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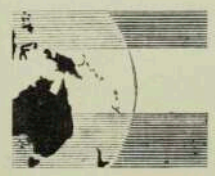

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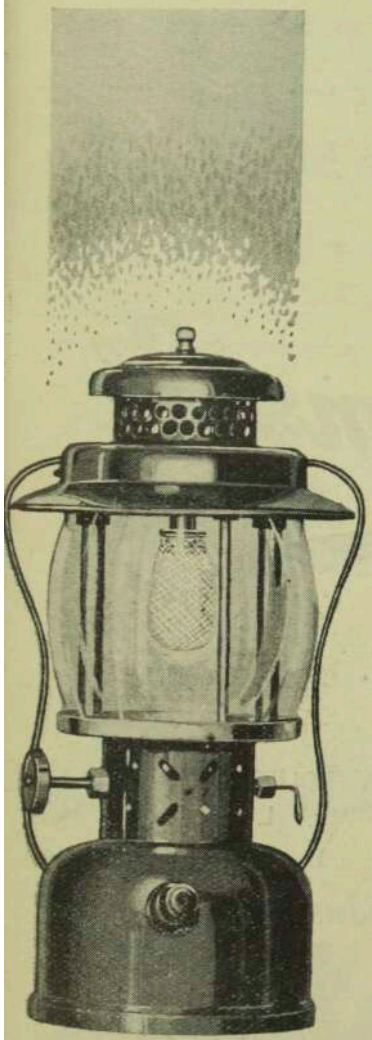

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Sydney-Suva-N. America

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

RMS AORANGI

Syd. ..	Nov. 27	Jan. 29	Apr. 2
Auck. ..	Dec. 1-2	Feb. 2-3	Apr. 6-7
Suva ..	Dec. 5	Feb. 6	Apr. 10
H'n'l'u .	Dec. 12	Feb. 13	Apr. 17
Vict. ..	Dec. 18	Feb. 19	Apr. 23
Vanc. .	Dec. 19-24	Feb. 20-26	Apr. 24-30
Vict. ..	Dec 24	Feb. 26	Apr. 30
H'n'l'u ..	Dec. 31	Mar. 5	May 7
Suva ..	Jan. 9	Mar. 14	May 16
Auck. ..	Jan. 12-15	Mar. 17-19	May 19-21
Syd. ..	Jan. 19		May 25

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

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

Last departure from Sydney October 31.

MV Malekula left Sydney on October 31 for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney.

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

MV Shansi and MV Sinkiang, modern 3,000 tons vessels, will leave every six weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby-Madang-Rabaul, Port Moresby, Sydney. Shansi departs December 2 on inaugural trip; Sinkiang follows on December 19.

Details from New Guinea Australia Line (G. S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents), 6 Bridge St., Sydney.

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

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(Owing to hurricane damage to Fiji banana plantations, Matua was withdrawn from service in March and will be employed elsewhere until November when she will replace Tofua which withdraws for annual survey.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 Dec.-Jan.).

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Matua scheduled to leave Auckland

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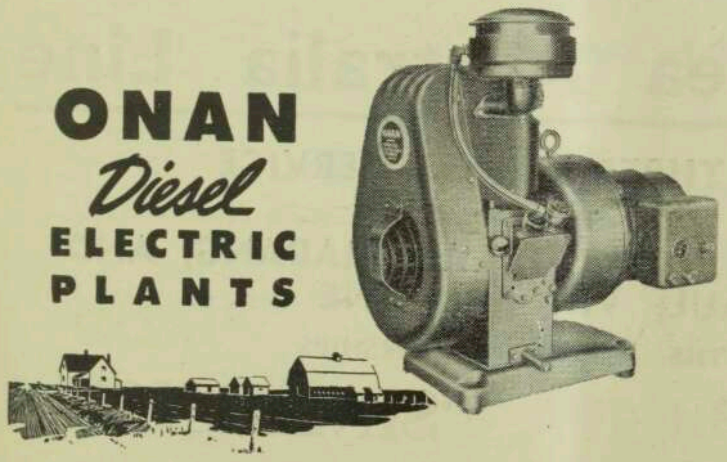

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on special voyage to Suva, December 18. Details from Union SS Co.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel Maui Pomare is scheduled to leave Auckland in November, December, 1952, and in January, 1953, for Rarotonga and other Islands in the lower Cooks, subject to requirements of trade. This vessel carries 30 passengers.

Full details on application to NZ Government Department of Island Territories in Wellington, or to any office of the Union SS Co. of NZ, Ltd., which Company acts as Agent for this vessel at some ports.

Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

MV Malaita will make a round trip at about 8-weeks intervals from Sydney to Lord Howe-Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides Ports - BSI ports - Bougainville - Rabaul Samarai-Sydney.

Last sailing from Sydney November

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

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Lin coming from Marseilles, via West Indi and Panama, call about every s weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides Noumea and Sydney, and return by san route. Details from Messageries Mar times.

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N. American-Fiji-N. Hebrides Etc.

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Details from General Steamships Co poration Ltd., 432 California St., Sa Francisco.

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Tues.—Return by same route.

BY BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES (BCPA)

Wed. and Sat.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.
Mon. and first Thur.—Dep. southwards, same route. On second or alternate Thursday, flight commences at S. Francisco.
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 (Nov. 21, Dec. 5, etc.) —Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is. Honolulu-Vancouver.
Alternate Friday (Nov. 28, Dec. 12, etc.) —Return by same route.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)

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

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

Mon., Fri. (DC3's)

ydney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.30 pm
risbane, 11.30 pm	Rockhampton *

Tue., Sat.

ockhampton *	Townsville, 4.00 am
ownsville, 5.00 am	Cairns, 6.15 am
airns, 7.00 am	Cooktown, 7.55 am
ooktown, 8.15 am	Pt. Moresby, 11.10 am
. Moresby, 11.50 am	Lae, 1.15 pm
ae (Tue. only), 2.30 pm	Madang, 3.45 pm

SOUTHWARDS

Wednesdays (DC3)

adang, 7 am	Lae, 8.15 am

Wednesdays (DC3)

au, 11.30 am	Lae, via Bulolo, 12.35 pm

Thursday (DC3)

ae, 5.45 am	Moresby, 7.05 am
oresby, 7.35 am	Sydney, 10.30 pm

Via Cairns, Towns., Brisbane, with tional call at Rockhampton.

Monday (DC3)

abaul, 7 am	Moresby, 10.20 am
oresby, 10.50 am	Cairns, 2.10 pm
airns, 3.10 pm	Towns. (overnight), 4.30 pm
owns. (Tues.), 8.15 am	Brisbane, 1 pm.
isbane, 1.45 pm	Sydney, 5 pm

Wednesday, Sunday (Skymaster)

ae, 10.30 am	Moresby, 11.40 am
oresby, 12.40 pm	Bris., 7.10 pm
is., 8.25 pm	Sydney, [illegible] pm

NORTHWARDS

Alt. Saturdays (Sandringham) (Nov. 8, 22, Dec. 6, 20, etc.).

dney, 6.00 am	Brisbane, 9.20 am
isbane, 10.20 am	Cairns, 4.35 pm (Night stop)
airns, 8.00 am	Pt. Moresby, 11.50 am

Alt. Sunday)

Alt. Fridays (Sandringham). (Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5, 19, etc.).

Moresby, 6.00 am	Brisbane, 3.00 pm
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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 (Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 10, 24, etc.).

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Sandringham)

Alternate Monday.—Dep. 9 a.m.—Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia (overnight) (Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8, 22, etc.).
Alternate Tuesday.—Return to Moresby, via Esa'ala and Samarai.

PAPUA-NEW BRITAIN (Sandringham)

Alt. Mon. (Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1, 15, 29, etc.)—Pt. Moresby-Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia-Rabaul.
Alt. Thu. (Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4, 18, etc.)—Rabaul - Losuia - Esa'ala - Samarai - Pt. Moresby.

RABAUL-MOEWE HARBOUR

Alt. Tue. (Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 16, 30 etc.)—Rabaul-Jacquinot Bay-*Lindenhafen-Moewe Harbour-Talasea-Rabaul.
N.B.—The direction of operation changes with each service, i.e., each alternate service operates Rabaul-Talasea-Moewe Harbour - *Lindenhafen - Jacquinot Bay - Rabaul.
Optional Stop.

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

Alt. Wed. (Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3, 17, 31)—Rabaul-Queen Carola Hbr.-Buka-*Inus-Kieta-Buin.
Alt. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-*Inus-Buka-*Queen Carola Hbr.-Rabaul.
Optional Stop.

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Fridays.—Madang (8 am) to Wabag with optional stops at Baiyer R., Hagen. Kerowagi. Returns to Madang 10.10 am).
Thursday.—Madang (8 am) to Mt. Hagen. Returns direct to Madang arriving 10.50 am.
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)

Dep. Lae.—Tues., Fri., Sat.—3 pm.
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9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham

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Depart:		Arrive:	
Sydney, Alt. Tue.,	6.30 am	Noumea,	3.05 pm (nightstop)
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,	7.30 pm

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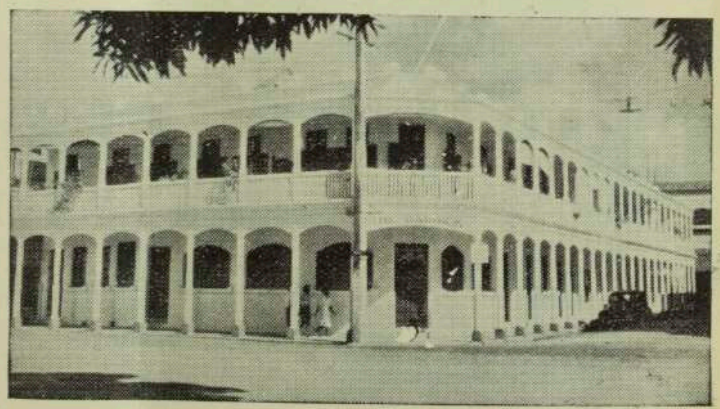

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Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, Thur., 6.30 am	Noumea, 3.05 pm (nightstop)
Noumea, Fri., 8.30 am	Suva, 3.00 pm
Suva, Sat., 6.00 am	Noumea, 10.30 am
Noumea, 12.30 pm	Sydney, 7.30 pm

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

By NZ National Airways, with DC3's

Sundays—From Auckland double service returning same day.

12. Sydney-Auckland

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Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'ch 8.15 am next day.
Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5.3 pm.
Additional flights on 24/11, 22/12.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents.

Dep. Auckland 18, 22 November; 2, 16, 20, 30 December; 3, 13, 17, 27, January.

Return to Auckland on following day (except 10 November, 8 December, January which leave an extra 24 hour later).

Depart	Arrive
Auckland, 7.00 am	Suva, 2.15 pm
Suva, 8.00 am	Auckland, 3.15 pm

16. Fiji-Western Samoa

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents.

Dept. Suva 7 December, 4 January, February. Return to Suva on same day

Depart	Arrive
Suva, 6.00 am Sun.	Apia, 11.05 am Sat
Apia, 1.30 pm Sat.	Suva, 4.35 pm Sun

17. New Zealand-Chatham Is

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

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

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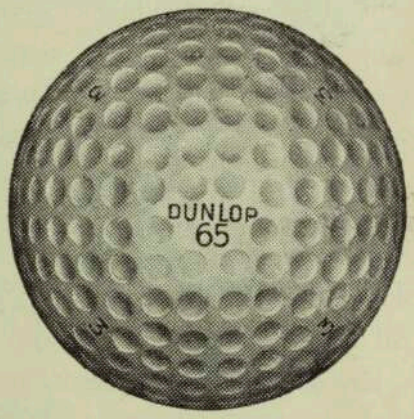

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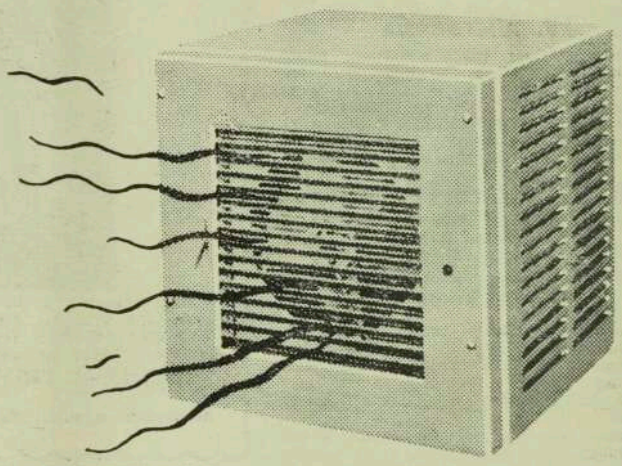

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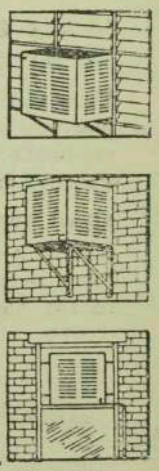

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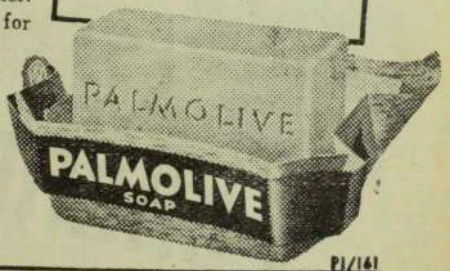

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GRAVE EVENTS ARE PENDING

HE future shape of international affairs should soon be seen. It is likely that the free world will erate much longer the tension, uniness and economic dislocation that s been forced upon it for six years the Muscovite conspirators.

United States has been leading the rld. But a year ago, USA suspended dership, because no man knew the icies which would give shape to nerican plans in 1953. Now, the nerican people have spoken. Their ection to their chief executive is t they want an early end to the mmunist arrogance which is undering our morale, and to the Comnist machinations which threaten destroy Western civilisation. enhower may be expected to carry their wishes.

Taking advantage of the Socialist plessness in Britain and France, the dithering weakness of the man Administration in America, Muscovites manoeuvred the stern Powers into a ridiculous ation. Powerful Western forces e been committed to the endless of fighting Chinese hordes in ea, Indo-China and Malaya, while control of Governments and of vernment instrumentalities throughthe Western World have been left ely to the world's most remarkable ection of idealists, dreamers, aucrats and plain "ratbags."

But, within the year, the British and Americans have cleared out the wreckers and compromisers, and elected to office people with at least some strength and ruthlessness, with trusted leaders; and France, while still cluttered up with Socialists, appears to have returned to realism. Everything indicates that the stalemate of 1952 is about to end.

As the Korean War is being fought through the United Nations Organisation, the first changes probably will come there. Already, since Eisenhower was elected, Trygvie Lie has resigned from the chief executive office, and Russia, spitting and snarling, has rejected one plan which might have made an armistice possible. Another plan is being prepared.

AN effort will be made to preserve at least the facade of UNO, but already its doom seems to be sealed. It is hopelessly split between the Westerners and the Reds; and, of the 60 or more non-Red countries in the organisation, not a dozen of them have contributed men or materials to the struggle in South-east Asia.

Peace and security will return to the world only when the two greatest Western Powers, USA and British Commonwealth—with, it is hoped, the support of France and Western Germany—take charge of international affairs, and really police the world. They may do it through UNO, as America has tried to do; but, with or without UNO, they can achieve nothing until the evil power of the Russian *bloc* is finally broken.

There now is increasing evidence that this viewpoint—which is the viewpoint of realism, completely justified by the 1920-1940 history of the League of Nations—has been accepted by the real leaders of the Western world; and an overall survey of the coming events of 1953 will surely show that an attempt is being made to implement it. Events will move slowly, and the efforts of our leaders to really achieve something will almost certainly be disrupted from time to time by the activities of the clamorous little people who direct the Socialist Opposition parties. The intelligent observer must have patience.

It is a maddening thought, however, that if the Western world were completely united, instead of being divided so irresponsibly by the Socialist leaders and the Communist plotters, it might be possible to end this intolerable international situation by negotiation, backed by firmness and strength.

As it is, there is very real danger of war. Rather than retreat from the positions they have taken up since 1945, the Reds may decide to put everything to the hazard; and the Western leaders cannot avoid that challenge and preserve freedom. We who remember World War I and II

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literally shrink in horror from the thought of World War III; yet that would be preferable to Communism.

The explosion of the British atomic bomb in West Australia and of the American hydrogen bomb in Eniwetoks, in October, was not accidental. These things are part of a pattern.

NG'S IRRESPONSIBLE CRITICS

Red Crocodile Tears Over Natives

CAPTIOUS criticism of Australian activities in Papua-New Guinea recently have aroused resentment in both official and non-official circles.

It is difficult to follow proceedings in the United Nations and its Committees. Apparently, Australia's official reports on Papua and New Guinea have been tabled in these places, whereupon irresponsible and ill-informed gentlemen from the Communist nations and from small and unimportant countries have launched all sorts of strange criticisms upon Australia, and other Powers administering Trustee Territories. The line generally taken is that we are guilty of the monstrous sin of "Colonialism", and are callously "exploiting" the natives.

It is all part of the propaganda let loose upon the world since the end of the war by two classes of people—Communists who will use any method available to discredit Western countries and create confusion in the minds of their people; and reformers of an erratic type—the word "ratbags" best describes them—who imagine that they have a special mission to save the downtrodden coloured races from the cruelties and exploitation of Capitalist whites.

On October 20, before a plenary session of the United Nations, Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister, defended the Western nations against charges of this character, showed that such propaganda was designed for purely political purposes, and then carried the war into the enemy camp. "Their specious plea is designed to identify Communism with nationalist aspirations. But for these people Communism offers only the kiss of death—the mortgaging of freedom before freedom itself is attained. Fortunately, nationalist leaders have been forewarned. While Colonial powers have, since the war, brought to nationhood an important number of countries—many represented here to-day—the Soviet Union has destroyed the independence of no less than seven nations."

A few days later, on October 29, before another section of UNO, Mr. W. D. Forsyth, representing Australia, made a similar outspoken speech, denouncing the machinations of the Soviet spokesmen and defending—by figures and proven facts—Australia's record in Papua-NG.

BISHOP STRONG AGAIN

Such attacks by Red emissaries are to be expected; but it came as a shock to the Australian public to learn that the Anglican Bishop of New Guinea, Right Rev. P. N. Strong, at the opening of the Mission Conference in Moresby on November 10, declared that some commercial interests were riding roughshod over the natives of Papua-New Guinea; that they brushed aside reminders of the natives' war work as "sentimentality"; that subversive organisations existed among the natives; and that "these elements will become stronger if private enterprise is allowed to pursue its policy of native exploitation". He also said that we should face another Kenya in N. Guinea if these things were permitted.

On the invitation of leading Australian newspapers and broadcasters, the editor of the PIM commented upon Bishop Strong's statements. He said that the latter were "irresponsible, dangerous and absurd", and that he was amazed that Bishop Strong should in this way align himself with those irresponsible Communist critics who had been making such a nuisance of themselves at the Trusteeship Council. He said that the suggestion that Europeans were exploiting natives in New Guinea was silly and that the charge that another Kenya might develop against Australia in the Pacific Territories was simply fantastic.

Nevertheless, the reverend gentleman will find his views quoted with gusto in *Pravda* and *Isvestia*.

PACIFIC RACES FOR OCEAN YACHTSMEN

IT is likely that the Los Angele Honolulu yacht race—which tak place every two years and which w start from Los Angeles Harbour July 4, 1953—will in future be su plemented by another yacht ra from Honolulu to Tahiti, which w follow shortly after the conclusi of the Los Angeles-Honolulu event

The Honolulu-Tahiti race (2,5 miles) will be a tough one, and t sponsors will check the seaworthine of yachts which desire to enter.

There will be substantial trophi and the Government and people Tahiti, eager to promote the conte already have promised the competi yachtsmen some royal entertainme in French Oceania.

Persons interested should co municate with the Secretary of t Trans-Pacific Yacht Club, 210 W 7th Street, Los Angeles, USA.

SYDNEY-NOUMEA

To celebrate the 100th Anniversa of the foundation of New Caledon (September, 1953) the French auth ities in Noumea are making pla for a yacht race at about that tim from Sydney to Noumea. We known South Australian yachtsm John and Frank Livingston, flew Noumea this month to advise t French Government on the plan. T latter proposes to donate substant trophies for the race.

AUCKLAND-SUVA

In October, the Royal Akara Yacht Club of Auckland was co sidering a suggestion that an ann cruising yacht race between Aucklа and Suva be promoted—it w thought that such a race would more popular than the diffic trans-Tasman race. The Aucklandi recognise one difficulty—that su South Pacific races must be organi in the Southern winter, otherw contend with Fiji's hurricane seas

Passengers per Union SS Co. vessels arriving and departing from Auckland October included:—
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COPRA PRICE HIGHER

MOF Rate May Now Hold

THERE has been an improvement in the world copra price, which ad sagged in recent months to around 60 Sterling. It is now (November 1) at about £75 Sterling per ton, uropean ports.

The main cause of the slump was ie arrival in the markets of large uantities of Indonesian copra. The etter price is due to belief that idonesia is going to produce in the mmediate future about 200,000 tons ss copra than was anticipated. There also reduced production in the iilippines; and there is an unpected shortage of whale oil, the arket price of which has increased om £66 Sterling per ton to £80.

The last official London price, £77 g. per ton on November 4, is about ual to £96 Australian, in Europan ports.

This is helpful to both the MOF erests (which now are buying for out £70 Australian per ton copra ich is worth over £90 Aust. in rope) and to the Australian nter, who now has reason to hope t the expected 10 per cent. cut in MOF contract price for 1953 will materialise. If the market holds over £70 Stg. per ton until the d of the year, the British MOF ce should not be further reduced.

Popular Governor Returns

PAPEETE, October 30.

PETITBON, regarded as the best Governor that French ania has had in many years, reed from Paris by plane on Oct 29, and was very cordially eted. It was feared that, when Governor was summoned to is in September, a transfer was icated. Leading officials greeted Governor at the dockside, the ple cheered, and a band played the arsellaise."

Twin daughters born recently to **and Mrs. Colwyn Parry** repret the second generation of Parry n in the Trust Territory of New nea. Colwyn Parry, now Subpector of Police in Rabaul, was n in New Guinea, and he was the of Mr. Arthur Parry, who was ng the Rabaul citizens lost on Jap ship Montevideo Maru.

'O'KEEFE' IN JANUARY?

After creating remarkable scenes one week-end in the streets of Suva—which were cleverly shaped to represent scenes in old Hongkong—the makers of the "O'Keefe" film in Fiji finished their job in November, and the Fiji organisation has been disbanded.

It is expected that the film will be ready for release early in the New Year and that it will be showing in London during the Coronation celebrations.

ISLAND DISINTEGRATED BY H-BOMB

News that an atoll island in the Marshall group simply disintegrated and disappeared in flames after the Americans exploded their hydrogen bomb there in November, has awakened fears in the minds of old voyagers in the Line Islands that atom bombs may completely destroy those structures.

Atolls are merely giant coral heads, built up in the course of ages by the coral insects, from rocks lying at great depths beneath the sea. It is recalled by Mr. Neville Chatfield, who knew the Line Islands 50 years ago, that the famous Australian scientist, Sir Edgeworth David, went to Funafuti in 1899 with a steam-driven drill, to ascertain the depth of a coral island. He put down a bore to about 3,000 feet, but failed to reach the basic rock—thus proving Darwin's theory that as the sea rose, or the land subsided, the coral insects kept on building to sea-level. These coral structures are generally shaped like a mushroom, and probably could be shattered easily by an atomic blast.

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In the year ended June 30, 1952, the following salvage or scrap metals were shipped from Papua and New Guinea:—

	To Aust. £	To Britain £
From Papua—		
Brass	68,641	60,509
Aluminium	13,704	—
Lead	6,476	3,872
Copper	—	14,213
From New Guinea—		
Aluminium	165,421	—
Brass	87,919	1,950
Copper	34,419	—

The salvage industry still is going on actively in the Territories. Australia has decided to continue, for another year, the arrangement under which salvaged materials from the Territories are allowed in duty free.

PAPUA RUBBER INDUSTRY'S DANGER

Plain Issue for Australia

STRONG representations concerning the future of the rubber industry in Papua were made by Planters' Association delegates, Mr. B. Fairfax Ross and Mr. Colin Sefton, when, in Sydney on October 31, they met representatives of the Australian Government and the rubber manufacturers. Mr. Lambert (Secretary of Territories Department) presided.

Because there has been a marked fall in demand in Australia for goods manufactured from rubber, the manufacturers have ceased to buy raw rubber, and have indicated that they are not particularly interested in the future of the Papuan industry. Further, they do not wish to pay first-grade prices for first-grade Papuan rubber; they want to retain freedom to buy rubber wherever they like; and they do not wish to indicate any particular time when they will resume buying rubber.

The planters retort that the responsibility is on the Government which in turn should compel the manufacturers to conform to national needs. They have left the Australian Government to accept one or two courses—either to accept financial responsibility for the rubber being produced in Papua, or to impose on the importation of raw rubber such controls that the Australian manufacturers will be compelled to use rubber from Papua before rubber from elsewhere. They made it plain that if Australia will not take either course the Papuan rubber industry—the second most important agricultural industry in Papua-New Guinea—will collapse.

Many details were threshed out between the interests concerned—but the foregoing is the overall picture. The matter is now under consideration by the Australian Government and an answer to the planters' case is likely to be made very soon.

OIL BORES DOWN 2 MILES

THE test bore for oil, made by Australian Petroleum Co. and Islands Exploration Co. at Omati, in Papua, had reached a depth of 10,525 feet (almost exactly two miles) on November 9.

Sandy Creek Returns

SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING, LTD., advised on October 9 that during September, 1552, approximately 87 ounces of gold were recovered from 12,660 cubic yards of material treated.

DUTCH FIRMER

They Will Not Give Up West N. Guinea

THERE was a significant development in the Netherlands-Indonesian struggle over Western New Guinea on October 30, when the Dutch Government announced that it would not resume its discussions with Indonesia and that it had no intention of relinquishing or limiting its sovereignty over Western New Guinea.

This controversy has been going on since 1949 and it seemed at times that Holland would surrender to the Indonesian demand.

The attitude of Australia had a strong influence on the situation. While the Socialist Dr. Evatt was Minister in charge of Australian overseas affairs, Indonesia was encouraged to pursue her struggle against the Dutch; but as soon as the non-Socialist Government took office in Australia it became apparent that Australia, in every possible way, would resist the surrender of Western New Guinea to Indonesia or to any other country which might open the East Indies islands corridor to the hordes of Asia.

Since the Dutch announcement, Indonesian President Soekarno has re-acted bitterly against the Western powers, and there have been anti-Dutch demonstrations in Java.

High School for Wau?

It is reported that when P-NG Acting Administrator, Mr. D. M. Cleland, visited Wau, on October 22, he spent the latter part of that day visiting different sites around the township suitable for the location of the Wau High School and finally deciding on a site in the township area, near Kunai Creek. With him were Dr. J. Gunther, Messrs. G. T. Roscoe, D. J. Rooney, and District Commissioner from Lae, Mr. H. R. L. Niall. Dr. Gunther said that his department hoped to build a new modern hospital in Wau during the next financial year.

The plan to build a high school at Wau, was abandoned—or postponed—a couple of years ago. Since then the Administration has made an annual grant to parents of children who attend secondary schools in Australia.

Mr. Ata, Minister for Police in the Tongan Government, arrived with his wife in Sydney on holiday on November 4. He told reporters that there was little crime in the Kingdom, and that, under a new system, 500 permits to buy liquor had been granted to the better educated Tongans.

RABAUL CHINESE REMEMBER SUN YAT SEN

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAUL, October 20.

WHATEVER it is that the Chinese in China might be currently celebrating, the Chinese of Rabaul, on October 10, celebrated something quite different—the founding of the Chinese Republic, of which Dr. Sun Yat Sen was the first President.

Chiang Kai Shek's message to his followers this year included an instruction to entertain representatives of friendly governments to show that Nationalist China was behind those nations prepared to resist Communist aggression.

After a day of meetings, sports carnivals and picnics, Rabaul Kuo Min Tang leaders gathered under a specially erected Celebration Arch to welcome prominent Administration Officers and conduct them to a typical Chinese feast, beginning with the traditional bird's nest soup. Local president, Mr. Seto Soon, welcomed the guests.

Toasts were drunk to Her Majesty, the Prime Minister and Commonwealth of Australia, President Chiang Kai Shek, members of the Kuo Min Tang and Nationalist China.

NH TRIBAL BRAWLS

SANTO, Nov. 2.

Inter-tribal brawling on the east coast of Espiritu Santo resulted in the death of one native. The trouble started on property occupied by M. Chaverot, and warranted investigation by the Candominium authorities. M. Chaverot, a popular planter in the Group, reported the incident, sending word down by launch.

Carpenters Wanted on Norfolk Is.

October 21.

ALTHOUGH we are told that carpenters and other building tradesmen are finding it hard to get jobs in Sydney, there is a shortage of these workers on Norfolk Island. Notwithstanding rumours to the contrary, the Works and Housing Department continues to function and is absorbing all available labour.

Local tradesmen invariably have bean crops to attend to periodically and it is difficult to get jobs completed.

Memories of RLS

NEWSPAPERS around the world commented on the death of Austin Strong, grand-stepson of Robert Louis Stevenson, and praised his achievements as writer, architect and playwright. He was with RLS in Samoa, and died in USA recently aged 71.

Curiously, none seems to have mentioned that his mother—who was RLS's stepdaughter and secretary and was with him in Samoa—is still alive. She lives in Santa Barbara California, and she was 94 years old on September 18, the day after her son died. She is Mrs. Isobel Field (formerly Strong) and she keeps in touch with her beloved Samoa (which she left 60 years ago) by reading the PIM, and writing the PIM's editor a cheery note a couple of times a year. Mrs. Elsie Noble Caldwell writing us from Los Angles on October 15, says Mrs. Field is well but shaken by the death of her son.

RLS married Mrs. Fanny Osborne who had two children by her first marriage, Lloyd and Isobel. Lloyd Osborne and Isobel's son by her first marriage, Austin Strong, collaborated in the production of plays. Austin attained the greatest success alone however.

CHINESE BUY BECHE-DE-MER, FUNGUS, SHARK-FINS

COMMUNIST China, unable now to import strategic materials from Hongkong, is taking beche-de-mer, fungus and shark fins in exchange for silk, antiques and chinaware.

These products of the South Seas are developing into the most important trade from Hongkong, being one of the few ways whereby Communist China is permitted by Britain to use up her sterling balances there.

Some time ago we drew attention to a renewed interest by Australian business houses in these Island products.

One battalion of New Guinea natives is under training in the Territory, the Army Minister told the Australian Parliament on October 2. He was considering requests that the number of natives in training should be increased and that the border between Dutch and Australian New Guinea should be patrolled.

Mr. T. H. Parker, Collector Customs, Bermuda, is to be transferred to Fiji as a Senior Collector of Customs. He will arrive about the end of the year.

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Moresby Will Have Local Beer On November 26

Joe Bourke's Dream Comes True

NOVEMBER 26 will be a big occasion for residents of Port Moresby. On that day they will be able, for the first time, to buy local lager, product of the South Pacific Brewery—bottled, or in draught from stainless steel containers.

The privileged few who have already sampled the brew say that it is "very good." If local connoisseurs put their seal upon it, the success of South Pacific lager is assured. That, of course, is the chance that the promoters took when they began the enterprise—Australians have their own fixed ideas about beer—it is either "good", or it's "crook." If it is, in their estimation, good, they will buy it; if it is crook, it's out. In recent years, P-NG residents have imported their beer from everywhere from Edinburgh to Hongkong, but they got very little Australian beer until recently when this suddenly became available once more.

A couple of years ago, the South Pacific Brewery was little more than an idea of Mr. Joe Bourke, of Wau, P.G. He secured in Port Moresby a building that had been a laundry, and the rest of the enterprise has been built around that. Most of the capital was subscribed in Papua-New Guinea. Messrs. P. A. and Tom Toemans (who with Mr. Bourke are the directors of the company) supplied the enthusiasm, and Mr. J. F. Howard, a Sydney brewery engineer, and Mr. R. Meier, European brewer and chemist, the know-how.

Building of the brewery commenced about 15 months ago, at a time when building supplies and raw materials were in shortest supply. The laundry remains the nucleus of the establishment, but a great deal of other building has been done. The brewery generates its own electricity and there is extensive plant for water purification and refrigeration of stored supplies.

Beer production began about two months ago but none has been sold—firstly, so that the beer could mature, secondly, in order to build up stocks. Mr. Bourke's original inspiration was due to the fact that beer in post-war P-NG costs about 4/- per bottle. He thought that local beer could be produced for almost half that. Actual price of South Pacific lager when it goes on sale on November 26 will be 36/9 per dozen, less 3/- refund on one dozen bottles. (Australian beer, in Australia, is 30/- per dozen—when you can get it). Over the bar it will probably cost 1/1 for 7½ oz. glass.

This price includes excise at 3/6 per gallon, legislation for which was passed by the October session of P-NG Legislative Council. Mr. Howard says that this rate is "about what they expected"—but he does not agree that this will give them 1/6 per gallon preference over imported beer, as was stated when the Bill was introduced. Although excise duty on beer is lower by this amount than customs duty, the local brewery has to pay customs duty on all the raw materials that it imports.

Mr. Howard will not say what the present capacity of the brewery is—but the Administration is piously hoping that it will produce £10,000 worth of revenue for them in 1952-53, which means about 57,000 gallons of beer. A lot of beer, even in Port Moresby dialect.

BEER WILL BE 'ON THE HOUSE'

Almost the whole of the present production of the brewery will be absorbed in Port Moresby by Burns Philp, Steamships Trading Company and the two Moresby hotels. Only a small amount will at first go over the border into New Guinea.

The brewery does not plan any festivity for November 26—but on a day yet to be fixed early next year, when sufficient stocks have been built up, beer is going to be on the house. On that day, all comers will be able to drink as much South Pacific as they like—for free.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

THE topics of the day in November, 1932, were not a lot different from those of November, 1952. Copra was "slightly easier." Government ships were losing money; there was the question of a lingua franca for New Guinea; mysterious vessels, thought to be Jap, were poaching in North Australian and Territory waters. One big difference, of course, was that in those days a £ was worth 20/-. Now it is worth about 5/—but then people had fewer of them.

This was the news as we saw it, in November PIM of 1932:

A reader was of the opinion that the Mandate of Western Samoa should have been given to Australia, and the New Guinea mandate to New Zealand. "Australia with her super-sensitiveness about the rights of subject peoples and her willingness to let any fool get up and bawl his opinion in the marketplace, would have got on splendidly with the Mau. While swashbuckling New Zealand, who apparently believes in governing Pacific Islands communities on a basis of strict discipline, with plenty of snap and polish, would have been popular in New Guinea".

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Another reader pleaded for Pidgin English as the language of New Guinea. Teaching plain English was hopeless, he insisted, and "nothing but pig-headedness on the part of the Adiminstration and Education authorities hold Pidgin's official progress back".

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The cost of running the Government vessel Maui Pomare was also declared a hopeless case. Loss on the vessel for '30-'31 had been £20,000; loss for '32-32 was expected to be £4,500. A report from a special commission advised the Government to dispose of her at the earliest possible moment. (Maui Pomare is still in operation, still piling up losses and still the subject of reports and dire predictions).

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London price of copra was £14/5/- per ton and had remained around that figure for several months. To quote: "Best informed opinion is that the trend of prices is upward but it is very gradual and desperately slow".

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A Labour member in the Australian Federal Parliament asked in the House why the 900 Chinese employed on the phosphate workings on Nauru could not be dismissed and their jobs given to 900 Australian unemployed. At the same time he complained that phosphate from Nauru was costing NZ and Australian farmers too much.

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There were howls of rage from NSW and Queensland banana growers over the "concession" made by Australia under the Ottawa Agreement whereby 40,000 centals of Fiji bananas were to be allowed into Australia at a reduced duty. Politicians, fearful for votes, tried vainly to explain that Fiji had made concessions also, and that Australia, in order to try to get back Fiji trade worth £750,000 per annum was to admit 50,000 cases of bananas to a market that consumed 2,000,000 cases per year.

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On her maiden voyage from Sydney to the new Hebrides, the Anglican Mission vessel Southern Cross VI, of 200 tons, was totally wrecked at Aneityum. The vessel had cost £25,000.

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As a sign of the times it was reported that native people in the Cook Islands were going back to candlenuts for lighting purposes. Kerosene and petrol being too dear for the empty purses of 1932.

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There were no less than seven anthropologists doing field work in the SW Pacific. Miss Camilla Wedgwood was spending a year at Manam, off the Madang-Sepik Coast, NG; Dr. Ian Hogbin was in Guadalcanal; Mr. J. H. Todd was in the Gasmata District, New Britain; Dr. Gregory Bateson was up the Sepik River; Mr. W. C. Groves was in Kavieng, New Ireland and expected to move on to the Huon Peninsula; Dr. R. Fortune and Dr Margaret Mead (then man and wife although later divorced—Dr. Mead then married Gregory Bateson) were at work in the Wewak District, NG.

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NG AUSTRALIA LINE

New Shipping Service Next Month

COMMENCING December 2, a new shipping service known as the New Guinea Australia Line and operated by G. S. Yuill and Co. Pty., Ltd., Sydney, will provide an additional three-weekly link with Papua-New Guinea.

Two modern motorships, *Shansi* (3,147 tons, built in 1947) and *Sinkiang* (3,019 tons, built 1946), with accommodation for 21 and 14 passengers respectively, will maintain the service. Cargo capacity of each is nearly 4,000 tons, including refrigerated space. Both are well appointed, and carry heavy lift gear.

They will call at Brisbane, Port Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang and Rabaul, returning to Australia via Pt. Moresby.

Shansi will inaugurate the service on December 2, followed by *Sinkiang* on December 19. Fares and freights will be similar to the existing Burns Philp line rates.

Owned by the English-controlled China Navigation Co., Ltd., both vessels until recently were on the Hong Kong - Japan - Saigon run, operated by the large Far East shipping, aviation and insurance concern, Butterfield and Swire.

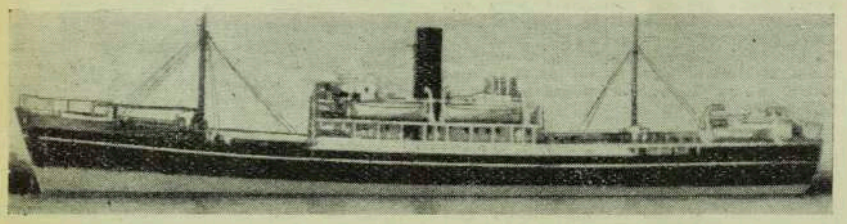
Agents for the new line are: Steamships Trading Co., Ltd., in Papua, and Colyer Watson (NG, Ltd,. in New Guinea.

Japs to Pay Compensation to NG Widows

WIDOWS of men who were civilian internees of the Japs in Rabaul and elsewhere in New Guinea, will be entitled to compensation under the recently announced prisoner-of-war reparations payable by Japan. Each serviceman who was a POW of the Japs will receive something like £35 by way of compensation—apparently to be paid from Japanese funds "frozen" during 1941-1945—but at the time of the original announcement no specific mention was made of widows of civilian internees. The POW and Relatives Association and the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney have now ascertained direct from Prime Minister Menzies that payment will be made to them, in due course. As civilian internees are distinct from POWs, a special regulation has to be passed by the Commonwealth Government to cover them. It is presumed that an announcement will be made later telling widows when and how they are to apply for the payment. The NG Women's Club is watching the situation.

There has been no information forthcoming on the position of the handful of civilian internees who were kept in New Guinea by the Japs and who were subsequently liberated by the Allies.

Mr. T. P. Makea, secretary of the Cook Islands Industrial Workers' Union, arrived in Auckland by the October *Maui Pomare* on a business visit.



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BSI CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE

Cases May Go Direct to Suva

THE challenge to the constitutional authority of the Solomons Islands Government, brought about by the resentment of the planters in being assessed for income tax at high rates (see PIM of Sept., p 21) may possibly come before the Supreme Court in Suva before the end of this year. Mr. R. C. Symes, president of the BSI Planters and Commercial Association, will be the nominal defendant in the claim for income tax and Mr. Joe Bryan, of Guadalcanal Plantations, will be the nominal plaintiff in the challenge against the BSI Copra Board.

The Association's legal representatives, in an attempt to save unnecessary expense, are trying to arrange that both actions be heard at the same sittings of the Fiji Court. It is hoped that by consent the hearings at the lower court in Honiara will be cancelled, and the cases taken to the higher court direct because, whichever side wins, the loser will certainly appeal. Probably, the cases will go ultimately to the Privy Council.

The Association's legal advisers in Sydney have asked the Suva legal firm of W. Scott & Co. to act as their legal agents.

Although several persons in BSI refused to pay their income tax assessments, the BSI Government has not acknowledged receipt of their notices of objection. However, it appears that an extension of time to pay without penalty has been granted, although no application for such was made. The BSI Government, presumably, is making a careful examination of the position.

In the article which was published on page 21 of September PIM, headed "BSI Tax Power Challenged", there was a reference to the exemption from capitation tax which may be granted certain classes in the Gilbert and Ellice Colony; and an inference that such concessions might extend to the Solomon Islands. It should be made clear that there are no such exemptions in the Solomon Islands.

Fijians in New Area in Malaya

IN its first encounter, after being transferred from the Kuala Pilah district of Malaya, to the notorious area of Patu Pahat, in North Johore, the Fiji Battalion bagged three bandits. A strong gang of terrorists ambushed a party of Fijians, but got much the worse of the ensuing fight. No Fijians were hurt.

Since entering Malaya, the Fijians have killed over 20 bandits. The people of Kuala Pilah, where they were based for many months, loaded them with farewell presents.

Mr. Michael Ramsden, son of well-know writer on Polynesian affairs, Mr. Eric Ramsden, travelled north to the US from Sydney in October on "Aorangi" and goes to a job with Reuters'—A.A.P. Bureau in Washington. He recently returned from service as a war correspondent in Korea.

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STC Has Big Profits and Big Reserves

HAVING added the profit (£92,999) for the year ended July 31 to the balance brought forward, the Directors of Steamship Trading Co., Ltd., Port Moresby, found themselves with £163,153 for distribution. After paying a dividend of 0 per cent. of their £50,000 of Preferences, and 12½ per cent. on the £408,449 of Ordinaries, they have carried in into next year's accounts a total of £107,097.

The annual balance-sheet shows assets of £1,533,416. These are financed by issued capital of £458,449; over £100,000 in the P/L account; £128,931 of bank overdraft; about £100,000 of trade creditors; and no less than £684,070 of reserves. As the Directors indicate in their report, some of these reserves are now regarded as unnecessary, and some substantial bonus issues have been forecast.

This company might be wise to be cautious. For years, Australian Government funds of from £5 to £7 millions annually have been poured lavishly into Papua-New Guinea, and the oil search expenditure takes another million or so into the country; with the result that all general traders have been "sitting pretty". But Australia may at any time tell Papua-N. Guinea to spend within its earned income, or the oil search people may toss in the sponge. Any trading institutions then will need all the reserves it can command to cushion the blow.

Later: The company proposes to make a bonus issue of 1 for 4, and to offer new shares, for cash, on a 1 for 4, basis.

OLD MORINDA IS STILL IN SYDNEY HARBOUR

THE old Burns Philp steamer *Morinda*, which some months ago was sold at the surprisingly low price of £3,100 to a representative of the Henderson-Trippe Shipping Co., Manila, Philippines, is still lying in a bay of the Parramatta River, in Sydney Harbour.

It was thought, at one time, that an attempt would be made to tow the vessel to the Philippines, but it appears that her fate has not been decided. As only £3,000 is involved, her new owners are not greatly concerned with the present position. In October they were busy refurbishing another ship which they own, at Coffs Harbour, NSW.

The new owners have had remarkably good offers for the old *Morinda* and it is quite possible that ownership will change before she leaves Sydney Harbour. The boilers were kept in good order before the *Morinda* was sold and it is thought that she is capable of giving good service still in Indonesia, or South-East Asia.

Rhino Beetle Threat to NG Plantations?

Another Legacy of the Japs

THE first consignment of Mauritius wasps arrived in Rabaul, NG, in early October and were taken delivery of by Mr. C. H. Barrett. They will shortly be released and, it is hoped, will commence to feed on the larvae of the rhinoceros beetle that is believed to have been introduced by the Japs during the war, and which is causing damage in New Guinea coconut plantations.

Rhinoceros beetles were not unknown in NG before the war, but they appeared to be of a comparatively harmless variety and did small damage. Although great publicity was given to the other Jap-introduced pest, Giant Snails, nothing has been heard until recently of the rhinoceros beetle which the Japs are now alleged to have introduced. If the Japs allowed these pests in from the Marshalls or Marianas, their former mandated territory, then the beetles are likely to be a far more serious problem than the snails. Some of the Marshalls and Mariana islands have been completely wiped out as copra producers by a variety of rhinoceros beetle.

Reparations from our former enemies are among those things nice people don't talk about these days. But this seems to be one of the times when the Japs should pay for their pleasures. They should pay the cost of removing the threat to New Guinea plantations.

In the meantime, it would be interesting to know just how serious is the threat. In the face of the publicity and the frantic efforts of the authorities to keep the beetle out of Tonga and Fiji, every time there is the remotest possibility of the pest being introduced there, the calm acceptance of the fact that the beetle is already in New Guinea and has been there for the last 10 years, is amazing. (See Tolala's comment, page 20).

ADMINISTRATOR IN HIGHLANDS

The Acting Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Mr. D. M. Cleland, Mrs. Cleland, Mr. N. Blood and Susan Blood. The photograph was taken at Nondugl, New Guinea Central Highlands, during a recent visit there of Mr. and Mrs. Cleland.

New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney

CHRISTMAS PARTIES: This year the annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on the afternoon of December 15, at the Feminist Club Rooms, 77 King Street, Sydney. Past and present NG parents, if your children are under 15 years of age and will be in Sydney on that date, send in their names, ages and Sydney addresses so that the necessary invitations can be sent. This is always a joyous occasion.

The Christmas cocktail party for older ex and active residents of the Territory will be held at the same address on December 19, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Two pre-wedding morning tea parties have been given at the Club recently. The first was for Miss Noreen Northam, who is now married to Mr. Kevin Parkinson; the second for Miss Margaret Elizabeth Clark (daughter of the late R. L. Clark of Rabaul and Mrs. Clark) who is now Mrs. Stafford Grimes.

Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft, president of the Club, gave a luncheon party for members at her home in Sydney on Melbourne Cup day (November 4).

Mr. and Mrs. Jock McLean, with Miss Isobel McLean, of Rabaul, are on Australian leave.

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SUVA'S NEW COUNCILLORS

SUVA, Nov. 4.
From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA'S first Town Council elections since the extension of the town boundaries to include most of Suva Peninsula in three wards were held on November 1. What little electioneering there was was carried out almost entirely by the Indian candidates. Results:—

SUVA WARD

Elected, European:—
J. B. Turner 121
D. M. N. McFarlane 108
R. Spowart 99
Not elected: R. L. Munro, 98; L. F. Garnett, 66; C. D. J. Palmer, 63; A. E. T. Corrie, 30; A. L. Titcomb, 14.
Elected, Indian:—
Dr. C. M. Gopalan 273
P. K. Bhindi 240
Gurudahal Saharma 183
Not elected: S. M. Bidesi, 183; A. I. N. Deoki, 181; Shankar Pratap, 128; R. P. Maharaj, 73.

SAMABULA WARD

Elected, European:—
W. E. Goodsir 40
C. A. Stinson 28
Not elected: Harold Gatty, 22.
Elected, Indian:—
R. D. Singh 200
Dr. Ram Lakhan 171
Not elected: M. S. Tikaram, 170; S. Balgovind, 98; K. C. Gajadhar, 89; S. Masih, 72.

MUANIKAU WARD

European:—
W. G. Johnson, unopposed.
Indian:—
C. P. Bidesi, Jnr., 54 beat Mohandas, 29.
Nominated by Governor: J. Judd; C. L. Cheng.

On November 7, Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Turner were nominated for the office of Mayor. Mr. McFarlane was re-elected, 11 to 3.

FIRST SERVICE IN SUVA'S NEW CATHEDRAL

FIRST service to be held in Suva's new Anglican Cathedral is set down for November 16. The sermon is to be preached by the Bishop in Polynesia, the Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, who is expected to return to Suva that day from Tonga, where he has been since early October.

The January hurricane seriously delayed the completion of the first stage of the Cathedral—it was originally intended that it would be opened about Easter, 1952. However, the official opening is now expected to be early in 1953, when it is hoped that the Archbishops from Australia and New Zealand and the Bishop of Melanesia will be present.

RADIO-NZ—A FURTHER CHANGE

Radio-NZ notifies that as from November 14 (NZ date), the Islands Service will be as follows: 1800-2015 GMT in 11.81 mc/s., 2030-0645 GMT on 15.28 mc/s. and 0700-1045 GMT on 11.78 mc/s.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

THE inauguration of another shipping service to NG should be welcomed by Islands residents, even if the passenger accommodation is only limited. There always has been a tendency up in those parts for a monopoly in shipping. Round about the early 1900's the NDL received a monopoly throughout the old German colony and BP was ousted. The old *Moresby* was the last ship to call at Rabaul when the ban was applied. Incidentally, she was the first British merchantman to call in to Rabaul after the Fritzes were beaten.

Another monopoly held by the NDL was the freehold land in Rabaul township, given by the German government to the Company for starting the township, when it was decided to move the capital from Herbertshohe (Kokopo).

It was not until the early thirties that a German ship returned to the NG island trade, and that was the old *Bremerhaven,* sailing out of Hongkong. That started a bit of a freight war, but nevertheless was welcomed by many a transport-hungry planter. Healthy competition is essential in transport—especially in the Islands—and there is no doubt the Government shipping set-up (which was a supermonopoly) following the last war, was responsible for much of the commercial retrogression. It will be interesting to watch the progress—if any—of this newly-installed shipping line.

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And talking of German shipping reminds me of a letter I received some time ago from the skipper of the *Bremerhaven,* Ludwig Klugkist, who is now first officer in the *Dusternbrook,* which called at Australian ports this year. On board was a NZ journalist who had a copy of the Robson-Tudor, "Where the Trade Winds Blow." A fit of nostalgia, after reading it made the old skipper write me from Port Said. He asked after many folk; but most of them have gone to their rest. He was a nephew of the skipper of the old *Coblenz* on which I travelled first to NG in 1911.

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To read these days of the importation of cattle into NG would give one the impression that the country never had any "bulamakaus" before the war. Old figures show, however, that in June, 1939, there was a total of 20,565 beasts in the TNG. The greatest number (6,464) were in the Madang district. I remember that CPL plantations, down in Bougainville, for many years before War I fed most of its labour with fresh meat.

It will be a happy land when the principal native rations—rice, meat and tobacco—are locally grown. The Japanese army of some 60,000 in Rabaul lived off the land and sea for over a year in 1944 and, as I've mentioned before, had many acres of hill rice growing.

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Talking of the Japs reminds me of a news item in a Brisbane paper laying the blame on the Japs for the introduction into NG of the Rhinoceros beetle! Outsizes in snails and a giant red-eyed fly, yes; but such pests as the dynastid tribe, definitely NO. "Monkey" lines had been collecting "binatangs" in TNG systematically ever since 1914, when planters became pest-conscious following the policy adopted by the BP plantations in Bougainville.

Jim Campbell was the first to wage a war against the *Brontispa froggatti* knowing the havoc it had wrought in the BSI. That pest is named after W. W. Froggatt, who first went to Papua in 1885 with an expedition. He was for years NSW Government Entomologist. His son, J. L., followed in his footsteps and was Entomologist with the NG administration both before and after the war.

It's to be hoped the "binatang" line doesn't go into the discard, though I suppose increased wages have a tendency to encourage such unwise economies.

An old correspondent of mine from TNG writes: "Should you approach the average plantation manager today and ask him what number of boys he has on the "bintatang" line he would just gape and remark to his neighbour, "More senseless uttering of a B4.!"

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I think in these days we are inclined to depend on Government research-men too much, which kills the personal incentive so notable in the B4 days, an attribute which pulled us over the stoney pioneer pathways. I hope 'tis still a Brave New World.

It's all a bit puzzling, though. By the same mail I received an air-mail envelope addressed to a Matupi lad working on a plantation, and it bore the native's name, with "Esqr." tacked on to it, and addressed in care of Mr So-and-So, the plantation owner. What

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IMPRESSIONS OF FOUR BIG TERRITORIES

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New Caledonia

IN this, the most disunited and cheerless Territory in the Pacific, a contest is going on between interests and classes which is not the less bitter because it is mostly out of sight. If it is possible to classify this heterogeneous community, it might be shown in five sections:—

● French officials. They are cold and aloof, glued tightly to remarkably high salaries and allowances (the Governor is said to receive a sum equal to £600 Aust. per month), and they deal with NC as it is, rather than on a basis of what it might be.

● European Business Tycoons. These constitute a hierarchy apart. The structure is based on chrome and nickel—and, under the tolerant administration, it has virtually ruled NC for so long that it cannot imagine NC under any other set-up.

● The poor whites. The convicts sent from France eventually were freed, to establish themselves as colonists (Colons). They intermarried freely with NC Melanesians. They now are the largest community in NC.

● The new-rich of World War II. Jap occupation of the Solomons caused the Americans to establish an enormous base in NC. Almost overnight, millions of US dollars lifted NC's shrewder traders from the hopeless poverty which followed France's 1940 collapse, to the edge of the Tycoon class.

● A racial hotch-potch of Melanesians, Indonesians, Polynesians, Chinese, Japanese—some holding together in little racial cells, but very many cross-breeding without fear, favour or plan.

The sections overlap in all directions. Some new-rich are accepted by the Tycoons. Some Tycoons have gone the way of much Pacific flesh, and are with the beachcombers, in the lowest class.

POLITICAL MELTING-POT

NC went along without much social disturbance for over a half-century. Then it was convulsed by a series of rapid events—France's surrender and the Vichy-de Gaulle split; wartime controls and Yankee dollars; the advent in Paris of Socialist planners, who support a common roll; and the settlement in NC of Indonesians and Tonkinese.

Now the big Colony, politically, economically and socially, seems to be in the melting-pot. The lower classes—especially the *Colons* and the racial hotch-potch—are fighting hard for the common roll, in the belief that if they once can get control of the Council-General, they will get sweet revenge upon the Tycoon section (usually called the Nickel Combine) for the economic oppression which they think they have suffered for many decades.

The Tycoon section fears for its properties and privileges, and is resisting the proposed changes with everything it has. It seems certain that if the common roll is established, so that political power is given the poorer classes, income taxation will be introduced.

In a way, it is the old struggle between the Haves and the Have-nots, between Capitalism and Socialism. But here it is more directly concerned with local history, hates and prejudices than with the 'isms . . . It is a depressing picture.

For the casual traveller, NC has unusual interests, some old French charm, much lush tropical beauty on its northeast side. NC would welcome tourist revenue. But there seems little hope of tourist traffic while the politico-economic fight is unresolved.

Fiji's New Governor

A formal photograph taken in London of Fiji's new Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, KCMG.

Fiji

FIJI'S broad smile of welcome is irresistible. After comfortless journeyings, I always go to earth in the well-run GPH with vociferous pleasure—endless hot water, deft and soft-footed Indian servants, food that is not too imaginative, a telephone service that really tries to do its best.

Suva is as deceptive as her exotic tropical beauty implies. She has been telling the world about her dreadful hurricane, and you go in looking for debris, derelict palms and smashed buildings. Actually, Suva is cleaner, tidier and more lovely than I ever have seen her.

The big wind blew away all the rubbish—the old fences and buildings and trees, the dead fronds of the palms, and the people have done a marvellous job of cleaning up. As so often follows a disaster, Nature is working overtime. The vegetation is more luxurious and greener, the colour of the abundant flowers more vivid. Even the impudent mynahs are chirruping on a brighter note.

THE NEW GOVERNOR

Up to my departure on October 22, all classes and sections were praising the new Governor and his pretty and charming wife. In two weeks, they had made a wonderfully good first impression. I did not like it. Suva, as with all the perverse and lovable ladies of the tropics, is happiest when she has something to squabble about: this unanimity (about the Garveys) may start unreasonable criticism, merely for the sake of being different. But, so far, all is very well with them.

Sir Roland Garvey is confronted immediately with two first-class problems—economic and racial. Fiji's overseas trade balance is too deeply in the red to be comfortable. The growth in the Indian population is providing headaches at all levels and in all directions.

But Sir Ronald starts off with an initial advantage enjoyed by no other Governor. He is almost completely *au fait* with Fijian affairs, and the background of the Colony's administrative and personal troubles. He need not waste a year or two "learning the job"—he is equipped to

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Territories' Talk Talk

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social distinction! All a bit cock-eyed and shows that sophistication does not carry a true sense of values or ethics. But we all know that. It is our own fault that such situations are made possible.

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Kenya natives are staging a full-scale "cargo" blitz, and it is surprising to me that some enthusiastic philologist has not attempted to link up the African Mau Mau with the Mau disturbances in Samoa over 20 years ago. The happenings in Kenya just show what can transpire with well-timed subversive organisation. Little doubt that the brains behind the movement come from Moscow. It was in '38 (as far as I remember) there was a somewhat similar move to oust the Whites over on the New Ireland coast, but tactful District action ironed out the trouble and it went murmuring underground. One day history will explain many of these native movements which seem difficult to understand now.

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Seven Day Pastor Mote started something last month when, arriving in Sydney from a conference in Washington, he told Pressmen a good story of a NG tribe in the Highlands who used to eat everybody from babes to old chiefs. Retired RM Alex Rentoul rushed into print to express his doubts on the story. The next sequence was an announcement, a few days after, by Sydney Anthropologists, Mr. and Mrs. Berndt, that they were leaving for a six months' visit among these Highland cannibals, making their headquarters at a place called Kogu, 2½ days in from Kainantu, in the Eastern Highlands.

And talking of cannibals, there was another story of "Miss" (I quote) Alice Wedgegama, who is one of the four Papuans attending the Moral Rearmament Conference at Colombo. She is credited with having told the assembly how she, with some other members of the Movement, had stopped two tribes in Papua from practising their favourite pastime of head-hunting. "The government was unable to stop it," she said; but she had gone into the jungle and persuaded the chief to cease the practice. That's the type who should go up to Korea and arrange the long-sought peace.

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Henry Hedges, a retired Chicago businessman, is District Administrator of Saipan, up in the Marianas (US Trust Territory) and, according to a recent report, he is making big progress in Saipan by by-passing officialdom, and applying businessman methods. Canberra please note.

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According to reports at the end of last month, Port Moresby and Rabaul are snarling at each other again, and Administrator Cleland pulled no punches in his remarks about his critics in Rabaul. That's better, anyway, than releasing inconsequential nothings, wrapped up in officialese. At least the Rabaul chaps know where they stand, and will probably get what they want in the end. They have to live there.

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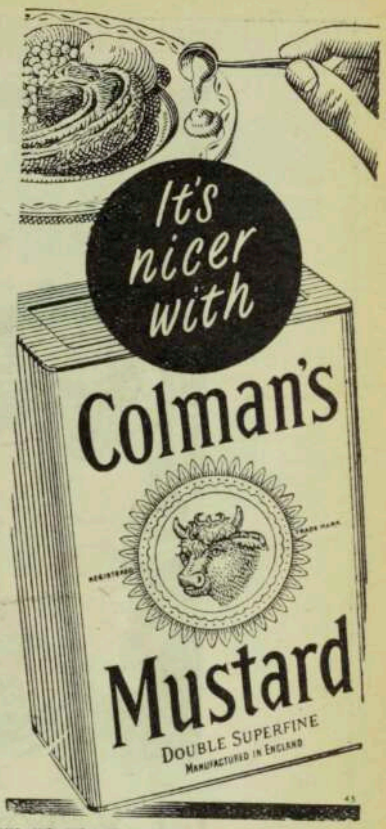
Bits and Pieces: Died in Adelaide on September 23, Dr. Arthur George Schroeder. A Before Medico and a good cove. . . . Engaged: Kim Pennefather (son of Vic.) to Jean Golsby, of Rockley. . . . Melbourne High Court has granted William Mervyn Creighton leave to appeal against his conviction for a criminal offence against a native woman. . . . A bit of old Rabaul days came over the air from ABC (Sydney) not so long ago when Colin Simpson, in an interview by Frank Legg, turned on a wire recording of Gilbert Benton up in Rabaul reciting his old favourite, "'Arold at 'Astings." It was as good as ever.



Is There Really and Truly a Father Xmas???

Jings, what a question to ask—of course there is; do you know that if your mother and father paid men to watch every chimney in the world, they would not see Father Xmas, because he is a sort of Spirit, so no one sees him, but he does exist really and truly. Just as surely as your mother's love, charity, Angels, and all sorts of things that you really can't see; the most real and lasting things in the world are those that you cannot see in the same sense that you can actually see another little boy or girl; you might as well say you do not believe in Fairies. What would Peter Pan think of that? Coo, he'd cry so much he would peter out (almost, anyrate); so go to bed on Xmas Eve, after saying your prayers, and in the morning you'll find good Father Xmas will have left you lots of the things you asked for—not all 'cos there's sure to be a shortage of something. Happy and a Holy Xmas to you all. The discoverer of—

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(the stuff they use against Asthma), wrote a lot of this, but the original idea—much fuller—has been published by the New York Sun every Xmas for the past 36 years. Hopalong Cassidy believes in Father Xmas and so do I—ever since I was a little boy and that's not so long ago as you think.—"Cheery-bye".

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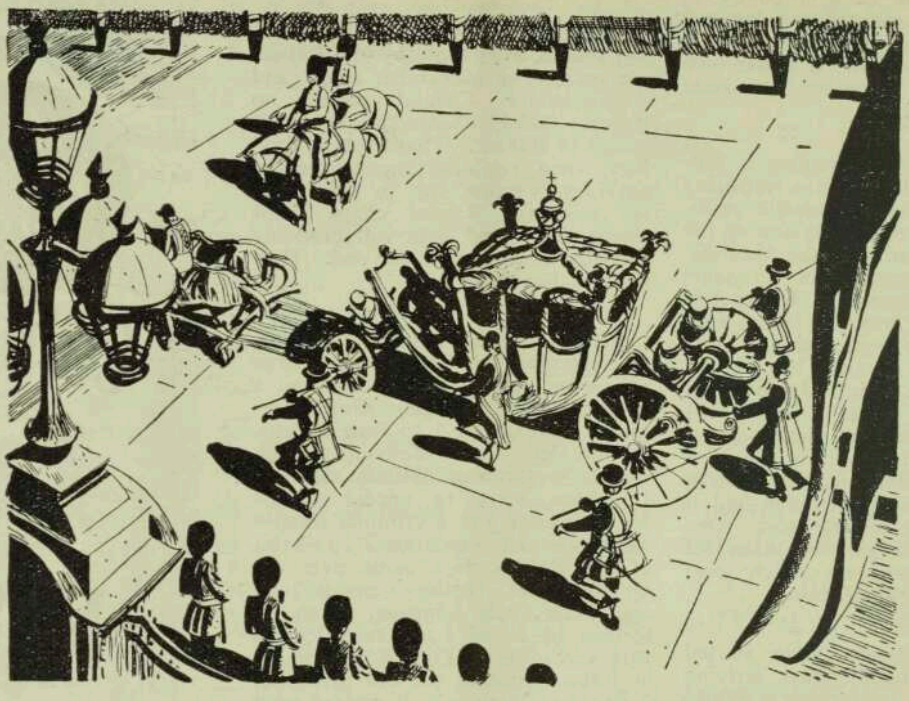

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AUTRALIA'S GREAT RICE MYSTERY

What Becomes of £30-£40 Per Ton of Rice Sold to the Islands?

IT costs over £100 Australian to deliver a ton of Australian rice at any point in the Islands. The Australian grower is now (November) getting £30 per ton. Who gets the balance? That is the unsolved mystery of South Seas commerce, at the moment.

AST month, in an unguarded moment, PIM said that the *holesale* price of rice was £25 for me consumption and £34 for exrt. This was patently wrong. This as the grower's price. The wholele price is £75 per ton.

The violent protests from the wholelers stirred PIM's interest. If the ower gets only £30 per ton, and the holesaler pays £75 per ton for rice r the Islands, *what becomes of the fference between £30 and £75 per n—that is, £45 per ton?*

The further PIM followed the trail, e more it found of evasion, a snarlg mind-your-own-business attitude, d plain babbling. The more imrtant the executive interrogated, the re baffling the smoke-screen. The ole attitude of these people sugsted a "racket."

Finally, after many inquiries, PIM ve it up. But the conviction reins with us that, in the sale of stralian rice to the Islands, there deliberate and ruthless profiteering. show that that belief is wrong, it l be necessary for the Australian erests concerned to produce to M—and to the Canberra Departnts to which this article will be mitted—some evidence that the stralian gents who control the rketing of rice are not profiteering on Islanders' needs in a fashion peculiarly damnable.

THE padi rice apparently goes from the growers to some mysterious milling organisation. The millers pay the growers £30 per ton at present for the unhusked grain. The millers claim that when they husk the rice, they lose 34 per cent. of it, by weight —or one third. Some folk who know something of rice-growing declare that this claim is ridiculous—that the loss is not more than 25 per cent. They may be right—but let it go as 34 per cent.

Milling of rice is a very simple operation. All over rice-growing countries, like Fiji, one finds homemade contraptions which de-husk the rice, operated by Indians with man or horse-power.

There is a difference between growers' price and wholesalers' price of £45 per ton. Shrinkage, 34 per cent., may account for £15. That means that the miller, for milling and bagging and transporting the grain to the wholesaler, gets at least as much as the grower—a good deal more, if the shrinkage is only 25 per cent. or less.

Information is that the milling process includes the following:

Grain is first husked, then some is

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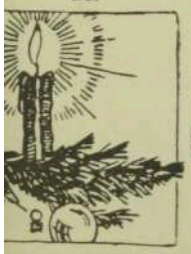

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One snarling gentleman who told PIM not to "blot its copybook" over rice declared that, if the millers made profits, the profits went to the pr ducers because the producers own the mills. That is not in accord w our information. We are told th the milling interests are very hurt a very, very angry because the Murru bidgee rice-growers have lately stalled their own mills.

PIM editor informed the gent man that rice-buyers throughout t South Pacific were cursing Austra daily for the huge prices bei charged. The gent replied that th ought to thank Australia, becau Australia actually is selling her ri to the Islands at at least £10 und world parity.

Which may be true. But it st does not convince *PIM* that certa Australian middlemen are not wallo ing in a first-class racket.

The gent said also that "if a racket is being worked, it is by t wholesalers, who lift the price fro £75 per ton in Australia, to ov £100 per ton in New Guinea." other words, profit plus freight, pl charges, lifts the price about 33 p cent. But the millers' profit, pl shrinkage, plus bagging, plus tran port, lifts the price at that stage well over 100 per cent.

RICE PROSPECTS IN P-NG

Mr. W. Poggendorff, rice expert the NSW Agricultural Departme who visited Papua-New Guin

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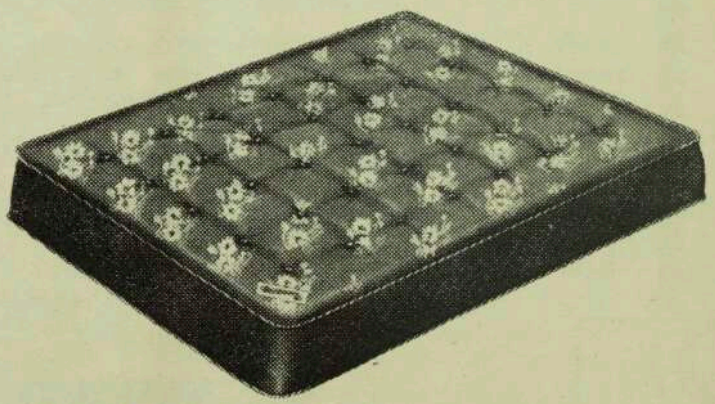

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arlier this year, is favourably im-ressed with the prospects of rice roduction in the Territory. In his eport to the Federal Government he aid that the Territory was un-oubtedly capable of producing its wn requirements of 15,000 tons per nnum and it could become a major xporting country if the resources of he Ramu-Sepik river system and apua's western district were de-eloped for flooded rice culture.

Rice produced at present in the erritory is grown under upland onditions—but flooded rice, he says, ould be given the highest priority nd become the major method of owing.

If they want quick results, Mr. oggendorff said, large-scale mech-isation and eventual sowing and eed control from the air was the ly possible means.

ale Plays Havoc ith BSI's nprotected Shipping

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Oct. 30.

A SUDDEN, sharp first-of-the-season nor'-westerly blow caught oniara on the evening of October . Three ships were anchored at int Cruz—the *MV Malolo,* owned South Pacific Traders, who are re-oving scrap metal from the Pro-torate, under the direction of Sir lbert Dyett, who is at present stay-g in Honiara, the *MV Marovo,* ned by the Fairymead Sugar Com-ny, Yandina, and the *AV Tulagi,* ned by a Chinese syndicate.

The *Malolo's* anchor dragged and r master (Capt. Adams) endeav-red to get out to sea; the *Marovo* d the *Tulagi* were soon in trouble d temporarily out of control, and th collided with the *Malolo* under force of the wind. The *Marovo* d the *Tulagi* succeeded in getting to sea, but the *Malolo,* hampered the other vessels, went up on the ch broadside on, in spite of consid-ble skill exercised by her experi-ed master. Efforts to get her off der her own power next day were uccessful and she was finally led off by the *AV Miena* (Capt. R. Richmond).

The *Malolo* suffered considerable nage.

The *MV Ambon,* owned by R. C. nes Pty. Ltd., sailed shortly be-e the blow for Ulawa, under rter to the B.S.I.P. Government de Scheme, to tow the Trade Scheme's 66-foot *MV Biliki* to Tulagi for engine repairs. The *Ambon* was caught by the storm and went up on a reef near Rua Sura, off the Guadal-canal coast, but owing to the skill of her master (Mr. T. Elkington) came off the reef and proceeded to Ulawa..

Meanwhile a small launch, owned by Mr. A. M. Andresen, of Man-doliana, near Tulagi, had broken down on its way to South Malaita and drifted for 2½ days, with Mr. Jack Andresen and a native crew on board. The Mandoliana launch drifted towards San Cristoval, where it was sighted by the Swedish vessel *Lidvaro,* which was passing en route to Tarawa. The *Lidvaro* eventually cast off the launch in the most fav-ourable position for it to drift down on Ulawa. Sighting the Mandoliana launch, Mr. Elkington, who had by then arrived on *Ambon,* managed to get a line on board before she could hit the reef, and the *Ambon* towed both the *Biliki* and the launch safely back to Tulagi for repairs.

Mr. G. R. Powles, New Zealand High Commissioner in Western Samoa, arrived in New Zealand on leave in October.

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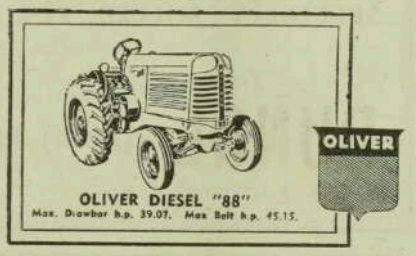

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Mr. Ragnar Hyne is Fiji New Chief Justice

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 19.

MR. RAGNAR HYNE, Puisne Judge in the Gold Coast, has been appointed Chief Justice of Fiji in succession to Mr. J. H. Vaughan who has retired.

Mr. Ragnar Hyne.

Mr. Hyne is well known in the South Pacific. He was born in Norway in 1893 but was educated in Australia. He was attached to the Queensland Education Service until he joined the Army in the First World War.

In 1920 he was appointed Director of Education in Tonga and in 192 was called to the Queensland Ba After a period as Chief Police Magistrate and Legal Adviser in the British Solomons, he returned to Tonga, where he held senior judicial posts and was secretary to the Premier. In 1938 he was appointed Chief Magistrate and Legal Adviser in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. During World War II he acted for a time as Resident Magistrate in Fiji and in 1943-44 he was on war service.

In 1944 Mr. Hyne was appointed Solicitor-General, Sierra Leone, and a year later became Attorney-General. In 1948 he went to the Gold Coast as Puisne Judge. He was called to the English Bar in 1950.

Wau, New Guinea is becoming a Health Resort. Many people from Moresby have visited Wau recently on their doctor's recommendation to holiday in those salubrious surroundings.

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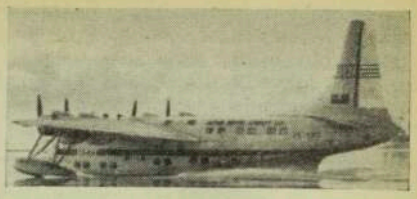


The big Solent seaplane landing in a lagoon in Polynesia.

WHEN did the French have an interest in this country?" sked an alert NZ journalist, when e stepped ashore at the new atapuala seadrome, 20 miles west of pia, in Samoa, on October 14.

"The French were never here," he as told. "Those signs which you e around, in English and French, ill smell of wet paint. They have st been put up by TEAL".

TEAL now are running the regur air service from Auckland to Fiji, moa and Tahiti, and the new signs e the evidence of their thoroughss—they are catering for both nglish and French travellers.

Further evidence of forethought d planning was seen in the organiion of the press party on the augural flight ("inaugural" beuse, although the TEAL planes ve been going to Tahiti since nuary, they included the Samoa ll only as from October 13).

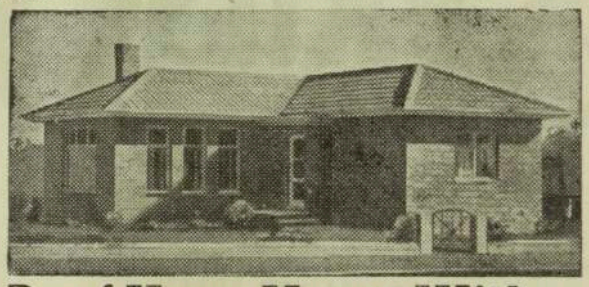
The chairman of TEAL, Sir onard Isitt, led a party of 14 ustralian and New Zealand writers, cluding three women, from Auckd to Suva (Fiji), Apia (Samoa), tutaki (Cook Islands) and Papeete ahiti), in October—and it was a markable experience. Greeted and ed by all classes, decorated with s by the prettiest Euronesian girls Samoa and Tahiti, wined and ed by friendly Administrators, acmmodated in luxurious hotels and tertained at picnics and excursions shapely dancers and skilled native ists, the writers could scarcely fail give maximum publicity to the mber and variety of tourist ractions along the new Coral ute.

The features likely to fascinate easure-seeking travellers always ve been there, in Fiji, Samoa and hiti—all that is needed now are ganisation and publicity. The new ng in the situation is this TEAL vice.

UPERLATIVES are needed to describe the seaplanes and the y they are operated. From Auckd back to Auckland—many usands of miles—the Solent on ich we travelled ran like a firstss railway train, with security, mfort, amenities and a timetable curate to the minute.

These planes leave the water at a fixed time. It is announced that they will fly over certain islands during certain minutes; that they will descend onto the water at a nominated time; and in all the 12 days we were with the service, the timetables were never altered.

The big plane (carrying 50 people



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in several compartments) seldom varied its practice. It would go quickly out of the tropical heat up to 7,000 or 8,000 feet and flatten out in sunshine, well above the clouds; fly steadily and firmly at about 200 mph; and the passengers, relaxed in coolness and comfort, received at short intervals, the choicest foods and drinks of the NZ caterers.

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The establishment of this service opens a new and important era in the development of the Polynesian Territories. If tourism does not make it pay, the Government must pay subsidies.

THERE has been controversy as between sea and land planes for this important TEAL service through Polynesia. TEAL is committed to seaplanes—with the result that Western Samoa had to waste nine months in the construction of a seadrome; and that Rarotonga and Pago Pago, which cannot provide seadromes, are now completely shut off from air services.

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tonga and Pago Pago could make substantial contributions to air traffic. Now they can only maintain connections through a slow sea service—Rarotonga with Aitutaki, and Pago Pago with Apia. Tonga also is not serviced just now—but that is Tonga's own wish.

But the situation may change. It is announced that TEAL cannot get seaplane replacements for the service, any more—so the big company will presently have to turn over to big land-planes. Land-planes could go to Rarotonga, Samoa, Tonga and Pago).

But there would be serious complications in relation to Suva and Papeete. The strip nearest to Suva is at Nausori, 12 miles away, and it is not suitable for the largest planes —they must go to Nadi, 100 miles away. The strip for Papeete is at Bora Bora Island, a long way off. It is proposed to construct a strip on an island alongside Papeete Bay, but that will be a big and very expensive job. Suva and Papeete are the two largest towns served by the TEAL Coral Route, and seaplanes in each case come practically into the towns.

The substitution of land-planes may solve some problems, but it would create others more serious in character.

PLANES on TEAL's new Coral Route go 3,000 miles out eastwards of Fiji, and come back along the same route. Papeete is a dead end. It seems unlikely that it will remain so. It is probable that this service will continue from Tahiti northward to Hawaii, or northeast into Central America, West Indies and on to Europe, via the northwest coast of Africa.

The Australian pioneer aviator, Captain P. G. Taylor, expects that the latter route will connect with Central America or perhaps South America via Clipperton Island, a line that he surveyed personally a few years ago. He says it is quite practicable.

TEAL, Pan American Airways and Air France are all watching developments: each would like to put in the link that will connect Tahiti with the Americas. Unfortunately, such a link would have to be subsidised, because there is nothing even remotely resembling traffic to be picked up anywhere between French Oceania and Hawaii, or America. In time, no doubt—such is the tourist fame of Tahiti in USA—any airline connecting French Oceania with North America will get substantial tourist traffic.

An airline from Tahiti, through Clipperton Island, Central America, West Indies and Northwest Africa to France would give an almost straight line, across the globe, from Sydney to Western Europe.

Mr. Austin Brodein of Raiatea, **Mr. Joseph Bunton** of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and **Mr. B. W. S. Wilson** of Auckland were passengers in "Waihemo" from Tahiti early in September. Mr. Bunton left England in the yacht "Inspire" and left that vessel at Rarotonga in 1951—after falling in love with Jeanine Ceran of Tahiti. Miss Ceran went to Rarotonga, they were married, settled in New Zealand. Mrs. Bunton returned to Tahiti on a visit some time ago—and will soon be returning to Auckland with a daughter. Mr. Wilson, of Auckland, was returning home after a period of interesting seafaring. He left Auckland as a member of the crew of "New Golden Hind" in April, 1951. When that vessel was sold in Tahiti, he was one of four who went to England to bring the Fairmile passenger vessel "Philante II" back to Tahiti. It is expected that the vessel will also be sold there.

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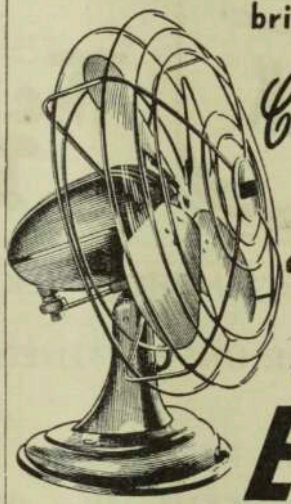

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It seems the boy was guilty of what is technically called an "indecent assault" on a native child of even tenderer years. In solemn conclave, the Court decided that he should have five strokes with a strap. This fearful punishment was carried out in the presence of the magistrate, a medical officer, an assistant district officer, a police inspector and the two guardians of the child.

If the child does not now feel that he is a mighty important being, then there is nothing to child psychology. The proceedings no doubt will be reported to the next meeting of the UN Trusteeship Council for the edification of the Russians in whom the milk of human kindness runs so deeply.

A veil was drawn over what the dirty little boy actually did to the little girl—nonetheless it seems to be an absurd fuss over very little. If we can believe Malinowski, whose *Sexual Life of Savages* used to be set reading for budding anthropologists, what is called indecent assault in European communities was regarded with about the same degree of tolerance in some Papuan communities as our teenage wolf-whistle.

Most Australian newspapers ignored the incident and the Canberra explanation, but the fiercely Pink Melbourne *Argus* headed their story, "Native Boy Lashed".

Pacific Islands Society Reorganised

The Pacific Islands Society, which has had a struggle to survive against ever-mounting costs, now has been reorganised under the presidency of Major C. A. Swinbourne, and the monthly meetings will be continued, as from November. The members in future will meet in the Feminist Club rooms, at 77 King St., Sydney, and coloured films illustrating Islands subjects will be shown at the November meeting (Friday evening, November 21).

The Society has been in existence now for nearly 20 years; and many distinguished visitors have addressed the members—who mostly are Sydney residents with a cultural or social interest in the Islands.

Miss Nona Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Rice of Ba, Fiji was married early in October in Melbourne to Mr. David Murray Hull.

Mr. George Yates, newly appointed Registrar of the Fiji Supreme Court, has arrived in Suva from the United Kingdom.

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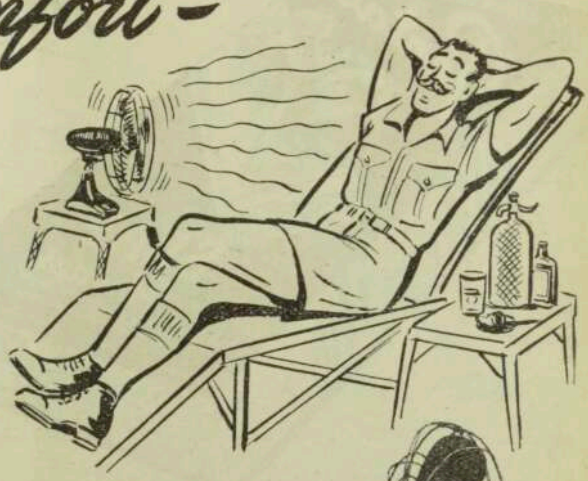

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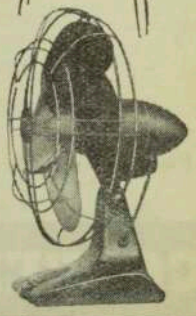

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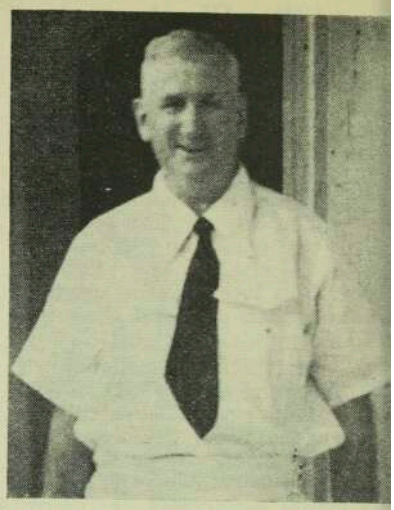
Mr. R. N. Caldwell, CMG, MC, Deputy Secretary for Fijian Affairs, has retired after more than 45 years in the Fiji Public Service. He served as a District Commissioner in nearly all districts of Fiji, and has an exceptional knowledge of the Colony and its peoples.

P-NG Agriculture Chief



Mr. R. E. P. Dwyer, whose appointmer as Director of Agriculture, Stock an Fisheries for Papua-New Guinea, wa announced last month.

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BY R. W. ROBSON.

THE breakfast waiter in the Nou-mea restaurant waved a card in front of me and said "Feesh".

"Yes, please, fish", I said, mentally thanking the high gods for fresh food.

The waiter stared, and answered, **"Feesh, s'il vous plait".** The man sitting opposite (whom I afterwards knew as Dr. Black, of the Sydney School of Tropical Medicine) had a kind of convulsion.

"He wants you to fill in a form," he explained, when he recovered.

I looked at the form. It was headed "Fiche". Before I could eat, I had to supply the high panjandrums of the French Colony with my name, address, birthday and the maiden name of my mother.

I complied, wearily. Travel in the Pacific to-day, especially when crossing international lines, is just one long orgy of form-filling.

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DR. BLACK, a keen young Australian specialist, was en route to the New Hebrides, on a malaria quest for South Pacific Commission.

Every year these research men are getting their fingers further around the windpipe of the malaria bug; and soon they will have it under control. They attack it now from two sides—by drugs, which kill the bug in the human body; and by destroying the bug's host, the *Anopheles* mosquito.

I was most interested to learn that they now are concentrating on "the mystery of Longitude 173"—why malaria infestation reaching from Africa and Asia eastwards across the world, stops dead on the line of the Solomons and New Hebrides. Twenty years ago, the PIM was asking why there is no malaria in Fiji, and the archipelagoes eastward.

Mr. M. Laird, a skilled entomologist, is now in Fiji, examining again the Fijian mosquitoes. Other researchers are giving attention to the *Anopheles* along the eastern coast of Australia, where there ought to be malaria, and isn't. If they can find something peculiar to Fiji and Eastern Australia, the anti-malaria work could be helped very much.

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PRONUNCIATIONS cause same trouble in Suva. The well-known motor-ship *Thor* was usually called "Tor"—which is substantially correct —but her successor, the *Thorsisle*, has got even the careful ones bothered. I heard a respectable merchant refer to her this morning, when she arrived, as "The Thorzizzle."

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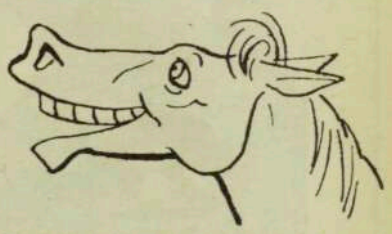

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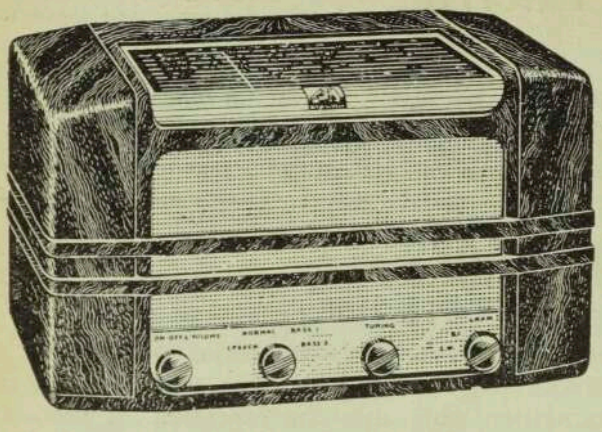

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NOUMEA shipping agents are full of wrath over a new French Govnment decision. In future, ships hich call at Noumea for supplies -fuel, water, vegetables, and so forth -must pay for same in the currency their country, and not in New aledonian francs.

Some of the shipping agents there y that often it suits them much tter to pay for service and supies in francs, and they and the shipng companies get whatever benefits ere may be in the exchange adjustent—a perfectly legitimate comercial transaction. But a Socialistic reaucrat naturally will argue that e Government should grab at all change advantages—and there are me very Socialist gentlemen in the ench administrations.

In Noumea, as in Australia, cerin of the wartime controls over ade and industry are maintained; d, of course, the black markets flourish accordingly.

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GOING along, one has news of two former NZ Administrators of Western Samoa.

Colonel F. W. Voelcker, that energetic man, went under his own steam to Korea, where he now is doing a good job as officer in charge of the various instrumentalities created by the United Nations for reconstruction and rehabilitation in South Korea.

Sir Alfred and Lady Turnbull now are living in Stamford, Conn., USA. Their daughter, in wartime, married an American airman, who later was killed at Okinawa.

FIJI is very hopeful that the Warner Brothers film production—which has brought hundreds of thousands of pounds of new money into the Colony—will be followed by a Paramount production.

But nothing has been settled yet, and Paramount will not come unless Warners leave the basic equipment here for them. Warners are not happy about that; and some sophisticated landlord is to blame.

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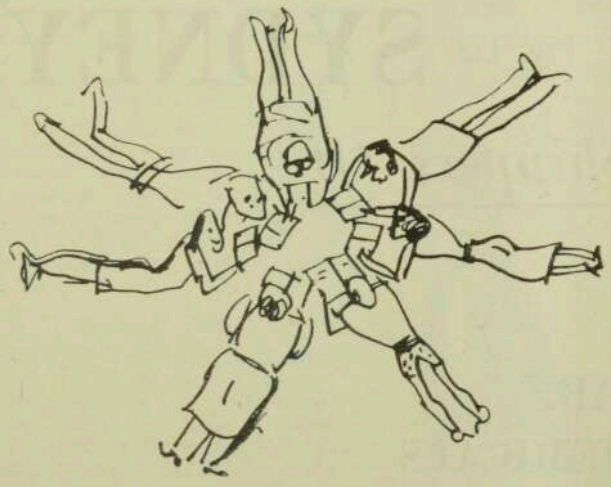

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Mixed up among sweating technichians, masses of leads, snoozing folk in costumes, and odds and ends of furniture, we stood around for two hours in the Warner Brothers' hastily-built studio at Deuba an watched the filming of *His Majes O'Keefe*.

All around us was a kind of ma ness. Engines chugged, Fijian helpe yelled, gentlemen in highly colour shirts swore horribly in an America accent, all kinds of nondescript fo rushed here and there. But right u in the middle, in a Hongkong roo under intense light, there was ord and method.

A little group of players we through a scene again and again an again, until one could have screame Finally, a quiet voice said: "OK – that will do. Good work, fellers, and then they began unscrambling th set.

The bit of film that thus wa achieved, after a day's work by in numerable people and incalculabl equipment, will be run off in the fina production in about 30 seconds.

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BY chance, I found myself stand ing near the set beside Mis Joan Rice, the star—young, slim an very pretty. She stood on one leg and wriggled her bare toes. (At thi stage in the story she is a bare-foo wench, picked up by the O'Keefe to be made mistress of his empire.)

"Pretty tough on bare feet, I shoul think," I remarked.

I had struck the right note. Mis Rice was most eloquent on the effec

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rned soles apparently were never
ing to get tough enough to with-
and the unpleasantnesses in the soil
the Deuba locations.

Someone else told me of the charge
the bank brigade. The Warner
anagers engaged a hefty bunch of
va bank clerks to week-end at
euba, and play the part of a pirate
ng which creeps up a beach upon a
eeping village, and engages boister-
sly in rape and allied entertain-
ent.

They rehearsed in shoes. All went
ell, and they prepared for the
ake". Like any youths on a well-
id holiday, they howled like wolves
they landed on the beach and pre-
red to rush upon the promised
tertainment.

"Bare feet for this one", ordered
e director. They removed their
oes and, at the word, charged up
e beach. Next minute, all sugges-
ons of rapine were gone. The
oodthirsty pirates were sitting on
eir sterns, whimpering, and trying
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eir feet. It was *that* kind of a
ach.

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e "tyranny of rice" is manifest over
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want more rice, and howl because
ey cannot get it. Samoa says it
ould have far more than the
ggarly 240 tons p.a. it has had
ely.

These people were not exactly
rving when the Europeans intro-
ced their economy over a century
o, and rice was unknown. Even if
ey cannot return to the ancient
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d amazing luck in Samoa. At
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on a charming old lady, Mrs. R.
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ters of the famous Emma; and
ere, on the wall of her big and
xurious lounge, was hanging a large
otograph of the late Jonas M. Coe,
nited States Consul in Samoa over
century ago, and father of Emma
d of very many other Coes. Mrs.
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ve me a lot of family history, and
lowed me to bring away that preci-

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ous photograph—the only one existence, I think.

There are very few Coes left Samoa. Just outside Mrs. Agg Gray's hotel they are building a ne cement bridge, and I talked to husky carpenter. He is a son of ol Robert Coe; and he, and his fathe and Mrs. Davidson, and one or tw others, are about all that remain i Samoa of J. M. Coe's once ver numerous progeny. There are man in New Guinea, however—descend ants of the brothers and sisters whon Emma transferred to her New Britai headquarters in "the German time

SHIFTING CORAL HEADS

Clearing coral heads out of lagoon, to permit navigation, usuall is a long, laborious task, based o the complicated process of under water blasting. But Alan Pritchard who prepared the seadrome at Sata puala, Western Samoa, for TEAL service, developed a new and effectiv technique. He went to each cora head with a big float and a powerfu winch; attached a wire rope to th mushroom-shaped coral; and the winched until the head came off. Ther the head was towed into deeper water

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All around the lovely island o Tahiti there are water-supply system —some private, some public. As in so many of these fortunate Polynesian islands, the high central mountains o Tahiti begin to rise only a mile or so inland. Their tops are always in con tact with the rainclouds, and the water runs down to the foot of the hills.

I found water under pressure on the wide lawns of my friend Oscar Nordman's lovely house at Papara "High water rates?" I asked.

"No rates at all," he said. "Govern ment provided the pipes, and we sup plied the labour, and we maintain the line." It is a system I commend heartily to many other communities.

USE OF PELTON WHEEL

In the same area, I examined the water and power supply of Mr. H. W. Kinney, a once-famous American journalist, now happily retired. His installation will interest many Islanders especially in New Guinea. A few hundred yards from his house, 80 feet up the mountain-side, a little stream is dammed. A 3-inch pipe comes from the dam to a No. 16 Pel-ton wheel in Mr. Kinney's backyard.

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OTELS AND HEADACHES IN SUVA

Problems of Fiji Tourism

From R. W. Robson.

SUVA, Oct. 20.

was one of those unpleasant mornings in Suva. There was no dside tea and, when I snarled at anxious Indian room-waiter, he plained that the milk had not ned up.

I sat in at breakfast and ordered sh pawpaw, one of life's com-nsations in Fiji. "No pawpaw to-y," said the waiter. I compromised prunes—which had been gallant ung plums in NZ long years ago and ordered fresh fish. When the n came, it was mostly batter. I ust it aside, and opened my heart the sternlooking man opposite.

'What a menu!" I moaned. "What breakfast! I've been coming here 20 years. It hasn't changed." d more to the same effect.

He wasn't co-operative. In fact, seemed to resent me. "What uld you suggest?" he grumped.

'Local fruits and vegetables—and ne imagination," I said. I spoke length, and felt that I was doing well. But my neighbour was unimpressed, and sour.

"Good morning—good morning," said a bright voice—and there was David Butler, Fiji manager of Union SS Co. "May I introduce Mr. Woods, our Islands manager—just here on a visit, to look us over."

I sank slowly into a state of horror. The man whom I had been addressing bright remarks on the breakfast menu of the Grand Pacific Hotel was the Islands manager of the Hotel's owner, Union SS Co. of NZ. I drew a veil over an embarrassing incident.

But there was a sequel. Next day, at the GPH, I was one of a luncheon party arranged by Mr. Woods. We had soup, fish, beefsteak with three vegetables, a sweet, Brodie biscuits and cheese; and my courteous host pointed out, in a casual aside, that everything on that table was a product of Fiji.

Actually, the old GPH (established 1914, according to the foundation stone) is very well managed; but distressing accidents occasionally do happen to supplies. The accommodation problem in Suva is as acute as ever. If Suva had half a dozen GPH's, Fiji could cope with the rich tourist traffic that is available, and that Fiji deserves.

ENCOURAGING VISITORS

REFERENCE to tourism leads to to another *faux pas* story. I was decanted from a plane at Laucala Bay, and lined up for Customs inspection.

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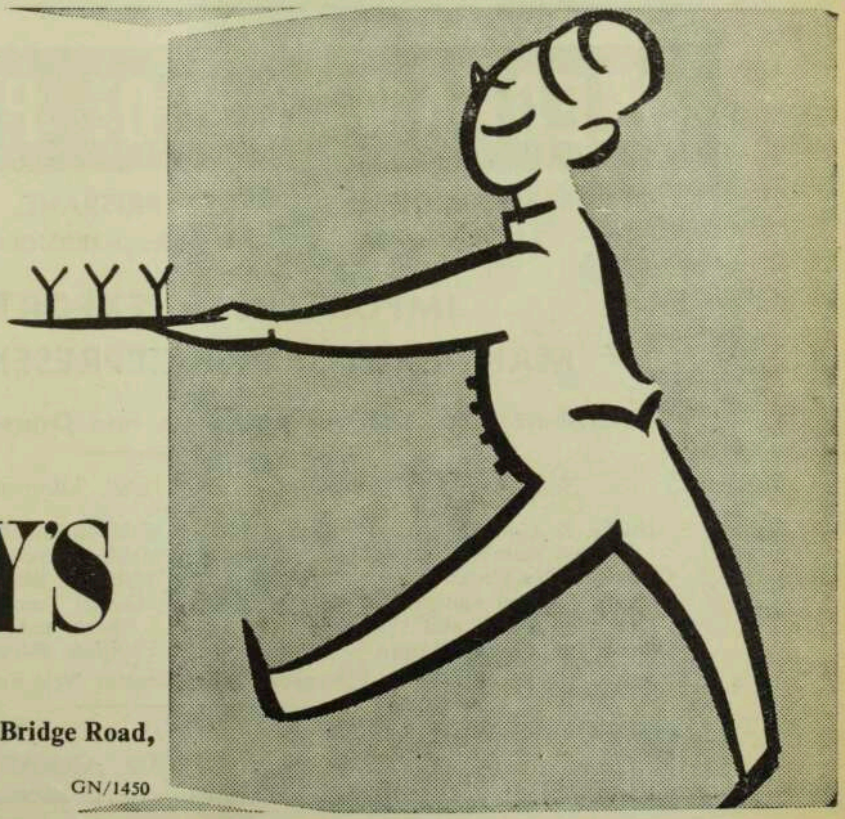

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zipped. "This one, please." I opened the second bag, praying that this was the end. The zippers on my bag had gone haywire that morning, and I had had a long struggle before I got the thing fastened.

"Now this one," snapped the youth, curt and unfriendly.

"Look, laddie," I said. "There isn't anything there to worry about. I'm an old traveller; and that bag's zippers are in an extremely delicate condition."

It was no use. "Open it, please," he ordered.

I had got it open, with we phrased and very audible commer when there was a kind of strangl yelp behind me. It was Len Ush Public Relations Officer, who h come down to meet me.

"God Almighty," he wailed. "W spent all Tuesday on the Tour Conference, discussing all the wa in which we can make the formalities less irksome to travelle —and now I come and find you this state."

I laughed and forgot it. But do remember that only last yea when PIM's assistant editor arrive in the same Customs shed, she w taken out of the queue, and u ceremoniously thrust aside, to awa official attention later, because sh had no return ticket. It was onl after the furious lady had produce to them her authority to opera upon our Suva bank account th they let her in, satisfied that afte all she had not come to Fiji to fac a fate worse than death.

Fiji, like other Territories, is eage for tourist traffic. Fiji, like th others, will have to learn that a though petty officialdom loves t herd travellers around as if they wer sheep, the travellers hate it an react accordingly. The few shilling

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which may be raked in in dues, through this furious examination of travellers' bags, is wiped out a thousand times over by the ill-will which the silly proceedings entail.

PROBLEM OF HOTELS

FIJI'S departmental heads and commerce chiefs met in formal conference early in October, to find ways and means to stimulate tourist traffic. Fiji has an enormous undeveloped industry in her tourist attractions; and Fiji, through causes which need not be described here, has been "running in the red" for about two years. Fiji must sell at least another £2,000,000 worth of produce per annum, to maintain the right balance; and there is no product of Fiji easier to sell to Australians and New Zealanders than a holiday here.

The key to the whole Fiji tourist situation, of course, is the hotel accommodation. In Suva, since the January hurricane crippled one hotel and wrecked another, there have not been enough hotel beds to meet the normal demands. The kind of tourism that really would make the Fijian purse bulge would require at least a couple more modern hotels in Suva.

The three main hotels—Grand Pacific, with Garrick and Metropole second place—provide excellent accommodation; but none seems to have any plans for extension.

GPH, now the mecca of most travellers, ought to extend; but GPH's owners, the cautious Union SS Co., will promise nothing. GPH's limited capacity (60 guests, or so), in to-day's fantastic wage rates, in the fact that GPH's distance from town robs the hotel of the dual profitable bar trade, makes it difficult to wring profits out of the enterprise. But 150 guests, under the one overhead umbrella, would give very different set of figures.

ONE bright suggestion at the Tourist Conference was that, as Government is most anxious to stimulate the tourist traffic, the Government should take over the GPH from the Union SS Co. Rumour hath it that the Co. would for £80,000) and extend it, and it for tourist encouragement her than immediate profit.

Whereupon Morris Hedstrom Limited—who have just commenced raping the rocks off the site for new Club Hotel on Victoria Parade—sat up in amazement and horror. "What!" said they. "Invite Government in, to compete against us in the hotel business, with public funds? Not on your life! No more construction on the Club Hotel until this position is clarified!"

That is one of the minor headaches now facing the new Governor.

It seems clear enough that there cannot be a worth-while tourist trade unless there are more first-class hotels in Suva. In these unhappy days there can be no new hotels built without the real co-operation and support of Big Business.

Pan American Airways have placed an order for three Comet III jetliners with an option of seven more. These advanced models are not due for delivery until 1956. Engines are similar to the Canberra bomber, one of which crossed the Atlantic recently in 3 hours 25 minutes.

Hindu scientists have developed synthetic rice to help combat the food shortage in India. The synthetic grain, which is produced from Tapioca and peanuts, will be mass-produced at a new plant in Madras, in western India.

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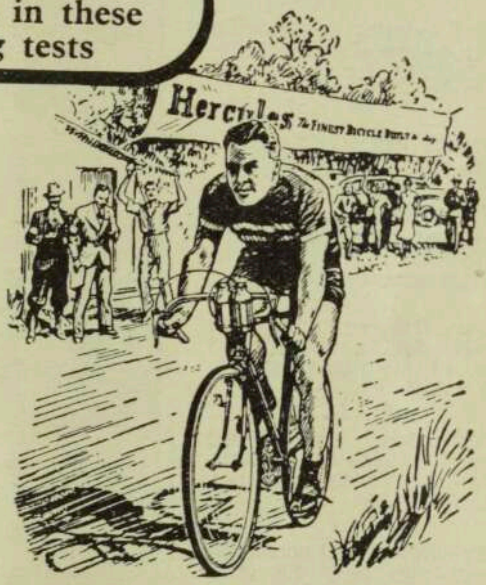

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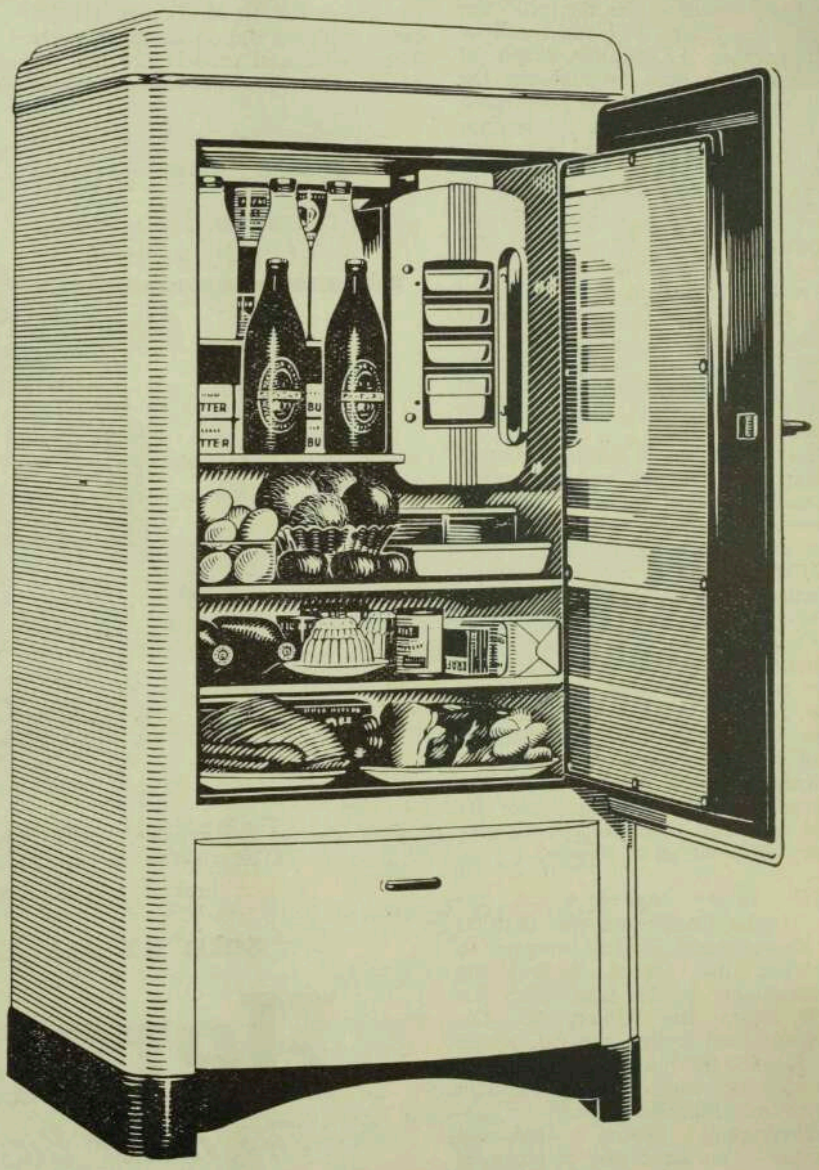

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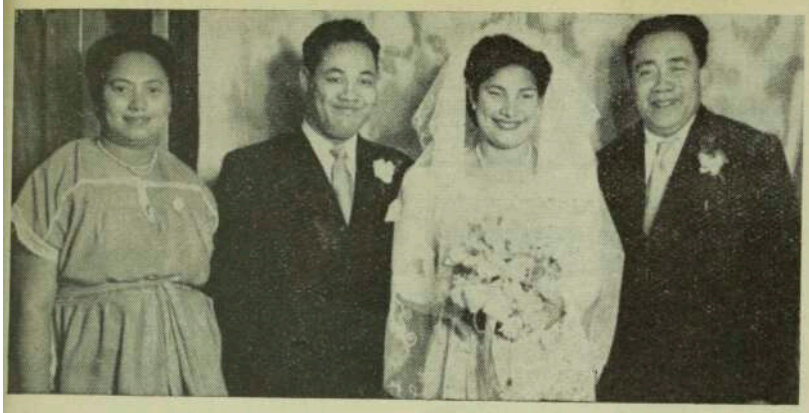

A wedding of interest to Samoa took place in Auckland on October 4, when aumua Tamasailau Fuimaono, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Fuimaono Taala, was arried to Toalua Sa Tuiasau at the Pacific Islanders' Congregational Church, Newton, Z. The photo shows, from left to right, Mrs. Fuimaono, the groom and bride, and Ir. Fuimaono.

NG HOUSING GRANT

RABAUL, Sept. 27.

An announcement of a grant for e purpose of erecting 50 houses, ost of them at outstations, has been ade in NG.

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The Rev. and Mrs. G. Bergmann of the Lutheran Mission at Boana, near Lae, New Guinea, with their three youngest children, reached Sydney in the Nellore at the end of September. They will be joined there by their five other children and the whole family will go on to Germany for 12 months leave. None of the Bergmanns has been in Germany for 23 years.

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PRIMITIVE MAN IN NEW CALEDONIA

HAVING spent six months in New Caledonia the University of California's Archaeological Expedition, led by Professor E. W. Gifford, completed its work at the end of August, and returned to USA with large quantities of material for study. 52 sites were examined—11 of them by excavation.

The scientists collected potsherds, charcoal, ground and polished stone implements, chipped stone implements and things made of shell. Laboratory examination of these will show the age of the cultures and some of the conditions under which the people lived.

The material gathered, apart from potsherds, was not abundant. Preliminary survey suggests that the indigenous population of New Caledonia was of Melanesian type and came from overseas rather later than the settlement of Fiji. The scientists found no pre-pottery culture level. The first arrivals appear to have been in the Neolithic stage.

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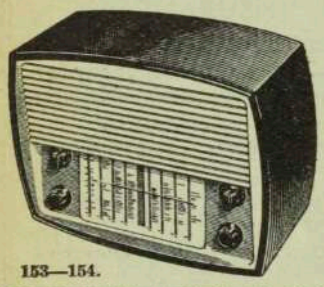

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FIJI RU TOUR PROFIT

THE tour of the Fijian Rugby football team in Australia this year yielded a profit of £10,419.

The Fijian Union share is £2,083. NSW Union gets £4,500; the Australian Union, £810; and Queensland, Newcastle, Armidale and Dubbo share the remaining £3,026.

The Fijians grossed over £25,000 in gate money, but expenses were heavy. Entertainment tax swallowed up £5,000; plane fares for the Fijians were £4,000 and hotel expenses £2,500.

FIJIAN AS CAPTAIN OF SYDNEY TEAM

Apakuki Tuitavua, captain of the visiting Fijians, who remained behind in Australia to take a course in meat inspection, captained Drummoyne team against Canberra in September. This was the last match of Drummoyne for the season and Apakuki was presented with the club's blazer to mark the event.

BIG OFFER TO LEVULA

It was reported from Fiji in September that an English League club had made an offer of £2,500 plus bonuses to Josefa Levula, Fijian star forward, for a season in England. Levula, in accordance with Fijian custom, had referred the matter to his Chiefs for their advice. Jo, as he was affectionately called, captured the hearts of Australians—and the previous year, of the New Zealanders. If his fans had a choice in the matter he would stay right here with his team mates in Fiji. It is unlikely that he would be particularly happy in England without them—in spite of the big offer.

TABUA RETURNS TO FIJI

Before the Fiji Rugby Union team left Sydney for home in August a tabua was presented to Ratu George Cakobau by Mr. Basil Kirke, an Australian Broadcasting Co. executive. This particular tabua once belonged to King Cakobau, grandfather of Ratu George, and had been in Mr. Kirke's possession since 1913 when it was presented to him by Ratu Kadavau Levu.

MR. MARTIN RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA

Mr. Les Martin, who managed the Fijians during their tour in July-August, returned to Australia on the Friday in September.

But first he went to New Zealand where he saw the Australian team, on visiting the Dominion, play the Second Test at Wellington. Mr. Martin is a Victorian but has lived in Fiji for 10 years. All good Victorians are followers of Australian Rules football, but Mr. Martin apparently picked up the Rugby virus somewhere.

The archives of the Colony of Fiji containing thousands of original documents dealing with the events before and after the signing of the Deed of Cession, are being classified and surveyed by an officer of the Australian Commonwealth National Library. This officer will advise what steps should be taken to preserve them from deterioration. First attempts at adequate preservation were taken 20 years ago but war and post-war with its labour shortages interrupted the work.

The Suva firm of Bidesi and Sons has successfully tendered for the erection of the new automatic telephone exchange building and the headquarters of the Fiji Broadcasting Commission. Contract price for the telephone exchange is over £42,000 and for Broadcasting House, £24,858. They were the lowest tenders received.

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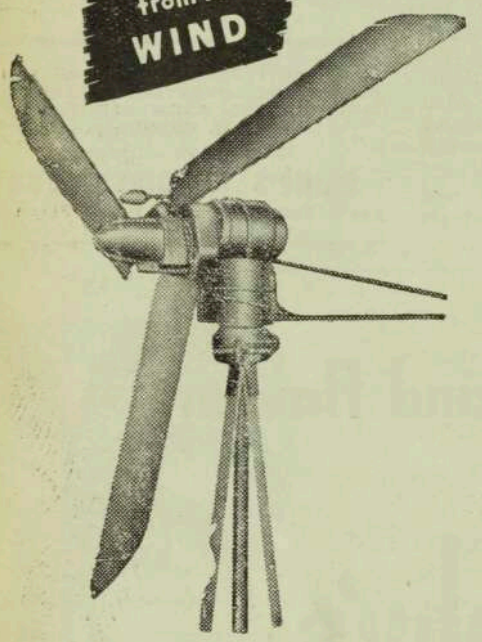

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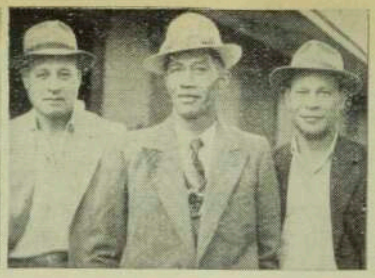
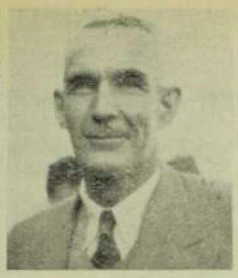
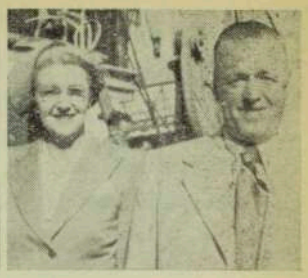

Some Islands Travellers

Recent arrivals in NZ on the Maui Pomare included (left to right):—

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith who returned from Rarotonga. Mr. Smith has for three years been in charge of the electric power station there.

Mr. Charlie Marii (centre) was met by Mr. Alex Napa (left) and Mr. Rangi Ngatae, all of Rarotonga, when he arrived.

Mr. Alf Bailey, Chief Surveyor of the Cook Islands, was South on a short business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Orr returned after seven months in Rarotonga. He has been training the Administration printing office staff in printing techniques.

Dutch NG Agricultural Experiment

THE Dutch New Guinea Administration is opening up an area south of Lake Sentani inland from Hollandia. The area, known as the Nimboran Plains, will be used for agricultural purposes (specific details not available) in which the 2,500 native inhabitants of the area will take part. A road is being constructed from the lake to the Plains.

Produce will be brought to the lake by this road, across the lake by launch; then by road to Hollandia. A co-operative store has already been started for the people of the Plains area.

The Rev. A. R. Tippett, Methodist Mission, Fiji, was on deputation work in Tasmania in November.

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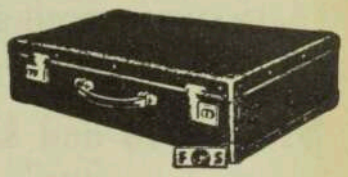

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The main east coast road, New Ireland, has been re-made and now reaches from Kavieng to Lakuramau Plantation; Works and Housing personnel are optimistic that the project will eventually be pushed through to Namatanai.

TOTAL WAR ON PALMERSTON RATS

Since Tom Neale booked his second-class single berth for Suwarrow, loneliest island of the Cooks (PIM, September p. 121), the *Mahurangi* has been busy on more pressing chores. She finally expected to clear Avarua for the western islands of the group in early October.

Meanwhile, Tom and his tom-cat have been joined in the passenger queue by a man with a set of rat traps, pockets abulge with rat-poison —and by still more cats, not necessarily tom. This employee of the Administration and an unstated number of assistants are off on a rat blitz to Palmerston Island where the population is being eaten out of house and home. They plan to remain there while *Mahurangi* continues north to Suwarrow, Nassau, Puka Puka and return. But the cats —excepting always Tom's tom—are likely to serve a lengthier tour of duty on William Marsters's island.

Somewhat apart and looking decidedly superior is a group of well bred hens, again fares paid by the Administration, which are expected to do their best towards improving the present impoverished poultry strain. But some of the cats have been noted looking over them significantly.

Other passengers will include John Numa, medical practitioner, making an official round, and meteorological observer Toka off to relieve John Marsters for his annual leave.

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COCOA POSSIBILITIES IN S. PACIFIC

Expert Seeks Alternatives To Copra

AN authority on the cocoa industry, Mr. D. H. Urquhart, of Cadbury Brothers, has completed a survey for the South Pacific Commission of the prospects for the establishment or expansion of cocoa, coffee and tea growing in the South Pacific. He is now preparing a report.

Mr. Urquhart several years ago, studied at first-hand the possibilities for the growing of cocoa in Papua, New Guinea and the Solomons. In his latest tour he visited New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji and Netherlands New Guinea.

Mr. Urquhart said that while coconuts must still remain the predominant crop in the South Pacific, the need for alternative cash crops was obvious. Most of the coconut plantations were developed in the latter half of the last and the early part of the present century. As planting since 1914 had been small, the bulk of the palms were over 50 years old. A considerable decline in output was inevitable.

Cocoa held a good deal of promise in territories where soil and climate were suitable, such as Western Samoa, Australian New Guinea, New Hebrides, Fiji and Solomons.

A survey of Samoan plantations would reveal high-yielding trees. Western Samoa's yield per acre of cocoa was about four times as great as that of Trinidad, which was also noted for trees of outstanding merit. Furthermore, the NZ Reparation States had noted on their 1,565-acre cocoa plantation near Apia, a tree which showed remarkable resistance to *Phytophthora*. As this disease caused considerable reduction of the crop in Samoa and was responsible for serious decrease in the yield wherever cocoa was grown in the world, the importance of the discovery of the tree which was resistant to *Phytophthora* could not be overestimated.

Tests were being made to see whether this tree (named Lafi 7 by the NZ Reparation Estates) was capable of transmitting its disease-resisting quality through its seed. It was almost certain, however, that the quality could be retained in material vegetatively-propagated from Lafi 7.

In Mr. Urquhart's opinion Samoa, with its high-yielding cocoa material and the prospect of combining this quality with *Phytophthora*-resistant trees, offered better prospects for increasing cocoa output than any other cocoa-growing country to-day.

Mr. Urquhart said that coffee-growing had been well established in New Caledonia, and that there were good possibilities of growing coffee in many other South Pacific islands where labour was available or native enterprise could be stimulated.

He considered that tea could be grown successfully in the highlands of Australian New Guinea and in parts of Fiji, and in other areas where soil conditions permitted. The prospects of tea-growing, however, were limited by lack of labour, especially the skilled labour necessary for its production, and in other cases by the inaccessibility of areas of suitable soil and climate.

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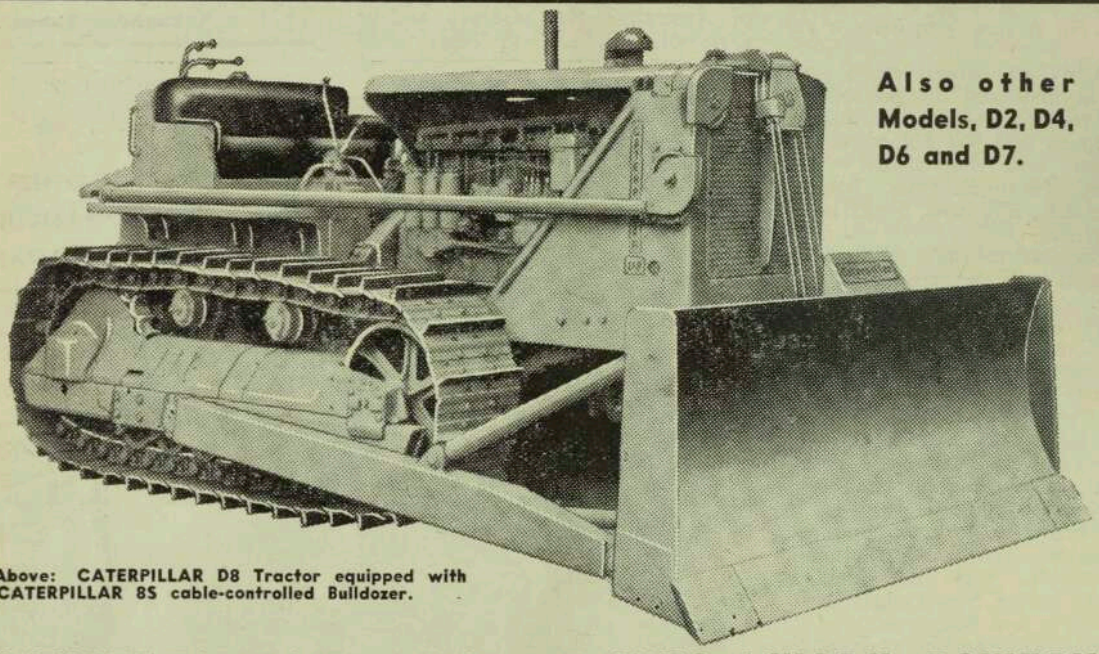

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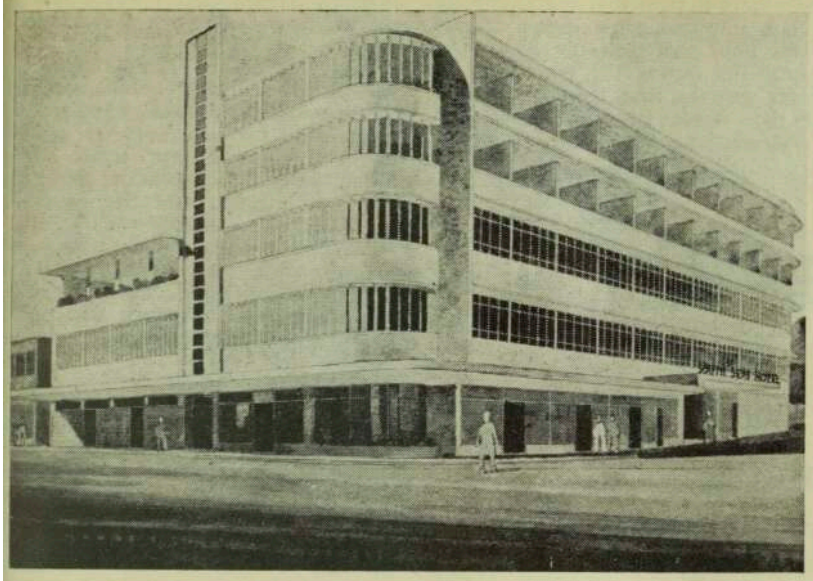

Architect's drawing of the proposed South Seas Hotel, to be erected on the site f the old Club Hotel (demolished by January hurricane) at the corner of Victoria arade and Gordon Street, Suva, by Morris Hedstrom, Ltd. The hotel will accom- odate 50 guests on the 4th and 5th floors. The second floor will be taken up with ounges and dining room. Public bar and six shops will occupy the ground floor.

The Methodist Mission Board has urchased for the Papua District a new boat, the "Koonwarra" at a cost of £10,120.

Two brothers, priests from Pacific missions met in New Zealand in August. They were **the Rev. Father Peter Wall, MSC,** from Keppel's Island, or Niuatobutabu, northern outlier of the Tongan Islands, and **the Rev. Father James Wall,** a sea-faring missionary, skipper of the BSI Marist Mission vessel *Hambia*.

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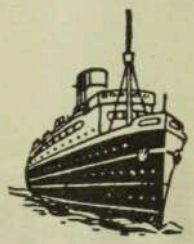

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Probably during the New Zealand winter months, the Company could fill the whole of the *Tofua* and *Matua* accomodation with tourists anxious to escape the cold and make the popular Fiji-Tonga-Niue-Pago-Western Samoa circuit which is still the tourist bargain for travel in these parts.

Residents of the Island territories who feel that the USS ships are part of their scheme of things are always clamouring for passages and it falls to the Company's lot to try to strike a fair balance between the demands of round-trippers and the demands of Islands residents.

Passengers from Apia whose numbers are always far in excess of the number of berths allocated that port, sometimes travel as deck passengers to Suva and complete the journey to NZ by air.

If overseas shipping companies made ships available for cruises in the Islands, as has been rumoured, they would have no trouble in finding plenty of customers. Australian and New Zealand companies who usually subscribe to the belief that passengers do not pay, do not and, in fact, cannot, show much interest in developing the round-trip tourist trade beyond present limits.

Lieut. Jim Ackland, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ackland of Suva, has returned to Fiji from the UK where he completed a course at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

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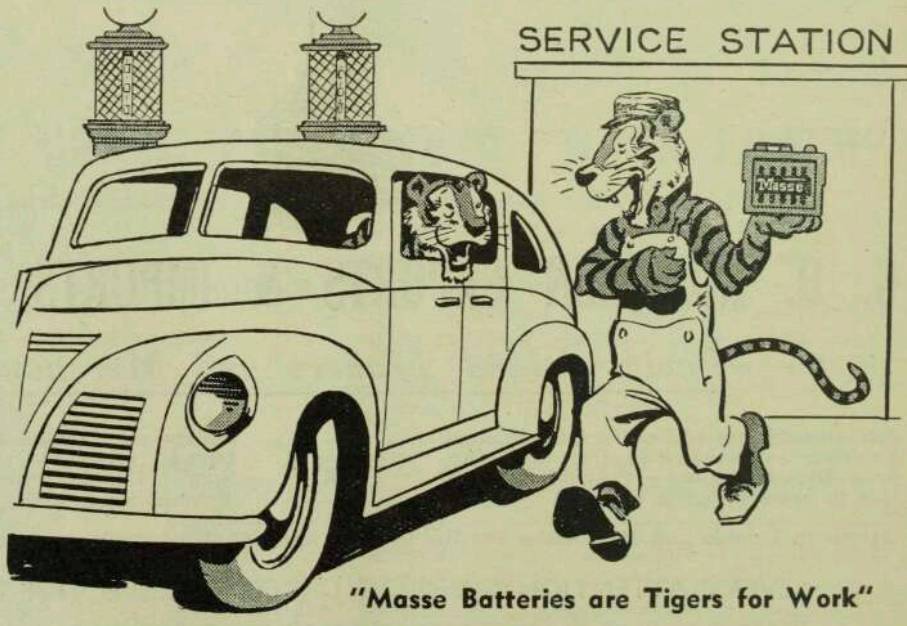

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THE opening of the new direct air service between Australia and South Africa, via the Indian Ocean Islands, has brought Mauritius under public notice lately. The planes make an overnight stop at the islands.

Mauritius has been compared with Fiji. The economy of both islands is based on sugar. In both places, Indians provide labourers, artisans and shopkeepers. In both British Colonies there is an acute political situation, caused by the extraordinary speed with which the Indians are increasing, and their tendency to get possession of all commerce and land. The population of the two countries compare thus:

	Mauritius	Fiji
European	12,000	10,000
Indigenous		130,000
Indians		140,000
Chinese		3,000
Total	450,000	273,000

The chief difference between the two countries lies in the indigenous population. In Fiji, there is a virile and homogeneous native community, and the British are pledged to the protection of its land rights. In Mauritius there is what is called a Creole community—a fusion or the original Arab adventurers, with subsequent incursions of Portuguese, Dutch, French and English. But these people seem to have no fundamental rights, and it is generally assumed that, in a generation or two, the Indians will be completely in possession. As in Fiji, the Indians were introduced into Mauritius by the British as sugar plantation labourers. An Australian journalist says that the Europeans in Mauritius sit with folded hands, passively awaiting the day when India will take over.

Next Mt. Lamington Eruption: 1991

Mr. W. J. Langdon who for the last year or so has been keeping watch on Mt. Lamington, Papua, is on leave in South Australia in September.

He set up his instruments in a banana plantation at the base of Lamington in early 1951, and frequently flew over the crater on inspection.

He says that the volcano settled down somewhat after 12 months, but will probably go on steaming for another two years. If it runs true to type it should not erupt again for about 40 years.

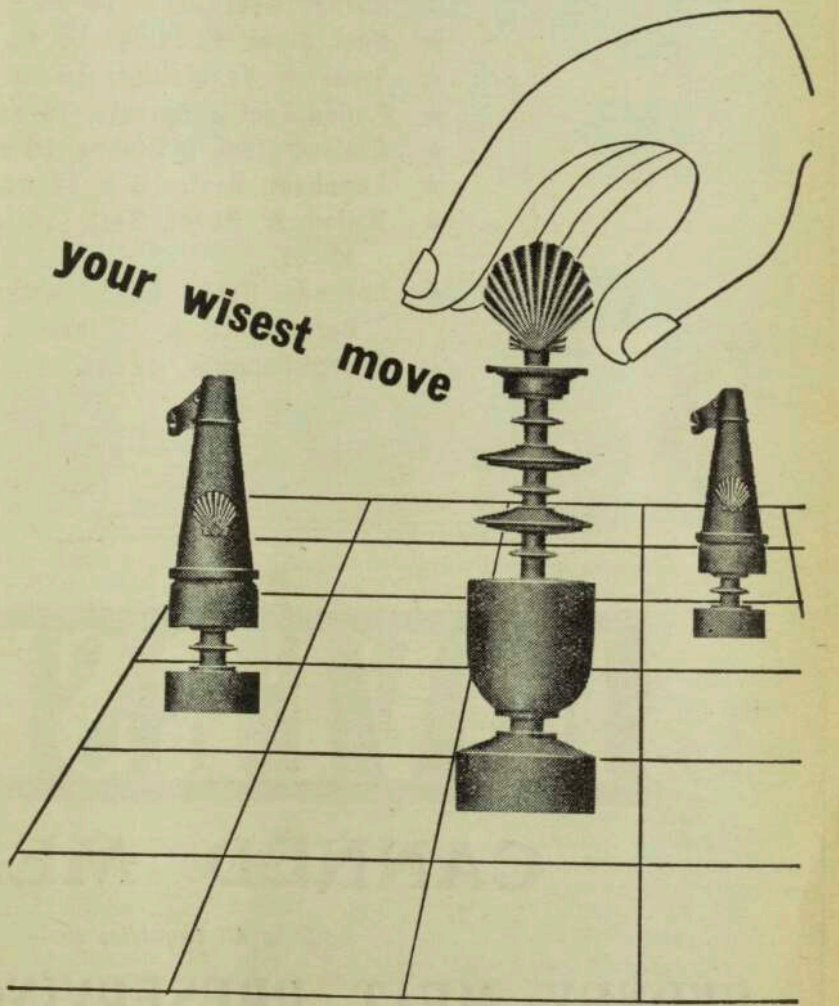
NZ As Coffee Producer?

THE post-war shortage of almost all commodities has inspired many agricultural experiments. An executive of one of the largest tea and coffee importers in Auckland NZ, has recently announced that he is growing coffee at Keri Keri on North Auckland Peninsula.

He brought some seeds back from Samoa 2½ years ago. They were planted in Auckland, germinated, and some of the plants were removed to Keri Keri. One of these plants has now flowered and shows signs of bearing a crop this year.

One coffee bush does not, of course, make a plantation—or a successful commercial enterprise, but it is pointed out that the climate of North Auckland Peninsula is mild and moist and not a great deal colder than Mangaia or Rapa Islands where excellent coffee can be grown.

Mr. Bert Covit, who has been a resident of Tahiti for some time, passed through Australia in September, bound for Manila, where he proposes to resume the work of film production. Mr. Covit, a journalist and film man, was in the Philippines when the Japs invaded, and so became an inmate of a prison camp there for four years.



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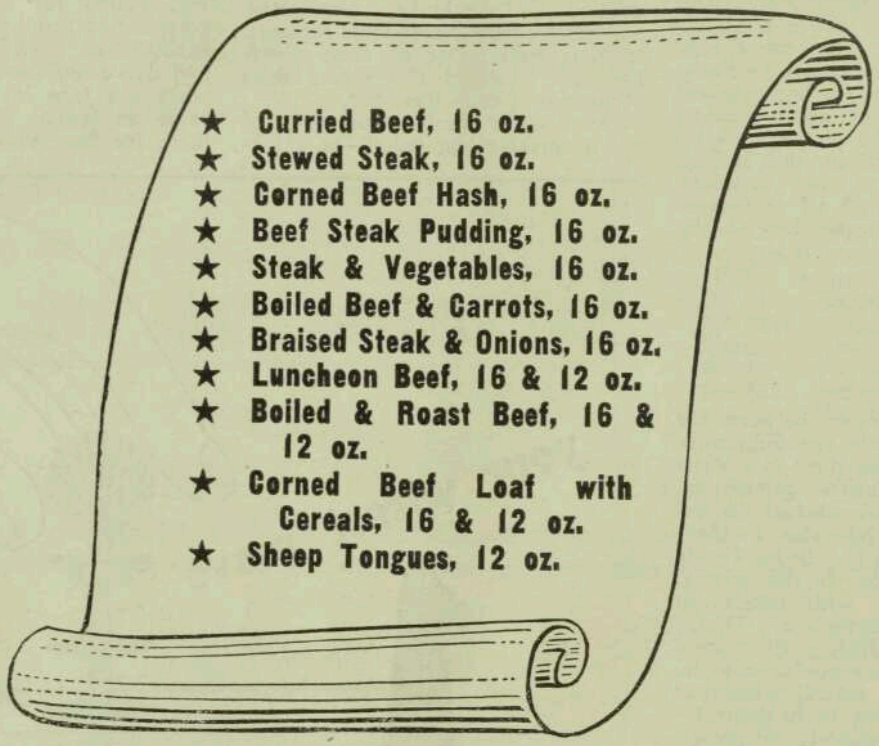

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SELF-HELP IN HONIARA
Local Residents Run the Broadcasting Station

THE new BSIP Broadcasting Station, VQO Honiara, transmitting on 1030 kilocycyles in the medium broadcast band, was opened on September 23 by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Mr. R. C. S. Stanley) who broadcast a short address to Protectorate listeners.

Station VQO Honiara, which broadcasts nightly except Sundays from 0700 to 0800 GMT (6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Solomon Islands time) is no ordinary station. It has been putting on an excellent programme of recorded music, sporting and local news, and "live" items from local performers but it has very few funds and is being run at present entirely on volunteer enthusiasm. The Chief Wireless Officer (Mr. R. F. Calvert) who built the broadcasting equipment largely in his spare time, is acting announcer and the Assistant Secretary BSIP (Mr. C. H. Allan) is Programme Director. Mr. Allan is devoting much spare time to general programme planning and talks of local interest. The news and the "live" musical items, are also spare-time jobs, and local residents are loaning records until such time as the record library can be built up to a self-supporting level.

Mr. F. Eastick of the Honiara Radio Station has ably assisted the Chief Wireless Officer in maintenance and technical problems.

As everybody concerned has a full-time job by day and is working under pressure owing to staff shortages, one hour's broadcast each day is all that can be managed at present, but as soon as it is possible to do so a longer programme will be given.

Sunday, September 21, saw the 38th and last of the series of half-hour Sunday News Broadcasts, which have been given as a point-to-point transmission over VQJ2, the Honiara Government Radio Station once a week for almost five years.

When HMS Challenger arrived back in England some time ago Professor Gaskill, scientific officer aboard her reported that a short-tailed albatross—first of the species to be reported for sixteen years—had been positively identified in the Pacific. He said that the bird had been thought to be extinct and that the identification of one was of considerable ornithological interest.

Mr. W. H. Cumines, representative of one of Australia's largest islands exporting firms, is of the opinion that the South Pacific market, once the preserve of Australia, is being lost because Australian goods are too dear. He recently visited Fiji, Samoa and Tahiti and his impression is that goods from Japan, America and even New Zealand are replacing Australian products. He believes that only increased production and lower prices will save the day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kuder, of the American Lutheran Mission, Lae, New Guinea, returned there recently after 18 months leave in Niagara Falls, USA. Their 12-years-old son James was with them.

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New Moorings at Makatea

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The Makatea mooring is in about 200 fathoms on a steep sloping bottom. The huge buoy which supports the chain and wire is held from being dragged seaward by two other buoyed chains each secured ashore at widely separated points on the shallow bay.

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Fijian Boxer's Victory in Singapore

Fijians are gaining fame with the boxers as well as with their footballer In Singapore in mid-October, Sgt. Isime Radradro, of the Fiji Infantry Battalio now fighting terrorists in Malaya, knocke out the Australian light-heavyweight con tender Jim Woods in the 9th round o a scheduled 10-round fight.

Over 100 of Isimeli's Fijian Battalio friends travelled 200 miles from the camp to see the fight. At the end of th contest they all tried to get into th ring to celebrate the victory with a wa dance.

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DECLINE IN PACIFIC COPRA

Results of an Expert Survey

NOUMEA Nov. 1.

VIGOROUS measures to restore and expand the coconut industry in iji, Western Samoa, American Samoa nd the Lower Cook Islands are be- ng taken by the authorities there, ccording to Mr. W. V. D. Pieris, opra specialist to the South Pacific ommission. He has just returned) Commission headquarters here fter a two-months tour of the terri- ories named, as part of a Pacific oconut industry survey.

"In the South Pacific, coconut eld from plantations and village oldings is steadily declining", said Ir. Pieris. "At the same time the opulations of most territories are creasing. As coconuts are their ain source of food and income, the oblem is a serious one".

The main reason why yield was clining was that most of the acific plantations were well over 60 ars old, and the palms were ap- oaching senility. Other contribu- g factors were the presence of ngerous pests in certain areas and neral uncertainty about the future the industry.

"The gravity of the problem is lly understood by administrative d agricultural officers in the four ritories I visited", said Mr. Pieris. n Fiji and Western Samoa, for tance, rehabilitation campaigns ve been started already, and ilar campaigns are to be in- gurated shortly in American moa and the Cooks. The improve- nt of copra quality is also receiv- attention."

At the request of administrations l interested private organisations, . Pieris attended a number of nferences. These were convened discuss the development of the onut industry, involving not only stepping up of production from sting plantations by improving nagement practices, but also ex- sion of coconut cultivation where able land was available.

EYLON'S COPRA INDUSTRY

ome interesting information about lon's coconut industry was given PIM in Suva by Mr. Pieris. Mr. ris is a brilliant Cingalese—he k the degrees of MA and BSc in ndon, and he was for some time nd in command of the Coconut earch Institute of Ceylon, where world's best copra is produced. here are a million acres under onuts in Ceylon, but 60 per cent. of plantations want re-planting. This is done by establishing well-fertilised young palms between the old palms, and then gradually removing the latter. The old timber must be entirely taken away, otherwise it harbours the larvae of the Rhino beetle. The beetle has been there since time immemorial; but, owing to some parasite, or fungus, or birds, it is not as serious a pest as in other places.

When the Ceylon expert was in Aitutaki lagoon, he found an accumulation of copra that had been awaiting shipment there for four months. He said it was "full of blue mould and crawling with insects"—yet, to his horror, it still was seriously regarded as a foodstuff. We told him about other accumulations of store-bound copra we had seen in New Guinea and its condition. He said gravely that such things are not tolerated in Ceylon.

Dr. R. W. D. Maxwell of the Fiji Medical Services has been promoted to the post of Deputy Director. He was born in Fiji, graduated in medicine and surgery at Otago University, NZ, and joined the Fiji Medical Service in 1934. He has served in hospital centres all over the Colony and since the absence of the Director, Dr. J. M. Cruikshank, on leave, has been Acting Director.

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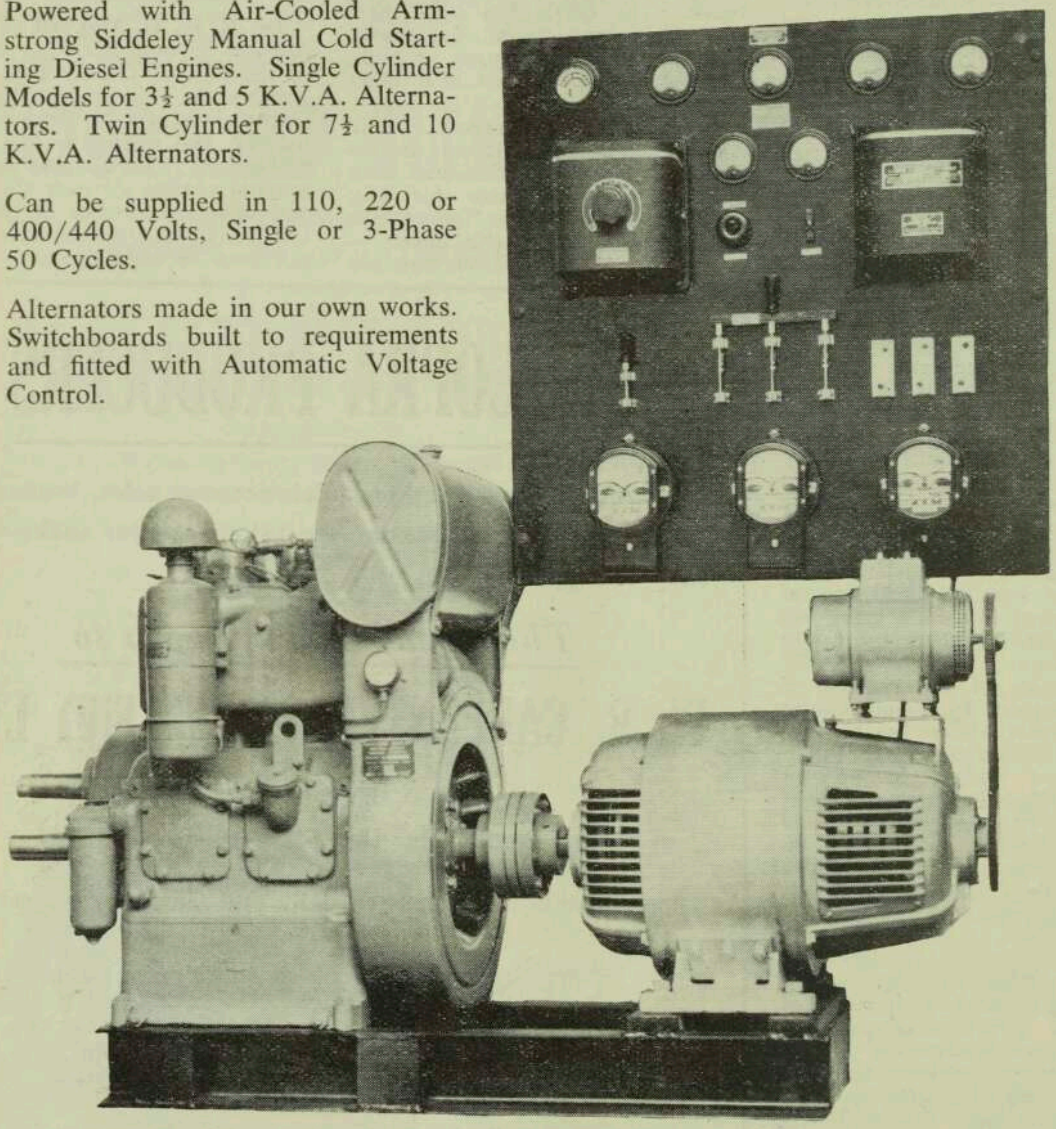

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FIGHTING HANSEN'S DISEASE IN NG HIGHLANDS

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A milestone in the establishment of the Hansenide Colony near Mt. Hagen, NG, was passed on September 25 and was marked by a special function—100 of the 212 Hansen's disease patients, or lepers, moved into permanent, sawn-timber dwellings that had just been completed. They had previously been treated in native-type dwellings built of round timber, plaited bamboo, and thatch.

Visitors present on this occasion included the District Commissioner of the Western Highlands District, Mr. R. R. Cole and his wife, Mrs. P. Robb, wife of the Assistant District Officer, and Mr. R. W. Collins, Instructor at the Mt. Hagen Native Medical School. In the afternoon, the Assistant Director of Public Health, Dr. A. J. May, arrived from the Sepik with Dr. J. C. McInerney in the latter's private plane.

The new hospital buildings and European quarters represent 110,000 super feet of timber which were cut by Mr. L. L. Aveling at his sawmill which is at an altitude of 7,000 ft. The sawmill has been operating for only 16 months, and Mr. Aveling's resourcefulness was baulked by nothing.

The completed quarters consist of two 0 ft. x 20 ft. wards and eight 28 ft. x 3 ft. wards. A large clinic with office and routine examination room is also ready for use, while a 60 ft. x 25 ft. building, containing theatre, main office, medical store, dispensary and laboratory has been is use for several months. Mr. K. Aitken has been responsible for organising the building programme.

The building programme is not completed, as the target is a 500-bed hospital. This should be capable of treating all Hansen's disease patients in the NG Highlands area. An area 10 miles in radius from the present leper colony has been cleaned up as most of the 376 cases treated or being treated have walked in voluntarily from this area; 164 cases have been already discharged and 212 cases are now under treatment.

The leper colony is Government owned, but operated by the Mission Board of Seventh-day Adventists. All of the staff are members of the Mission.

The nursing Sisters have accomplished an enormous amount of work under trying conditions. There was the continual frustration of keeping wards and clinics clean when the floor was made of plaited bamboo; and the kunai roofing dropped

Top shows group at function (left to right): Mrs. P. Robb, Mrs. L. H. Barnard, Mr. R. W. Collins, Mrs. C. R. Stafford, Mr. F. L. Aveling, Mrs. F. L. Aveling, Mrs. R. R. Cole, Sisters G. M. Long, O. Y. Pearce, Mr. L. H. Barnard, Dr. A. J. May, Dr. J. C. McInerney, Mr. R. R. Cole (hidden) and Mr C. R. Stafford.
Lower: New buildings at Hansenide Colony. Office-clinic on left with quarters lining either side of road.

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grass, dust, and insects continually. They deserve the improved working conditions they now have. Sister Olive Pearce has been with the colony for over two years and her laboratory experience has been invaluable to the hospital; Sister Gwen Long arrived this year from the Amyes Memorial Hospital in the Solomons bringing her wealth of experience with her.

The new drug, Diamino Diphenyl Sulphone, usually known as DDS, has many advantages over former treatments —particularly in its lack of bad toxic reactions even when given for long periods.

Its effect is not dramatic and many cases will require several years' treatment before their condition is arrested but, if cases come in early, there is little chance of the disease progressing while under treatment. This is bringing new hope to sufferers who, formerly, could do nothing to arrest the mutilating and disfiguring progress of this most feared of all diseases.

Native visitors return to their villages and add to the stories of returned patients and thus spread good reports of the effects of the treatment and of the hospital.

An English entomologist, **Mr Brandt,** was making a collection of moths and butterflies of NG, in November.

Mr. P. Hughes, accompanied by Mrs. Hughes, returned to BSIP on October 6 by Qantas airliner. He has been on leave in the United Kingdom but has now resumed duty as Acting Resident Commissioner until the arrival of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific in Honiara to take up permanent residence. **Mr. P. A. Richardson** who has been Acting Resident Commissioner during Mr. Hughes' absence on leave, has resumed his substantive appointment as Secretary to Government.

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RABAUL'S TOWN-PLANNERS CLASH WITH ADMINISTRATOR

P. MORESBY, Nov. 2.

THERE has been a lively interchange of arguments and compliments between the Acting Administrator (Mr. D. M. Cleland) and representatives of Rabaul interests, concerning the planning of the new town of Rabaul.

Wartime operations obliterated old Rabaul. Postwar Administrations said that the new town should be built much further away from the volcanoes. While Canberra, for six years, dithered with the question of where to build the Islands' capital, Rabaul private interests did a lot of building, in a jumbled pattern and according to no plan.

After six years, Canberra decided that Rabaul should be rebuilt on the old site. The Rabaul District Commissioner, the Town Advisory Council, the Rabaul Chamber of Commerce and private interests generally then were encouraged to assist Port Moresby in making a plan of rebuilding which would take cognisance of various important local considerations.

Port Moresby was friendly to the idea. There was set up a Town Planning committee comprising Messrs. K. McCarthy (District Commissioner), J. Murphy (District Officer), J. McClennan (Works Officer), J. Richards (representing Custodian), L. Chipper and B. Ryan (Chamber of Commerce), J. Koefod (Valuator), and D. Barrett, MLC.

The Committee worked very hard on the plans, and finally made a series of recommendations to Port Moresby. A party of Departmental heads, consisting of Messrs. D. M. Cleland (Acting Administrator), Jones (District Services), Lonergan (Government Secretary) and Dr. Gunther (Public Health), proceeded to Rabaul and conferred with the Committee and examined the recommendations on the spot, with the following result:

Area to be allotted to Chinatown —Accepted.

Area to be allotted to Botanic Gardens and recreational reserves—Accepted.

Native hospital and native labour compound should be located at Napindik—Rejected. Decided that native hospital shall be at Nonga North Coast area (5 miles from Rabaul) and Native Labour compound shall be in the Sulphur Creek Road area (about 6 miles from native hospital).

Recommended that area now occupied by native education centre (between Malaguna Road and the harbour side) should be used by Works Department workshops and bulk stores—Rejected.

Recommended that area on northern side of Malaguna Road, rising to the hills, should become a European residential area—Rejected. Port Moresby decided that the area, partly occupied by Works Department and Education Department should remain where it is.

Recommended that, for accommodation of 200 small ships registered in Rabaul, wharf, slipway, and barge-landing facilities be placed in the sheltered portion of the harbour, from a point adjacent to pre-war OTC site, westward to the present small ships' wharf.—Rejected. It was decided to retain this area as a boulevarde and to place most of the shipping facilities at the northern end of Malaguna

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Some members of the Town Planning Committee were angry and indignant at the rejections of their plans and, through press and radio, a subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce (Messrs. J. L. Chipper, D Gow, J. Koefod and M. W. Fishwick) made a sharp attack upon Port Moresby officialdom. They said: "Port Moresby representatives had come to Rabaul to put into effect their own preconceived decisions, irrespective of the recommendations of the local planning Committee. . . . This was very obvious from the attitude of at least one member of Port Moresby, when he continually gazed into space during the Conference. . . . Why should Departmental directors from PM make decisions which countermand the requirements of the residents of Rabaul, having apparently no thought to the inconvenience to be caused these residents, but merely desiring to be the overlords from a faraway seat of office in Port Moresby?"

A copy of the sub-committee's communication was received by the Acting Administrator on October 22; and that evening a condensation of the letter was broadcast. However, Mr. Cleland went immediately into action. He telegraphed: "I regret Chamber's attitude. Statement is ill-conceived. Full reply being posted to you."

In his reply (posted to Rabaul on October 27) Mr. Cleland surveyed the sequence of events and said that he and his Departmental heads were not idle during their visit to Rabaul but had gone out and examined each problem *in situ*, and had walked over large areas of rough country; and that finally the decisions were made, not by the Port Moresby officials but by Mr. Cleland, himself—and he stood by them. He then set forth his reasons for each decision.

● The Rapindik area was rejected as a site for hospital and compound because it was situated right in the heart of the volcanic danger zone; it did not provide ready access to the sea as a means of escape; location of both hospital and compound there would have been wrong in principal. The Sulphur Creek site was on good, high ground, was nearer the town, and gave ready access to land and sea escape routes. The erection of the hospital in the Rapindik area would have meant that it would have been totally useless if affected by an eruption. The site at Nonga provided greater safety, and was close to the evacuation centre—a most desirable aspect.

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BLACKOUT FOR HONIARA

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Oct. 10.

THE power-plant of Honiara, BSI, which has been limping along for the last five years, finally reached danger point early in October, and in order to avoid a complete breakdown (which, among other things, would have left the township without a water supply) each householder was given the choice of retaining either his electric light, or his refrigerator, the fuse for one or the other being removed by the Public Works Department according to the householder's decision.

Most residents decided to keep their refrigerators going, largely because the first fresh meat and eggs for many weeks had arrived just previously by the *Malaita*.

There was a rush on the Government Trade Scheme store and Chinatown for candles and hurricane lamps, candlesticks being improvised out of anything available, from bowls of frangapani to beer bottles and glasses. The blackout is expected to continue for some weeks.

Two engines for the new power house arrived on the *Malaita*. As the generator for one had arrived previously, there is now in Honiara one complete new 220 KW generating set, plus a second engine, for which another generator is expected. When the new power house is completed and the new engines installed, Honiara's electricity supply should be a good one. Meanwhile we await spare parts to keep the old power-plant going.

Monsieur J. Djaban, who has been visiting Auckland for some months, returned to Papeete by TEAL on October 28.

Cattle Airlift for NG

BETWEEN October and the end of December, Mandated Airlines of New Guinea expect to fly 300 head of cattle from Cairns (Q'ld.) to Moresby and Lae.

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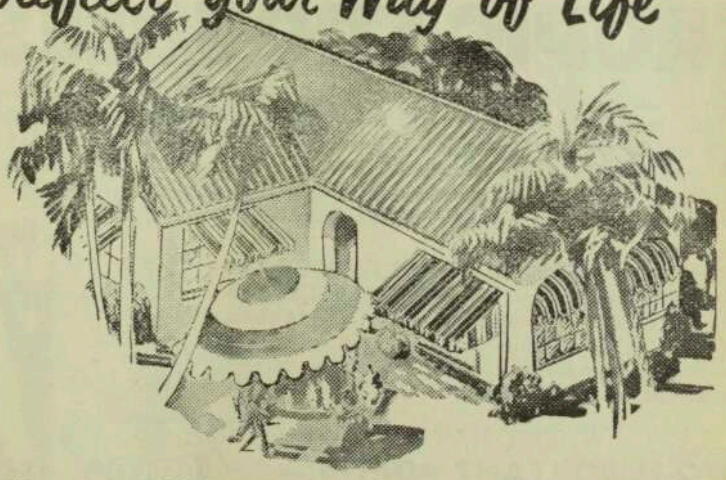

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The ladies' golf championship was won by Mrs. R. Slaven and the men's by Mr. J. Empen. The Burrow Cup for alternate stroke play was won by Mrs. C. H. W. Larsen and Mr. A. Jacobsen.

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After the ceremony a reception was held at "Mandalay", Lane Cove, where a number of old New Guinea residents joined in wishing the happy couple every prosperity. Many congratulatory messages were received from New Guinea and England.

Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Grimes signing the Register.

Aluminium Industry for P-NG — Maybe

A CAUTIOUS statement by the Australian Minister for Territories in October, indicated that some day Papua-New Guinea might have an aluminium industry. But like all New Guinea projects, it seems far off and very vague.

The New Guinea Resources Prospecting Co., Ltd., with which is associated the Australian government, is surveying the hydro-electric potential (believed to be large) of Territory rivers. Extensive deposits of bauxite have been discovered on Vessel Island off the coast of Arnhem Land—if these deposits are proved, the extraction may be done in P-NG and the products then sent for treatment to Tasmania where large-scale hydro-electricity is also available.

This plan seems to involve a great deal of transportation. However, it should be remembered that Canada which has one of the largest aluminium industries, drags some of its bauxite right up the Pacific coast from the Caribbean. With aluminium the availability of large volumes of cheap electricity are more important than the proximity of the raw material, bauxite.

Mr. Gordon Hayward, former popular member of Rarotonga Radio staff, has recently been appointed Radio Inspector at Greymouth, NZ.

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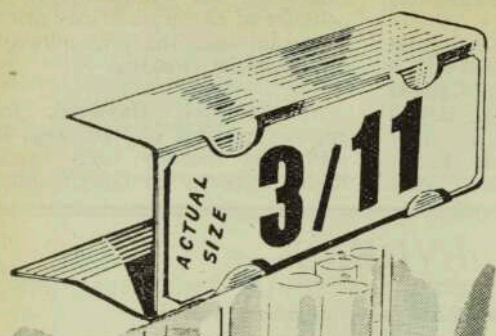

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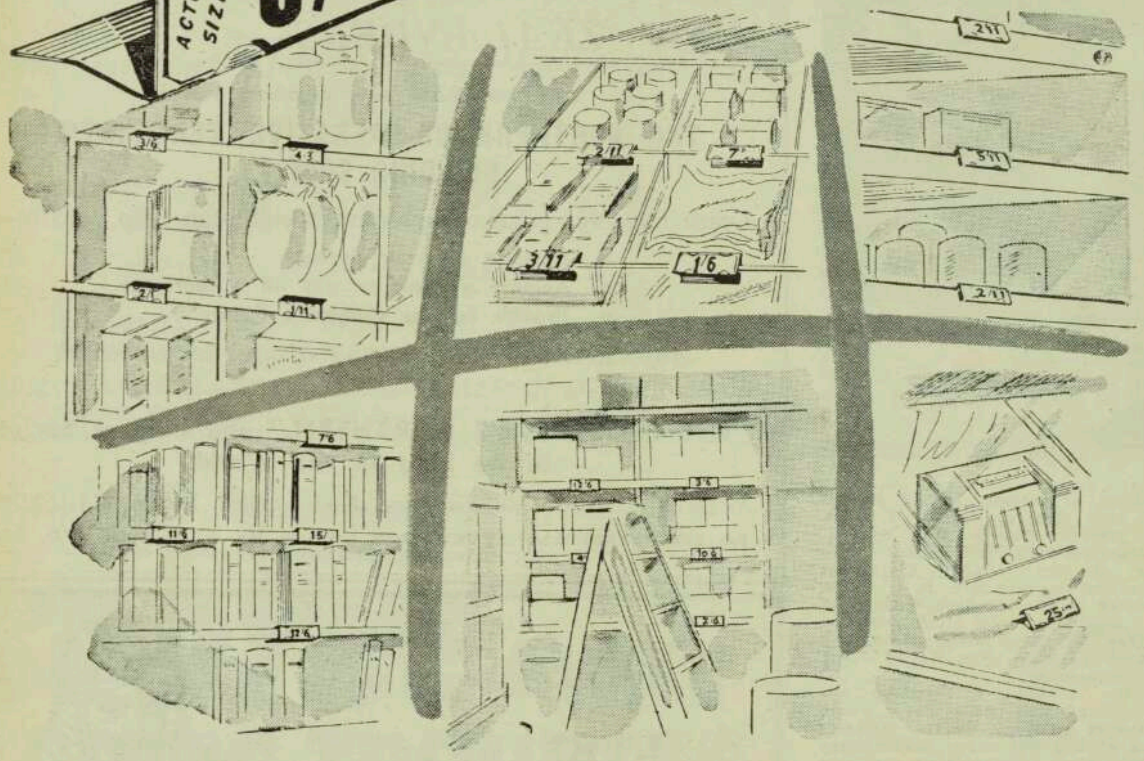

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BLUE BAGS FOR BIG BANANAS

QUEENSLAND and NSW banana growers are experimenting with plastic bags tied around growing banana bunches. They say that it produces bigger and better fruit—to which consumers retort that anything is worth trying if it will improve the inferior fruit sold in Australia as bananas and currently costing about 7d per piece.

The bags are made from the sort of plastic used for shower-curtains etc. Red, green, white, blue and yellow have been tried but the blue plastic gives the best results—no one knows why. The bags are drawn on over the bunch of bananas and tied with a drawstring to the stem.

Mr. Sydney H. Chance, former Papuan RM commenting on this new notion comments:

"Perhaps our Papua-New Guinea coons are not so primitive after all; all old Territorians know how the natives wrap certain types of broad leaves around the bunches of bananas and what delicious fruit they produce—so different from the near-sawdust fruit that is sold in Australia. I do not think the natives wrap it solely to keep off the fruit-bats—I have seen them wrap it in areas that are free from these pests."

THERE are lots of Papuan and NG old-timers around Brisbane but one sees little of them. George Christie—looking younger than ever—Charlie Wurth and O. D. Shafer have been sighted recently; but Peter Lianta and Ned Rowlands seem to be in seclusion. Readers who remember one-armed Bob Corney will be pleased to hear that he is ending his days very peacefully and comfortably at the Eventide Home Sandgate (writes an old Territorian, now a resident of Brisbane).

When last visited (22.9.52) old Bob, though very deaf and nearly blind, was able to tell of the days of the late nineties, when he was trading and recruiting. Now 87, he does not think much of our copper or gold: "Maybe there's lots there, but I never found any of it. But they were a great crowd up there. You only had to show you were a little bit crook, and out you went."

DON'T LET'S BE REALIST

JAMES A. MICHENER who (although he says he has not) is believed to have made a fortune out of *Tales from the South Pacific*, the musical based on it called *South Pacific*, and *Return to Paradise* recently visited Korea, Japan, Hongkong, Formosa, India, Pakistan, Malaya, Thailand, and Indonesia. His new book, *Voices of Asia* has emerged from this last visit.

He makes his a realist's approach—i.e. that the old Asia is finished and the best we can do is to enlist co-operation. In his realism he says that since Australia can neither populate nor develop New Guinea, we should let the Japanese in, "treat them decently, and pray that in time of trouble they will remain loyal."

Few Australians allow their realism to take them as far as this. They may have no solution to the New Guinea mystery but as far as Japs are concerned the whole eight million of them mutter "Over our dead bodies"—and mean it.

Michener sees the rise of Asia and the eclipse of the Western world. In 50 years, he thinks, Great Britain will be remembered affectionately for her glorious past and the United States will be a museum relic like Greece.

He may be right at that. Unfortunately the ordinary individual who has been written at more in this age than in any other, is more concerned with living in this world than reforming it. It is nice, occasionally, to toy with the idea of a world sans commentators, observers, realists or theorists.—MAC.

CHURCHMAN LOOKS AT MOVIE-MAKERS

IN the Diocese of Polynesia *Church Gazette*, the Rev. C. W. Whonsbon-Aston (Apia) makes his usual amusing contribution—this time an observation of movie-making and movie stars:

"The whole of Apia is agog with excitement over the Aspen film production, "The Return to Paradise," in which Gary Cooper and Barry Jones figure as the stars proper. It is interesting to know that some of the most staid members of our congregation will appear in the cast.

Susan Blood of Nondugl, New Guinea Highlands, nurses one of the first black sheep there. At the fourth Nondugl lambing, three black lambs were born and created a stir among the natives who, having become acquainted with sheep only recently, had assumed that there were only white ones.

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The picture should be an interesting one, for we gather that it deals with a missionary who is an enthusiast in protecting the morals of his flock, and a kind of beachcomber whose past has not been all it might have been, but who was looking for a Paradise where there would be but one beach, one moon, and one "dame." The beachcomber, apparently, made good, and the lion and the lamb sported together in the end. Those who see the film will also see something of Samoan life. I may add that the principals of the company from the States have given us a new idea of such professionals and are welcome visitors to our community."

THE PERILS OF ENGLISH

THIS one is told in the October issue of the *Southern Cross Log*. The Bishop of Melanesia (The Right Rev. S. G. Caulton) and a member of his staff were visiting a district school on Santa Ysabel, BSI. and were browsing through some exercise books to see how the pupils were getting on. One exercise in English was "Give the masculine of" —and there followed a list of feminines. The first was "hen", and the answer, of course, was "cock"—and so on.

The last one was goddess, and the masculine of that, according to the Santa Ysabel schoolboy who wrote it, was "cock-goddess."

BOUNTY RELIC GOES HOME

WHEN Mr. F. H. McCoy, great-great-grandson of the original McCoy of the *Bounty*, returns to Pitcairn Island soon with his wife, he will take with him an iron axe-head which he had taken down to New Zealand from Norfolk Island.

The axe was one of the articles salvaged from the *Bounty* before she was burnt by the mutineers in 1790. It was taken to Norfolk Island in 1856 when a part of the Pitcairn population was transferred there and has lately been in the possession of Mrs. Nash Christian of Norfolk.

The axe will be deposited in the Pitcairn museum, along with other *Bounty* relics, which are gradually being reassembled.

A BULLDOG FOR BIESEL

OF late a good looking young Dutchman has been seen flitting from dog-kennel to dog-kennel in Auckland, casting a speculative eye over the city's bulldogs.

The Dutchman is Jan van Duivenboden—TEAL's "Flying Dutchman", now well known along the Coral Route. Normally an air traffic officer for the company in Auckland, Jan, an ex-KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) man, travels as interpreter and factotum aboard the big Solents from time to time, and in the process finds himself charged with some strange commissions for people along the way.

Latest of these is to purchase a bulldog for Papeete's chief of police, M. Biesel and late in October it was said that the Flying Dutchman now has at least a nodding acquaintance with every bulldog north of Hamilton. An aggressive looking twenty-five guinea model is at present the hot favourite for the flight out of Auckland on November 11.

Monsieur Biesel already has a reputation for astuteness in criminology. Shortly after arriving in Papeete he tricked out some of his male staff in Paris models and sent them aboard an overseas ship, thereby making some clever arrests for smuggling.

Now along the Coral Route they're wondering whether we will soon hear of some equally clever arrest by means of a bulldog, arrayed in bonnet and bib, operating from the latest in Paris prams.

ETIQUETTE

THE late Sir Hubert Murray, of Papua, did not like his officers to scrape to him all the time. I found that if I gave him a "Your Excellency" the first time I met him all that was required the rest of the day was an odd "Sir" now and again!

Once, travelling in the *Laurabada* with him, whilst we were partaking of the usual after-dinner-cocoa, he amazed me by telling me this hither-

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Crossquiz—No. 34

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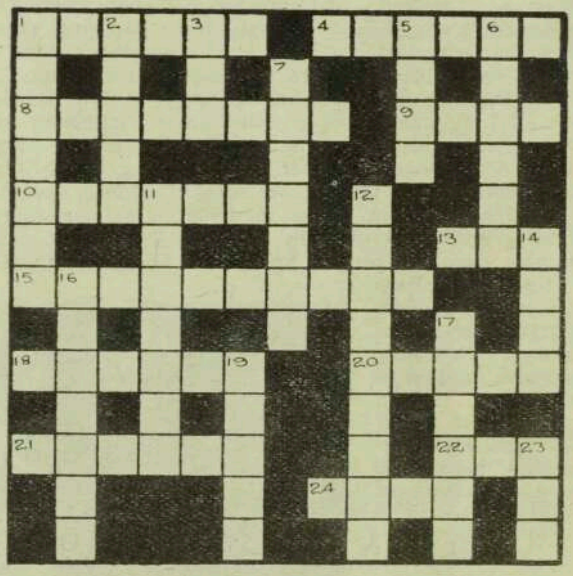

ACROSS

1.—Which is the element discovered by Peter and Marie Curie?
4.—What is the name of the African region the Anglo-Egyptian part of which has Khartum for its capital?
8.—What was the name of the King of Caria whose tomb was erected by his queen Artemisia?
9.—What is the large salt lake in Asiatic Russia?
10.—Who was the French 18th century philosopher who was the editor of the first French Encyclopaedia?
13.—Who wrote the famous poem "The Raven"?
15.—What is the name of the town in Bavaria near Nurnberg situated on the river Eger which was once an Imperial city?
18.—What is the impressions made on deeds as evidence of payment of tax?
20.—Which Rumanian king twice abdicated his throne?
21.—At which place did ancient people consult their deities?
22.—What large European animal is called a moose in America?
24.—What is the small British colony near the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb?

DOWN

1.—During which Mohammedan month is rigid fasting observed?
2.—What was the term for an ancient Celtic priest?
3.—Which is the international association of which Mr. Trygve Lie is the Secretary-General?
5.—Which mountain range separates Europe from Asia?
6.—What is the musical expression meaning "leisurely"?
7.—What is the term for the wild horse of Mexico and California?
11.—How would you express with one word "peculiar to a people or to a district"?
12.—What is the musical expression for "with gradually increasing volume"?
14.—What is the adjective which, with number one, signifies the Devil?
16.—Which is the smallest of the Great Lakes?
17.—What is a more poetic name for the East?
19.—What is the term for hail or snow mixed with rain?
23.—Where are the Royal Botanical Gardens, near London?

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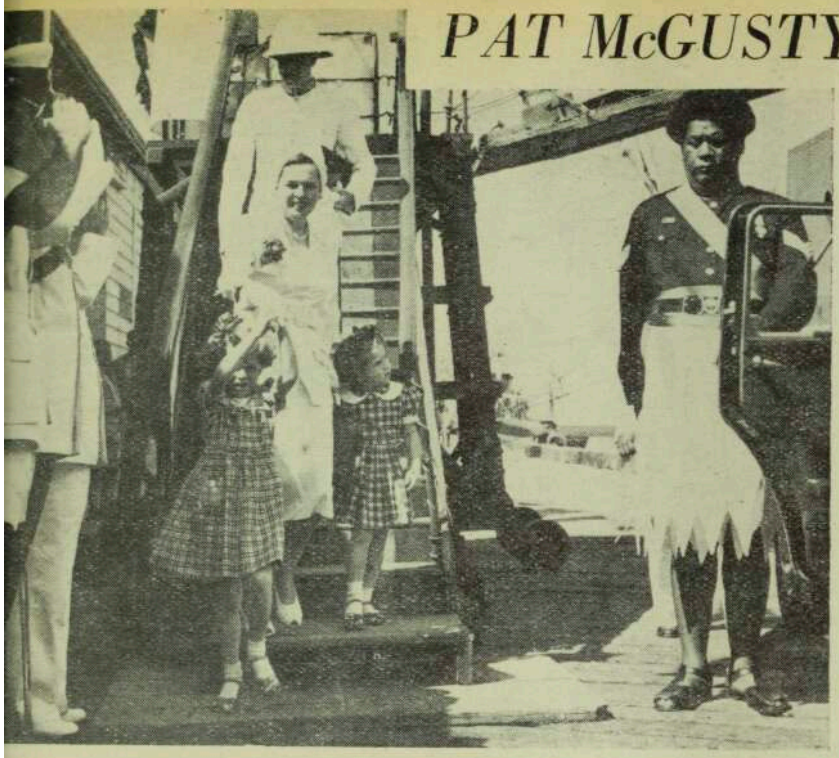
PAT McGUSTY COMES HOME



Lady Garvey, wife of the new Governor of Fiji, with her two youngest daughters, descending the gangway of the Tofua, in Suva, October 6, 1952. She is the first Suva-born girl to be the wife of a Governor of Fiji. The head of the Customs Department, and the Harbourmaster (obscured) are at the left of the picture. On the right, one of her small daughters takes her first interested look at a big Fijian police official. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Stoddart, who has acted as Governor for a year, is behind Lady Garvey.

—Photo by Rob Wright.

A COUPLE of decades ago, in a collegiate school for young girls, in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, there were two teen-age lasses from Fiji, Patricia McGusty and Elizabeth Hennings.

Blonde and brunette, they were alike only in that they both were small, vivacious and pretty. And they were close friends. One was the daughter of Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, Director of Medical Services in the Colony, and the other the daughter of Mr. Gus Hennings, one of the best-known and best-loved of Fiji's old-time planters.

In due course, both returned to Fiji, and were members of the Colony's smart Younger Set. Pat was a prominent figure in Suva; but Elizabeth and her sister spent much of their time on their father's plantation on Naitamba Island, in the Lau archipelago.

At Government House parties, Miss McGusty met Ronald Garvey, one of the promising young officers of the Western Pacific High Commission; and they who saw the meeting correctly forecast wedding bells. Among those who attended the wedding reception in the Grand Pacific Hotel, in Suva, in the 'Thirties, was Ratu Sukuna, a cousin of Mr. Gus Hennings, and now the distinguished Sir Lala Sukuna.

For several years, Ronald Garvey was an increasingly important man in the South Pacific: He and his young wife moved from place to place, always on promotion. December 6, 1941 (Pearl Harbour) found him on isolated Ocean Island, as Resident Commissioner of Gilbert and Ellice Colony. Fortunately his wife and their two small children were in Suva. Five months later, Mr. Garvey and the Administration staff were taken off Ocean Island, under the noses of the Japs, at midnight, by a very fast French destroyer.

Soon after that, the Garveys left the South Seas they loved so much—he was transferred to an important post in Central Africa; thence to an Administratorship in the West Indies; and then, five years ago, he was appointed Governor of British Honduras, and created KCMG. Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey had a full term there, in one of the least comfortable colonies in the Empire.

In 1951, the British Colonial Office sought a man to fill another uncomfortable Governorship—that of Fiji—uncomfortable because of a racial problem created by the abnormal growth of the Indian population. They wanted someone who had strength, wisdom, patience and who kept his head in a crisis. Sir Ronald Garvey had disclosed those qualities in some ticklish situations in Central America; and he had a close personal knowledge of Fiji conditions, and the Indians. His appointment to Fiji was inevitable.

The appointment took Fiji somewhat by surprise. British Colonial officials come and go ceaselessly, and Garvey had been half forgotten. When Suva realised that "young Ronald Garvey" and his attractive Suva-born wife were coming back, to occupy the big house on top of the hill, it hastily revived its memories of the pleasant young couple who were part of its social life in the 'Thirties. It liked what it remembered, and the new appointment was immediately popular . . .

AND so, on one of those rare mornings when Suva is bathed in hot golden sunshine, and the kindly trade-wind blows coolly out of the southeast, Pat McGusty came home. All Suva stood around eager to greet her, but waiting anxiously. The little teen-age lass with whom they had danced and tennised and frivolled nearly twenty years ago was now Her Excellency. How formidable would she be?

She came down the gangway holding the hands of her two lovely little daughters, and there was no mistaking the delight with which she stepped onto the shore of her own home-land. They declared that she "had not changed a bit" since she went to Africa, and they loved her.

Sir Ronald Garvey followed, soon after, and again Suva devoted a moment of serious study to an old friend. Unlike his wife, he had put on some weight; but he had put it on in exactly the right places, and he looked every inch a Governor. As the ceremonies proceeded, Suva relaxed, and cheered. All three communities, with the Europeans smiling happily and the Fijians

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vociferous, approved very definitely of their new rulers.

The day's ceremonies concluded with an evening broadcast, and the broadcast ended on the happiest note of all. There was an address by His Excellency, and a brief greeting by Lady Garvey; and then, quite unexpectedly, Lady Garvey said this:

"I feel impelled to end my greeting to you all, whatever your creed or race, in the tongue, so little used for many years, in which I first made known my wants:—

"Au sa marau vakalevu sara, e na bogi edaidai, n'iu sa kunei au tale e na kemuni maliwa oi kemuni na wekaqu bibi, ni vanua lomani k'au a sucu kina. Me vakavulai keda kece ko koya na Kaloulevu mai lomalagi."

(Freely translated: I am very happy indeed this evening, to be back in the land where I was born, and to be able to greet you all. My best wishes to you all, and may God bless you.)

I wish Her Excellency had been at the receiving end of a radio, where I was, among Fijians, and seen the delight of those people, as they heard her speaking to them in their own tongue.

Story of Elizabeth Hennings

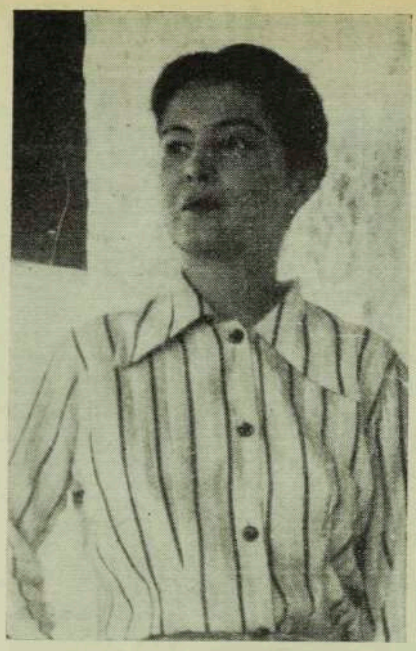
AND now—for there is a singular coincidence here—we return to Miss McGusty's school-friend, Elizabeth Hennings. What has become of her?

In the late 'Thirties, the two Hennings girls, Elizabeth and Sophie—well educated, clever and very attractive—decided that plantation life in Fiji held too few opportunities. Their father gave them some funds, and they set off to look the world over and see what they could make of life.

On the liner *Mariposa*, in the United States, and in London, they stuck together, fought off the wild wolves and ultimately got themselves jobs. Elizabeth (Liz to her friends) turned to good account a remarkable talent for drawing and designing. The war came, and both girls held war jobs.

Sophie (Beau to intimates) became an efficient pilot of planes. She was a passenger in a plane which ran into a London balloon barage, and she had a miraculous escape. After the war, she married an Englishman with a double-barrelled name, and lives in England.

Liz followed on with designing, and had remarkable success with theatre commissions. As a measure of that success, it may be noted that she was closely associated with the Oliviers, in the design and presentation of their more important costumes.



A snapshot of Miss Elizabeth Hennings, on the balcony of the Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva.

By a happy chance, she was home in Fiji, for a spell, when the Warner Brothers sent their scouts out there to consider the production of "O'Keefe". They planned to bring dress designers from Hollywood. They were interested but not impressed when Miss Hennings sought them out, and suggested she do the O'Keefe costumes. She was a striking personality—pretty, petite, self-assured—but, after all, she was only a local girl. However, they said they would consider any drawings she submitted.

Liz went to work. Day and night, she dredged through old records of the O'Keefe period and places (50 years ago, in the Carolines and Hongkong and thereabouts) and then she did her sketches. I have seen the portfolio, and there is little wonder that they bowled over the Warner executives.

On top of the genuine old costumes, Liz put the product of her own artistic skill and vivid imagination; and the resulting designs must help much in the success of this film. The public will see them, in due course.

Warners "canned" all other plans, and took Fijian-born Elizabeth Hennings and her designs to their heart, and literally give her *carte blanche*. Sir Lala and Lady Sukuna put their Suva house at her disposal; she assembled a large staff of assistants; scoured Fiji and the adjoining islands for materials; and as the film unit settled into Deuba and began its six-months' task, a mass of costumes began to move out from Miss Hennings's work-rooms to the studio. One has to see the huge task, and the results, to appreciate the qualities of this remarkable young woman.

From what I have seen, I believe that the O'Keefe film will be a complete success, and the name of Elizabeth Hennings will be associated with that success.

Early in October, the *Tofua* brought Miss Pat McGusty home to Fiji, to preside over Government House, on Suva hill, as Her Excellency. Early in October, as the Warner Brothers film unit began to put the finishing touches on its film achievement, the artistic triumph of Miss Hennings was being widely recognised. It was a remarkable coincidence that those two Suva ladies, who were friends together in that NZ school 20 years ago, and whose paths diverged so widely, should both have come back to Suva, the same year, to enjoy the happiest stage of their successful lives.—RWR.

Confidence Requires Pants

The O'Keefe film is reported to have brought about a quarter million pounds to Fiji but it has also brought some high-coloured publicity. A Sydney daily recently had this to say:

The company flew 278 pairs of bloomers to the Fiji Islands to induce native girls to perform hula dances.

"Girls wearing grass skirts must have some sort of bloomers underneath to give them confidence," explained a leading tribal chief. An urgent cable to Hollywood produced a supply of nylon pants—and the seductive hula scenes were filmed.

There may be some basis for the story—but no one would recognise what it is after the publicity men have dressed it up.

Fijian girls do not normally do hula dances, seductive or otherwise, and usually look out of place and far from happy when they attempt it. Their *Mekes* consist mainly of hand and arm movements and a little feet-shuffling. For their dances they are usually clothed completely from neck to ankles—look at our cover picture this month.

Anyway, O'Keefe's Caroline Islanders, although they wore grass skirts, probably did not dance hulas either. That form of dancing seems exclusively Polynesian.

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ypical Farming Land.

Green and Pleasant Land

(Photos by NZ Tourist & Publicity Department.)

OUTH Pacific Wonderland—that's what the NZ Tourist & Pub-city Department call their domain, ost important of all the South acific island groups. And that's hat they, and Tasman Empire irways jointly set out to prove to party of Australian press men en-ute from Sydney to Tahiti along e Coral Route in October.

The trip was a fast one, through rt of the North Island of New aland and PIM's representative nt along to cast an eye over just hat this Wonderland has to offer sun-baked planter, the jaded blic servant or the browned-off ands business man dreaming of se precious weeks or months of lough ahead, eager to put the pics as far as possible behind him, the shortest possible time and at lowest possible price.

The untravelled New Zealander mpletely fails to appreciate just w well endowed is his country—scenery, climate, recreational facilities, transport, accommodation and in food. Many countries have one or other of these things in good measure but few indeed are so bounteously provided with all of them and, this especially, within so small a compass.

This wonderful compactness is one of the most attractive features of a furlough visit to New Zealand. Based at say Rotorua in the heart of the North Island, or at Christchurch in the South, the visitor is within easy reach of numerous and varied attractions.

What other country could offer the possibility of catching swordfish off the coast, a trout in some quiet fly-stream, shooting deer on the edge of some stand of native bush, making a ski-run in the mountains, swimming in a thermal pool or off an ocean beach, visiting a glow-worm cave, a sheep-farm as good as any in the world, and a commercial orchard—and eating three good meals in three separate hotels, all in one day? All these things and more are within two hours driving or less from any one of a number of excellent hotels in Rotorua.

What other country, too, within easy reach of the Islands resident, can offer a countryside of such sheer delight and ever changing vista? In spring, the whole land is richly dressed in every shade of green—the amazingly green grasslands, the paler shades of weeping willow overhanging every stream, the poplars all in leaf, and the darker hedges; or the gorse-clad hillsides spangled with dull gold blossom along the roadsides, the whole set off with fat, sleek cows, and sheep heavy with wool, lambs at foot. Never is there a dreary, long straight road. The main highways are well surfaced, signposted and easily graded. Always is there some snow-capped peak or mountain range in sight. Always the over-riding impression is one of lush fertility and natural wealth, of ever pleasing landscape.

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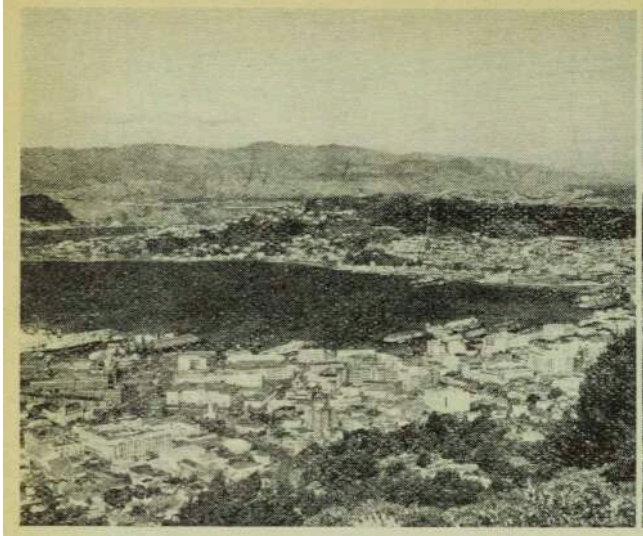


Big city, or remote, flower-bordered mountain lake is yours for the choosing. (The city is Wellington, NZ capital).

whether in cruising by the excellent bus services or flying the network of airways that cover both main islands and extend to the distant Chathams and to Stewart Island in the south.

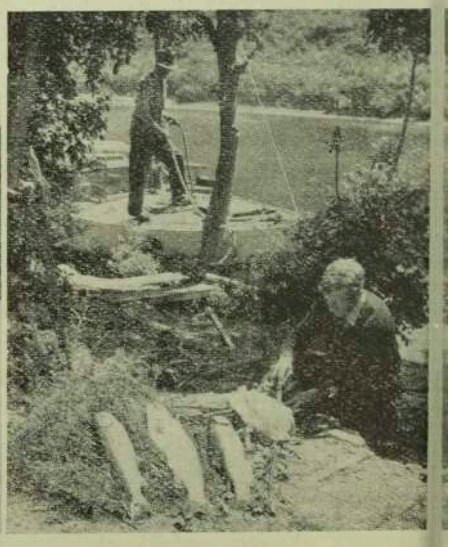
Despite some American criticism of New Zealand hotels the Australian Press Party was unanimous that the standard was generally higher than in the average Australian hotel. Only the super-luxury class of hotel is in short supply. The food is excellent. Butter is 1/8 per lb in New Zealand—and milk 4½d per pint—and both are available without the least restriction in every eating house in the country, all the year round.

For those who wish to avoid hotels, who hire a car and set forth to explore the country by caravan, there are numerous beautiful camp-sites, many with modern facilities, others, more secluded where, beside some quiet stream restful fishing, swimming and sun bathing can be enjoyed all through the summer—with sorties to the nearest city as desired. New Zealand's gifts to the visitor are essentially those of the outdoors.

Not all visitors from the tropics seek the bracing climate of the south. Those who do can visit and even walk upon the only accessible glaciers in the Southern Hemisphere with scarcely any climbing. By arrangement they can enjoy one of the most moving experiences that the Southern Hemisphere has to offer—the approach to the inner basin of Milford Sound from the sea; a truly awe-inspiring experience. The largest ships can enter this world-apart through the great two-mile deep water rift in the coastal wall. Within, completely surrounded by mountain peaks towering above to 6,000 feet, snow-covered to their very feet in winter, nature displays itself in its most impressive form. Hardly less impressive is the landward approach via a road surely as scenic as any in the world.

In contrast, the all-year-round

Hot or Cold? On the left, visitors look down into some of the thermal pools at Rotorua. In the centre they explore a South Island glacier. Trout like those shown at extreme right, may be caught in a thousand NZ streams.



limate of the North Auckland peninsula is mild, frost free even in winter, and, to the New Zealander, often oppressively hot in the summer. Many former Islands residents have made their permanent homes in the lovely Bay of Islands, finding the climate ideal after years of tropical residence. Here is the yachtsman's paradise, the Big Game Fisherman's stamping ground, where oranges and other sub-tropical fruits grow. Even better endowed with hours of sunshine per annum is that other yachting and camping paradise, the Marlborough Sounds at the north end of the South Island. Here one may spend weeks exploring the innumerable bays, reaches and islands that form these miles of sheltered waterways. This is Wellington's holiday playground, from whence, across Cook Strait, people flock by yacht, launch and ferry steamer all through the summer.

With the establishment of the TEAL Coral Route service to Auckland, New Zealand is now accessible by direct service to most south-east Pacific residents, and to all the western Pacific residents, via Noumea and Suva, or via Australia. All holiday arrangements should be made well in advance.

MR. KEITH CUMMINGS of Rabaul, elected and indefatigable President of the New Guinea Club, which he is bringing back to its pre-war standards, even at the expense of his own business interests in the Rabaul Town Taxis and Town Transport enterprise.

—Drawing by Brett Hilder.

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to unpublished story, very much of human interest:

"You know, Sanasi, when I was in London last year, I was at a very posh dinner when, all of a sudden, I noticed several old dowagers looking at me, rather strangely, with raised eyebrows. To my embarrassment and horror, I found that I was cleaning out non-existent whiting from between the prongs of my forks."

Those who have had experience with Papuan "cookies" will quite appreciate the point!—SANASI, Q'ld.

THE IRONY OF IT

A memorial service for the late Rev. John Barge, murdered by the Japs in New Guinea, was conducted by the Right Rev. David Hand, Bishop of New Guinea, in Toowoomba, Q, on November 2.

The Rev. John Barge was a missionary in New Guinea in 1942, and he elected to remain with his people when the Japanese invaded. He was left alone, at first; but when the Americans and Australians began to force the Japs out of the Territory, the latter took the missionary aboard a destroyer, landed him on the coast some distance westwards, and shot him.

Mr. Barge was only one of many Europeans cruelly murdered in the Islands by the gentlemen of Japan between 1941 and 1945. Yet—such is the irony of international events—we now are becoming friendly with the murderers again, because we do not like the shape of Soviet Asia!

THE POWER OF ONE KISS

Fiji residents who have not forgotten their "pocket battleship" *Viti* will be interested to know that she is still having adventures. She was sold after the war and became a freighter, performing the usual mixed chores in New Zealand and Australian waters.

Recently when leaving Sydney, a motorman on the ship leaned over the guard rail to kiss his girl friend good-bye and, because of misjudged or prolonged timing, fell overboard.

He could not swim. Six of his friends jumped in to help him and in a matter of seconds were in difficulties. A police launch had to be called. The seven were rescued, pumped out at Sydney hospital and allowed to leave. But *Viti* sailed three hours late.

RECIPE CORNER

READERS are invited to send in their favourite recipes using Islands ingredients or ingredients easily obtainable in the Islands. Ten shillings will be paid for each one used.

DESSERTS IN A JIFFY

BANANA CINNAMON TOAST

Peel and slice a thick layer of bananas onto hot buttered toast. Sprinkle with sugar mixed with cinnamon and brown under a griller or in top of oven.

Serve piping hot with canned or fresh cream, sweetened and flavoured with vanilla.

BANANA CREAM WHIP

Strain the liquid from a small tin of cream, and whip the thick cream with one large dessertspoon of sugar. Mix together three mashed ripe bananas, a pinch of salt, and a dessertspoon of lime or lemon juice. Fold in the whipped cream. Chill, and serve within an hour, garnished with sliced banana.

BANANA AMBROSIA

2 oranges.
3 ripe bananas.
1½ cups grated coconut.
¼ cup sugar.

Cut oranges into thin slices and slice bananas. Arrange alternate layers of oranges and bananas in a large serving dish, sprinkling each layer with sugar and coconut. Top with coconut, garnish with orange and banana, and chill. Serve with custard, canned or fresh cream, or coconut cream.

Mr. J. W. Gittins, at present on leave in the United Kingdom, will shortly resign from the Fiji Government service on medical grounds. He has spent 22 years in the Colony, firstly as a Cadet then as a District Commissioner in many districts. Before going on leave last year he was Assistant Colonial Secretary.

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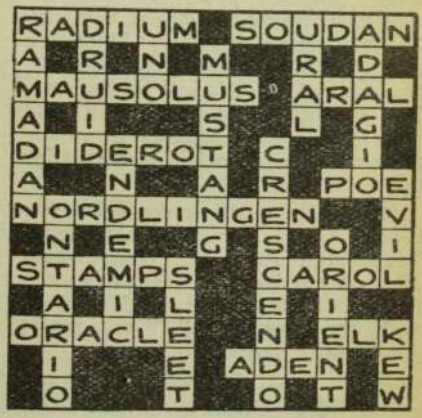

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On the Road to Penrhyn

By J.P.S.

CAPTAIN ANDY poured himself another generous tot of Johnny Walker and eased his sturdy form back on the cushions behind the cabin table.

"Belay there on the whisky, Mike," he growled. "That rum'll take care of an uncultured palate like yours, m'boy!

"Where were we. Coincidences, was it? Now, listen! Here really is an honest-to-gawd case that shows facts are surely stranger than fiction."

Captain Andy squinted up through the skylight at the easy curve of the *Tiare's* mainsail, and resumed.

"When I was 15 I shipped out in the Boston barquentine *John Grant Jnr.*, Pensacola, for Melbourne. Down in the South Atlantic Trades we overhauled an English barque and sailed in company with her, maybe two cable-lengths apart, the skippers exchanging news.

"Next day, still in company and the wind falling very light, the English skipper invited our Old Man over for dinner. He accepted.

"Now here's the coincidence, so-help-me. Our ship's company included an English boy who had been away from home for several years —and he was allowed to help man the dingy to row the Old Man across. And, whadd'yaknow, when they pulled alongside the English barque there was this boy's own brother looking over the rail. And that's the TRUTH" said Andy, with a heavy pound of the saloon table which finished up with his hand in a strategic position in relation to the whisky bottle.

"And that's not all. This is absolute gospel. We were still becalmed or in very light airs next day —just drifting together, kinda—so *our* Old Man invited the Englishman aboard. That's just by the way. We got a breeze that night and separated. They squared away for the nor'ard and we laid a course for the Cape.

"But, here's the point—she was bound home for Newcastle-upon-Tyne from Adelaide. Two weeks after we arrived at Melbourne she was wrecked on the English coast with the loss of all lives—except our English boy's brother!

"But, hold it, this yarn's not clewed up yet. No, sir! Years later I met that same survivor in an Alabama pub. He'd been in two more wrecks—and now they wouldn't sign him in an English ship. Said he was a Jonah. Well, whadd'yaknow!

"Mike, lay off that stuff! That's got to see me to Penrhyn and back, son. Yes, sir! I'll say he was a Jonah alright. We'll, here's to this breeze holding steady, gents!"

In Suva . . .

Shortly after Fiji's new Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) arrived in Suva in early October, the Fijians welcomed him in traditional manner with Kava drinking and other ceremonial. Ratu George Cakobau is shown here presenting a Tabua or whale's tooth to the Governor.

—Public Relations Office Photo.

In Tonga . . .

The new Wesleyan Church at Nukualofa, Tonga, which was opened by Queen Salote on September 27. The opening was followed by a week of feasting and dancing. The Church is probably the largest in the South Pacific Islands and has been several years building. Cost was subscribed by the Tongans. There were numerous Australian and New Zealand visitors at the opening. The Rev. H. G. Secomb, an ex - President - General of the Methodist Church, preached the first sermon.

—Photo by Hettig.

Mr. R. B. Carpenter, vice-chairman of Messrs. W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd., of Sydney, and **Mr. Jack Bailey,** general manager of Southern Pacific Insurance Co., Ltd., made an official visit to Fiji in October. The crushing mills established in Suva by the Fiji branch of the Carpenter organisation now handle a large proportion of the Colony's copra output.

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FIJI SEEKS NG PARASITE FOR HER BANANA INDUSTRY

THE Government of Fiji is seeking to control the banana scab moth—one of the worst pests of the industry in the colony—by introducing a parasite from New Guinea.

The scab moth causes unsightly scarring of the fruit, which if extensive, debars the banana from export.

The life history and habits of the New Guinea parasite are not well known and the senior Government entomologists, Mr. B. A. O'Connor has gone to study it and attempt to take a consignment back to Fiji.

Fiji's banana industry, which is maintained by Fijian native growers, is making a rapid recovery after being wiped out by the January hurricane. It is hoped that next year's exports to New Zealand will total 400,000 cases.

The Malaguna Players, of Rabaul, New Guinea, farewelled **Mr. and Mrs. C. Showman** recently and presented them with a travelling case in recognition of their services to NG amateur theatricals.

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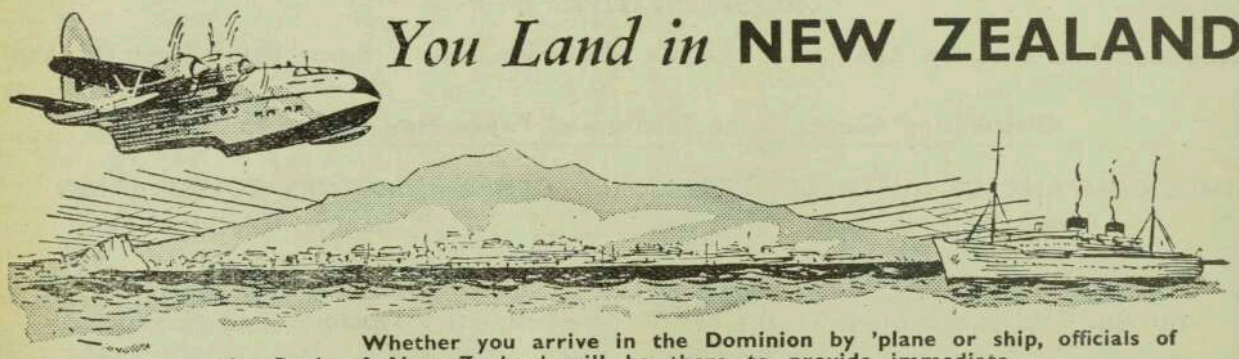

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CHEAP MONEY FOR SETTLERS IN FIJI

OTHER Pacific Territories, where the emphasis is on new development, will be interested in the Fiji Agricultural and Industrial Loans Board, which has just begun to function.

The Government has provided the Board with £150,000 ("for a start"), and the object is to finance any poor but deserving man, European and Indian especially, at a very low rate of interest, in establishing himself as a producer.

As Government straightens up the land situation—on the basis that the native owners must lease, for food-producing purposes, lands which they do not personally require—land will become available for new settlement. Government likes the idea of settling large numbers of small farmers. Such people, usually without resources, frequently become victims of money-lending sharks—and they have some rapacious types in Fiji. The Government proposes to charge very low interest, while taking risks that other banks, commercial houses or sharks will take.

The job requires men with a knowledge of the country and its resources, and of the character and reputation of the applicants for aid. It seems to have got such men in the new Board—H. W. Davidson, Treasurer, chairman, and Messrs. F. Dunstan, C. Israel, S. Balgovind, and S. A. Tetzner. They work without fees. The Board's office is in the Central Buildings, Suva, and the Secretary is Mr. W. F. Stevenson, C.

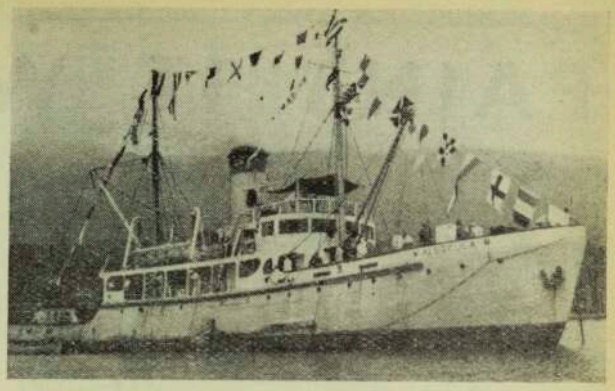
Cheap money made available with care has worked miracles in new countries in the past. It should have imperceptible effect in Fiji, as soon as sufficient lands become available.

Serving NZ Meteorological Stations

THE NZ Government has let a contract to the Holm Shipping Co. of Wellington to provide a twice-yearly service to meteorological stations at Raoul Island (Kermadecs), and Campbell Island.

The company will use the vessel *Tamburn* which made its first run to Raoul under the new arrangement in late October.

Captain Thomson took up duty in September as Rabaul's Harbour Master in place of **Captain Copland** who is to go on leave.



This handy vessel, the Ai Sokula, introduced to the Fiji trade by Carpenters, is now running regularly between Suva and the Colony's ports, bringing in copra. She is 555 tons gross, 171 feet long, is equipped and engined to serve as a tug, and can carry 250 tons of copra. This photo was taken at Somosomo, Taveuni, during the ceremonies in September last, wherein the ship's owners were given formal permission by a paramount Fijian tribe to make use of its name in naming the ship.

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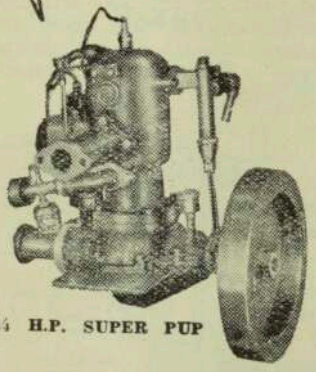

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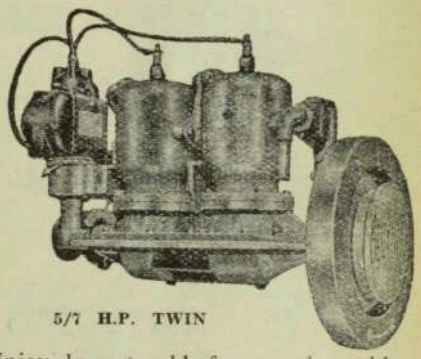

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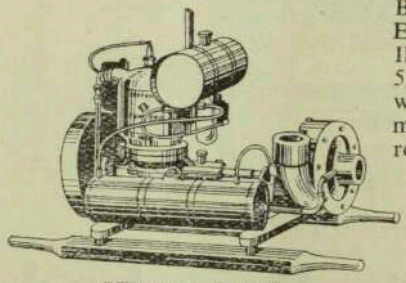

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AN APPRECIATION OF ARTHUR ERNEST EVENETT

ARTHUR ERNEST EVENETT, whose sudden death on September 27 was reported in October PIM, was 61. For many years he had been prominent in the Samarai district of Papua and his death came as a great shock to the whole community.

Arthur Evenett was a man who had literally pulled himself up by his own boot straps through hard work and a keen business sense. His education sketchy and his family poor, he went to Papua many years ago, sailing as cutter from Cooktown. After some years trading and running boats for others, he took up trochus shelling and beche-de-mer fishing, later becoming associated with A. H. Bunting, Ltd. Arthur looked after the shipping end. His boats could be found all over the fishing areas, taking many thousands of pounds worth of marine products from the sea. Rejected for the first war for health reasons he piloted boats for the Allied forces during World War II.

Since the war he had not replaced the boats lost, only doing enough work to keep himself interested—which was a lot more work than many a younger man could do. Any person who showed energy and promise stood a good chance of being helped by Arthur but he could not stand anyone who sat around waiting for opportunity to come.

His knowledge of boats, natives and the local waters was extensive and irreplaceable. His death turns aother page in the book of Time—there are not very many pages left which have the names of living 'old-timers' on them.

A man who refused to let circumstances beat him, who lived a hard life and could not enjoy any other, who was a good husband and father and who helped many a lame dog over a stile, often anonymously . . . Kaioni, Arthur Evenett.—J. D. WILKINSON.

School for Honiara's Chinese Children

MR. FUNG SHIU KAT, from Hong Kong, arrived in the British Solomon Islands in July and is now on the staff of the Melanesian Mission. His job is to teach the 400 children of the Chinese residents of Honiara—ordinary school six hours a day and on Saturday mornings, and Sunday School on the seventh day.

Some months ago, at the request of the Chinese residents, the Bishop of Melanesia wrote to the Bishop of Hong Kong for a teacher and Mr. Fung was chosen. The Chinese community pays his salary.

This is the first venture of the Mission into work among the Chinese of BSI.

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RABAUL TOWN-PLANNERS CLASH WITH ADMINISTRATOR

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● The claim that the Education Department's site had been recommended for use by the Public Works was challenged. The proposal was only made on the understanding that the Education Department did not want the site. The Education centre had to remain where it was—there was no adequate reason why it should be moved. He gave several reasons for the final decision regarding Education and Works site. He also pointed out that the eastern and larger portion of the areas referred to were retained for residential purposes and that extensive additional land in that area would be available for residential purposes.

● Mr. Cleland emphatically challenged the sub-committee's statement concerning small ships—it was misleading and the facts were wrongly stated. He traversed the statements made by both sides regarding the provision of facilities for small ships and concluded: "Notwithstanding that the proposal was not placed before me earlier, I am quite prepared to consider the practicability of providing facilities for small ships in the general area mentioned . . . . and I do not consider that the existence of a vehicular esplanade in the area will prevent provision of these facilities."

Mr. Cleland pointed out that he had accepted the following recommendations of the town planning committee:

European hospital to remain on its present site.

Preservation of all reserves for their original purposes.

Provision of additional residential areas over and above those already referred to.

Provision of additional business sites.

Restriction of police and prison area to make more land available.

Provision of adequate escape routes.

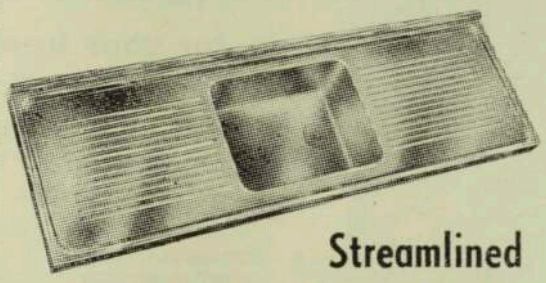
Provision of essential equipment in the Vulcanological Observatory.

After reminding the sub-Committee that the decisions complained of were his own, Mr. Cleland said:

"I desire it to be clearly and unequivocably known that, whilst I have the privilege of administering the Territory, pressure and/or publicity tactics, wherever originating, will not prevail. Those tactics are not the way to progressive and constructive development, and mutual co-operation.

"I am always ready to reconsider a decision in the light of new circumstances and new facts. Whether a decision is altered or not, depends entirely upon the merit and genuineness of the subsequent facts which are advanced. Subject to those considerations, I say quite frankly that pressure tactics, whatever their nature, will not swerve any of my officers or myself from decisions which are honestly and impartially taken."

At Wau, NG on October 15, a daughter was born to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Norman McKay.**



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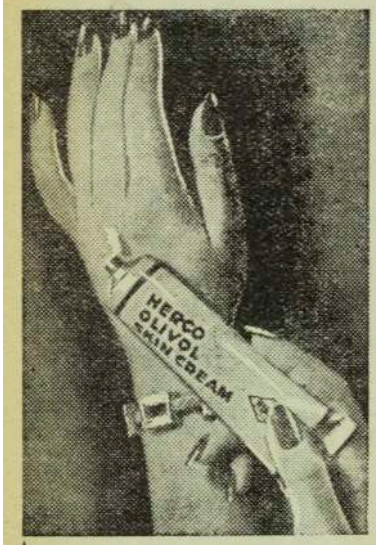
The Scouts Jamboree Fund benefited by almost £100 as the result of a Boxing Tournament held at Xavier Hall, Rabaul, NG, in September. Europeans and Asiatics mixed it vigorously but the three-rounder between Ben Pappu and Andy Coehn—diminutive Boy Scouts—stole the show and netted them a "shower" of about £4, half of which they promptly donated to the Fund. District officer John J. Murphy and Mr. Norman Lee were the referees.

Monsignor Doggett was invested as Prefect Apostolic of Aitape (NG) at the Morning Star Home, Mornington, Victoria, on October 12. He was formerly superior of the home but has spent the past six years in New Guinea.



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NIUE MILLS OWN TIMBER NOW

NIUE IS., Sept. 10.

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The mill is proving a valuable asset not only to the Administration but to private individuals who at times can have their timber milled. Niue has fairly large resources in extremely good varieties of timber and much of it is excellent for building and furniture-making. Unfortunately the best timber is almost impossible to get out of the bush owing to the rocky terrain of Niue's inner areas which is the most heavily timbered.

When TEAL's Solent took off from Auckland on October 21 on the first regular flight to Samoa **Miss Mavis Rivers,** well-known "torch singer" of NZ night-club and radio, had the distinction of being the first and only Samoan aboard. She will spend several months at home at Apia before returning to Auckland.

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IS RABAUL AREA SUBSIDING?

From a Special Correspondent

RABAUL, Nov. 6.

ON November 5, in the early afternoon, a series of waves appeared to enter Rabaul Harbour; and water rose over the retaining walls, and flooded the Burns Philp bulk store, behind the main establishment, to a depth of eight or nine inches. Similar floodings were reported elsewhere along the waterfront. It is believed that these were tidal waves, from the great submarine disturbance reported in the Northern Pacific a couple of days before.

This occurrence directs attention to what may be a serious phenomenon, affecting the town of Rabaul.

There seems to be no doubt that the water along the harbour foreshores is now about three feet higher than it was before World War II. This is proved by marks on the foreshores near the town; and that it is general is also suggested by markings at the Malaguna side of the port.

This harbour-bed is subject to big movements, owing to the proximity of the volcanoes. But such movements would not account for the higher sea-level. It seems to be indicated that the whole area on which the town is situated, and around the port, is subsiding.

As this tidal wave flooding indicates, the port water level is much nearer the top of the embankments than it was 10 or 15 years ago.

It may be a false alarm: but there does seem to be something here which calls for examination and explanation by experts.

EFFECT IN WEST SAMOA

A tidal wave from the great North Pacific earthquake caused disturbance in Apia Bay, West Samoa, in the afternoon of November 4. The lagoon emptied, exposing coral reefs, wrecks, etc. Then the sea surged back, foaming over the breakwater and flooding low-lying areas along the foreshore. Four times the water moved back and forth, depositing debris on the waterfront road and covering portions of the main wharf. Small coastal craft dragged their anchors. Little damage was done.

Mr. Richard Faris, superintendent of stations for Hawaiian Airlines, is in New Zealand in October to confer with New Zealand airline authorities "on operational procedures and matters of common inter-

Uranium from Phosphate Rock

OF interest to Nauru, Ocean and Makatea Islands is the announcement from the US Atomic Energy Commission that a plant for the recovery of uranium from phosphate rock has been opened in Illinois.

Few details are given. The plant is operated in conjunction with a normal superphosphate manufacturing works, the phosphate coming from Florida.

Governor Petitbon and Monsieur Pouvana Oopa, Deputy for French Oceania, returned to Tahiti on October 29 by TEAL aircraft.

SIGN OF THE TIMES: The ban on the export of new cars from Fiji has been lifted. The ban was imposed last year when some Fiji residents began taking their cars to New Zealand and selling them at high prices. Cars were easily obtainable in Fiji and almost unprocurable in NZ. Some residents were able to sell their cars in NZ, return to Fiji, buy another new one and still make a handsome profit on the deal. The ban was enforced when the war stockpiling in UK began to affect Fiji supplies also. Now, however, the position has improved considerably—both in Fiji and NZ.

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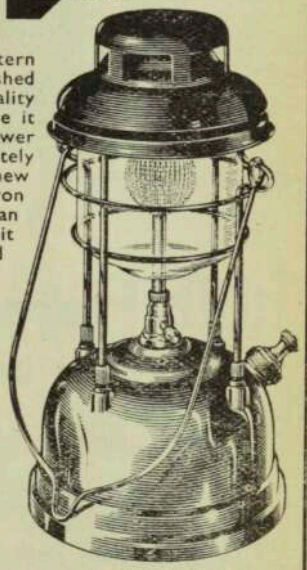

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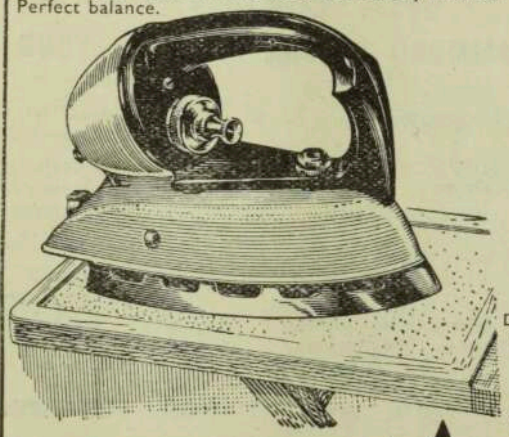

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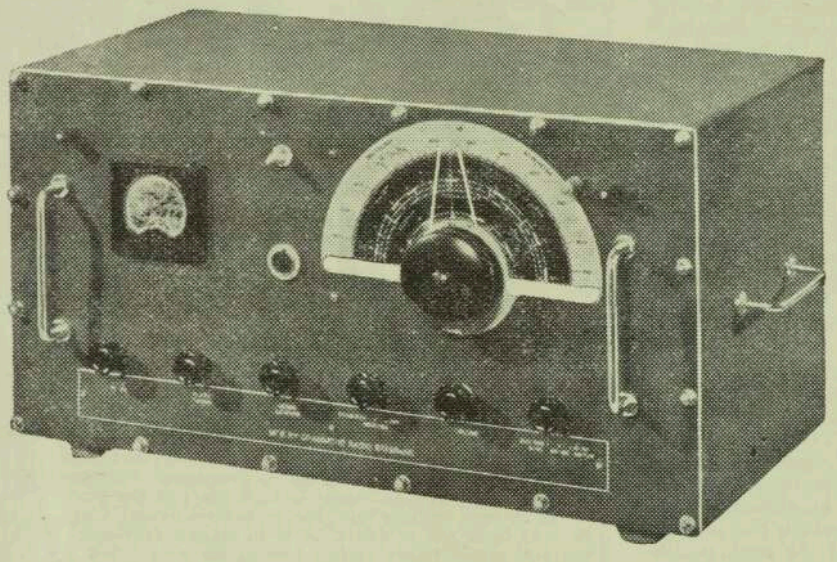

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This month we regret to record the recent death of Pat Spry, formerly VR5GA, well-known in the Public Works Departments in the Cook Islands, Tonga and Fiji. Pat returned from Tonga last year and was recently operating under the call-sign ZL-1-AJL from Auckland. We believe that he was the last active amateur station to operate from Tonga.

According to Radio & Hobbies, during a recent DX contest at least 12 VK9 stations were heard in action—some on the new 21 M/c band which was open between New Guinea and Australia at the time. We look forward to at least one of the 2 giving us an up-to-the-minute summary of what goes on up there, including a current list of active VK9's.

During the October DX contest sponsored by CQ Magazine many KA-2 stations were heard in Auckland. In this connection it is interesting to note that 2 Japanese stations have recently been licensed, in addition to the American stations operating there. The call-signs allotted are JA-1-AA to JA-1-AL, JA-2-AA to JA-2-AD, JA-3-AA to JA-3-AF, JA-5-AA, JA-6-AA to JA-6-AC, JA-8-AAAB, JA-1-WA to JA-6-AA to JA-6-AC, JA-8-AA/AB, JA--WA and JA-2-WA—all inclusive. Note that no JA-4 or JA-7 call signs have been allotted.

Athol Smerdon, ZL-1-GI, made a round trip in the Tofua in October, during which he made himself known to the hams at Suva, Apia, Niue and wherever else they were to be found. Back in Auckland he reported that ZM-6-AA, Pat Senior, o.i.c. of Apia Radio, was fortunate in acquiring a Johnson "Viking" transmitter from the American film unit which recently completed the shooting of "Mr. Morgan". The film company had been using the set for communication between the filming location and Apia. Pat and ZM-6-AC, Arnold, are the only active hams in W. Samoa at present—and both are annoyed that their calls have not appeared in the latest edition of the American international Call Book.

In Pago Pago there was no sign of the KS-6 Ham—the last one departed in August. Down on Niue the roll call consists of two ZK2's only—ZK-2-AA, Bill, in charge of the local communications station, and ZK-2-AB, Charles—both very active.

A visit to the radio station at Tonga confirmed that there are at present no VR-5's on the air.

A recent edition of the RSGB Bulletin, commenting on the persistent encroachment of commercial stations into the ham bands, puts forward a bright suggestion which may or may not meet with the approval of RI's everywhere. A writer tells how, finding a CW commercial net operating on his favourite crystal frequency in the 20-metre band, broke in on the net and, much to his surprise, found that he got a response. To test them out he asked for some "fills"—which they promptly supplied. He then told the whole net to QRT and shift to another frequency—which they promptly did, apparently taking him for a senior control station!

This writer considers that Hams often quite mistakenly conclude that they haven't a chance of competing against some of the more powerful commercials. He suggests that frequently the Ham's sigs may be better received than the offending commercials' and that a little deliberate and judicious jamming of some of these CW commercials may have the desired effect of shifting them to an alternative frequency, which they could use if necessary.

The RSGB writer puts forward the following three-point programme:—

(i) Seeking out frequencies occupied by unwanted transmissions and using them—not being discouraged by some unanswered CQ's.

(ii) Making any necessary tests or local contacts on these frequencies.

(iii) Bringing this line of attack to the attention of overseas amateurs.

Well, at least we are taking action on point (iii)!

Radio Australia's "Australian DX'ers Calling", which often contains items of interest to Hams, has recently been shifted to Summer schedule times, and may now be heard as follows: Sundays,

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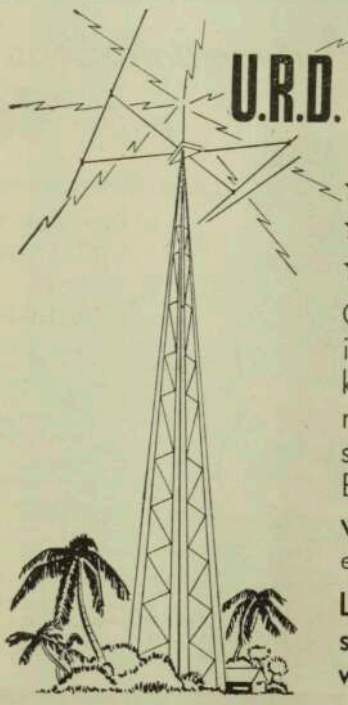

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During October the 20-metre band was particularly good at times, especially during the fourth week-end during the "CQ" DX contest, when many European and African stations were heard coming in well in the early morning. North Pacific stations were the best of the Pacific boys heard in Auckland—the Oriental Net, collecting and passing traffic to the States, being notably present. Of these we heard KA2HP/IM/JS/JW/KW, KA3RR, KB6AL/AO/AX, KR2KS/LP, KR6CA/HW/IY/JA and KA-0-IJ.

Others heard at various times in restricted early morning and evening listening included KA5HM, KA7LJ/OK/RC/SL, KG6ACG / AEX / AAY / HL, KJ6AW, KR6HH/KO, KJ6AW, KX6AR, VR2CG and ZK-1-BC.

Other stations reported active in the latest issues of sundry Ham publications included KC6QY, KG4AF, VR2CO, VK2LN (Lord Howe), and FU8AC. Of the VK9's FN/GW appear to be the most active boys, though unheard in Auckland.

Dr. Tom Davis and the yacht Miru were creating considerable interest among American East Coast hams late in October. What call-sign the yacht is using we do not know, but he was reportedly in radiophone contact with Boston hams and others along the coast, so may be also active on DX bands.

As usual we look forward to notes of Ham interest from any quarter of the Pacific.

Mrs. A. E. Gordon, of Brisbane, left recently by air for Rabaul where she will stay several months with her daughter and son-in-law, **Mr. and Mrs. J. Backhouse.**

The world headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventist movement reported from the United States in October its intention of assigning $25,000 to hurricane rehabilitation in Fiji and $500,000 to missionary work in New Guinea during the coming year.

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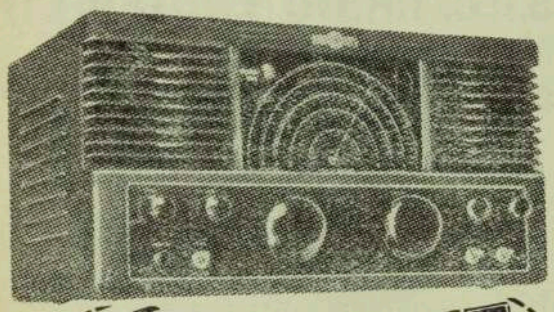

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WHAT BECOMES OF W. SAMOA'S LARGE SURPLUSES?

PEOPLE who understand national economics insist that the New Zealand Government, or instrumentalities which it protects, are getting very substantial benefits out of Western Samoa.

Every year since the war, there has been in the Territory an excess of exports over imports ranging from £200,000 to £500,000. What becomes of these accumulated credits? There are no bank statistics. The Bank of New Zealand operates in Samoa, and some of the big mercantile houses of Australia, New Zealand and Fiji have branches there. Presumably, NZ gets most of whatever benefits accrue from the accumulations.

The last official report shows that, every year, there is a surplus of governmental funds, and the accumulation there, since the war, up to the end of 1950, was £733,000. Of that, £664,000 was "invested in New Zealand.

The NZ authority runs the old German properties as New Zealand Reparation Estates, at a profit, for the benefit of the Samoans. Every year, anything from £10,000 to £50,000 is handed back to the Samoans, mostly for education and public works—a procedure which cannot be too highly praised.

Samoa is a very happy, healthy and well-fed country. Nonetheless, it is not surprising that some intelligent Samoans point out that they could be even better off if they received all the rich revenues which their country earns under present conditions.

Money Raised for Lepers and TB Patients

THE Niue Administration recently sponsored the showing of the film Moana Roa which was taken in Rarotonga by the NZ Film Unit. The proceeds were sent to Makogai to purchase comforts for the Niuean lepers resident there and also to assist the two lepers at present waiting transport.

In spite of a shortage of cash due to copra being unsalable at the time, the people responded well and a considerable sum was raised.

Recently the Rev. M. G. Check showed his collection of 35 mm Kodachrome slides to a small group of Europeans and on a request for donations some £3 was handed to the Matron of the Hospital, Miss N. Hurtliff, to purchase sewing materials for the patients in the TB ward.

Pitcairn Personal Notes

The publicity given recently—especially in NZ—to Floyd McCoy, of Pitcairn Island, and Mr. McCoy's tendency to expand in the limelight, have annoyed some people who know Pitcairn well. They say they challenge his right to call himself "mayor of Pitcairn"; and they resent the description of "Administrator" applied to him when he paid a visit to Norfolk Island. However, Mr. McCoy seems quite happy and, no doubt, will settle in at his proper level when he returns to Pitcairn.

Mr. Parkin Christian, who has been living with his son in Sydney for about two years, has gone to New Zealand en route to Pitcairn.

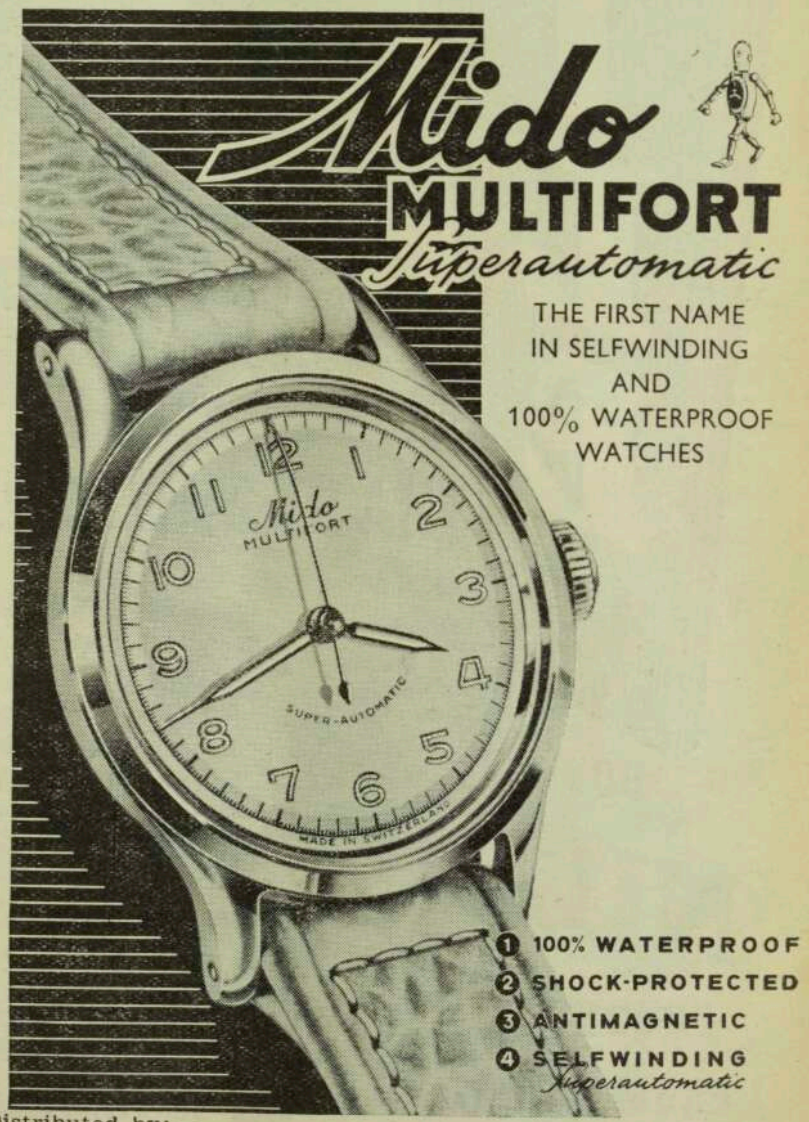
Thomas Christian, a lad from Pitcairn Island, has come to Wellington, NZ, to study radio technique.

Mr. Sanders, NZ teacher on Pitcairn, will return home soon and Mr. George Allen, of NZ, will replace him.

Mr. Vernon Young, of Pitcairn, has returned from England. He visited, in London, the tomb of Admiral Bligh, once captain of the Bounty.

SDA Pastor Norman A. Ferris will sail by Rangitoto on November 29 for Pitcairn, to spend 12 months.

Pastor and Mrs. F. P. Ward, formerly of Pitcairn, are now residents of Sydney, where Mr. Ward is engaged in the work of his Church.



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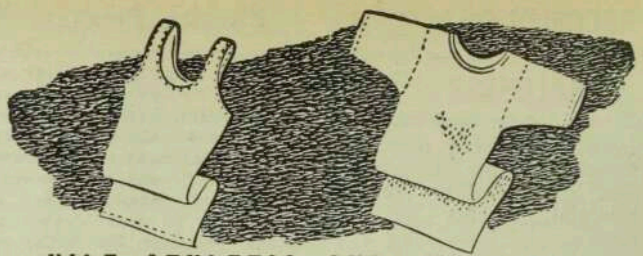

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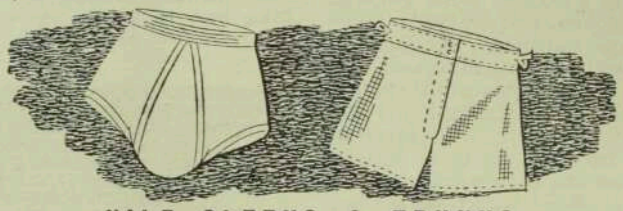

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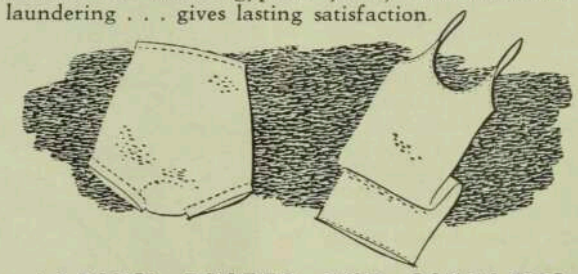

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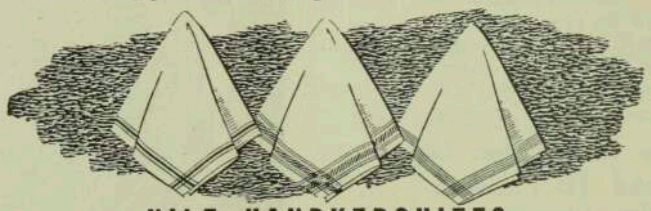

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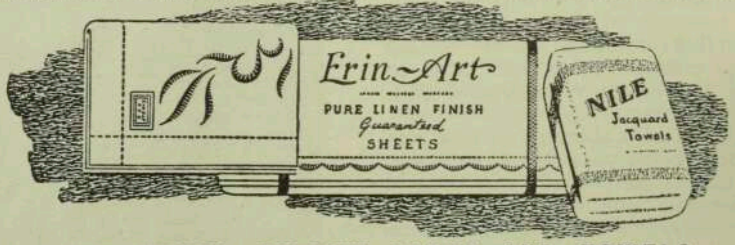

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Looking down the centre of the proposed airstrip at Savusavu, on Vanua Levu, ji, showing the portion which has already been cleared of coconuts, and the rtion which is in the process of being cleared (centre). There is much work ll to be done, but it is probable that the strip will be ready for use early in 1953. —Photo by Public Relations Office.

Executive Council for W. Samoa

NTRODUCED in Wellington, NZ on September 26, the Samoa nendment Bill sets up an Execut- Council as part of the govern- machinery of Western Samoa. The Council will consist of the High Commissioner, the two Samoan Fautua, three official members, three of the Samoan members of the Legislative Assembly, and one European member of the Assembly.

The function of the Council will be "to confer with and advise the High Commissioner."

The Bill, in addition, incorporates several clauses covering the superannuation rights of public servants seconded from New Zealand to the Samoan Public Service.

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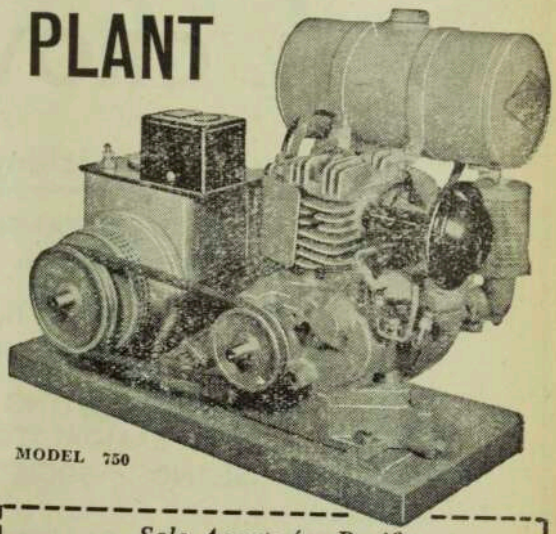

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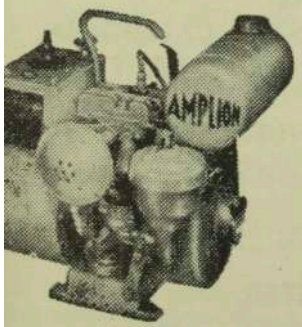

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Walpole Guano Not Wanted

CAPTAIN E. SAVOIE, in Auckland in September taking delivery of his ship *Estrella del Mar* (formerly *Hauturu*) said that he has contracted with the New Caledonian Government to make six trips per year to Walpole Island, with one of his vessels. Indicating that he would like to re-open the guano trade from that island to New Zealand, Captain Savoie admitted that there was little chance of that at the present time, with Seychelles guano, richer in phosphatic content, freely available there at £11 per ton. Walpole guano would have to sell at a substantially higher figure than that, make the re-opening of the workin worth while.

Walpole ceased exporting guar to New Zealand, its only importa market, early in 1940 (PIM, Nover ber 1940, p. 63), after nearly years of activity, though, after ear 1936 when a two-year contract wi a New Zealand firm ended, only o casional shipments were made. was reported in 1940 that an est mated 100,000 tons of alluvial guar remain on the 300-acre island, ar about 4,000 tons heaped ready f shipment. Sixty to a hundred labou ers formerly worked there.

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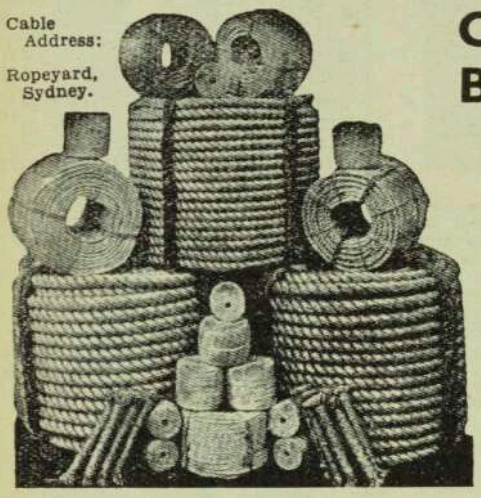

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PLANNING OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES FOR PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

What Agriculture Department Is Doing

N interesting review of the activities and plans of the Department of Agriculture in Papua-ew Guinea was made in Septem-r by the Australian Minister for rritories. The Department now is erating a number of experimental tions, from which much is hoped. The main lowland agricultural ex-iment station is at Keravat (New itain) and the main highland tion at Aiyura (Eastern High-ds).

The Keravat Station, 28 miles m Rabaul, has 360 acres planted. activities include cocoa breeding, ection and propagation; manila np selection and propagation; en-nological research on pests of oa and coconuts; seed produc-n for cocoa, coffee, fibres and ive foods; and the demonstration l testing of oil palm, kapok, per, cinnamon, vanilla, derris, on, castor bean, rubber and ive food crops.

The principal experimental work Aiyura (altitude 5,500 ft.) is on hona (quinine bark), coffee, tea native food crops. The station plies coffee and tea seed to nters, and cinchona bark for use the Health Department in con-ling malaria among natives. rk is being done on Soya bean, thrum, native and introduced ls, fodder and cover crops, and nal husbandry.

ubsidiary experiment stations are ted at Epo (Mekeo, Central Dis-), Garaina (Morobe District) and ia (near Lae).

po is working on mechanised luction of rice, the breeding and tion of rice strains and the pro-ion of rice seed. Work is also on fibres, tobacco, peanuts, nas and native foods.

araina (2,200 feet) was es-shed in 1948 to carry out ex-nents on tea-growing. It now 40 acres under tea and will ex-the area to 300 acres. It is ng tea growing under semi-mercial conditions to the final of processing the product for ket; and will supply seed and ting material to private estates provide technical and economic

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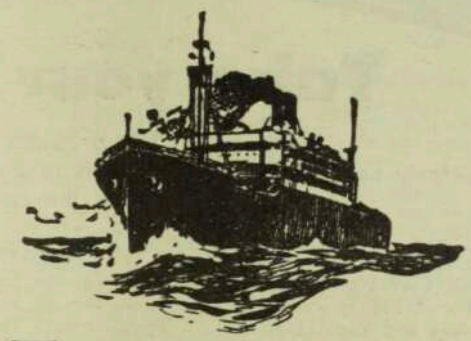
A Plant Introduction and Quarantine Station is located at Laloki (near Port Moresby) where research work on kenaf fibre is being carried out.

THE main animal industry field stations are being developed at Baiyer River (Central Highlands), Goroka (Central Highlands), Erap (via Lae) and near Port Moresby.

The purpose of Baiyer River (near Mount Hagen) is to breed beef cattle for distribution in the Highlands Districts, and to establish foundation herds for coastal areas. Goroka is investigating and demonstrating methods of a permanent agriculture



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Some Doubts About the Fiji B'casting Commission

SUVA, September 29

The Government proposal to establish a Broadcasting Commission in Fiji to take over from the Fiji Broadcasting Co. (an offshoot of AWA) came under heavy fire at the recent session of the Legislative Council.

The Bill providing for the new set-up has now been referred to a special committee.

Sir Alport Barker in debate, maintained that the Bill meant the setting up of a Government monopoly in broadcasting. This had been denied by the Government earlier, but Sir Alport said that the Governor would have power to replace members of the Commission and to prohibit the broadcasting of material.

The senior Indian member (Mr. Vishnu Deo) supported the Bill, which, he said, gave the Governor some power of control but did not authorise him to control the activities of the Commission.

Mr. Deo added: "This Colony consists of people speaking three different languages. These people must be looked after without racial bias or discrimination. We cannot afford to build three separate stations at £40,000 each." This was in reply to Sir Alport's statement that a good deal of broadcastng time was already devoted to non-English (Fijian and Hindustani) broadcasts, although many members of these races understood English.

Mrs. Milne, Sen., of Christchurch, NZ, was in September, spending an extended holiday with her son, Dr. Graham Milne, on Niue Island.

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THE Report of the Fiji War Memorial Anti-Tuberculosis Fund for the year led December 31, 1951, was issued in va at the end of August and reached early October.

t shows that in the year under review, Fund received £644 in donations and 30 from investments and deposits, and d out over £10,600 for equipment for Colony's TB hospitals.

ver £9,000 was spent on building and ipment for the Colony's TB annexes hospitals; £900 went for furniture Tamavua Hospital, Suva; radio ipment for same hospital took £100. re were some minor expenditures.

quipment and materials ordered dur- the year (but not delivered and not for) amounted to approximately ,000.

he Fund, at the close of December, a credit balance of about £66,000.

antoux testing and BCG vaccination extended to country areas of Viti u during the year, the cost of the ine being met from the Fund. Two drovers, previously provided by the stees of the Fund have been employed this work.

uring the year a TB clinic was es- ished at Lautoka, and at Labasa the has been levelled for the erection of -bed TB unit adjacent to the exist- hospital.

roughout the year, the Trustees of Fund again experienced difficulty in ining essential materials and as there in consequence, little drain on Fund eys, a second appeal for the Fund not made.

iji's Anti-Tuberculosis Fund is the ny's World War II memorial. The l was opened in August 1949 and all ons of the community supported it usiastically. As a result, something £60,000 was raised and to this the rnment added £20,000. As can be by the 1951 report, the greater part his Fund still remains intact. Many ents of the Colony would like to seen more spent but the Trustees he Fund say that they have had ulty in getting the materials and pment needed. It had been intended ake annual appeals to augment the , but due to the difficulty of spend- the money originally subscribed, this been deferred.)

Favour Among Teachers

September Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. McCoy were in Wellington, aring to return to Pitcairn Island e Mr. McCoy (last blood- des- ant of the original Bounty Mc-), is a jack-of-all-trades—radio ator, police inspector, meteor- ist, mechanic, and public rela- officer to the 130 inhabitants. reported that Pitcairn has no ble in finding a teacher for its upils school. When the position recently advertised in New Zea- there were 50 applicants. Rea- given was, "No income tax, a house, and nothing to spend y on during the two-year term." has great difficulty in staffiing wn schools.

NZ Soccer Team Completes Tour

When the New Zealand Football Association's touring soccer team returned in October from its first Islands tour of Fiji and Tahiti all members were enthusiastic about the hospitality shown them on their successful tour.

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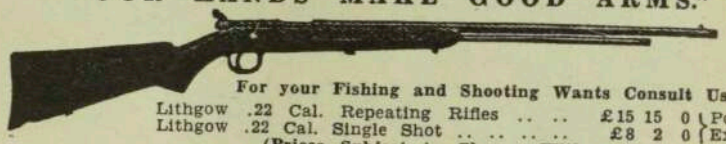

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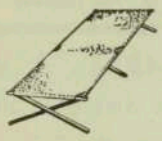

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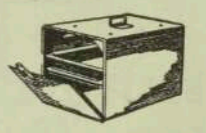

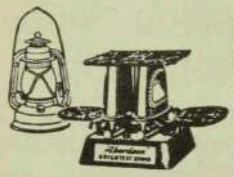

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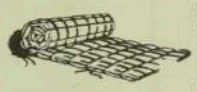

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assau for the Puka Pukans

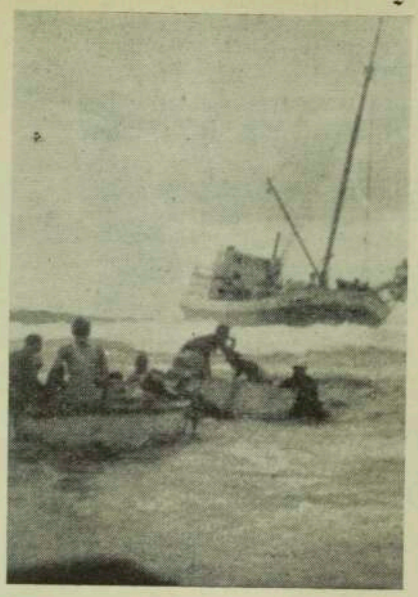
A BILL was introduced in Parliament at Wellington, NZ on eptember 26, which gives statutory fect to the purchase from the rown by the people of Puka Puka land, Northern Cooks, of the ighbouring 300-acre Nassau Isnd.

The Cook Islands Administration proved the sale of Nassau last ar, and in June 1951 it was occud by 124 people from Puka Puka. e price of £2,000 has now almost en paid off, from the proceeds of pra exported.

It was assumed that, as with the rious re-settlement schemes in the estern Pacific High Commissions domain, Nassau would be permently settled by a portion of the pulation of Puka Puka. This now pears to be not the case, as it is derstood that all or most of the esent population intend leaving ssau in October on the inter-island sel *Mahurangi,* to be replaced, ssibly some time later, by an ely new group of families.

A lorry left in reverse gear and unended ran back and crashed into NAC plane which was on Norfolk and aerodrome on October 19. e fuselage of the plane was damaged, passengers were off-loaded and the plane returned to NZ empty.

Koro Wrecked



The schooner Koro was cast ashore on the Isle of Pines, Southern Caledonia, while on a voyage from Noumea to Suva with a cargo of chains and anchors. The loss is estimated at about £20,000 Aust.

Luck of a Chinaman: Five out of the six prizes in a recent raffle held in Rabaul, NG (for the Sacred Heart School) were won by Chinese residents of the town. First prize of a sedan car valued at £960, went to Chan Yin Siu. The only non-Chinese prize winner was J. Myers (third prize—a radio set).

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STRANGE BEDFELLOWS!

The Sydney *Tribune* (Communist Party Newspaper) recently gave a lot of publicity to the Rev. A. Clint, now of the rectory, Bathurst, NSW, formerly an organiser of native co-operatives in Papua.

Mr. Clint has published a circular (which we have not seen) asking for help for native co-operatives in the Territory and protesting against further alienation of native land. This is (in part) what the *Tribune* says Mr. Clint says in his circular:

The infant co-operatives of Papua-New Guinea need all the help we can possibly give them—big business is marching in.

The Papuan Co-operatives grew out the desire of the native people for "new way" of life. It began as a spo taneous movement throughout the Ter tory soon after the war.

. . . All over the Territory, t Papuans are asking for Co-ops.

The present Government is reluctant help in the extension of the work, f Co-ops are an obstacle to cheap labo

The dismissal of Colonel Murray Administrator is a sign of the tim Here is what a Missionary has to sa "So the axe has fallen and good J. Murray is sacked because he loved t Papuans too much and the dividends Burns Philp and all the other less money-grabbers too little. We must realists—money rules. Meanwhile th chap Cleland who I suppose will be h successor, is reputed to be a nice cha goes to church regularly and gets thin done".

Papuan Co-op. leaders have been se to jail for telling their people not to to labour, but to remain with, and bu up their own Co-ops.

A "Papuan Co-operative Fund" h been established and is registered und the Charities Act. It is my purpose help establish in this Northern Area Co-operative Training School—to tra Papuans for Co-operative Leadersh Co-op. farming and Co-op. enterpri The training has started. We must e tend and meet the threat of big busine

Will you protest to the Federal Gover ment against the alienation of nati lands and will you support financially t Papuan Co-op Fund, and help tra Papuans to a higher standard civilisation the co-operative way?

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Men on Pitcairn 14,000 Years Ago?

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 19.

ITCAIRN ISLAND, geographically one of the loneliest of the rth's inhabited places, has a habit keeping itself in the news. Since 08, when the American whaler *paz* discovered by accident the 18-ars-old secret hiding-place of the unty mutineers, the island has dom dropped out of the world's erest.

Now comes the possibility that cairn was inhabited in the Late laeolithic Age—the dim period of first true men—and archaeologists showing keen interest.

Implements which authorities of le experience believe are of laeolithic origin have been dug up Pitcairn. Five of them—two es, two borers and a mallet—were ught to Suva by an Indian builder ned Rami who found them while was working on the new Governnt school building job at Pitcairn. ami is now building foreman on new Anglican Cathedral at Suva). n Suva the implements were en to Dr. I. Hamilton Beattie, an haeologist of wide training and erience. After close investigation, Beattie is satisfied that the pped stone implements indicate aeolithic culture at Pitcairn. If assumption is correct, it sets the ith Pacific record back far beyond earliest known traces of lanesian, Micronesian and Polyian occupation.

The earliest known cultures in the nds were of Neolithic (New Stone) origin. One of the differences ween Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age) Neolithic men was that the ner had only chipped implements, le the latter had learned to polish grind stone implements. Melaans, Micronesians and Polynesians developed their cultures on a olithic foundation.

The nearest place to Pitcairn where Palaeolithic culture is known to e existed is Tasmania. Nobody ws why Tasmania should have palaeolithic people while the tralian mainland has so far del no traces of anything earlier the Aboriginal culture, which is early and primitive form of olithic. But now an even greater tery lies behind the question of Palaeolithic people reached airn. The discovery may support theory that Pitcairn was once part of a large land mass—perhaps a continent—and that Old Stone Age people were living at Pitcairn well over 14,000 years ago.

IT is believed that west-east Polynesian migrations into the Pacific began about 2,000 years ago. Pitcairn was uninhabited when a British warship sighted it in 1767, but it contains many solid proofs that at some time it was the home of Polynesians, who may have reached it from the Tuamotu atolls (east and south-east of Tahiti). Why the Polynesians vanished is one of the tantalising mysteries of the South Seas—and now comes this new

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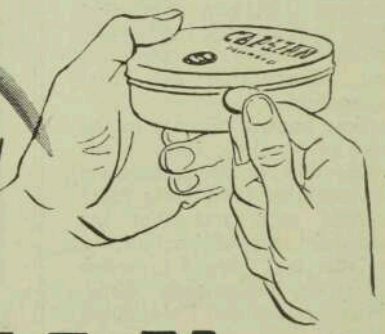

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ystery. Probably it will never be nown whether the Polynesians und and exterminated people of the ld Stone Age at Pitcairn, or whether e little chipped implements, and all her traces of the craftsmen, had eady been lost for thousands of ars when the Polynesians arrived.

HALLENGE FROM AUCKLAND

In Auckland, however, Mr. V. F. sher, of the Auckland Museum, in mmenting on the Suva report, dicated that he was not at all im-ssed.

"Where amateur archaeologists en fall in is that they forget that, make a Neolithic implement, the ker has to go through the Palaeo-ic stage first," Mr. Fisher is orted as saying.

"In New Zealand we have found f-completed Neolithic implements ring a strong resemblance to those the Palaeolithic age. What has pened is that the Maori lost the plement or broke it during its nufacture, and threw it away. The ne thing happened all over the rld—including Pitcairn."

To emphasise his point, Mr. Fisher nted to dozens of adzes and ers of Pitcairn origin in the seum's collection. Although all olithic in origin, there were many resemblances to the Palaeolithic—but, in so far as the Auckland Museum is concerned, these are all Neolithic—that is, of about 10,000 years more recent origin than Palaeolithic.

NORFOLK SENDS FLOWERS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEND FRUIT

From Our Own Correspondent

NORFOLK IS., Oct. 21.

TWO inches of much-needed rain filled water-tanks and freshened gardens on Norfolk Island in mid-October. Bean crops benefitted considerably.

Interest is being taken in the cut-flower trade with New Zealand. Good prices are being realised in Auckland for air-freighted Norfolk Is. gladioli, amaryllis, gerberas, etc. An Auckland florist has been over here making contracts with growers and was enthusiastic about prospects.

The NZ Director of Agriculture is expected here for the Annual Show on November 4 and will probably investigate our fruit-growing potentialities.

New Zealand has been importing oranges from Jamaica, South Africa, etc., yet could get better, fresher fruit at her own back door if transport were made available.

Dr. Roy Edwards, formerly of Perth Hospital, WA, with Mrs. Edwards has left for Suva, Fiji where he will take up private practice.

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Mr. Albert Zeigler, formerly chief of the Political and Administrative Affairs Dept., Papeete, was in New Zealand in August, en route to France on completion of his term of duty in Tahiti. The position he held is one of the most difficult and criticised offices in French Oceania —he was in control of visitors' permits and financial affairs.

WANDERLUSTING NIUEANS STRANDED IN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

NIUE, Oct. 9.

SHIPS' passages to New Zealand are hard to come by for Niue natives as there is a long waiting list. Most of the six berths available for the Island are taken up by Europe The Niueans have now discove that it is comparatively easy to passages to Apia and Suva, and more affluent are taking deck passa to these points and then going on Auckland by air.

Many Niueans are stranded Apia and Pago-Pago and are una to get passages home either via S or direct. With a few Niue travelling deck to Pago-Pago every trip of the *Tofua* the probl is becoming serious. So far the ministrations of American Samoa Niue have taken no steps to rest travel and the result is that fami of the Niuean wanderers are s jected to pleas from them for mo and food to support them American Samoa, where work food are hard to come by.

(Ed. Note: There seems reason—outside of unbridled wand lust—why Niueans should go Pago. Recently 900 Ameri Samoans migrated to Hawaii beca of economic conditions in their ho Territory; and 1,000 more skil workers are waiting to migrate soon as jobs and transport can found for them.)

Mrs. L. Searl, of Talasea, N Britain was visiting her mother Sydney in October.

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The Honorable Ulukalala-Ata, Minister for Police in Tonga, and Mrs. Ulukalala-Ata down on six months' leave in Auckland and Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. S. Allen and Miss M. E. Forster. Mr. Allen was formerly Controller of Customs, Fiji. They returned to Auckland after holidaying in Suva.

Mr. G. Stoeckicht came down from W. Samoa on holiday and was met by his daughter, Mrs. G. Goodsall now resident in Auckland.

Miss Nancy Fifita, little Taku Finau, and Miss Eva Finau came south from Nukualofa.

Mr. H. T. Duane and Mr. R. C. Duane came down from Niue, having disposed of their retail store there to Mr. Robert Rex.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grose of Kamiraba Plantation left Kavieng, NG on October 4 for a holiday in New Zealand, New South Wales and Victoria.

Lieut. Commander Ashton Rhoades, well known in New Guinea and B.S.I., was recently in Kavieng, NG, on Naval Intelligence business.

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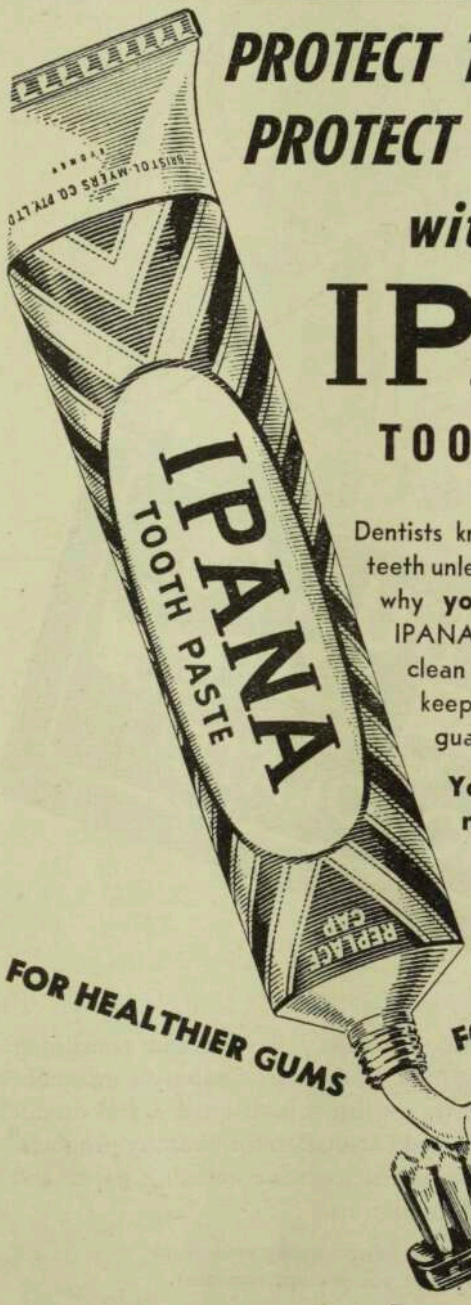

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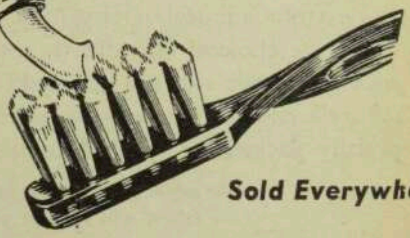

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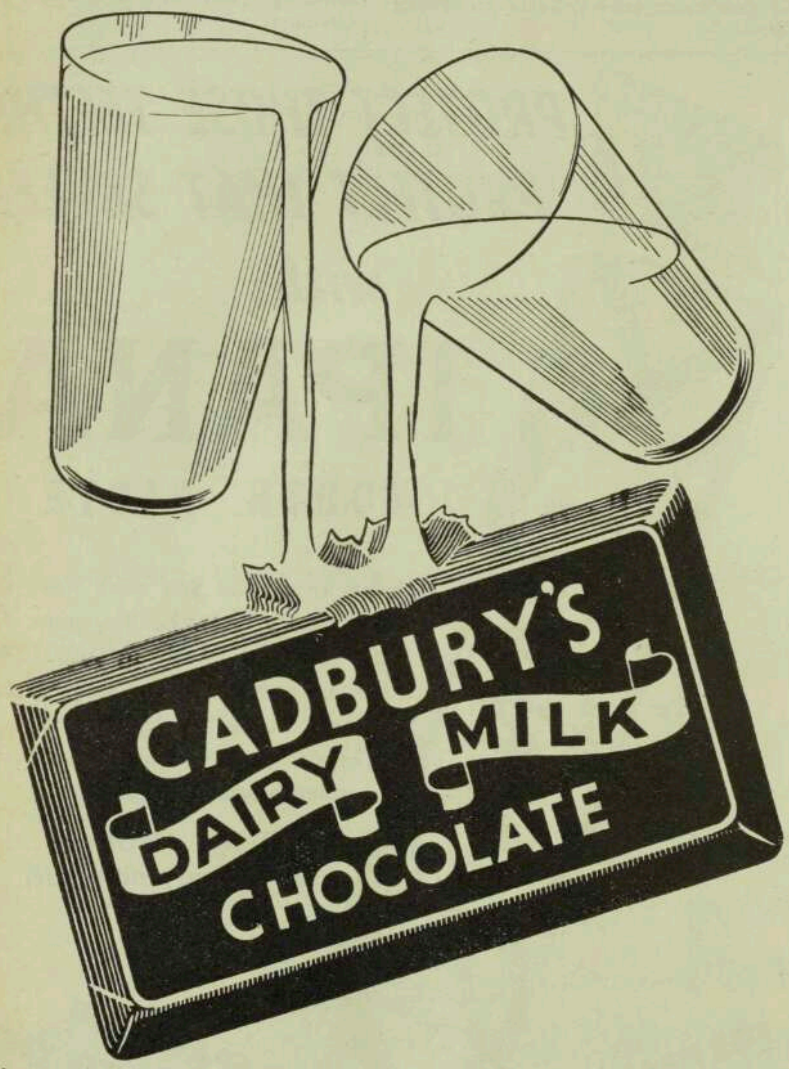

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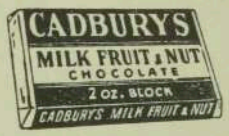

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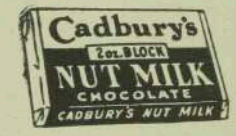

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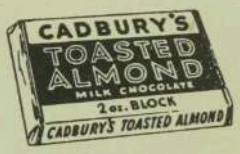

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THOSE CONVENTIONS

From the Islands standpoint, some of the NZ reporters with the TEAL press party in Polynesia in October were a trifle unconventional in dress. In connection with which a friend in Suva told me a funny story.

Mr. Stanley, High Commissioner for Western Pacific, returned to Suva from a gruelling 10 weeks' trip on small ship through his new dominion at noon on October 22, with only one pressed suit. He had two engagements—to see the press party at 2.30, and attend a Government House cocktail "do" at 6.30. First-class sartorial problem arose: should he wear the pressed whites for the press, or reserve the suit for Government House. He decided to wear the formal clothes for the press, and thereafter hope for the best.

Imagine the feelings of His Excellency when half the reporters who were presented to him at High Commission headquarters wore very highly coloured Bula shirts, and shorts!

Washing always is a problem in Islands travel—especially so now, when most of the lads who formerly were good wash-boys aspire to white collar jobs and scorn the lowly laundry. Consequently, an increasing proportion of Europeans go around the Islands airlines looking like ungroomed hobos.

THE INDIAN ROPE TRICK

Two Indians went into a hardware store in Fiji, and ordered a length of rope. The storekeeper measured off the length on his floor, and then laid the approximate end of the length against a mark on the floor. This was where the rope was to be cut off the main roll.

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have to go to an adjoining store for his knife; and he departed.

The Indians did not lose the opportunity. They quickly pulled a few more yards from the main roll of rope into the heap measured out for them, and then laid the rope down as before, to be cut.

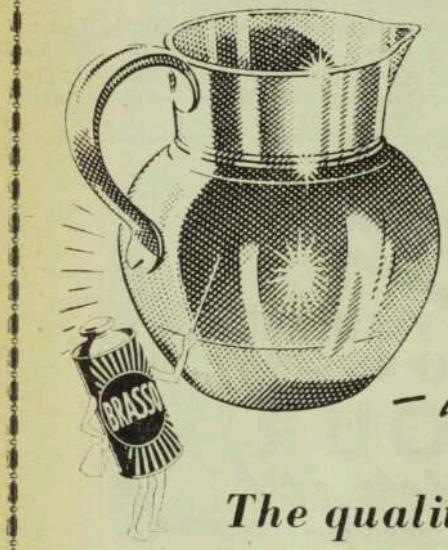
The merchant returned, cut the rope, placed it on his scales platform, made out the bill. The Indians paid without a word, and hurried away with their rope. They thought that they were charged for rope at the rate of so much per foot. But the merchant—a man wise in the ways of Fiji—was quite happy. He always sold his rope *by weight*. It was not his first experience of the Indian rope trick. (Notes Continued in Next Issue

Returning to the Islands

Island travellers from Auckland in October included (left to right): Mr. R. C. Kirkham, Secretary and Director of BP (SS) Co., Ltd., Suva, returning there after five weeks in New Zealand, during which time his daughter was married to a Taranaki farmer.

Mr. J. Latimer, formerly well-known in Army circles in Fiji and Tonga, paid a visit to Fiji.

The engagement has been announced of **Miss Greta Lennarty** to **Mr. Gordon Ashwood** of Rabaul.



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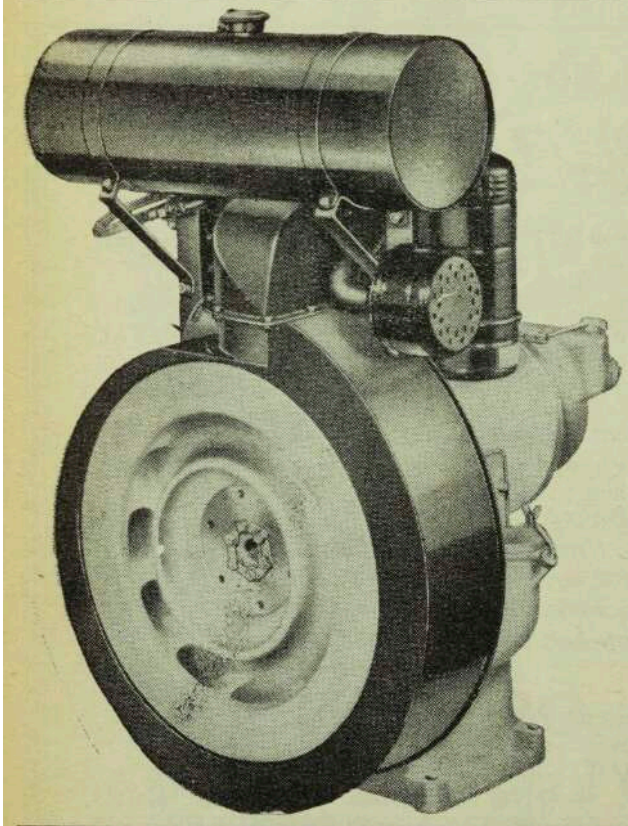

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REVEALING DEBATES IN P-NG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THE Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea commenced its second session for 1952 on October 6, and sittings ran into a second week. During the session, several new bills were introduced and the estimates for 1952-53 tabled. Members discussed subjects ranging from rubber production to a local state lottery. Some points of interest to all Territorians were that:—

- The Administration will have somewhat more to spend in '52-53 than in '51-52;
- The Administration confidently expects the new Moresby brewery (which has not yet commenced to sell beer commercially) to provide excise revenue of £10,000 p.a.
- Works carried out by the Department of W. & H. for the Administration are subject to a cost-plus charge on labour of over 41 per cent.
- Taxation (all indirect) has mounted to £90 per head for every European man, woman and child in the Territory.
- Drinks and smokes will be dearer—spirits by 1/2 a bottle, beer by about 1/- a dozen bottles, tobacco by about 2d per ounce and a 50-tin of cigarettes by 4½d.

ESTIMATES FOR 1952-53

P-NG Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Reeve, tabled the estimates for the current year. Total expenditure is expected to be £7,697,400. The Commonwealth will provide, by way of grants, £5,470,000 (£170,000 more than last year); and revenue collected within the Territory will be £2,227,000.

Two biggest allocations go to Public Health—£1,426,000, which is about £40,000 less than last year; and Works, Services, etc., which will have well over £325,000 more to spend than in 1951-52.

The following departments received increased allocations — Administrator's, Treasury, Agriculture, Lands, Crown Law, Works and Forests. But the Government Secretary's Department, District Services, Education, Customs, Marine, General Maintenance will have to make do on smaller budgets.

REVENUE

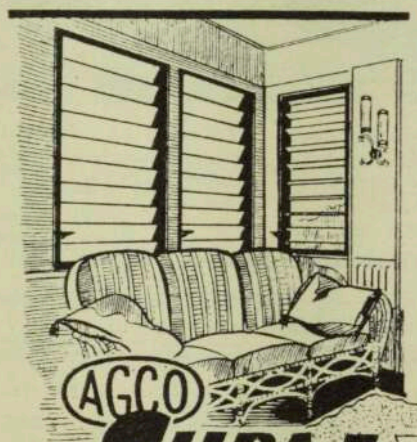
Mr. Reeve expects that import cuts will reduce Customs revenue in the coming year from about £1,580,000 to £1,483,000. At the same time, export duties will probably bring in less, due to falling prices of commodities such as rubber (which has now sunk below the price where an export tax is levied). It is expected also that when the MOF Copra Agreement is reviewed in January, the price of copra will fall by 10 per cent.—but increased production in 1952-53 will probably counter-balance the effect on revenue. "Revenue from excise duty on locally brewed beer," said Mr. Reeve, "can be estimated at £10,000".

Excise was fixed at 3/6 a gallon for locally brewed beer—Mr. T. Grahamslaw, who introduced the Bill, said that this was 1/6 a gallon less than the duty on imported beer and should afford adequate encouragement to the local industry.

The Treasury confidently expects that P-NG's new stamp issue will yield an extra £40,000 of postal revenue this year, bringing it to about £100,000. Licence fees of various sorts will bring in £42,000. More money is expected also from gold royalties and telephone rentals.

BURDEN ON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

In the debate that followed the tabling of the estimates, Mr. E. A. James, elected member for Papua, said that it was time the Administration stopped carrying out its projects at such times and in such circumstances as best suited the Commonwealth's purse, and made a 10-years plan for steady development. He thought that too much expenditure was haphazard and unplanned, and too little was spent on things that mattered. He suggested that the Administration should raise a loan within the Territory to carry out essential works. Mr. James suggested



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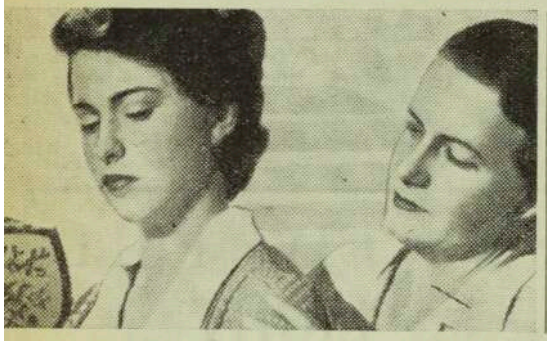

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also that it might not be a bad thing if a lottery were run for revenue purposes—this would retain the many thousands that now went out of the Territory annually to Australian lotteries. The Rev. D. E. Ure was strongly opposed to the idea.

Mr. James said that the greater proportion of the revenue raised inside the Territory came from the European community—they provided something like £90 per head which actually was a higher per capita taxation than in Australia where numerous social services were provided for.

NATIVE WAR DAMAGE

Mr. J. K. McCarthy, District Commissioner Rabaul, defended war damage compensation to natives and the methods of assessment when both were attacked by several unofficial members of the Council. He said that adequate measures were taken to guard against false claims and foolish spending, and that the natives were already helping themselves to the education and social benefits upon which some members felt the Administration should have spent native war damage money.

Mr. H. H. Reeve (Treasurer) said that over £9,000,000 had been paid to Europeans for war damage. No one questioned how they should spend it, although some of the money undoubtedly had been "misapplied".

NATIVE DEVELOPMENT—AND NATIVE RECRUITERS

Simogun, native member for NG Mainland, who speaks only Pidgin and usually has an interpreter, said that considerable trouble was caused in his district by native recruiters who made false promises to prospective labourers by telling them that they could earn up to £8 per week. He said he wanted only European recruiters in his district. He was anxious also that native development should be speeded up—if not by the natives voluntarily, then by compulsion. Mr. D. Barrett (New Guinea Islands) supported him—if voluntary efforts did not have the desired effect "a little gentle persuasion should be used".

Simogun said that many natives of the Sepik were anxious to play a part in the agricultural development of the country—they wanted to buy tractors and agricultural implements for rice-planting, etc., and some villages had already subscribed considerable amounts. However, their trouble was lack of skilled mechanics, and there were no skilled mechanics because there were no technical schools. He said that roads also were necessary and that District Services should organise the agricultural development of the districts—deciding what should be planted and where—and seeing that the projects were carried out. "Enforcement . . . would be of real and lasting benefit to my people".

COST OF W. & H. LABOUR

In reply to questions by Mr. D. Barrett, Treasurer Reeve said 41-2/3 per cent. was added to labour costs by the Department

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of Works on jobs performed for the Administration. This percentage covered return fares to mainland and three weeks' holiday pay per year; an average of two weeks' sick pay per man per year; travelling time, workers' compensation and an average of one week wet-weather pay —these items represented 25 per cent. of the charges and the other 16-2/3 went in losses on messes.

The Works Department also charged for plant hire, 20 per cent. on cost of all materials, and 6 per cent. on the final cost of the job as a supervision fee.

AIR SERVICES SUBSIDY

Subsidies paid by the Administration for Qantas flying-boat services in Papua, New Britain and Bougainville will jump from £18,000 in 1951-52 to £75,000 in 1952-53. The increase has been agreed to by negotiation in Australia. Reason given by the Treasurer (Mr. Reeve) for the steep increase was that the Catalinas formerly used had to be replaced by Sandringhams.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bills introduced and debated were the Excise (Beer) Ordinance Bill which provides for the collection of excise on beer brewed locally, and licence fees for breweries; Motor Vehicles Third Party Insurance Bill; the Copra Bill, which aims to raise the standard of P-NG copra and to licence copra dealers; a Bill to amend the 1946 Trading with Natives Ordinance, an Education Bill, providing for inspectors to visit mission schools, and a Bill controlling the sale of drugs and poisons.

Samoan Cocoa Market

OFFERS for Samoan cocoabeans reaching Apia in October ranged from £200 to £240 per ton f.o.b. for first grade sun-dried and hot air dried. There is at present a good crop being picked but planters and merchants seem inclined to hold out for better prices.

Probably the oldest voter in Suva Town Council elections on November 1 was **Mr. W. H. (Tavua) Johnson.** Mr. Johnson, who is 90, was himself formerly a Councillor and for a time he acted as Mayor of Suva. His son, Mr. W. G. Johnson, was elected unopposed to the new Town Council.

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The Rabaul Chamber of Commerce, on October 29, at a well-attended annual general meeting, elected the following office-bearers—President: Mr. B. Ryan. Vice Presidents: Messrs. J. L. Chipper and C. B. Bailey. Honorary Secretary: Mr. A. C. O'Reilly. Honorary Treasurer: Mr. R. Paul. Honorary Auditor: Mr. M. W. Fishwick.

A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring president and secretary (Mr. Chipper and Mr. Fishwick).

NZ Trout Thriving in NG

According to Mr. W. Hudson Fysh, managing director of Qantas Empire Airways, an experimental shipment of trout ova from New Zealand, which was introduced to New Guinea Highlands streams a couple of years ago, promises to be a success. The ova have developed with only 19% loss, which is considered excellent.

His Lordship Bishop Octavius Terrienn MSC, Vicar Apostolic of the Gilbe Islands, who recently passed throug Sydney on his way to Rome. This w his third visit to Sydney—his first as Bishop. He was last there in 1938 whe he was on his way back to his hom land, France, where he was consecrate as a Bisho at Nantes. His Vicaria extends 2,500 miles, from Nauru Christmas Island. While in Sydney arranged for two Australian nuns to to work in the Gilberts and while is in Europe he will try to secure mo missionaries for work in the area.

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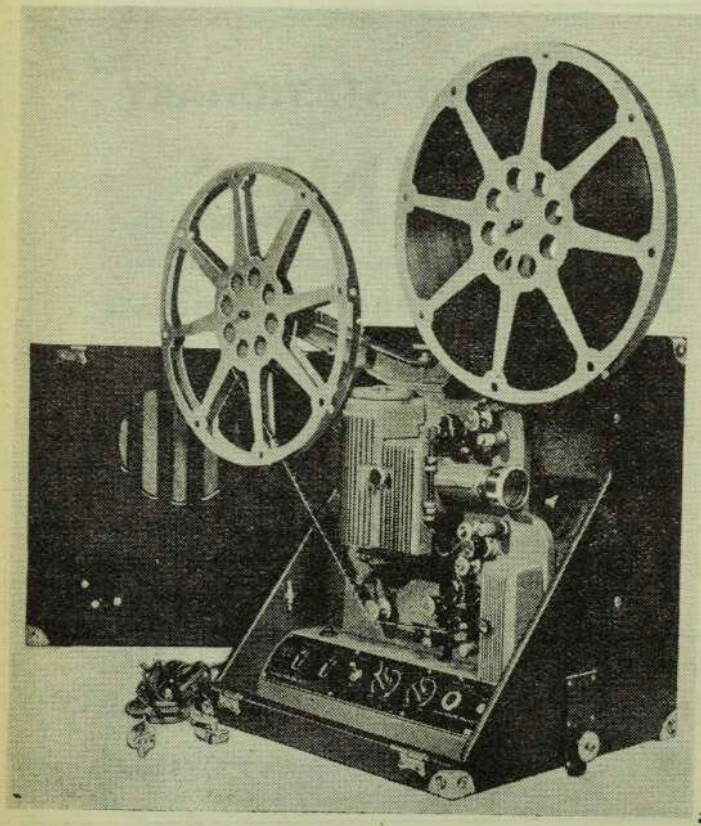

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NAURU NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

PLANS for the establishment of a European - Nauruan Volunteer Defence Force within the next three months are well under way.

A small contingent of ARA officers, and NCO's under the command of Major R. J. Dick, who paid a visit to Nauru in September for a preliminary survey, is expected to arrive from Australia shortly. Major Dick is of the opinion that whereas during the last war Australia was opposed to a strong maritime force in the form of the Japanese navy, in the event of another attack, it was generally acknowledged that the logical enemies were by no means a great sea power.

Because of the strategic situation of Nauru, it was therefore argued that if an attack was made, it would be made by a small, compact, hard-hitting Commando unit. It was, therefore, necessary for the island to prepare to repel such a move, with an equally compact and hard-hitting force.

A successful carnival organised by the Nauru Recreation Committee for funds for the Melbourne Branch of the Aged and Infirm Blind, was held here in mid-September. Later, a presentation of a cheque for £175 was made to Mrs. T. Stanley-Smith, who is the Honorary Auxiliary Organiser for the Victorian institution, and who was visiting Nauru as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hayward.

Miss Nina Polson, of New Zealand, is completing her nursing training in Sydney before she goes to New Guinea for the Unevangelised Fields Mission.

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Passengers arriving from the Cook Islands per Maui Pomare in October included (left to right):—

Mrs. E. V. Henderson returning from a visit to her home island of Manihiki. Mrs. Goldsbury and Raewyn, back on holiday after 2½ years in Rarotonga—Mr. Goldsbury is on the staff of the education department there. Mrs. Pat Goodwin visiting NZ for the first time. Miss Marie Rongo who will stay with friends in Auckland.

Mr. H. Hardie, veterinary officer of the Fiji Department of Agriculture, arrived in Suva recently from the UK. He is a graduate of Edinburgh University and after war service in the RAF was in private practice in Cornwall. He will be posted to the Lautoka district.

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Some Impressions of Four Pacific Territories

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nake prompt decisions, and he is he type who will make them.

FUTURE OF THE INDIANS

I was deeply interested in observ-ng the attitude of the Indians to heir new ruler. The old Indians eemed as "Dead Pan" and inscrut-ble as ever, but the young indians -born in Fiji, English-speaking, alert nd intelligent—appear to me to be oking to this young Governor with iendliness and real hope.

Shortly, in this journal, I am go-g to discuss the future of the dian people in Fiji without any servations, and I cannot here at-mpt to deal with such a vexed bject. But I believe that the ji-born Indian can provide the swer to the problem the Indian plantation created, and that there n be a peaceful and happy future r all races in this lovely archi-lago. The Fiji-Indian, with help, n provide the answer to to-day's fficulties; and the Fiji-Indian thus n earn his share of the future's eet rewards. But the emphasis is *Fiji-Indian*—the man born in the untry.

Western Samoa

HATE that word "Paradise"—the Americans, trying to sell books d films about the Pacific, have wlderised it to the point of urdity. But I have seen practically the South Pacific islands, and if one of them is entitled, on the res of tropical colour, happiness its people, cleanliness, freedom m economic and political worry, nerous hospitality to the stranger hin its gates, and general at-ctiveness, the title of "Paradise" uld go to Western Samoa.

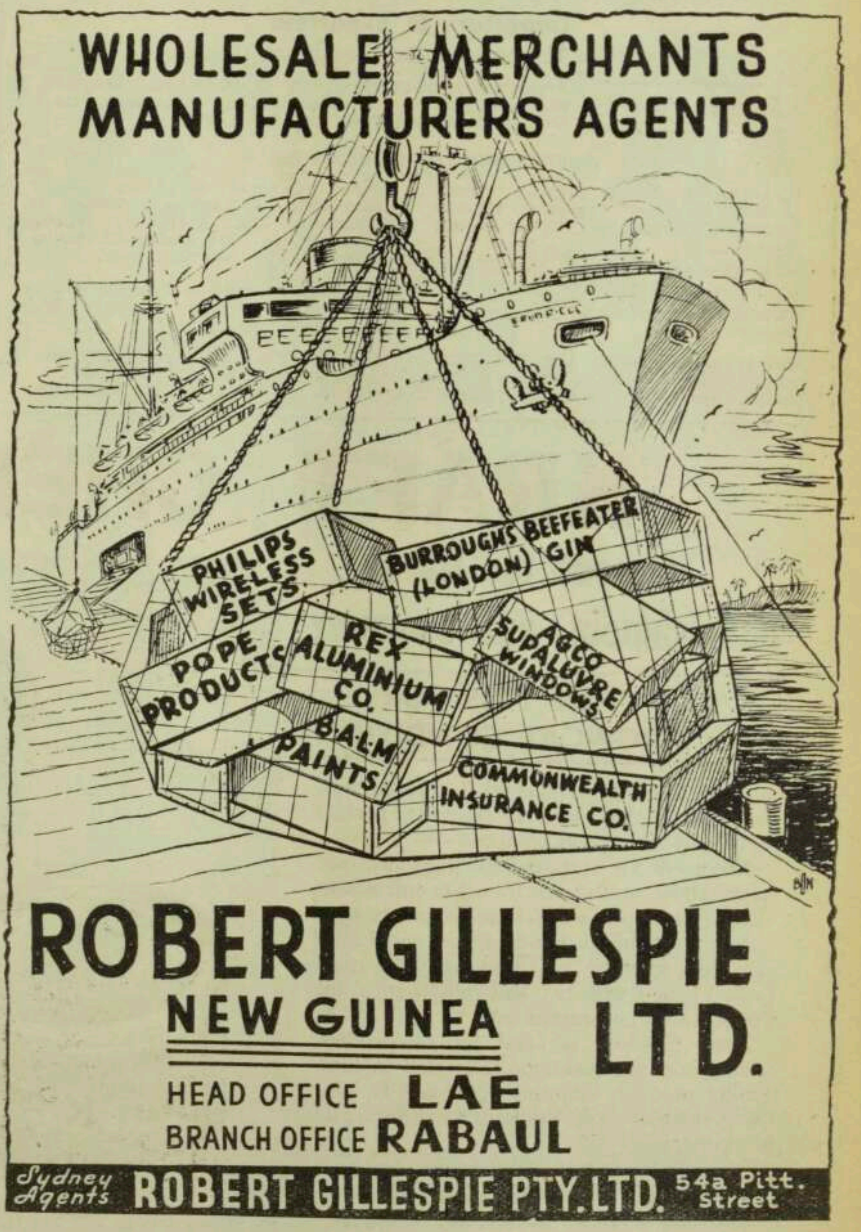
have known the country for 20 rs. I have as good a knowledge any of its history. On that basis, ive the credit for Samoa's happi-s to-day to the German colonists 1890-1914, and the New Zealand ialists of 1935-50. By establish-the cocoa industry, the Germans de the Samoans rich. By rooting the Chinese, and giving the noans an increasing measure of -government, the New Zealanders ured their economic security and social welfare of the Samoans.

The 20-miles drive from the new apuala seadrome to Apia, through olu's richest territory, is a sheer ght. The swarming villages are neat, the people so healthy, the abundant plantations so prolific, the lack of any sign of poverty so marked. Everything, from the medical statistics which show a population of 100,000 close at hand, to the Customhouse figures which indicate a growing surplus of wealth, and the education figures which point to a rapidly increasing percentage of literacy—all pay tribute to the good work of the caretaker nation (New Zealand).

CALL FOR DISCIPLINE

All is not well, of course—it never is. Overdoses of wealth and freedom have gone to the heads of the young Samoans, and there are disturbing stories of increasing village hooliganism, and a positive pestilence of petty theft. One may not too hastily allot blame; but one gets the impression that the police system has been—and still is—far too easy and not very efficient.

There is reasonably good co-operation between NZ Administration and the Samoan high chiefs. If the Samoan leaders are wise—and they have not lacked wisdom in the past—they will take early and drastic steps to impose a greater measure of social discipline in the villages. If



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they don't, they may lose some of their hard-earned freedom, and discredit their lovely country.

TOURISM FOR SAMOA

If Samoa wanted more wealth—and I doubt if more wealth would be good for her—she surely could get it through organisation of the tourist traffic.

The three South Pacific countries which can develop an enormous tourist industry are Fiji, Tahiti and Samoa—and Samoa need not be in second or third place. Each has very special attractions to offer; each has its distinctive charm; and Samoa is completely different from all the other big archipelagoes in that it has no Asiatic community—it is the only big Pacific country without major racial problem.

There are not 200 full European left in Samoa. There are about 5,00 people of European-Samoan bloo who mostly enjoy European statu and fit happily into the little natio and supply most of its trading an professional classes; and there ar some Chinese-Samoans (relics of th repatriated Chinese labourers) really excellent type; but these grou present no problems.

Except for tourism, I do not se any sign of new industries develo ing in Samoa. In fact, Samoa seem to have all it needs. But if there ar any tendencies towards developmen they surely will be stimulated by th inclusion of Samoa in the magnificen new air service just established b TEAL. You can be in this colourfu tropical paradise (that word again 15 hours after leaving Auckland.

Tahiti

PAPEETE seems destined to b come, in the South Seas, wh Honolulu is in the North Pacific— a place of glamour, and sensu thrill, all adjusted to the syncopatic of canned Yankee music.

In general lay-out, Papeete an Apia are much alike. But where Apia's bay is broad, and wind-ruffle

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nd shallow at the edges, so that ost ships lie out, Papeete's is arrow, and deep and placid, like a irror.

One side of the main street in both pia and Papeete is the water-front; t whereas Apia's waterfront is half lderness, Papeete's is a dock-side, here ships from the seven seas are pored end-on. As you walk along peete's waterfront, you have the sy shops on the one side, and on e other scores of little gangways, ding from the side of the street ht onto the decks of innumerable ips.

Right behind the quay is a maze little streets, packed with Chinese res; behind that the residences, ried in lush and colourful gardens; d, behind that again, steep, bare, m-looking mountains, out of which mes the little town's abundant ter-supply. It is one of the most ractive and lively little ports in world.

SIN IN PAPEETE

By reputation—supported by one's t impression—Papeete's chief in-try is Sin. An extraordinary per-ntage of the street population com-ses pretty French-Tahitian girls; l a notable percentage of them e the stranger a roguish glance, l wriggle self-consciously. The nderer from colder climes soon ls that he is expected to adjust his to the inescapable rhythms of the ned music, and put a Tahitian ver behind his ear (the customary of a love-quest), otherwise he is tten down as a dull dog, and profitable.

Quinn's Bar, a bamboo-like icture in the centre of the town, famed for its lively and uncon-tional atmosphere, and for the ius of the Yank-Tahitian tunes posed by its manager, Eddie d; and the tempo of life in the t area generally seems to be erned by Quinns. The half-dozen s and dance-halls give the place air of determined gaiety; and they ly get going on Saturday and day nights.

Unlike the English-speaking Terri-es, Tahiti places no restriction tever upon the sale of liquor to itians and part-Tahitians; and the zy created by furious music, al urge and alcohol frequently s to scenes which spectators rwards describe with no lack of gination, in smoke-rooms and castles around the world. This, be, has given Tahiti a fame h Tahiti really does not deserve. ome of the Tahitian solo dancers are great artists. In the front rank, at present, is Augustine. No entertainment is complete without this lovely and lively little creature, and her troupe of assistant dancers. Her hula—an extraordinary circular wriggling of the body, described by the visiting journalists as a "belly flop" or an "abdominal snap"—has to be seen to be believed. Probably, it is completely based in sensualism; but it is nonetheless an artistic achievement.

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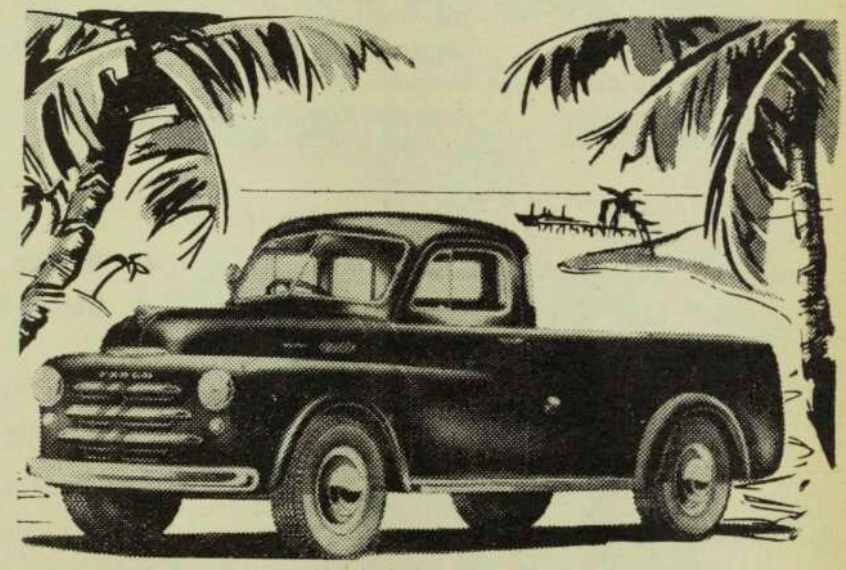

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nore to Tahiti than Quinns and the abdominal snap"—although the asual traveller is liable to be im-ersed in those first impressions.

In a population of 60,000 there are erhaps 40,000 Tahitian villagers, ving quietly very close to the soil; out 10,000 Chinese traders and rtisans, who control most of the mmerce that is worth while; and a rge community—their number can-t even be guessed at—of European-ahitians, who fill a definite place tween the official French ad-inistration, and the rest of the pulace.

Nothing much is said; but some-w one senses an antagonism be-een the official French and the ading Tahitians and part-Tahitians. e latter, like their counter-parts Samoa, Tonga and other Poly-sian countries, would like to govern emselves, and be free of the white icial whose orders come from over seas.

Under French law, of course, all ese folk—Tahitians, part-Tahitians, hitian-born Chinese, and any izen of mixed blood—have equal tus. They are French citizens, and y have exactly the same rights, d they can move around anywhere the French Empire with complete edom. That is the basis of the leration created years ago by ance, called the French Union.

There may be much in a name; t it does not provide the solution the not-very-aggressive nationalist titiment of this country. The hitians and part-Tahitians have two lings; they hate the Chinese, and y want to govern their own untry. The fact that the French vern them well and conscientiously, d pour a surprising amount of nch funds into public works, for good of the whole community, es not seem to alter the basic titiment of their hearts. They will you, in idle moments, of the high ces the Chinese pay for Tahitian gins, and of the large salaries re-ved by the highest *fonctionaires* of Tahitian administration.

TAHITI GENERALLY HAPPY

On the whole, however, it is a ppy-go-lucky community, without serious problem of politics to p the *fonctionaires* awake at hts. The worst headaches are ial.

There is too much disease about—erculosis, filariasis, and venereal. combination of French and Ameri-interests is making a splendid rt to rid the country of TB and riasis; but there is not much chance of dealing effectively with the other thing while every barrier against freedom of sexual intercourse is discounted.

The country has four main sources of revenue: Vanilla exports, copra exports, phosphatic rock from Makatea, and the funds sent from Paris to pay for the administration. Makatea is nearly worked out. This seems to provide a precarious kind of a budget: and high officialdom evidently is sensitive on the point, because it is very anxious to stimulate tourism. The opening of the TEAL service is therefore an event of the highest economic importance.

There are good hotels there—Les Tropiques, Royal Tahitian, etc.—and now there has been opened a most excellent hostelry, right on the waterfront at one end of the town, the Grand, and Papeete now can accommodate and entertain a large number of visitors. The latter will get all the beauty and charm of the South Seas in Tahiti, plus something that we may call Extreme Sophistication.

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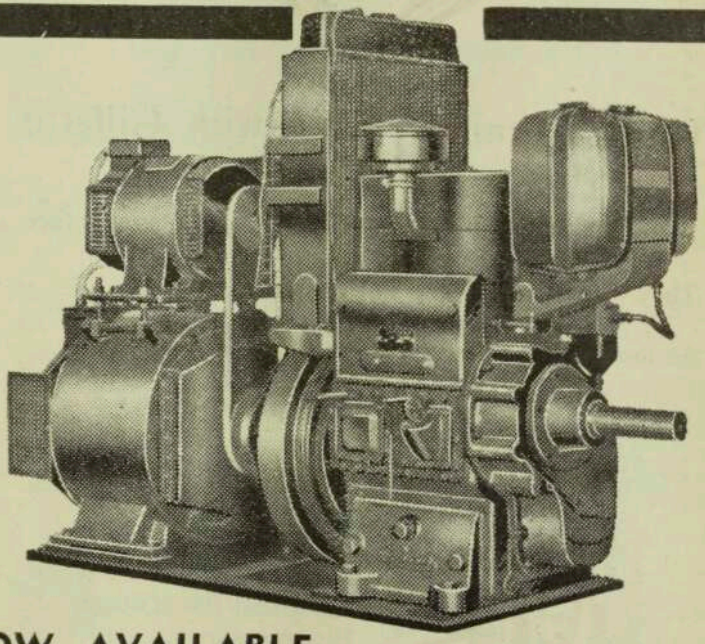

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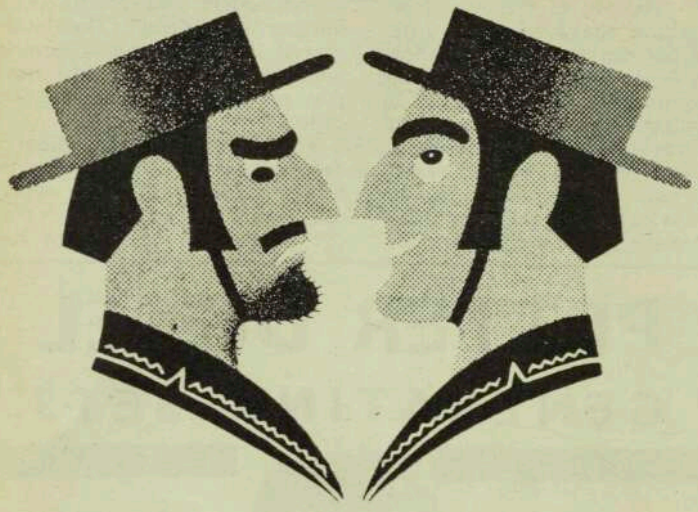

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money's worth.

Maybe, I had better stop here and say no more about money. I got 140 francs for my Australia £1 and the price of goods and service in Papeete, on that basis, literally rocked me. Fifty-five francs for a 300-yards taxi-drive; 750 francs for a dinner for one, plus wine and a solo dance by Augustine—Tahiti is no place for folk who value the bawbees. But Tahiti surely will be increasingly, a playground for the rich; and it is being well organised accordingly. Its friendly and very hospitable people deserve all that a big and growing tourism can give them.

Another Expert Visits Papua-New Guinea

MISS JEAN ADAMSON, pre-school officer of the Australian Department of the Interior, is visiting Papua-New Guinea to help and advise Play Centre Groups in the Territory.

A Ministerial press handout says that there is considerable interest in the pre-school movement in P-NG townships and that Mrs. D. M. Cleland, wife of the Acting Administrator, is taking a leading part in stimulating local interest. Presumably these play-centres, etc., are for European children, but this is not clear from the report. It would be a waste of energy and money to provide such centres for native infants when the need for village schools is so urgent.

No vessel sailing out of a NZ port provides such regular headlines as the Island Territories' *Maui Pomare* —"Propellor damaged at Aitutaki" "Doors stove in by heavy seas," "Delayed 14 hours by missing greaser," etc. Latest is "Delayed by engine trouble." *Maui* was due to clear Auckland for Rarotonga on November 6, but rain delayed her. Then when Captain Boulton rang for "astern" the only thing that went astern was the handle of the bridge telegraph. Sailing postponed until next day!

Mr. Tom Lashmar, Marine Manager for Thornycroft (Aust.) Pty., Ltd., will leave Sydney early in January by the Malaita on a business tour of Melanesia to call on old friends and new. His itinerary will include Norfolk Is., New Hebrides (Vila and Santo), Solomon Is. (Tulagi, Honiara, Gizo), New Guinea (Bougainville), and Papua (Pt. Moresby, Samarai).

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Passengers to P-NG

Passengers to Papua-New Guinea on the te-October Bulolo included (left to ght): Mr. M. R. Bruce and his brother r. Trevor Bruce, who is well known in e Territory as the manager of Abu antation, West Papua. Miss J. Oldroyd-rris, who was en route to Port Moresby ter spending three months furlough in Tasmania. Mr. L. Kung, of Port Moresby, who was returning home after a short stay in Sydney. Mr. Kevin Esposito, who has joined Papua-New Guinea Supply Co., Lae, New Guinea—he was in the Islands during the war as a Navy-commando.

NZ TROUT RELEASED AT BULOLO

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, November 3.

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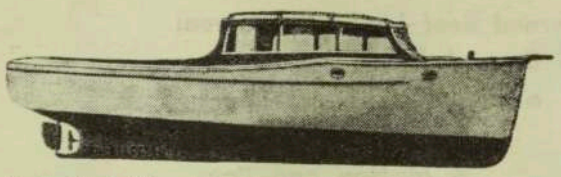

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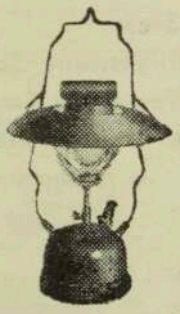

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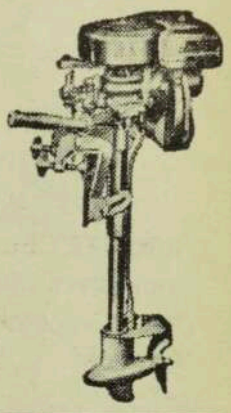

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Warrant Officer Gordon Kells, of e RNZAF, on transfer to Fiji om Auckland, sailed his 32-foot oop *Temptress* there in November. ccompanying him on the voyage ll be Sergeant Peter Joll, Flight-rgeant Bill Lewis and Mr. Rob rlyne an Auckland yachtsman. e crew will return from the de-ery voyage by air.

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A NZ National Film Unit camera-n was expected to travel in the aircraft.

Temptress was also equipped with a low-power radio transmitter for the voyage.

ESTRELLA DEL MAR

Captain Emile Savoie's recently acquired twin screw cargo vessel *Hauturu*, completely reconditioned, with a large tricolour floating over her new name (*Estrella del Mar*) and port of registry (Noumea), and with the white Savoie house-flag with its six blue stars at the masthead, cleared Auckland for Sydney and the Islands on October 15.

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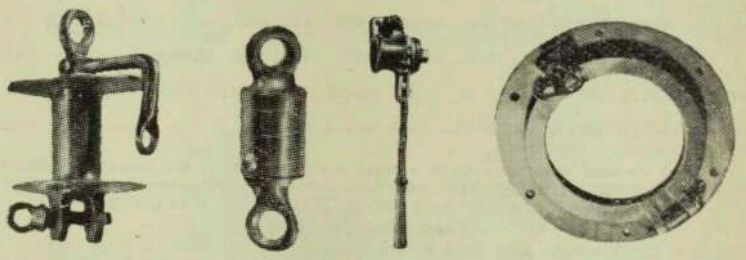

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modern twin-channel radio telephone set which contacted Noumea direct from Auckland in daytime. Captain Savoie hopes to keep in constant contact with his *Maria del Mar*, at present under the command of Captain J. C. Depoortere, of Noumea, who recently returned from France with his Master's Ticket.

Captain Savoie purchased the wreck of the ill-fated *Lolowai* some time ago and from it salvaged the electric winches and derricks which have now been installed in *Maria del Mar*.

BREAK OF DAY FOR NEW HEBRIDES MISSION

The Presbyterian Overseas Mission in Auckland purchased the 32-foot motor-sailer *Kotaretare* in Octob and renamed her *Break of Day* The boat was dedicated at a servi at an Auckland wharf and left the on October 16, manned by three we known yachtsmen, bound for t New Hebrides via Norfolk a Noumea. She will replace a ves lost in last summer's hurricane.

The yachtsmen manning her a Mark Anthony, former owner of t yacht *Rangi*, lost on Norfolk ea this year, Mr. S. Smith, a crew me ber of that yacht, and Mr. H. Po of the well-known Auckland yac *Sea Wolf*. They will return by ai

The Mission has purchased anoth small vessel for the Hebrides—c livery later this year.

PHILANTE II FOR HONOLULU

Philante II, the Fairmile pa senger vessel which arrived Papeete from England in July, l there for Honolulu on September 2 It is understood that, contrary earlier reports, a sale could not arranged at Tahiti. New Zealan owner Athol Rusden was in co mand when she sailed. Others the original crew had returned New Zealand earlier.

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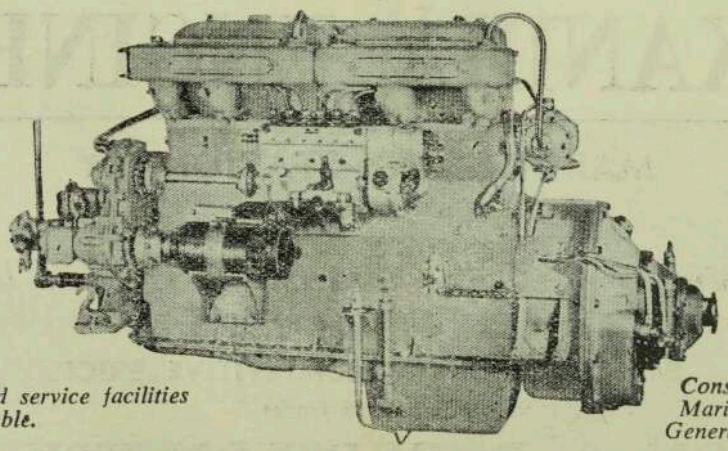

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CFPO schooner *Oiseau des Iles*, l shortly bring a vessel from ance—said to be a large schooner. details are yet available, except t the vessel would be used by a peete company in the general inter- nd trade.

ISEAU DES ILES FOR SALE—AT A PRICE

The Campagnie Francaise des sphates de l'Oceanie's 400-ton l 3-masted schooner *Oiseau des* , which recently returned to Maka- Island following an expensive re- in Auckland, was reported in ober to be on offer through an lish ship-broker.

The recent refit was estimated to e cost £30,000, so the acceptable e is likely to be a high one.

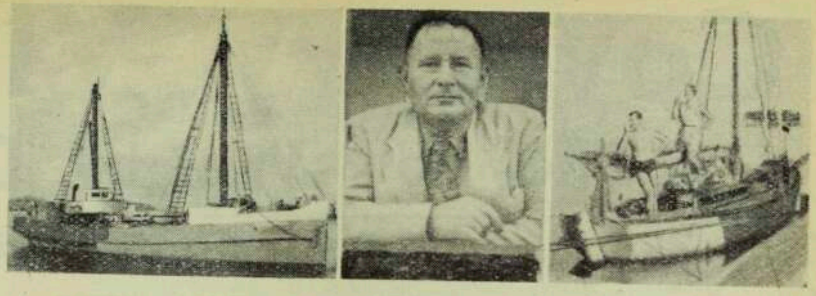
AONIU FOR REFIT

The Tongan Government vessel *iu* was expected in Auckland early ember for refit and repairs. The el, which was acquired in Fiji in), recently touched a reef in the pai Group, but was also due for haul.

was expected that Captain Carl nson, Master of the *Hifofua*, ld bring the vessel south and re- to Tonga immediately. The kland Agents for the Tongan ernment were advertising for a master for *Aoniu* early in ber.

END OF THE *KORO*

he small vessel *Koro*, sunk, raised reconditioned near Vila, is now more. She came to grief on a



Left to right: Captain Emile Savoie's Estrella del Mar enters the Islands trade. Captain Joe Spring, who returned to Auckland after sailing as Chief Officer in the Oiseau des Iles. Wanderer II lying in Papeete harbour—soon to sail for Sydney via ports.

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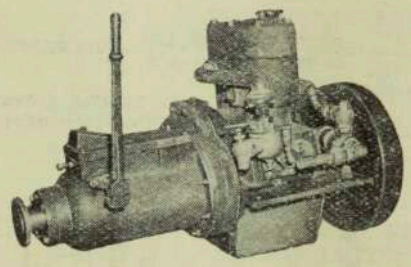

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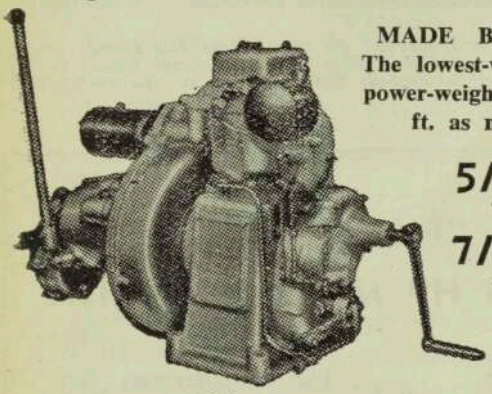

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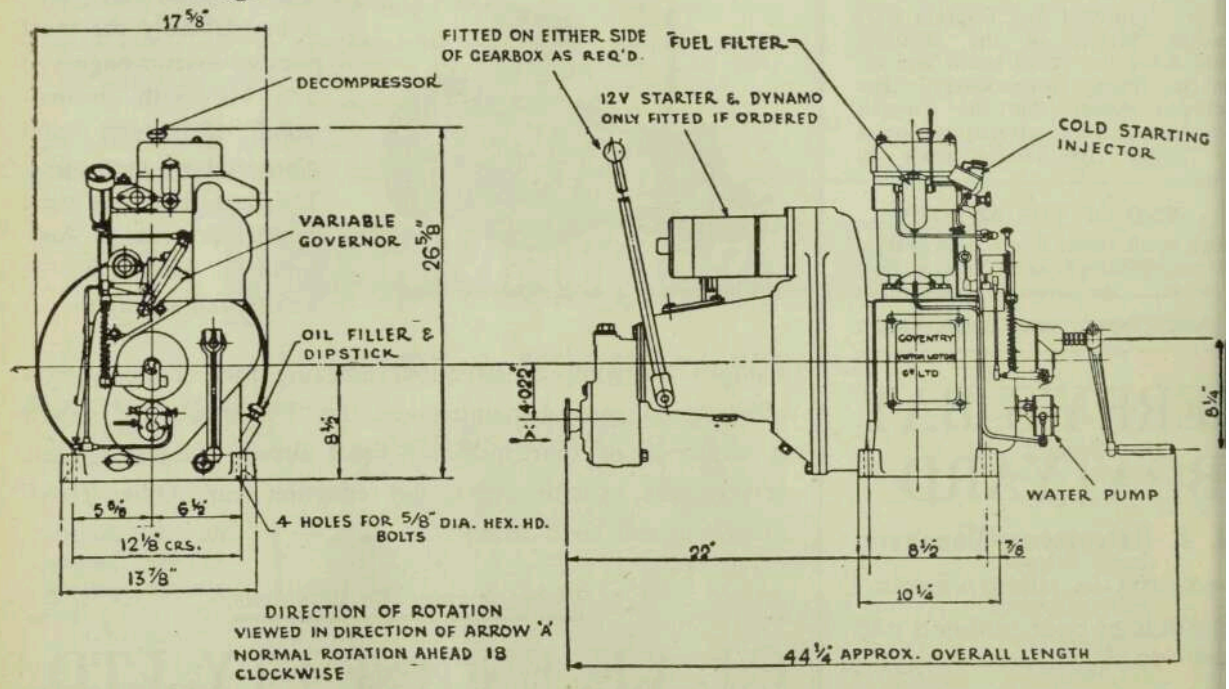

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eef in New Caledonia and became total loss. (See elsewhere this issue).

BSIP's *HYGEIA* AT SAMARAI

The BSIP medical vessel AV *Hygeia* left Honiara on September for Samarai (Papua) for slipping. The *Hygeia* is the first Protectorate essel to use the Samarai slipway.

BREAK OF DAY II

The 32-foot launch *Break of Day* , purchased in Auckland by the esbyterian Overseas Mission, arrived fely in New Hebrides on November Equipped with only a low-powered otor and very small sail area, it ade an excellent passage via Nor-lk and Noumea, in charge of Auck-nd yachtsman Mark Anthony, hav-g sailed from Auckland on October . Two days were spent at Norfolk land making certain engine repairs. The launch replaces *Break of Day*, st a year ago in a New Hebrides rricane.

THE *TE AROA*

Messrs. Jagger and Harvey's grace-l topsail schooner *Te Aroa,* which nt on the reef at Mauke Island August 8, was some time later ttered by heavy seas and carried up into the shallows, beyond any pe of salvage.

STORTEBECKER III

PAPEETE, Oct. 30.

The 33 ft. yawl *Stortebecker III,* ned and skippered by Dr. Franklin-ans, late of the Indian Medical rvice, on a wandering voyage from w Zealand to the Tuamotus, spent couple of weeks in Papeete in tober. Calls had been made at pa and Raivavae, where the three vagers (Dr. Franklin-Evans, Frank sen and Ron Lamb) were kindly eived and hospitably treated by French officials. *Stortebecker III* ne out from London in 1949-50, l has been cruising in and around ynesia ever since.

WHITE WINGS

ying in Papeete harbour, Tahiti, October, in charge of Captain ber, was the beautiful and luxuri-ly-appointed American yacht *ite Wings,* owned by Mr. Richard Reynolds, an American tobacco lionaire. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds ved in Papeete by TEAL plane October 29, to join the yachting y in a leisurely cruise in Poly-ia.

AURABADA FOR NG SEA SCOUTS

aurabada, the famous old Papuan vernment patrol vessel, which was uited into the RAN during the war and has been lying idle in Port Moresby for the past year, has been handed over there for the use of local Sea Scouts.

NOLAN LUGGERS ON NG COPRA JOB

Former pearling luggers, the 65-ft. *Ellen* and 56-ft. *Gwen May,* are now engaged in carrying copra between Wewak and Madang, New Guinea.

Both luggers formerly belonged to the late John Nolan, who died during diving operations off Samarai about two years ago, shortly after he began trochus and shell fishing in the area.

The luggers spent 18 months tied up in Townsville following Nolan's death, and sailed in convoy for NG under the command of Mr. A. T. Frodsham some time ago. A third Nolan lugger, *Josey,* was expected to join the other two on NG copra work early this month.

NEWS OF CRUISING YACHTS

Ngataki, home-built yacht in which Aucklander Johnny Wray cruised to the Cook Islands and Tonga in the 30's, before disposing of her to build himself a roomier motor-cruiser, recently changed hands in Auckland. Through the Agency of Andrew Donovan, a leading ship-broker, Mr. J. May, late owner, has sold her to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brown who at some future

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date, intend making a Pacific cruise.

Chiquita, 35 foot Auckland cutter whose arrival at Honolulu from Papeete was reported last month, departed for Los Angeles in mid-October. Owner-skipper Jack Campbell expected to complete the trans-Pacific crossing early in November. At San Francisco the almost-new reverse-sheer yacht will be put up for auction.

Mr. Campbell and his companion, Donald McLean, have been accompanied since Papeete by Mr. Oliver, an English schoolteacher.

Apart from a scare in the Tuamotus, when they began drifting at night without wind or motor in the vicinity of reefs, the passage from Papeete was excellent, the 2,800 miles being covered at an average 130 miles per day.

Miru, with Dr. Tom Davis and famil of Rarotonga aboard, was reported at St Simon's Island, Georgia, on October 18 after a good passage up from Callao an through the Panama Canal to Miami, Fla Heavy weather was encountered on th next leg of the voyage which has ended a Boston, and an over-enthusiastic radi amateur at Dayton Beach alerted th Coast Guard when he heard mention fro the yacht's radio that they were bein buffeted. However, Miru arrived safel at St. Simon's and the remainder of th voyage via New York was throug sheltered inland waterways. Miru lef Wellington on May 31 and Callao, Peru on September 12.

On November 2 the ketch reache Boston—10,000 miles across the Pacific i five months. Dr. Davis, CMO of Cook Is was late for his post-graduate course o Public Health at Harvard University. Fo this he blamed five storms encountered o the voyage.

The name Forerunner will not ring bell in the Eastern Pacific—but Springbo certainly will. Under that name thi little 26-foot-overall yawl, then under th South African flag, came down throug Panama and arrived in NZ waters vi Island ports about 1948.

In Auckland Springbok was purchased b Mr. D. Wing, and given again her origina name of Forerunner. He used her fo local cruising until early 1952. In March Mr. G. Douglas, lately of the Blue Funne Line and holder of a foreign-goin Master's ticket, arrived in Auckland, me Mr. Wing, and sold him the idea of

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acific cruise. Buying a half share Mr. ouglas moved aboard, and the little raft slipped quietly out of Auckland st May 15, with a proper clearance, for ukualofa.

Between then and November 3, when e yawl arrived back in Auckland, the o men visited Haafeva, Haapai, Vavau, ava, Matuku, Totoya, Lakemba, Vanua balavu, Wakaya, Makogai, Levuka and ain Suva, sailing from there on tober 16. At various times they met with Fitheach Ban, Viator, Wakaya, anu Moana and Omoo, similarly engaged lolling round the Islands. Omoo, a eel Belgian-owned vessel, left Suva in igust on her voyage round the world. Forerunner is now back at her moorings the Tamaki River, Auckland.

Manu Moana, 38-foot New Zealand op, which has been in Fiji waters for eral months (photo October), left Suva tober 28 on the return voyage to Bay Islands.

The crew for the south-bound passage cluded owner Holden, K. Rowe of illington, J. Keniedy, an Australian d Bob Narahu, a Gilbert Islander ning to New Zealand to train as an ctrician.

Arthur Rogers, Mr. Tom Hepworth's verted Brixham trawler, will remain Papeete until at least next April, n continue on to Auckland. The ner is prepared to take four paying sts for the last leg of the voyage, bably via the Cook Islands.

The American luxury yacht White ron, the Australian-owned Wanderer and John (Desperate Voyage) Cald- l's Tropic Seas are still reported at Tahitian capital. There has been an lition to the crew of Tropic Seas e arriving in port—as Mrs. Caldwell ently gave birth to another child (sex eported) aboard the yacht "without lical assistance of any kind!"

kaya, Auckland staysail schooner, t present at Nukualofa, and reportedly cing some volunteer yachtsmen to st on the passage back to Auckland.

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the belief that Scouting advances educational work in the Pacific Terri- es, the Australian Government is pro- ng generous financial assistance for ua-New Guinea and Nauru Scouts to nd the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in ney between December 29 and uary 9.

here will be 24 Scouts from Nauru, will travel in the BPC ship Triona. P-NG contingent will probably have fly for want of suitable shipping. Government will pay the fares of 22 ts, including two Europeans. But in Territory the Local Association is g to raise the expenses of 28 more.

Mr. J. F. Griffiths, Assistant Ac- ntant, Nyasaland, has been ap- nted Deputy Accountant-General, . He is expected to arrive early he New Year.

Mr. J. Kruitschnitt, managing director of Mt. Isa Mines and managing director of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., spent 10 days in Wau, NG in October. He was accompanied by Mrs. Kruitschnitt and by Mr. George Fisher who will take over the management of Mt. Isa when Mr. Kruitschnitt retires at the end of the year.

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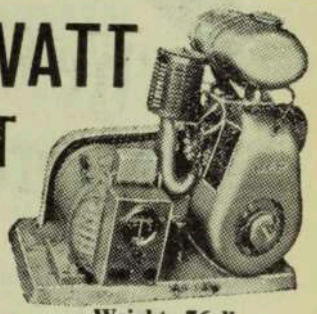

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NEW ERA IN THE SOLOMONS

Mr. Stanley Completes His First Survey

ALTHOUGH just off a comfortless little ship, after ten weeks spent a preliminary survey of his wide-read kingdom, the new High Com-ssioner for the Western Pacific, Mr. C. S. Stanley, was determinedly timistic when he met newspaper porters in Suva on October 22.

He had had a quick look at New ebrides, Solomons and Gilbert and lice Islands; but he did not have ich to say about the smaller groups. s interest and imagination seemed have been stirred by the Solomons; d he insisted that, with unity and operation, much can be done there. It is not generally realised that, one leaves out New Guinea (the rld's biggest "island"), the British lomons comprise the largest Ter-ory in the South Pacific—14,680 uare miles, or twice the area of ji. Yet in the Solomons there are ver than 500 Europeans and less than 100,000 Melanesian natives.

The archipelago is tragically un-developed. Under competent help and direction, it could become as valuable economically as Fiji, Samoa or French Oceania. Yet it has only a few score white residents, apart from officials and missionaries; and its only notable product is copra—about 12,000 tons per annum.

For the first time in history, BSI has an Administrator of its own—it is no longer an unwanted appendage of Fiji—and its new chief has im-pressed everyone as a man of strength and resource. He appears to have definite plans for creating a new era in BSI; but obviously he can do little without (a) vigorous co-operation from London and (b) success in at-tracting private enterprise into the archipelago.

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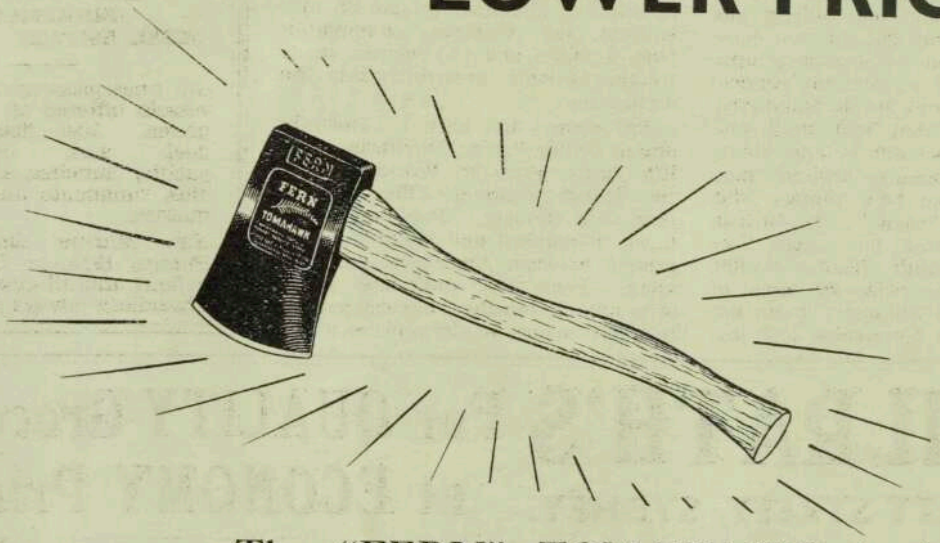

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MR. STANLEY told the reporters that a building programme for Honiara was being pushed on rapidly and, even if the work were not completed, he would try to remove the headquarters' staff from Suva to Honiara in January.

He would not enter into the old controversy about Honiara and Tulagi. He admitted that war-shattered Tulagi had a good harbour, whereas Honiara is only partly sheltered; but he pointed out that the new capital on Guadalcanal has a fine hinterland, while Tulagi has none. It was hoped to overcome the lack of a good overseas wharf at Honiara by encouraging private enterprise to establish an efficient lightering service.

He admitted that probably the territory's first need was more production; and, if there was to be an increased copra output, or development of new industries, there must be a larger labour supply. He did not indicate the source of this; but he expressed a hope that he could develop better relations with that large section of the native population which had been associated with the Maasina Rule movement.

Mr. Stanley would not comment on the report that a transfer of the Commission's large fleet of little ships to the control of private enterprise was contemplated. For both administration and development, adequate communications were essential; and he said that many matters connected with both air and sea transport were under consideration.

Mr. Stanley said that the Gilbert and Ellice Colony had made a good recovery from wartime devastation, and all public services were being paid for out of revenue. (This, of course, is not surprising, because, through a system of Islands Councils, communal public works, and co-operative trading societies, the Colony is largely run by the natives themselves, and private enterprise by Europeans is entirely absent, since the war).

ADVANCE PARTY

HONIARA, October 25.

THE advance party of the WPHC headquarters on the move to the Protectorate, will consist of the High Commissioner (Mr. Stanley), Mrs. Stanley and Miss Stanley, the Financial Secretary (Mr. A. M. McLeod Smith) and Mrs. McLeod Smith, and the Assistant Secretary (Mr. H. Russell) and Mrs. Russell. Mr. Russell served here previously.

The Chief Secretary (Mr. R. J. Minnitt) will remain in Suva for a time being as Assistant High Commissioner. Although there is still an acute housing shortage, it has been possible to find suitable housing for **the advance party.**

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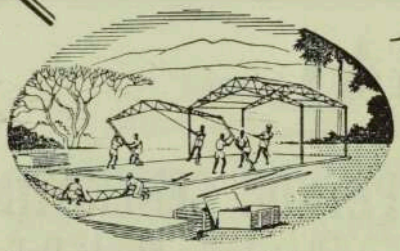
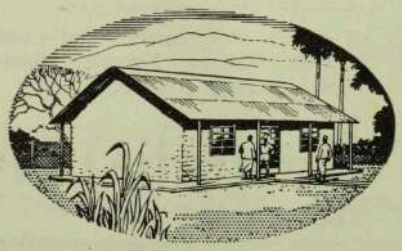
(1) *Here you see an upright of the 'Arcon' framework being raised into position. It takes little more than seven hours for seven unskilled men to assemble a 3-bay unit.*



(2) *Once the roofing is fixed, the walls can be constructed from inexpensive local materials—in this case unfired brick.*

(3) *This is part of the housing programme recently planned for a major oil Company in Persia. The 'Arcon' building is cool, spacious and hygienic, ideally suitable for the purpose.*



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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MRS. A. J. BRETAG

The death occurred in Lae, New inea, on November 3, of Mrs. ne Bretag, wife of Mr. A. J. etag, one of New Guinea's best- own and highly respected residents. s. Bretag, who was aged 51, joined husband in 1934 in the Bulolo a, where he was gold mining; and y and their sons—John, Brian, and nes—lived in Wau and Lae until Japanese invasion. Mrs. Bretag urned to the Territory after the with her husband and re-estab- ed her home, and has been closely ociated with the community ever ce.

MR. F. J. T. CORBETT

Mr. Frederick J. T. Corbett, a re- nt of Fiji for 65 years, died in a on October 22. He was 83.

He was born in New Zealand and 1888 joined his brothers, Bowyer Ernest, in Fiji. In 1901 he had utchery business in Suva, but in 6 started cattle raising and banana wing in the Tailevu district. He r acquired several blocks in the va valley, where he extended his le raising and began growing arcane.

He retired from active business in 9. He is survived by seven chil- n, 29 grandchildren and 15 great- ndchildren.

MR. A. D. OLSEN

Mr. A. D. Olsen died suddenly at ina, his plantation near Honiara, adalcanal, on October 8, as the ult of an accident.

He arrived in the Solomons early century and apart from the war rs 1942-45, and occasional visits Australia, had lived in the Pro- orate ever since.

As a young man, he is said to e sailed as a crew member of a ber ketch which was wrecked the New Hebrides, and to have ved in the Solomons by raft after shipwreck. Later he engaged in ing and recruiting in the Group. ientle, unassuming, incurably erous both in good times and , and with something of a gift for ng stories of the early days, he left many friends in the Solo- ns and another gap in the ranks he "old-timers".

MR. W. J. CANDLER

he death occurred on October 30, he Royal North Shore Hospital, ney, of Mr. William J. Candler, for very many years was a com- cial traveller in the South Pacific nds. His principal line was espie's flour, and in the course of s, Bill Candler and Gillespie's product came to be known very well in all the Islands' distributing centres from Port Moresby to Rarotonga. He had personal knowledge of most Islands residents, and was famous for his fund of anecdotes relating to Islands people and Islands affairs. He retired from active work only three or four years ago, and was 78 years old when he died.

MRS. MABEL MORRISON

A well-known resident of Rabaul, Mrs. Mabel Morrison, died at Wangaratta, Victoria, on October 16 after a very short illness.

She was the widow of Major Bill Morrison, who served with the Post and Telegraph Department in Rabaul. Major Morrison had a fine war record, and was for a long period prisoner of war in Changi.

Mrs. Morrison took an active interest in all sporting activities in Rabaul and in the Boy Scouts' movement. She is survived by three children—two married daughters in Wangaratta, and Mr. Ian Morrison, an employee of the Administration at Kokopo, NG.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fulton of Makurapau Ptn., New Britain, with daughters Mary and Elizabeth, were southbound passengers on the Malaita in October.

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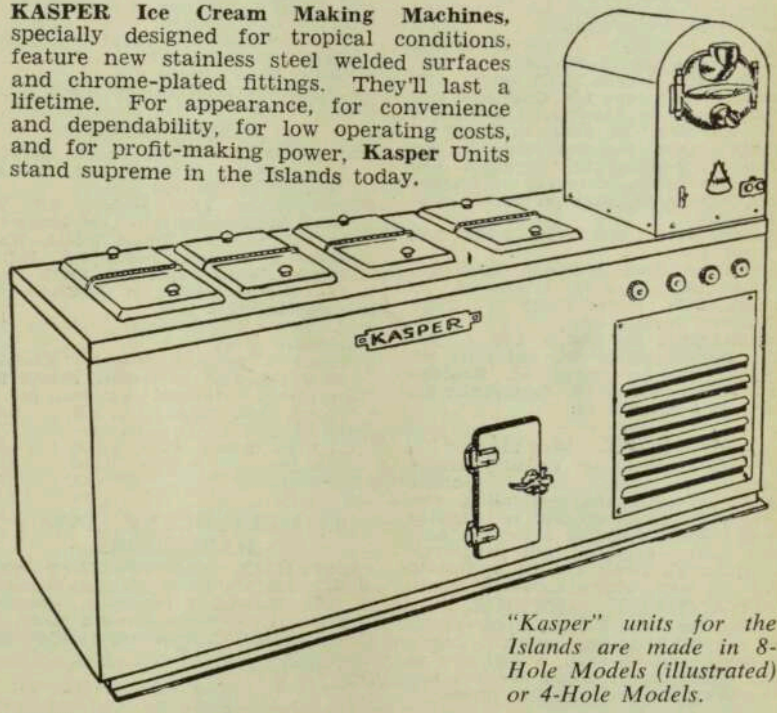

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The London Salvage Associatio party of divers, under Captain J. Herd, has now definitely located a marked the spot where the Drov aircraft crashed into the sea, thr miles south of Lae, New Guinea, July 16, 1951. The divers have d covered parts of the wreckage of t plane, and some passengers' luggag and they hope to find at least son of the Bulolo bullion the plane w carrying, estimated to have be worth £30,000. The water is abo 100 feet deep. The pilot and passengers were lost.

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Following the arrival in Papua four senior officials of the Vacuu Oil Co., it is believed that the b oil interests which have been pr ceeding with the oil search in th part of New Guinea for many yea will either announce soon that t prospects justify them in continui the search, or that the enterprise w be abandoned.

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It was announced in October behalf of the Government that Au tralia had not given serious consi eration to the suggestion of the pr sident of the Returned Soldie League that Australia should try buy New Caledonia from Franc New Caledonia has been a unit the French Empire for a century, a Ministers said there was no indicati whatever by France that the Te ritory was for sale. Similarly, suggestion that Australia should pu chase Western New Guinea fro Holland has not been actively pursue

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A Medical Department offici William Mervyn Creighton, who w sentenced by a New Guinea court 4½ years' gaol for criminal assau upon a native woman, while in An bunti hospital (Sepik River) will a peal to a higher Australian Court

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Messrs. Tom and Dan Leah young men in their twenties, a nephews of the famous Leahy brothe who pioneered the New Guinea Hig lands, have taken up land in th Markham Valley area of Ne Guinea. They are now planting the first crop of 100 acres of rice.

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MISSIONS AND NATIVE EDUCATION

An Important Conference

From a Special Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Nov. 10.

NE of the most important develop-
ments connected with the pro-
m of native education in the South
cific Islands took place on No-
nber 10, when there assembled
e, at the invitation of the Admin-
ation, delegates from 26 Christian
ssions operating in Papua and New
inea. Matters relating to native
ucation took first place; but the
nference also considered numerous
er matters affecting contact be-
en the activities of the Admin-
ation and the Missions.

Practically ever since the arrival of
ropeans in the Islands, 150 years
, the Christian Missions have as-
ned responsibility for native educa-
and health; and the Govern-
nts generally were content ta leave
t that. It is only in the last 40 or
years that the Governments have
epted an increasing responsibility
both the fields of education and
dicine; and thus there has been an
reasing overlap as between Gov-
ment and Mission activities.

This overlap has created sharp
blems in education, because the
vernments generally wish native
cation to adhere to one system,
reas each of the many missions
developed independently its own
em of native education. This, of
rse, has led to much argument,
occasionally to bitterness.

THE need for co-ordination in the field of education has been emphasised in Papua-New Guinea—first, because among the 1½ million of native population there, there are scores—perhaps hundreds—of separate languages; and, second, because the Administration itself, the Trusteeship Council which directs it, and the South Pacific Commission which advises it, have all in recent years developed a lively interest in the problems of native education, and the need for coordination of effort in relation thereto, and have turned scores of secular education experts loose upon its several problems.

The Acting Administrator, Mr. D. M. Cleland, who is largely responsible for this Conference being called, opened the proceedings to-day, and discussed the problems before delegates in a frank and forthright way; and then he handed over the chairmanship to the Director of Education in Papua-New Guinea, Mr. W. C. Groves.

In a statement expressing cordial goodwill towards the Missions, Territories Minister Hasluck said that since the war Australia has given increasing financial aid to them—1946-47, £33,000; 1948-49, £150,000; in 1951-52, the grants totalled £193,000, and the estimated grant for 1952-53 is £239,000.

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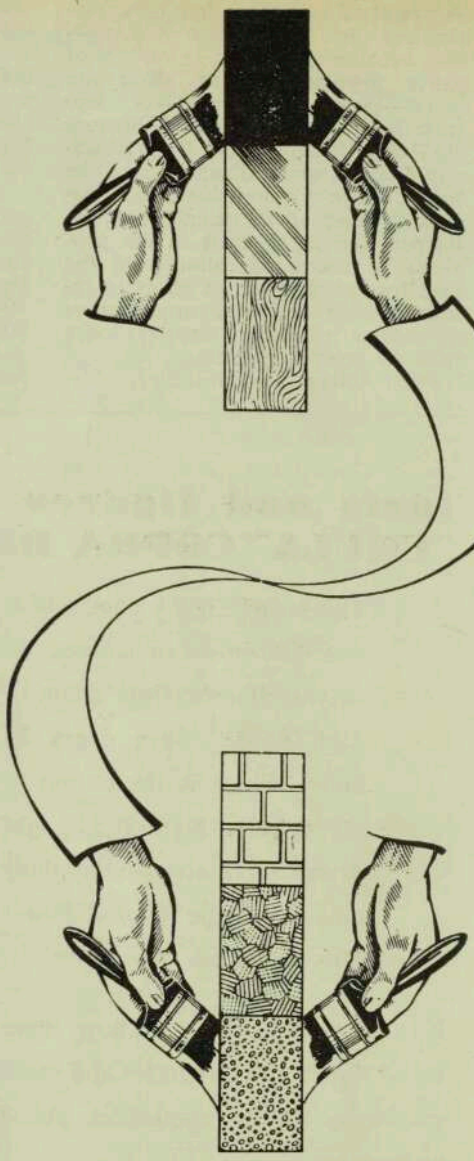

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Residents of Rabaul, NG, are baseball enthusiasts—six teams competed in last season's games, and Red Sox (large photo) came out on top with a score of 52 points. The other teams were: Cubs, 42 pts.; New Guinea Club, 32 pts.; Blue Sox, 30 pts.; Colts, 20 pts.; and Comworks, 4 pts.
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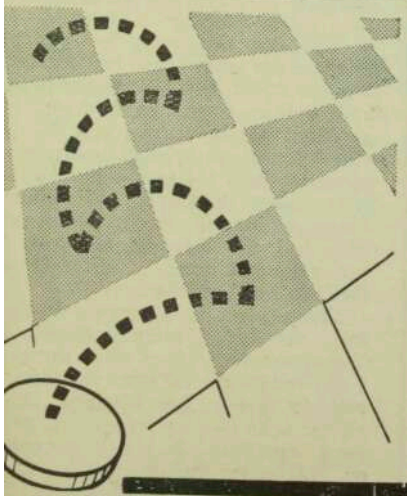

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S.P. COMMISSION'S SESSION OF HARD WORK

Many Plans and Projects for Islands Administration

MANY of the decisions taken by the South Pacific Commission, in a hard-working session extending from October 6 to 16, are of considerable interest to all of the South Pacific Territories. The NZ High Commissioner in Western Samoa, Mr. G. R. Powles, was chairman. The Commission is engaged on 43 projects "affecting the economic and social development of non-self-governing territories and the welfare and advancement of their peoples."

Dr. A. H. J. Kroon, a Dutch agricultural scientist with many years of experience in Indonesia, was appointed Executive Officer for Economic Development on the Research Council, which is a small body of experts, permanently employed to advise the Commission. The office was vacated by Dr. McMillan last year.

The next South Pacific Conference (an assembly of mostly native delegates from all South Pacific territories—there were 60 delegates from 17 territories in Suva in 1950, at the first Conference) will be held in Noumea in April, 1953.

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Including plans for the introduc tion and distribution of economi plants, improvement of tropica pastures and of stock, survey of lan uses, control of pests, diseases an weeds, the Commission considered 1 major projects in the field of economi development.

A survey of the possibilities of ex panding the cocoa and coffee indus tries in various territories has bee completed; a survey of the coconu industry is proceeding. Plans to as sist rice production are being made.

The SPC wishes to assist Island people generally to make greater us of their fish resources. Following conference of experts in May last, i has decided to give assistance to al institutions engaged in this form o research, especially in French Oceania

An official announcement says:

Other projects approved by th Commission included an examinatio of financial and commercial relation as they affect the economic develop ment of island people, the study o the possibilities of participation o native people in industrial develop ments; and the initiation of a economic survey in Western Samoa The Commission also decided to b associated with a statistical analysi of a sample agricultural census o Papua and New Guinea.

As it is couched in typical officialese it is difficult to understand what thi means. Private enterprise might lik an interpretation of the first sentence

APIA'S CHIEF PROBLEM

Under the heading of "Social De velopment" there appear to be, i process of planning or execution, considerable number of projects con cerned with the education of th Islanders—especially the backwar peoples of Melanesia.

Since it was established five year ago, the SPC has learned that, befor the "advancement" of Islanders ca be achieved, they must be instructed and before they can be instructed they must be in some degree literate and before they can become ever slightly literate there must be pro vided for them trained teachers an some medium for teaching. As ther are many hundreds of differen languages among the 1½ million prim itive folk in Melansia, the SPC ha become increasingly concerned wit the problem of literacy.

These projects therefore cover wide variety of literacy studies an instruction techniques—but there stil is no indication of what medium th experts favour for teaching in th village school—the vernacular, or th most common Territory languages or Pidgin, or the inculcation, at th lowest possible level, of simple Eng

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The Commission, however, has stablished a Literature Bureau to roduce and distribute simple reading atter for Islands people; and that ureau has given authority to produce quarterly magazine for the use of e literate Islanders. This will meet real need.

CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENTS

Having been informed that there a growing interest throughout the uth Pacific in the formation of co- erative societies among Islanders, e Commission has decided to range "a technical meeting" of -operative organisations with a view fostering the movement.

The official statement says the movement is "a means of promoting social and economic advancement." The subject should be examined in a thoroughly practical way before the SPC commits itself to furtherance of the movement. The general impression is (a) native co-operative societies rarely are efficient and economically sound except under European management and (b) the movement is frequently encouraged by administrative officers of advanced Leftist views as a means of expressing their hatred of private enterprise.

The Commission has decided to assist welfare centres and community development projects in various territories by grants and in other ways.

Papuans Attend Asian MRA Talks

When the First Asian Assembly r MRA (Moral Re-Armament)— out 500 people from 30 countries assembled in Colombo on October , those present included the follow- delegation from Papua-New inea, selected and sent to Ceylon the Australian Department of rritories:—

Merai Dickson, Papuan Member of he Papua and New Guinea Legislative ouncil.
Vera Dickson, wife of Merai Dickson, nd a school-teacher.
Alice Wedega, Papuan Delegate to he Pan-Pacific Women's Conference in ew Zealand in 1952.
Penueli Anakupu, editor of the apuan Times, an English newspaper r Papuans.

MRA is the movement launched ginally as the Oxford Group, and w led by Dr. Frank Buchman. Its purpose is to bring about such a change in economic and social conditions—on the part of both capitalists and communists—that the present tendency towards inter-racial and inter-class struggle will disappear.

The press reports that notable speeches were made in Colombo by Mr. Dickson and Miss Wedega.

JUNGLE WAR IN PAPUA

A REMINDER that the natives of New Guinea are only a couple of generations removed from savagery was given early in November in Papua, when about 100 men, with all the paraphernalia of jungle war, fought furiously with spears and clubs in the Rigo district, not far from Port Moresby. It was a quarrel between villages over land and other petty matters. Before the administrative officers could get there and check the fighting, two men were killed and about a dozen wounded.

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AT a recent meeting of the British Solomon Islands Copra Board, udited accounts for the year ended December 31, 1951, were presented nd were accepted and approved by nembers. The Board hopes that now aving the services of a permanent nd full-time Secretary-Accountant (Mr. E. V. Lawson) balance sheets vill be available each February.

Accumulated funds as at De-ember 31, 1951, were £65,374/0/2 nd there has probably been some rther increases this year. How-ver, as the Board's monthly com-itments necessitate the use of over-raft facilities from the Bank, all vailable accumulated funds must be sed in the Board's business.

The possibility of establishing a tabilisation Fund was discussed by nembers of the Board, who were all favour of the idea but expressed oubt as to whether the industry ould stand any substantial deductions r stabilisation at this stage. The oard decided to refer the matter to e Solomon Islands Planters' and ommercial Association for their pinion as to how much per ton ould be deducted next year.

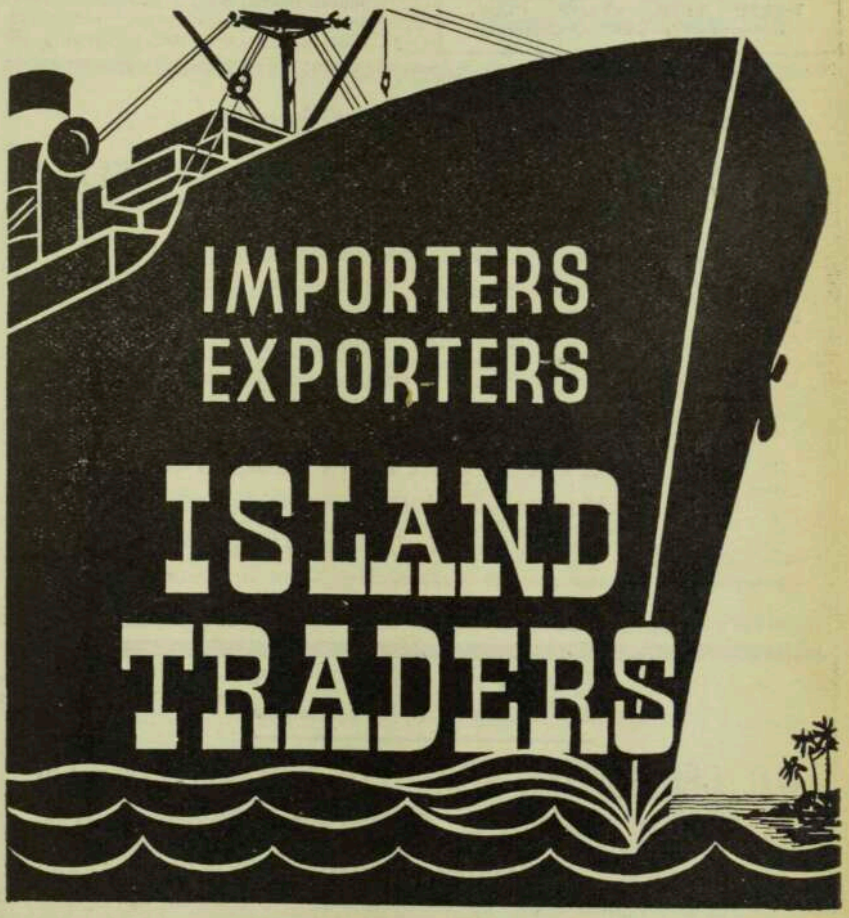
The opinions of planters are wel-omed by the Board.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The BSI Copra Board consists of ree government members, two ative members representing native opra producers, one member repre-nting missions and two Europeans presenting European planters. All e nominated by the Government. he Board has appointed the Trade heme as its buying agent and, after me pressure, the Fairymead Sugar ompany, at Yandina, as sub-agent.

BSI planter, who is at present in dney, when asked to comment on e above report, said that since the ppointment of Fairymead as sub-ent many planters have preferred to nd their copra there although it is rther away than Honiara. The ason is prompt payment, which, he ys, they do not get from the rade Scheme. He says that the oard, and through it the Trade heme, was allowed an overdraft om a Sydney bank of £20,000 to eet copra purchases. As they have buy something like a £1,000,000 orth of copra per annum this is tally inadequate and the gap is made by the Trade Scheme "waiting ntil a ship is sighted on the horizon" efore weighing and paying planters r their copra. When asked to accept the Board's invitation and give his opinion on a stabilisation fund, the visiting planter used a lot of rude words.

Travellers to Port Moresby on Bulolo which left Sydney, October 31, included (left to right): Mr. S. Armstrong and daughter Noelle, who were returning to Moresby after a holiday. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eginton and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Eginton, well-known in Moresby business circles.



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Samoa.—MOF contract is at £65 Stg. per ton Western Samoa; producers receive about £10 less.

BSI.—Growers receive £A63/10/- per ton, delivered Honiara or £A63/15/- Yandina, under MOF contract.

Tahiti.—Recent price for Papeete copra: Dry, 7.80 Pac. frs. kilo (£A55/4/- long ton); Super dry, 8.20 Pac. frs. kilo (£A58/11/- long ton).

COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on Nov. 1 was £Stg.230 (£A287/10/-) c.i.f. Cont. ports.

N.G.—Recent quotation: £A260 per ton, ex. wharf, Sydney.

New Hebrides.—Recent shipments to USA brought $548.50 per ton (£A228/10/- per ton).

Samoa.—Sydney agents in November quoted Samoan cocoa at £Stg.235 (£A293/15/-) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.).

COFFEE.—Islands prices ruling in Sydney in November:—

Papua-NG.—1st grade, approx. 7/- lb. ex-wharf Sydney (approx. £760/10/- 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 November shipment.—**Papua-NG:** 20 5/16d. Stg. per lb., c.i.f. Sydney (approx. 25½d. 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), Nov. 1; No. 1 grade RSS (sellers), spot, 79c. lb., c.i.f. (approx. 29¾d. Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 22/-, Yellow, 22/-, Green, 21/- 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).

DESICCATED COCONUT. — Sydney agents quote Ceylon, 1/7½ lb. spot, delivered to store, Sydney. **New Guinea:** 2/5½ lb. spot, delivered in store, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed betwee **Torres Strait** producers and Otto Gerda Co. (USA) for 1952 were: AA/A/B grade 85 cents lb. (£A850 approx. per lon ton); C, 80c. lb. (£A800); D, 55c. l (£A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); EE, 30 lb. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York. **Coo Is.**—American market has recently show increased interest, with quotations in ex cess of 35 cents U.S. per lb., c. & Rarotonga. Current production is abou 50 tons per month.

TROCHUS SHELL.—Sydney agents r cently quoted: £A135 per ton for **B.S.** shell. **New Hebrides:** Recent sales Sydney at £A95 per ton.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Sydney agen recently quoted: 1st grade, £A185 p ton, 2nd grade, £A140 per ton for **B.S.** shell.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Sept. 18.

Copra, c.i.f, Continental Ports, ton.—

New Hebrides, Metrop. frs. 69,0
Tahiti, Metrop. frs. 72,0
FM Straits/D.E.I., nominal .. Stg.64/10
Ceylon, F.M.S. .. .. Nomin
Philippines, bulk, Oct.-Nov. .. .. US $1

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton.—

FM Straits, 3½% drums .. .. £Stg.
Ceylon, 1% bulk, Oct.-Nov. .. £Stg.
Philippines .. .. US $2

Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. Co tinental Ports, Stg.—

Accra, Oct.-Dec., 247/6; Nov.-Jan., 242/

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Emperor .	b9/11	b7/9	b7/6
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SAMOA.— Through BANK OF NZ Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. **Samoa London**, basis £100 London: £100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. **Samoa-NZ** basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/- **Samoa-Fiji**, basis £100 Samoa: B. £11 S. £110.

PAPUA-NG.—COMMONWEALTH BAN (branches Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul Madang) and **BANK OF NSW** (Por Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchang rate Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £100

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate **Aus tralia-BSI:** 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs most valuable of the three franc group in French Union, are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania **FRENCH BANK (Comptoir Nationa D'Escompte de Paris)** in Sydney quote (nominally): 140 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 17 Pac. fr. to £stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US $.

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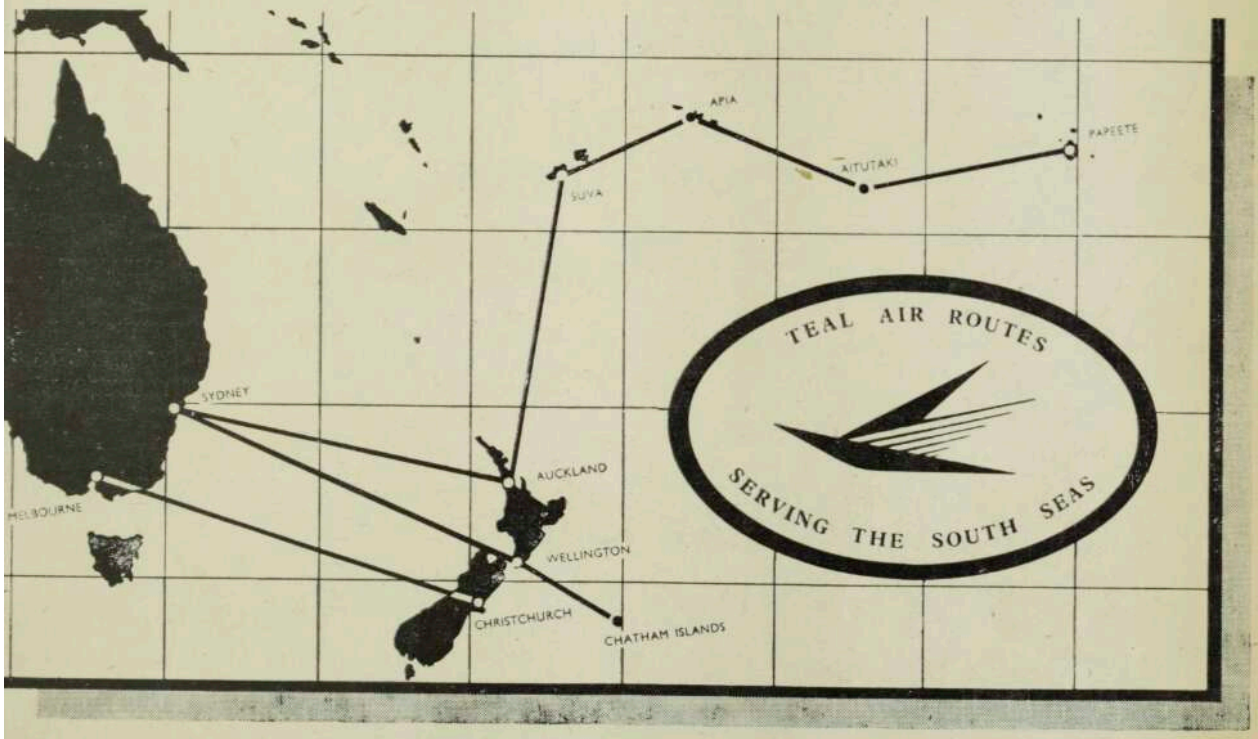

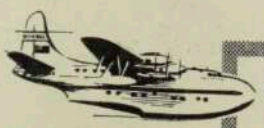

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