternatives before Britain, and the British Commonwealth, are too plain to be ignored; and the urgency of the choice cannot be denied.

But we would carry the argument farther than Mr. Blandy has done. The Commonwealth countries, by making a united British Front, probably can save Britain. With United States help, Britain surely can be saved.

Will the Americans help? We think they will. It is a matter of self-preservation. Despite her enormous strength, United States alone may not be able to overcome the deadly threat she faces to-day. But in partnership with a united British Commonwealth, United States surely can achieve international leadership for the peace, orderliness and good government of a free world.

Even if it were not a matter of self-preservation, the Americans will help in the economic re-establishment of Britain, because the strongest single national sentiment in USA to-day, apart from domestic issues, is goodwill towards the British people.

The British Commonwealth—and especially war-exhausted Britain—does need American help. America needs British help, not only in the immediate task of defence, but in order to provide more room for her enormously expanded and expanding economy and population.

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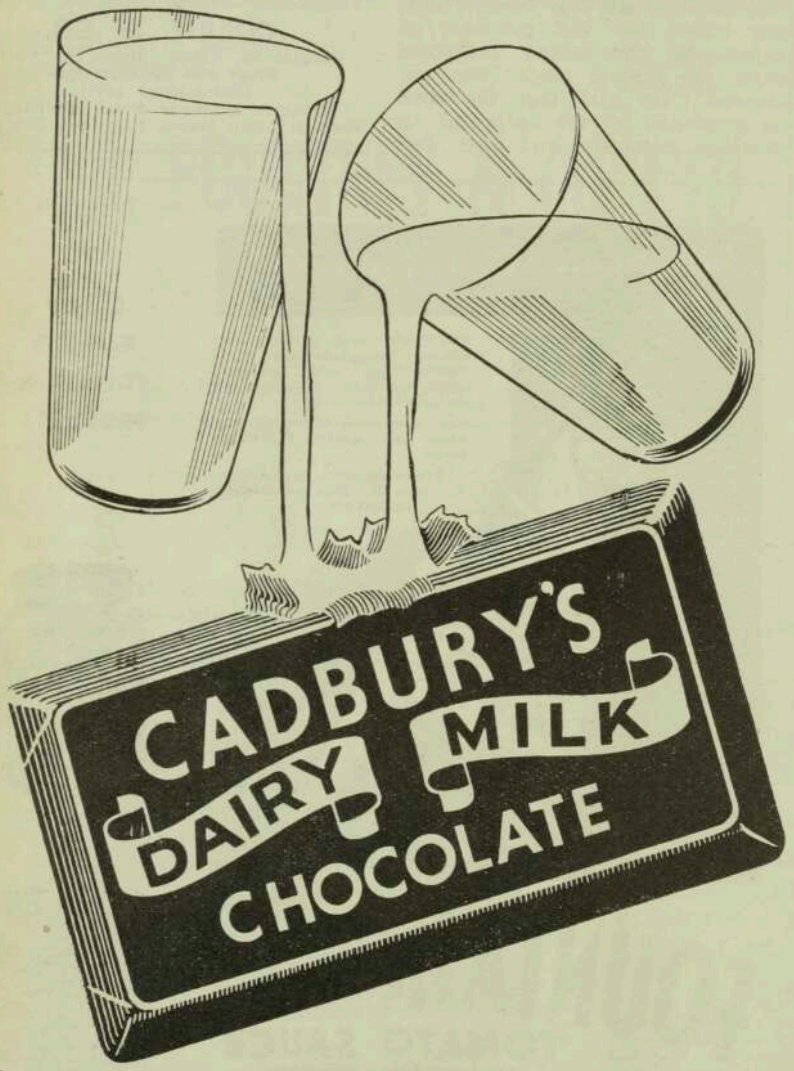

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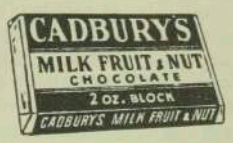

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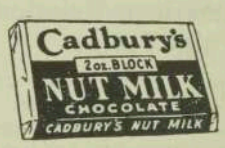

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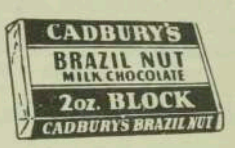

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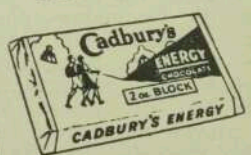

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Improvidence of the Fijians

Sukuna Speaks to the Chiefs

RATU SIR LALA SUKUNA, Secretary of Fijian Affairs, who has no delusions about the frailties of his own people, spoke to the point when he addressed the meeting of the Council of Chiefs in Suva recently.

He said that the immediate desires of the Fijians were for "evanescent trifles" and in this way they wasted their money. He inferred that they therefore had to be saved from themselves—as with the Fijian Development Fund which makes a levy on Fijian-produced copra, and he hinted that similar levies might be made on sugarcane, bananas and yaqona, and for the same reason.

He said "To-day we are living in difficult times. We are no longer the most numerous race in Fiji; we have too few births and too many deaths. With regard to food, there are many of our people living either within or near the larger towns who live on a poor diet; as to money, the criterion of power to-day, not only do we possess very little of it, but that little slips easily through our fingers. With every year that passes our strength declines because while our numbers are increasing, the amount of marketable produce we grow remains comparatively small. For these reasons you Chiefs, together with members of the Fijian Affairs Board, have a formidable task in endeavouring to find ways of raising the standard of living of Fijians."

He said that to June 30, £130,000 had accumulated in the Fijian Development Fund from levies on copra—and that would have been £200,000 if green copra had been included in the scheme. It was the intention, when the Fund was large enough, to build schools, hospitals and water supplies and generally to give the producers something of permanent value that would ensure that they lived comfortable and happy lives.

If the copra producers continued to waste their money during this period of high prices, then they would have nothing but poverty to look forward to when lower prices again prevailed.

Speaking of education, Sir Lala warned the Chiefs what had happened in India where academic education had bred a dissatisfied class of white-collar workers. He said that Fiji was primarily an agricultural country and that most Fijians must expect to make their living from the land—that comparatively few could expect highly-paid posts based on high educational qualifications.

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hibited from selling or disposing of green copra—that is, copra cut but not cured for export.

The regulation, it is stated, has been made in the interests of the Fijians — some traders have apparently been paying them less than the green copra was worth.

Mrs. Barbara Price (nee Langridge) arrived in Sydney for medical treatment in August. Formerly of Port Moresby, she is now a resident of isolated Vanikoro. She made the passage from Vanikoro to Santo, NH (where she connected with a Qantas 'plane), in Mr. Fred Jones' cutter.

Thorsisle in Trouble on First Run

THE Pacific Islands Transpo Line's vessel *Thorsisle* of 6,3 tons, on her first run south, fro the US Pacific coast was unfortu ate in fouling her propellor on t reef at Canton Island during Augu

The vessel, it is understood, h made a special call there with avi tion gasoline. Three blades of t propellor were badly damage greatly reducing her speed a causing heavy vibration for the r mainder of the voyage.

In late August it was indefini whether the vessel would proceed Australia or New Zealand for dr docking or whether she would co tinue her normal schedule at reduc speed back to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Standen the Bamu River Mission, Papu (The Mission in the Mud) ha translated the Gospel according St. Mark into Bamu River diale and this has been published by th British and Foreign Bible Societ 1,000 copies of the translation wi be published—there are only 5,0 Bamu River natives and this is th first time their language has bee put into writing.

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Beef-Cattle Project for BSI

THE Colonial Development and Welfare Fund which has helped many of the British Colonies with capital improvements, will re-establish cattle herds on Guadalcanal, BSI.

The cattle that existed on the island before the war were all eaten in 1941-45, and a start has now been made to re-establish the potential meat supply.

The Government vessel *Kurimarau*, left Suva in August with sufficient cattle to start the scheme. Two Hereford bulls have been obtained from New Zealand and a Zebu bull is being sent from Fjii. Over 40 Hereford heifers have been bought from the CSR Company's estate at Yaqara, Fiji.

The cost of establishing cattle in the Pacific Islands is enormous these days—transport costs alone from Australia or New Zealand usually are around £100 per head without the cost of the beast.

As far as Guadalcanal is concerned, it is hoped to establish a Hereford-Zebu cross which will do well under tropical conditions and which will have good beef-producing qualities.

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New Industry for NG Central Highlands

THE announcement that the well-known Australian firm of Cottees Passiona Ltd. is installing a pulping and freezing plant at Goroka, in New Guinea's Central Highlands, has a double interest.

The Highlands people—perhaps natives, as well as Europeans—are going to grow passionfruit and tomatoes for this installation, and the frozen product is to be flown to Australia. This may be the beginning of an important industry, for which these great plateaus are admirably suited.

The other factor is that this Cottee enterprise is under the direction of Mr. George Greathead, who achieved so much success as District Officer in charge of the Central Highlands, and who resigned from the Administration this year to back his belief in the district with his own money and tireless energy.

Mr. J. Little has arrived on Niue Is. to take up duties as Radio Operator.

MANY PAPUA BUYERS OF BRETT HILDER PAINTINGS

PORT MORESBY, August 22

THERE was much interest, last week, in the exhibition here of 45 paintings by Captain Brett Hilder, well-known skipper of Burns Philp ships. During the 3-days' exhibition, numerous people made a call, and no less than 21 of the paintings were sold, realising well over £200. Captain Hilder is becoming well-known as a painter of heads of all types of Pacific Islanders.

Mr. W. J. S. Brabant has accepted a transfer to the Western Pacific High Commission as Accountant-General and Collector of Customs, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. He is at present Deputy Accountant-General, Fiji.

Mr. Bruce Bembrick, formerly of Hurstville, Sydney, has gone to Lae, New Guinea, where, as a member of the Burns Philp establishment, he will handle the business of the Queensland Insurance Company.

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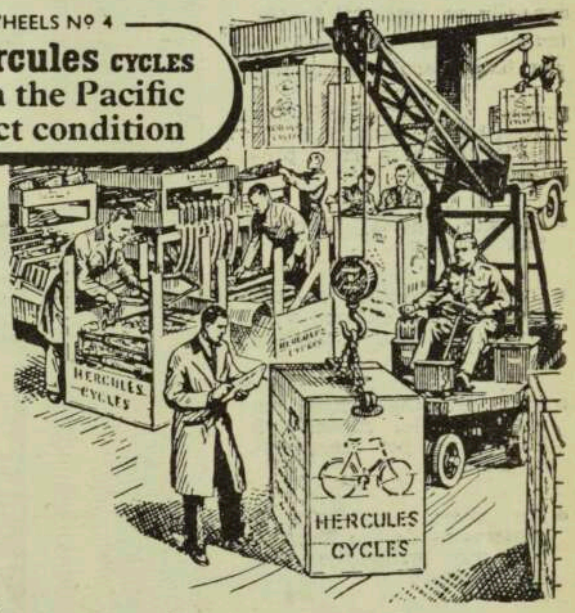

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"NEW" REEF-PASSAGE AT FIJI

AN important development for overseas shipping loading in Fijian waters was the recent "discovery" of a new passage through the reef near Port Ellington, north-eastern Viti Levu.

Although newspapers have used the term "discovery" there is little doubt that the passage was largely well known to local small craft; but it was not until recently that it was properly surveyed by *HMNZS Lachlan*, a RAN vessel which was on loan to the NZ Navy, which returned to Wellington late July.

The survey made by *Lachlan* has made it possible for sugar ships, travelling between Suva and Port Ellington, to save four hours and 50 miles of steaming. Vessels travelling via the former passage were unable to safely anchor. Using the new route, if for any reason the ship is delayed—through engine trouble, for example—she may safely anchor in 20 fathoms.

Dr. J. Dovi, a Fijian who received his medical training in New Zealand, returned there on leave in August from the Solomon Is., where he is attached to the Administration Medical Staff.

NEW STAMPS FOR P-NG

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA'S new issue of postage stamps—since the war they have been using Australian stamps—will be available on October 30.

There are 15 stamps in the complete set, from a denomination of ½d to £1. All the stamps are shown on our cover this month.

Orders for unused stamps in bulk quantities or sets (full set is £1/19/11½, Australian currency) and for first-day covers should be sent as soon as possible to the Chief Postmaster, Port Moresby, Papua.

Arrangements have been made to despatch first-day covers, (1) with 3½d stamp affixed at a cost of 4d; (2) with stamps of 1d, 2d, 2½d and 3d affixed at cost of 9d; or (3) with such stamps affixed as are desired by the purchaser, for which the face value of stamps plus ½d will be charged. Pre-addressed envelopes will also be stamped and despatched in accordance with purchasers' requirements. All orders should be sent to the Chief Postmaster as soon as possible. Airmails leave Sydney for New Guinea almost daily and there is surface mail about every three weeks.

The designs of the stamps are as follows: ½d, tree-climbing kangaroo (printed emerald green); 1d, Buka head-dress (light brown); 2d, native youth (blue); 2½d, Bird of Paradise (orange); 3d, native policeman (dark green); 3½d, Papuan head-dress (red); 6½d, Kiriwina Chief house (purple); 7½d, Kiriwina yam house (blue); 9d, copra making (brown); 1/-, trading canoe (medium green); 1/6, rubber tapping, (dark green); 2/-, Sepik dancing mask (dark blue); 2/6, plumed shepherd (dark red); 10/-, outline map of P-NG (medium blue); £1, native spearing fish (chocolate brown).

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lander have left Norfolk Island for the New Hebrides where they expect to live in future.

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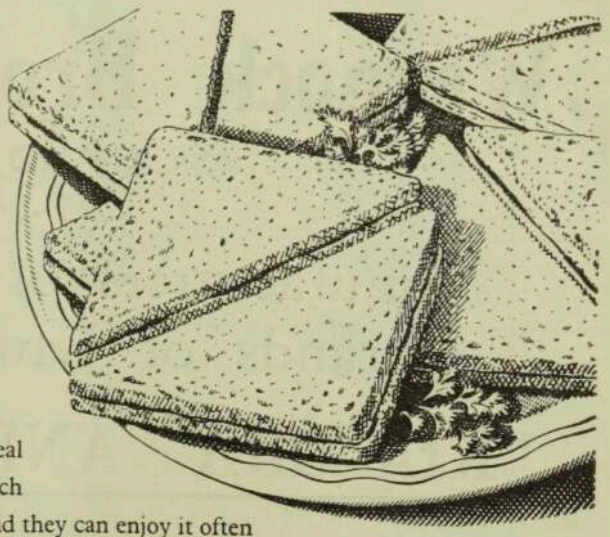

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A NZ Department of Civil Aviation Dakota flew the Coral Route circuit to Bora Bora in August, checking all airfield and navigational facilities, including radio aids. Mr. A. Hewitt was the pilot.

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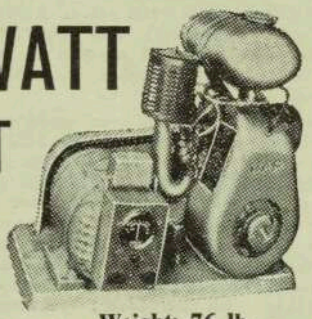

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TO REVIVE NORFOLK IS BANANA TRADE

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Mr. Richards points out that one time Norfolk shipped 2,0 cases of bananas per month to N Zealand. A trial shipment, sent Wellington in 1948 on a Ho Shipping Co. vessel, arrived in go order but the Marketing Divisi pegged the retail price at an unpa able level.

Mr. Richards is convinced that t public is prepared to pay the pr now asked. He says that the Ho Shipping Co. would again be p pared to supply the necessary sh ping connection. The NZNAC h also offered a special air freight r on bananas if the trade is reopen

Norfolk islanders are interested replanting, provided that a mar is assured. It would take some ti to re-establish the plantings.

A son was born to **Dr. and M Brian Scott**, of Rarotonga, August 24. Dr. Scott is Ch Medical Officer of Cook Islands.

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Rugby Team's Triumphal Return to Fiji

SUVA, August 18.

BACK from Australia, the Fijian Rugby team quietly disbanded yesterday after a round of continuous feting since it arrived at Nadi on the night of August 13.

The ceremonial welcome and feast provided by the Fijian people of Nadi lasted most of the night, and next day the 21 players (the captain, Apakuki Tuitavua, having stayed at Sydney for a technical course in meat inspection) and three officials made a triumphal tour from Nadi to Suva, where a substantial part of the population waited to welcome them at 4.30 p.m.

Flags were flying and a combined Police and Army band was at the main bus station to escort the team on a march through the town to the Town Hall, where the Mayor (Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane) gave the travellers a civic reception. The Town Hall was filled to overflowing, and hundreds had to wait outside.

Fijian groups at Suva kept up the pressure of entertainment until it was something of a mystery how the team managed to beat the Rest of Fiji (an excellent team) 16-14 on August 16. After that there was more entertainment, followed by a dinner at the Grand Pacific.

On Sunday there was a special service at the Jubilee Methodist Church, after which the 1952 representative Rugby team officially folded up.

The tourists brought back two handsome cups for competition in Fiji. One was presented by the proprietor of the Gresham Hotel, Sydney, where the team stayed—it was a tribute to their friendliness and courtesy while guests of his hotel.

The other cup was from Mr. K. L. Sands, formerly of Fiji, now of NSW, who travelled with the team in Australia as Australian Rugby Union liaison officer.

NZ SOCCER TEAM FOR FIJI

A NEW ZEALAND representative soccer team will arrive in Fiji in August 30.

They will play seven matches against Indian teams—including three test matches—before leaving for Tahiti on September 17. The matches will be played at Suva and Lautoka.

In Fiji, soccer football is an Indian preserve, just as Rugby is left exclusively to the Fijians.

Two girls from Fiji are residing in Feilding, a small sheepfarming centre in New Zealand. They are **Miss Joy Stinson** and **Miss Kerkham**, both well known in Suva. Miss Stinson plans to return next February, but Miss Kerkham, engaged to a local farmer, will become a permanent resident.

The NZ Government has sent four goats to Niue Island in order to supply milk to Hospital patients. The goats are pure bred, and were purchased from a breeder at Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand. It is hoped that they will be a much more profitable source of milk than the cows at present on the island.

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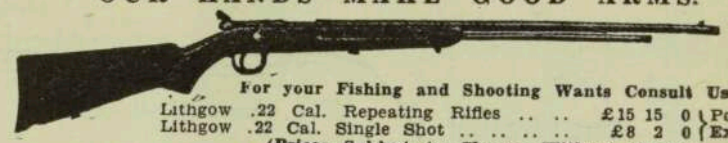

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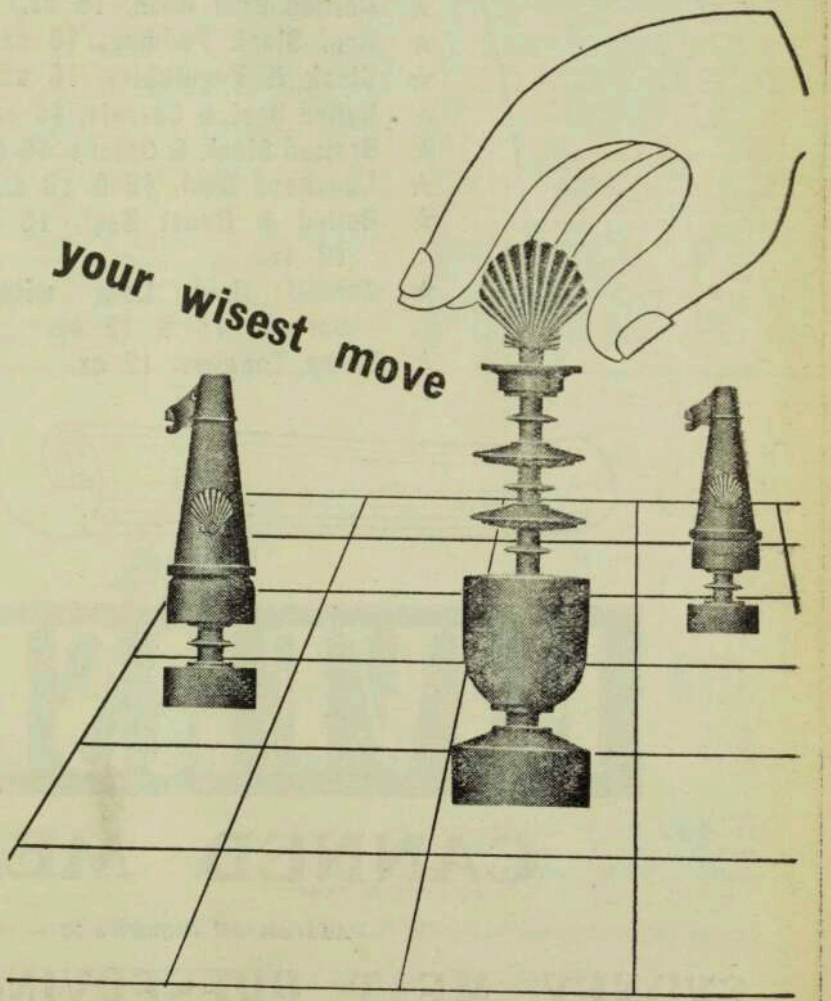

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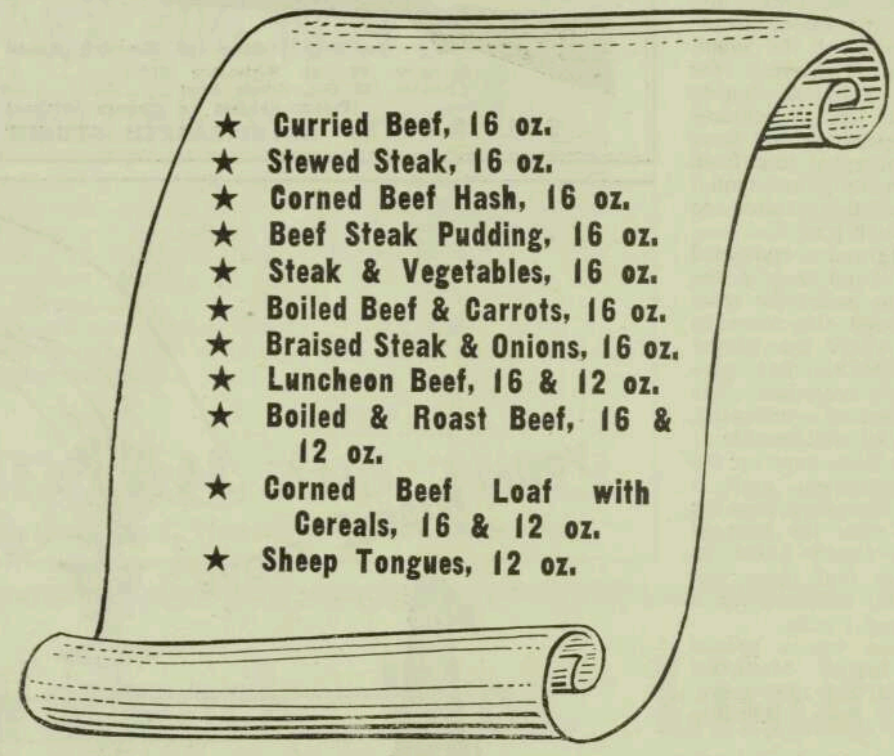

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A LOVELY SPOT IN THE SOUTH SEAS

PASSENGERS flying the TEAL Coral Route to Tahiti are enthusiastic about the brief fuelling-stop at Aitutaki, Cook Is.

Eastbound from Suva, the big Solents drop down through the clouds just after daybreak into a veritable fairyland. The lagoon itself is amazingly beautiful, with its shades of pastel pinks and greens, framed by the waving palms of the main island and its little satellites strung along the eastern side of the 6-miles triangle.

While the aircraft refuels at its buoy the passengers land on a little islet at the south-east corner of the lagoon, completely remote from the main settlement and from the land airbase. Here Mrs. P. McVeagh gives them a wonderful welcome. Beside the white sand beach, nestling amongst the palms, is a large native-material reception house where refreshments, including the iced juice of local oranges are provided. Showers are available, and many passengers take the chance to have a swim in the luke-warm water of the lagoon and a stroll through the coconut groves to the ocean side of the islet.

Many passengers wonder why some enterprising person has not established a hotel on this islet so that those who wish—and there are many, it seems—could remain here for a few days' restful holiday, and pick up an aircraft a few days later. For a restful holiday in the winter months there could be no pleasanter place than Aitutaki's sleepy lagoon.

(A photograph of the islet referred to was published on the front cover of August PIM.)

New Radio Station for Dutch New Guinea

A FIVE-KILOWATT broadcasting station will shortly be opened at Sentani, near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. The station will operate on the 49-metre band on 5090 kc/s and its musical programmes should also provide alternative entertainment for listeners in the remainder of New Guinea and on neighbouring islands.

There is already a low powered Forces Station operating on 7126 kc/s from Hollandia but it does not have a very great coverage. The new station should prove considerably better in this respect.

Net proceeds from the screening of the Cook Islands' movie film, "Moana Roa", which was made at Rarotonga and Aitutaki by the New Zealand National Film Unit several years ago, are being shared between two Cook Islands institutions—the Crippled Children's Society, and Makea's Makogai Fund for leper patients.

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Mission Claims Cure of NG Lepers

SEVENTH Day Adventist medical missionaries in the New Guinea Central Highlands claim that they have completely cured 100 lepers in the past 12 months.

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The claim was made by Pastor C. E. Mitchell who was recently in Melbourne on furlough. He has been in New Guinea since 1927.

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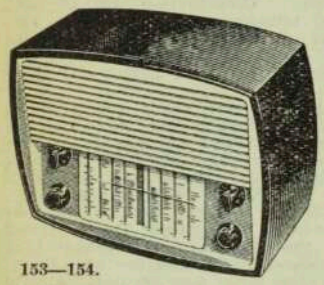

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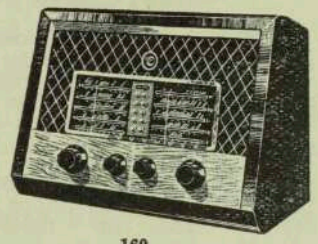

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ECONOMIC TROUBLES ON NIUE

From Our Own Correspondent

NIUE ISLAND is undergoing difficult financial period present.

No copra is being bought by th traders on the island owing to th fact that New Zealand cannot tak any more copra this year, and thi with the decline of the basket trad is a severe blow to the island economy.

The natives now have no cash cro apart from a few hundred cases bananas and bags of kumera exporte to New Zealand and as these com from only part of the island, mar of the people are without means obtaining money.

The traders have a large quanti of copra on hand and cannot fin storage space for more. It is hope that the Administration will be ab to arrange for a ship to call an transport the copra to Fiji or else where to await shipment to Englan so that buying may be resumed.

Following his visit to the Norther Group Islands in July, Mr. Nevill, Resident Commissioner Cook Is., accompanied by Mr Nevill, travelled from Rarotonga t Mangaia by the August Mai Pomare on an official visit.

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Fijians to Provide Mats For Malaya Battalion

SUVA, August 18

THE Fijian people have been asked to provide two new sleeping-mats for each of the Fijian soldiers in Malaya. This means a total of nearly 1,800 mats, and anyone who has seen the work that goes into the collection of material, preparation and weaving of a Fijian sleeping-mat, knows what this order will entail for Fijian women in the villages.

The order has brought up again the hotly-debated question of why the burden of the Malaya expedition should be carried by the Fijians exclusively. They have not only provided the men, but they continue to provide most of the essential incidentals. Other races in Fiji do not even contribute to the basic cost of what is described as a matter of Imperial defence. Most of that bill is met by the United Kingdom.

It would be fairer, in the Empire sense, if the cost of sending and maintaining the Fijian battalion were met by increased taxation on Europeans and Asiatics in Fiji. But if that were the case there might not be any Fijian battalion in Malaya.

When the battalion went away a handful of European firms and individuals made modest contributions to canteen funds. Since then, mighty little, if anything, has been done apart from the Rabi Banabans' generous gift of £1,500.

Fijian mats do not last long in Malaya, and that is why the new consignment is required. But why should the non-Fijians not raise a fund to buy more serviceable sleeping-equipment—especially at a time when many Fijian villagers in eastern Viti Levu are still hard-pressed as a result of the January hurricane?

French Deputies on Tour

IN the course of a "tour of information" four French Deputies, representing the four main political parties, visited French Territories in the Pacific in August-September.

Led by de Gaullist M. Max Brusset, the party includes also M. Deffere (Socialist), M. Laforest (Radical Socialist), and M. Bettencourt (Independent Republican).

The Deputies travelled by air from Australia through to Tahiti, and were to visit New Zealand on the return flight.

MANY PEARLS AT PENRHYN

FROM Penrhyn in the Northern Cooks in August it was reported that a large number of "rare and beautiful gems" have been taken from the lagoon in recent pearling operations.

Most are from the little Pipi mollusc, which has a diameter of only one to two inches, but produces surprisingly large pearls, usually of a pink or yellowish colour.

Pearls of up to 7 carats, say 3/8 of an inch in diameter, have recently been fished, according to the report, which stated that over ten thousand carats of pearls are at present available to buyers.

One of the two Qantas Catalinas which have been familiar around Port Moresby for some years went South permanently in August. Now that QEA is operating Sandringhams on former Catalina services one of the Cats can be dispensed with. Captain Fox and two crew members went with her. The other Catalina will remain based on Moresby, principally for charter use for APC and the Administration.

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PAPUA-N. GUINEA FOOTBALLERS

Although Papua-New Guinea cannot be said to have the orthodox climate for it, football — both Soccer and Rugby League—have become very popular there since the war. On August 2, in Port Moresby, matches were played between teams representing New Guinea and Papua. These two teams are from Papua, and they beat the NG representatives. At top is shown the Papuan reserve team, which defeated the NG reserve. Bottom, the Papuan representatives who defeated the New Guinea representatives.

—Photos by Papuan Prints.

Dr. C. A. Moody, who has been practising in South Australia for the past 12 years, has accepted a position as medical officer for the BPC on Ocean Is.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carr left Auckland by the July **Tofua** for Suva. Mr. Carr, who recently has been editor of a NZ country newspaper, was to take up an editorial appointment with the "Fiji Times".

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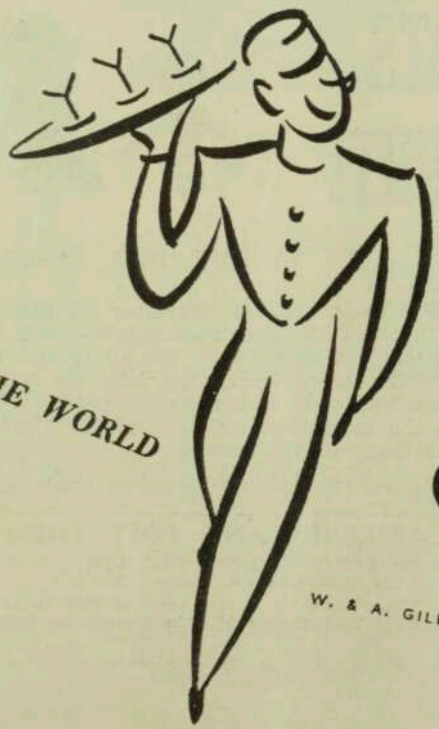
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Howlett of New Guinea Goldfields, Wau, NG, with their infant son, left for three months leave in Sydney at the end of July.

The Ladies Guild of St. Augustine's Church of England, Wau, NG, held another very successful market day on July 28, and thereby raised over £30 for church funds.



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Dr. Thomas Fry, Officer-in-Charge of the Legal Section of the Territories Research Department, visited Wau, Bulolo and Mumeng, New Guinea, recently. He is particularly interested in the implementation of the Native Administration Regulations and District Courts Ordinance; he attended courts in session during his visit.

VALUE OF BRITISH CONSULATE IN TAHITI

Letter to the Editor

I AM an Australian business man and, not long ago, I visited Tahiti, with plans for the expansion of my trading to French Oceania. In that connection, I wanted som official guidance; and when I fou that there was no official Australi representative there, but that the was a British Consul. I natural sought assistance at that Consula

I got no welcome at all—in fa I was made to feel that, as an Au tralian, I created a bad smell in t lofty British nose. The highest offici I was able to see there was n friendly to Australia and, when produced my credentials, bearing t Prime Minister's signature, he aske "And who *is* Mr. Menzies?"

Why does Britain maintain Consul there, if not for the help British people? Most of the re British business in French Ocean nowadays is done by New Zealar and Australia, and less and less Britain. United States withdrew h Consulate from Tahiti some yea ago. It seems to me that Brita should do the same, and that a cor petent New Zealand or Australi Trade Commissioner should be place there.

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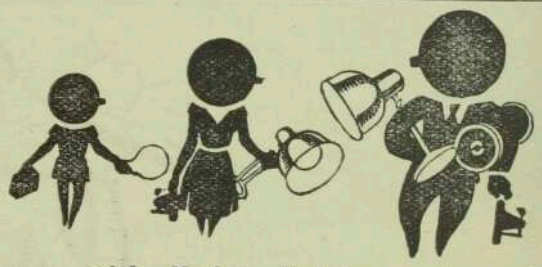

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Self-Government In West Africa

Transferred from the British South Pacific Administrations to West Africa, Mr. G. L. Barrow found some striking contrasts; and he writes of them most interestingly in the July Corona. *Here are some extracts that can be read with profit:*

PORT HARCOURT (carved out of the jungle, far up the Niger) is a modern town, not only in its streets and its port but also in the people who live there.

One expected to find Africans doing most things in Nigeria, but it was still a surprise to find just how much they do—in banks and shops one never sees a white face unless one penetrates to the manager's office, and by no means always there. In public offices the senior official is generally a European, but very often he too is an African. It is surprising to find the extent to which the judicial system is in the hands of African judges and magistrates, but after seeing them work one is soon ashamed of having been surprised.

Then, in this continent of contrasts, one realises that in the swamps only a few miles away a long-standing feud flared up last year with the cold-blooded massacre of over a hundred innocent fishermen, and the tribes concerned still glare sullenly at each other across the mangroves and would be impatiently fingering the butts of their rifles but for the fact that they are forbidden to possess any. . . .

And when one speaks of self-government one realises with a slight start the extent to which they are already well able to cope with the everyday business of administration.

Where they fall short is rather in the intangibles—the sense of civic duty and public service which is so inbred a part of British life that we tend to forget what a rare and valuable quality it is; the national outlook which overrides local tribe loyalties but which in the last resort will bow to the higher dictates of humanity and moral law; the belief in integrity and justice for their own sake and not merely because they pay better in the face of a vigilant police force and an efficient legal system; and above all respect for human rights, rights which people generally are much readier to scream for on their own behalf than to grant to others.

The TEAL east-bound flight to Tahiti early in August carried 105 cases of tangerines and a further consignment of fresh tomatoes from Aitutaki. The tangerines were the first ever to be air-freighted to Tahiti, and sold readily on the Papeete market.

Two students of the Takimoa LMS theological college, Rarotonga, were ordained in August and have been appointed pastors in the Group. **Pastor William Masters** has been assigned to Titikaveka, Rarotonga, and **Pastor Samuel Samuela** to Puka Puka Island.

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TIKOPIA'S POPULATION INCREASING

DR. RAYMOND FIRTH, professor of anthropology, who has been doing field work on Tikopia, Polynesian outlier of the Solomons, reports that the population there has increased from 1,300 to 1,750 since his visit in 1928-29.

Dr. Firth said that Tikopia has been hit by the January hurricane and food as a result was at present scarce. The *Kurimarau* recently took a cargo of rice to the island to supplement the coconut-and-fish diet.

Dr. Firth was suffering from influenza when the ship called for him in August and spent some time in hospital at Vila and later Sydney as a result.

His research companion, Canadian Mr. J. Spillius, is remaining on Tikopia until next February to complete the research project covering 12 months.

Northbound from Auckland

Passengers north-bound on the Maui Pomare from Auckland, NZ, in August included (left to right, top to bottom):— MR. C. M. DUNCAN, SISTER J. M. ANDERSON, SISTER T. E. PERRY and MR. J. A. ARMSTRONG of the Cook Islands Health Department. MISS NGAPINE MAPU and MISS PAIRU MAPU, who were returning to Rarotonga on holiday.

MR. TERII TU, MRS. TU, MR. TERII TITINI, MISS RANGI CLARK and MR. TIKAU—but MR. TITINI was the only traveller.

The Second Annual Catholic Ball was held at the Wau Club, New Guinea, on August 16. Proceeds go to St. Francis Church at Wau.

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LIQUOR CONTROL IN WESTERN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Aug. 20.

THE system of liquor control in Western Samoa, which has not been changed materially since New Zealand took over the Territory over 30 years ago, and which has been many times criticised, is now under review by a Royal Commission appointed by the NZ Government.

Mr. L. G. H. Sinclair is here to investigate the whole position as Commissioner, and Mr. A. D. McGregor, a NZ barrister, is here to assist him. The latter already has lined up a lot of European and native evidence.

There are no licences issued here for the sale of liquor. The Government keeps a store of all kinds, and originally persons who wished to obtain a supply had to see the Medical Officers and get a certificate that, in the MO's opinion, it was desirable that they be given liquor; and then they solemnly went to the store and purchased it. In a general way, liquor was not available to natives. This was later modified by a points system.

There has been much discontent for years among the European and the growing Euronesian communities; and the Samoan people themselves, now becoming literate and taking an increasing share in government, also seek reform.

The Commissioner will examine all angles before making his recommendations.

Among suggestions already submitted are the removal of beer from

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the present point system; a more liberal allocation of points to old people; importation of liquor and beer according to popular taste and demand; allocation of sufficient supplies of liquor and beer to incorporated clubs; issue of individual liquor permits to tourists and visitors to Samoa; and a reconstitution of the Liquor Board so as to give the general public better representation.

Public opinion seems to be against the sale of beer and liquor by private interests. Samoans particularly oppose the open sale of beer to the public as in American Samoa, Fiji and other places.

The Chief of Police, Niue Is., **Constable D. Claasen**, has returned to New Zealand and he will be replaced by Constable Williams.

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The Rev. Father D. Hurley, o Victoria, has left for Fiji where h will join the new St. Columba Fathers' Mission Society. In Fij he will meet his brother, **the Rev Father Gerald Hurley**, who went t the Colony early this year with 1 other priests for the new mission A third brother, **the Rev. Fathe Patrick Hurley**, is already workin with the Society in the Philippines

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All three countries were represented at an unexplained conference in Canberra late in August, to deal with these matters. It may have been the result of the new tie-up between United States, Australia and NZ on Pacific defence. One reason for Britain originally coming into Pacific aviation was connected with defence. Since then, the United States, to a large extent, has taken the place of Britain in plans for Pacific defence.

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WHEN Sister Heather Reid returned to Hamilton, NZ, in August, after two years of service at Honiara hospital, she described the conditions suffered by staff and patients in the remains of an American war building.

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With a food allowance of 7/- per day, and with canned butter at 7/- per lb, fresh mutton at 4/6, and other food prices proportionate, the staff does not live in luxury.

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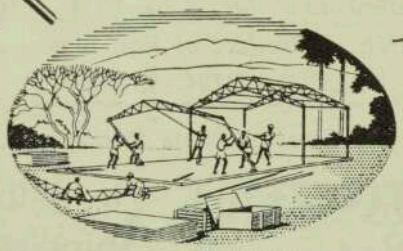

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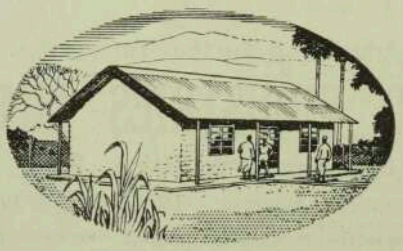

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Red Cross Function in Port Moresby

Mrs. Frazer-Elliott, wife of the Australian High Commissioner for Canada was in Port Moresby on August 8, when the local branch of the Red Cross held a dinner-dance. She is seen here cutting the Debutantes' cake. In the background are Mr. John Ahearne, President of the Papuan Red Cross, and the Rev. Mr. Ure.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Newly married **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pemble-Smith** will fly to New Guinea this month where they will make their home on Nondugl Experimental Station in the Central Highlands. Mrs. Pemble-Smith was formerly Miss Suzanne Moore of South Australia.

A son, Desmond Arthur, was born, on August 8, to **Henry and Flora Krone**, of Casala Plantation, Upolu, Western Samoa. Mr. Krone, who was for 29 years a member of Burns Philp (S.S.) Co.'s staff, is now a successful cocoa planter sharing in the prosperity from Samoa's gilt edged crop.

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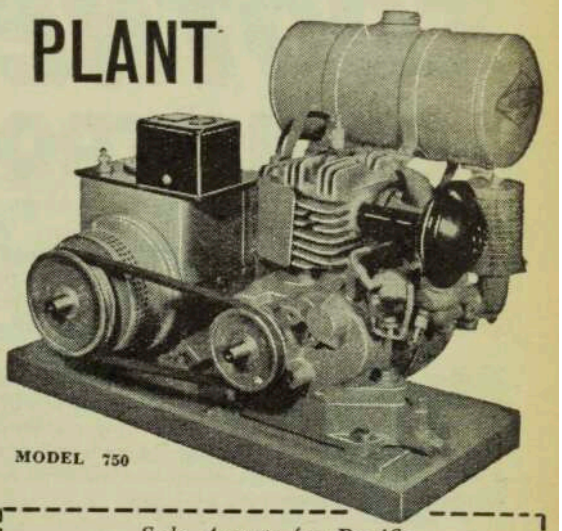

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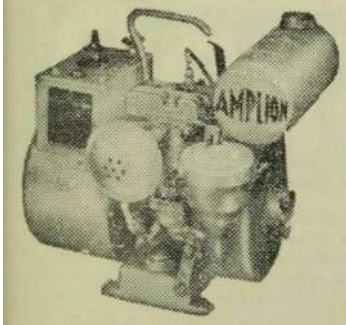

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THE annual camp meeting of the North-east New Guinea Mission of Seventh-day Adventists was held July 21-26 on the grounds of the New Guinea Highlands Missionary School, Kabiufa near Goroka.

Australian delegates were Pastor Petersen, Youth and Education Secretary, and Dr. Harrison of the Sydney Sanitarium. Pastors White and MacFarlane and Mr. Ellison represented the Coral Sea Union Mission (Lae).

Headquarters staff and mission directors with their families from Omaura-Kainantu, at the one end of the Highlands, to Wabag, at the other, attended, besides hundreds of native missionaries, students and native lay members.

Educational and religious films attracted a nightly audience of more than 2,000, but the highlight of the evening meetings was Masive's eloquent description of his recent tour of Australia and New Zealand; his large audience listened with rapt attention throughout.

On the last afternoon a large and greatly interested crowd gathered to witness the baptism by immersion of 32 converts in a font especially made for the occasion.

Of the stories told by the native missionaries, perhaps the most interesting were brought by natives of the cannibal Fore area of the Kainantu district. One man told how he and his wife were surrounded by armed cannibals who demanded their beautiful, plump child to eat. All missionaries from that area report that many are already giving up cannibalism.

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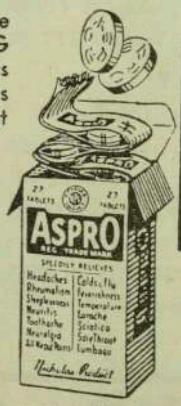

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Exodus of Jobless American Samoans

THE biggest migration of Samoans —at least in modern times —happened in July when 921 American Samoans sailed from Pago Pago for Honolulu. They were carried in the transport *President Jackson*.

About 350 of them were dependents of the 100-odd members of the Eastern Samoan, now-disbanded Fita Fita Guard who are now serving with the US Navy in Hawaii. The rest of the passengers were there on their own initiative, at their own expense and had been vouched for by Hawaii citizens—mostly other Samoans now living in the Territory.

The Samoans spent almost the whole of the first day in their new land-of-promise, cooped up on the transport while they were blood-tested, X-rayed and examined by immigration officers. Apparently they had been X-rayed before they left Pago but the films had been left behind. And many of them had put their Christian names on the passenger list and then signed entry papers with other native names. The result was a mix-up we usually attribute to the muddling British rather than to the organised Yanks.

Navy dependents will be housed in Navy establishments but the idea of most of the young men who migrated under their own steam seems to be to join the US armed forces. In the first few days after the arrival of the *President Jackson* an average of 75 Samoans per day were crowding Honolulu army-air force recruiting centres.

Since the Navy pulled out of American Samoa in mid-1951 economic conditions in the Territory have been bad. For almost 50 years the Samoans had relied on a Navy economy and when this prop was suddenly withdrawn it was found that the small amount of land in the Territory could no longer support the much increased population. Many of the Samoans who had served in the Fita Fita Guard and in Navy jobs had been so long away from village life that it was difficult for them to adjust themselves to altered conditions.

Much of the time and energies of the first civil Governor of American Samoa, Mr. Phelps Phelps, was taken up with this problem and in trying to get additional grants to ease the Territory over the first shock of Navy departure—as reported several times in PIM in the last year.

A contributing factor to American Samoa's troubles has been lack of communications—there is no regular shipping service between the Territory and other American possessions and there is no plane service. The only regular shipping call is by the Union Company's *Tofua* which carries passengers to Apia (Western Samoa), Suva (Fiji) or Auckland where regular plane and shipping services for America can be picked up; and by small inter-island boat from Pago Pago to Apia.

Quite unconnected with the President Jackson exodus, an official of the US Territorial Employment Service spent three weeks in American Samoa in July where he registered 1,074 Samoans for possible employment outside the island group—in Guam, Hawaii and the US Pacific Coast—when jobs can be found for them and when transportation is available. The official described economic conditions since the Navy pulled out as "very bad."

He said that of the 1,000-odd Samoans he had registered for employment, if and when, 700 had had agricultural experience, 80 were carpenters, 41 motor mechanics, 20 riggers, 12 electrical repairers, 11 welders, 11 bulldozer and crane operators and there were also other skilled men. The Pearl Harbour Navy Yard could use about 100 of the skilled men immediately but the problem was to get them there.

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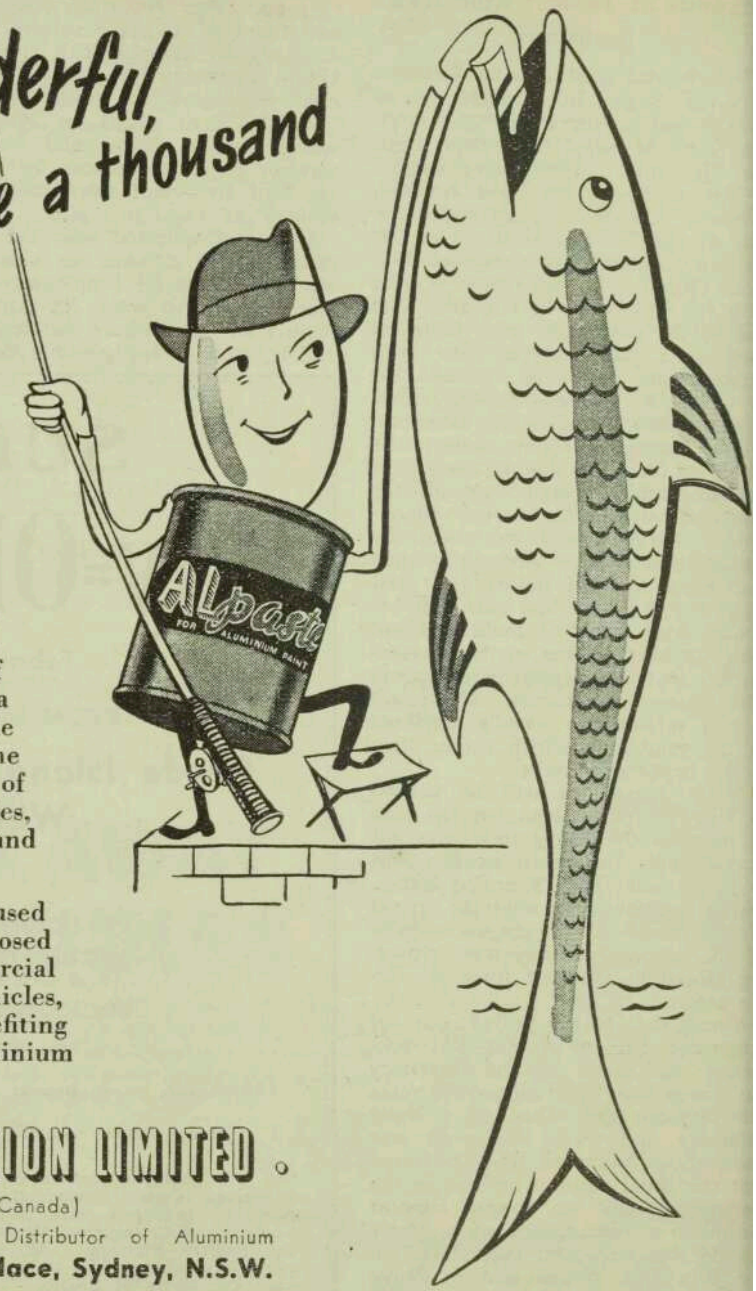

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MAGAZINE SECTION

Tropicalities

HOW TO STOP EXPRESS TRAINS

THE pitfalls that await Fijian visitors to foreign parts is illustrated by the following:—

When the Fijian Rugby team was travelling from Sydney to Brisbane in July, the captain, Apakuki Tuitavua, had reason to visit the washroom. There appeared to be no buttons to push, or levers to pull, so he pulled a small chain. The Brisbane express promptly made an unscheduled stop nowhere in particular.

In the ensuing confusion it was apparently decided to overlook the £10 fine with which travellers are threatened if they pull the communication cord without good reason.

The "communication cord" in Australian trains is about four inches of chain—and most washroom chains are there to be pulled, anyhow.

FIJIAN MONEY SPINNERS

SOMETHING between £9,000 and £10,000 profit was made during the short tour of the Fijian Rugby Union footballers who recently visited Australia—£2,000 of this went home with the Fijians and the rest goes to the previously almost bankrupt Rugby Union in Australia.

As far as Australian Union goes, the Fijians were the best money-spinners for a couple of generations and officials who, a few months ago, were taking a very dim view of the proposed tour are to-day wondering how soon Australia can have the Fijians back again.

No one has been able to pin down with exactitude, the secret of the visitors' success. Their tackling was poor and their opponents often looked better combinations—but results speak for themselves. Possibly it was their amazing speed once they got possession of the ball and headed in the right direction.

Jo Levula was the idol of the crowds who screamed with excitement everytime he came within yards of the ball, but if any prizes are being given out we would like to nominate full-back Taniela Ranavue who consistently played excellent football and who, probably more than any other player, tipped the balance towards victory.

A LITTLE LESSON IN INSURANCE LAPSES

FOR 25 years, the Port Moresby Institute regularly paid the premium on the insurance against fire on its Twilight Cafe premises. The insurance (£1,500) expired in July. The Institute did not immediately renew. It wanted to increase the insurance to £5,000, but funds were a little low, and a delay occurred. The building was gutted by fire on the night of August 17. The members since have been looking hopefully towards the Queensland Insurance Company, wondering if their lapse after 25 years can be overlooked. But, even if it is, the insurance would be regarded as £1,500—not £5,000. Legally, there is no doubt of the position—the insurance had expired and the Co. was not liable.

Moral: Never neglect that insurance premium.

Stop Press: Q'land In'sce Co., as act of grace, will pay £1,500.

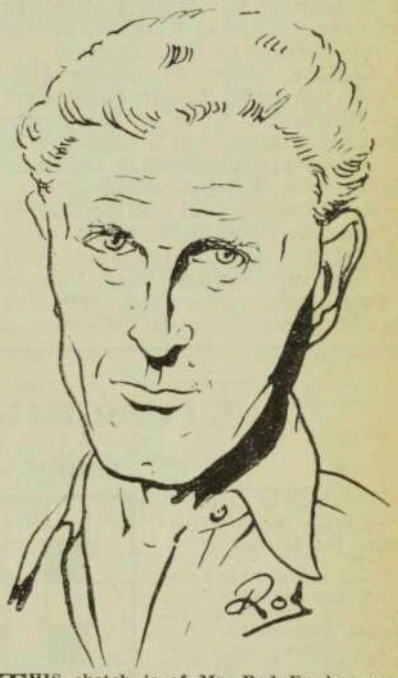
THREAT TO BSI LIQUOR SUPPLIES

THIRSTY Honiara residents, completely out of beer, might have received a severe setback lately when a public-spirited resident very properly reported to the authorities that he had a large order arriving by the *Malaita*, packed, as is usual with beer, in straw.

In view of the recent concern over the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Canada, he thought it only fair to report the arrival of the straw packing.

Telegrams were hastily sent hither and thither, with the result that straw as packing has been declared a prohibited import into the British Solomons, and Customs Officers or other authorised persons may now require goods packed in straw to be unpacked on the ship and the straw not landed.

The story of the beer consignment, however, had a happy ending, as the beer was admitted, the consignee undertaking to burn all straw as each case was unpacked.



THIS sketch is of Mr. Rod Fowler, one of the latter day pioneers of New Guinea. He joined the NG Health Department as a medical assistant in 1941, having previously qualified as a male nurse. He was transferred from Rabaul to Lae not long before the Japanese invasion and when that happened, he walked from the coast to Kainantu in the Central Highlands.

At Kainantu he met the Rev. Father Glover, a Roman Catholic missionary who was performing miracles evacuating refugees who were gathering in the Highlands from all parts of the mainland. When Father Glover crashed and damaged the propellor of his plane beyond repair, it was Fowler who nonchalantly walked 160 miles to Madang and back through the toughest country and the most unco-operative natives to get a spare propellor which enabled the missionary to carry on his rescue work.

In that same year, 1942, a bomber crashed at Kainantu and the pilot sustained a badly fractured leg. Fowler manufactured a Thomas splint out of an old pram wheel and managed to set the leg. Months later, when it was possible to get the pilot out to a doctor, it was found that the broken leg had healed perfectly.

When ANGAU was formed he began

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to train natives for orderly duties in native hospitals and in 1946 he began the job that still occupies him to-day—he commenced training native medical assistants at Lae. Over 200 natives have graduated under his guidance in the past six years. During this time he has compiled a reference book in Pidgin which he has illustrated himself.—DLC.

MYSTERIOUS TRUNK

PRIOR to sailing from Auckland for Suva as navigator in the scow *Scot*, at the end of July, Captain Jack McK. Arnot told of an amusing prelude to his yacht voyage from England to New Zealand.

Captain Arnot, on Boxing Day, 1950, was lying off the Yacht Club at Chichester, when a heavy step sounded on deck, and a large man in a bowler hat appeared in the companion-way of the *Kimbala*.

It was at the height of the missing Coronation Stone incident; and, when the visitor politely announced that he was from Scotland Yard, Captain Arnot jokingly remarked: "Oh, it's alright, *I* haven't got it!" Whereupon the large man said suspiciously: "Then you know what I've come for?"

"We've had a report that you were seen shifting a large metal trunk aboard last evening" the Yard man continued, looking significantly at the offending trunk in a corner of the cabin.

The trunk contained nothing more interesting than yachting gear. But, as Captain Arnot remarked, the Yard was certainly leaving no possible escape avenues open at the time. *Kimbala* sailed according to plan.

WHY SUVA CYCLISTS LOOK HUNTED

Suva cyclists, except the very young and light of heart, are usually distinguished by their hunted expressions and the furtive way they hug the roadside, as if they had no right to be there. This is caused partly by Suva motorists (who regard cyclists as something to be eliminated) and partly by Suva pedestrians (who often have no footpaths and consequently dodge so many cars that they have no time to notice stray bicycles).

Thus it happens that a certain European-owned bicycle, kept ostensibly for the illusion of pleasant, healthful exercise, is usually ridden by anybody except the owner. Various Fijian members of the police force have the disturbing habit of referring to the machine as "our baisikeli". Accordingly, it is formally borrowed for half an hour and may, or may not, return several days later—always with a watertight reason for the delay. For three years it has been officially registered in the name of whatever policeman happened to have it when registration became imperative. The owner, however, had to find the 2/6.

Between police journeys, the bicycle becomes the quarry of various Government messengers whose departments, always on the brink of destitution, have failed to provide such transport. All this goes on until something gets punctured or broken.

Said a police sergeant to the owner: "You could call it a paying concern—the owner pays the repair bills."—J. K.

Crossquiz—No. 33

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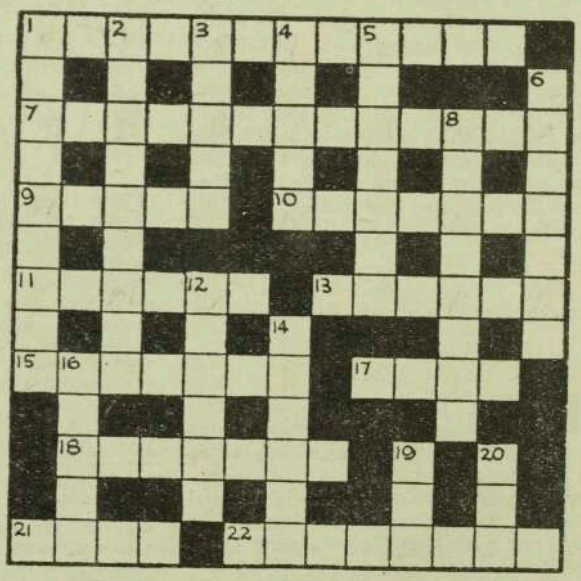

ACROSS

1.—What indicates the limit for loading of a ship?
2.—Which famous song was composed by Arne on the words of James Thomson?
9.—Whose seven sons were killed by Apollo's darts?
10.—What do you do when you write your name on the back of a cheque?
11.—In which metrical foot is the first syllable short and the second one long?
13.—To what kind of soldier is attributed the success in the battle of Agincourt?
15.—What extracts can be gained from sheep's wool and used as basis for ointments?
17.—In what downpour is a raw hide hidden?
18.—According to a very popular French song which is the city where people are dancing on the bridge?
21.—In their wars against the gods which mountain did the giants place on the Pelion?
22.—On which plains did Miltiades win his great victory over the Persians?

DOWN

1.—What type of plants last more than two years?
2.—Of which part of Great Britain is Douglas the chief city?
3.—In heraldy which fur represents black colour?
4.—Which is the largest river of France?
5.—Who was the lover of Hero?
6.—Where is Funchal situated?
8.—In what tobacco-pipe does the smoke pass through water?
12.—What is the name of the quantity a vessel lacks of being full?
14.—In which Portuguese possession is St. Paul de Loanda the capital city?
16.—Who succeeded Washington as the president of the USA?
19.—What small tool is used for boring?
20.—What is it that is used much by Shakespeare and is all about nothing?

A HIGHLANDS WEDDING

WHEN former Rabaul schoolteacher and Queensland beauty-winner Jean Barnes wedded Patrol Officer Bruce Burge at Goroka, Central New Guinea, in August, her mother flew from Brisbane for the ceremony.

Once upon a time, a matron might be expected to spend weeks in travelling from an Australian metropolis to a station in the mountainous centre of New Guinea, and back again. Mrs. Barnes left home on Wednesday night, and was back in the family homestead on Sunday.

Miss Barnes went from Rabaul to open the new European school at Goroka—mark of continuing white penetration of the lovely New Guinea Highlands—but she reigned only six months. Education Director Groves has given a grim instruction that, in future, beauty contest winners shall not be selected for outpost stations. However, if the school has lost an efficient head, a lonely Highlands outpost has gained a charming hostess.

BULLY IS MURDERED AGAIN

Sydney Morning Herald of August 23 gives much space to a writer who thinks that the film now being made in Fiji by Warner Brothers, *His*

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When The Kuni-Maipas Saved Ten Yanks

The following article was published in the June issue of The Papuan Villager, the monthly journal compiled by the Papua-N Guinea Education Department for the natives.

IN October, 1943, a B24 Bomber left Port Moresby to bomb the Japanese in Rabaul. In the bomber there was a crew of ten Americans.

But one of the important instruments in their aeroplane was not working properly. Near Lae, the pilot and navigator realized that the broken instrument had done a great deal of damage to the engines. They decided it would be impossible to get to Rabaul and back.

So they flew out over the sea and dropped all their bombs into the water where they could do no harm. Then they began to try to get the damaged aeroplane back over the mountains to Port Moresby.

The engines became worse. Mount Yule was somewhere in front of them, but heavy rain clouds made it impossible to see.

The bomber was losing height. Suddenly one engine caught fire. Flames streamed out behind. The pilot swung the plane desperately to the right. Another mountain loomed out of the mist.

The pilot gave the word, and one by one the ten members of the crew, wearing their parachutes, jumped. The pilot was the last to leave. Three or four seconds later the plane crashed into the mountain and burst into flames.

On the ground, one American airman had a broken back, but he was still alive. Some had broken ribs. Three were missing.

This was in the Kuni-Maipa area. Friendly natives soon arrived, and the Americans stood ten sticks in the ground. Each of the seven men then sat down beside a stick. In this way, the pilot was able to make the natives understand that three airmen were still missing.

They began to search and soon came back with the missing three men. The natives brought food, but the airmen would not eat it, thinking that it might be poisoned.

They kept on asking if there were any Europeans in the area. Always the natives made the same reply: "Babe, Mame, Puppapoo." The Americans practised the words, but they did not mean anything to them. They did not know that the Kuni-Maipa Natives were trying to say "Father, Sister and little Father."

THEN the three strongest Americans decided to go with the natives. One quick-footed Kuni-Maipa woman went ahead and reached Father Wendling, at Kerau Mission outstation, three days later. The three Americans reached Father Wendling shortly afterwards and a search party was organized.

Father Wendling, two native Sisters and a crowd of carriers got back to the remaining airmen in 2½ days, with food and medicine. The man with the broken back was very ill and the others were weak from lack of food.

A rough stretcher was made for the injured man and the party started back for Kerau.. They had to climb Mt. St. Mary, 12,000 feet high. After eight days, the whole party reached Kerau, where they lived for more than a week, feasting on the green vegetables, meat, milk and butter that are produced there in plenty. They then set out for Tapini. From Tapini, messages by radio were sent to American Headquarters.

American aeroplanes very soon arrived over Tapin, but they could not land on the tiny airstrip. They dropped plenty of medicine and hundreds of tins of cigarettes—enough for the Mission for three years. Then the planes flew back to Port Moresby. Next day, a Tiger Moth plane arrived and began taking the airmen one by one back to their base.

To Father Wendling and his Mission helpers, the 2½ days walk from Kerau to Apoloto, and the eight day struggle back across mountains 12,000 feet high was all part of their ordinary work; but the Americans have never ceased to be grateful to Father Wendling and the Kuni-Maipa, Tauade and Goilala Natives for their kindness and care.

After their return to America, they formed a club and sent a message to Father Wendling, telling him that when he had finished his ten years in Papua and was returning to France for a holiday, he must come first to them in America where they would look after him. One of the airmen is a rich man. He sent 1,000 dollars (£437 10s.) to pay Father Wendling's fare.

The ten airmen are now thinking about sending a gift of a helicopter (a plane which needs no airstrip) to help in the work of carrying supplies across Mount St. Mary, 12,000 feet above the sea.

PATHOS IN 1936

This pathetic reminder of hardships in the Western Division of Papua, a long time ago, was discovered lately in an old file. The doggerel is signed "Chidested", and it apparently is the joint camposition of S. H. Chance, Noel Hides and Bensted, three men who considered themselves to be more or less forgotten men in Kikori. The date was November 23, 1936.

Away out here where there's no beer,
The joys of life are few,
We sit and dream of cakes and cream,
And things we'd like to do.

The boat is due; with eyes askew,
We sit and gaze and gaze.
A siren's wail! At last the mail!
The first for thirty days!

With eager hands we tear the bands,
And scan the sheets for news
Of world affairs, of sons and heirs;
And then our Stores abuse!

The invoice sheet is not complete;
Our RUM they have forgot;
A flask of gin, its sides bashed in—
This leaves us not at tot.

Our bills are due, our pounds are few;
Of service we have none,
So wail we must, while boats go bust,
Out on the Western run.

Our sorry plight, of which we write,
We hope will meet your eyes,
And in due course, you'll feel remorse,
And with us sympathise.

The clamour's o're; the boat's no more,
We've spuds for twenty feeds;
And as for spots, we've always lots
Of lime-juice for our needs.

We say Adieu! and trust that you
Towards the rising sun,
When drinking port, will give due thought,
To Western chaps with none!

"CHIDESTED".

Kikori, 23/11/36.

THE UNFORGIVING MINUTE

A NEW GUINEA Administration Officer recently received a memo from the Public Service Commissioner to the effect that sick leave had been approved for 17 days five hours 27 minutes!

Mr. Hamilton Huntley, who for the past 16 years, has been on the staff of the Fiji Broadcasting Company, has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Station, 3BO Bendigo. He has been closely associated with broadcasting in Fiji since Station ZJV was first opened.

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More About Mapia, Outpost of O'Keefe's Kingdom

IT is evident, from a perusal of Lawrence Klingman's and Gerald Green's biographical novel on the life of the Irish-American, David Dean O'Keefe, that John Riedel's inquiry to us regarding Mapia atoll (PIM, April, p. 63) was almost certainly prompted by the appearance of this book in New York in 1950. It has just now appeared in an Australian edition—and, of course, a film about O'Keefe is being made in Fiji.

From further interesting information supplied to us by Mr. H. C. Davenport of Auckland (PIM, July, p. 69) it is very evident that the book is quite inaccurate—perhaps intentionally so—in certain important respects. It also makes no mention whatever of O'Keefe's third family branch on Mapia atoll, and, indeed, only the barest mention of Mapia, though this was evidently a major outpost of the O'Keefe kingdom. If ever a book should have dealt with the history of Mapia this was the book, but instead, perhaps to simplify the complex life-plot, parts of the Mapia story have been grafted onto the story of Yap. But for Mr. Davenport seeing mention of Mapia in PIM, we would, at least for the present, have remained in the dark as to the true story in so far as that island is concerned.

The present article gives the Mapia angle, as well as other interesting particulars.

Mr. William S. Brown, and the good-looking Mrs. Brown (Janie O'Keefe). This photograph was taken in Hongkong about 1910.

IT is necessary to briefly recount the story as given in *His Majesty O'Keefe*. This tells of O'Keefe being wrecked on Yap, sole survivor of the *Belvidere*, in 1872, and being taken from there to Hongkong some time later by the Godeffroy & Co's schooner *Oceania*.

In Hongkong O'Keefe entered partnership with a Chinese dental surgeon, Sien Tang (who remained a sleeping partner). Equipped with a 70-ton junk, which he renamed *Katherine* after his wife back in the States, O'Keefe sailed on a pearling cruise to the Philippines, East Indies, New Guinea, Admiralties and Solomons. From there he headed for Nauru.

At Nauru (this is all according to the Klingman and Green story) he found an escaped Australian convict named Harris as "King" of the island and married to a Nauruan woman. Harris's eldest daughter, Dalabo, sailed with O'Keefe and they were married in Hongkong.

From the profits of this voyage, O'Keefe bought out Tang and headed for Yap. There, on the tiny islet of Tarrang he set up headquarters, gained a monopoly of the stone-money wealth of the neighbouring islands, and made considerable real money in beche-de-mer, copra, and shell sold to the outside world.

By his first wife in America he had a daughter Louisa, who eventually became Mrs. Butler. Of this side of the family we hear no more until O'Keefe's will is read. O'Keefe never set eyes on this wife or daughter again. The story tells of the wife Dalabo, and the two sons and three daughters borne by her to O'Keefe. So much for the modern American version.

MR. DAVENPORT shows that, in actual fact, Dalabo was a Yap woman—almost certainly of pure native blood. Whether or not there ever was a "king" of Nauru named Harris does not matter. In real life, O'Keefe did marry also a half-Nauruan girl, the daughter of Captain Henry Terry—an English Master Mariner well-known and respected in the Western Pacific at this time—and *not* the daughter of a man named Harris.

Lottie Terry went to Mapia with O'Keefe at a time when Nauruan labourers were employed there. She had a son, Harry, and two daughters, Nellie and Janie, by O'Keefe.

Nellie, the second daughter, eventually married a Dutch Resident Agent on Mapia with the English name of Lawrence—though perhaps not spelt that way.

Janie, the eldest daughter, married an English merchant-navy engineer named William S. Brown, at Hongkong, where she was sent to be educated. Brown took over the management of Mapia from Mr. H. C. Davenport's father, Henry Davenport, in 1907, but died in Hongkong about 1920-21. There were no children of this marriage, but Mrs. J. S. Brown is undoubtedly the person to whom Mr. John Riedel referred as managing Mapia prior to World War

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II. We believe that Mrs. Brown is again in residence there, now.

The Davenport family's association with O'Keefe would fill a book and provide a story no less interesting than that of O'Keefe himself. Here, unfortunately, we may give only the outlines.

H. C. DAVENPORT'S father, Henry Davenport, was born in London in 1862 and his parents took him to Christchurch, NZ when he was three. Given a business education he was engaged with his father in a tea business there, until going to Fiji to work for Henry Cave in the 1890's. On that firm's store being burnt out, Henry Davenport went into trading business on his own account. He married and Mr. H. C. Davenport was born at Wainibokasi in 1898. There were two other sons —one still in Fiji and the other in Auckland.

About 1900, business not being good in Fiji, the Davenport family shifted to the Carolines, where Henry Davenport went into partnership with a retired British Army captain named Bishop. The partners owned the large schooners *Louisa J. Kelly*, and *Hetty Smith*, and the ketch *Frolic*. The schooners, built on the Pacific Coast, traded to 'Frisco, Hongkong, Sydney and elsewhere and Henry Davenport, who had mastered navigation, was skipper of one or other of these vessels. However, little more than a year later Bishop became seriously ill and died in Sydney. The Ponape business was disbanded—Burns Philp, incidentally, purchasing the *Louisa J. Kenny*.

At this time Captain Henry Davenport was evidently well known to O'Keefe and his Yap family, for in May, 1901, at about the time of Bishop's death, when O'Keefe and his two Yap sons David (or James) and John were lost at sea, the Yap family immediately called upon Henry Davenport to assist them in establishing claim to the properties in the Marianas, Palaus, Hongkong, Manila and at Mapia.

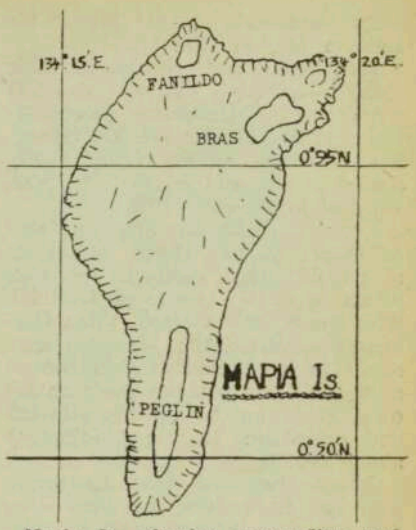
It will be recalled that during the 30 years of the O'Keefe reign great political changes had taken place in the Western Pacific.

Yap had changed from a kind of Spanish no-man's-land to German territory. Claims had thus to be settled in courts of German, British and Dutch jurisdiction.

According to the book, O'Keefe had remitted money to his first wife from time to time, and it is evident that the Yap family were aware of her existence—as they also were of the Mapia family—because, on the death of O'Keefe (aged 73) one of Dalabo's sons-in-law, a Britisher named Scott, who was managing the Yap interests, notified the first Mrs. O'Keefe of his death. She despatched an attorney from America.

O'Keefe's will was opened two years after his presumed death and—again according to the book—was revealed to leave half the O'Keefe property and interests to Dalabo and the other half to Mrs. Butler, daughter of the first Mrs. O'Keefe.

However, if this was the case it is evident, according to Mr. H. C. Davenport, that the final settlement was on more complex lines than this. Mrs. Butler eventually sold her interest to the Hamburg Trading Co. for the price of $10,000 per year for 50 years. Due to World War I the agreement was never honoured in full The book gives the subsequent history of the Yap family and interests. We are concerned with Mapia.



Mapia Is., showing surrounding reef, and the islets that comprise it.

Henry Davenport represented Dalabo and Lottie (O'Keefe's wives on Yap and Mapia, respectively), in court proceedings at Hongkong and later at Batavia. The negotiations were protracted, with Scott apparently endeavouring to gain control of the Yap business. By about 1904, Henry Davenport had completed the settlement of the Mapia interests in the court at Batavia, the assets and earnings being divided into six shares, one each for the rajah, Lottie O'Keefe, her daughters, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Lawrence, and their brother Harry, and the final share for Eugenia, eldest daughter of Dalabo on Yap—the wife of William Scott,

Above: Mr. H. C. Davenport, now living in Auckland, who supplied the information for this article. He lived on Mapia for a number of years with his parents and two brothers.

At right: A photograph taken about 1918-19 on board a KPM ship that regularly called at Mapia. Left to right, a travelling Customs officer; the ship's chief engineer; Mrs. Brown, then leaving on a trip to Hongkong and Captain Henry Davenport, then manager at Mapia.

who, incidentally visited Mapia for about a year in 1918-19.

Mrs. Brown and probably all three children—certainly Harry— also had shares in the Hongkong business—Harry selling his for $20,000 (Hongkong) when affairs were finally settled at the end of the first war. He died in the early 1930's.

Lawrence, who was originally sent to Mapia by the Dutch authorities to establish their rights to the atoll which is at the mouth of Geelvink Bay, Dutch New Guinea, when Germany purchased the Marianas etc., seems to have tried to gain control of the O'Keefe business there on his own behalf, but he and his wife left and settled in Ternate (Moluccas) about 1905-6.

About the time that Lawrence, who had been living on Bras islet, (see map of Mapia page 69) departed, a man named Ellis, who had been Mate in one of O'Keefe's schooners, the *Tarrang*, settled there as an overseer and married a relative of Paul, the rajah. There were two boys and a girl of this marriage, Ellis leaving to go to the First World War about 1915, the family remaining. Of Ellis we hear no more.

HENRY DAVENPORT and his family left Mapia in 1907 and went to the Philippines, remaining there until the outbreak of the First World War, when they sailed in their own 54-foot yacht, the *Haidee,* for Fiji. Calling at Ternate they met Lawrence who asked Henry Davenport to return to Mapia and endeavour to settle certain claims against Brown (the island being more or less on the Davenport route).

William Brown was in poor health at this time and Mrs. Brown again persuaded Henry Davenport to remain as manager. Brown spent the latter part of his life in Hongkong, dying there around 1920-21.

The term "rajah" applied to the native chief of Mapia does not imply that the natives there had any affinity with the people of the East Indies. Mr. H. C. Davenport emphasises that, contrary to the Polynesian Society Journal extract published in our April issue (p. 63), the original people were Polynesian—not Melanesian—as they were also on Tobi Is. 200-odd miles to the north-west—and still are on Kapingamarangi and Nukuoro to the eastward, in the southern Carolines. The term "rajah" was introduced by the Dutch.

Older editions of the *Pacific Islands Pilot* point out that the Dutch Government long ago supported the claims of the Sultan of Tidore to control certain communities at the extreme western end of New Guinea as well as certain islands, including Mapia. The rajahs of Mapia were appointed—or approved—by this Sultan.

According to Mr. Davenport, when O'Keefe first began trading to Mapia, the population was entirely Polynesian, but at some period during the latter quarter of the 19th century natives from the New Guinea coast raided the islands and massacred the population with the exception of the occupants of two Mapia canoes which escaped to sea. These canoes remained out of sight of the island during the day and came in at night for food—until the marauders from New Guinea departed. Of these people, only the so called rajah, Paul, remained alive as a surviving Polynesian at the time of the Davenport residence there.

Following this incident, O'Keefe introduced labourers variously from Nauru, Sonsorol (S. Palaus), Ternate (Moluccas) and Biak Is. Latterly the labour has come from Biak.

In 1917, Henry Davenport and his sons, and Harry O'Keefe made a trip in the *Haidee* to recruit labour from Sonsorol—which island was considered to provide the best labour. There they found a Japanese Naval Administration had taken over from the Germans. Permission to recruit labour was refused and Henry Davenport was given four days to depart.

Mr. Davenport also points out that, contrary to the official *Pacific Islands Pilot,* it is possible for vessels drawing up to 7 feet to enter the Mapia lagoon. The *Haidee* anchored always within.

Even at this time the KPM Line maintained a regular 8-weekly service to Mapia from the Moluccas, picking up the sun-dried copra which was the main export.

Mr. Davenport believes that the terms of the settlement with the Dutch Government in Batavia gave Mrs. Lottie (Terry) O'Keefe and her descendants, the trading rights to Mapia for 99 years from about 1904.

During the Davenport's second sojourn at Mapia there was also an assistant manager living on Bras islet named Van Hassalt, a Dutchman whose father was a missionary at Manokwari. This man handled all correspondence in Dutch, the principal business language.

The Davenports again left Mapia in 1922 for Fiji but this time, beset by strong head winds when heading for Rabaul, they were forced up into the Carolines, calling at Lamotrek, Truk, Namoluk and finally Nukuoro —where the *Haidee* was wrecked in the lagoon passage. From there Japanese steamer returned them t Ponape.

At Ponape Henry Davenport re mained to manage the trading bus ness of a half-native chief name Nanope for 18 months, thence t Rabaul for some years. A fade newspaper cutting shows that whe Henry Davenport died in Hongkon in 1928 his funeral was attended b many people well known in Hon kong shipping circles and by Mrs. S. Brown of Mapia, and the daugh ers of Dalabo of Yap, Mrs. Williar Scott and Miss Daisy O'Keefe.

After the *Haidee* wreck the Dav enport boys and their mother re turned to Fiji. From Ponape the got to the Marshalls, where Burn Philp's schooner *Manuo* took ther on to Tarawa, thence by the *Joh Williams IV* to Sydney, and on b regular passenger ship.

Mr. H. C. Davenport believes tha much of the early history of Mapi was in the hands of a friend of hi father, a Captain Miller of Hong kong, with whom Henry Davenpor lived at the time of his death.

The date of Mrs. Lottie O'Keefe' death is not known. She was stil alive in the early 1930's. Harry, he son, died about 1933. Mrs. Law rence was known to have two son and a daughter. She is probabl still living in the East Indies.

Mapia lies very close to the ai route from Biak to Manila but th weather observation station ther during the late war has apparentl been abandoned.

It remains for Mr. John Riedel t tell us something of what went o there militarily during the Pacifi war.

CORRECTION

In the Mapia story, July, P. 69, th lower photo was wrongly captioned. Th names of the two Europeans should hav been reversed. The error was Mr. Daven port's.

The European in the top right phot on page 69, July, whose name we did no know was an American tourist—they had already arrived at Mapia in those days— whose camera took the photos. Th negatives of these and many other photo of Mapia still possibly exist in America

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Mr. Marshall Clifton, a Perth WA, architect and artist, has left for Norfolk Island under instructions from the Department of Territories. He will examine old colonial buildings there—which are now considered unique—with a view to their restoration and preservation for the Australian nation. The buildings were built between 1827 and 1850 when Norfolk was a penal settlement and although many are in ruins, they have not been spoiled by modern additions.

TROPICALITIES

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Majesty O'Keefe, is the story of the famous old Pacific buccaneer, Bully Hayes. Then he proceeds to tell the story of Hayes, and produces a most remarkable farrago of nonsense. Scores of so-called writers have told what they allege to be the story of Bully Hayes; each has copied his facts from the other; each exaggerates a little; until their history of the old pirate no more resembles the real truth than it resembles the story of O'Keefe. It is a pity; because the true story of Hayes is one of the most dramatic and colourful in the annals of the nineteenth century. He was murdered by a sea-cook in 1877; and ever since then, every year or two, he has been murdered in a literary sense by more or less undeserving writers.

VATOA IN THE NEWS AGAIN

TRAVELLERS reported in August that a court action is pending between the alleged owner of certain salvage rights on Vatoa Island, in the Southern Lau Group, Fiji, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force which it is reported, recently used the island as a practice-bombing range. The sum of £15,000 was mentioned as damages claimed from the RNZAF.

It will be recalled that three American vessels were wrecked on Vatoa during the late War.

Vatoa first came into the news more than 170 years ago. It was the only island of Fiji sighted and charted by Captain Cook, on his first voyage.

FROM COPRA TO CARNATIONS

NOT many people have switched from growing copra to growing carnations for a living. But Mr. and Mrs. George Purdy, once of Aoba, New Hebrides, are doing just that at Samborine Mountain, 36 miles from Brisbane.

The carnations are no ordinary blooms; they are from imported European stock and many of them are five inches across the flower and with stems 2 ft 6 in. long. They are all highly perfumed.

The project has not been all plain sailing, however. The two acres now flowering have been in full production only seven months. There were difficulties with windbreaks and irrigation and too much rain in 1951 killed off a lot of the plants.

But the Purdy blooms are in demand by high class florists throughout Australia and recently Australia's most popular periodical, *Women's Weekly,* devoted a full page in colour to the Purdys and their exotic blooms.

KAVA IN MALAYA

JUDGING by some recent press photographs of General Sir Gerald Templer, he must feel that there are stranger things than terrorists in Malaya.

The occasion was the presentation to him by the Fijian Infantry Regiment of a Tabua, or whale's tooth, followed by the traditional yaqona ceremony. The General looks into the flowing bowl with what seems to be some trepidation—as well he might. One acquires, by degrees, a taste for yaqona, or kava.

The Fijians who took part in the ceremony, discarded jungle green for the occasion, and wore traditional Fijian costume.

SCOTS WITH A JAP ACCENT

THE first Japanese shipping service with Australia since the war began in July with the *Osaka Maru,* a 6,600 tonner of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Line.

The officers and crew were most amiable although they ran against the full quota of Aussie prejudices and hates—it will be a long time before Australians can accept Japanese as blood-brothers.

Agents for the OSK are McIlwraith McEacharn, Ltd.—it is said that the polite Japs broke out in a sweat every time they had to pronounce the name.

OF MOONS AND LAGOONS— AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A LUSH romantic setting, with tropical palm trees, moonlight over blue lagoons, etc., and six pretty girls being rushed off their feet by 81 men. (What fun!)

Recognise it? It is the Sydney Morning Herald's description of Deuba Hotel, Fiji, where Warner Bros. are filming *His Majesty O'Keefe.* It is reported that the men in the company are queuing up to make dates with the girls. What has happened to the local talent, one wonders. There are more than six pretty girls in Fiji and Deuba cannot be said to be exactly off the beaten track.

The whole of the Deuba Hotel is being occupied by the film company. This hotel was opened last year by the Philp brothers as something different in tourist resorts for Fiji and it was expected to be in full operation this year. Although the film company is bringing extra money to Fiji, the withdrawal of Deuba from the ordinary tourist trade must be a blow to those whose job it is to find accommodation for Fiji's overseas visitors during this the tourist season.

Accommodation is always a problem in Fiji but this year two Suva hotels were demolished in the January hurricane and Deuba is monopolised by the film makers.

Long Live the War!

(Written during World War II by a well-known resident of French Oceania.)

Squandermania and Graft being the order of the day, obviously the worst disaster that can befall Tahiti would be Peace. "Never in history have so few (Fonctionnaires) made so much (money) in so short a time".

PRAYER

From Peace and Poverty, O Lord, protect us!
Grant us this day our daily Graft!
Let not the quizzing Yanks detect us,
Raking the suckers fore and aft.

Grudge not, O Lord, our little pleasure!
Let not the Wowser dim our way;
Women and wine allow full measure—
And let the other silly blighter pay.

Say, Lord, what is this cry "Austerity"?
Would they deprive us of our cheering cup?
Enjoy the present and to hell Prosperity—
Thank God, we've sold the Yanks a pup!

God Speed the Yanks! We do not like them with us:
They cramp our style and spoil our jolly mood.
Let us return to Lafayette and Lido,*
And drink damnation to the hated brood!

FUNCO

Tahiti, 6/4/43.

*** Lafayette and Lido are two of the leading "honkytonks".**

Only the Sword He Stood Up In

WE wonder what the story is behind this intriguing advertisement (from a recent issue of *Corona*): "Wanted, Quickly, white tropical Civil Service uniform, complete, approximately to fit officer (height 5 ft. 8 in., waist 40 in., hat size 7¼) who has lost everything except sword. Please write (airmail from Colony) Box 38, *Corona.*"

Mr. J. W. W. Graham, after 26 years in education work in Cook Islands, was officially farewelled in August. After leave in NZ, he will return to become Resident Agent at Mangaia.

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Legends of Navigation

By William Burrows

IN the days when the large double and single outrigger canoes of the Polynesians ranged the Pacific, the navigators had no modern appliances to assist them. Nor was there a written language in which to record the experiences gleaned by those who set forth on their remarkable voyages — and returned.

But a record of items of information was kept by the remembrancers, or tale-tellers, who translated them into legends. Thus a useful story, kept alive in this manner, provided data for the navigators on their voyages.

The heroine of many of the legends is Sina (Hina or 'Ina, varying according to the dialect) who was the Moon Goddess. Among her many roles she was the mother of the lunar months, and the mother of Maui, the Polynesian demigod, who lifted the sky off the earth at the creation of the world. It was Maui also, who produced islands by hauling them up from the bed of the ocean with a fishing line!

At one time Sina was carried from island to island on the back of a turtle, and she made many marriages with demigods, birds, and even a lizard. In one legend, told in the Tokelau Group, she became pregnant by standing on the edge of the reef each morning as the sun came over the horizon. In this case she named her son "Kalokalo-o-le-la," an interpretation of which is "Star of the Sun".

In fact, she is symbolical of the birth of all living things.

A LEGEND of Sina, told in the island of Fakaofo, has a definite connection with star navigation used by canoes proceeding from that island to Samoa. A short version of this tale is as follows:—

Living in Fakaofo were two brothers, Kupenga and Kakau, of whom Kupenga was the elder. Each had two sons; but those of Kakau were fine strong lads, whereas Kupenga's boys were weaklings.

Kakau also had a daughter, no other than Sina herself, but she had run away and her father did not know what had happened to her.

Kupenga was jealous of his brother's family and decided to kill the two boys by a trick. His plan was to feign sickness and he asked his brother to send the boys, whose names were Filo and Mea, to catch a certain dangerous fish called Sumu. The flesh of this would, he said, cure his sickness.

Kakau agreed; but his sons were good fishermen and the plot failed. The fish was provided for their uncle, but he complained that he was not cured. He then told the boys that he wanted the flesh of a certain bird. This was the famous Matuku, the man-eater.

Filo and Mea were undaunted and set off, one with a club and the other with an axe made from the shoulder-blade of a turtle, for the home of Matuku.

On their arrival they found he was not at home but to their surprise their lost sister, Sina, was there. She told them that she was married to Matuku, but was tired of him. She expected he would return to the house at any moment.

The two hid, Filo with his club in the low rafters of the hut's roof, and Mea with his axe under a mat on the floor. They told Sina to give Matuku, when he arrived, a drink from a coconut bowl, but to only fill it half full. Sina agreed to do this. Presently Matuku arrived and sat on the floor; but, in order to drink from the half-filled bowl, he had to throw his head right back. This gave the boys their chance. Filo hit his forehead with his club from above, and Mea cut his throat from below.

The two brothers and their sister then decided to return to their father's house. The path they took was across the reef, Filo carrying the dead bird, and Mea helping Sina.

There was a deep fissure on the reef which they had to cross, and the sea was swirling dangerously when they made the attempt.

Filo, carrying the bird, went first and was soon in difficulties. Then Mea jumped in to try and save him; but, before doing so, he called to Sina that if they were drowned she had only to look into the sky by night when she would see in the direction of Samoa not only her two brothers but Sumu and Matuku as well.

Sina was the only one of the three who reached her father's house.

THE most favourable period of the year for a canoe passage from Fakaofo to Samoa is during the months of December, January and February. It is during these months when favourable winds from the north and north-west may be expected.

Of interest is the fact that both Kupenga and Kakau are Maori star names and Hamu (Sumu) is a constellation at Hawai'i.

For the voyage from Fakaofo to Samoa the month of January may be taken as a probability. Samoa lies 191 deg. true from Fakaofo, and it is clear that stars with an azimuth of 180 deg.-215 deg. only,

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RECIPE CORNE

Readers are invited to send in the favourite recipes for publicatio Ten shillings will be paid for eac one published. They should be rec pes using local Islands ingredient or ingredients readily obtainable the Islands.

ICE CREAM RECIPES USING CANNED MILK

ICE CREAM NO. 1

1 tin evaporated milk.
2 tablespoons sugar.
2 teaspoons powdered gelatine.
½ cup boiling water.
2 teaspoons vanilla.

Dissolve gelatine in the boiling wate and also the sugar. Add the vanilla ar milk and stir together. Leave in r frigerator trays overnight. In the mor ing take out and beat until light ar fluffy. Freeze again.

Ice cream is very easy to make ar these recipes are old family favourite The secret of success is in thorough dissolving the gelatine, and in beatir the ice cream until light. If only o tray is used, it is necessary to beat t remaining tray again on the day th it is to be eaten.

ICE CREAM NO. 2

4 heaped tablespoons full-cream pow dered milk.
½ tin sweet condensed milk.
2 teaspoons powdered gelatine.
2 teaspoons vanilla.
1 lemon.
1 cup hot water.
1 cup cold water.

Dissolve the gelatine in ¼ cup of boi ing water. Whip the milk powder up i the cup of boiling water and curdle wit the lemon juice. Add the sweet mil vanilla, cold water, and dissolved gelatin Beat together and leave overnight t freeze. Beat well in the morning an freeze again before serving.

ICE CREAM WITH COCONUT CREAM

Make the first ice cream recipe, but us half tinned milk and half coconut crean Serve the coconut ice cream with dish of freshly grated coconut, and fo a special party, serve it in polishe coconut shells.

For a children's party, colour the ic cream pink, and order a carton of ice cream cones. Over a hundred cones cos about three shillings, and the childre enjoy them much more than ice crea in a dish.

HOT CHOCOLATE SAUCE FOR ICE CREAM

1 cup brown or white sugar.
¾ cup milk.
1 tablespoon cocoa.
Vanilla flavouring.
1 teaspoon butter.

Boil all together fast for five minutes then stand on an asbestos mat to kee warm. Serve hot in a jug to be poure on the served ice cream.

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at some period of the night, need to be considered; also, that stars of an altitude of over 60 deg. would be too difficult to observe correctly without some mechanical device.

After darkness set in, the pilot would look for a star on the southern horizon and find Sumu, for which he would steer for the next three hours. Then he would see Matuku and steer for it until it sets four hours later. He then sees Filo, and steers for it for three hours, when he picks up Mea which lasts till dawn. From this it appears that:—

Sumu is Achernar.
Matuku is Canopus.
Filo is Acrux.
Mea is Rigel Kent.

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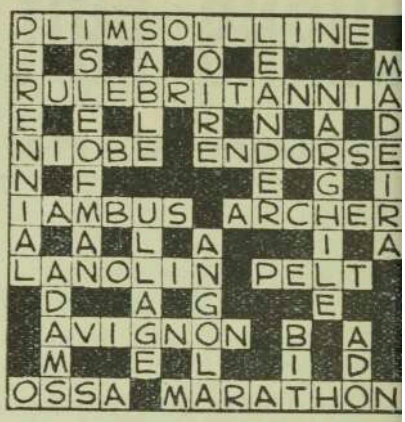
I am indebted to Pilot Officer B. Challis, of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, for his help in verifying the position of these stars.

Solution to Crossquiz from page 66



Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hinchey left Suva, in August, for Australia en route to Mauritius where Mr. Hinchey is to be Financial Secretary. He went to Fiji 12 years ago on secondment from the Bank of New South Wales, to organise the Colony's wartime exchange control. He later became an Administrative officer and in 1948 was transferred to the Western Pacific High Commission as Financial Secretary.

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From Our Auckland Correspondent.

WHEN, on August 27, Charles Bailey Junior died at the age of 87, in Auckland, a family association extending over nearly a century, and of much interest to the South-East Pacific, came to an end.

Up until about 15 years ago, Mr. Bailey had been actively engaged in ship-building for years—and his father before him. From the Bailey yard, a thousand sailing or auxiliary craft had gone forth, during the lifetime of Bailey Jnr. alone. Many were Islands traders; everywhere in the South Pacific the name of Bailey stood for a well built vessel. Many are still actively engaged in trade—especially out of Papeete. Others, lost on some reef or other, have been associated with interesting events or people long since dead.

There was, for example, the *Strathcona,* built for the Pacific Cable Board and lost on her maiden voyage; and the 55-foot yacht *Onelua,* built for King Tubou II of Tonga; or the *Vaiete,* originally built for that legendary figure, Captain Thomas Harries, of Rarotonga, as the *Vaiete*—cast up on the same Raroia atoll as that on which the famous *Kon Tiki* raft ended its Pacific drift—salvaged, and four years later recommissioned under her present name, still trading out of Papeete; or again the *Tereora,* lost in a storm with all hands somewhere between Tahiti and the Leeward Islands, during the late War. One might imagine the late Charley Bailey speculating, each time he sat at the drawing board of a new schooner, just where *SHE* would end her days.

His death can almost be said to mark the end of the schooner era in the South-East Pacific. The *New Golden Hind,* though not built by the Baileys, was probably the last Bailey-designed Islands trader to go forth. Actually built as a yacht, she has spent most of her life as a working craft, and it seems unlikely that any other trading vessel of this type and size will ever again be built. Large spreads of sail have probably gone for ever; but Charley Jnr. was responsible for many of the vessels of this type that still are active in the Islands. Wherever there are sailing craft in the Islands, his death will be mourned.

Mr. Grattan's Appointment is Popular

APIA, August, 17

THE appointment of Mr. F. J. H. Grattan, to the position of Secretary to the Samoan Government in succession to Mr. J. B. Wright, has found general approval in the Territory.

Mr. Grattan has occupied the position as Secretary of Samoan Affairs since October 1943, after having gained administrative experience in various Government Departments in Samoa from the time of his arrival in the Territory in 1929.

He is the author of the valuable book of reference "An Introduction to Samoan Custom" (Reviewed some years ago in PIM).

He was one of the passengers of the Catalina aircraft which crashed at Satapuala Airport in 1950, when 7 of the New Zealand aircrew were killed. Mr. Grattan suffered severe shock and injuries on this occasion.

Royal NZ Air Force Headquarters Lauthala Bay, Fiji, have made arrangements with Mr. G. Ashley, proprietor of the Royal Hotel at Levuka, to provide recreational facilities for Air Force personnel. Airmen who so wish will be able to take annual leave at Levuka at very little expense. The Royal Hotel will provide accommodation for parties of 10 at a daily rate of 6/- per man, exclusive of the cost of rations which the party will bring with them.

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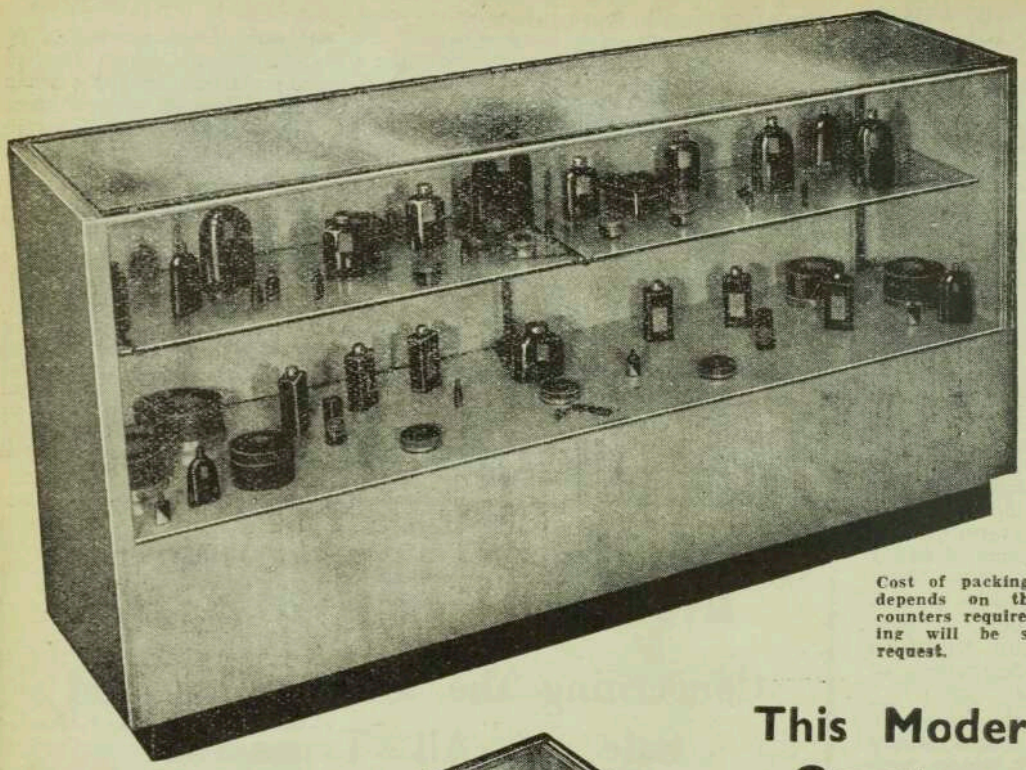

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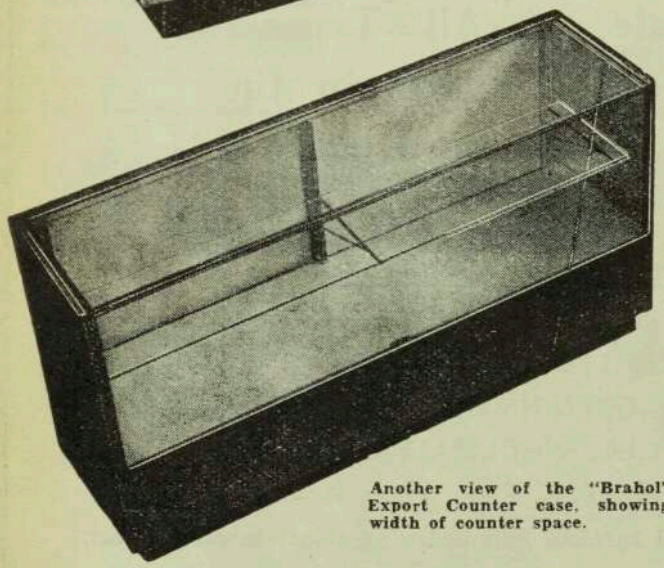

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Maui Pomare Passengers Northbound

North-bound from Auckland in August, the Maui Pomare carried the following passengers (left to right):—

MRS. B. LUCY and daughter ELIZABETH, who returned to Rarotonga after a month in New Zealand—Mr. and Mrs. Lucy manage the Rarotonga Hotel. MR. and MRS. J. P. SEED, of Wellington, who were visiting friends in Rarotonga. The REV. FATHER DE LEEUW, SSCC, who was in the Cook Islands from 1940-48 and then for three years at Chatham Is.: he returned to the Cooks after leave in Holland. MR. R. SHEPPARD, former manager of Cook Is. Trading Co., and an old identity of Rarotonga, who returned there following a holiday in Auckland. MR. and MRS. T. C. CONWAY, of Auckland, who were taking a holiday trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Curtis have returned to Lae, New Guinea, after leave spent in Australia.

MAUKE DESCENDS ON RAROTONGA

The *Tere* party — a profitable source of income for local shipowners, and a regular feature of Cook Islands life—was manifesting itself again late in August.

After weeks of practising song and dance, a party of 70 people boarded village will play host to the visitors. the *Charlotte Donald*, replete with supplies of arrowroot, kapok, fruit, hats, fans and necklets, as gifts for their Rarotonga hosts.

Arriving there on August 24, the party was rushed off to a major *umukai* of steaming porkers, fish and all the etceteras, at Arorangi village, first of many on their slow circuit of the 21-miles-round island.

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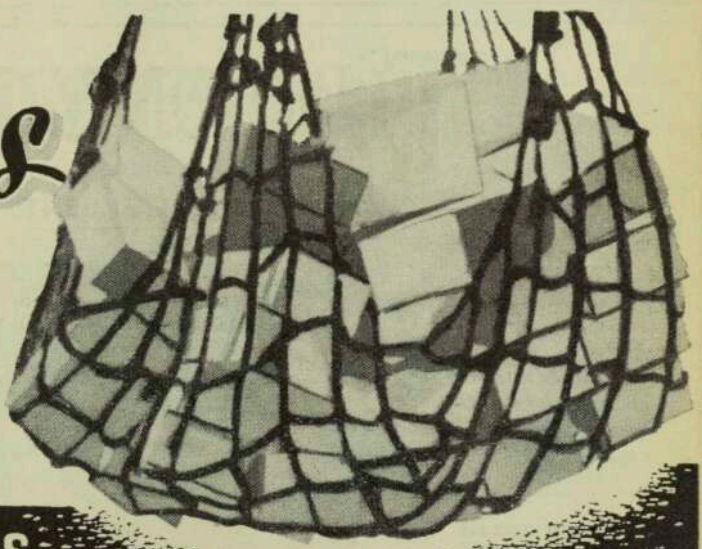

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PELICANS

Blown Into the Solomons

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Aug. 20.

PELICANS have been seen this year in the British Solomon Islands.

One European resident of many years' residence remembers having seen a pelican on Ysabel many years ago. Natives then were puzzled and a little frightened at the sudden appearance of a bird completely unknown to them.

The birds appeared at Gatukai (Western Solomons) shortly after the big wind which caused so mu damage early this year, and it suggested that they were blown aw from their homes, possibly in Ne Guinea.

Later, a dozen were reported a photographed on Kolombangara in t New Georgia Group, and a sco sighted some weeks afterwards on t Lunga Group, on Guadalcanal.

Some years ago, after a gale, single sparrow arrived at the Seven Day Adventist mission at Batuna.

Similar instances of birds whi are not normally migratory havi been carried into new regions strong winds have been recorded. A outstanding example was the intr duction into New Zealand of t Australian Silver-eye, a small finc which was thus introduced when flock of them was blown 1,400 mil across the Tasman Sea during violent storm.

The August **Tofua** lifted 3,0 cases of bananas from Api Western Samoa—the largest co signment from any of the islan ports but far below New Zealan requirements. It is anticipated tha towards the end of the year, how ever, banana shipments from a ports, including Suva and Api should increase substantially an that the NZ demand should close to satisfied.

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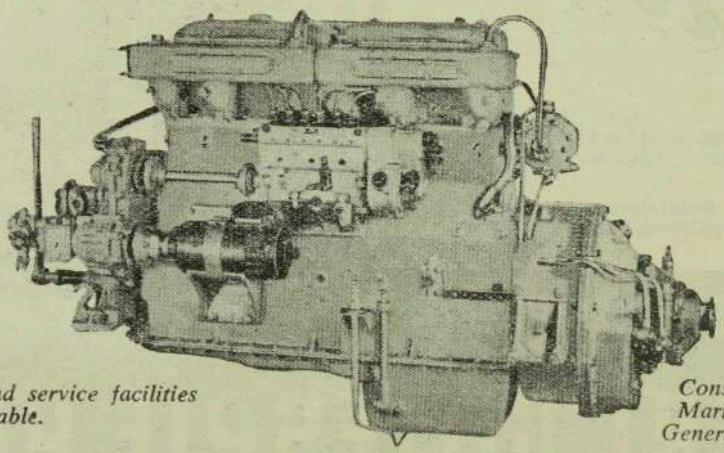

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New Arrivals in NZ from Cooks

Passengers arriving in Auckland from the Cook Islands on the Maui Pomare early in August included the following: (left to right): MISS K. MANUELA. MRS. C. J. MACCULLOCH, of Auckland, home from an air and sea Islands' holiday, who was met by her daughter. Rarotongan residents of Auckland who were down to meet friends arriving. MISS NANCY MAKI, who came down from the Cooks to go to a job at Masterton. MISS OKI TOKA, who was visiting New Zealand for the first time.

DROVER PLANES GROUNDED
Propellor Fault Suspected

THE Australian Department of Civil Aviation grounded all Drover planes in early August. Inspection will be made for a suspected fault in the threads of some of the propellor hubs.

The order affects Drover planes operating in Papua-New Guinea and the Northern Territory as well as in Australia.

The two operational mishaps to Drovers have occurred in New Guinea. In April, a Drover crashed and sank off Wewak, Northern New Guinea, and three men on it spent 10 hours in the open sea in a small rubber dinghy. The pilot of this plane, Captain C. R. Hibbert, said that the port propellor fell off before the crash.

Last year, another Drover plane owned by Qantas crashed into the sea off Lae and the pilot and five passengers were killed. The cause of this crash is not known.

The Drovers are made in Australia by De Havilland and were designed for outback conditions. The propellors of all Drovers will be sent to Sydney for examination.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN MOROBE AREA

PEANUT growing has commenced in the Wau Valley, New Guinea and approximately 50 acres are now under cultivation. This industry could be an important feature of the economic life of the Valley.

Mr. T. Shanahan, manager of Wau Coffee Estate, now has the plantation in full production and anticipates harvesting 35 tons of coffee this year.

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THE BOMBARDMENT OF PAPEETE

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AT 6 a.m. on September 22, 1914 —6 weeks after the outbreak of World War I and exactly 38 years ago—people in Papeete saw two large warships approaching through the morning haze. Allied vessels were expected. A large crowd gathered on the waterfront.

Doubts arose when the approaching ships showed no flags. A small French fort, on the hill behind the town, fired some warning blanks. The ships—now identified as hostile —went on out of sight to the eastward. They came back at 7 a.m., and signalled a demand for coal and stores.

Papeete did nothing. The ships impatiently fired 10 blank shots. The Governor saw what was coming, and ordered an immediate evacuation of the town into the valleys of the hills behind.

The ships fired about 30 shells into the town. They did little damage. The little fort fired shells—which fell short—and the little gunboat—*Zelee* steamed outwards. Her commander planned to block the entrance by sinking her there.

The German warships *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* then apparently decided that neither the fuel nor food was forthcoming. The bombardment began in earnest. The *Zelee* was sunk before she had gone 200 yards. Buildings began to crumble.

The little French garrison of 250 stayed there, helpless. There was growing panic among the Chinese and Tahitians, as they made for the valleys.

The garrison set fire to 2,000 tons of stored coal. It was still burning when the first overseas ship (the *Matai*) arrived 10 days later.

The two German ships battered the little French town with about 100 shells. Destruction of buildings and contents was general, and severe. Two men—a Chinese and a native —were killed. No one else was injured.

Firing ceased at 11 a.m., and the enemy ships departed. Hours later, the populace returned. There were many alarms after that. The Chinese panicked again, and removed supplies to the valleys, and many were still camping there when the *Matai* arrived.

The French had a big job in restoring Papeete. They said there was poetic justice in the fact that they made the crew of the German freighter *Walkure* (captured on the outbreak of war by the *Zelee*) toil for many weeks on the work of repairs.

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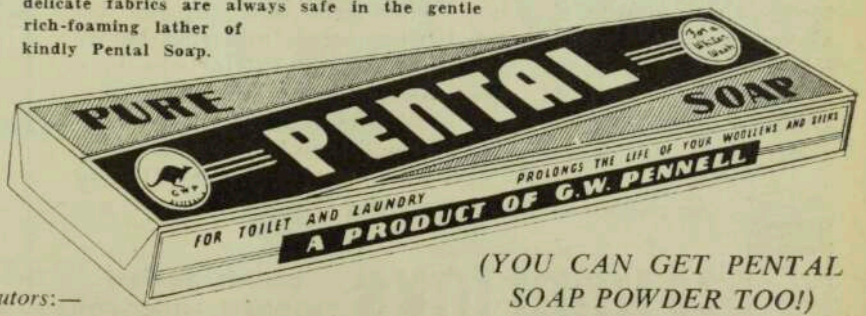

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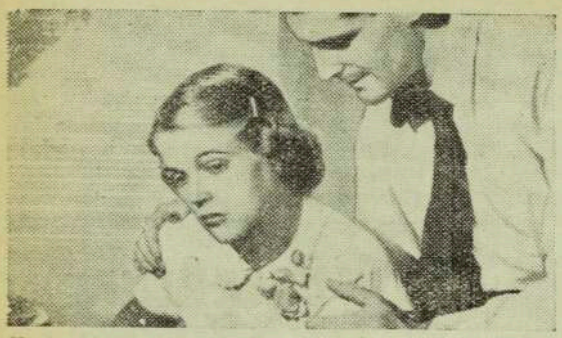

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Nurnberg and *Leipsic*. British French warships sought them; in those non-radio days, they ea eluded pursuit.

The New Zealanders occu Western Samoa late in August, the two battle-cruisers sudde appeared off Apia, and Mulifu plantation (18 miles west of Ap on September 14. In each case, though a NZ force was in occupat German residents went off to *Scharnhorst* and, it appears, the G man civilians told the German N men that they were being very v treated. The German comman said that he had no quarrel v civilians and, after a short stay, ships left without any hostile dem stration. They were next heard o Tahiti.

Nothing was known of bombardment of Papeete until ab October 2. The cable station Papeete had been completely troyed.

By then, the Germans had appeared again. It is now kno that they went around Cape Ho Off the Falkland Islands they a superior British squadron un Admiral Craddock; and all f German ships were sunk in Battle of the Falkland Islands, January, 1915. A couple of hund men were saved from the *Gneisen* but most of the men on the ot ships were lost.

Cane Production by Fijians at New Pe

SUVA, August, 18

THE reason usually given for introduction of Indian indentu labour to Fiji 70-odd years ago that the Fijians declined to le their communal lands to beco cheap labour. Consequently Fi key industry—sugar—became a still is the principal Indian preser

But times have changed. In 19 native Fijians, working their o land, are likely to produce 60,0 tons of sugarcane to be sold at a ton. This is an all-time Fiji record, the previous best bei 36,500 tons in 1936, when the pr was a fraction of that paid to-da

Although Fijian sugarcane p duction is still only 6 per cent. the total, the steady progress ma is encouraging.

Mr. Fred Stevens, with his fami is now in Australia and expects be absent from the New Hebrid for some time. **Mr. M. Havet** leasing his plantation on Sou Santo.

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IT is estimated that the New Zealand taxpayer will benefit to the extent of £40,000 per annum when TEAL takes over the service to Western Samoa from NAC, and includes it in the Auckland-Fiji-Tahiti service, now running.

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No provision, it seems, is being made for air contact with Rarotonga, after the Satapuala seadrome is opened for the service to Samoa. The Coral Route Solents call only at Aitutaki, in the Cook Islands.

New Seadrome in Samoa

LATER in August, TEAL reported that they now expect to make a "proving flight" to Satapuala seadrome, Upolu, Western Samoa, late in September and that, subject to this flight being satisfactory, the inaugural flight through to Tahiti including Samoa should follow in mid-October.

Most of the work at Satapuala has been completed. Coral heads have been removed to provide a runway of 2½ miles, with a minimum depth of 8 feet.

Satapuala is adjacent to Faleolo, near the western end of the island, and 20 miles from Apia.

Mr. Fred Jones, of Vanikoro, paid his half-yearly visit to Santo, New Hebrides, in his cutter in August. He then went on to Sydney by air.

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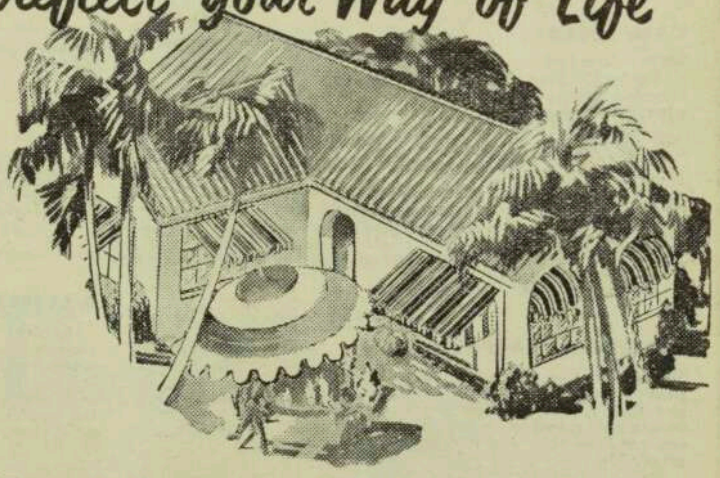

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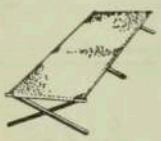

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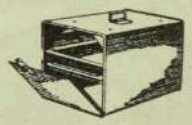

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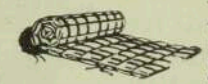

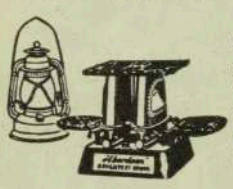

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NAURU'S EDUCATION
Responsibility of P-NG Director

REVISION and extension of education work on the Trusteeship island of Nauru will follow the recent official visit to Nauru of Mr. W. C. Groves, Director of Education in Papua-New Guinea. In future, responsibility for the Nauru education system will lie with the Papua-New Guinea Director.

Mr. Groves spent seven weeks on the job (four of them travelling on British Phosphate Commission ships) and arriving in Australia, en route to Port Moresby, late in August. He was keenly interested in this inspection, because he was in charge of Nauru's education system in 1937-38, and was able to examine the results of his work, 15 years afterwards.

At present. lack of direct communication between New Guinea and Nauru might make supervision from Port Moresby difficult. But there have been indications that the occasional air service, run on charter by Qantas, between Lae-Honiara-Nauru, with planned extension to Tarawa, may become established and regular.

The small native community in Nauru—generally Polynesian in character—is probably the best educated in the South Pacific. The natives are well endowed by the royalties from the Nauru phosphate workings, and this wealth is freely used in both primary and secondary education.

Praise for Cook Is. Education System

MR. D. B. Roberts, head of the South Pacific Commission's literature bureau, on returning from a visit to the Cook Islands in August, said that he had noted that there was a "vigorous schooling system, a literacy rate of 95 per cent., and 30 per cent. of the annual budget being spent on education."

He believed these figures compared favourably with efforts being made anywhere in the world.

He considered the Further Education system as "one of the most promising examples seen anywhere of helping people to make practical use of what they had been taught at school, to meet the problems of adult life." This scheme, Mr. Richards said, was the first of its kind in the Islands and was creating considerable interest elsewhere.

A press report that Russian submarines had been seen in the coastal waters of New Guinea reached New Zealand on August 28, but evidently was not taken seriously. "They Had Snow on Their Periscopes" was the heading put on the item by **New Zealand Herald.**

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Queensland Defeats "Bunchy-top"

AN announcement of interest t all banana growers was mad by the Queensland Department o Agriculture in August. Th announcement raised the ban whic has been in force for many yea against the growing of bananas i unregistered "back-yard" plantation

Early in the 1920's, Queenslan banana plantations were hit by th disease known as "bunchy-top," an by 1925 only four of over 100 plan tations remained in productio Strict measures were taken by th Department to control the disease Research eventually revealed tha the disease was a virus carried b the black aphid. Bunchy-top de veloped about 24 days after th aphids fed on the banana palm.

The present announcement mark the end of a prolonged and success ful eradication campaign which re moves bunchy-top from the list o uncontrolled banana diseases.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boucher, o Auckland, returned in early Augus highly enthusiastic about thei month's holiday in Tahiti. The travelled by TEAL. Mr. Bouche is managing director of Speddings Ltd., Auckland.

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The Monarch And Islands Stamp Issues

By K. NORMAN

THE untimely death in February of His Majesty, King George VI, has created intense interest in the many issues of Empire postage stamps that carried his likeness.

Since his accession to the Throne in 1936, the Territories of the Pacific have included his portrait on a number of contrasting issues.

As it will be some time before the portrait of the new ruler, Queen Elizabeth II, can be incorporated on new stamps, we may reflectively consider the Pacific Islands stamps honouring His late Majesty.

Nauru, in company with New Guinea and Papua (the latter two then separate stamp-issuing entities), circulated four stamps each on the occasion in May, 1937, of the late King's Coronation.

All stamps depicted the King hatless, his head facing in the left direction, set on a plain background.

The British Solomons, Fiji, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Pitcairn Island produced stamps in connection with the 25th anniversary of the wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The design was common to all the British Crown Colonies. The celebrations took place in April, 1948 and depicted the Queen (Mother) in evening dress, the late King in Admiral's uniform, facing to the right.

The Crown Colonies' "Victory" series of 1946, showing the Houses of Parliament in London, additionally displayed a portrait of the late King at the right, in a full face format.

The Fijian pictorial stamps of April, 1938, included a portrait of the King on them, half turned to the left. A medallion portraiture was used in different values, in left hand and central positions.

The initial Fijian "Health" stamps of September, 1951, also had portraits of King George VI, at the right hand corners of the two stamps.

In September, 1938, four stamps were printed by Papua to mark the 50th anniversary of the declaration of the Territory as a British Protectorate, a small representation of the King appearing at the right of the stamp, facing to the left.

Another inset portraiture of the King in Admiral's uniform figured in the five stamps of the pictorial series issued by Papua, in September, 1939.

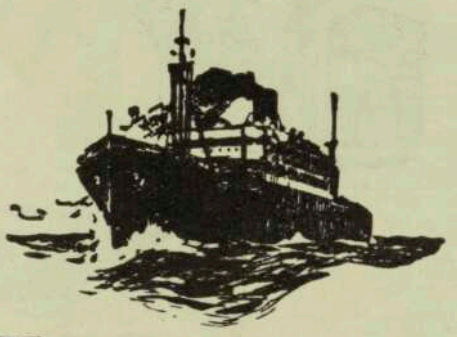
It was in January, 1939 that the Gilbert and Ellice Islands stamps appeared, this interesting pictorial sequence taking a portrait of the head only of the King as part of the design. The head faced to the right.

The same likeness was used for the 1939 pictorials.

The portrait of the King shown on the Cook Islands stamps of May, 1938, were identical with those used on the stamps of New Zealand, the 1/- of the former series carrying a striking full-face representation.

Three portraits of the King on the October, 1940 series from Pitcairn Island were seen in the centre of the pictorial series, the remainder showing his likeness at the left of the formats.

I feel sure stamp collectors would support any move amongst the Ter-



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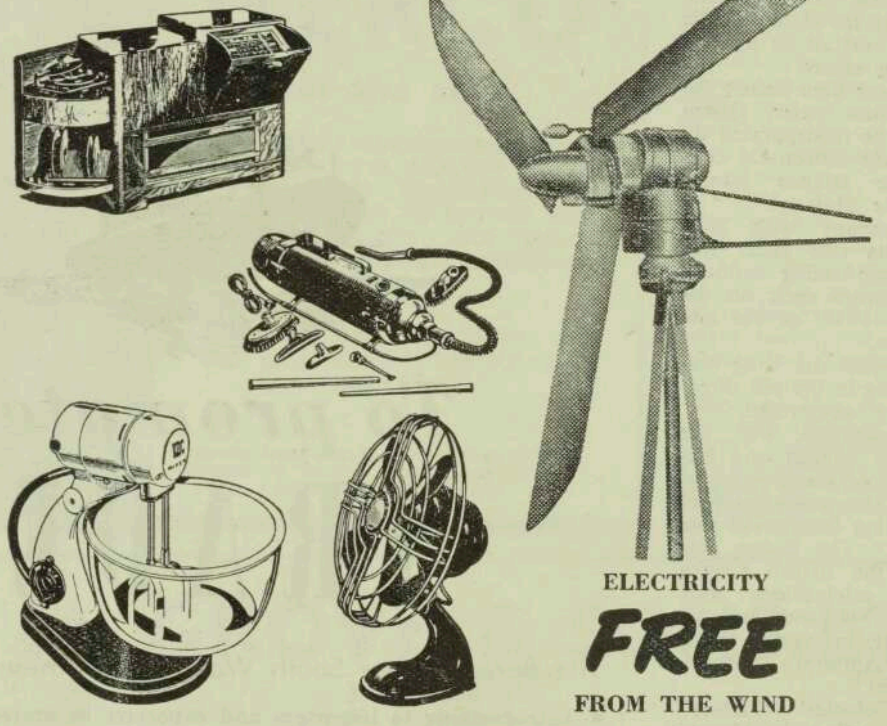

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Maori Missionary for Polynesia

THE Reverend John Tamahori, lately of Wairoa, NZ, will shortly leave New Zealand for Nukualofa, Tonga, to take up duties at St. Paul's Anglican church and St. Andrew's School there.

Mr. Tomahori was ordained in 1940, and has been stationed mainly at Maori centres in New Zealand since then. He will be the first Anglican Maori missionary to go to the Polynesian Diocese—although others have gone to Melanesia previously.

NIUEANS DO NOT WANT MORMONS

From a Special Correspondent

A PETITION signed by 2,000 adult Niueans has been sent to the NZ Minister, the Hon. Mr. T. Clifton Webb, asking that Mormon elders be removed from the Island.

The Niueans have been greatly annoyed at the advent of the Mormons, largely because they were brought in without the islanders knowing of their coming. Niue has been a "One Church Island" (London Missionary Society) for 106 years and although attempts have been made to establish other faiths in the past they have failed. So almost the whole adult population has made its protest in the only way open—a petition to the New Zealand Government.

APIA HAS ELECTRICITY SHORTAGES

APIA, August 17

OWING to abnormally dry weather recently, the hydro electricity plant that supplies Apia, Western Samoa, with light and power has had to curtail output. Two blackout periods are being observed—midnight to 5 am and 1 pm to 4 pm but appeals to the public to save electricity at other times has met with no response.

A new 300 k. w. diesel generating plant is on order from the UK and a 1,000 k. w. generating plant at Avele on the Vaisigano River is under construction but until these two projects are completed, supply of electricity must remain uncertain.

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Nassauans Take a Holiday

LATE in August the population of Nassau Island, Northern Cooks, was planning a mass holiday to neighbouring Puka Puka, 45 miles away.

It will be recalled that the Puka Pukans purchased Nassau several years ago from the Administration and that about 100 of them were then settled on the island which had been uninhabited since the war.

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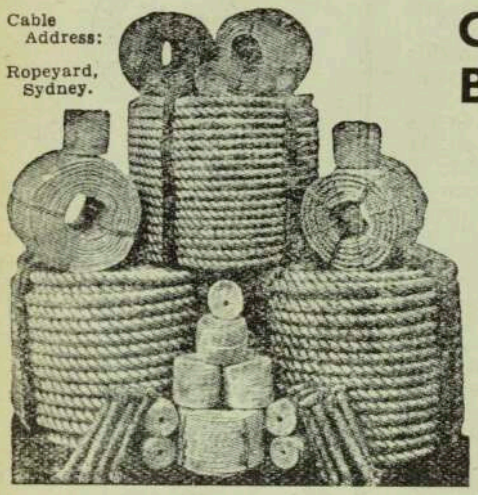

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THE 17-nation Whaling Commission reported June 6 that total Antarctic whale oil production for last season was 2,328,869 barrels produced by factory ships. Land stations brought the world total up to 2,473 681 barrels. This was a total increase of 169,991 barrels over the previous season.

The total allowable catch for next season was again fixed at 16,000 "blue whale units." For purposes of computation, one blue whale is reckoned to equal two fin whales, two-and-a-half hump-back whales and six sei whales.

The season again opens on December 22, and nominally closes on April 4, 1953. But if the allowable catch is taken earlier, the season closes accordingly. English, Norwegian, Dutch, Russian and Japanese factory ships will again take part.

Whale oil, which is number one rival of coconut and other vegetable oils, was recently down to £80 stg per ton in Europe.

The touring Fijian representatives are not the only ones to play Rugby in Australia this season. **M. Sealolo** who is a student at Gatton Agricultural College, Queensland, played for Toowoomba against Brisbane on June 14.

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IS NEW GUINEA COPPER VALUABLE AGAIN?

WHEN Dr. Srinivasan, an Indian scientist doing research work in Melbourne University, was in Queensland in August, he told newspapers there that recent discoveries made possible the exploitation of "several million tons of heavily oxidised copper ore in New Guinea." A plant capable of treating the ore would be established in New Guinea by the end of 1953, and the ore would be concentrated and shipped to Australia for smelting.

If there is anything in this, it is important news. Copper is valuable, and becoming more so. But where in New Guinea are these millions of tons of ore?

There are huge deposits in the Port Moresby area of Papua, between Bootless Inlet and Rouna Falls; but the companies which originally sought to exploit them gave up many years ago—the ore was too expensive to dig and handle. A new discovery in the treatment of copper ore could easily bring these deposits into the dividend-paying class, with important results for the economy of Papua and Australia.

A few weeks ago, the newspapers made several references to a discovery of a new revolutionary method of handling ores, made in Melbourne by an Indian scientist.

PAPEETE'S NEW HOTEL

FORMERLY intended to be called Hotel Motuta but now renamed Grand Hotel Faugerat, Tahiti's largest (3-storey) and most modern hotel opened for limited business early in August.

Monsieur Faugerat, the proprietor, in announcing that 8 rooms of the building are available for immediate use, said also that it is expected that the remaining rooms will be opened in October. At present only breakfast is provided, but by early next year there will be a restaurant and bar in operation.

When completed, the hotel will be air-conditioned throughout, will have private bathrooms for each bedroom, and will be provided with an elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johns are making a visit of several months to Wau, NG. Mr. John was a pre-war employee of Bulolo Gold Dredging, and has recently sold his hotel at Broken Hill.

WEST SAMOA EXPORTS

Western Samoa's Annual Report, published in Wellington in mid-August, gave the Territory's imports for the 1951 financial year as £1,200,000—£100,000 up on the previous year—with exports up by £418,000.

The 14,000 tons of copra exported in 1950 was this year exceeded by 600 tons, though shipping, rather than increased production, was responsible for this.

Cocoa exports were up by 1,300 tons on the previous year's 1,900 tons exported, and exceeded the previous all-time 1949 record by 318 tons.

Deepest ocean deep has recently been discovered off Guam. It is seven miles down.

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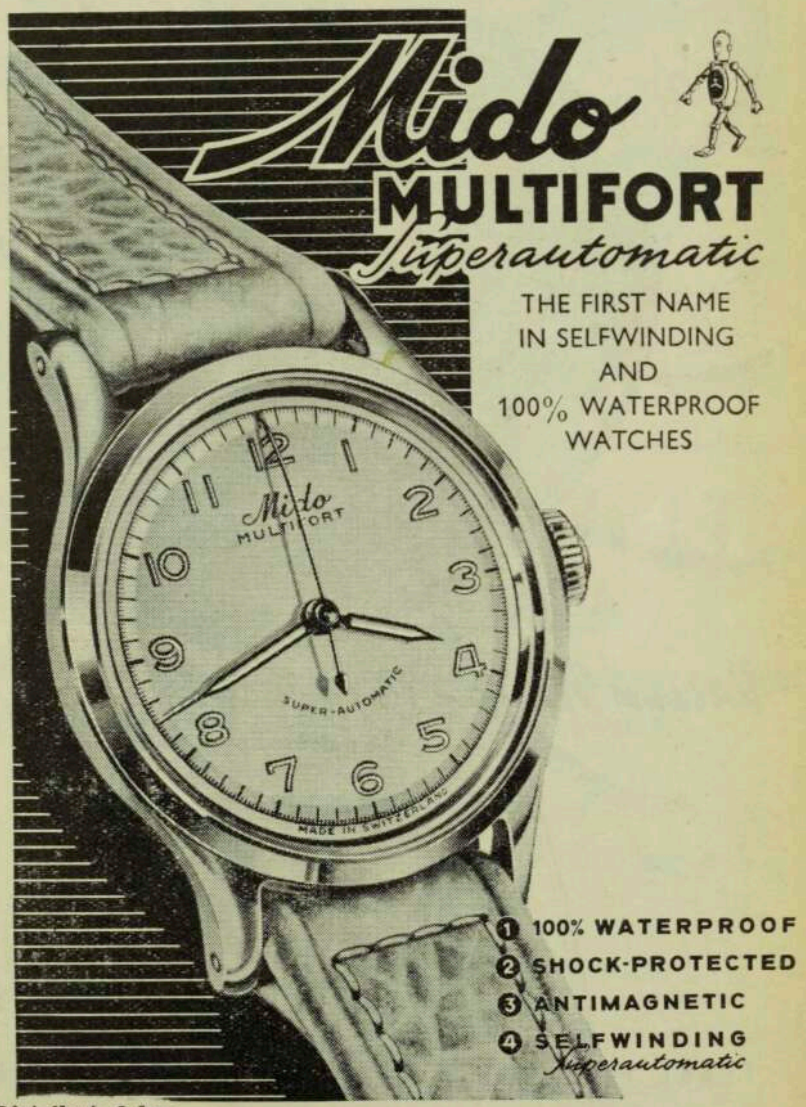

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What the Colonial Development Corporation is Doing

ALTHOUGH Fiji and the Western Pacific High Commission territories have had some assistance from the Colonial Development Fund since the war, these schemes are very small potatoes in contrast with what the Colonial Development Corporation has undertaken in Africa and elsewhere. Some of the projects are showing a profit but many of them are by way of being minor "groundnut schemes" and will be a drain on the unfortunate British taxpayer for years to come.

The projects of the Corporation are, of course, just not a matter of making profits—but it is quite apparent now that many of them were the brainstorms of Whitehall planners and that they would have had more chance of success if the Europeans. With long experience in the respective countries had been consulted.

Here are some of the projects the Corporation has engaged in, and the results—all money quoted is Sterling—(condensed from *New Commonwealth* of June 9).

EAST AFRICA: A profit of £36,000 was made from the edible oil refining plant. The sulphuric acid plant has been closed down. Investigations are proceeding as to the commercial possibilities of ramie fibre. Consignments of rootstocks from America have been planted in Kenya and Tanganyika.

Tanganyika road transport company has been reorganised during the year. Unservicable vehicles have been replaced by new ones. Nett loss for year, £34,401.

Good progress has been made with the wattle scheme; further areas cleared and planted (no other details of this project).

In Uganda, Lake Victoria Hotel, Ltd. (in which the Corporation has a controlling interest), made a profit for the year of £3,248.

The Northern Rhodesian Cement works came into production and it is proposed to build another kiln which will treble production by 1954.

Corporation reviewed the tung oil experiment which they took over from the Nyasaland government in 1948. Nearly £3½ million was estimated for carrying the scheme to full development under the original plan. It has been decided to limit scheme to 5,000 acres of tung, which should be developed with the £1,410,000 already approved. Crops have failed on the adjacent rice farm (which was to feed the tung workers) for the third year in succession. It is concluded that "mechanical production of staple cereals with European skilled staff and

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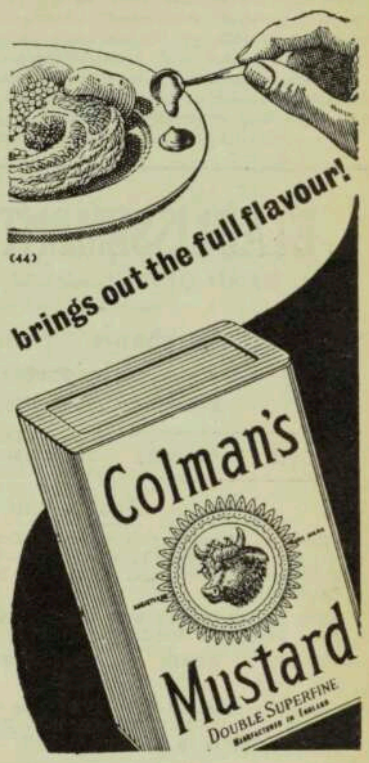

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attendant overhead is unprofitable in Nyasaland".

WEST AFRICA: The first village in a Nigerian peasant settlement scheme has been settled with 78 families and farms. "While the social and political progress has been satisfactory, it will be more difficult to make a scheme of this kind pay than was originally expected".

On expert advice a sack-making factory and cotton spinning project for Nigeria has been dropped.

Nearly £17,000 profit was made for the year on the operations of the Omo Sawmills of Nigeria, Ltd.

Results from West African Fisheries and Cold Store were disappointing—there was a trading loss for the year of £27,717. The catches of fish were not big enough.

In Gambia, results from the rice farm were again nil, but a mission sent the in February—although critical of costs recommended continuing the experime on a smaller scale. An epidemic of Ne castle disease wiped out the Gambi poultry farm flock in 1951 (this was t scheme to supply cheap eggs to Britai but an experimental farm is bei established elsewhere. The total loss the Gambier egg experiment, to da is £800,000.

The Bechuanaland Cattle Ranch w need an extra £200,000 capital in 19 and it is expected that receipts from sal of cattle will not become substantial f four or more years.

The Corporation has plans for abattoir and cold store for Sou Bechuanaland and a 108,000 acre afforestation plan for Swaziland.

FALKLAND ISLANDS (South Atlantic The abattoir and freezer being built Falkland Is. should be finished by 19 but "heavy over-expenditure" has reduc its commercial prospects. The fin capitalisation is estimated at at lea £450,000. The Corporation is now loo ing for partners and managers with loc experience.

The Corporation made a loss of £23,4 last year on the South Atlantic Seali Co. They do not expect a profit for t more years.

Mr. Don Beachcomber, wel known Honolulu restaurant pr prietor, made a business visit Tahiti in August, travelling TEAL from Fiji.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

This month, Vincent Fonsagrive, FU8AC, supplies interesting details from New Hebrides and New Caledonia. Here in part is his letter:—

"The FK8's are very active, especially FK8AB, FK8AI, and FK8AN, who work generally DX on 14 and locals on 7.

"As to FU8's, the list is very short: FU8AK, Andre Thevenin on Pentecost, FU8AB, Marcel Nicolas, and FU8AC, myself", the latter two both in Vila.

"FU8AA will soon complete a powerful station of at least 100 watts. He is now on 7 almost every Sunday morning. FU8AB is very busy on the Government station and is therefore not very active. I am on 7.1 every Sunday morning at 1100Z, working a poor little 10 watter, crystal controlled, phone. I hope to soon be on 14 . . . with VFO and more power . . . and shall welcome calls from Pacific stations."

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According to "Amateur Radio" for August, a new Nauru station has been causing considerable excitement on 20 metres. No name is mentioned but the story goes like this. The Ham, formerly GM3DOJ of Scotland, applied for a license at Nauru but was vetoed or stalled off by the Post Master. He then applied over the head of the Post Master, presumably to Australia, and was issued with the call VR7AB—a prefix never before released—and forthwith got on the air, with devastating DX results. His frequency reportedly was completely blocked with W's and K's either calling, working, or just jamming him, declaring him to be a pirate.

The Post Master, according to the story, has been returning all cards sent to VR7AB, declaring there to be no such station. Until the matter is cleared cards should go to VK2YC, the NSW QSL manager.

The station apparently first appeared in June, but nothing has been heard of him in Auckland during periods when Pacific stations have been well received in the evenings in August, so possibly the Post Master is temporarily in control!

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Stations active during the month included: KB6AQ/A1/AX, KC6QY/DX, KE7RW, KG4AF, KG6AL/ADR/BJ/FAA, KJ6AP/AR/AW, KX6AX/AM, VK1EM/YG, VK9FN/GM/GW/HI/RC/WK/XK, VR1B, VR2AS/BK, VR3C, ZK1AB/BC/AZ, ZK2AA, ZM6AA/AC.

ZM6AA, at Apia, is a reallotted call-sign. The former owner left Samoa last November, and the present owner acquired the call several months ago. The KJ6's at Johnston Is. have been very active and amongst the strongest signs in Auckland.

Notes on stations active would be appreciated from Fiji, Samoa, French Oceania, and the North Pacific boys.

Future DX prospects are interestingly discussed in an article in the current "Radio & Hobbies" using information originally published in "QST". In short, the findings are as follows: As from the summer of 1951-52, all F2 DX on 28 Mc/s should disappear until the summer of 1955-56, the band becoming purely a local-contact one except for rare Sporadic-E contacts of a few hundred miles. On 14 Mc/s some DX will continue to offer on a few days of the month for very short periods through the 1954-55 sunspot minimum. 7 Mc/s will prove the best DX band and those who chase it are advised to interest themselves in 7 Mc/s ground-plane antennas—if there's no room for a fixed beam or two in strategic directions.

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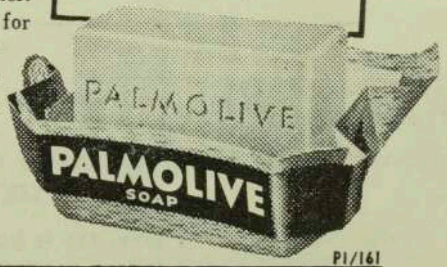

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Yachts bound from there on to S Francisco may also hear useful inf mation from Ocean Station "Uncle" 5165 kc/s (and probably other frequenci working with trans-Pacific aircra "Uncle" is located at 28 N, 145 W.

Ocean Station "Nan" on the sa frequency, located at 33N, 135W, althou not recently heard, may be temporar off station.

VOICE WEATHER BROADCASTS FO THE CALIFORNIA COAST are made follows: South to Point Aguello, fr Eureka-KOE, on 2506 kc/s at 0500/1 GMT. Point Arguello south to S Diego, from Long Beach NMQ on 2698 k at 0500/1700 GMT and from San Pedro-K on 2566 kc/s at 0400/1600 GMT.

From material given in early issues PIM this year, yachtsmen now ha details of all the main voice weath broadcasts along the usual yacht cruisi routes. Groups NOT so covered are t Marquesas, Cook Islands, Tonga, Gilb and Ellice, South Solomons and Micr nesia. All other main Groups have us ful voice broadcasts.

Next month we will summarise t transmitter frequencies required by yacht planning an extensive Pacific crui if contact with all Groups visited desired.

SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT BY TEAL

TEAL'S Chairman of Directo Sir Leonard Isitt, at the annu general meeting of the company August, reported that a nett pro of £31,812 had been realized on o erations over the past financial yea

Sir Leonard expressed the co pany's keen satisfaction with the e tablishment of the new Coral Rou service to Tahiti. The opening this serivce was the most importa development in the company's hi tory. "It is already apparent" sa Sir Leonard "that the Coral Rou to Tahiti will quickly become i mensely important to New Zealan especially as a dollar earner."

The Coral Route service and th establishment of the service betwee Christchurch, NZ, and Melbourn had almost doubled the route-mil age of the company.

The next major development f TEAL would be the opening of th service to Western Samoa "the com mencement date of which would b announced shortly" Sir Leonard r ported.

M. George Forestier left Norfol Island for Sydney in August e route to Vila, New Hebrides, whe he expects to do some trading.

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NEW BUILDINGS AROUND RABAUL

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Aug. 20.

SO much publicity has been given the shortcomings of "Works and erks" that the amount of work ompleted during the year ended last une 30 comes as a surprise.

This (the Islands) Region of the Works Department is administered y Regional Works Officer George MacLennan (a before-ite) who, with is European technical and clerical aff, is responsible for carrying out l construction works required by epartments of Army, Air, Civil viation, Copra Board and prac-ically all works for Civil Ad-inistration in New Britain, New Ire-nd and Bougainville.

In the past twelve months, at an pproximate cost of £353,925 ew, £149,636, repairs and main-nance, £204,289) Mr. MacLen-n's organisation has carried out r the Departments:

ARMY: Drill Hall and Administrative commodation for PNGVR.
CIVIL AVIATION: Station store and ildings; regrading of Rabaul airstrip d clearing and levelling adjacent land; nstruction of coranous surfaced airstrip Kavieng.

COPRA BOARD: 3 permanent 2-bedroom residences at Rabaul; single officers' quarters at Rabaul; storage for additional 7,500 tons of copra at Kavieng; Jetty and 2,000 tons copra store and weighbridge at Kabakaul.

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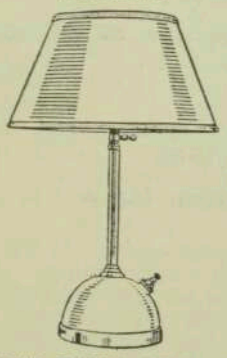

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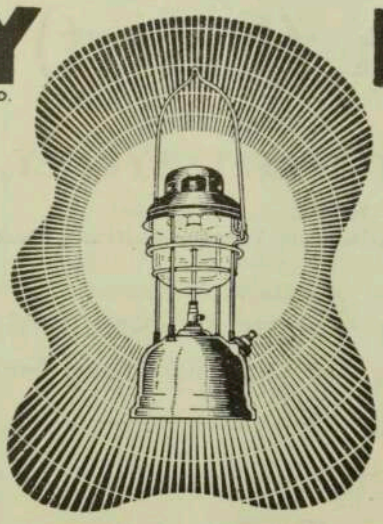

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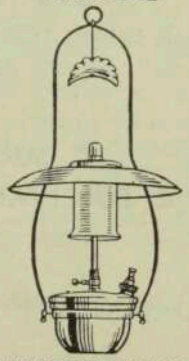

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forebodings of local amateur experts, is still functioning, at a cargo handling rate at least equal to Port Moresby after five years, during which Canberra was making up its mind regarding Rabaul's future.

Practically the whole of the electric power lines in Rabaul have been reconstructed and Rabaul, despite (or maybe because of) its Japanese powered and manufactured alternators, is blessed with the most uninterrupted power supply in either Australia or its Territories. This is due solely to the efforts of Electrical Engineer Scope and Mechanical Engineer Berkefeld and their skilled helpers who have had to search for, scrounge—and, I suspect, steal—bits and pieces to keep the show going.

The Departmental machine-sho in Rabaul carry out all repairs on machines and equipment for bo themselves and Civil Administratio and its joinery shop has manufa tured furniture etc. for Manus.

As those in business realise, t difficulty, to date, of obtaining sto such as spare parts, hardware, ceme and building materials, has be almost insuperable; yet the Depa mental stores have been able supply materials for almost all jo required. Although they do not ca for other than their own requi ments, they have been happy whe possible to assist private individua

COCOA PRICE FALLS

APIA, August 17

WORLD market cocoa prices ha lately shown a falling tenden and Samoan cocoabeans have be quoted as low as £240 stg. to £2 stg. per ton for 1st. grade.

According to American market r ports, the future development of t market will greatly depend on t next incoming cocoa crop in W Africa and in the meantime no gre fluctuations of prices are expecte

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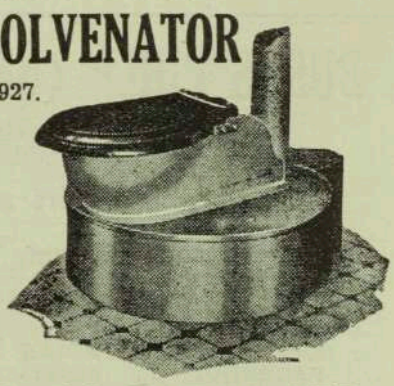

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COOK IS. ORCHARDISTS TRY MODERN METHODS

MR. MORRIS BAKER, Cook Is. Director of Agriculture, tells in a recent South Pacific Commission bulletin, of the gradual education of the Cook Islands citrus growers to modern methods.

Because, in years gone by, the CI orange crop was a heavy one without involving cultivation or special planting methods to produce it, many of the islanders would not accept the idea that this should not still be the case, says Mr. Baker.

Gradual failure of the crop was accounted for by the people as due to some poison in the soil, and not through the soil being worked out through years of overplanting without the use of cultivation or fertilizers.

But Administration plantings have gradually convinced the people of the efficacy of modern agricultural methods until to-day the Department is receiving constant requests for further extension of the Administration-assisted plantings.

The orange now receiving most attention is a local strain known as Rarotonga Seedless. Its existence was discovered by the Department when it was found that men travelled to into the mountains to obtain this particular fruit for the making of "bush beer," rather than use the seeded varieties close at hand which involved much straining.

Rotary Aid to Fiji Makes Impressive List

SUVA, August 18.

THE Suva Rotary Club, in an official statement, has just disclosed that the Rotary clubs of New Zealand contributed £1,250 in cash and ¼ tons of clothing for post-hurricane relief in Fiji. Suva Rotary distributed about 22,000 garments. Examples of how the money was spent are:

(1) £20 for the Fijian officers at the Yasawa Meteorological Station who lost everything when the station was wiped out: (2) £19 for outfitting a Fijian schoolgirl who had qualified for entrance to the Adi Kobau School but could not attend because her father had lost every penny in the total destruction of his banana plantation and could not pay for her outfit and uniforms; (3) £100 towards the erection of a school at the new village of Nabua, Nabula. The village has been established to accommodate some of the Suva Fijians who were left homeless by the hurricane.

New Zealand Rotary has also given £50 for games equipment and other amenities at the Nasinu Teachers' Training College, while the Suva Rotary Club has fitted out a St. John Ambulance room at Buckhurst Park, Laucala Bay, and has given another £50 as a Christmas gift to the patients at the Tamavua Tuberculosis Hospital.

According to a press message from Rarotonga, the value of MOP shell exports from Manihiki and Penrhyn lagoons for the last financial year amounted to £115,019. This is the highest on record. The value in the previous year was £80,128.

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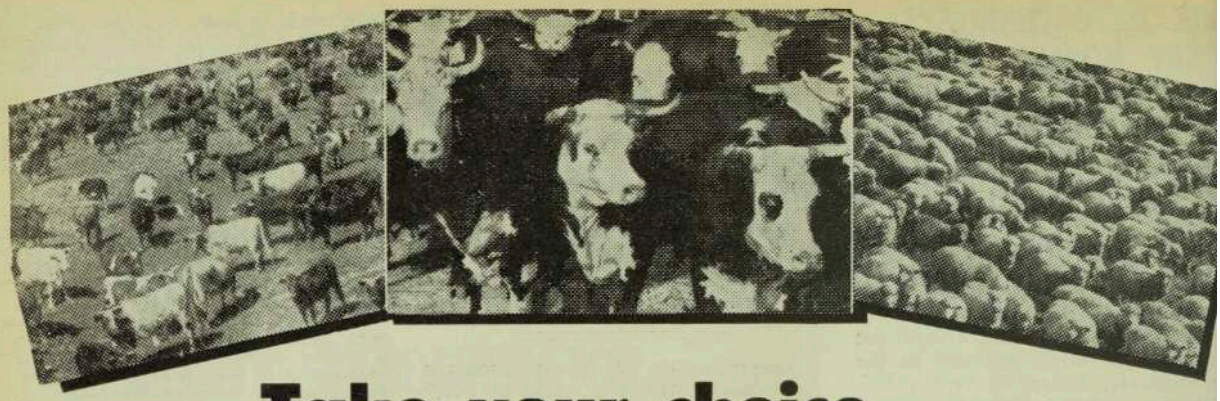

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The Japs in the Pacific

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tact with the natives. For reasons of health, customs and propaganda, alone, they are under the most direct obligation to report themselves officially.

JAPAN AND NEW CALEDONIA

A REPORT from Tokio, that France has invited Japan to send 2,000 single men to New Caledonia, to work in the nickel and chrome industries, has been received with misgivings in Australia. Ministers said at the end of August they were seeking further information.

The efforts of French New Caledonian industrialists to provide themselves with foreign indentured labour have been viewed with apprehension over the years by Australia, which is uneasy about Asiatic settlement close to her shores. For many years, French interests in New Caledonia and New Hebrides used indentured labour from Java and Indo-China. During World War II, the repatriation system broke down, and the labourers could not return. Some of the Javanese since have gone home; but it is estimated there now are permanently settled in New Caledonia and New Hebrides between 6,000 and 8,000 Tonkinese and Indonesians. They have been permitted to bring in their women, and their numbers are increasing steadily.

Before World War II, there were just over 1,000 Japanese settled in New Caledonia. They had interests in the metal industries and a firm hold in the distributing trade; but they were repatriated after the surrender of Japan. Because of its mineral riches, New Caledonia is coveted by Japan, and as the French colony is only a few hundred miles from the Queensland coast, Australia is keenly interested in developments there.

ISLANDERS IN NZ BEHAVE WELL

The NZ Islands Territories Department, in its Annual Report, says that the health and behaviour of the 2,000 Pacific Islanders now resident in NZ are excellent.

About 70 per cent. live in Auckland and 7 per cent. in Wellington—the Samoans and Niueans tending to remain in the North. The Cook Islanders are more scattered; many work in timber camps and on farms, or as domestics, as far south as South Island.

The Islanders are well cared for. The Government subsidised welfare activities to the extent of £800 last year.

Film of P-NG War Cemeteries

PORT MORESBY, Aug. 29.

A FILM of the Papua-New Guinea's War Graves is being made by Brigadier Athol E. Brown, Secretary-General of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who visited main centres in Papua and New Guinea this month.

The film will be previewed in London in a few months' time.

It will depart from the pattern of previous War Graves films by including scenes of localities and the everyday life of people in the Territory, as well as shots of the Cemeteries.

Brigadier Brown, who is Secretary-General for the Pacific region of the Commission's work, said that the film would be of interest to English people as well as to Australians. There were 387 United Kingdom war-dead buried at Bomana.

Families in England and Australia who could not afford a pilgrimage to the Territory would be able to see local cemeteries in the film, and at the same time learn a little of the country where their relatives were interred.

Commenting on the Bomana (Moresby), Lae, and Bita Paka (Rabaul) War Cemeteries, Brigadier Brown said he was impressed with their natural beauty.

Improvements still to be made at Bomana, include: new lawn surfaces, a new approach road, the "Cross of Sacrifice", the "Stone of Remembrance" and a directing table pointing to the battle areas.

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APIA, August 17

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A Sick Child Goes to Hospital in Papua

PORT MORESBY, August 29

THE sick child of a missiona doctor near Romilly, Papua, w brought into the General Hospit Port Moresby, recently by the co bined efforts of five organisatio Qantas, the Health Dept., Air Rad Australasian Petroleum Co., and t MV Motorina.

The Motorina sent the origi message that the child was a s pected appendix case. Air ra then relayed a Health Departm request to Qantas Catalina VH-E to pick up the child. The Catali could not be put down on the ri at Romilly, so APC arranged transport the missionary doctor, (D Anderson), his wife and child Ivo River where they were pick up next morning by another Qant Catalina.

Anticlimax: The child was la diagnosed as having acute dysente

Mrs. F. de Burgh Thomas, w spent some years in Tahiti, w guest-speaker at the Worksh Theatre in Wollongong, NS recently. She illustrated her ta with records of Tahitian music a photographs.

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Tofua Arrivals in Auckland

Passengers arriving in Auckland by the August Tofua included (left to right):

MR. and MRS. A. D. EDWARDS of Fiji —Mr. Edwards is a former Commissioner in the Fiji Administration.

MR. and MRS. A. J. PATTERSON of Parua Bay Hotel, Whangarei, NZ, who returned from an air-sea holiday trip round the islands.

MR. and MRS. L. NOERR, formerly of the Regal Theatre, Suva, who came south on holiday.

MISS JILL PROCTER, who returned after a year's service with BP's in Suva.

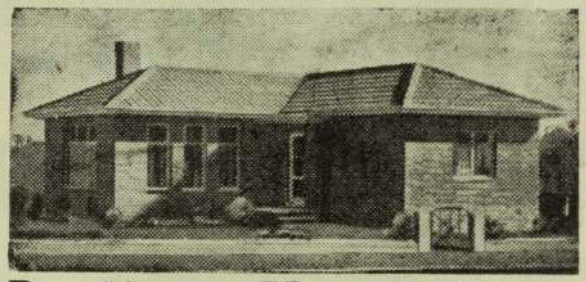
USTRALIAN NEWSPAPER XCITEMENT VER SEPIK OIL PATCHES

USTRALIAN newspapers in August made much of the fact that European living in the Sepik Dist- t of New Guinea had found oil tches on water in a part of the trict outside the oil-search permit ea of any company now prospect- g for oil in the P-NG Territory.

Some papers headlined the story eported Oil Find in Sepik River."

The Sepik River District, of which ewak is the headquarters, takes in very large area and the name is only thing that connects much it to the mighty Sepik River. In years immediately before World ar II, Oil Search Ltd. had numer- s geologists in the field in that trict and behind Aitape, further rth. Work was suspended during war, of course, and since then thing has been done in this district.

As far as the oil patches are con- rned—everyone who has lived in s district has seen the oily patches wet and swampy land and knows t of themselves they do not indi- e the presence of petroleum be- w. If this is all the un-named ropean in the Sepik has recently covered then we are probably no arer finding oil "in the Sepik ver" or anywhere else in NG.



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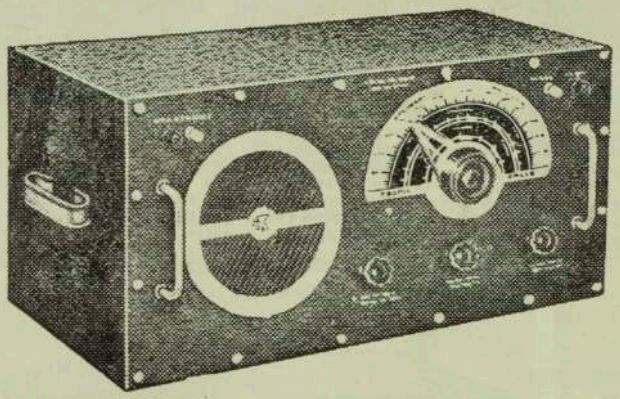

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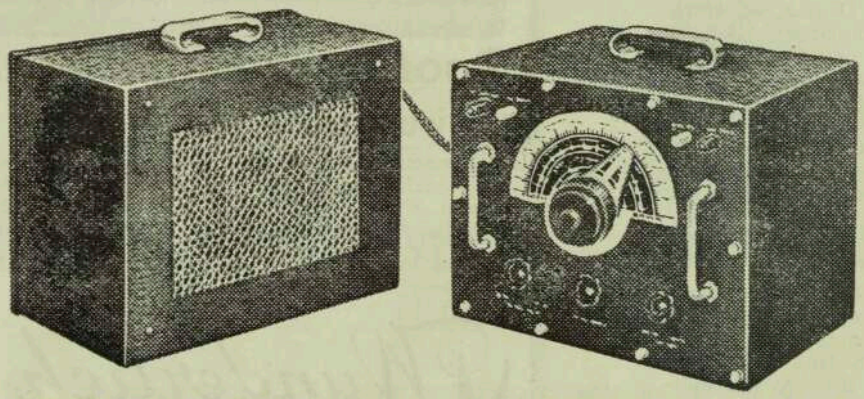

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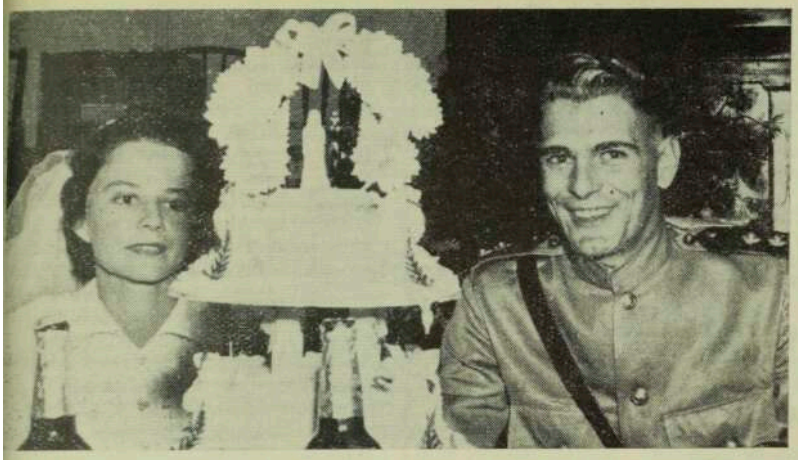

Sub-Inspector and Mrs. Maxwell Francis Corlis at the reception which followed their arriage in Ela Protestant Church, Port Moresby, recently. The bride was formerly iss Dallas Baldwin, a third generation Territorian. Her father was christened at e church in which she was married. Her mother, formerly Miss Grahamslaw, and member of one of Papua's best-known families, went to Port Moresby with her arents in 1911. The bride wore a wedding gown of white broderie anglaise over faille. er bridesmaid was Miss Diane Leech. Police Inspector V. B. McNeill was best man.

Fiji and other British colonies the Pacific will have a special ronation postage stamp next ar. A uniform design is to be ed for all the stamps, but each colony will have its name and the local currency on its particular stamp. Fiji's stamp will be of 2½d denomination and will be printed in black and green.

Mr. Ross Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, Mill Superintendent of New Guinea Goldfields, has been appointed Cadet Patrol Officer, with the P-NG Administration and left for the School of Pacific Administration, Sydney, in early August, for an orientation course.

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On the Pacific Movie-Front

IN shooting a scene for "His Majesty O'Keefe" off Naitonitoni beach, Viti Levu, Warner Brothers had an expensive Technicolour camera submerged for some minutes. A replacement had to be flown down from Hollywood.

The accident occurred in mid-August when shooting a scene aboard a large double canoe. In returning ashore through the surf the canoe was capsized.

In W. Samoa the filming of "Mr. Morgan" is under way, with a number of local people featuring in the scenes as with the Fiji film.

Luckiest of the locals is 21-year-old part-Samoan Moira MacDonald who plays a leading part as T with Gary Cooper, who, in the f is her father.

Other locals taking part are H Kruse, Mrs. Kathleen Newick, B McEwen (of the Education Dep ment), and many others in le roles.

In addition to Gary Cooper, leads are played by English a Barry Jones as the missionary C bett, American actress Rob Haynes as Maeva, mother of Tu and John Hudson as an Ameri air pilot who falls in love with Tu

Local people in the more imp ant speaking roles are earning fr £5 to £7 per day. Altogether Samoa is expected to reap $500, from the film. Gary Cooper's sh is a mere $250,000.

The technicians and princi stars are living in Apia and tra daily 27 miles across the island the filming location at Safata on south coast of Upolu Island.

The new Port Moresby wh will have reinforced concrete de ing instead of timber. It is pected that this will cost no m than Australian hardwood. There enough cement on hand to d the wharf without any delay: tons of cement will be needed a 100 tons of reinforcing.

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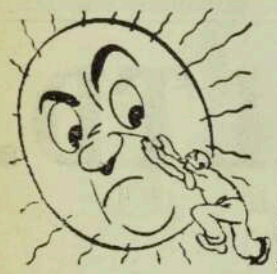

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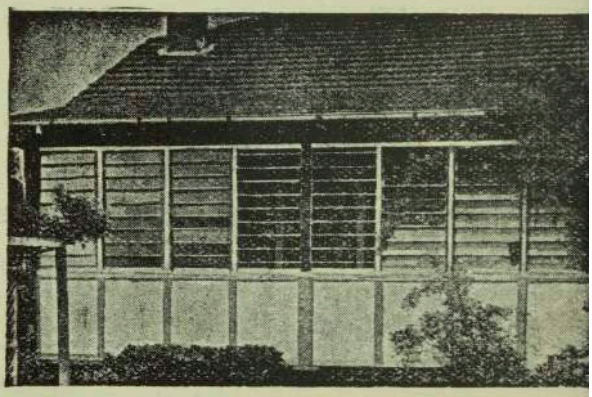

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White Man Punished Under Native Law

Spanked Girl: Fined £100

THE remarkable case of James Herbert Jeffrey — who took a ung European girl out for a ride his car in Port Moresby one even- g, and ended the party by laying r across his knee and spanking her undly—may have had its amusing atures; but it does direct attention the need for some revision of the w that was invoked.

Both the parties are very young— ffrey in his twenties, and the girl —and the incident seems to have veloped out of a flirtation that t itself side-tracked. The angry rl complained to authority; and the w under which the police had to t meant that Jeffrey was charged th *indecent* assault.

Jeffrey was found guilty; and then r. Justice Kelly found himself ced with the provisions of the hite Women's Protection Ordin- ce. This Ordinance was framed r the protection of women against acks by primitive natives — of hich there is always a risk—and e penalties are very severe. The aximum for an indecent assault is e imprisonment.

The Judge had to decide whether e spanking administered to the ung lady constituted an indecent t. He seems to have had no option. e said that an interpretation of the rd indecent, based on the circum- nces admitted by the defence, ade of it an indecent assault.

Obviously, he could not take into nsideration any provocation by the mplainant, which had been ad- nced by the defence in mitigation the "crime." Obliged to administer Ordinance that was never framed meet a case like this, the Judge ade the best decision he could by ing Jeffrey heavily—£100.

Because of the steady increase in e European population in this very ge Administration, it seems desir- le that there should be revision of gal procedure, if not of the actual ws, so that the habits and practices the European community should t get tangled up with the laws ob- usly framed for the control of the tive community.

The NZ Government - owned ands ship **Maui Pomare** made a s of only £34,245 on last year's rvice to the Cook Islands, as mpared with a loss of £55,109 in e previous year.

One Saturday in Rabaul

SATURDAY'S dawn was fair enough to please any baseball fan. The catcher of the Red Sox (Chinese) team was out; but so also was New Guinea's shortstop.

Business transactions were but incidental to sporting prognostications. The lunchtime gathering at the New Guinea Club was bigger, brighter and more corporate than was usual with these bearers of the white man's burden.

When, several schooners later, they entered the baseball arena, their Club's banner proudly waved greetings and defiance: 'twas its first airing on a field of battle.

Wives, sweethearts, children and well-wishers packed the grandstand. Cars, trucks and jeeps arrived until the playing field was ringed with a cheering-jeering mass of humanity, voluble in either ecstasy or despair—a thousand self-appointed umpires!

So was the stage set for a mighty tussle between the undaunted New Guinea Club and the undefeated Red Sox. Three cases of Australian beer awaited the Club's victorious return.

SCORES: 23-6 in favour of Red Sox.

ANTI-CLIMAX: The following Saturday, almost by accident, Cubs defeated Red Sox, 20-16.

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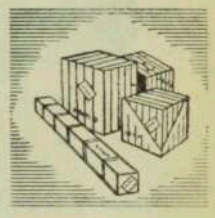

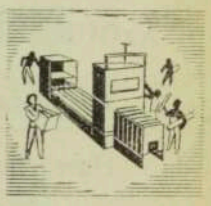

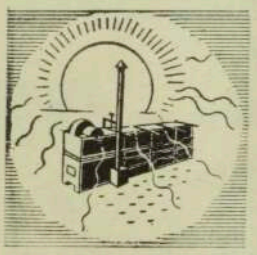

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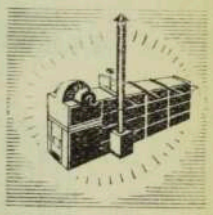

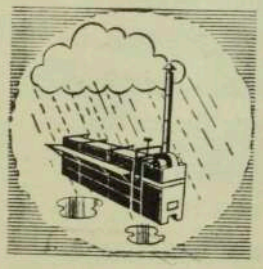

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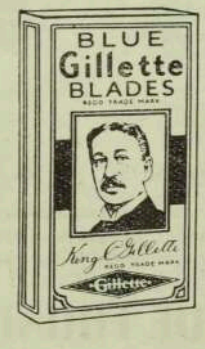

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EVENTUAL PLACE OF MARGARINE

SINCE the high price of butter beginning to affect the budget the average family in Australia New Zealand, there has been so murmuring against the reluctance bureaucracy to make available m margarine—the "poor man's butt This palatable and healthy prod of the coconut is an important f in many countries; but the poli ians of Australia and NZ, wooing votes of dairymen, have gener discouraged its use, so as to as the sale of butter.

On August 27, Melbourne sharply criticised the Victorian G ernment for refusing a larger qu of margarine for that State. It poin out that the New South Wales qu of margarine has been doubled, that of Queensland trebled, beca of scarcer and dearer butter, says it is completely wrong that V torians should be denied larger s plies of the "supplementary" fo stuff.

The *New Zealand Grocers' view* says that, although NZ bu in Fiji costs from 4/- to 5/- pound, and margarine only 2/-, latter is not displacing butter. T is to be expected, in the circu stances of Fiji. The position wo be very different in NZ where m garine would be much more wid used for culinary purposes, if it w available.

It seems certain that, as world's shortage of food increas the demand for margarine will gr even in butter producing countr

MINISTERIAL POWERS I PAPUA-N. GUINEA

EXPLANATIONS by the Austral Minister for Territories of the allowance of three Papua-New Gui Ordinances (Rubber Export Tariff, C merce Board, and Cocoa Export Tari given on August 29, showed that the A tralian Government is determined t too much undefined power shall not given the Territories Administration.

The proposed Ordinances were ki because they either appropriated reve for purposes not defined, or gave Minister too much general power o the marketing of Territories products

It evidently is not intended to m the path too easy for the Socialist ministration that is expected to resu power in Papua-New Guinea after next Australian general elections.

Mr. H. A. Ragg, Deputy Direct of Public Works, Fiji, is on lea in Australia. During his absen Mr. J. H. Common is acting Deputy Director.

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NG VILLAGE COUNCILS

Planters' Leader Gives Warm Praise

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, August 31

THE establishment of the system of Village Councils, sometimes nder criticism by "old hands" in ew Guinea in recent years, has ound a warm supporter in Mr. Don arrett, a leader of the planters of apua-New Guinea, and a member f the Legislative Council.

The following is a summary of a atement made by Mr. Barrett at a ecent meeting of the New Britain dvisory Council:

"Since this Council last met, the unamami Village Council in the okopo area has been opened and, the invitation of the District ommissioner, (Mr. J. K. Mcarthy) I attended the opening cereony. Through the kindness of the istrict Commissioner I was able to ddress the natives.

"Quite a lot of fears I previously ntertained have been removed rough the District Commissioner's resight in requesting me to address at Council.

"I might state that at the present time there is not a week goes by but representatives of one or other of the Village Councils in this district come to discuss their problems with me.

"Due to the close attention which the District Commissioner and his Native Affairs Officer, Mr. Orken, have given to these Village Councils they can be of great value in this land.

"The Vunamami Council has a school where the accent is on agriculture and that, I think, is what we should aim for.

"The Village Council system is to be encouraged and I should like to record my appreciation of the work which has been done in that direction by the DC and Mr. Orken."

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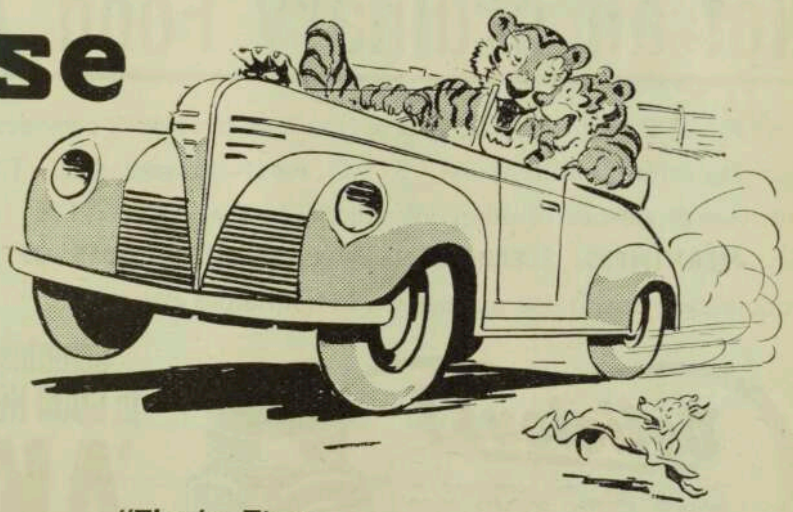

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FRENCH VISITOR INJURE

When M. Gaston Deferre—one of four French Deputies who have making a quick visit to the Fr possessions in the Pacific—reached Ca Island late in August, on his way by Trans-Pacific airliner, he climbe top of a water-tank to get a panor photo of the island. The ladder b and he fell heavily, and broke both An airliner took him to a Sydney pital, where his legs will have to re in plaster for two months.

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FIJI MISSED ON SHEEP OVER 40 YEARS AGO

By K. P. Wright, of Lomani, Quirindi, NSW.

N 1906 a number of wealthy men from New Zealand went to Fiji eking investment—among them a r. Studholme, who invested large ms in rubber at Qara-ni-Qio.

Among those who came (and went way) was a Mr. Mason Chambers, o had a large sum for investment, d wanted a compact area of 40/ ,000 acres of grazing land, and was epared to erect freezing and can- ng works.

The Fiji Government at that time d a considerable area of such land ailable on Vanua Levu, which it d leased from the natives at, I be- ve, 3d per acre per annum, for years. Their terms for a sub-lease re too exacting, however, and Mr. ambers hired my services (I was n 23) to obtain land direct from natives at Sigatoka, under an old tute which enabled a European draw up a contract, with native ners, giving him "the exclusive SE'" of the land. The contract d to be written in English and ian, and taken to the Stipendiary gistrate for his endorsement, ich made it binding on both par- s.

To cut a long story short, I ob- ned the necessary areas of land ne area of 4,000 acres, at Rasi- e, on the Sigatoka, and a further 000, known as "Conua," lying be- en the Sigatoka River to the west d VatuKarasa and Sovi, on the st, to the east. These agreements re ratified by the local magistrate, d became binding.

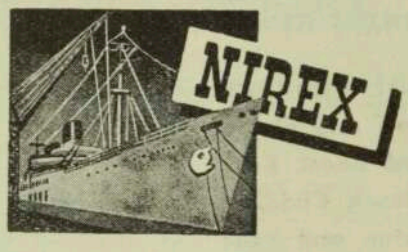
Two weeks later I came in with an eement for another 25,000 acres Bemana, higher up the Sigatoka er.

The magistrate said he was sorry t he could not ratify the document. e Governor had heard of my ivities and had called a meeting the Executive Council, and nulli- d the old law so that the magis- te now had no power and the uments had to go before the vernor in Council. I paid a call the Governor (Sir Everard-im- rn) but he was adamant. He d that if Chambers wanted land, should take what the Government offered him, either at Vanua u, or 44,000 acres lying between Sigatoka and Momi, to the west. Mr. Chambers then withdrew, and k his money with him. He was ery fine man, and he financed me en a penniless youth) so that I could import sheep, and try out the industry. This my father and I did; and, on January 21, 1908, we landed 1,300 ewes at Rasikulu.

We did not, however, have sufficient capital to handle the big undertaking properly, and eventually we sold out to Messrs. Bryce & Howard, of Brisbane, in 1917.

There was a sequel to that. About 5 years ago a man who is in a big way in Queensland told me that he had met there the late Governor of Fiji (Sir Brian Freeston) who had endeavoured to interest him in the establishment of a meat-freezing

Newly-shorn sheep leaving the shearing-shed at Rasikulu, Fiji, in 1914.



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There were no roads in the Sigatoka district of Fiji, when Mr. K. P. Wright tried establish the sheep industry there 40 years ago. This old photograph shows his ughter being carried to a vice-regal reception (Governor Sir Ernest Bickham reet-Escott) in a basket.

orks in Fiji, and of the cattle and eep industry in a big way. My end had not known that I had ever en in Fiji; but I was able to give n much information and advice. owever, I understand that he went further with the project.

The idea behind this plan, I be- ve, was to establish the business the lines of the Tanganyika pea- ts scheme—but to finance private terprise to do the actual work. The itish Government would provide cash, and the beef would go to itain. Thus, 40 years afterwards, attempt was being made to do at Mr. Chambers and I were anxious to do in 1906.

During World War I, when I was in England in 1915, I called upon Sir Everard-im-Thurn, who had rejected my agreements with the natives. Sir Everard was extremely nice (he always was) and told me he "deeply regretted" having done as he did; but it was too late.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hohnen, and their four small children have returned to Wau, New Guinea, after three months leave spent at Burleigh, Queensland. Mr. Hohnen is general-manager of New Guinea Goldfields at Wau.

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W. SAMOA'S LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO MEET

APIA, August 17

THE Legislative Assembly's second session for 1952 will commence at Mulinu'u, Apia, on August 20. The business before the House includes discussion on the Supplementary Estimates, an ordinance initiating a Co-operative Movement in the Territory and the Local Government Bill which aims to decentralise Government and give greater authority to District and Village Councils.

It is expected that the session will last into September.

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Johnston Island is located appr mately 700 miles south-west of Hon and 1,200 miles north of Canton.

Reception reports on this broad would be appreciated by station W AFRS, Johnston Island.

Early in June, a branch of International Red Cross was offici established in W. Samoa. At inaugural ceremony 300 child from five schools paraded — members of the Junior Red Cr

SECTS CLASH OVER VILLAGE SCHOOL

Interesting Development in New Guinea

From Our Own Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Aug. 25.

THERE has been an extraordinary kind of war going on in a Papuan South Coast village between rival church factions.

Although Hisiu Village is near Yule Island, old-established headquarters of the Roman Catholic Mission, Hisiu villagers are mostly adherents of the London Missionary Society, which has had a school there since 1890.

In 1951, a minority of villagers, adherents of another Church, began to erect a building for another mission school. Other villagers demonstrated against this plan; but the minority group persevered. They were holding a prayer meeting in the partly-erected building when other villagers attacked and demolished the building.

Arising out of this, six natives were charged with unlawfully damaging a house valued at £3. One of the accused said in Court: "We like to have only L.M.S. Mission in our village and we don't want to have any other. That is why we took this building down".

The six were convicted. Two were fined £2 each, and the others sentenced to 10 days' hard labour. The Magistrate ordered them to restore the partially-built house, but this order was later quashed on appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Hisiu Village Council meanwhile had gone ahead with plans to build its own, secular school. They were delayed by difficulties in getting materials, but eventually they erected the building.

They were quite unaware that, in May of 1952, the *Government Gazette* carried a proclamation excising five acres from the Hisiu Native Reserve, for mission purposes, and that one of these acres had been leased to the Roman Catholic Mission.

Naturally, there was consternation when it was discovered that within this one acre was the site of the villagers' new secular school building. The Mission denied them the use of the building, but said they could remove the materials.

A deputation of 11 Hisiu villagers, including four councillors, came to Moresby this month and protested bitterly to the Government. They pointed out that they were not readers of the *Gazette*—otherwise they would have appealed against the alienation of that particular area.

Government was sympathetic. It now has sent the trawler *Arawe*, with a load of building materials, to Hisiu. With it has gone Patrol Officer J. Griffin, to site the school and start the building operation, and Ila Sam, an experienced native teacher, to take charge of the new school as soon as possible.

The Administration has taken this step to preserve native confidence in self-help (secular) schools which, under official encouragement, are now appearing in various native communities, especially in the Highlands. The cost of staffing and equipping such schools must be borne by the Education Department. Hitherto, most of such duties have been undertaken by the various Mission bodies, free of all cost to the Administration.

Honolulu newspapers lately have been making a fuss over "Leeteg of Tahiti", an artist who has won world fame by developing the practice of painting on black velvet. He is described as a 49-years-old American who went to live in Tahiti 20 years ago and one of whose chief interests is building and designing homes.

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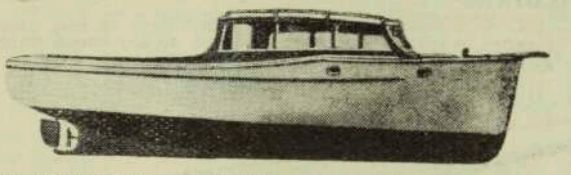

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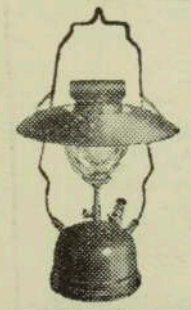

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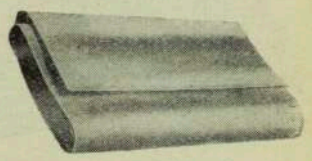

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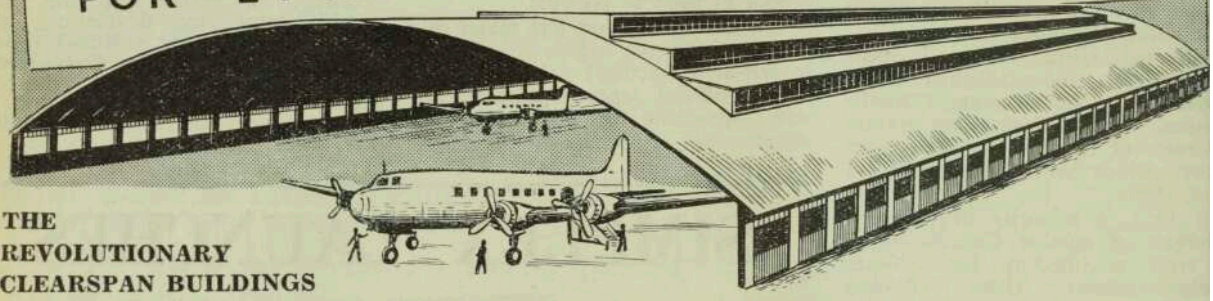

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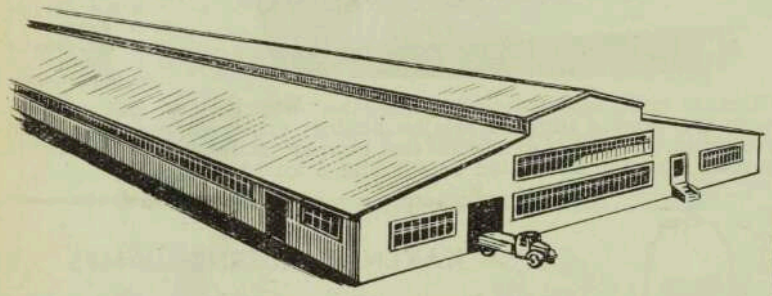

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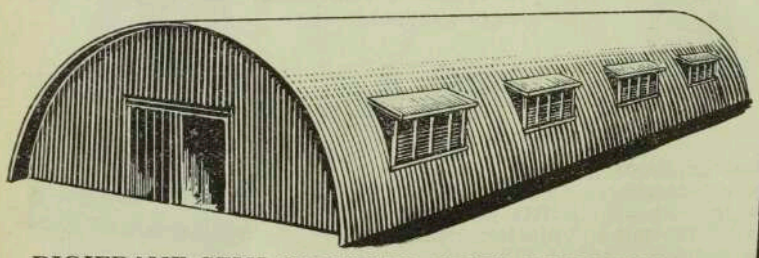

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Territories' Talk Talk

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affairs should realise this gulf and profit accordingly.

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There has been considerable publicity given to the exclusion of a certain anthropologist from entering NG, and Minister Hasluck received some adverse criticism over the ban he imposed on P. M. Worsley, more especially from the A.N.U. Students' Association, who look upon the whole affair as an attack on "the liberty of inquiry."

Poor old Liberty! What alibis are laid at your door!

At one time there was a very comprehensive screening of all arrivals in NG, and one of the reasons was to keep the White—unsuitable for making black contacts—out of the country. But this cautionary measure has been neglected, especially in the artisan class; and it was impossible to maintain with military personnel in the two wars.

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Personally, I don't suppose Scientist Worsley is such a danger let loose amongst the natives as some of the ardent Unionist technicians roaming the country, many of them with a modicum of Government authority behind them. Most natives look upon the intinerant anthropologist as a crack-pot, anyway, and living on a shoe-string; whereas the technicians invariably throw their money about.

Many Oranges Visualised

Big orange shipments from the Cooks are visualised by Mr. Ross Walker (of Fruit Distributors Ltd., the firm marketing all citrus imports in New Zealand) who toured the Cook Islands orchards in July. He predicts that, subject to the absence of hurricanes, the Cooks should be exporting 163,000 cases per annum by 1960. Rarotonga alone this year exported 4,400 cases—the most for 18 years. He urged use of the latest equipment for washing and wrapping, so as to get the oranges to market in a more attractive condition.

Mr. P. N. NIGHTINGALE, who has spent 22 years in Fiji in the Colonial Service will shortly leave the Colony with Mrs. Nightingale for Zanzibar where he will be Financial Secretary. In Fiji he has served as District Commissioner in many parts of the Colony and recently has been a senior Secretariat officer. At present he is Acting Colonial Secretary.

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Captain N. M. Gordon recently took over the position of Assistant Harbour Master at Makatea phosphate island, French Oceania, replacing Captain I. K. S. Adams, who had completed his term there. Both are Australians.

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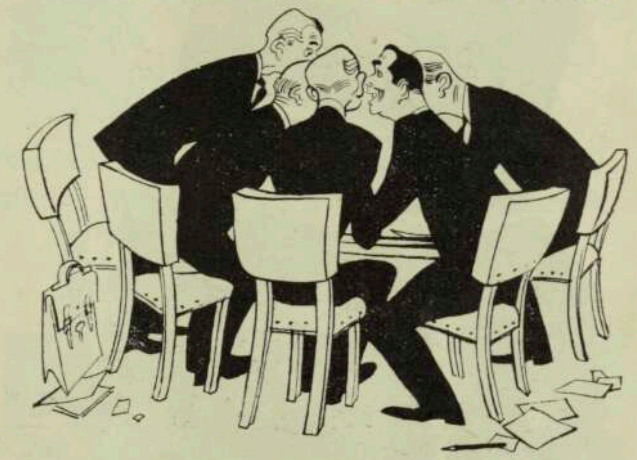

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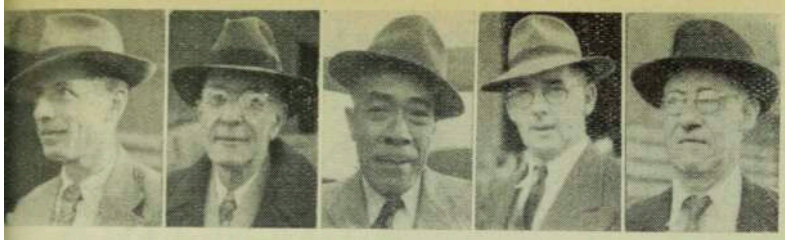

TOFUA PASSENGERS

Arrivals in Auckland per Tofua in August included: (left to right):—

Mr. W. F. Ponder of the New Zealand Ministry of Works, returned from an inspection tour round the Islands.

Mr. C. St. Julian, of Suva, came south to spend a holday with his son.

Mr. Niutolu, of Niue, intends to reside in New Zealand.

Mr. C. E. Sage, of Auckland, made the round trip on leave.

Mr. C. W. Collett, of Campbells Bay, Auckland, returned from a holiday trip.

sed in the war in 1944-45, which ould have been scrapped, are still commercial use, and the demand r spart parts for all of them is ute, and growing. A large proortion of the planes on the Islands artime scrapheaps have become ally valuable—after having been terally thrown away some years o.

"It all looks fine for me at the oment" said Mr. Reinert. "But I ill have to get those plane parts t of those places—and make a ofit." He is president of the Merian Aircraft Company of Illinois.

During the height of the Fall of astille festivities in Tahiti, in ly, **Captain Joe Pommier,** of Air hiti, had an accident in the mpany's small plane. He ran t of fuel, could not make the airip and landed in shoal-water off e island of Motu-uta. He spent me time in hospital.

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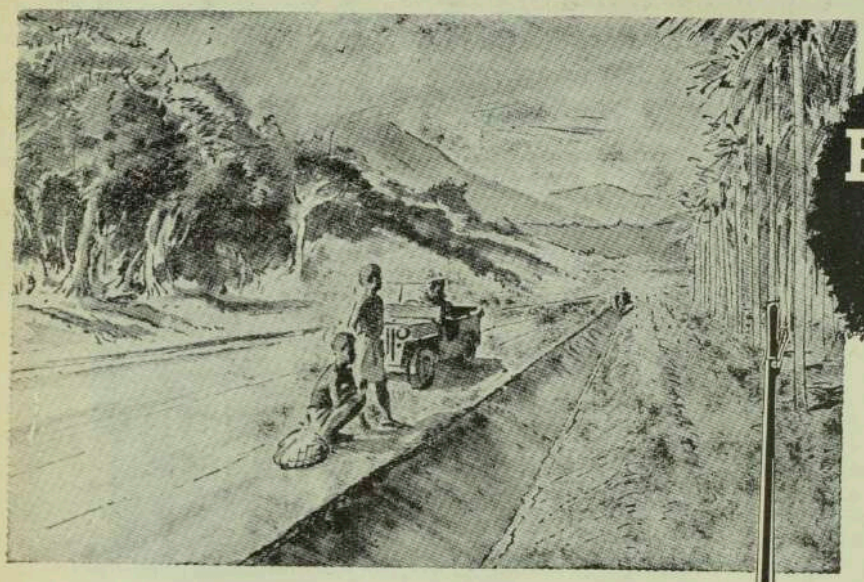

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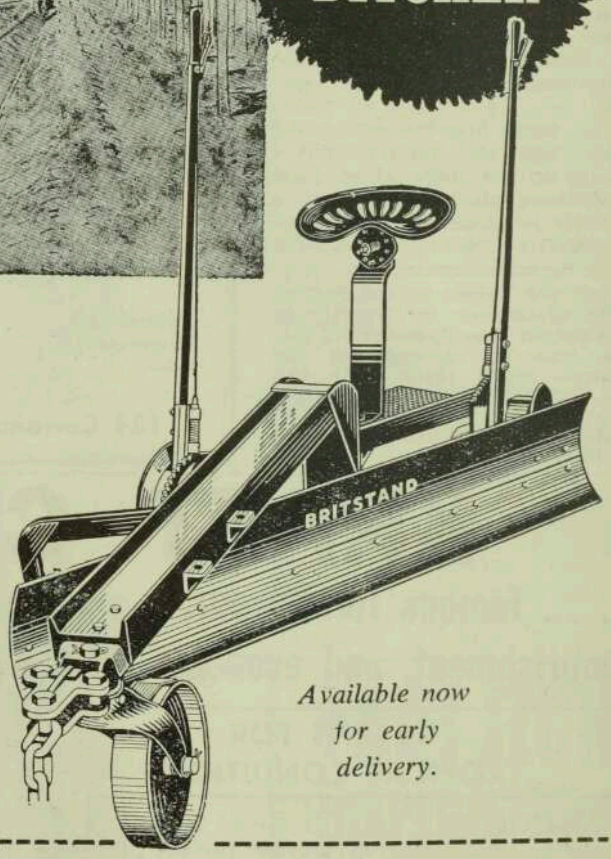

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Tom Neale and Tom-Cat Take Up Residence

From Our Auckland Correspondent.

WHEN the Cook Islands trading vessel *Mahurangi* moves out f Avarua Passage, Rarotonga, bound orth, sometime in September, the assenger list will include Tom eagle and a tom-cat off to re-settle he storied isle of Suwarrow (Nor- ern Cooks).

It seems that Tom Neale, well- nown in Tahiti and in the Cook lands, has, for some considerable me, cherished an ambition to live one on the Cook's loneliest atoll. Lately the Administration granted im permission to go there, at his wn risk, and accepting no re- onsibility for the hurricanes, ghosts, ritonitis, and home-sickness that ay beset the lone philosopher.

There will be no means of com- unicating with the outside world, cept by smoke signal; and warrow's nearest neighbour, Mani- ki, lies over 200 miles away.

It is said that boobies have been ained as message-carriers. As warrow has a rookery where veral millions of boobies are miciled, along with an even larger mber of terns, and as Tom will ve time to spare, he may be able work out something along those es, if need be.

Well-wishers down at the Raro- nga jetty, speeding the new un- ficial Resident Agent on his way, ll tactfully avoid the subjects of rder, shipwreck and hurricane, all which are closely associated with e history of Suwarrow; and, In- ead, confine the conversation to e possibility of finding doubloons or ests of Mexican dollars, some ousands of pounds' worth of which ve been harvested from Anchorage et in the days of long ago.

As told in PIM (February, p. 41), e NZ Meteorological Service with- ew its three-men native observer- dio operator staff from the atoll veral years ago, owing to the avy cost that would be involved erecting a new hurricane shelter gh enough above sea-level to safely rbour the staff.

Islands vessels bound for Raro- nga to Pukapuka can conveniently l at the atoll, if they have obtained ior permission from the Resident mmissioner in Rarotonga.

That permission was given for a tom-cat to settle there seems strange, in view of the fact that Suwarrow is a declared bird sanctuary. However, one cat doubtless will make only slight inroads on that enormous bird population.

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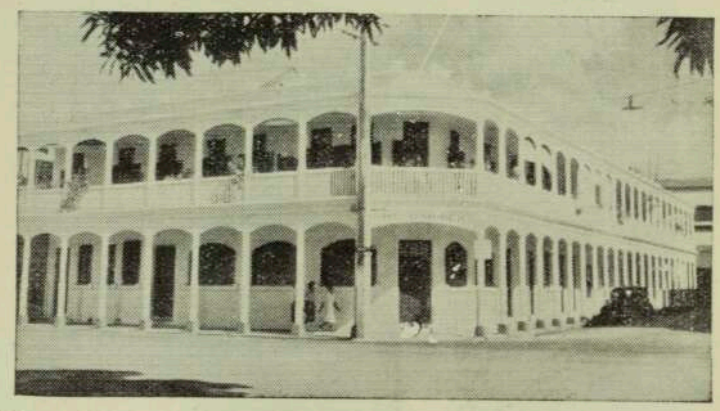

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From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, August 20

THE Protectorate Governmen 66-foot vessel MV *Betua* sail from Honiara on August 20, f Espiritu Santo, arriving there on t 25th.

In the absence from the Protec orate of the Marine Superintende (Capt. G. J. Webster) the Acti Secretary to Government, Mr. A. S. Davidson, who is an ex-Nav Officer, acted as Master of the *Bet* to bring the High Commissioner f the Western Pacific (Mr. R. C. Stanley, CMG, OBE) to the Sol mons. His Excellency was accom anied by Mrs. R. C. S. Stanley a Miss Stanley.

The *Betua*, with the official part left Santo on August 27 for Tikopi Vanikoro, Santa Cruz, and San Anna, San Cristoval, where His E cellency will be met by the Acti Resident Commissioner, British Sol mon Islands (Mr. P. A. Richardson They will then visit the Governme station at Kira Kira (San Cristova and then sail for Honiara, whe they are due on September 5.

Captain R. N. Bein, owner of th Islands trading ship Vila Star, introducing a new type of pr fabricated home to the Pacific several now are being erected Vila and Noumea. Manufacture in Austria, the units embody ne Continental features in insulate panels and nail-less aluminiu roof, and are reported to be easi erected by unskiled labour.

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ON two occasions within 18 months, the Sisters of the LMS Hospital at Orokolo, in the Gulf Division af Papua, have reported a set of native triplets—a record probably unique in the vital statistics of the South Pacific. Triplets are a very rare event among Papuan natives.

Sister Margaret Woodland reports that the first triplets—2 boys and 1 girl—were born in Aridava village on April 15, 1951. The mother died, but the three children are very well. The second triplets arrived in Kavava village on August 12, 1952 and, says Sister, "the mother and her three daughters are making excellent progress."

In the first case, Sister did not arrive until after the birth; but in the second case the Sister was in attendance.

Mysterious Waves in Eastern Tahiti

PAPEETE, August 3

MYSTERIOUS washes or tidal waves have occurred in recent times along the east coast of Tahiti. The latest visitation was about July 12, when the water rose over the land in the east coast districts of Papara, Paea and Punaauia. Residents of Papara report that the swirl of the waters, which entered their houses and compelled them to move their furniture, carried away about ten feet of the beach. The waves seem to affect only these eastern shores. Some of the people believe that atom bomb experiments in the northeast Pacific have caused these extraordinary water movements.

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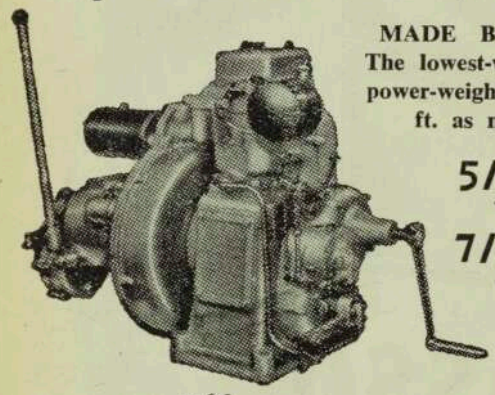

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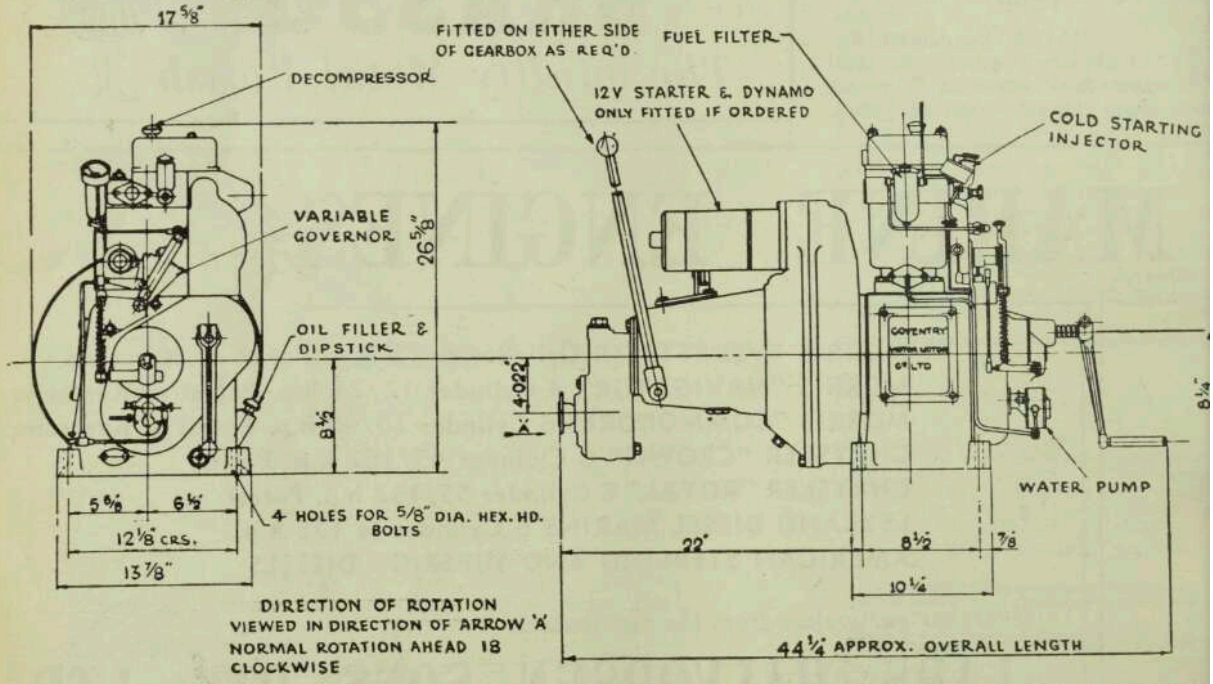

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NEWS OF SMALL SHIPS

ASSESSORS SURVEY *VEGA*

Two insurance assessors, Mr. H. . Warkman of Vancouver, BC, and fr. Bruno Schauman of New York, sited Tahiti by TEAL early in ugust to survey damage sustained st November by the luxury yacht *ega* (reportedly renamed *Te Rame*). Mr. Cornelius Crane registered a mpany in Tahiti last year under e name of *Compagnie Generale s Voyages Polynesiens*, to establish regular passenger service between apeete and Honolulu. Some hours ter clearing Papeete on November , on the maiden voyage of the new rvice, the vessel was dismasted and tensively damaged in a squall. PIM, Dec., P. 127). Since then the g steel yacht has lain idle in apeete awaiting insurance settle- ent.

E AROA FINALLY WRECKED

Ending her unhappy career as an ands trader, the former American cht *Te Aroa*, belonging to Messrs. gger & Harvey, Ltd., of Raro- nga, was wrecked on Mauke Island, the Lower Cooks, on August 8. The 12-tons schooner went ashore the Tanganui landing in an on- ore breeze. It is believed that her engine was not functioning at the time and the vessel was under sail alone.

Captain Donald MacLeod and his crew got safely ashore but efforts to haul the vessel off the reef were unsuccessful and she rapidly broke up.

The *Te Aroa* (formerly *Ornant*) had been frequently in the news since she was acquired by her present owners some two years ago.

Late in August heavy seas swept the wreck right across the reef, depositing the remains in the shallow coastal lagoon. A member of A. B. Donald & Co., Rarotonga, representing Lloyds of London, travelled to Mauke Island in the lower Cooks per *Charlotte Donald* to view the wreck

MIRU REACHES PERU

The yacht *Miru*, owned by Dr. T. R. A. Davis, of Rarotonga, arrived at Callao, Peru, from Rapa Island and New Zealand on August 27. The 48-foot ketch is believed to have sailed from Rapa on July 12. (See PIM July, p. 125).

A letter, posted at Rapa Island, and received in Christchurch by Mrs. Neil Arrow, wife of a crew member of Dr. Davis's 48-foot ketch *Miru*, told of a terrific storm which the yacht met soon after leaving Wellington on May 31. She was hove-to for days; took aboard a heavy sea which swamped the cockpit; and sails were blown out. They were glad to reach

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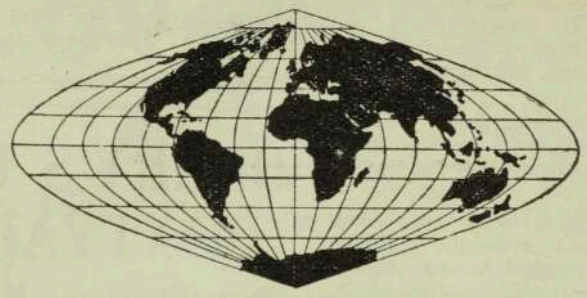

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Davis busied himself with medic
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August 2, when its vessel *San*
Teretia struck the Vuna Reef, o
south-western Taveuni, and becam
a total loss.

Santa Teretia was under commar
of Brother Gautier, MSC, and ha
just undergone a two-months' re
in Suva. She had sailed with a fu
cargo and passengers for Tarawa o
August 1.

Burns Philp's *Yanawai* went to th
assistance of the vessel, but was u
able to do more than take o
passengers and crew.

Santa Teretia was purchased
Sydney two years ago, replacing
former vessel of the same name.

NEW HEBRIDES NEWS

M. Charles Graziani had the mi
fortune, recently, to lose his sh
on the reefs on the northern sho
of the island of Aisse.

Close inshore, the ship did n
have much of a chance when h
engine failed suddenly. M. Grazian
vessel was one of the better types
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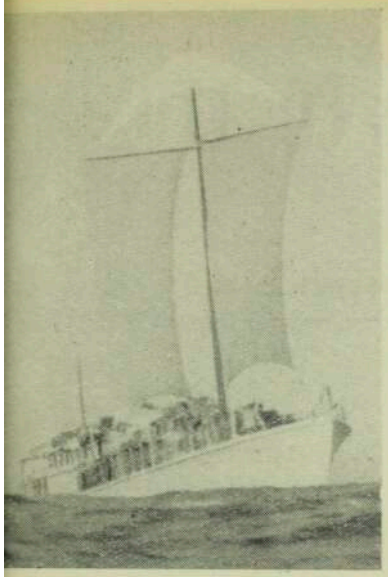

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The *El Retiro* is again due to leave for Cairns, Queensland. She left at 4 a.m., August 17, but returned before she cleared the Segond Channel owing to a heating main bearing.

The Sydney yacht *Jay* is due to sail for Port Vila via Pentecost, Ambrym, Epi and Paa-uma Islands. It may then go on to the Solomons.

ISA LEI JOINS NAVY

The former bait vessel *Isa Lei*, of the now defunct South Seas Marine Product Ltd., of Suva, was purchased in August by the Royal New Zealand Navy for use as a dock-yard ammunition carrier and dumping vessel in New Zealand waters. She replaces *Endeavour*, which will become a

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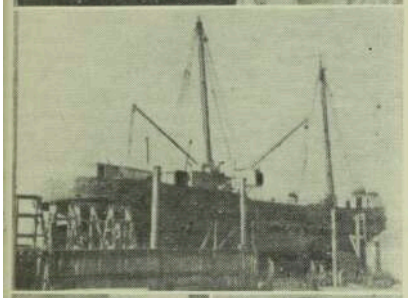

Crew of English yacht STORTEBECKER III, Frank Jensen of Norway, Aucklander R. Lamb, who has now joined the company, and Dr. John Franklin-Evans, owner.

Captain Savoie's latest acquisition HAUTURU on the Auckland slip preparing for her new life.

The Rev. Father J. Wall, MSC, master of the Solomons Marist Mission vessel HAMBIA, on leave in New Zealand in August. Captain J. McKenzie Arnot, Irish Sweepstake winner, who now goes to command MH's recently purchased ALTAIR at Suva.

The ex-Brixham trawler INSPIRE which arrived at Rarotonga via Nukualofa from Sydney on August 24.

lighthouse tender. *Isa Lei* was to be taken south by a civilian crew from Suva, for a refit in Auckland.

SMACK FROM NORWAY

Captain and Mrs. A. Finseth and Mr. O. Jensen plan to sail from Oslo in September, for Panama, San Francisco and Hawaii, for New Zealand. Their vessel, a fishing smack, is of the well-known Colin Archer double-ender 41 foot cutter type, similar to Erling Tambs' *Teddy*. They plan to reach Auckland, where they may settle, by next June.

CAPTAIN SAVOIE BUYS ANOTHER

The Northern SS Co's 290-ton steel motor vessel *Hauturu* became, in August, the third of that NZ company's coasting veterans to be purchased by Captain Emile Savoie, of Vila, in the past three years.

First was the *Kapiti*, which Captain Savoie renamed *El Retiro* and sold to another New Hebrides firm last year. He then purchased the *Margaret W*, and renamed her *Maria del Mar*, and now operates her betwen Sydney and New Caledonia/New Hebrides, himself in command.

Hauturu, built in 1927, will no doubt also be given a Spanish name in the interests of Condominium neutrality. She is unusual in that her after hollow steel mast is also used as a funnel—or exhaust—for her diesel motor. She will probably undergo a refit before entering the Islands trade.

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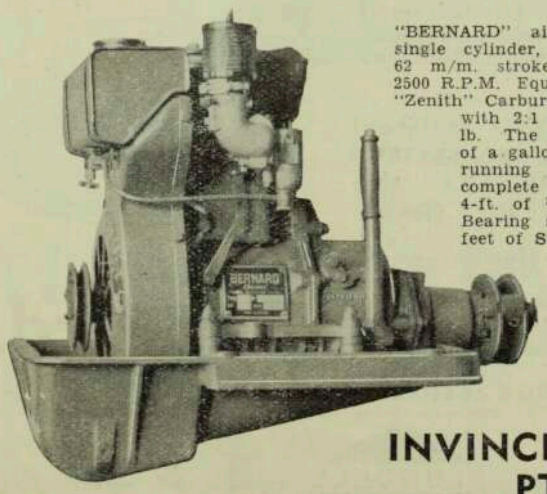

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Co's schooner *Oiseau des Iles*, Co. in August chartered the schoo *Tiare Taporo* from Etablisseme Donald, Tahiti, to repatriate labo ers to Mangaia (Lower Cook *Tiare Taporo* made her first visit Rarotonga, her former home p after several years' absence. Al ations have been made to her acco modation since she left the Coc to fit her for the Tuamotu trade fr Papeete.

ISLANDS-CRUISING YACHT

The Auckland ketch WAKAYA, ow by Mr. "Teddy" Hayes, was scheduled clear Suva for Tonga and the C Islands in mid-August. WAKAYA Auckland for the Cooks earlier in year but, meeting fresh contrary wi decided to square away for Niue. F there, she went down-wind to Suva.

Mr. Edward Sheehan has been awai a navigator to bring his LADY STIRLI (PIM, June, p. 131) back from Suva Auckland. The yacht had been on l to the Catholic Mission in Fiji si May. Equipped with an excellent ra transmitter, she was frequently he working direct from Fiji with NZ telephony.

The very attractive English-b schooner FITHEACH BAN (White Lad owned by retired Captain Watchlin, Auckland, was in Suva in August, on leisurely voyage to NZ. With Capt Watchlin is his niece Laura, and Italian crew members. FITHEACH B was three years cruising in Mediterranean before heading for Pacific via Panama. The yacht is 52 tons gross, 83 feet overall and with beam of 14½ feet. She carries a squa sail yard on the foremast and is equip with automatic steering, power for latter—installed at Panama—is provi by two small generators operated fr the propellor shafts. These are allowed rotate as the vessel runs under s Captain Watchlin is reported to be hig pleased with this gadget as a cre saver.

After acting as navigator on the Auc land scow SCOT'S delivery voyage Suva, Captain J. Arnot returned by to arrange the sale of his 40-foot ket KIMBALA, before again returning Suva late in August to take over t command of Morris Hedstrom & Co recent acquisition, the ALTAIR.

The ALTAIR is an American-design war-time built cargo vessel of a ty known as a "powered lighter". Carryi 300 tons of cargo, a crew of 14 and fo officers, she is 135 feet overall a powered by twin 140 hp Fairbanks diese Cargo handling is by electric winch The vessel was recently purchased fro a New Hebrides firm.

From Sydney the converted Brixha trawler INSPIRE sailed, early in Jul for Rarotonga. Intermediate calls wou depend on how the winds served, h owner Mr. H. Williams reported. C deck, when the yacht sailed, was ancient Austin Seven. The crew include three Cook Islands boys who had bee with the yacht since she left Rarotong

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route from England to Sydney late st year. (Later: Inspire arrived Raro-nga August 24).

From Auckland, late in August, sailed e beautifully kept German-built yawl TORTEBECKER III, for San Francisco. he had been in Auckland since she me down through the Islands from nama to NZ in 1950. Her owner, Dr. hn Franklin-Evans, and his Norwegian mpanion, Frank Jensen, have now been ined by an Auckland yachtsman. Dr. anklin-Evans, between periods of work a doctor in Auckland, found time to back to England—and Frank Jensen Norway.

Another yacht to clear New Zealand r the Islands in August was the 38-foot oop MANU MOANA, owned and crewed Mr. W. S. Holder and his son, H. J. older, former resident of Kaitaia. r. Holder Jnr., plans to fly back from iva, but his father will gather a crew Fiji and carry on.

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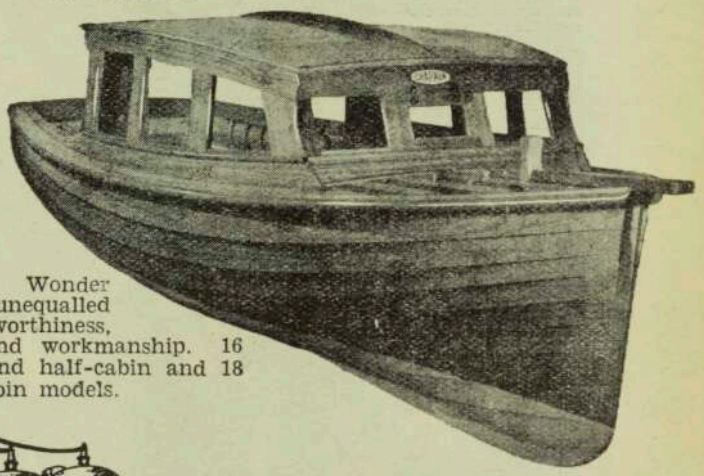

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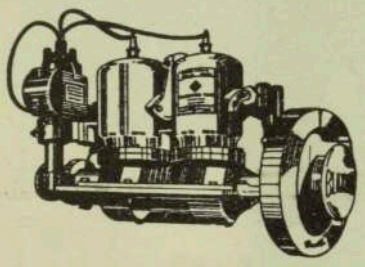

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Mr. George Leonard Perks died the Colonial War Memorial Hos-tal, Suva, on August 31, aged 67. He was manager of Walter Horne d Company, a well-known Suva apery firm, with whom he has en since he came to Fiji in 1920. e had many frends throughout the olony.

He was born at Manchester, UK, d spent some years in Australia, here he married. In his youth he s a keen amateur boxer and cyclist t in Fiji was best known for his ill at bowls. He was a foundation ember of the Suva Bowling Club, d a Pineapple Cup winner.

Mr. Perks is survived by his wife d by one son, Ken, who is on the aff of the Western Pacific High ommission.

MR. C. A. W. BAILEY

The death occurred in Auckland n August 27 of Mr. Charles Arthur illiam Bailey, Junior, aged 87. He as a famous builder of small ships. he story of his achievements is told an article elsewhere in this issue.

M. RONNIE MITRIDE

The death occurred in Santo, New ebrides, on July 28 of M. Ronnie itride. He was 45 and had been in ill health for some time.

He was on the staff of Comptoirs Francaise des Nouvelles Hebrides and had a large circle of friends.

MR. DARYL MARTIN

The death occurred in Brisbane in August of Daryl Martin, 23 year old victim of Papua's Mt. Lamington eruption who was flown to Brisbane in July in a special Qantas Dakota.

In helping to rescue native victims of the eruption, Martin strained his heart and was in Port Moresby hospital for many months.

There was some comment early in July when Captain Rotherey of *MV Bulolo* refused a passage to the sick man from Moresby to Brisbane. The story was published in August PIM.

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MRS. P. GORDON

The death occurred in August of Mrs. Peter Gordon who was born in Levuka, Fiji, 78 years ago.

She was the step-daughter of the late Captain David Robbie of Levuka and Wainunu. Her husband was a cane planter in the Rewa district and on his retirement they went to Auckland and lived there until his death.

Mrs. Gordon is survived by two sons and four daughters. One of her sons is Mr. David P. Gordon, Manager of the Nasinu Approved School.

DR. M. L. McCAULEY

Dr. M. L. McCauley, aged 56, died suddenly at Labasa, Fiji, on August 8. He had been a medical officer in Fiji since 1927. He served at many centres in the Colony in

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ding Suva, Labasa, Taveuni, Savu-u, Levuka, Ra and Colo East. At various periods he was a Dist- Commissioner in addition to rying out his medical duties. He survived by his wife and by three ldren, all of whom are at school Belfast, Northern Ireland.

BARBARA EWINS

Barbara Ewins, 13-year-old daugh- of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ewins of va, died on August 11 in the Col- al War Memorial Hospital, Suva, lowing a fall from her bicycle.

MR. W. E. ROBINSON

Mr. William Eli Robinson, a mem- of the staff of Burns Philp (SS) , Ltd., in Suva, died in Suva on gust 5, aged 59. He was the son of the late Mr. Mrs. R. W. Robinson of Levuka was for many years in charge the Grocery Department at rris, Hedstrom Ltd's Levuka nch. Mr. Robinson's wife died in 1949; is survived by six sons and one ghter.

MRS. R. K. CALDWELL

Mrs. Rachel Kamala Caldwell d in Suva, Fiji, on August 4. She t to Fiji 46 years ago with her band the late Mr. W. Miller ldwell, who died in 1930. Her her was a minister of the Pres- erian Church and an elder ther, now retired, is Sir Samuel nganadan, a former High Com- sioner for India in London. She is survived by 5 sons, 7 ghters and a number of grand great-grandchildren.

MR. F. KRONE

Mr. F. Krone, formerly a dentist Suva, and latterly practising in uka, died there on August 2.

MR. EDWIN BERRY

Mr. Edwin D. Berry, proprietor the Berry Engineering Co. of va and Ba, died in Palmerston rth, New Zealand on August 10. His wife had died only a fortnight viously.

FATHER JULES DUBUY

The Rev. Father Jules Dubuy, who 30 years was a missionary in bua, was killed by a landslide on gust 6. There are no details. her Dubuy was deeply devoted to work, and he built up the Onon- mission station, situated high in ranges of the Central Papuan untains.

CAPTAIN A. T. NORTON

Captain Albert Thomas Norton d in Wellington, NZ, aged 76, on gust 30. He was born in London, and was employed as a master mariner by the Union SS Co. from 1910 until his retirement in 1939. He commanded the *Katoa*, *Paloona*, *Mokoia*, the first *Monowai*, the first *Wairuna*, the *Maheno*, *Moeraki* and *Tahiti*, and will be remembered in Islands ports. He is survived by his wife.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

The memorial to the Rev. Henry Matthews, the late Rector of St. John's Church of England, Port Moresby, and his wife, Ellen Matthews, which takes the form of two stained glass windows in the east end of the Church, is now an established fact. The windows will be dedicated by the Bishop of New Guinea on Sunday, September 21. Total contributions to the Fund were just under £400.

Bond-Stewart Wedding

IN Rabaul, NG, on August 18, Miss Jean Stewart of Orange, NSW, was married to Mr. Barry Bond. They met originally in Fiji where Miss Stewart was on holiday.

Mrs. Betty Fenwick was matron-of-honour and Mr. Neville Holland, best-man. A reception was held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

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COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on Sept. 1 was £Stg.250 (£A312/10/-) c.i.f. Cont. ports.

Pacific cocoa was quoted in September at:—

N.G.—£A280 approx. per ton, ex wharf, Sydney.

New Hebrides.—Marseilles recently quoted: Superior, 280-285 M. fr. kilo (approx. £A361/9/6-£A367/15/- long ton); Nominal, 265-270 M. fr. kilo (approx. £A341/18/9-£A348/7/9 long ton), in bond.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in September quoted Samoan cocoa at £S270 (£A337/10/-) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.).

COFFEE.—Islands prices ruling in Sydney in September:—

Papua-NG.—1st grade, approx. 7/3 lb. ex-wharf Sydney (£789 per ton).

New Caledonia.—Crop mainly exported to France. Marseilles recently quoted: 376-378 M. fr. kilo, ex-store (£A485-£A487 long ton).

RUBBER.—Australian Rubber Pool quotation for September shipment.—**Papua-NG:** 23-11/16d Stg. per lb., c.i.f. Sydney (29-9/16d 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), Sep. 5: No. 1 grade RSS (sellers), spot, 76c. lb., c.i.f. (29d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 19/-, Yellow, 19/-, Green, 18/- 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 September.

DESICCATED COCONUT. — Sydney agents quote Ceylon, 1/4¼ lb. spot, delivered to store, Sydney. **New Guinea:** 2/5½ 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. (£A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); EE, lb. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New Y

Cook Is.—U.S. buyers have offered to p chase 12 months' output from indivi shippers at firm guaranteed prices aro 35 cents U.S. per lb., c & f, Raroto (£A350 per long ton).

TROCHUS SHELL.—Owing to a pau of shell in Sydney, buyers' interest trochus livened during August/Septem

NG/BSI.—Sydney agents quote £A £A110 per ton, as a fair average pr

New Hebrides.—Recent sales in Sydney £A95 per ton, delivered.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Sydney ag quote, as a fair average price, £A160 ton, for **NG-BSI** shell on wharf.

Hebrides.—Recent quotations in Syd at: 1st Grade, £A180 per ton, 2nd Gr £A140 per ton.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, July 1

Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, to

New Hebrides, Metrop. francs	70
Tahiti, Metrop. francs	72
FM Straits/DEI	£64/5/-
Ceylon, FMS	Nom
Philippines, bulk	$146

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton:—

FM Straits, bulk	£85
Ceylon, 1% bulk, resellers	£87
Philippines, July-August	$220

Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. C tinental Ports, Stg.:—

Accra, July/Sept. 307/6; new crop, O Dec. 280/-, Nov./Jan. 270/-.

LONDON, July 2

Bank of New Zealand's Produce partment reports:—

Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, to

Philippines, Aug./Sept.	$135
FM Straits,	£61/10/-
Ceylon, FMS	£70

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	Aug., 1939	Aug. 1	Sep.
FIJI			
Emperor	b9/11	b7/-	b8/5
Loloma	s25/6	b28/-	s26/6
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA			
Bulolo G.D.	b124/-	b60/-	b58/-
Mandated All.	b3/8	b11d	b1/9
N.G.G. Ltd.	b1/10	b2/1	b1/9
Oil Search	s3/11	b2/9	b3/-
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Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b3d	s6d
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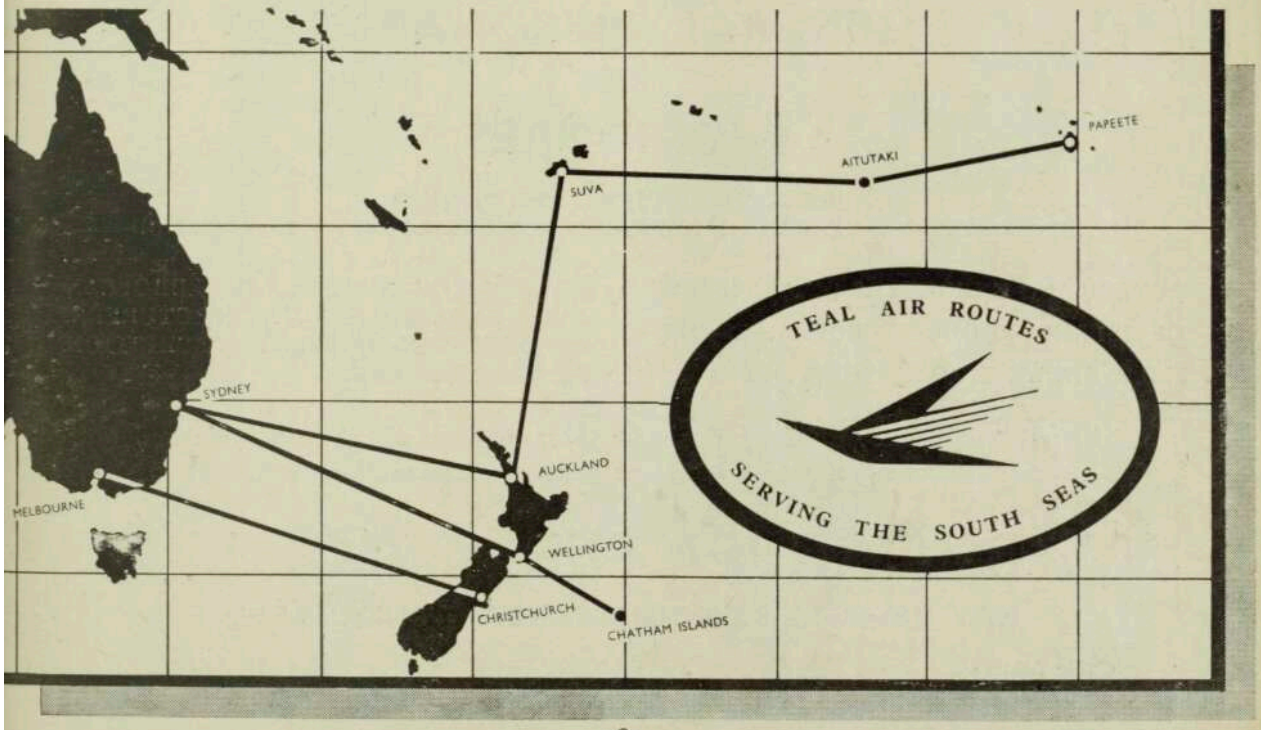

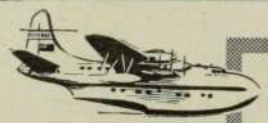

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