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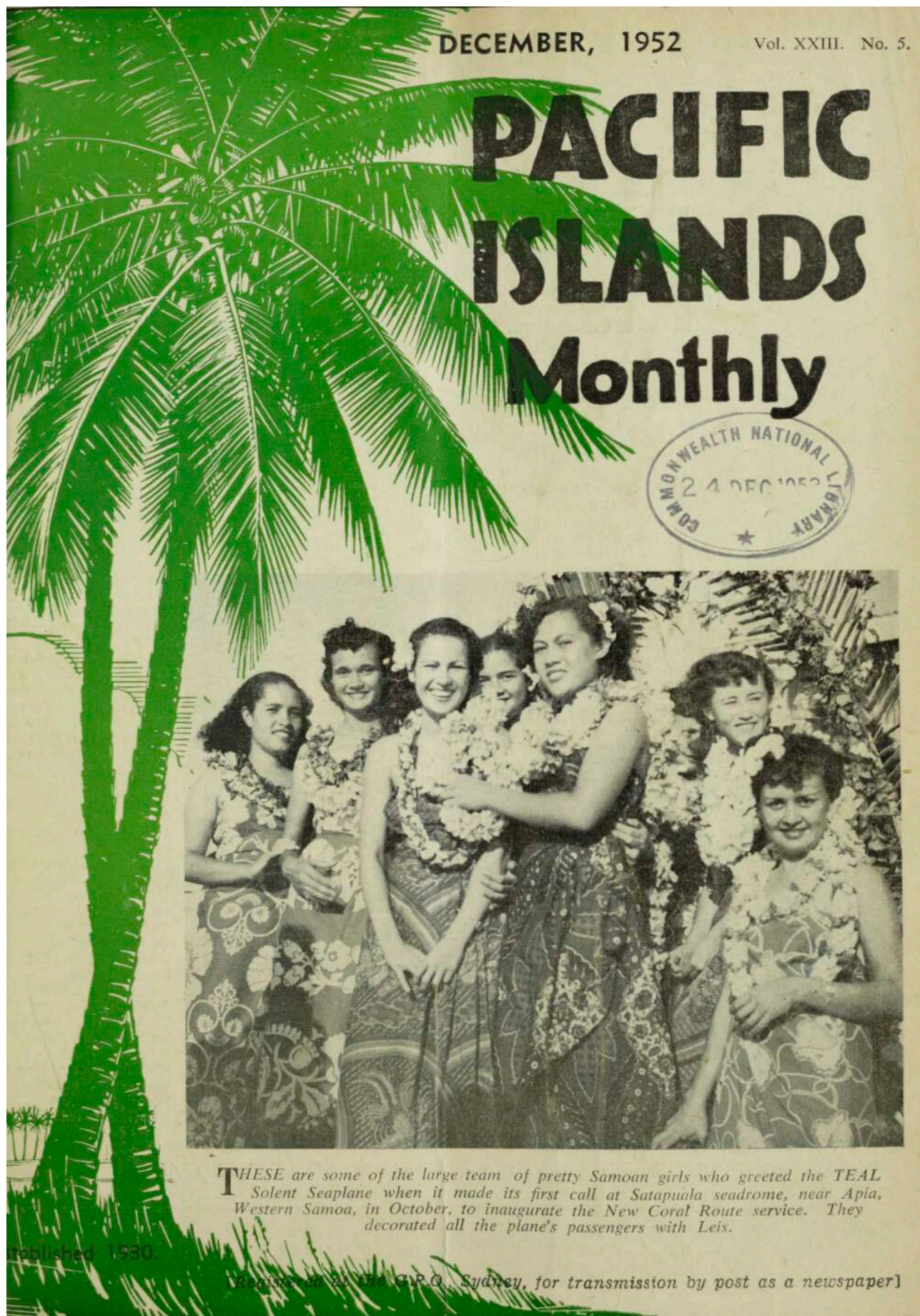
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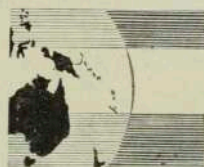
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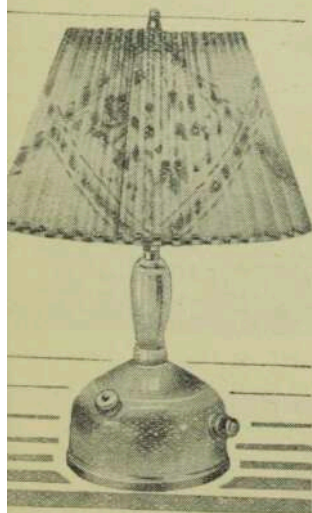


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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

Sydney-Suva-N. America

Canadian-Australasian liner Aorangi (7,500 tons) maintains regular two-monthly sailings—Sydney-Auckland-Suva—Honolulu-Vancouver, and return

RMS AORANGI

Sydney	Dec. 11	Feb. 12	Apr. 16
Auckland	Dec. 15-16	Feb. 16-17	Apr. 20-21
Suva	Dec. 19	Feb. 20	Apr. 24
Honolulu	Dec. 26	Feb. 27	May 1
Vancouver	Jan. 1	Mch. 5	May 7
Sydney	Jan. 2-8	Mch. 6-12	May 8-14
Auckland	Jan. 8	Mch. 12	May 14
Suva	Jan. 15	Mch. 19	May 21
Honolulu	Jan. 24	Mch. 28	May 30
Auckland	Jan. 27-29	Mch. 31-Apr. 2	June 2-4
Sydney	Feb. 2	Apr. 6	June 8

On arrival at Sydney June 8, 1953, Aorangi will withdraw from service.

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Marai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Marai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Last departure from Sydney December

MV Malekula leaves Sydney about Dec. for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Wewak, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney. Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

MV Shansi and MV Sinkiang, modern 100 tons vessels, will leave every six

weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby-Madang-Rabaul, Port Moresby, Sydney. Shansi departed 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

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from New Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukualofa and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western

Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any or all of above ports at approx. five weeks intervals. Matua calls at Wellington and Lyttelton (NZ), Lautoka (Fiji) and supplements Tofua's schedule in Islands, calling at ports as directed by owners.

Tofua leaves Auckland on next voyage December 23.

Matua scheduled to leave Auckland on special voyage to Suva, December 18, and regular voyage on January 8.

Details from Union SS Co.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

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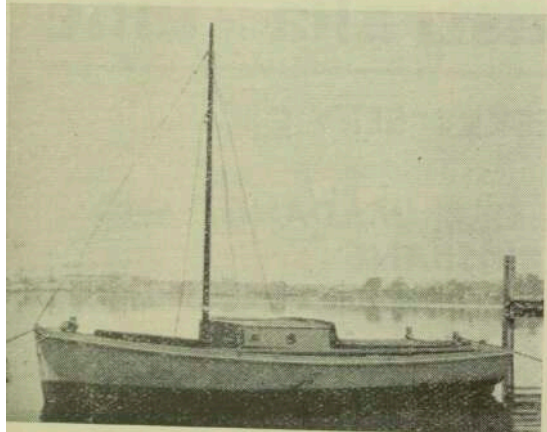
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Maul Pomare is scheduled to leave Auckland in November, December, 1952, and in January, 1953, for Rarotonga and other Islands in the lower Cooks, subject to requirements of trade. This vessel carries 30 passengers.

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.

Next sailing from Sydney about January 1.

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

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Ltd. coming from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every 3 weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Maritimes.

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

N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc

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

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

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

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

Tues.—Return by same route.

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es.—Dep. Auckland-Nadi-Canton-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

1.—Dep. Vancouver and S. Francisco alternatively; thence same route to Auckland.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

ternate Friday (December 19, etc.) —Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is. Honolulu-Vancouver.

ternate Friday (December 26, etc.) —Return by same route.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)
Depart: Arrive:
Sydney, 7.45 pm Bris., 10.30 pm
s., 11.40 pm Moresby, 6.30 am

(Wed., Sun.)
Moresby, 7.30 am Lae 8.50 am
connects at Lae with DC3's for Wau, ed.); and (Sun.) for Rabaul.

Mon., Fri. (DC3's)
Sydney, 7.30 pm Brisbane, 10.30 pm
Brisbane, 11.30 pm Rockhampton *

Tue., Sat.
Rockhampton * Townsville, 4.00 am
Townsville, 5.00 am Cairns, 6.15 am
Cairns, 7.00 am Cooktown, 7.55 am
Cooktown, 8.15 am Pt. Moresby, 11.10 am
Moresby, 11.50 am Lae, 1.15 pm
(Tue. only), 2.30 pm Madang, 3.45 pm
Optional stop.

SOUTHWARDS

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

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

Thursday (DC3)
Moresby, 7.05 am
Moresby, 7.35 am Sydney, 10.30 pm
Cairns, Towns., Brisbane, with
onal call at Rockhampton.

Monday (DC3)
Moresby, 10.20 am
Moresby, 10.50 am Cairns, 2.10 pm
Cairns, 3.10 pm Towns. (over-
night), 4.30 pm

ns. (Tues.),
5 am Brisbane, 1 pm
Brisbane, 1.45 pm Sydney, 5 pm

Wednesday, Sunday (Skymaster)
10.30 am Moresby, 11.40 am
Moresby, 12.40 pm Bris., 7.10 pm
s., 8.25 pm Sydney, 11 am

NORTHWARDS

(Dec. 6, 20, etc.).
Sydney, 6.00 am Brisbane, 9.20 am
Brisbane, 10.20 am Cairns, 4.35 pm

(Night stop)
Cairns, 8.00 am Pt. Moresby, 11.50 am

Sunday
Alt. Fridays (Sandringham).
(Dec. 5, 19, etc.)

Moresby, 6.00 am Brisbane, 3.00 pm
Brisbane, 3.45 pm Sydney, 7.05 pm

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas
LAKE-MANUS (DC3)
Every Wednesday.
Lae, 8 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul,
Kavieng, Manus (3 pm).

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

MOSESBY-DARU (Sandringham)
Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional).
Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate
(Wednesday; returning same day (Dec.
10, 24, Jan. 7, 21, etc.).

MOSESBY-EAST PAPUA (Sandringham)
Alternate Monday Dep. Moresby 9 a.m.
arr. Samarai 11.00 a.m. (overnight)—
Dec. 8, 22, Jan. 5, 19, etc.
Alternative Tuesday (following day) Dep.
Samarai 9.00 a.m. arr. Moresby 11.00
a.m.

PAPUA-NEW BRITAIN (Sandringham)

Alt. Mon. (Dec. 1, 15, 29, Jan. 12, 26 etc.)
—Pt. Moresby - Samarai - Esa'ala -
Rabaul.

Alt. Thu. (Dec. 4, 18, Jan. 1, 15, 29, etc.)—
Rabaul-Esa'ala-Samarai-Pt. Moresby.
* Calls Esa'ala monthly only.

RABAU-MOEWE HARBOUR

Alt. Tue. (Dec. 2, 16, 30, Jan. 13, 27, 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. (Dec. 3, 17, 31, Jan. 14, 28, etc.)
—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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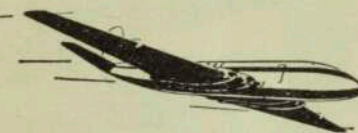
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DECEMBER, 1952 — PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY

LAKE-MADANG-WEWAK-MANUS-KAVIENG-RABAU GENERAL SERVICE

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

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (Drover)

Mondays.—Madang (8 am) to Goroka, with optional stops at Kainantu, Aiyura, Arona, then returns to Madang (10 am).
Fridays.—Madang (8 am) to Wabag with optional stops at Baiyer R., Mt. 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, Kialpit, Arona, Aiyura, Kainantu, Bena Bena, Goroka, Kerowagi, Kup, Nondugl, Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Ogelbeng, Baiyer R., Wabamunda, Wabag. Return to Lae (6 pm).

LAKE-BULOLO*-WAW (DH84)

Dep. Lae.—Tues., Fri., Sat.—3 pm.
Dep. Wau.—Tues., Fri., Sat.—Direct to Lae. Arriving 5.05 pm.

* The airstrip at Bulolo is closed temporarily and therefore traffic can not be accepted to Bulolo until the strip is reopened for use.

SERVICES BY MANDATED AIRLINES

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4. Dutch N. Guinea-Darwin

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

5. N. Guinea-Solomons

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

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

By Air France, Monthly.

4 (Skymaster) dep. Saigon, January 9, and every 28 days thereafter for Labuan-Darwin-Brisbane-Noumea, and return.
 Australian agents: Messageries Maritimes.

7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

Trans Oceanic Airways, with Flying-boats
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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymaster
 Alternate Thursdays (Dec. 4, 18, Jan. 1, 15, 29, etc.), returning same day.

9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham
 Flying Boats: Dec. 9, 23, Jan. 6, 20, etc.).

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, Alt. Tue., 6.30 am	Noumea, 3.05 pm (nightstop)
Noumea, Alt. Wed., 8.00 am	Vila, 10.35 am
Vila, Alt. Thu., 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
 (Additional flights operate subject to approval of Government concerned.)

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham Flying Boats—Weekly.

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

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
 Dep. Sydney Wed., Sat., 7.30 am, Tue., Wed., Sun., 12 midnight., Sun. 2.00 am.
 Dep. Auckland daily 8.30 am, Fri., 7.00 am, Sat., 12.00 noon.

13. Sydney-Wellington

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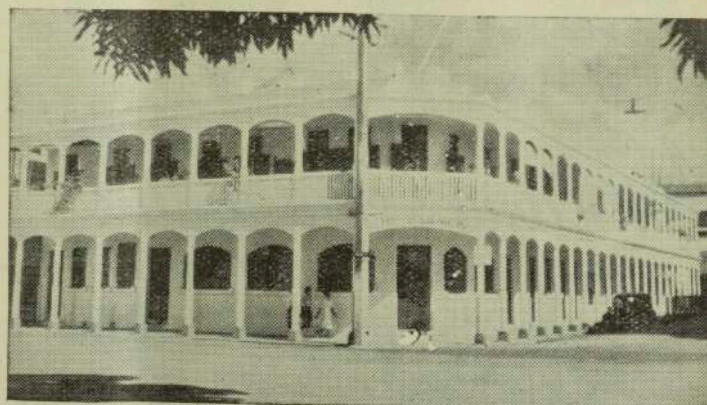
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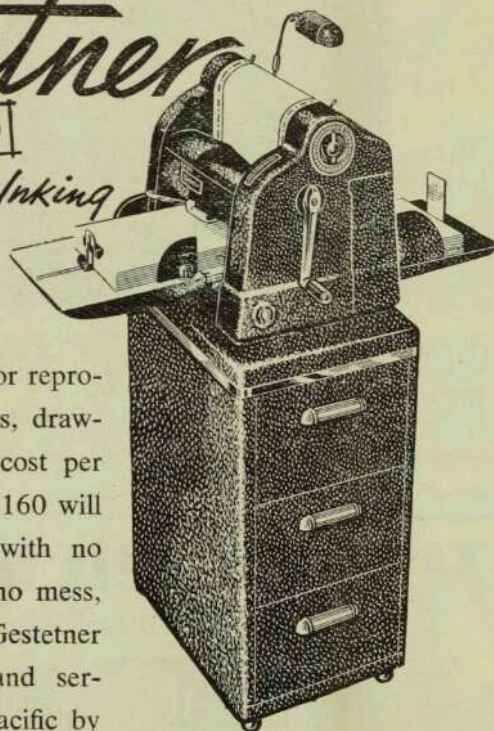
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8.15 am next day.

Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5.30
pm.

Additional flights on 19/12, 22/12.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents.

Dept. Auckland 16, 20, 30 December; 3
13, 17, 27, 31 January; 10, 14, 20
February.

Return to Auckland on following days
(except 5th January, 2nd February, 2nd
March, which leave an extra 24 hours
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 4 January, 1 February, 1
March. 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 15, 1952, January 28, 1953
March 11, 1952.

Solent flying-boats will leave Auckland
on these dates at 3.30 am, arrive Wellin-
ton, 5.30 am, dept. Wellington, 7 am,
arrive Chatham Is., 10.30 am. Return
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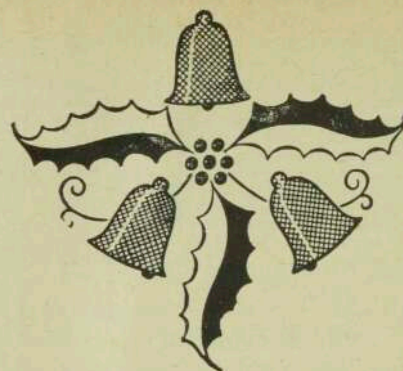
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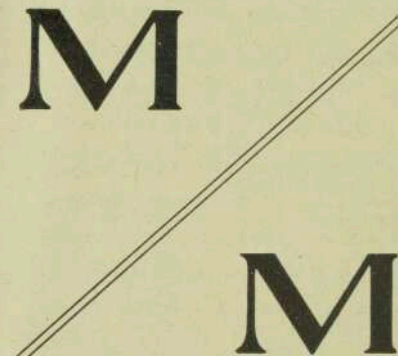


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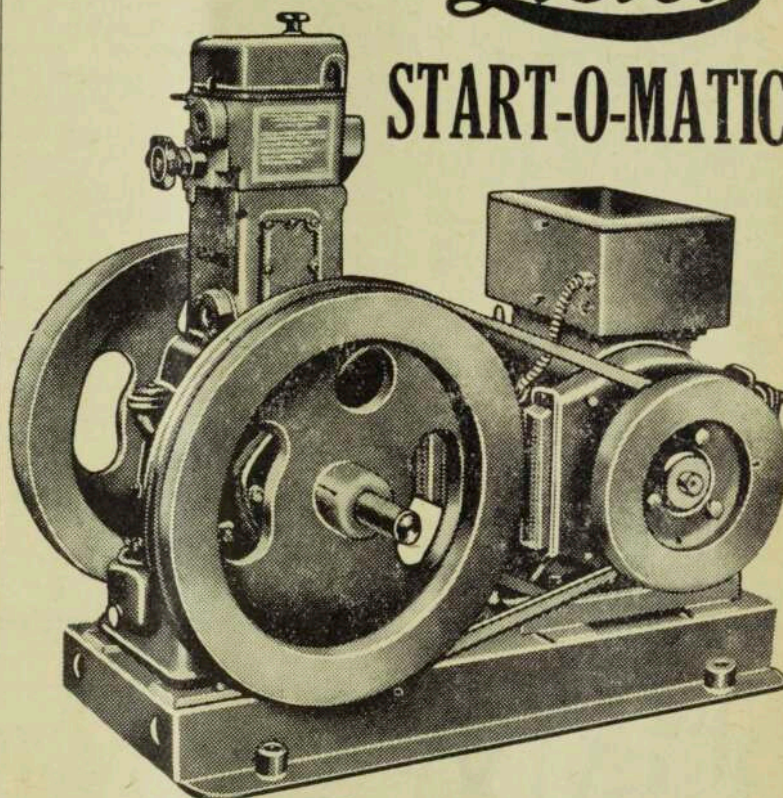
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Some Brutal Facts About the Indian Situation In Fiji and Elsewhere

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ERE are seemingly irreconcilable factors in a situation which, some, must be reconciled.

The Indian population of Fiji (1,000) is now much in excess of Fijian population (under 130,000), still is growing faster.

The great majority of the Fijians have been born in Fiji, and are increasingly inclined to argue that they have as much right to Fiji's land and natural resources as the indigent

The only way to keep Fiji for Fijians is to deport the Indians and Chinese—the two most rapidly growing communities—but such a policy (politically impracticable, say) would bring about the economic collapse of one of the most prosperous of Britain's smaller colonies.

There is racial antagonism between Indians and Fijians. There is inter-marriage. Each race holds the other in contempt. The Indian is a useless toiler. The Fijian is not.

Those who put their hopes in educated young Indian born in Fiji are discouraged by evidence of the influence of India, exercised through family tradition, school and religion. That influence is anti-British.

Apart altogether from considerations of justice, defence, and the

maintenance of a sound racial balance, the British are bound irrevocably, by the Fiji Deed of Cession, to protect the land rights of the Fijian, given him by his prior occupation of the country.

This Fiji-Indian problem—which has intrigued and baffled me every time I have visited Fiji in the last 25 years—becomes steadily worse, and now is aggravated by two recently-added factors: One is the appearance of India as an independent nation, member of the British Commonwealth; and the other is the tragic fall in British prestige in Asia, brought about primarily by the Attlee Socialist Government of 1945-51. The Indian is naturally anti-British—always has been and I think always will be—and these new factors tend to make him arrogant and cheeky generally in his relations with the British in Fiji, and elsewhere around the world.

IF this were purely a Fiji problem it could be fairly easy of solution; but it cannot be divorced from the problem of Indian implantations generally.

Those who, hundreds of years ago, gave the name of Indian Ocean to the huge sea enclosed by Asia, Africa, Indonesia and Australia had prescience. Large and growing Indian communities are established now along the coasts of Africa and Malaya, in Indonesia, and in the Indian Ocean

islands. In Madagascar, Kenya, Natal and Mauritius their industry, their acquisitiveness and their amazing fecundity have created social and political problems even more acute than those of Fiji.

There is a difference between the Indians and other problem-making races—the Africans, for instance. The Indian is proud of his race. Racially, the Indian is closer to the European than any other non-European people. India had a civilisation and a culture which ante-dated those of Europe. India now is an independent nation, with a potential strength (if enormous population is strength) second only to that of China.

It is only natural that Indian leaders now dream of the day when India, a resurgent Power, will dominate the Indian Ocean, and when all the lands now populated by Indians (East Africa, Mauritius, Madagascar, Indonesia and Malaya, and Fiji) will be part of the new Indian Empire. It is against that rather startling background that the Fiji-Indian problem should be considered.

Much may be done on the spot in Fiji, by a wise and long-visioned Government. But the final solution—if ever there is to be one—lies not in Suva, but in London and Delhi; and it is irrevocably tied up with the Indian racial problem in those other countries around the Indian Ocean.

Are those various Indian communities to become an integral part of the countries in which they have planted themselves, conforming to

the manners, language and institutions of those countries? Or will they continue to cling to the language, ways and institutions of Mother India, while regarded by the host country with a suspicion that tends to become hatred? Sooner or later, Delhi must indicate a policy in relation to those questions, and the fate of Fiji could depend upon that policy.

THE Fiji-Indians, like any other community similarly placed, could solve the Fiji problem by forgetting Mother India, and making common cause with the British and the Fijians in seeking a way out of the mess. With a spirit of co-operation, goodwill and mutual trust, a way could be found of making Fiji a permanent and happy home for both Fijians and Indians, under British guardianship.

But that would mean the severance by the Fiji-Indians of all ties with the home-land; and there is not the slightest indication that this has ever been considered. Family ties, trading connections, juvenile education and, above all, religious teaching, seem to bind the Fiji-Indians completely to India. That such a system has the official blessing of Delhi is evident from the fact that, since India was granted independence, India has maintained in Fiji an Indian Commissioner, whose job apparently is to guard the interests of the Indians in the British Colony.

In Fiji, in October, I talked with numerous Indians, clever and intelligent young fellows, who have been educated in English and who never have seen India. All expressed substantially the same view:

"Fiji is my home. I have no connection now with India. We will gladly sever all association with our Indian leaders here, who urge us to resist the British and the Fijians, if only the British administrators will trust us, and ask our co-operation in settling the future of Fiji." Assurances like that.

It gave me at first some hope that there might be a way out. But this class of young Indian intelligentsia is so small; the Indian leaders generally are basically anti-British and anti-Fijian; the official and non-official ties with India are so strong—I cannot see any way out unless and until there is a clear understanding between India and Britain on the future of Indian implantations in British countries.

There is a deadly record against the possibility of Indian co-operation with the other races in Fiji. There is the wartime record—British and Fijians rallying to our defence in

those critical years, with all they had; and the Indians lifting not a finger to help us, but devoting all their energies to a greedy exploitation of the trading opportunities created by wartime conditions.

There is the post-war record. This journal already has published some deplorable stories of Indian disloyalty. There were, for example, scenes which attended the celebration of India Independence Day in 1948 and subsequently; and speeches made on October 6, 1948, when the first Indian Commissioner arrived.

Before me as I write is a published account of an incident in a Labasa cinema on November 5, 1952. The theatre was packed with Indians. The picture of Queen Elizabeth came upon the screen and the British National Anthem was played. About 50 out of 400 Indians stood up—the remainder, cheeky and arrogant, lounged in their seats. "Why should we stand—we were independent long ago," said a young Indian to a young Fijian who was beside him, and who stood up.

One may note that 12½ per cent. were loyal and decent; but is that a sufficient proportion to give us hope of reform from within Fiji itself?

THESE young Indians, for the most part, are badly trained, badly instructed, badly led—nothing worth mentioning is done by the Fiji-Indian leaders (a poor lot) to counter the anti-British antagonism that is partly inherited and partly pumped into them by a biased press and un-

scrupulous agitators.

If ever there is to be agreement between all races in relation to the future development of Fiji, a move towards real co-operation must come from the Indians themselves, either spontaneously, or as the result of a Delhi directive. But that will mean a big change in the attitude of official India towards Britain; and there is not a sign of this to-day.

On the contrary, it is impossible to escape the feeling that the leaders of India are following a folded-hand policy, awaiting what they believe will be the disintegration of the British Empire, when they will have the opportunity to jump in and seize the lands in which they already have planted their tireless communities. Meanwhile (say the Pan-Indians) let us breed, and work, and clamour, and hold together, as Indian communities with a mission.

India, officially, is a member of the British Commonwealth. Since that status was achieved, there has been no outstanding act by India to show that she values membership, or is loyal to it. She has created in many British countries the belief that she will leave the Commonwealth just as soon as it profits her to do so.

If there is to be no move by Indians towards the inauguration of a new and better era in Fiji, then the Indians cannot blame the British if the latter proceed to take steps in Fiji—and in some other countries—to guard certain fundamental rights which the present situation seems a menace.

No Trained Territories Man Need Expect a Minor Administratorship

BY appointing a military official to take charge of Norfolk Island, the Australian Government has continued the indefensible and deplorable system of rewarding its own nominees with the "cushy jobs" represented by the minor Pacific Administratorships, and ignoring the trained Territories men whose long and distinguished service should be rewarded with such appointments.

Australia has two senior (Papua-New Guinea and Northern Territory) and two minor (Nauru and Norfolk Island) Administratorships within its gift. The two latter are easy jobs. Nauru and Norfolk Island each has only a few hundred residents and only a few thousand acres; but the Administrator is called "His Honour"; has a comfortable salary, substantial allowances and a residency; and even if he devotes himself enthusiastically to his job, he need develop no ulcers from worry and overwork.

The two sinecures (five years' Norfolk Island or Nauru) should go, as a matter of course, to the outstanding men of the Papua-New Guinea public service, who give the best years of their lives to the tough, thankless job of tropical administration and who otherwise have nothing at all to look forward to except retirement on what is, in these inflationary days, a very modest pension.

But Government after Government, Red and anti-Red, for at least 20 years, has selected for these pleasant jobs either some out-of-work politician who is seeking a "billet," or a military man who has sheathed his sword and is wondering how to make a living. They rarely, if ever, have had any experience of Territories administration; but that does not matter—the job is so easy that almost anyone can fill it. Which is all the more reason why it should not go to politicians' favourites, and why

ould go, as a sort of well-paid holiday and a reward, to the outstanding men who have borne the heat and burden of Papua-New Guinea administration.

The same brush which tarred friend Eddie Ward, who sent Adelaide Ades Hall leader Tom Richards to the Nauru Residency, appears to have also tarred Territories Minister Hasluck. A new appointment to Nauru is about to be announced. It will be interesting to see what Mr. Hasluck makes of that.

This NI appointment is a bitter appointment. Some had expected something new of Mr. Paul Hasluck. But he has merely carried on a system that is in itself completely bad, and which is a gross reflection upon the fibre and status of the men who rely on the P-NG administration... is all in pattern with the complete creditation of Australia's Menzies-Eden Government.

No Mails Via Aitutaki?

COOK ISLANDS residents are asking why, since the suspension of the AC air service, mail to islands of the Cook Group other than Aitutaki is not been accepted for air delivery by TEAL as far as Aitutaki.

Auckland post office spokesman said there was no regular sea connection between Aitutaki and Rarotonga, therefore it was just as reliable to send by direct surface mail. This, of course, is ridiculous. There is a more frequent service between Rarotonga and Aitutaki than between Auckland and Rarotonga.

USE OF NEW GUINEA LAND

More Details of Australian Plan

P. MORESBY, Dec. 5.

AN order that all the uncontrolled areas in Papua-New Guinea—about 30,000 square miles, containing at least 150,000 natives—be opened up within three years, is said to have been given the Administration by the Territories Minister in Port Moresby at the end of November.

This seems to be part of Australia's plan for the rapid development of New Guinea, as a barrier against Asia.

Senior officials in Port Moresby said that it simply cannot be done in the time—not through unwillingness, but because there are not sufficient trained patrol officers and District staff to penetrate and take over the uncontrolled areas, and because of lack of suitable air-strips, materials and means of communication.

In Papua on November 21, Mr. Hasluck said that a land settlement plan was being examined at Ministerial level, and the main proposals were:—

The War Service Land Settlement division should provide funds and certain plant and equipment.

The New Guinea Administration should acquire, develop and subdivide land and give guidance and technical advice to settlers.

A credit authority comprising repre-

sentatives of both the division and the administration should administer advances to settlers.

The Territories Minister should determine settlement policy.

The original proposal was that eligibility should be confined to ex-servicemen resident in the Territory but this might be widened if the supply of blocks of land exceeded demand.

Administrator of Papua-New Guinea

THE Acting Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Mr. D. M. Cleland, has been in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra during December, attending a series of important conferences on Territories matters.

An announcement by the Australian Minister for Territories, that Mr. Cleland has been appointed Administrator (he has been Acting since July 1 last) is expected during December. The final announcement, however, may have to await the return from abroad of the Australian Prime Minister, late in December.

Carpenters May Provide Trans-Pacific Line

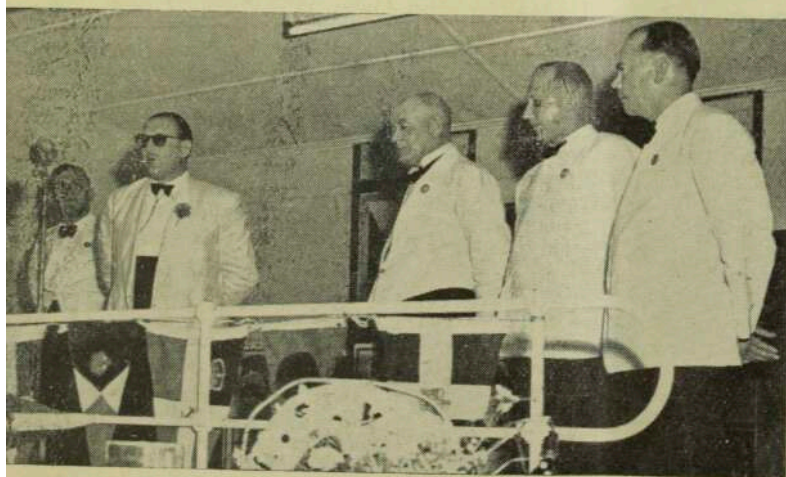
A NEW and interesting possibility has developed in the Trans-Pacific shipping trade since it was announced that the liner *Aorangi*, 28 years old and limping, will make her last voyage between Sydney and Vancouver, via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu, in May next.

Sir Walter Carpenter, in Sydney on November 27, indicated that, if no other regular liner enters this trade to replace the *Aorangi*, the Carpenter shipping interests may purchase a 100-passenger liner to run between Sydney and Vancouver, in conjunction with the modern Carpenter motor-vessel *Lakemba*.

The *Lakemba* now runs on a fairly regular freight and passenger schedule in the Pacific, and carries 100 passengers in comfort.

The Carpenter shipping interests have had remarkable success since they first entered the Pacific trade. When they introduced the *Rabaul* and *Salamaua*, nearly 20 years ago, no less than six large liners (Union Line, Matson Line and Canadian Australian Line) were maintaining regular Australia-North America services. Now, with the withdrawal of the *Aorangi*, there is none.

Governor at Yacht Club



Recent presentation of trophies at the Royal Suva Yacht Club showing Sir David Garvey, Governor of Fiji, addressing the gathering. Left to right: Mr. A. Lee (Commodore), Commander J. Mullins (Commodore), Mr. H. Smith (Vice Commodore) and Mr. C. Stinson, Master of Ceremonies.

—Stinson Studios.

Oil Direct From Coconuts

Philippines Claim New Process

AN article in *Food Engineering* (an American journal) of October, 1952, entitled "Simple, Direct Extraction of Coconut Oil", describing a new process now in operation in the Philippines, opens up rather startling possibilities in the coconut planting-copra-coconut oil industries.

The process was invented by a Spanish chemist, Pablo Robledano, and a Filipino, Eduardo Duiz de Luzuriaga; protected by them under Philippines Patent No. 1 of 1948; and bought from them by Coconut Processes Inc., of Manila. It is called the R-L Process.

The physico-chemical principle underlying the new process is the breaking up of the intractable protein envelope enclosing the oil globule in the fresh meat (1) by carefully controlled enzymatic action, then (2) by rupturing the envelope by chilling. Previous attempts to achieve this have revolved about treatment by high temperature, but this resulted in deterioration of the oil.

At a cost of 125,000 dollars (over £50,000 Aust.), a pilot plant was erected at Calamba, Laguna, and it has been producing five tons of oil per day, for some time. It can produce 10 tons per day, and that is called its "economic capacity". The company (C-P) claims that the correct way to operate the system is to install one of these plants in a place handy to a group of plantations producing a certain minimum of nuts.

C-P works with a Los Angeles concern called Southwest Engineering, which specialises in the form of equipment required. Steps have been taken by the latter to establish 10-ton units in a number of Philippines districts. Production of the oil is not a straight-line procedure, but requires several branch operations.

At present, the coconuts are halved and the kernels removed by hand labour. The water in the nut runs to waste—but C-P says that research on this liquid is going on, with a view to recovering valuable products therefrom. Nothing is said about the fibre. The shells are burned as fuel, providing all the power that is required by the unit. Following is the technical description

of what then takes place:—

"The meat is grated in a comminuter and pre-pressed, yielding about even proportions of coconut milk (not to be confused with the liquid enclosed in the kernel) and a semi cake. Flaking and pressing of this cake yields additional milk, which is processed, together with that obtained from the fresh grated meat.

"Centrifugal separation of the milk yields a cream, some skim milk and a small amount of protein. The cream is pumped into maturing tanks, and subjected to enzymatic action under close temperature and pH control, then chilled in a continuous freezing machine. Chilling is followed immediately by melting. The cream is now ready for centrifugal separation, which removes most of the oil. After filtering, it is ready for storage.

"The balance of the cream is again chilled, melted, and sent through a centrifugal classifier, which removes the remaining oil and separates that which is left into water and proteins. Additional protein is obtained by heating and then centrifuging the 'skim milk'. In the meantime, the process continues in a branch production line on the flaked and pressed semi-cake. It is dehydrated in a drying unit, and an expeller then strips it of the remaining oil.

"The oil contains only a negligible quantity of free fatty acids and is claimed to be substantially identical in composition and flavour with the unextracted primary coconut oil. This is said to be due to the fact that it is not subject to bacterial and mould action, as coconut oil is in copra."

Compared with the method of drying the meat to copra, and crushing the copra, the loss of oil under this new method appears to be about 1 per cent. But in the copra method there are substantial losses through chemical deterioration, and also in refining (no refining is needed in this new method). The article says: "The overall recovery rate, in terms of fresh nut meat, is reported to be 0.21 per cent. higher." Whatever that means. It is not clear whether the new method gives an actual net recovery rate of oil over the copra method.

It is proposed, in due course, to extract the meat from the nuts by machine; to find new outlets for the protein constituents of the nut (the proteins are lost in the copra method); and that the meal resulting from the R-L process is of so much higher value (compared with copra cake) that it may be used as a cereal.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To displace the present method of collecting, drying, transporting and milling coconuts the new process would have to show very definite advantages. But, for a long time, thoughtful men in the coconut industry have argued that there is too great a waste of time, effort and substance in the copra method, and have been seeking some much quicker way of getting the pure oil direct from the

nut. Any cheapening of the process would allow coconut oil to compete more successfully against the various other vegetable oils.

WHY NO MALARIA?

NZ Scientist On An Interesting Quest

A NEW ZEALAND scientist who is endeavouring to solve a problem that has engaged the attention of medical research workers the Pacific for many years, is visiting South Pacific Commission headquarters this month in the course of his investigations. He is Flight Lieutenant M. Laird, M.Sc., Ph.D., of the Royal NZ Air Force Medical Service. His mission is being sponsored by the NZ Government and Otago University.

Dr. Laird's task is to try to discover why *Anopheles*, the malarial carrying mosquito, heavily infests some territories of the south-west Pacific while adjacent areas are completely free from it. For example, New Guinea, the Solomons and the New Hebrides are among the most malarious areas in the world, while Fiji, the Loyalty Islands, and New Caledonia are completely free of malaria.

The problem is regarded as an outstanding one in modern tropical diseases research, and it is considered by workers in the field that a solution could point the way to fundamental advances in malariology.

Dr. Laird, whose wife is working with him as his technical assistant, has established a field base, with laboratory, at Suva. He is making field trips to islands in the malarious and non-malarious areas, both to carry out comparative ecological studies of mosquito larvae breeding places and to collect specimens for subsequent laboratory examination. At present Dr. Laird is engaged in making field investigations in New Caledonia.

In his work, he is collaborating closely with the South Pacific Commission.

Mr. R. C. Higginson, judge of the Fiji Supreme Court, arrived in Sydney at the end of November on leave. He is staying at Wallingford Mansions, Neutral Bay, until he returns to Suva next April. Mr. Higginson was in Tonga for some years before taking his present job in Fiji.

FIGHT FOR £1,500,000

NG Copra Producers Demand The 'Stabilisation' Fund

ATTLE has been joined between the strongly-organised New Guinea Planters' Association and the Australian Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck.

As in so many other spheres, the present Australian Government has continued the Socialist type of control imposed on the copra industry. Chifley-Evatt-Eddie Ward set-up, the planters finally have decided to fight it.

Ward, as Minister, originally seized Territories' production, including copra, and in 1946 he deducted from copra planters' returns a levy, amounting to £4 per ton, for what he actually called a "Stabilisation Fund". For years, it was a confused sort of thing—in fact, it was only a "stabilisation" after the Government was defeated—even now it has no clearly defined legal status.

Knowing the vagaries of the market, copra growers at first did protest too much; but, when the new Ministry of Food Contract entered in 1949, giving a fixed price for nine years, the planters quite properly argued that there was now no further need for "stabilisation", and demanded the distribution of the Fund.

Reaueocracy—hating, as always, to give up any privilege or money—refused to either cease the levy or distribute the Fund. For two years, the planters have hammered away at the Minister.

Mr. Hasluck went to the Territories last month and, in Moresby on November 21, he announced:—

"The Government has 'definitely refused' the requests for the distribution of the Fund to individual producers."

The Fund, now around £1,500,000, accumulated by levies for the benefit of the industry as a whole, it should be distributed to a Stabilisation Fund to be controlled by Ordinance, and administered by a Board of whom the majority would be the producers. The levy would be continued, unless and until cancelled by a majority of producers, whereupon the Fund would revert to a Stabilisation Fund, to be used for the assistance of copra or other agricultural industries, as the then Minister might decide.

The present constitution of the Marketing Board will not be altered.

Inspection and grading of Copra will be introduced very soon, with a levy of £3/10/0 per ton for hot-sun-dried over smoked.

tireless president of the NG

Planters Association, Mr. Don Barrett, MLC, thereupon flew from Rabaul to Moresby, and interviewed the Minister.

The nature of the discussion is indicated by the forthright announcement made immediately afterwards by Mr. Barrett—namely, that the Association, having received the advice of a leading constitutional lawyer in Australia, would forthwith promote a legal action against the Australian Government, to force it to return this accumulation of £1,500,000 to the people from whom it was taken, compulsorily and without consultation.

Some substantial sums are at

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

SUBJECTS of Islands interest do not change much, even in 20 years—copra, rubber, bananas and other crops; the ups and downs of the market are news to Islands folk at the end of 1952 as they were in December, 1932. And in many respects we seem to have gone no way at all towards solving some of the most pressing problems in the 20 years that have gone since the following matters were discussed in the December PIM of 1932:—

The Papuan rubber industry was menaced, we said in a front page headline, and Papuan growers were alarmed. Cause: Australian rubber manufacturers refused to buy any more Papuan rubber until further notice and would give no reason why. It was believed, however, that they had decided to maintain this attitude until the Government removed the 4d duty on all non-Papuan rubber. The position, we said, was extraordinarily difficult for Papuan rubber planters. It seems that 20 years have not solved this problem.

The first shipment of Fiji bananas to Australia under the reciprocal clauses of the Ottawa Agreement was expected at the end of December. Melbourne fruit agents had already threatened to boycott them and the Federal Government was taking a "serious view" of the matter. It was feared also that some banana merchants would try to sell large quantities of Queensland bananas as "full-flavoured Fiji". The then Director of Agriculture, Fiji, was coming to Sydney with the first shipment.

In Rabaul a road overseer named Bourke was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Australia for the manslaughter of a labourer (he flogged him, put him in leg irons and allowed policeboys to "keep him in the run" until he fell dead from exhaustion). This sentence was

stake. For example, a planter who has produced 50 tons of copra per month for six years and been subjected to that levy might expect to receive something like £10,000 if the Courts rule against the Government.

Mr. P. R. Searcy, general manager of Bunge (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.'s four flour mills in Australia, and Mr. D. M. Kamerling, manager of the firm's Islands Department, made a business trip to Fiji, Samoa and Tahiti, by air from Sydney, in November.

Mr. George Hunt, formerly well known in Tahiti, expects to sail from Sydney for French Oceania in his yacht *Corsair*, at the end of December, accompanied by Mrs. Hunt and a small crew. Before heading Islands-ward, the yacht will call at Auckland, NZ.

compared unfavourably with the 10 years received by Larkin some time earlier for a similar—or some people believed—milder offence.

A local committee in Fiji approved the formation of Fiji Airways, Ltd., and their planned scheduled flights with small seaplanes. The committee recommended that the Government should pay the company £1,500 subsidy per annum. Messrs A. G. Cross and G. Jeffrey of Guinea Airways (New Guinea) offered to run the service. It was believed that it would commence operations in early 1933.

"Western Samoa as a result of world depression, has experienced an increase in crime . . . some impudent thefts have been committed." (W. Samoa in recent years has had an unprecedented wave of prosperity and an unprecedented wave of petty crime. Evidently world-depression has nothing to do with the incidence of thefting).

In an advertisement, popular brands of cigarettes in sealed tins of 50 were offered at 23/- a 1,000 for Army Club, 29/6 per 1,000 for De Reszke and 15/- a 1,000 per Gold Flake.

Unilever, Ltd., announced that they had purchased the whole of the 1932-33 whale oil production for £3,500,000—to the loud cheers of whalers generally. We said, editorially, that it might be some consolation to the hard pressed coconut planters to know that it worked out at £15 per ton, which left the whalers a very small margin—but none the less the action of the Lever combine would keep copra prices at "their present low level".

Sangara Sugar Estates, Ltd. (Papua), who were planting experimentally in Buna district reported that they were getting 76 tons of sugar cane to the acre—a phenomenal return. Sangara had expected to go in for sugarcane in a big way—but were engaged in experimental cultivation only, "for the present." (The enterprise never got beyond the experimental stage—although the potential was there and presumably still is).

MV POLLURIAN Strange Prosecution In Rabaul

THERE have been some extraordinary developments in connection with the Bougainville Company, which was formed nearly two years ago by certain leading planters of Bougainville and Captain Thomas Willis Coyne, of England, with a view to running the motor vessel *Pollurian* in the New Guinea trade, and thus relieving the shipping shortage. Captain Coyne was managing director of the Co., and Mrs. Coyne was secretary.

After visiting Rabaul in 1950, Captain Coyne returned to England, and the *Pollurian* was sent out to Rabaul, via Sydney.

It was decided that certain goods in short supply be purchased in England, and sent out in the ship and, for this purpose, £5,000 was sent to England, to Captain Coyne, by Messrs. J. M. Joyes and J. H. Ellis, who are directors of the Co. When the ship arrived in Rabaul, in January, 1952, Captain Coyne said there was an unexpended balance of £1,415/14/11.

During 1952 there appear to have been disputes between Captain Coyne and the members of the Co., and finally the latter complained to the police. As a result, Captain Coyne was charged in November with stealing £1,415 from Messrs. Ellis

and Joyes. On November 29, after a three days' hearing, the District Magistrate, Mr. J. R. Rigby, dismissed the charge on the ground that the prosecution had not established a prima facie case.

Since then other proceedings have been initiated, and indications are that the hearing of pleas affecting this Co. may be protracted.

NG Breach of Promise Claim

Photographs of Miss Shirley Jacobs and Qantas Pilot R. J. Davis were part of a front-page display in the Sydney evening press of December 15. The couple were part of Qantas staff at Lae, New Guinea, in 1951, and became engaged. Miss Jacobs told the Supreme Court that Davis, after making wedding preparations, broke off the engagement. She therefore sought damages for breach of promise.

Mr. Craig Kirke, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Kirke, was married at Strathfield Anglican Church, on December 13, to **Miss Pamela Robson**, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Robson, of Kuring-Gai, NSW. Mr. Craig Kirke is now practising as a barrister in Port Moresby; he and his bride returned there before Christmas. Mr. Basil Kirke, well-known in P-NG when he was ABC Controller of Broadcasting in External Territories a year or so ago, is now Acting Assistant General Manager of the ABC in Sydney.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR IN NORFOLK IS.

Brigadier C. H. B. Norman, DSO MC, who has been appointed Administrator of Norfolk Island (succeeding Mr. A. Wilson, retiring December 31) is 48, and was engaged in primary production until 1939. He went into World War in 1940 with captain's rank, served with much distinction in Mid East, New Guinea and Borneo and finished as Lieut.-Colonel, with Military Cross and DSO awarded in the field. He became West Australian Controller of Demobilisation at the war, in 1946, and later was Western Australia's Deputy Director of War Service Land Settlement. He graduated and took the College Honours Medal at Hawkesbury Agricultural College in 1924.

The Australian Territories Minister praised the work done on Norfolk Island during seven years by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson left the island in early December, and Mr. Ivor Buffett, Government Secretary, acting Administrator.

See Comment on Method of Appointment, on page 13.

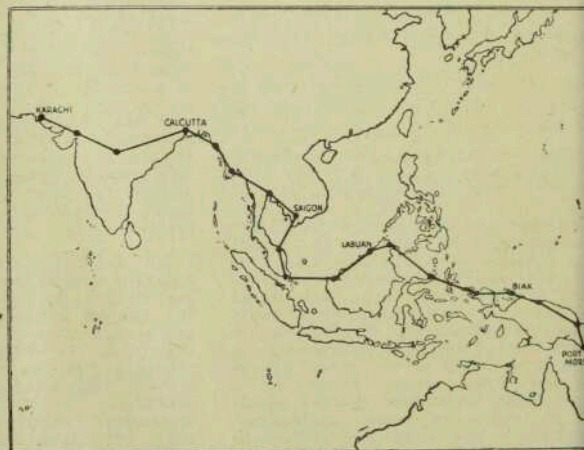
Mr. E. J. H. Colchester-Wemy, chief of police in BSL, with his wife and two-years-old daughter were in Australia in November en route to Honiara from the UK where they have been spending six months leave.

6,000-Mile Cattle Airlift



Probably the longest cattle airlift ever was completed on December 5 when a special Qantas DC-3 freighter landed 11 calves at Port Moresby. They are part of a gift to the Australian government from the Government of Pakistan and are of three breeds—Schindl, Sahiwal and Milch Buffalo—and will be used by the CSIRO for experimental breeding purposes for New Guinea conditions.

The 6,000 miles journey that the calves made is shown on the map herewith and on the left is the special feeding, watering and exercising pen designed by Qantas engineers. As such cattle diseases as rinderpest, foot and mouth disease, etc., are prevalent in some of the countries in which the



plane had to land it was decided that, if possible, the calves would be kept in the plane and not permitted to land—hence the feeding pen.

The trip took five days—15 ports of call were made as the calves did not come in contact with the ground at a stage. On arrival they went into quarantine near Port Moresby while Qantas arranged for a second trip for the remaining 11 gift calves.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

on Luckner's Treasure

Mr. Hermann Kirmis, a PIM reader who now lives in the British zone of Germany, but who 40 years ago lived in Western Samoa, thinks it is likely that von Luckner was searching for treasure when he visited Mopelia, in 1939. (It was suggested in a PIM article in July, 1951, that the wreck of the *Seeadler* on Mopelia, von Luckner hid treasure valuables there before he escaped on a motor boat, and that during his world cruise of 1939 he went to the island and retrieved it.)

Mr. Kirmis met von Luckner after he had been captured and interned on an island near Auckland. Mr. Kirmis was there also as an unwilling guest of the NZ Government. He was sent back to Germany in 1919. He met von Luckner several times although von Luckner spoke freely of his war-time raiding, he did not mention treasure in any shape or form. However, recently Mr. Kirmis made some inquiries and found that von Luckner, when returning in lectures to Mopelia, spoke of his expedition to the *schatzgrube* (Mopelia)—meaning treasure and. This, thinks Mr. Kirmis, was pretty conclusively what was in von Luckner's mind when he went to Mopelia in 1939.

ATER.—Since the above was written, a Reuter correspondent has reported from Berlin that Count von Luckner is going to a South Pacific island to search for certain treasure of the Incas. Von Luckner says that when the Spaniards overwhelmed the Incas in Peru, the priests tried to save a large golden god from their hands by putting it into bars and burying it on an island. All the ship's company were killed, except two. The latter returned to the island, where one was killed. The other got the loot, hid it somewhere else, and left it there. In his deathbed, he gave it to the Count. Von Luckner proceeded: According to this plan, the Count will dig a huge stone marked with a sign which looks like a sombrero. The island has been found and so the stone.

On the stone are chiselled names of about 80 ships which have been lost for the gold.

There was there in 1937 and tried to dig the gold with a divining rod. It was no use. Next time I shall try a mine-detector and shall find

"I shall use the gold to enable young people to travel and understand one another."

Von Luckner, presumably, was referring to Mopelia (or Mopiha) island, which is on the new air route, and directly west of Tahiti.

Japan's Gift to the Islands

A writer in June PIM, describing the anxiety with which countries around the Pacific are guarding their ports against invasion by the giant snail of Madagascar—introduced into the Pacific Islands in wartime by the Japanese—said that the snail's eggs hatch out a few hours after they are laid. An expert entomologist, writing from Southeast Asia, says this is not correct. The pest's eggs do not hatch until from 9 to 11 days after they are laid. This does give the port guardians a better chance of dealing with the thing.

P-NG Stamps — Past Tense

Mr. J. Nixonwestwood of Wellington, NZ, and an ex-Territorian, does not think much of the new issue of Papua-New Guinea postage stamps. (See PIM front cover September.) In particular he takes exception to the one that depicts the two Buin boys in their headdress—he says that he has a copy of the original photograph of those lads and was with the photographer when he took it—and to the two native shepherds who are armed with bows and arrows.

He feels that some of the stamps should have depicted some of the achievements of Australia during her long years of administration there. If the stamps have the run of some of the earlier issues, he feels that overseas people will think that the Territories are still in the Stone and bow-and-arrow stage.

(To which the cynic, no doubt, will reply, "Well, aren't they?")

Coastwatchers' Memorial

A New Zealand reader suggests that no more fitting memorial to the Western Pacific coastwatchers of World War II could be erected than a radio broadcasting station to serve the Solomons-New Guinea area.

Just as in Auckland a splendid radio-telegraph station, which serves aircraft and shipping in the Pacific area, was dedicated to the memory of Captain Edwin C. Musick (who lost his life when pioneering Pan American Airways commercial

trans-Pacific flying-boat service) so also could a much-needed radio station be a perpetual and practical reminder of the work of the coast-watchers and their secret radio transmitters which served the Allied powers so well.

Some Tongan History

When we re-printed some old *Bulletin* verses in the August PIM we said that the author was "Mr. Masterton who, over 40 years ago, was British Consul in Nukualofa."

Mr. J. D. Whitcombe, of Auckland, writes that Mr. J. Masterton was never British Consul in Tonga, but was appointed Vice-British Consul, through the office of the High Commissioner in Fiji. His only son, Allan Masterton, was for some time clerk to the British Consul in Nukualofa. Mr. J. Masterton, an English journalist, arrived in Tonga about 1893, went on to Australia and NZ, and returned to and settled in Nukualofa, where he married Miss Ella Watkin (only daughter of the late Rev. J. B. Watkin, then head of the Free Church of Tonga). He was Nukualofa postmaster for many years.

Mr. Whitcombe has supplied a valuable list of British Consuls in Tonga since 1860. It has been filed for inclusion in the next edition of the Pacific Islands Year Book.

Where Virtue Resides

Well-known American author J. C. Lucas sends a note apropos of the Nordman story on page 67 of May PIM:

"No doubt it's a standard wheeze in some sections of Polynesia. But I should certainly advance as a candidate for its first appearance in print the version contained in Herman Melville's *Omoo*. Some miscreant has gone off with my copy, I find, but anyway it goes: He asks a Tahitian girl if she *mickonaree*? and she says, with the indicated gestures, first laying her hand on her heart: 'Me mickonaree here—but me no mickonaree *here*'—or words to that effect.

"Personally I think both versions are descendants of the ancient school-boy howler, identifying Scylla (of Scylla & Charybdis, Ltd.) as 'a mythological creature that was a virgin from the waist up.'"

Mr. Phillip E. Harring, of the American Consular Service who was paying a visit to Tahiti, was involved in an accident in Papeete on November 1 when the car he was driving crashed over a bridge into a ditch. He was not seriously injured.

COPRA PRICES MAY BE LESS

British Ministry of Food has informed Australia, Fiji and NZ that, "on account of the downward trend of oil prices during 1952," the 1953 contract price will be reduced by the full 10 per cent. allowed under the contract.

All three countries are strongly opposing the reduction. Despite recent fluctuations, world price is still above MOF contract price.

The MOF officials, however, may try to force a reduction on Australia on the ground that too large a proportion of the New Guinea copra is poor quality smoke-dried. One of the largest Pacific shippers replied to this last month by offering to purchase all New Guinea smoke-dried, for shipment to Canada, at the last MOF rates.

XMAS BOX FOR PLANTERS

All P-NG planters who supplied copra to the Copra Marketing Board in the year ended June 30 last are to receive, in addition to amounts already credited, another £2/10/- per ton, as a result of a squaring off of accounts by the Board.

In Lae, New Guinea, in mid-November, District Commissioner Niall, on behalf of Acting Administrator Cleland, presented the MBE, awarded for distinguished service in developing the Territory's resources, to Mr. Michael J. Leahy. Mr. Leahy, incidentally, still is carrying on his campaign against the plan to build a bridge across the Markham at Markham Point—he contends that, from

MOF Sugar Price Up Again

Fiji Cane Farmers Will Benefit

FOLLOWING discussions between the UK Ministry of Food and Commonwealth sugar producing countries in recent weeks, the MOF has agreed to a price of sugar for 1953 at £42/6/8 stg. per ton—an increase in 1952 price of £3/16/8 stg.

The Commonwealth sugar agreement, whereby the MOF takes a set annual quota of sugar from each of the British sugar producing countries has also been extended by one year, till the end of 1960.

The new rise in the sugar price will mean more money for Fiji cane farmers. Under the terms of the agreement they have with the CSR Co., the price they are paid for cane rises in a certain proportion to any rise received by the CSR for sugar. In 1952 the price of sugar bought by the MOF rose by £5/12/6 per ton and the cane farmers received about 14/- Fijian more for their cane, bringing it to about 66/-F per ton.

If the cane farmers' dividend rises by the same proportion this year they should receive about 9/- more

the developmental point of view, this would be a major error. When he found that officialdom was obstructing his arguments in what he felt was an unfair way, in October, he walked out of the Morobe District Advisory Council. Mick always was a fighter.

for their cane, bringing the price about £3/15/- per ton.

The MOF price rise is somewhat surprising as Cuba and other W Indies producers are now producing vigorously and world stocks are believed to be more than adequate for demand. However, it does mean more prosperity for Fiji.

Fiji expects a record sugar crop next year of an estimated 1,210,000 tons (the crop this year, just finished crushing, was 985,000 tons of sugar cane). Higher price for sugar a bigger crop should do something towards getting Fiji out of financial troubles—she has had an adverse trade balance in the last year.

Tahiti-Honolulu Air Link

Bryan Monkton at Work On Plan

THE founder of Trans Ocean Airways, Captain Bryan Monkton, was in Honolulu at the end of October, with Mr. Frederick Barn of Sydney, organising a new airline to be called South Pacific Air Line to run a service between Honolulu and Tahiti.

The plan was launched in September, but a Honolulu newspaper said in October that it had been "stopped by lack of interest from prospective investors." On October 27, however, Captain Monkton said that "plans are still moving ahead and the airline has engaged Harold Bowen, Washington attorney, to represent it before CAB in hopes of getting early approval of that agency on its application for an airline certificate."

Governor Jean Petitbon, on his way back to Tahiti, was interviewed in Honolulu late in October on the subject of a Honolulu-Papeete service. He expressed his interest but did not commit himself to an opinion. He did say, however, that he and the French Government favoured the encouragement of outside interests to build in Tahiti more hotels for the tourist traffic.

Captain Monkton left the service of TOA a year ago, after English capital was introduced, and was last reported to be doing a flying job in Korea.

Increased cargo and excess baggage rates on the Qantas Bird Paradise Service to Papua, New Guinea, New Britain and the Solomons, took effect on December 5. The approximate increase is 10 per cent.



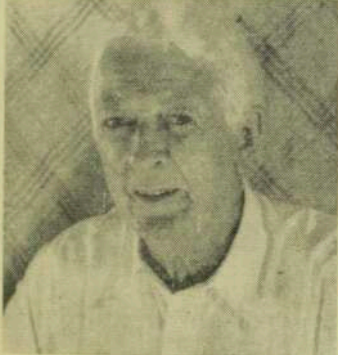
The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ignatius Doggett with Archbishop Marella, Apostolic Delegate, who installed him as Prefect Apostolic of Aitape, New Guinea, at Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley, Sydney, in November.

—Photo Courtesy Catholic Weekly.

Golden Wedding At Lae

MR. and Mrs. Henry G. Eekhoff, of Lae, New Guinea, will celebrate their Golden Wedding on December 24. They were married at St. Matthews, West Kensington, London, on December 24, 1902.

The Eekhoffs were in Queensland in 1909, and after War I Henry



The Eekhoffs—both 73, healthy and happy they say, and looking forward to celebrating their second 50 years together on Christmas Day.

Eekhoff went to New Guinea on behalf of the Expropriation Board and was stationed at Mal, in the Ninigo lands. Later he was appointed to Iatanatar, at Kokopo, where Mrs. Eekhoff joined him in 1921.

In 1928 the Eekhoffs went to Lae, where they have remained for the past 25 years, with the exception of a few years of the Japanese occupation.

Mr. Eekhoff and his son, Gordon, were engaged in business in Lae before the war. Their daughter, Dorothy (Mrs. Alf Priebe) is a resident in the Mary River Valley District of Queensland, where Mr. Priebe owns a dairy farm.

A new guest house has been opened in Apia, Western Samoa, to cope with increasing tourist traffic.

No Australia-P-NG Customs Union—Yet

Reprieve from Income Taxation?

A STATEMENT made by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck, in Port Moresby on November 21 seems to dispose of the threat of direct income taxation on Territories residents—at least for the time being.

He said that, acting on the advice of a Committee which took evidence in Australia and the Territory at the beginning of the year, it had been directed that there would be no alteration in the present system whereby P-NG operates its own customs set-up as distinct from Australia's.

Under the present system, in which Australia for export purposes treats P-NG as a separate country, there are the inevitable anomalies. The purpose of the committee was to see if customs-union between P-NG and Australia and subsequent abolition of the anomalies would be in the best interests of all concerned.

However, P-NG derives a great deal of its revenue from customs dues. If this revenue were lost it would have to be made up in another direction and income taxation seemed the obvious alternative. The great majority of Territories residents much prefer to keep the existing customs set-up with all its faults,

rather than get into the toils of the Australian - type income - taxation monster.

Mr. Hasluck suggested that the customs policy might be re-examined in three to five years time. He said the Committee had expressed opinions on Australian export duties as they affected the Territory, and the Commonwealth Government was now considering them.

SANTO NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent.

SANTO, NH, Dec. 2.

To date, two storm warnings have been issued, but Santo has not experienced a blow, as yet. It is reported that the small ships, TAMATEA and PAAMA, were blown ashore, further south in the Group on November 30.

M. W. Helme, Postmaster at Santo, was involved in an accident recently when his jeep left the road and overturned in a ditch. While M. Helme was unconscious, he was robbed of a considerable sum of money. Although he was fortunate enough to escape with minor injuries, his passenger was not so lucky, dying of multiple injuries a few hours after admission to the Hospital Francaise, Santo.

Burns Philp (New Hebrides), Ltd., closed for business on November 27 and re-opened in their new store on December 1. Mr. Don Gubbay erected the shell of the building and Mr. George Haggart lined it, both by contract. Your correspondent fitted the shop and built the offices and general office.

Major and Mrs. Douglas Fregard, accompanied by children, Susan and Ian, will leave the Group for six months' leave which they will spend in England. Major Fregard is the British District Agent in Santo.

New Suva Town Councillors



Recently elected Suva Town Councillors are shown here with the Mayor, Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane. Left to right (standing) Mr. C. L. Cheng, Mr. Charles Stinson, Mr. R. D. Singh, Mr. J. B. Turner, Mr. G. D. Sharma, Mr. J. Judd, Mr. R. Spowart; (seated): Mr. C. P. Bidesi, Mr. W. G. Johnson, Dr. Ramakhan, Mr. McFarlane (Mayor), Dr. C. M. Gopalan, Mr. W. E. Goodsir (Deputy-Mayor), Mr. Bhindi.

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Rabaul

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Some of the people on stage during the finale of Rabaul Roundabout, a revue with a local cast of 100 which had a season of three nights in November. The idea was the Rev. F. White's. Mr. Arthur Savage produced the show. Sets were designed by the D.C., Mr. J. McCarthy, Mrs. Guy Black designed the costumes and players came from every community in Rabaul.

—Photos Casuarina Studios.



THE P-N-G ROLE IN SOUTH PACIFIC DEFENCE

Having toured Papua and New Guinea, Australian Army Minister Francis made a number of announcements to indicate the Territories' role in any scheme of defence:—

- The Papua-N. Guinea Volunteer Rifles — mostly European — would be assisted and encouraged, so as to provide a pool of officers and trained men as leaders of an expanded native force, if required.
- Units of the Pacific Islands Regiment, now 650 strong, all natives, would be stationed at strategic points in both Territories. They were responding excellently to training as jungle fighters and craftsmen. Consideration was being given to the establishment of more native units.
- The re-establishment of Manus as a great base for the Navy and Air Force north of New Guinea had been completed Australia two years before it was due, and it would be actively occupied. Steps are being taken to salvage a part of the valuable war equipment left behind there by Americans, and still there.

Statements by other Ministers expressed a hope that the Americans again would make use of the Manus base.

Mr. Bruce Bacon, formerly of the BSI Trade Scheme staff, and Mr. Russ Gordon, who has been with one of the Islands Agents in Sydney for over 10 years, have joined forces to establish their own islands buying organisation in Sydney. Their new firm is called Pacific Service.

On November 13, the English freighter *Maplebank* reported by radio that she had lost a man overboard during the early hours of the morning at a position about 30 miles north-west of Palmerston Island in the Cooks.

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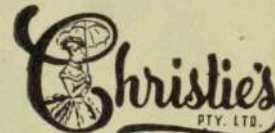
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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

BINATANGS again! (Nov. PIM., page 19). I would hesitate to blame the Japs for "introducing" the *Dynastid* family to NG plantations. What does seem logical to me is the phenomenal growth of the pests on plantations throughout the Territory during the war years, and the post-war period, when estates were neglected and the beetles allowed to run riot with no preventive measures being taken. No plantation beetle gangs, no Dept. of Agriculture Pest inspectors and, as I said last month, there appears to be a *laissez faire* attitude by present-day plantation people towards binatangs. There can only be disaster for the industry if pest gangs are not kept at work.

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Apropos of compensation to civilian internees during the war (Nov. PIM, p. 18): In Melbourne there is what is termed The Civilian Internees Trust Fund, which apparently is handling the matter. The Secretary states: "The terms of reference by which the Trustees of this Trust Fund are bound restrict payments from the fund to ex-internees who were Australian citizens at the time of their internment and who suffer distress or hardship as a result of any loss of limb or other permanent disability (physical or mental) directly referable to the conditions of their internment."

A point which should not be missed by the authorities is that Serces personnel still drew their pay

while POW's, whereas many civilians drew nothing at all. Box 5303 BB, Melbourne G.P.O., will reach the Secretary should anyone be interested.

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I note Editor Robson in his search for Coes in Samoa (relations of Queen Emma), as mentioned in Nov. PIM, p. 40, found few of them; but says "there are many in New Guinea." I thought most of them had faded away, with the exception of a nephew (Paul Parkinson) and a couple of grand-nephews (Rud. Diercke and H. Schultze), perhaps my grapevine has slipped a bit. At one time nearly everyone in NG, with Samoan blood in their veins, used to lay claim to being a relation of some sort to Emma Kolbe, but older residents knew better.

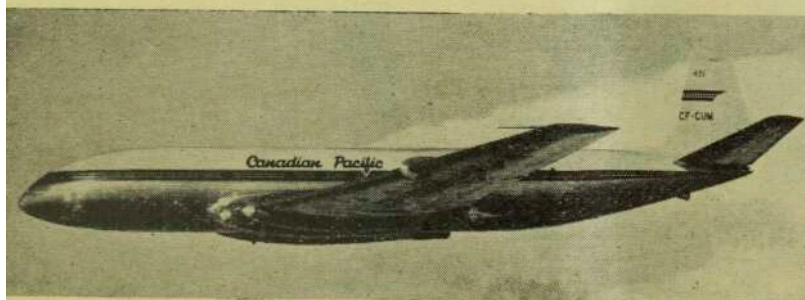
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Turn down an empty glass for Bill Candler, who has gone to his well-earned rest (Nov. PIM). I first met Bill on the old *Matunga* in 1915, and he was the life of the ship, and *persona grata* in Rabaul, where heavy brass-hats made the going difficult for the ordinary civilian in those early days of the Australian occupation. But Bill's happy smile and natural charm won him a host of friends in every circle.

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Prophetic Section: Browsing through an old PIM (Dec. 1949, p. 49) recently I came across a par of

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mine anent the colour question in South Africa, with reference to a Missionary Scott who had "taken up the cudgels" on behalf of the natives. I wonder now what Mr. Scott has to say about the Mau Mau in Kenya.

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The first day cover of the P-NG stamps make a fine array, to gladden the heart of any philatelist. There is nothing particularly artistic about the designs or subjects portrayed, save perhaps the £1 issue, which approaches the standard of the Fiji 1/-, and is said to be the most artistic stamp in the British Empire. Personally I like the NZ idea of short descriptive captions on the pictorial series. Few people, outside the tropics, will know what the lad is doing in the 9d scene, and fewer still know the "Upi" hat on the 1d stamp. The 10/- map is the least attractive of the series, while the 2/- marks will mystify most people.

However, it is a welcome change for the Territory to have its own stamps—and it will bring a few more bawbees to the Treasury.

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B4 New Guineaites will be interested to know that Gill Hemming has started off on a round-the-world tour the hard way: hitch-hiking from

country to country. Latest advice is that she is in NZ. Gill, who has a flair for journalism, had reached the stage, on a Sydney evening paper, where her name appeared over her articles, and that is always a step up in the profession. Her friends wish her all the best of luck.

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"The Minister for the Army will begin a nine days' tour of Army units in Papua-New Guinea," says a recent Canberra report. Just the difference between the League of Nations, which tabooed under Article 4 "the military training of the natives," and the present Trusteeship set-up.

One cannot help but wonder, despite its international significance, whether the present UNO is going to prove itself more practicable as a means towards international understanding, than its predecessor—the League. At least reports of the UNO meetings enable the Press of the World to let everyone know what a heckling, disunited mob it is, emphasising the differences between the East and West, the Russian bloc and the Rest of the World.

Politicians seem to have failed to bridge the gap of misunderstandings, perhaps, after all, it is up to religions of the world to achieve some modicum of success. But which religion exactly, seems to be a bit obscure at the moment.

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And talking of world affairs, the more I think of present-day problems the more I am inclined to support the theory of the Bavarian School teacher, Oswald Spengler, as put forward in his *Der Untergang der Abendlandes* (The Decline of the West) which points out the periodic change of world culture down the ages.

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Once again Bishop Strong breaks into the news with statements which are afterwards claimed to be misreported, when he gives a warning that if commercial enterprises ride roughshod over the natives, P-NG could face future uprisings similar to those in Kenya. Sounds very much like a revival of the old lament over the Murray resignation. Would the Bishop have expressed such an opinion if J.K.M. had been chairman of the Mission conference?

Mr. F. P. V. Robb, ADO at Mount Hagen, New Guinea, who has been in the Territories' Service since World War II, drew the first prize recently in an Australian lottery—£15,000.

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Left to right: Mr. L. Hawksley of Pacific Insurance Co. who returned to Suva from leave in NZ. Mr. S. Guttenberg of Vavau, Mr. J. Peselley of Apia, and Mr. Carl Wolfgramm of Vavau, who

returned home from Auckland on Tofua. Mr. Einer Thompson on his way to Apia for the Christmas vacation (he is taking the pharmacy course at Wellington University) and Miss Nina Ah Siu and

friend Marlene, also returning to Apia. President J. Ottley of the Mormon Mission returned to Auckland from a visit to Aitutaki, Cook Is.

Queen Salote to Attend Coronation

QUEEN SALOTE of Tonga will attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II of England next June. She has been invited to stay at St. James Court for the occasion.

This will be Queen Salote's first visit to the United Kingdom and the first visit of a reigning Tongan monarch. Accompanied by Princess Mataaho, wife of Crown Prince Tungi, she will leave Auckland, NZ, for London in the *Rangitoto*, in April.

Queen Elizabeth, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, and Queen Salote are the world's three queens who reign in their own right.

At present Queen Salote is in residence at her newly acquired home in Epsom, Auckland. The Queen attended by her lady-in-waiting, Miss Palu Vava'u Tupou, and accompanied by her second son Prince Tu'ipelehake and his wife Princess Melena'ite and family arrived in Auckland by *Matua* from Tonga on November 19.

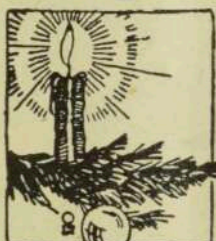
Queen Salote's new home has been called Atalanga after an ancestral Tongan god.

Queen Salote and an official party were entertained at morning tea aboard the liner *Rangitoto* by Captain B. Evans on November 25.

They were shown over the ship and visited the quarters which Queen Salote will occupy on her voyage to the Coronation.

In early December, accompanied by Mrs. W. G. Bagnall as her secretary, she spent a week in Sydney. Most of her time was occupied with her dressmaker and her Coronation wardrobe.

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Temporary Relief for Papuan Planters

No Long-Term Solution to Rubber Difficulties

MR. HASLUCK, Minister for Territories, announced in Port Moresby on November 29 that the Department of Supply would buy 400 tons of Papuan No. 1 and No. 2 sheet rubber in the next two months.

This will temporarily relieve the embarrassment of Papuan rubber planters who have been unable to sell their rubber in Australia for the last few months. (It is the equivalent of less than 2 months' production from Papua.)

The Department of Supply will release from the Government stockpile a similar amount of lower grade rubber which will be sold to Australian manufacturers. This is in line with a statement made by Mr. Hasluck in Moresby on November 21.

Although this purchase will do something to solve planters' immediate difficulties it does not give them what they had hoped for—a guaranteed market for all their rubber production in Australia. The long-term solution to this problem now seems to have been put back on to the laps of the planters.

In his statement of November 21, Mr. Hasluck said that the Government could not force Australian companies to buy rubber but that it was trying to persuade them to voluntarily buy Papuan rubber as it became available.

He said that the government stock-pile is full but that they were examining the possibility of selling some of the lower grades from it and replacing it with grades now available from Papua—the plan that has now been put into action. An alternative to this, also being considered, "would be to take steps to ensure" that no foreign rubber was purchased in Australia as long as Papuan was available. However, as some rubber used in Australia was of lower grade than any product in Papua, this might result in top grade Papuan being purchased in place of lower grades from other countries and consequently at a lower price than producers expect.

He suggested that planters, in their own interests, could build up some marketing organisation of their own which could help them "ride out short-term delay in marketing." Such an organisation, with the help of the Rural Credits Department of

he Commonwealth Bank, could buy rubber as delivered, sell it when convenient, and make advances to planters against their deliveries. He said that another alternative was for them to try to find markets outside Australia and for this export licences would be freely granted.

(Planters are unlikely to be impressed by the promise of freely granted export licences. The only countries clamouring for rubber stocks at the present time appear to be behind the Iron Curtain—and it is unlikely that export licences would be forthcoming for those.)

Mr. Hasluck said that there was need for improvement in grading of apuan rubber so that it could stand comparison with standard RMA gradings. He said the Commonwealth was ready to help by providing a rubber Inspector.

CHINA WANTS CEYLON RUBBER

It was reported in early November that Communist China had offered to buy the entire sheet rubber output of Ceylon (50,000 tons per year) for the next five years. The price offered is believed to be 32d (10g) per pound—which is far better than Ceylon could hope to obtain elsewhere. Ceylon's Trade and Commerce Minister led a trade delegation to Peiping recently and brought back the offer. It seems now that it is only a matter of solving how China will pay for this rubber.

If Ceylon's entire output goes to China it is not expected that the world price will be affected as Thailand is expected to re-enter the open market next year when the United States contract to buy from her expires and is not expected to be renewed. The output of Thailand could more than offset the loss of Ceylon rubber.

Limited Copra Shipments Resumed to NZ

ABELS, LTD., of Auckland, who operate the only copra crushing mill in NZ, accepted 200 tons of copra from Rarotonga and Niue in November—the first shipments since the end of June. Due to present high prices of coconut local consumers have been drawing from their reserves. As these are exhausted it is probable that Abels will be able to handle the full Cook Islands output, but for the present it is likely that British MOF vessels will have to lift a percentage.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Seale, of Wau, New Guinea, left the Territory at the end of December for 9 months leave in Australia. He is ADO in Wau.

CAVES HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST AND VALUE

AMONG laymen who left recently on the Bulolo for Yule Island, New Guinea, to assist the Sacred Heart Mission for a period of years in its work among the natives, is M. Jean Huon de Navrancourt, a young Frenchman who has done important work for the Societe Speleologique de France.

This is an organisation which devotes special study to caves. At first glance, caves appear somewhat unimportant in world affairs; but, actually, knowledge of the underground is of increasing value to mankind. Investigations in caves have unique archaeological interest—some have given us data about people who lived on earth 25,000 years ago; medical interest, because the waters found in deep caverns often flow out into rivers which give towns a water supply; biological interest, because of the changes which take place in mammals and insects which live underground; and commercial interests, because caves can be made interesting to tourists.

Now the exploration of caves has a new value. These places may provide humankind with a safe refuge from atom bombs.

M. de Navrancourt has made studies of caverns in the West Indies, Galapagos, Tahiti, New Caledonia, New South Wales, and will pursue his hobby in Papua. He expects the societies which specialise on this study to be linked soon in an international organisation.

Emperor Gold Mines Ltd., of Fiji, has just declared a dividend of 50 per cent. During some years, being prevented by heavy Australian taxation from distributing its profits, the Company returned a large proportion of their capital to shareholders, and thus reduced shares to the nominal value of 1/-.



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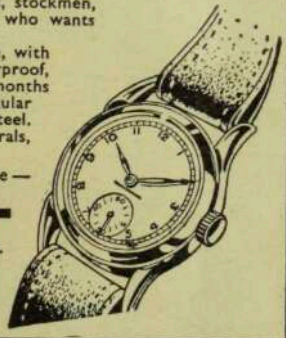
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Meanwhile, under its new partnership with the Australian Government, BDG now are designing and installing a ply-wood plant which will operate on the great stands of Hoop and Klinki Pine around the Bulolo Valley—an important industry that should have a long life.



In October, the Suva Theatre Group, staging "Cinderella" pantomime under great technical difficulties, provided the Fiji capital with a week of delightful entertainment. Messrs. James Crawford and Paddy Mulelly, assisted by a score of hard-working people, successfully drilled some two score of attractive young people and produced a series of stage settings, ballets, songs and solo dances which were pleasing to the eye and very

entertaining. For six nights, the Town Hall was packed with happy audiences—and no one can say that that ancient building was planned for theatre productions. The three outstanding players were June Hedstrom (Cinderella), Jocelyn Exon (Prince Charming)—shown in above photograph—and Oonagh Bruen, who has outstanding talent, charm and skill as a dancer.



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Dairy Farmers Open War Against Copra

AUSTRALIA'S dairy farmers who last year could not supply the Commonwealth's domestic butter market, and could not have cared less, now want a higher tariff imposed on imported copra, basis of most table margarine.

Dairy farmers say that they are "alarmed" at the drop in butter consumption and apparently feel that they can make things better all round if they force up the price of margarine.

At present butter sells retail in Australia for 4/1½ per pound. Margarine is 2/6 per pound. In the eight months up till August, 1952, butter consumption fell by 3,757 tons; margarine consumption rose by about 2,000.

Australia is traditionally a butter-eating country. The only reason why housewives are buying less butter and giving their families margarine is that margarine is cheaper. Modern margarine has most of the virtues of butter and can scarcely be distinguished from it—but most housewives would buy butter in preference if it were the same price.

If primary producers can prevail upon the Government to levy special duties on copra (and primary producers have votes and P-NG copra producers have not) so that the price of margarine is forced up somewhere near that of butter, the only practical result will be that housewives will be able to afford neither.

Australian producers (and manufacturers) have now become so used to their cost-plus system of economics that they really believe that it is better to sell no butter at 4/1½ per pound, than a great deal of butter at, say, 3/- per pound. If they can add their percentage of profit to their costs, and the public still buys—then they are happy. If the public stops buying, they do not try to reduce costs by way of more efficiency, but strive to stifle competition by forcing Governments to impose restrictions on the other fellow.

We may expect to hear any time now that copra (therefore margarine) is produced by black slave labour in Australia's tropical territories, fat profits thus gained going to the lazy white planters who thereby virtually take the bread out of the mouths of Australia's down-trodden dairy farmers.

Australian housewives' associations

say they will fight tooth and nail against any increase in the price of margarine, but the whole fracas is symptomatic of Australia's muddled economic thinking.

BP Shipping Services Extended in P-NG

As a result of improved shipping facilities in Papua-New Guinea, Burns Philp Co., Ltd., have decided to re-route their two principal vessels servicing Papua-New Guinea, so as to call at more ports.

Commencing December, the *Bulolo* will call at Lombrum, Manus, on her regular run between Madang and Rabaul.

Commencing February, the *Malekula* will extend her schedule to call at Wewak, after leaving Rabaul and Lorengau. In other words, she will call regularly at Wewak, on the run between Lorengau and Madang.



Miss Lauris Maiotui, of Tahiti, who has gone to NZ to live. She is a descendant of the Young family, of "Bounty" fame.

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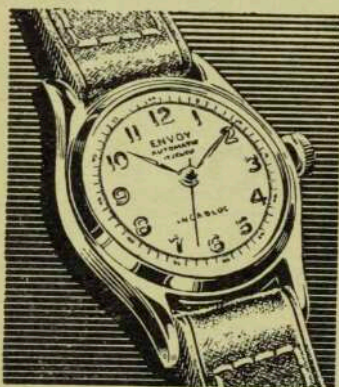
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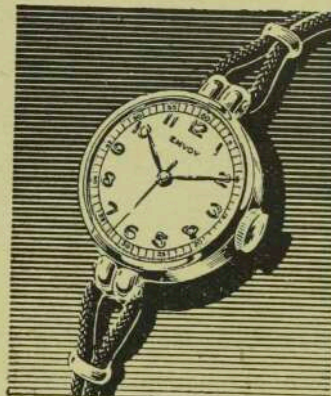
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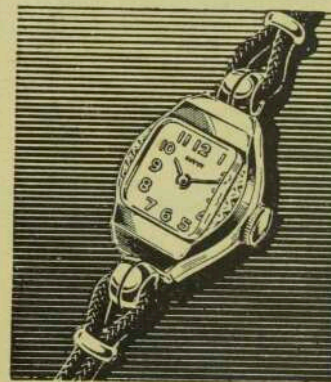
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DOG INCIDENT IN KEABLE'S OLD HOME

"In that house," said Eddie Lund, driving us hospitably around the lovely island of Tahiti, "there once lived Robert Keable. It was there that he wrote *Simon Called Peter*. Young Brook lives there now—we'll go in and drink some of his gin."

As we drove in, a small dog came out. He was travelling at high speed, and seemed anxious to go even faster. Behind him, with mighty leaps, there appeared a gentleman in white, who blasphemed horribly. I learned afterwards that he is a close relation of Rupert Brook, famous poet, who once

lived in Tahiti. It seemed that a fine command of English is common to the Brook family.

The dog is owned by Mr. Devenish, and had been left in Mr. Brook's care while his master attended a picnic function in that area. But, in the course of the day,

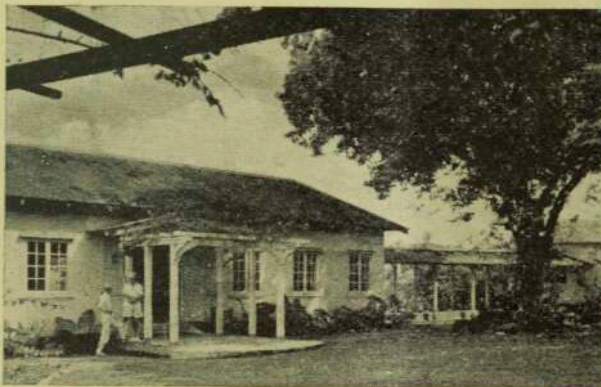
the dog's uncontrolled fondness for eggs had just about wrecked the Brooks' poultry-yard supply, and we had arrived at a moment of crisis.

Mr. Brook was eloquent on the subject of Mr. Devenish as an animal-lover. We learned the curious fact that the British Consul owns the only French poodle in French Oceania.

NEW FIJIAN LEADER

In Fiji, they are watching, with interest and pleasure, the way Ratu Mara is coming to the fore as a leader of the Fijians. He has great natural ability; he has been very well educated; he is still only in his thirties; he is a Catholic; and he is held in high favour by the Council of Chiefs.

Wise old Lala Sukuna has been the leader of the Fijians for many years, and most people in the Colony hope that he may remain in that position for a long time yet. But, as is inevitable in nature, the years take their toll; and a community always is watching for oncoming leaders. Mara already has taken a strong stand in some Fijian arguments, and it is predicted that his



Keable's (now Brook's) house.

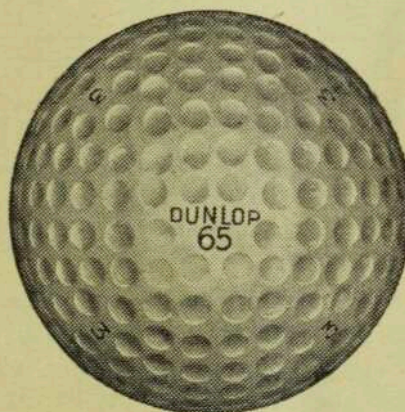
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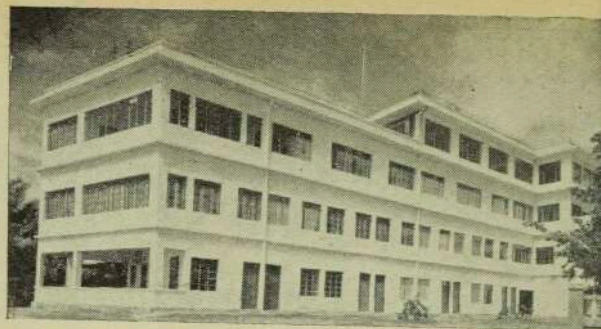
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This Grand Hotel was not complete when the press party was in Papeete, but there was enough of it available to provide them with excellent accommodation.

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garden, where the breakfast cafe is situated.

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Fe'i is the plantain, or wild banana, of Tahiti. It grows plentifully, but it cannot be eaten raw—it must be boiled or baked. The French-Tahitians prepare it in several ways—some delicious, some not so exciting.

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THE FRISBIE KIDS

From Mrs. James Norman Hall, widow of the famous writer, (this photograph of her was taken at a Sunday picnic at the back of Tahiti) I had word of the children of the late Robert Deane Frisbie. Hall, before he died, wrote for Weeks, editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*, a long article on Frisbie, and they agreed that the proceeds should go



Mrs. James Norman Hall at Tahitian picnic.

to assist the Frisbie kids. The article was published in three instalments, and sold to other journals; and thus they raised a fund of over 7,000 dollars.

By this means, the three Frisbie girls were sent to Honolulu, where they were taken in by American families. All are well and happy. Johnny, the eldest, is studying, and held in high regard, and may become a professional writer. The two boys are being cared for in New Zealand.

It was a fine action by two famous writers.

Mrs. Hall looks rather absurdly young to be a grandmother—which she proudly claims to be. I met a similarly comely grandmother in Fiji. Is it something in the South Seas air, or just the natural result of our steadily extending expectation of life?

ONE MOMENT OF PANIC

The introduction of TEAL's press party to Samoa consisted of a bus-ride, through 20 miles of entrancing tropical scenery, but carried out at prodigious speed.

Soon, we saw another bus coming. Both drivers placed a continuing heavy hand on their horns, and maintained speed. The journalists got restive. Both buses clung to the crown of the narrow road. Some of the journalists began to yell. Then our bus swung sharply right. The journalists panicked.

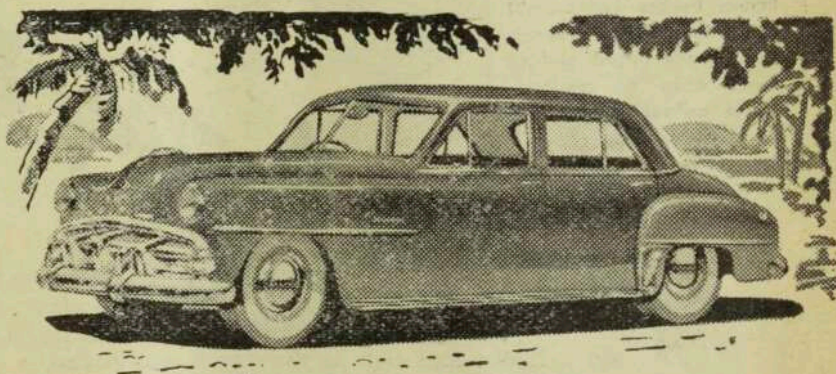
Melbourne Herald dived for the floor. *Wellington Dominion* tried to make a sideways leap. The fine con-

tralto of *Australian Women's Weekly* was lifted in full-blooded shriek. The two vehicles passed in a rush of spattering gravel, a whisker between them.

"No need for fright," said the smiling Samoan driver. "In this country we keep to the right." I think he had provided other newcomers with that little thrill.

I wonder why Western Samoa sticks to the pre-1914 traffic rule of Imperial Germany, while all other countries under British administration observe the British keep-to-the-left rule. (Similarly, one can ask why all British countries keep to the left, while the rest of the world maintains

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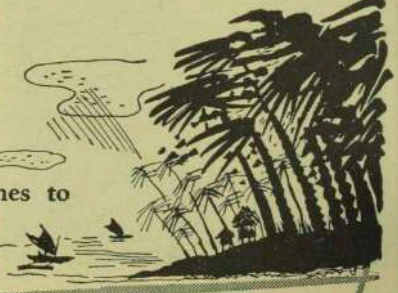


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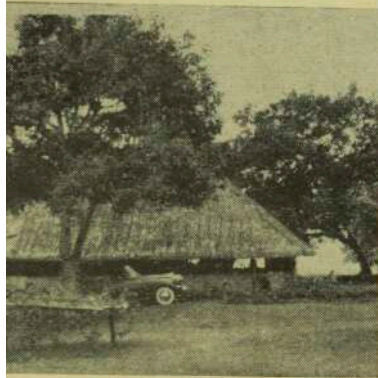
the right-hand drive). I suppose, when NZ finally took over in 1920, there were too many trained Samoan drivers in charge of vehicles on the Samoan roads to make a change-over desirable. A trained driver reacts automatically to traffic conditions and his habit, in an emergency, would be to pull to the right.

The Australians, similarly taking over the former German colony of New Guinea, did not have the same problem. In 1920, there were few roads and fewer motor vehicles in New Guinea.

I told the journalists my choice of the early days of motoring in the Condominium of the New Hebrides, when the French kept to the right, and the English, as was British and proper, stuck to their principles and kept to the left. But the shock of the non-colliding buses was still too recent, and they did not see the humour of it.

A COOL COUNTRY HOUSE

This is the country home of Capeete's Oscar Nordman—cool, airy and beautifully furnished. It looks out over the lagoon at Papara, and is surrounded by green lawns and brilliant flowers—a suitable abode for the seven lovely children who romp around here, and call Oscar and Margot their grandparents in three languages. (The fluency of most kids in French, English and



Whitian, is one of the remarkable things in Tahiti). In a green valley behind the residence, Mr. Nordman has a fine herd of cattle, for beef and dairy. Like several other landowners in these parts, he breeds carefully, and gets best results from a small mixture of Cebu or Brahmin with European strains.

Many of the wiser folk in these tropical islands claim to get the best use for the climate by making the use of native construction and

materials, as shown in this picture. The magnificent *bure* built by E. G. Theodore at his Emperor goldmine at Vatakoula, Fiji, became famous in three continents—it got coolness from the native construction, and comfort from European fittings. And, in these inflation days, there is a great saving over European building materials—which are unsuited to the climate, anyway.

TO CUT TROCHUS IN FIJI

A long overdue effort to establish in Fiji an industry for the manufacture of articles from trochus shell

is being made by Mr. McCowan, of Levuka. It is reported that he has orders from USA for millions of button blanks, and that he is now importing the necessary machinery from Europe. Experts believe that there is enough trochus shell in Fiji waters to provide all he will need.

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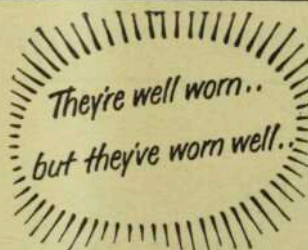
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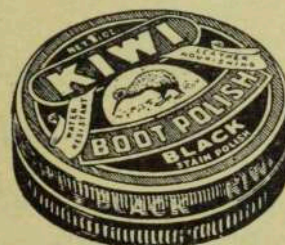
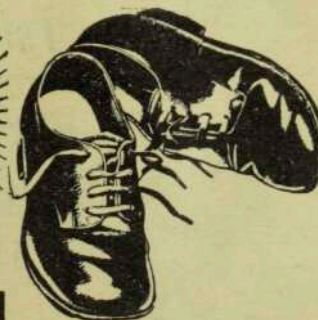


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Fiji gains substantially because a large and increasing proportion of her copra is milled in Fiji instead

of in Europe. Why should not the same procedure be followed in the much smaller, but nonetheless important, trochus industry?

ISOLATED PAGO PAGO

En route to Tahiti, the TEAL plane flies over American Samoa and, from the air, one gets a re-

markable picture of Tutuila and the famous port of Pago Pago.

This should be a place of call for TEAL, but the harbour lies so narrowly between steep 2,000 mountains that it is unsafe for flying-boats. One remembers the disaster that befell Pan American Airways when it tried to work Pago Pago with flying-boats. There is no lagoon to use, as in Western Samoa. Tutuila, for some reason, has no fringing coral reef—the waves actually break against the base of the island cliffs, like they do at Norfolk Ocean islands.

Tutuila has a land strip for fairly big planes, and one day there will be a regular air service there. But not at present. Since the US Navy pulled out, Eastern Samoa has been in a state of painful economic readjustment, trying to find something to take the place of the half million or so dollars which Uncle Sam used to spend there each year; and just now it cannot afford luxuries like an air service.

THE HENNING'S HOME

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medicine to a very sick planter. When I learned that the island was Naitamba my concern mounted. Only five days before, in Suva, I had said goodbye to Mr. Gus Jennings, who was returning home by schooner after a visit to Auckland, and a very severe bout of virus in Fiji.

The plane circled low over Naitamba, and dropped the parcel; and I got this photograph of the famous plantation home of the Jennings family.

I learned afterwards that Gus had not relapsed. The drugs arrived after



left Suva and his kindly medical friends in Suva got the kindly Captain McHardy to drop them to Naitamba on the island, just as a precaution. I am told that Gus—who now has counted more than 80 patients, most of them in Fiji—is well again.

CANNED BEEF MYSTERY

A staple article of diet throughout the South Pacific Islands is canned beef. In some places, tins of beef are accepted as currency.

Naturally, the canners of Australia and New Zealand hold most of the trade—although, every now and then, canners in America and Europe make an assault on this "Anzac serve".

There is one thing about this market that intrigues me. Why does tinned corned beef from New Zealand come in round tins, while that from Australia is always in square tins, slightly tapered. Because of the nature of the demand, NZ's tins have a definite advantage over Australia's square product; but Australia cannot send round tins because "the Government won't allow it."

This seemed strange, so I asked an Australian exporter. He said that that was so—for Islands trade he could buy beef only in square tins. When I asked him why, his language became unseemly; but I gathered that he did not know why—it was just one of those rules laid down by "the blasted bureaucrats".

Has anyone got the explanation of this queer thing?

PHENOMENAL COCOA TREE

The prize exhibit of Reparation Estates—a phenomenal cocoa tree—interested the journalists who visited Samoa in October, just as it has

excited cocoa-planters throughout the world.

Western Samoa claims that it produces the world's best cocoa; and the price paid for the Territory's product—which has enriched Samoa generally—bears this out.

Reparation Estates have a quarter-million cocoa trees, and the experts there, by endless experiments, have finally evolved a tree which has a very much larger yield than any other tree, and is completely resistant to the diseases which beset cocoa plantations. But it was found that it cannot reproduce its quality through its seeds. So plantation-manager W. H. Kelly

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But neither Fiji nor Samoa gets any special benefit from this direct earning of substantial dollar funds—it all goes into the sterling pool, to help the Western European nations. Economists, like doctors, are made to differ; but there are some political economic students who argue that the two big South Pacific Territories are being somewhat sacrificed on the altar of their British connections.

If the Australian Prime Minister plan to make pound and dollar more rapidly interchangeable succeeds, it will spell immediate and substantial benefits for Fiji and Samoa.

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Alfred Poroi is quite a young man with a business of his own to look after; but, over the years, he has done such a remarkable job in the management of the careless little city of Papeete that the wise burghers—European, part Tahitian, Chinese, Tahitian—are determined that no other man shall rule their municipal organisation. With the goodwill and practical help of the Governor, he superintends bridge-building, school management, street control, and a score of other communal activities.

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WELL-KNOWN TERRITORIANIANS ARE MARRIED

TWO pioneer New Guinea families were united in Madang in June, when this well-known couple were married—Mrs. Anna Johanna Munster, widow of the late Charles



Munster, of Manus, and Mr. Tom Bayliss, Bulolo goldminer. The Munsters were married 30 years ago, and established some valu-

able coconut plantations in Manus. Mrs. Munster, and their three children, got away South in December, 1941; but Mr. Munster was caught by the Japs when he sailed his schooner into Rabaul a little later. He was put onto a Jap ship along with various planters, and mission personnel (including women) from Madang, Kavieng and Manus; and then, on the high seas, the whole of the prisoners on that ship were ruthlessly murdered—one of the Jap's most brutal New Guinea massacres, of which very little has been heard.

Tom Bayliss was in New Guinea in 1922, and he joined the Edie Creek gold rush in 1926. Eventually, he settled on some valuable country on the Bulolo, between the BGD leases, and—except for the war—he has been sluicing gold out of that area ever since. His claim now has been taken over by his son Colin, who was a fighter pilot in Europe in the war, but who now has settled down in the Bulolo Valley with a charming wife and two children.

The new Mrs. Bayliss also is a grand-parent. Her daughter Carola (who in Madang married Mr. Kenny, of Mandated Airlines—he is now managing the Munster properties in

Manus) is the mother of two children.

Hundreds of old Territorians will wish many years of happiness to the popular bride and bridegroom.

Mr. Pat Costello returned to Fiji in December, after 6 weeks in Australia.

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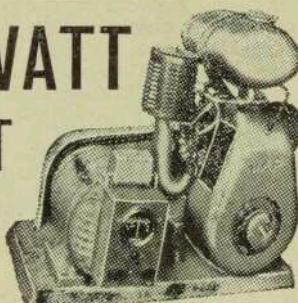
The telescope is not a marine tele-

scope, being about three feet long and six inches in diameter and mounted on a folding wooden tripod about five feet high. Whether or not it is the famous instrument used at Point Venus, Tahiti for the observation of the transit of Venus, is not known at present.

The telescope was given by Cook to Sir Joseph Banks, naturalist aboard the *Endeavour*, as a souvenir of his voyage. In 1926 it was purchased at auction by Miss Edith Kinch of Cornwall. She had recently been approached by an American collector to sell the instrument, but offered it to the New Zealand Government which has paid £150 for it.

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Six to 12 months: Charles Blake (1st), Jennifer Lang (2nd), John Mollinger (3rd).

One to two years: Ben Otto (1st), Belinda Blake (2nd), Shawn Sabastia (3rd).

Two to three years: Lucci Dawson (1st), Trevor Mollinger (2nd), Ken Jamison (3rd).

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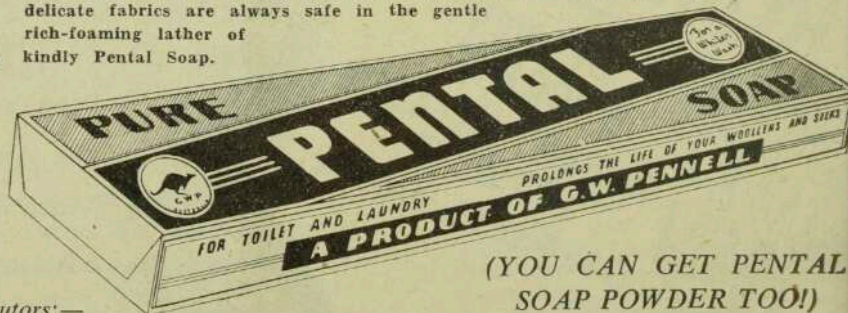
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The Story of Father Misael Kammerer

(From Our Own Correspondent)

HOLLANDIA, Nov. 30.

FATHER MISAEAL KAMMERER is dead, murdered by members of the Ndani tribe in the Central Highlands.

This was the message which was received in October from the Catholic Mission Station at Enarotali, at the Wissellakes in Netherlands New Guinea. There was a tragic but heroic story behind it.

Father Kammerer's bearers had come back at Enarotali without their master. They said they were close witnesses of the murder, which took place before their eyes. When the Ndani's, who were after the trade goods (axes, etc.) which Father Kammerer had with him, forbade him to continue his trip to the well-known "Baliem Valley" (the Shangri-La of American stories) he broke away. But the Ndani's soon overtook him and his bearers. They surrounded the priest and speared him to death, after which they stuffed the wounds with leaves.

The bearers said that Father Kammerer, who was seated on one of the bearer's packs didn't utter a sound when the cruel spears hit him. And in the afternoon they saw a huge fire, from which they concluded that their master was being cremated—as is the local Ndani custom with their dead.

It was a very sad story and it undoubtedly caused a lot of grief to the parents of the priest in Holland. "Jungle Pimpernel" Dr. J. de Bruyn, who became well-known because of his underground work for the Allies in the Dutch New Guinea Central Highlands during Japanese occupation, was sent to the Wissellakes for an investigation. He speaks the languages of the people here. (A story of the exploits of de Bruyn was published in Australia and reviewed by PIM some years ago).

Two months passed and nobody doubted the murder any more. Then very recently word came from Enarotali: Father Kammerer is still alive!

He did not meet murderous Ndani at all. He had wandered round for weeks after his bearers had left him, he couldn't find the way back, suffered with a painful knee and was half-starved. But he was healthy and because his bearers did not come back, Father Misael turned to the Ndani's where he stayed for about a month waiting

for his knee to mend. When he was fit again he went back to Enarotali; although the Ndani's asked him to stay forever.

One day before he reached the Wissellakes, Father Kammerer met a fellow-missionary who was searching for him. On that occasion he heard the story of his "murder", his "heroism", the "In Memoriam" notice which was written in one of the biggest Catholic newspapers in Holland about him.

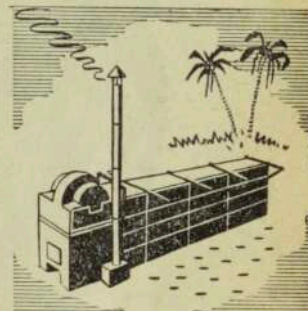
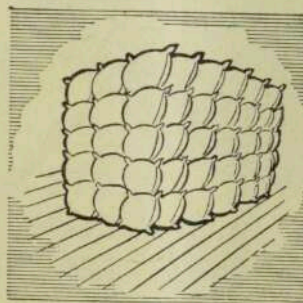
But Father Misael Kammerer is still very much alive.

An American priest, the Rev. Father Louis Luzbetak, SVD, PhD, has gone to New Guinea for two years where he will do field work and study linguistics among the natives. He studied anthropology and linguistics at Friburg (Vienna) and London Universities and later lectured in these subjects at the missionary training college, St. Mary's Seminary, near Chicago.

When clearing residential sites on Namanula Hill, Rabaul, NG, recently, the foundations of Judge Phillips' prewar house were revealed. From the wrecks, parts, etc., strewn around, it seems that the Japs used the site for a transport depot.

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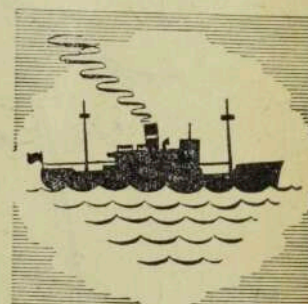
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SYDNEY ZOO MAY GET RABAUL CROCODILE

RABAUL, Nov. 30.
MR. GEOFF LANGE, of Rabaul, New Guinea, recently trapped a crocodile near the town. It has been offered to Sydney's Taronga Park Zoo. If they accept it, it is believed that Captain Bill Wilding of *Bulolo* will get it there somehow—although he has not been consulted about it yet.

The crocodile is believed to be one of two which have been noticed occasionally in the Sulphur Creek

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As a move towards the development of new export crops, and the improvement in strains of existing crops, a 44-acre section of land was taken over by the Rarotonga Department of Agriculture some time ago.

Ginger, canning beans, and coffee are some of the export crops now being tried out. In the category of existing crops are new strains of tomatoes, kumaras and taro.

area in the last 12 months. Many attempts have been made to catch them.

Varieties of pasture grasses suitable for dairy-cows are also being tested. Cows at present do very badly in the Cook Islands—probably because they are usually strains introduced from New Zealand and unused to tropical climate and feeding conditions.



A stage ensemble in Port Vila, New Hebrides, on October 18, when the Vila Theatre Group very successfully presented

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W. Samoan Interest In Tourist Trade

APIA, Nov. 11.
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In view of the steadily rising prices of imported foodstuffs it is generally acknowledged that the increase is justified. However, hotel accommodation in Apia is not up to overseas standards—the absence of hot water supplies and the monotonous menus are two of the aspects of Apia hotel life criticised by visitors.

Great interest is displayed by the public in proposals to stimulate the tourist traffic and thus derive some benefit from the new improved TEA Coral Route air service. Visitors passing through Samoa on their way to Tahiti have been impressed by the scenic attractions of the Territory and have expressed surprise that no organised effort has so far been made to publicise and advertise Samoa.

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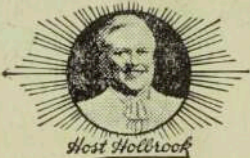
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It remains now only to see if the Territory can produce it in commercial quantities at an economic price—and whether Australian manufacturers will buy it and use it in preference to the better known jute. With the current troubles of Papua's rubber planters as an example, this last aspect is one that is regarded with lively interest. It is one thing to be able to produce kenaf, another to be able to spin and weave it successfully—and quite another to induce manufacturers to buy their share in providing the Territory with a new industry that would add substantially to annual income. Manufacturers would need, at a beginning, to be guaranteed continuity of supplies, standard quality and a steady price. They would, if these requirements were met, put the infant kenaf industry on its feet. On the other hand, if ruled by prejudice, they would kill it.

There is nothing altruistic about manufacturers. If it suits them to get the jute troubles and scarcities of the post-war years, this they will do. Nor can it be imagined that the producing countries of India and Pakistan will let their profitable Australian market go without a struggle. In November-December a commission from Pakistan was in Australia surveying coal mines for the first time in 10 years, producing beyond requirements. Australia is anxious to export coal—or no other reason than to keep vociferous coal-miners quiet. Pakistan says it would take Australian coal if the price is right. While there is a chance of unloading surplus Australian coal, it is unlikely to get tough with Pakistan over jute.

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The experimental phase is over. It is now up to the Territory to prove that kenaf fibre can be produced in commercial quantities—at a price competitive to established jute.

An allegedly red-hot revolutionary and anti-British Indian drama, recorded in the form of gramophone records with descriptive leaflets, has been banned in Fiji. A Lautoka report states that the recording was publicly played at an Indian gathering at Churchill Park, Lautoka, before the Government's ban. The recording is called Sardar Bhagat Singh.



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The film company spent a good deal of money in Fiji, but a sub-

stantial part of it went into the pockets of the limited number of people who were in a position to benefit. Building contractors and firms which supplied goods and services probably came off best. A few local people drew high salaries (in some cases, it is reported, over £40 a week including "perks") and



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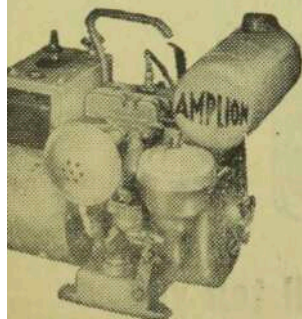
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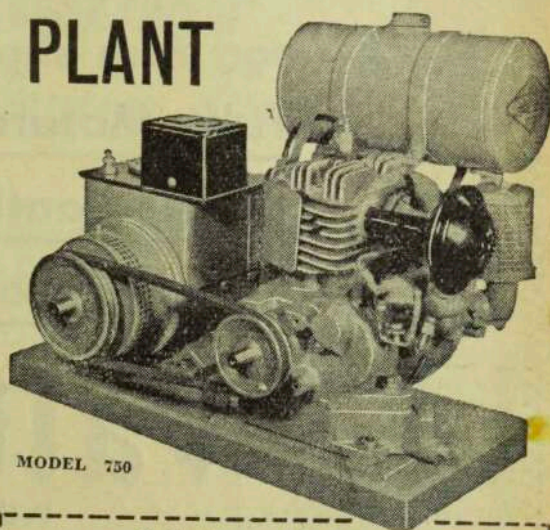
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local extras and "bit" players did pretty well. But to the population at large, even in the Suva area, the film unit's six months in Fiji was nothing more than a pleasant minor diversion.

The woman who told a Sydney newspaper that O'Keefe had changed

the life of Fiji also seems to have said that the film is "a story of the early buccaneering history of the island." Presumably Yap, which has no connection whatever with the hundreds of islands and islets of Fiji.

Like almost every film set in the South Seas, whether good, bad or

indifferent, O'Keefe will show a slight disregard of facts relating to geography and history. There will be some excellent colour photography and some spectacular Fiji mass-scenes, but the story says that nearly all of it happens on the other side of the Equator. But that, the words of a cynical film office is how movies are made.

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When Mr. and Mrs. Colin Phillips of Tasmania, part-owners of the Beachcomber Hotel, at Deuba, Fiji, passed through Auckland recently en route to Hobart, they pointed out that, with the Warner Brothers film unit evacuating the hotel early in November, 120 beds became available for the use of tourists in Fiji. Thus, the tourist situation has been eased.

Mr. Philip said that two other American film companies are at present investigating the possibility of making use of some of the facilities established by Warners during the recent filming of "O'Keefe;" but to the time Mr. Philip left no decision had been reached.

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NATURE — IN AND OUT OF BALANCE IN FIJI

From R. W. Robson

DISCUSSING pest controls with Mr. B. E. V. Parham, of Fiji Department of Agriculture, I learned some quaint things about the balance of nature.

Because bare country erodes easily, the Government stopped the Fijians from burning off scrub unnecessarily. The burning of the scrub used to kill off the surplus pukaki—the large swamp fowl which you will find in Fiji and other South Sea islands, as well as in New Zealand. The pukaki now have so increased in numbers that they are eating the food gardens and bananas of the natives; and the natives are howling accordingly.

The giant toad was brought in to check the insect pests which preyed on the sugar-cane. The toad has been so efficient on the job that now there are not enough insects to feed the birds; and the birds are increasingly attacking the natives' fruit and vegetables. More native howling.



Mrs. J. A. Chapman of Wai-Ni-Vau, Fiji, photographed in Suva Hospital on the occasion of her 90th birthday. She was born in Victoria and has spent 62 years in Fiji. Some months ago she had her leg amputated but is making an amazing recovery. Her husband died in 1917. She has one son living (Mr. W. Chapman of Suva), five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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Mr. Parham is trying to teach the Fijians to handle ladybirds correctly. Coconut scale flares up in patches. Thereupon the people who know about these things seek a place where ladybirds flourish. They gather up a few pints of ladybirds and take them to the patch of scale. The ladybirds feast merrily on the scale, and restore the palms to health.

But the catching of ladybirds is an acquired art.

Mr. Loke Wan Tho, who has spent a couple of months in the NG Highlands photographing birds of paradise and other fauna, is at present holidaying in Australia with his wife. They will shortly return home to Singapore.

The Boy's Brigade of New Zealand holds an annual Missionary Day when boys give donations to help the less fortunate Companies of the Pacific. This year Niue Island received £25 to help their 12 Boys' Brigade Companies and other substantial gifts were sent to the Cook Islands (where the Brigade is very strong) and to Papua, Samoa, and the Solomon Islands.

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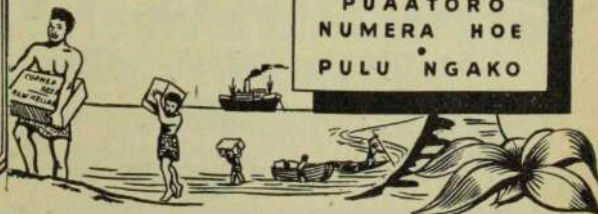
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Recent arrivals in Auckland from the Islands by TEAL Solent included (top to bottom, left to right): MR. and MRS. ALAN M. PRITCHARD who returned from W. Samoa—Mr. Pritchard, of NZ Civil Aviation Department, was in charge of operations to clear the Satapuala Seadrome of coral heads in preparation for the TEAL Solent service. MRS. TONY BAMBRIDGE and MR. A. E. MOORE who arrived from Tahiti. MRS. ESTHER PAVIHI from Western Samoa, and MR. J. SNOW of the staff of Etablissements Donald Tahiti. THE REV. J. GRAHAM MILLER with MRS. MILLER and daughter, from Tangoa, New Hebrides, where Mr. Miller has been Principal of the Presbyterian training institute since 1941; they were returning to Dunedin, NZ.

Miss Joan Naughton, of Rabaul, NG, has announced her engagement to Lieut. Ronald Lange of Port Moresby.

FALCON CURRENTLY MISSING

WHEN Captain Carl Johnson brought the *A'oniū* to Auckland from Tonga in November he said that the famous jack-in-the-box volcano named Falcon was at present beneath the sea. He had sailed over Falcon very recently and had made soundings of three or four fathoms with nothing showing.

When the 1950 Year Book was published the "island" (a pile of loose volcanic ash) was then 360 feet high and 1½ miles long. Since first reported in 1865, Falcon has repeatedly popped up in successive eruptions, only to be rapidly eroded again by the sea. It lies 45 miles NW of Nukualofa.

Captain Johnson reported also that Nuafo'ou, another active Tongan volcanic island, which achieved fame in the past with its Tin Can Mail service and was evacuated about six years ago after a bad eruption has again been permanently tilted by about 60 copra makers.

A'oniū has been making regular bi-weekly calls at Nuafo'ou picking up copra.

Captain Johnson said that Tonga's whaling industry, formerly carried

on by the Cook family at Tongatabu, using open boats, is now no more. Only an occasional whale is now caught, and for the meat only, not for the oil. In October, 1939, PIM published some interesting photos of Tongan whaling activities.

Artist Charles McPhee, who has been living in Tahiti for the last eight or nine months, was married

to a local girl there recently. He and his new wife left Papeete on November 1 on Waitemata bound for Rarotonga, Cook Is., where they will live for the present. McPhee is an Australian but has lived in Polynesia for many years. His oil paintings of Islands scenes and people are well known now from Australia to Tahiti—and, beyond, to the States where many of them were taken after the war by returning GIs.

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FIJI THINKS AGAIN ABOUT COCOA

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SUVA, Nov. 4.

MANY years ago Fiji had what promised to become a flourishing cocoa industry. Plant disease

killed it and there has been no subsequent attempt to revive it on a large scale.

There have been occasional wistful glances towards Western Samoa, where cocoa has been booming for years, and the question came up again last week after the High Com-

missioner for the Western Pacific (Mr. R. C. S. Stanley) said that BSI hoped to be doing something with cocoa.

Lately the New Zealand press has been publicising Samoa's "perfect cocoa tree"—an allegedly remarkable product selected from many thousands of specimens at the New Zealand Reparations Estates in Upolu. Why, Fiji wondered, couldn't the local Agriculture Department wangle a cutting or two from Samoa?

The Agriculture Department replied that at its Plant Introduction Station at Naduruloulou there are 40 flourishing young trees raised from seed of Samoa's "perfect cocoa trees". The seed came over in 1950, and Samoa has promised cuttings as soon as they can be made available.

Though the young seedling trees are growing well it will be some years before their individual characteristics of yield and disease resistance can be compared with those of the parent tree. The cuttings, however, would carry the full characteristics of the strain, which is described as a hybrid of high productivity and disease resistance.

Pastor Ian Kleinig of the Lutheran Mission, Irelia, N.G., is on furlough in Australia with his family.

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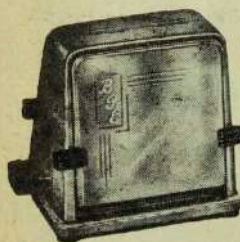
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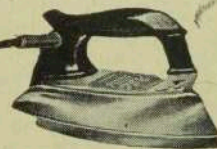
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Precautions Against Rhino Beetle

HONIARA, October 28.

DR. J. S. Phillips, the entomologist appointed to conduct research into coconut pests in the BSIP, is concerned about the possibility of the Rhinoceros Beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) being introduced from Rabaul into the British Solomons.

The beetle was introduced to Samoa 40 years ago as a stowaway in a bundle of rubber plants from Ceylon, and its destructive habits have resulted in thousands of dead palms and stumps in those fertile islands.

Introduced somehow into New Britain by the Japanese during the war years, it spread rapidly throughout the Gazelle Peninsula and coastal area, where, Dr. Phillips states, you can see in many places the triangular sections bitten from palm-leaves which are the characteristic damage-sign of this beetle.

There are already two types of Rhinoceros beetle in the Solomons, which do some damage but are not serious pests; and there is therefore danger that the dangerous *Oryctes rhinoceros*, which to the untrained eye looks very much like them, may be introduced and become established before it is recognised.

Dr. Phillips has asked planters to keep a close watch for any palm-leaves which may have triangular sections bitten out of them, and to forward any doubtful-looking Rhinoceros beetles to him for examination.

FEAR IN POLYNESIA

SUVA, Nov. 1.

Now that TEAL planes call at Samoa, en route from Fiji, the Government of French Oceania insists that the planes, and passengers' baggage, be carefully fumigated before landing, as a precaution against the Rhinoceros beetle. The fact that the pest has spread from Samoa to Tonga has alarmed the Tahiti authorities.

As Aitutaki has the same risk, it has been suggested the plane and the baggage be fumigated while the plane is undergoing its two hours fuelling stop at Aitutaki, between Samoa and Tahiti. This could prevent delay in unloading cargo at Papeete.

Actually, the risk is not great. The plane lies well out from shore in Samoa. The beetle is night-flying and attracted by light, but it can fly only short distance over water.

The risk is much greater in Tonga, where ships dock, or lie close in, and beetles could easily fly aboard.

Fiji authorities now are putting precautions into operation against ships coming from Tonga and Samoa, and causing shipping people some irritation. It is pointed out, however, that if only one Samoan Rhino beetle gets ashore in Fiji, incalculable damage could be done,

once he has become established in an area.

The clerical work of the Bougainville Wholesale Association is now being handled by two native clerks trained by the Papua-New Guinea Administration Co-op. Section. The Association is satisfied with its clerks and the clerks are satisfied with the salary offered by the Association.

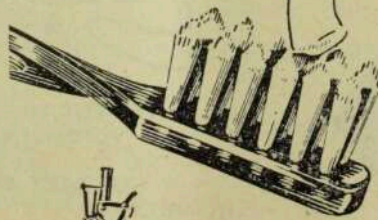
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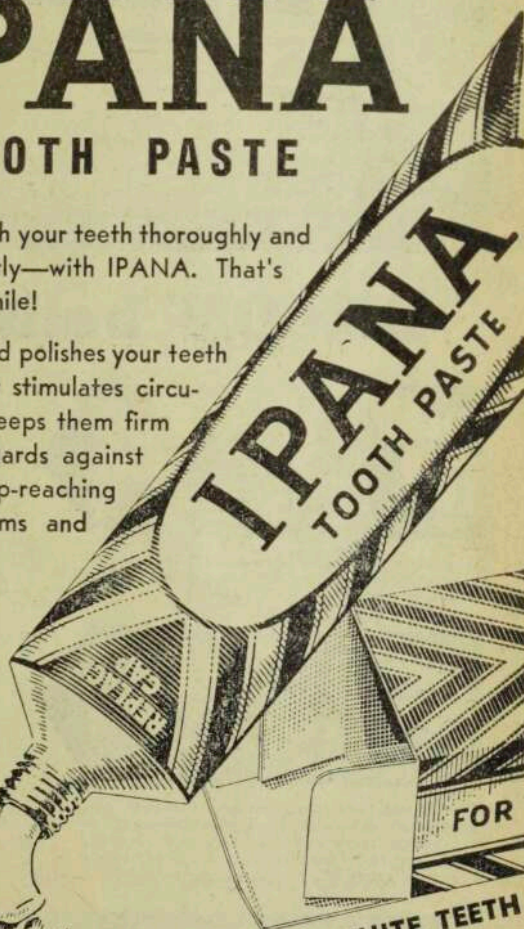
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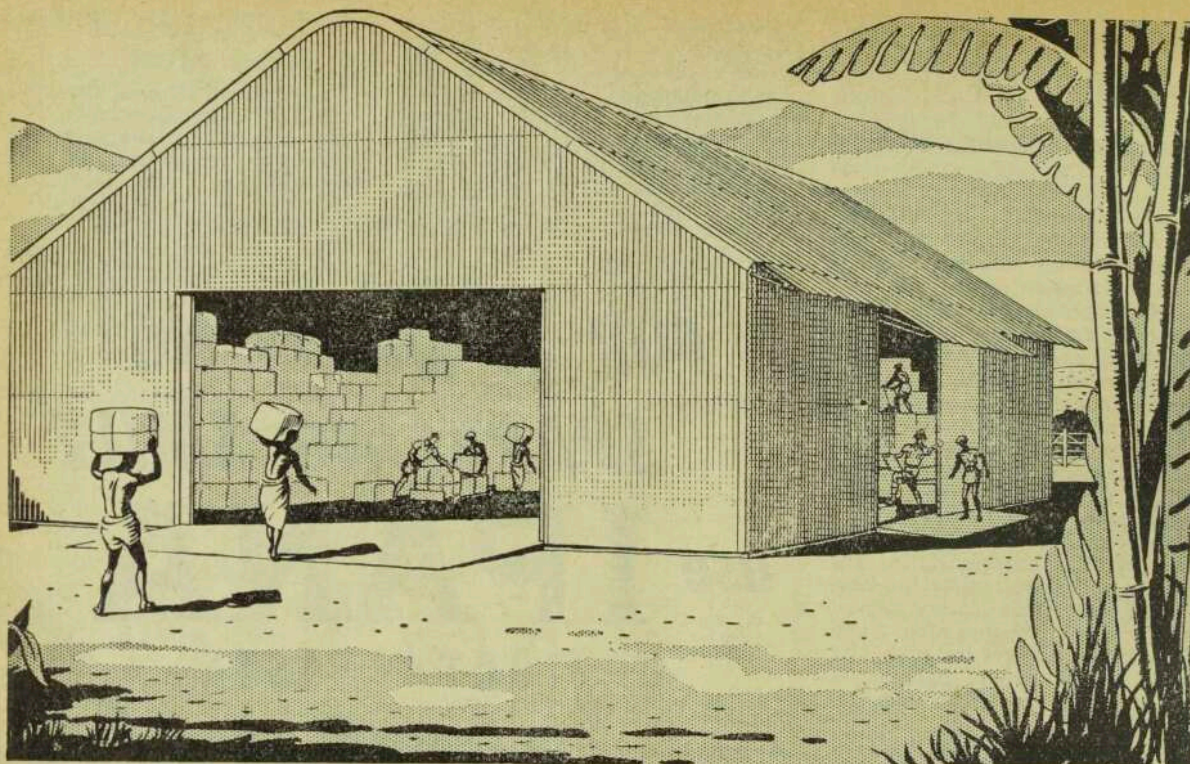


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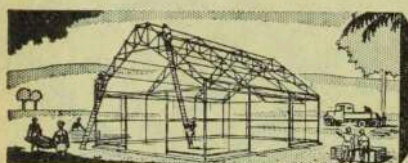


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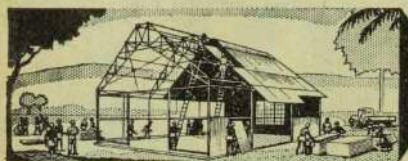
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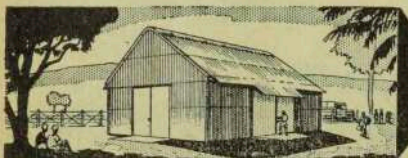
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Dutch and Australians Affected

HOLLANDIA, Nov. 27.
FOUR native policemen were murdered in October in Waris, the extensive area in Dutch New Guinea close to the Australian-Dutch border). A Dutch patrol of 20 police was sent into Waris at once.

Father Raymond Quirk, of the Catholic mission station at Vanimo, P-NG, who regularly visits the Dutch area, told Dutch officials that about two months ago a P-NG patrol, led by an Australian police-officer, was ambushed near the border, on Australian territory and two of the patrol were killed. However, the Australian patrol caught three of the rebel leaders, who were taken to Wewak. One escaped and fled over the border into the Waris area.



The patrols now chasing the murderers in the inaccessible country of the Waris area are being regularly supplied by a Dakota aircraft, chartered by the Dutch Government.

The delivery crew of the 32-ft. Presbyterian Mission launch Break of Day, after they had completed their voyage to Vila, New Hebrides, from Auckland, NZ. The crew (left to right): Messrs. Pope, Mark Anthony (Capt.) and Stewart Smith.
—Photo by Fung Kuei.

The captain and the crew of the last New Zealand National Airways to pass through Apia, W. Samoa, were the guests of honour at a farewell cocktail party given by the Samoan Government and by the Chamber of Commerce. The splendid pioneering service rendered for 5 years by the NAC was eulogised by several speakers at the pleasant functions.

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Fifteen or 20 members of the Hawaiian Big Game Fishing Club plan to come south next April to challenge New Zealanders to a game-fishing contest on their own ground. The Hawaiian team will stay at the popular Otehei Lodge, operated by Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hassal, formerly of Fiji.

Ginger Joe, a no-good trotter who's been responsible for a lot of punters' woe in NZ, was a deck passenger on Tofua when that ship sailed for Fiji on November 20. Ginger Joe was bound for Suva "where, in all probability he will be used as a hack," according to an Auckland sports columnist.

NEW IRELAND NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent.

KAVIENG, Nov. 23.

Mr. Raleigh Farlow has returned here after extended leave in Australia, and again takes up the reins as District Commissioner.

Mr. Dudley Young-Whitford, who until recently was ADO Namatanai has now become ADO Kavieng.

New Ireland planters are becoming cocoa-conscious and at least three new plantings are being started in Kavieng Sub-District. The young plants are doing well.

Carpenter's LAUTOKA of 10,000 tons is expected at Kavieng shortly. She will be the largest ship to call since the war.

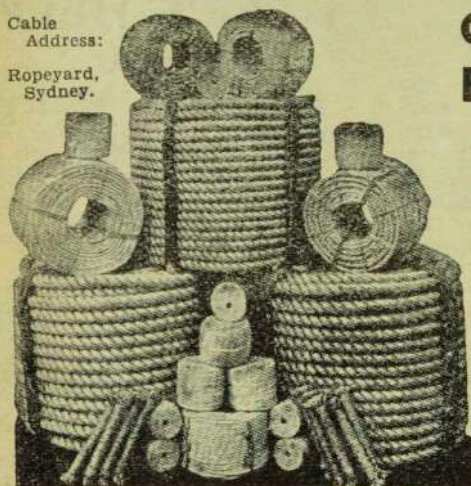
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Mr. Jim White, who was well known as an Inspector of the Native Labour Dept. is now the lessee of Benga Plantation in New Hanover.

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CATTLE INDUSTRY FOR THE ISLANDS

Search for Tropical Type Seems Near End

ALL across the South Pacific Islands, from New Guinea to Tahiti, I have found a strong and growing interest in the problems of beef production in the tropical islands. This was highlighted when, quite unexpectedly, I met in Harold Gatty's hospitable home in Suva the famous "Texas Cattle King," Robert Justus Kleberg, who has "fixed" the Santa Gertrudis, the first new breed of cattle given to the world in 100 years, and the first ever produced in United States. (Readers Digest featured him in May, 1951.)

The non-sweating, pure European cattle will not flourish in the tropics. Asian cattle (variously called Zebu, Brahman, etc.) sweat and flourish, but they are a rangy, thin-flanked type and are not economic producers of milk and meat. Breeders, for a century, have sought a cross for the tropics, without much success. Bob Kleberg, after 20 years of experiment, finally found and fixed a breed that is five-eighths Brahman, three-eighths Shorthorn. It is suitable for hot zones, but it flourishes in all climates, and it is one-third heavier than European cattle.

Australia now is importing his Santa Gertrudis, to breed up herds for its vast sub-tropical and tropical dry plains. Kleberg toured Australia in October, to look over this new market for his cattle. Gatty, entering as ever, pulled him off the trans-Pacific plane at Nadi, and motored and flew him over, all over Fiji Levu, to appraise cattle possibilities. He was tired; but, like all these numerous American merchant seamen one now meets in the South Pacific Islands, he was courteous, informative and helpful.

He had made a quick, thorough job of his Fiji inspection—he had surveyed the interior from the air, and he had been down on the ground, examining pastures and arguing about land fertilisation and cross-breeding with various farmers. He said, without qualification, that Fiji could carry a million cattle.

"But" he added "this kind of industry can be carried on successfully only by big ranchers; and no big rancher will start operations—in Australia, or Fiji, or anywhere else—unless there is security of land tenure. If you want a cattle industry, you must first deal with availability of land."

I thought from that he must have

been in New Guinea—but he said he had not—he was merely stating first principles.

GOOD work in the study of cattle acclimatisation is being done by the Fiji Department of Agriculture; and here, as elsewhere, they are working steadily towards that Zebu cross. This is from a report issued in November:

"The twin calf experiment made in partnership with New Zealand focuses attention on the importance of breeding livestock which are adapted to a tropical environment; a high plane of nutrition is not enough. Apart from heat-tolerant strains of European breeds, it would appear that attention must be given to animals with Zebu blood, such as the Red Sindhi Jersey Cross dairy stock, and the Santa Gertrudis beef breed evolved on the King Ranch, Texas, by the

crossing of European Shorthorn cattle and the Nellore strain of Zebu."

OVER in Samoa, I found similar experiments being made by Mr. D. R. Eden, general manager of Reparations Estates. Samoans, grown rich on the cocoa industry, are now demanding increasing quantities of meat—last year, they ate 1,795 cattle, and huge quantities of canned stuff from NZ and Australia. Mr. Eden now is bringing in 3,000 new acres of inland land, at 1,000-2,000 feet, where Polled Angus cattle will eat the local grasses, such as mimosa (or sensitive grass). He has imported Zebu bulls from Fiji, and is crossing them with Herefords, seeking a beast that will not be distressed by heat, and that will resist tuberculosis and tick fevers.

The French are trying out the same idea in their cooler islands of French Oceania—I saw Zebus and the Zebu cross along the flat coastal lands of Tahiti; and in Tahiti and the other French islands there are

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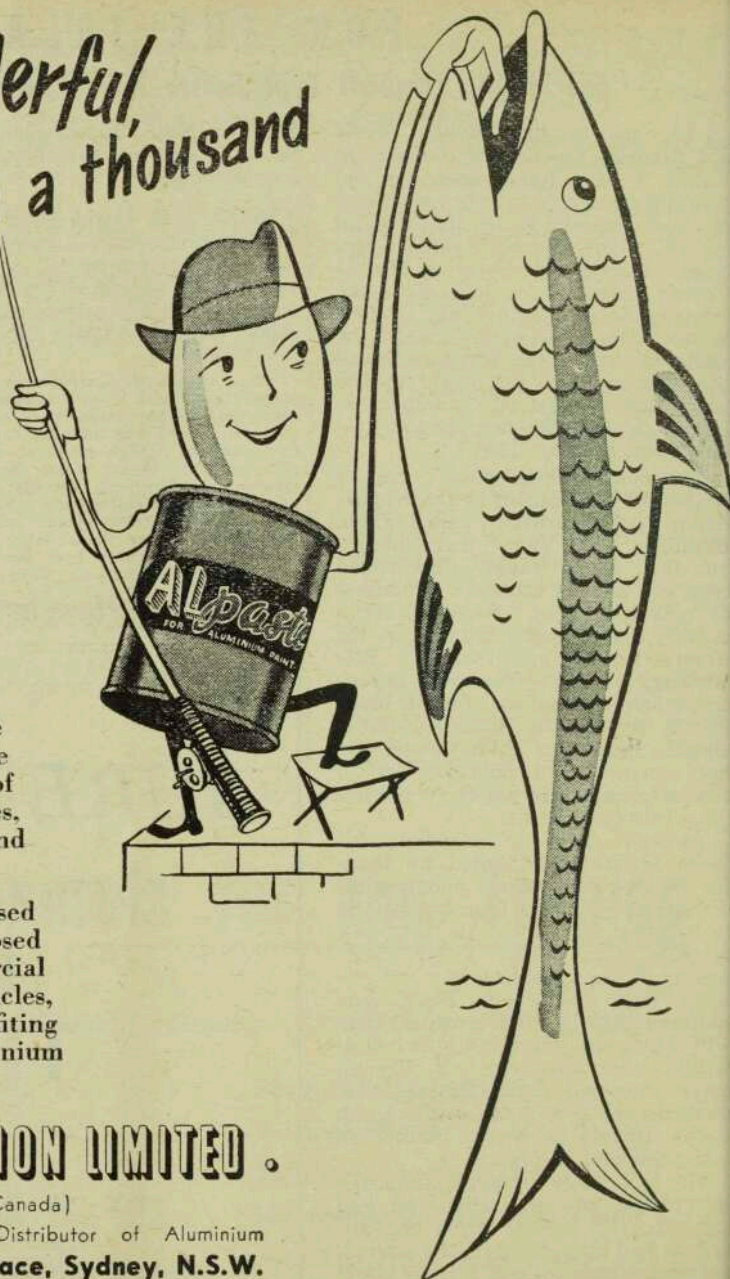
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IN New Caledonia—most southerly of the South Pacific Islands, with Queensland climate—they already have a big cattle industry. There are canning works, and I found that the mixed population eats lavishly of fresh steak.

There are 90,000 cattle in that French colony; and the majority of the ranchers have a special reason for cursing the war—the Yanks brought in Queensland horses, and the horses brought in the cattle-tick, and now all NC cattle have to be dipped regularly.

ADMINISTRATION, mission bodies and private enterprise are now taking Australian cattle into New Guinea in large numbers, and there is little doubt that a large and important industry will be established here, just as soon as the Australian Government and the Administration adopt a clear-cut policy regarding the availability of land.

This move towards cattle should have commenced years ago, but it was complicated by the extreme sensitivity of the late Administrator (Colonel J. K. Murray)—aided and abetted by bureaucratic dreamers and missionary idealists—on the subject of keeping all the Territory's lands for the Territory's natives.

New Guinea has the area and the high country suitable for cattle; and private enterprise already is solving the problems of pastures and suitable types. The major problem of finding a breed that will flourish profitably under tropical conditions—the Territory is very near the equator—seems close to solution (Kleberg's Santa Gertrudis looks like the answer), and this could mean that beef production could become an important Islands industry.

A BIG cattle-ranch, unlike a big plantation or mine or factory, could be run by a comparatively small number of Islands natives, who probably would be adapted easily to this kind of life. In other words, this particular industry need not create a serious labour problem.

It seems to me that this is a subject on which there should be a pooling of knowledge and experience by all the South Pacific Territories. It is the kind of thing for which the machinery of the South Pacific Commission was designed.—R. W. Robson.

The Royal New Zealand Air Force will post 20 women for service in Fiji. WAAFS had served in Fiji during the war, and up until the end of 1945 at Lauthala Bay.

Fresh Bread for Madang

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MADANG, Nov. 15.

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Cook Islands Medical Practitioner John Numa made an inspection trip from Rarotonga to Palmerston and Puka Puka islands in October and found no cases of leprosy on either island on his return. About a dozen cases are detected each year among the 60,000 population of the fourteen islands of the Cook Group.

Tagged Swordfish

A year ago PIM reported that the Bay of Islands Swordfish and Mako Shark Club, of Russell, NZ, would tag a number of swordfish during the fishing season and release them to aid science in determining their migratory habits. Six fish were so tagged last season and more will be tagged in the coming months. The Club has supplied these photos to show readers in the Islands



just what to look for if they land swordfish—as the fish are believed to migrate to the tropics, or the North Pacific. The tag says "Please return Box 55, Russell, NZ." It goes without saying that what the Club really wants returned is the tag, not the fish. (The tag, a round disc, can be seen on the fish near the body at the right of the photo)

Mr. Peter Saunders left Kavieng recently to spend Xmas in Sydney with his mother Mrs. Frank Saunders and his sister Anne.

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Move to Save Historic Sites In Islands

SUVA, Nov. 20.

THE South Pacific Commission plans to list historical sites throughout the Islands with a view to their protection and preservation. This decision, which has only just been made public in Fiji, has led to sharp criticism of past neglect.

Very few people, even among the educated, know anything of the sites of the major episodes of Fijian history in pre-European days. Probably only a handful of people in Suva know that the site of the ancient Suva Village is at the back of the present Botanical Gardens. On April 6, 1843 (according to Derrick's "History of Fiji"), a Rewa fleet landed a force near Suva Point to attack Suva, which was a dependency of Bau. The village was burned, many of its people were killed, and three days later the survivors were massacred at Tamavua, where they were brought to bay on the brink of a 100 ft cliff.

Mr. J. M. Hedstrom, the new president of the Fiji Society, says that until a few years ago the defensive earthworks on top of the cliff were still clearly visible. But they have now been obliterated by a government bulldozer and a house stands on the site.

Another Government bulldozer in 1947, destroyed the base of the demolished obelisk erected nearly 60 years earlier by the Fijians to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria and also the Fijian signatories to the Deed of Cession in 1874. This demolition was condemned by Europeans as unnecessary, the destruction being ordered apparently in the mistaken belief that the Fijian memorial would be in the way of the new Anglican Cathedral. The first portion of the cathedral is now completed and it is clear that the obelisk would not have interfered in any way with the building. It may be as much as another 50 years before the Diocese of Polynesia build the long nave and west end (the cathedral).

The fact that the marble tablets bearing the names of Cakobau and other Deed of Cession signatories are incorporated in an insignificant memorial near the present Government Buildings has done little to enter the bitterness created by the needless demolition.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Berndt, anthropologists of Sydney University, left Sydney by air in early November for Kainantu, New Guinea Eastern Highlands, where they will spend six months among natives who eat their dead. The natives are located about two days' walk from Kainantu and are already known to the Berndts

who suspended a study of them in May this year.

As foreshadowed in PIM (October, p. 107), the change in standard time for the Cook Islands came into force at 2 am., November 16. Standard time for the Cooks is now 10½ hours behind GMT.



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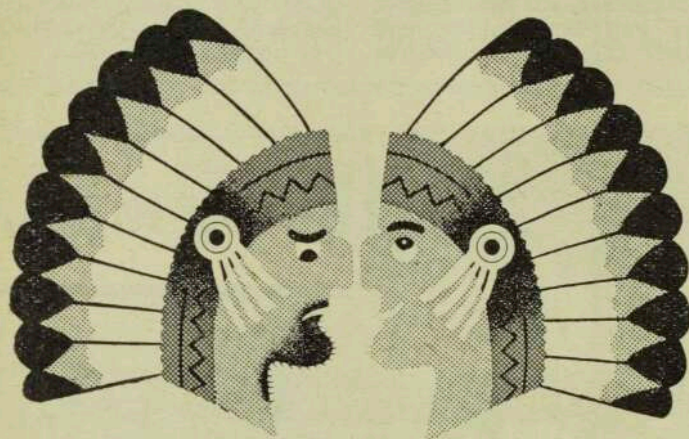
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TONGAN POLICE CHIEF ENTERTAINED BY SYDNEY POLYNESIANS

THE Polynesian Association foundress, Mrs. Annie Moran, held an evening reception at her Sydney home in honour of The Hon. Ulukalala Ata, and Mrs. Tuna Ulukalala Ata, who were in that city for a short visit in November.

Mrs. Moran, now aged a cheerful 84 years, was assisted by her son, Mr. Leonard Moran, the Association president, and her daughter Mrs. B. Tate, in doing honour to these distinguished guests. They were welcomed, with kava and a presentation of Polynesian dances, which included "Ma'ulu'ulu," "sa sa" and "tauluga".

A large and representative gathering helped in making the Tongan guests welcome. Among those present were: Mrs. Riro Light, formerly of Hikurangi, NZ, who is Club Chieftainess; Mrs. Amy Cubis, of the Dighton family of Suva (Mrs. Cubis is Hon Secretary, newly elected); Mr. and Mrs. Monty Griffin, formerly of Levuka and Suva; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gosnell, of Rotuma and Suva; former Tongan resident, Mr. and Mrs. V. Lamacraft; Tongan doctor, Dr. Lipino, now at Crown St. Hospital, Sydney; Monsieur and Madame Andre Ozoux, of Noumea; Mr. and Mrs. A. Page (Mrs. Page is recently back from a long trip to Samoa and Tonga); Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Kindness, Mr. and Mrs. George Waqasaga, all formerly of Samoa.

At the kava drinking during the evening, The Hon. Ulukalala Ata honoured the Club president, Leonard Moran with a Tongan name of distinction (Tuboumalohi), by which name Mr. Moran was then addressed during the kava taking.

During the past months many visitors from the Islands have been to the Club's gatherings. Among these were: Mr. Gary Anness Jnr., of Suva and Fanning Is.; Mr. and Mrs. Hector Harmon, who were farewelled on their return to Suva; Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin, and Mrs. May Griffin of Fiji; Mr. Don. Aukino, of Rarotonga; Mr. T. Gould, formerly of Vavau; Captain Natoba Kawalu of the Fiji Military Forces, on his way back home from Malaya; Mr. and Mrs. T. Stephenson of Bay of Islands, NZ. Another distinguished visitor was Doctor Ratu T. Dovi, formerly of British Solomon Islands and Fiji.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Waddington recently took up duties at the Seventh Day Adventist mission station at Kwailibisi on Malaita, BSL, after special training in medical work in Australia. Mrs. Waddington is a fully trained nurse.

Mr. Brian Gesling, newly appointed to the Vunairima Methodist Mission Station, 27 miles from Rabaul, NG, was married in Dubbo, NSW, recently to Miss Una Smith.

Fiji Cannot Support Large Population Plus Soil Erosion

New Governor Sounds Grim Warning

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, Nov. 30.

DISASTER lies ahead of Fiji unless soil erosion is stopped and soil conservation is drastically extended. This was the gist of an emphatic warning given by the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) in his opening address at the Budget session of the Legislative Council on November 28.

Sir Ronald said: "I feel I must inform this council immediately how startled and horrified I have been to see, almost everywhere, the growing signs of serious soil erosion. I know that we have a team doing excellent soil conservation work in the Nadi basin, but this is not enough. While we talk with alarm about the growing population we are unwittingly watching the one means by which we can support it slip away before our eyes. Fiji's true capital asset is its good earth; and in my view it must be preserved at all cost."

The Governor's statement is a resounding justification of the agitation of a limited number of people who for years have been asking in the local press for adequate and far-reaching soil conservation measures. Often in the past this agitation has been met by platitudinous official statements to the effect that while soil erosion is undoubtedly going on in some areas, it is not yet anything to warrant startling or sensational warnings. But in the opinion of the new Governor it is, most emphatically, just that.

Sir Ronald told the Legislative Council: "I declare to you to-day that I could not administer this Colony

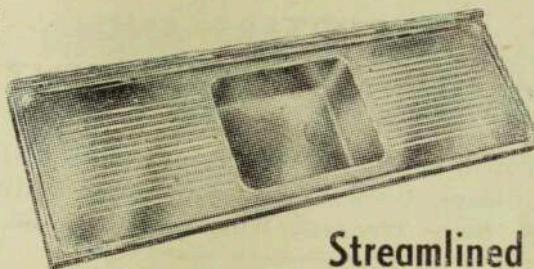
with a clear conscience if I did not press, with all the vigour that I can command, for a considerable expansion of our soil conservation measures.

"I have been very glad to learn," he continued, "that draft legislation is in preparation to deal in its widest aspects with the whole question of land use."

Reverting to the overwhelming evidence of serious soil erosion in Viti Levu, he said: "What I have seen from the air has filled me with dismay, for the damage done by faulty cultivation is probably small compared with the almost irreparable

damage done by savannah and bush fires. Not only does this type of burning bring soil erosion in its train, but it lays the foundation for greater evils in the form of dried-up streams, diminishing water supplies and, in its most aggravated phase, an interference with seasonal rainfall itself. We have only to consider the recent drought to realise how serious that can become, especially on the north-western side of Viti Levu."

He said that education to prevent forest fires and to aid soil conservation must be given in all the schools, and he called for extensive tree-planting (including the observance of



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Lastly, Sir Ronald pointed out that there appeared to be fairly large areas in north-western Viti Levu which could be reclaimed from the sea. By this means, he said, "we could recapture some of the soil that is now

slipping away from us."

CONTOUR PLOUGHING

Soil conservation was also discussed, some days earlier, by the Director of Agriculture, Mr. C. Harvey, in the course of a talk to the Fiji Society.

"Has the land occupier the right

to destroy the land, or is the land of such fundamental importance that it should be protected by law?" he asked.

For several years many Indian farmers had opposed soil conservation measures, even to the extent of ploughing out the contour-lines painstakingly put in for them by officers of the Agriculture Department. Now, however, the conservation campaign is showing signs of success—mainly because the farmers are on the way to realising that the result of soil erosion is low yields.

Generous Move by Mr. D. C. Brown

Mr. D. C. Brown, Rarotonga business man and ship-owner, will pay all expenses for a Manihiki Island boy to be sent to NZ to be educated there for three years.

The local Education Officer is to select a promising boy. The principal difficulty will be in finding a suitable boarding school in NZ, as the demand for boarding accommodation is heavy.

Mr. Brown is himself part-Mangaian, but his interest in Manihiki is through his considerable pearling activities there.

Mrs. Garnett Malley returned to Fiji on the Aorangi which left Sydney at the end of November.

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Islands Council's Sixth Session at Rarotonga

AT the sixth annual session of the Cook Is. Islands Council in October-November all representatives agreed that, in view of increased estimates and the possibility of the NZ Government reducing its subsidy to the Group, action be taken to introduce economies.

The Hon. Mr. Gladney, Resident Agent at Aitutaki, moved that the possibilities of introducing harbour dues, customs duty on non-staple imports, and duty on exports be investigated.

It was also suggested that each island be given greater control of its own affairs, the raising and spending of local revenue.

Certain aspects were opposed by the Rarotongan representatives and a select committee was formed to examine and report upon the suggestions at the next session.

It was decided to approach the NZ Government to finance a fruitcase timber-boring scheme in the Group—all fruit and MOP cases at present having to be imported. The Director of Agriculture's opinion that the appointment of an entomologist be recommended, was also passed.

Also carried was a motion that in future the amount of the NZ Government grant for the coming year be ascertained before the annual meeting of the Islands Council, so that allotment of the funds to the separate islands could be discussed.

The motion that an open market be established at Rarotonga for the sale of produce from the outer islands was passed.

A select committee was appointed to inquire into fruit prices for 1953.

Mr. Rae, MP, representing the NZ Government, said that he and Mr. Wright, Secretary for Island Territories, would recommend to the Government the completion of the central cool storage packing shed, urgently required at Rarotonga to avoid fruit wastage under the existing shipping service to overseas markets.

Cook Is. Fruit Wastage

An example of how a large cool store at the Cook Islands could mean a great saving to the economy of the fruit producing islands of the Lower Group, was demonstrated in November.

When a large allotment of space in the Pomare for 5,000 cases of pineapples for shipment to NZ—another 2,000 cases were thrown to the pigs.

When had the Maui Pomare been able to carry them, the crop ripened before arrival and these 2,000 cases were lost for shipment.

Even satisfactory inter-island shipping facilities, this fruit could all be conveyed to a central cool store at Rarotonga, to be shipped at the convenience of the vessel from NZ.

Large Party for Pitcairn

When the Rangitoto cleared Auckland for Panama November 29, the passenger list included 17 passengers for Pitcairn, largest group to travel to the island for many years.

The party included Pastor Norman A. Ferris and Mrs. Ferris of the Seventh Day Adventist Church who will spend a year there, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Allen, lately of Pye's Pa Road School, near Tauranga, NZ, off to relieve Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders and their two children who will return to NZ per Rangitiki in January.

Mr. Allen will be in charge of the Government School there for the next year. The Saunders have been 18 months on Pitcairn.

Mr. Floyd McCoy returned with his wife after undergoing police and radio training in NZ.

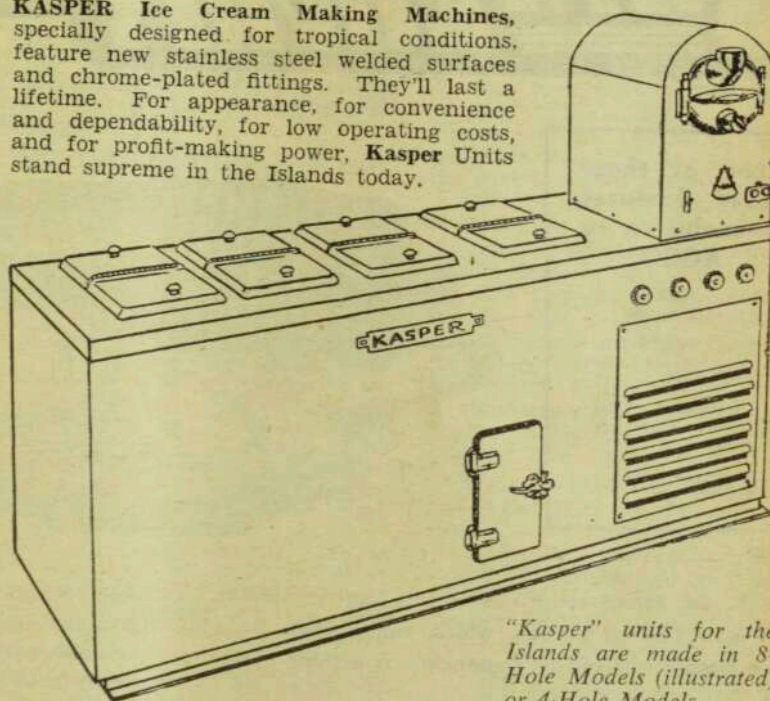
Mr. Parkin Christian, Mrs. R. K. Jacobsen and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. E. Young and son Airie, Mr. and Mrs. V. Christian and son Desmond, and Miss I. Warren completed the party.

Desmond Christian returned home after seven years at Clyde Quay School, Wellington, and Airie, who is deaf, had been taught to lip-read.

Guest speaker at the Toowoomba Rotary Club (Q.) on November 3, was Colonel J. K. Murray, former administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

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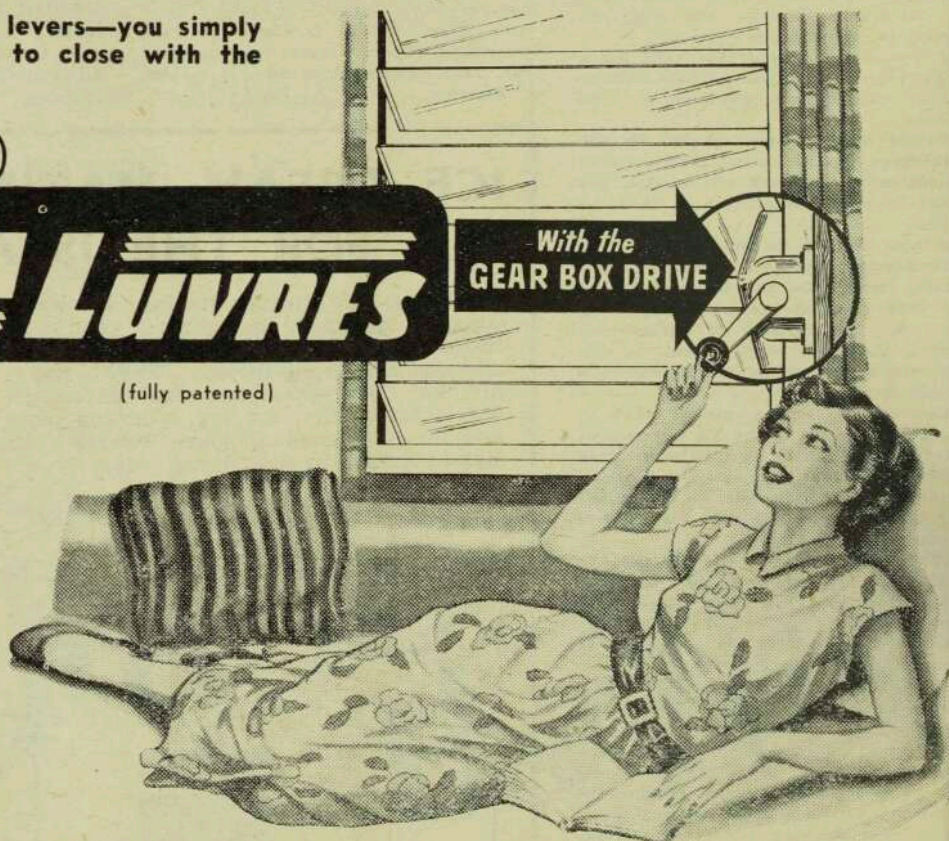
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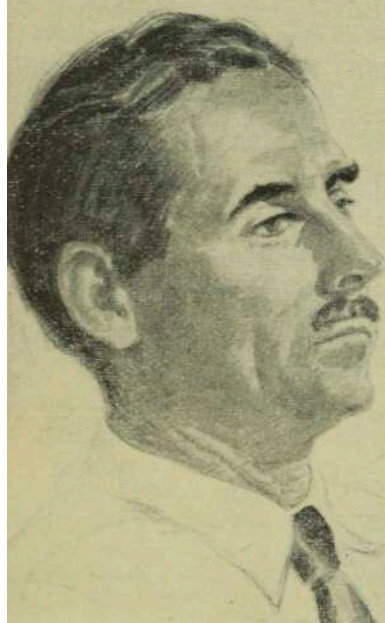
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Tropicalities

TEACHING GRANDAD (BROWN) TO MAKE BOWS

THERE is an enthusiastic if small band of amateur archers in Victoria who not only fire at large bulls-eyes but actually go hunting with bows and arrows. What is more, they make most of their equipment from local material and from all accounts are making a better job of it than their yeoman forebears.



This Brett Hilder drawing is of Edward Thomas Fulton of Makurapau Plantation, New Britain. His planting activities are comparatively recent however—Ted Fulton went to New Guinea in 1926 and except for war service has been there ever since as bookkeeper, supercargo, Customs officer, miner, recruiter, agent and interpreter. He served with the Artillery 1st Contingent of 6th Div. AIF in the Middle East in Second World War, escaping from Greece and Crete to serve in New Guinea. He was with the Americans at the Aitape landing; later with the British Army in Borneo. At present he is enjoying the rigours of the Melbourne climate with his wife and two charming daughters Mary (aged 8) and Elizabeth (5).

Recently Melbourne bowmen hunted up some souvenir bows from New Guinea and the Solomons, re-shaped the wood to give proper bend and action and fitted sights to them. They say the result is double the range and twice the accuracy that Brown Brother ever got.

Nice to know that native arts and crafts are not altogether dying out. Perhaps the Department of Territories would consider sending some of these bow-and-arrow hunters to P-N-G to teach the natives the latest refinements of the art. Why not? Practically every other "expert" has had a free trip to the Territory in the last six years.

THE THINGS THEY PUBLISH IN PAPERS!

THIS is what Jim Macdougall, Sydney Sun columnist wrote on November 8:—

Ever feel like chuckin' it, going bush, living on yabbies and witchetty grubs . . . just to lie back in the shade all day and hear the birds' sweet music echoing down the blue halls of the sky . . . and at night play music on the moonbeams?

(A Sydney man) . . . recently in Fiji found a Sydney character who withdrew from business-life entirely and now paints in the silence of the Fijian countryside.

He's Alfred Stone, who did a bit of daubing under Max Meldrum. Alf is teaching the principles of painting to a class of 25 students, some of them Suva's VIP's, one of them being the Police Chief.

Twelve months ago Mr. Stone was certainly painting excellent pictures—maybe they were even after Max Meldrum. But in addition he was a qualified pharmacist (Burns Philps' drug department), with a wife, a family, a car and a fixed domestic abode. Of course, since then he may have heard the call of the wild and gone to live on yabbies and witchetty grubs—or their Fiji equivalent. But this seems doubtful because the Sydney business man who so recently discovered him represents a well-known manufacturer of chemists' supplies.

NON-BITTER ORANGE JUICE

THE NSW Dept. of Agriculture and the CSIRO have announced in regard to orange juice experiments, that they are trying to produce an orange strain in which the juice will not go bitter when canned, or left standing in a refrigerator. They tried nine varieties of root-stock and found that the citrus variety known as *trifoliata* gives the best results under NSW conditions. *Trifoliata* has also been found capable of withstanding flooding and wet-soil conditions.

'SOUTH SEA PRINTS' FROM JAPAN

"WE'RE all gone crazy on these hand-blocked South Sea prints", said Mrs. Byron Haskin, of Hollywood, in a press interview when she arrived at Sydney from Fiji, where she had been working with the *His Majesty O'Keefe* film unit. Mrs. Haskin said the material of her coat had been made in Samoa and that the coat had been made up at Suva. Although there is a Samoan artist at Apia who is producing occasional effective hand-painted designs on cotton, Samoa's alleged textile industry is a surprise. Virtually all the "South Sea prints" (called Bula shirt material in Fiji) come from the enterprising looms of Japan. Vividly and well printed on material of surprisingly good quality, the stuff has had a big sale in the Islands.

Which side *did* win the war?—J.K.

(When a PIM representative was in Fiji last year, she, like most other visitors, was struck by the neat Bula silk and cotton skirtings printed with special Fiji designs, and bought freely of same. The designs were far superior to the rampant pineapples and frenzied palm trees of similar American material. She was told that the material came from Japan but that before orders were placed, UK textile manufacturers were asked to quote. This was before things got tough in the textile trade, and the UK manufacturers would not play unless they had a firm order for millions of yards of the material. The Japs were not so choosy and since have supplied miles of the material to Fiji and other Pacific areas at prices with which the Welfare State could not hope to compete. To what "war" does our correspondent refer? If it is the textile war, the answer is obvious.)

(Over)

MUCH PASSION ON ANAHATAN

MRS. KAZUKO HIGA, a woman who spent five years alone on Anahatan, 70 miles north of Saipan, with 31 obviously woman-crazy Japs, lived to tell the tale—and is going to be paid for it at one of Tokio's largest theatres.

It is said that six men were killed because of her while they were on the island—but she denies it. She says there were only two.

When her husband disappeared at sea she went to live with No. 1. This lasted three years—until someone shot him. She then lived with No. 2 but this lasted only 20 days—then he was drowned while out fishing. Then she lived with No. 3 for two years but did not love him. No. 4 entered her life, and as No. 3 was an embarrassment, No. 4 stabbed him to death. She lived with No. 4 for nine months until she surrendered to the Americans.

Presumably Anahatan is the island which only recently surrendered to the Americans. For about six years after the end of the war, the

handful of Japs who defended it refused to believe that the fighting was over.

They just sat round picking one another off, for love of Mrs. Higa.

THREE DAYS OF 'ISLANDS' EATS' IN AUCKLAND

THE delicate odours of Islands' dishes were drifting on the winds of upper Queen Street, Auckland, mid-November, when the Mormon Church held a fair in aid of its new church, being built there.

Maori, Samoan and Tongan church members, of whom there are a large number in Auckland, spared no effort to outpoint one another on three successive days of feasting. The Maori cooks set the ball rolling on November 13 with foods cooked in the hangi. Next day the Samoans rolled their sleeves up and produced their favourite foods, raw ingredients of which were specially imported from the Islands. Not to be outdone, and with a two-day handicap of satisfied appetites, the Tongans took over the kitchens to show them

how—and no one noticed any food lying about when the fair disbanded Saturday night.

The Maori Community Centre had been the main seat of cooking operations, though much had been done in private homes throughout Auckland.

Island handicrafts were on sale at the fair, which was declared an unqualified success. Labour for building the chapel has been almost entirely voluntary.

NATIVE CONCHOLOGISTS

THE occupants of No. 2 Administration Hostel, Rabaul, New Guinea, were recently surprised to find their habitat a matter of interest to groups of natives who would walk slowly past, staring at the verandah.

Then one evening the houseboy inquired whether Missus would like sell "sampela samting" to the visitors who stated they came from Misima. The desired object was a shell, faded and chipped, but the boys offered £2 for it though they were happy enough to accept it as a present. —EG.

WORMS, TO YOU!

THE latest Cook Islands annual report discloses that "fully 90 per cent. of the population" suffers from intestinal helminthiasis, (in other words, hook-worm), "the chief helminths being *Ascaris*, *Trichuris* and *Ankylostoma*", and the re-infection rate is nearly 100 per cent.

To combat the disease, the Cook Islands are going to see a lot more of those Rockefeller Foundation inventions—the little shack at the end of the jetty, and "slab and pedestal latrines"—during the coming year, if intentions as expressed in the annual report are realised.

ALL-TIME RECORD FOR STOWAWAYS

CONSIDERED on a stowaways-per-ton basis, the record of A. B. Donald & Co's Cook Islands trader *Charlotte Donald* must never have been equalled.

A day after the vessel left Aitutaki, on November 12, 13 stowaways were discovered on board. Just where 13 stowaways could successfully conceal themselves in a 300-ton vessel can only be understood by those familiar with Cook Islands shipping and its dense crowds of deck passengers.

The ship took them to her next island, Manihiki, where it was some days later announced that they had been released from custody. As Manihiki has one policeman and no gaol we imagine that custody was rather an exaggeration.

Crossquiz—No. 35

(Solution on Page 80)

ACROSS

1.—When is Independence Day celebrated in USA?

8.—What is the fruit of the oak?

9.—What title is due to the head of an Empire?

10.—What is the name of the art of making minute and over-nice distinctions?

11.—Which city is the capital of Lower Burma?

13.—What was the surname of a famous author of Western stories?

14.—Who reigned in England when the Spanish Armada was conquered?

17.—What distinguishes the bishop's feet from other ecclesiastic feet?

19.—Who was often reminded by a criminologist that to answer a question was elementary?

21.—What is the term for a bullfighter?

22.—Which part of a river is suitable for crossing?

DOWN

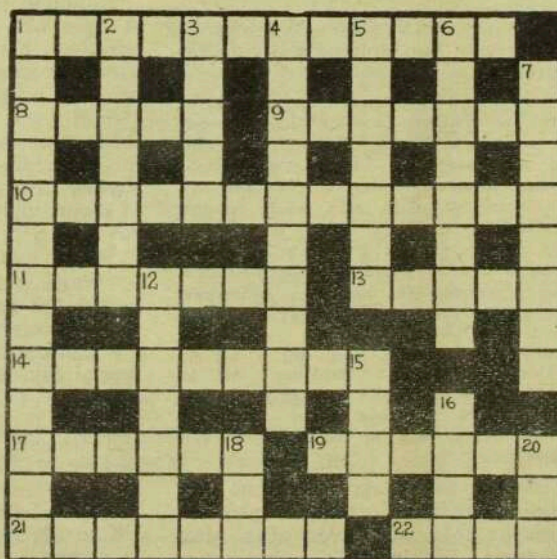
1.—In sport what class is below the light weights?

2.—What is the term for a man who expects impossible perfection in a society?

3.—In which North African country are the ruins of ancient Carthage?

4.—What is the name of a drover who drives cattle across Australia?

5.—Who was the chief god of the



Romans?

6.—What is the term for a rowdy in Australia?

7.—What piece can you get from G-men inside a broken raft?

12.—What newspaper is published by the Government?

15.—What does the adjective, thermal, pertain to?

16.—After which European capital is a lunch named?

18.—What is 16½ feet long?

20.—In whose land is situated the state of sleep?



Market emporium—powdered milk or toothbrush.

Finest stretch of road in the country—Lautoka-Nadi highway.

Fiji's Second City Has Growing Pains

AUTOKA is growing up. A few years ago it was a shanty town with metal tracks and wooden randahs. Now it is a shanty town with sealed roads and concrete pavements. And even the shanties are being supplemented and replaced in some places by the steady building and renovations taking place.

Two more concrete block structures are being erected near BP's; and over Drasa Avenue way there will soon be a full-blown suburb.

The sealing of the Nadi highway (formerly a nightmare of dust and ruggations) is well under way, and the finest stretch of road in the

Colony now runs south of Lautoka. It is becoming quite a speed-track, and we should soon be able to have a road accident-rate befitting a civilised country.

The market has proved a great innovation. The closing of the old gathering-place by the CSR lines induced everyone to go down to the new building. You now no longer buy your produce spread out on sacks on the dust; and some enterprising Indians have set up permanent stalls, something like greengrocers' shops.

Up country, a trickle of murky water feeds a couple of duck-ponds.

With the grey sediment, and the green weed floating about, it is hardly the spot to go swimming; but it is doubtless a good breeding-place for toads and mosquitos. This fluid seeps through half a dozen rusty inlets, and is piped away to the town. They call it a water supply. Though not quite opaque, the water certainly left its mark on the Town Board Report for 1951. The Government Pathologist had carried out some tests and turned in a report. The Chairman's comment: "Not a satisfactory standard for human consumption".

Well, who wants to consume water, anyway!—B. A. MILBURN.

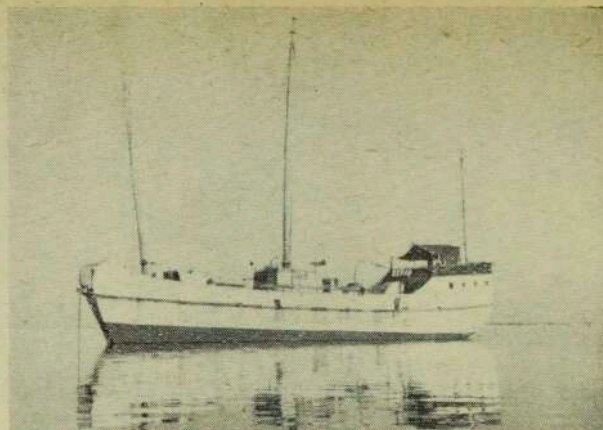
Enterprising Indian sets up a market stall.

Lautoka water-works.



WHO OWNS THE SHABBY CHENG HO?

By R. W. Robson



Cheng Ho photographed in Papeete in October.

EARLY one morning in October I went out in an outrigger canoe and took this photograph. It shows the famous luxury junk *Cheng Ho*, as she now lies at anchor off the port of Papeete, in Tahiti, derelict and seemingly ownerless.

She is about half a mile from the waterfront. There is no caretaker aboard. Seabirds roost on her. Her rigging is broken and her sides are dirty and stained.

Back ashore, I sat on an old spar, near the Post Office, and watched the queer craft swing to the morning breeze, and wondered where I could get the story of her strange career.

And just then there came pedalling along that fascinating Tahitian thoroughfare my American friend, L. H. Simpson, skilled photographer. He carried a book, *Garden Islands of the Great East*, written by the famous botanist, David Fairchild, and published a couple of years ago. In this book, Fairchild has something very interesting to say about Coconut Pearls; and we have been publishing bits and pieces in the PIM about these botanical freaks; and Simpson, remembering this, had kindly brought me the book.

I will not deal with coconut pearls now—that subject can wait—because here is a coincidence almost beyond belief. Fairchild, the man who wrote the book that was thus brought to me as I sat staring at the *Cheng Ho*, actually was the first man to sail in the *Cheng Ho*, and in his book he tells how the junk was built, and why. And so, without moving from my lazy seat on the Papeete waterfront, I gathered the strange story.

MRS. ANNE ARCHBOLD, of Washington, USA, a member of one of America's famous millionaire families, is generally famed as a

patron of art and science; and she always has had a personal and special interest in botany. Thus, she became interested in David Fairchild's great collection of tropical plants—and especially those from the Western Pacific-Southeast Asia region. She decided to organise, for Dr. Fairchild, a collecting expedition to the Philippines and East Indies, and that a ship should be built for the purpose.

Mrs. Archbold knew a clever naval architect and builder, in Hongkong, Mr. Thomas Kilkenny. For years, Kilkenny had been "crazy" to design and build a new kind of craft, on the lines of a Chinese junk; and in 1938 Mrs. Archbold discussed the idea with him, and finally agreed on a plan. The craft was designed by Kilkenny, who adhered to the Chinese style; and she was built in Hongkong under the personal supervision of Mrs. Archbold.

She is 106 feet long, and her beam is 24 feet. Her draught is only 12 feet, so she is well suited to go among the shallow waters of the coral-strewn tropics. She is powered by twin Diesel engines, which can develop 110 hp, and send her along at 8 knots. She can carry 3,000 gallons of fresh water, and has a cruising radius of 5,000 miles. Mrs. Archbold named her *Cheng Ho*, after a famous Chinese admiral.

The junk was completed in 1939, almost simultaneously with the outbreak of World War II. Dr. and Mrs. Fairchild went to the East late in 1939, and in January Mrs. Archbold met them in Manila with the *Cheng Ho*, of which she was extremely proud. Wherever they went, the junk created great interest. She was very unusual and yet attractive in appearance, and was most luxuriously fitted out, and the voyagers on her enjoyed every service and amenity

that money could buy.

During 1940, the party travelled among the tropical islands—mostly Philippines and East Indies—and collected innumerable specimens. But the war situation was steadily worsening and, before that year ended, the expedition was discontinued, the party returned to America, and the *Cheng Ho* was left in a Philippines port.

THE junk was used by the United States Navy during the war, and was returned to Mrs. Archbold's ownership in 1945 or 1946. Much had happened in those years, and Mrs. Archbold was no longer interested in the junk. With the generosity so characteristic of her, she handed the famous craft over to Mr. Otto Degener, of Honolulu, another famous botanist, to be used in advancing the cause of science.

In the then disturbed conditions, Mr. Degener could not make effective use of the craft. He had a friend in Honolulu named Captain Eric de Bisschop. It is said that he is the son of a very famous Frenchman, who was prominent in Vichy France between 1940 and 1945, and he held a high official post in Hawaii for some time.

Degener and Captain de Bisschop agreed that the junk should be taken over by a company headed by de Bisschop; that it should be employed in trading among the Pacific islands; and that Degener should have the option of taking her back again, for his own purposes, in July, 1952, on payment of 15,000 US dollars.

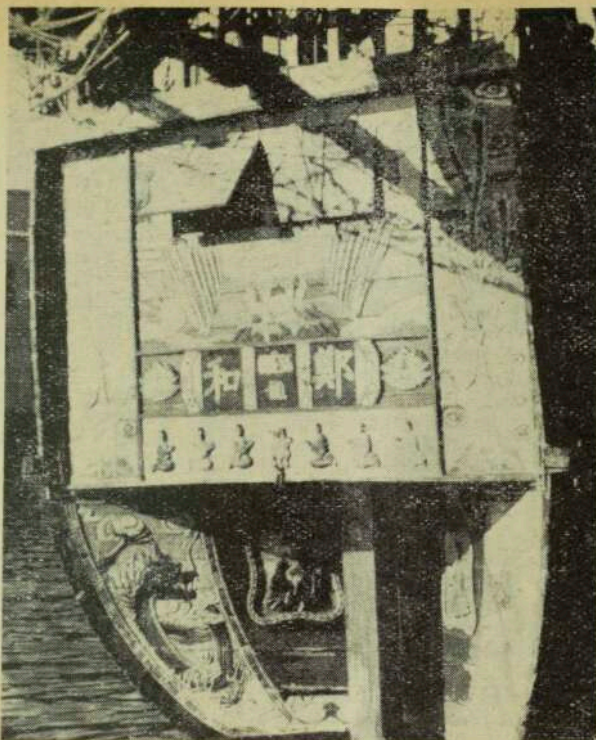
It was an uneasy partnership. There were legal squabbles between the parties even in the first two years, and the *Cheng Ho* was frequently in the news.

Captain de Bisschop took the junk to Tahiti, and registered her there

in his own name. During 1950 and 1951 he and his associates used her for trading and transport in French Oceania. She lost much of her pristine glory. A large number of her fittings were taken out, to make room for cargo and native passengers, and it is reported that they are lost. The rooms in which the American VIP's travelled in luxurious comfort were now given over to simple islanders and the ubiquitous opia bug.

Mr. Degener, in 1951, decided that he would exercise his option and regain possession of the *Cheng Ho*. But the situation was found to be complicated beyond reckoning. Captain de Bisschop apparently would not take the craft to Honolulu; she was on French-Tahitian registration, and the American courts had no jurisdiction; Degener evidently did not wish to go to Tahiti. Degener commenced suit in Tahiti, directing the proceedings from Honolulu; innumerable legal difficulties cropped up; Oscar Nordman, asked to act as Degener's agent in Papeete, in this matter, found himself helpless in the presence of Degener and his authorities; and no one seemed to be in a position to strike a financial balance as between the 15,000 dollars which Degener had to pay in order to take his option, and the compensation which de Bisschop was expected to receive in order to restore the junk to the condition in which he took her over.

A few months ago, de Bisschop rendered the craft to the French authorities in Papeete, and went off to the outer islands of French Oceania as an official surveyor. In October, de Bisschop still was surveying in the outer islands; Degener was said to be in Ceylon, some botanical business; Oscar Nordman, from his big house facing the quay, was helplessly biting his fingernails and taking an occasional glance at the *Cheng Ho*; and the redly-shaped dragons carved on the stern of the junk glared alternately



The stern of the now shabby *Cheng Ho* in her heyday. Some of these beautiful carvings and paintings still exist, but under layers of ship's paint.

north and south, as the bedraggled *Cheng Ho* swung sleepily to the soft and scented trade-winds of Tahiti.

SEEKING A MISCREANT

A SYDNEY merchant, some time ago, got an export licence to ship 15 cases of nails to Rabaul, on the *Malekula*. There was some delay, and the cases missed the *Malekula*; but the *Bulolo* was sailing shortly afterwards. So some clerk wrote the name *Bulolo* alongside the name *Malekula* on the licence: the nails went forward, and everyone was happy.

The other day the merchant's offices were invaded by a stern and unbending officer of the Customs Department. He insisted that the miscreant who had altered the precious form be delivered to him, for due and proper admonition. After the weary merchant had dredged in vain through piles of old papers, the official gave it up, and went off to the wholesale suppliers of nails to ask what *they* knew about the fiendish crime.

Year by year, Australia becomes more hopelessly entangled in red tape and controls.

Pacific Nature Notes

CONDUCTED BY RAIMANU

No. 1—The Mongoose

IN Fiji one soon comes up against the fact that there are no indigenous land mammals in the Group. Unless, perhaps, one allows that there is a native rat—a point on which opinions differ. Anyhow, there is one imported mammal which is all too common—the Mongoose.

So far this particular pest is common only on the two main islands of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. Even the natives seem not to have tried to carry them from island to island. Though I remember a story told me by an old man once. He had been living in a village on Kaba Point, and had trapped a number of mongooses and put them in a cage to take back to his home in Lau. Fortunately the then Tui Nayau boarded the boat on which he was travelling, and promptly ordered the cage and all therein carried ashore—this was at Moturiki—and cast on a big fire that was burning there.

Just how far they are going to multiply on the two main islands is not clear. So far they seem to have no natural enemies to keep them in control, and some believe that they are more numerous to-day than they were a few years ago.

Old residents consistently blame the mongoose for the disappearance of many species of birds once common. So far as the ground nesting species go this is easily seen when one compares an island in Lau, with its swamp hens, land rails and sooty rails, with Vanua Levu, where these are no longer found. The black duck, too, is very much less numerous in mongoose areas.

Just how far tree-nesting species of birds have diminished, and how far the mongoose is responsible, are points difficult to estimate; but that the little animal does climb trees is without doubt.

A Fijian told me once of watching a mongoose climb a small coconut tree. Getting up was easy; but how to get down? As my friend watched, he saw the animal gather in his paws a bundle of the vulo, the fibrous cloth around the bases of the leaves. When the bundle was big enough the mongoose simply dropped from the tree and used the vulo as a cushion to break its fall.

R. A. Derrick mentions in his "Fiji Islands" the catholic appetite of this

animal, which includes a fondness for mangrove crabs. Usually the mongoose goes for the small crab, called kuka by the natives. It uses an ingenious method for catching them. A paw is inserted into the crab hole in the mud, much as Australian schoolboys have been known to put a finger down a yabby hole (gilgie in some parts), so that the creature may nip it; then the paw is drawn smartly out and the crab flipped on to the mud, to be picked up and eaten.

My friend the Fijian even described the agonised look on the face of the mongoose as the crab nipped it. However, there was at least one occasion when the hunter met his match. One day a woman came back from the mangroves with a big crab—called qari—and grasped firmly in its claw by the head was a very dead mongoose.

An epidemic of mumps among school children in Rarotonga during November closed all schools, cinemas and public gatherings for several weeks.

"Bom-Bom" Fishing At Mal Island

BY SYDNEY H. CHANCE

THE New Guinea and Papuan natives have many ways of catching fish—hand and rod lines, set lines, spearing, underwater spear (bow and arrow), fishing, trapping, netting, line trawling, trolling, poisoning with derris root (known, appropriately, as "New Guinea Dynamite") and—probably the most spectacular of all—by kite fishing.

This article will describe what I shall call, for want of a better word, "Bom Bom" fishing, as practised in Ninigo region of the Western Islands, some 180 miles WNW of Manus; to be precise, at Mal Island, one of the outer islands surrounding the huge lagoon. Mal is well-named. It is one of the Mal-est places in the world—steaming hot, sandflies by the million, and more mosquitoes than Bioto (described by the Italian D'Albertis as another of the torments of Hades!)

All the Western Islands are sur-

rounded by a shelf of coral reef, anything from a few to one hundred yards in width. In some cases, soundings of one thousand fathoms have been recorded not far off shore. The only way to anchor is to put your "hook" on the reef edge and trust to the off shore wind to keep you off the coral. As a change of wind would spell disaster, skippers prefer to "lay off and on"—that is, keep well clear and just run up and down while waiting at each individual island.

The coral reef on the sea side of Mal, behind the plantation residence, is over one hundred yards from sandbeach to reef edge, and a good tide covers it by two to three feet. See (a). I was there in 1921, taking over the plantations from the Germans for the Australian Government.

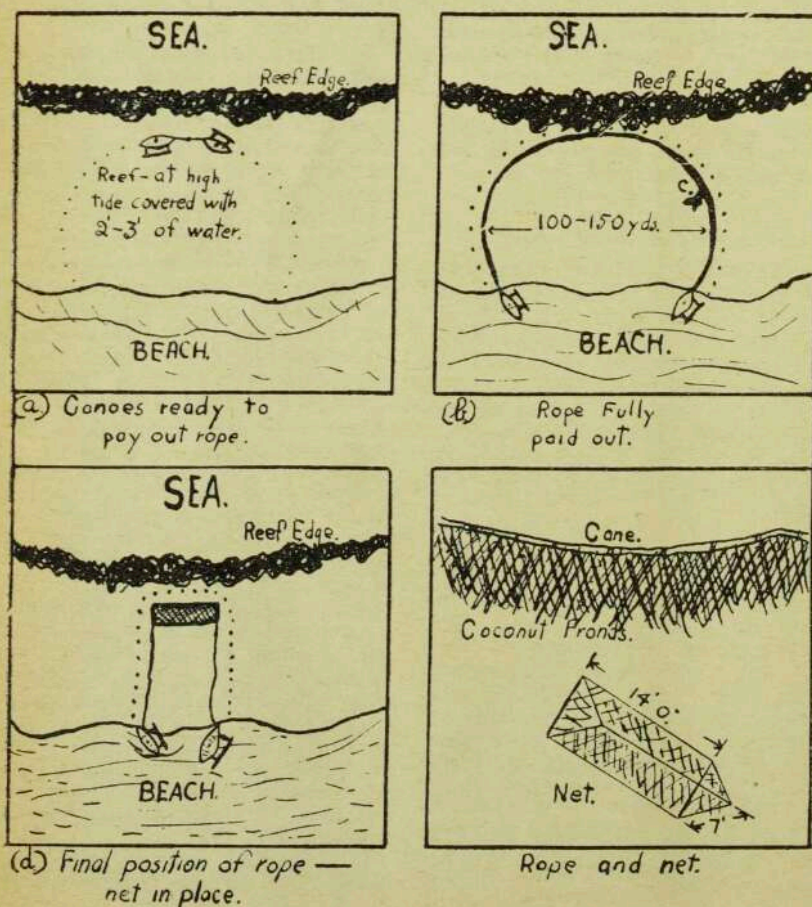
In response to my query, as Native Labour Inspector, "Do the labourers get fish?" Herr Eyssen said: "Tonight you shall see. The tide will be good and Manager Zoeller has arranged to show you our Bom Bom fishing". A Bom Bom (Pidgin) is simply a coconut palm frond split down the middle; the rope of Bom Boms (see sketch) is merely lengths of cane (calamus) with the half-fronds lashed on, one this way, one that way!

Now for the moonlight fish. Two large canoes, loaded with the rope, go out to the reef edge by a circuitous route so as not to frighten the fish. Here they join up and eventually finish up (see b) on the sandbeach.

The rope is then slowly and surely hauled in until it forms a rectangle as at (d). Should it catch on a rock as at (b) c, it is lifted over by one of the perimeter-patrolling "fishermen" who, slowly walking forward, and to and fro, keep the frightened fish inside the rope. Of course a few fish jump the obstruction and quite a few are speared as they try to do so.

It is all very exciting, and quite thrilling. The frame net (see sketch) is then placed in position (d) and the concentration of captives is chased into it. I was amazed at the catch, hundred and hundreds, including several small sharks.

Then, as I was sceptical as to the continuity of supplies, the delighted natives, at my request, repeated the performance and got as many again—very many for each one of them, and quite a number for the White Masters.



'FINISH-TIME'

BY JPS

THE engine room telegraph jangled faintly and the whine of the diesel motor eased to a lower rumble. The kuss-kuss dropped his book, flung his legs over the side of the plank, slipped his feet into a pair of sandals, and reached for a shirt. It was visible from the single port, ahead on the starboard bow, the extremity of a low island. He thumbed through the Bills of lading—12 cases of meat, 2 bales of sacks, 2 cases beer—awaiting the usual call.

"Masta! Captain 'e like talk along."

"Alright, Mapu." Just the usual thing.

The Old Man was leaning over the bridge rail watching the boats get prepared.

"Well, there she is, Mister," he said. "The boss-boy knows the passage. Just keep the copra shed on the end of the pier in line with the shore. That'll lead you up the entrance. And keep 'em moving. We've got to get to-hell-gone out of here before sunset. I'll hold old Harper's beer till the time."

Tell 'im it's buried under other cargo, or something. Otherwise we won't get a hope of getting away. He won't like it—but he'll keep 'em moving till that beer comes ashore. Remember those finish-time boys we're taking back to Rabaul." The engines were at dead slow, and the pinnacle in its slings on the side, ready to drop in the water. There was no anchorage here. The little ship would circle slowly all afternoon as the motor-pinnacle tumbled back and forth from ship to shore, the boats with plantation cargo empty on the shoreward trip, and laden with bagged copra from the shore.

The pinnacle and first boat overside, the kuss-kuss dropped into the boat and signalled the pinnacle-boy full. Already there, with their wooden trade-chests, were twelve new boys coming to replace the ashore who had finished their years' contract. They were the usual scrawny bunch of raw recruits, witless, lack-lustre-eyed, stupid deep. Even the boat's crew, their faces made fun of them, pushed them around.

Now the hell could one get any real work out of a bunch like this, the kuss-kuss wondered. And yet, in six months, they would be different. Amazing what regular and plentiful food could do to them. Soon they would be almost fat, their skin

sleek, eyes bright, and vastly more alert of mind.

But, even so, these Sepiks depressed the kuss-kuss. More like faithful dogs than human beings. Seemed to have no emotions whatever. Imagine them being in love, for instance . . .

All afternoon the work went on. Harper had disappeared towards the house to read, and reply to his mail; reappearing at intervals to curse the Mate for having let the beer get buried. Wasn't it an unwritten law that the liquor was *always* to come ashore in the first boat? What kind of a bloody Mate was *he*. Three months since the last boat. *Hell!*

With the sun already low, and the last 20 bags of copra crossing the weighing machine in the shade of the big fig tree, the kuss-kuss sent a chit to the Mate to lift all but one of the boats, and release the beer. Yes, the finish-time boys were down at the end of the jetty with their boxes. There'd be no delay.

The kuss-kuss and the plantation manager walked down the coral pier. "Well, there's your dozen Sepiks" said Harper. "We no sooner break them in than we lose them. Always get the rough stuff out here in the Western Islands. Well, they're all yours. Sign here."

The kuss-kuss, in a quick glance, saw that they were all present, signed, and jumped into the stern of the boat. "Alright you-fella; get along boat quick-time," he said to the Sepiks.

Slowly, almost sullenly, the Sepiks rose, shouldered their boxes and moved to the waiting boat. What the blazes is wrong with them, the kuss-kuss wondered. After two years on this lousy, mosquito-ridden sand-spit, you'd think they'd come at the gallop.

Then, suddenly, the men were surrounded by local women, many of them nursing babies, the women crying bitterly. Desolation in their eyes, each clung wailing to her man.

Momentarily, the kuss-kuss hesitated. But with Harper's cynical, almost amused gaze on him, and the distant, dull, insistent bellow of the ship's hooter sounding the Old Man's impatience, this was no time for sentiment. Still, it made you think.

"Alright, come on you-fella. Maski this-fella fashion all man 'e cry allasame piccanny. Now get along boat quick-time."

At the same time the boat's crew seized the boxes and passed them quickly down. Reluctantly the Sepiks pushed the women aside and stepped down. "Alright, passim line 'long pinnacle. Well, so long, Harper. See you in March."

As the tow-line took the strain

with a jerk, and the boat swung her bow seaward and surged away from the pier, the Sepiks, their faces streaming with tears, suddenly burst into a spontaneous, deep-throated chant of farewell, almost as though they realised that it was most unlikely that they would ever set eyes on these erst-while wives and their children again.

Well, what the Hell, the kuss-kuss thought. This was nothing new. It was going on everywhere around these Islands. After all, you could hardly expect a plantation-owner to hand out good money on the transport of labourers' wives and children. They didn't do any useful work on the place. Anyway, these fellows would have forgotten the whole business by to-morrow. Still, it certainly made you think, didn't it. Let's get away from this bloody island.

RECIPE CORNER

(Ten Shillings paid for each Recipe published.)

IF you have no eggs available, try these recipes:—

MAORI KISSES

- 2 tablespoons butter.
- 4 tablespoons sugar.
- 1 cup flour.
- Pinch salt.
- Vanilla essence.
- 1 dessertspoon cocoa.
- 1 teaspoon baking powder.
- 2 tablespoons milk.
- 1 cup dates.
- 1 cup walnuts.

Cream butter and sugar, and add other ingredients, including chopped dates and walnuts. Put in small balls on oven tray, and press flat with fork. Bake in moderate oven. When cold stick together with white vanilla icing.

EGGLESS CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1½ cups flour.
- 1 teacup sugar.
- 1 tablespoon cocoa.
- 1 teaspoon baking powder.
- Mix these above ingredients with ½ cup cold milk.
- ½ cup milk.
- ¼ lb butter.
- 2 teaspoons golden syrup.
- 1 teaspoon soda.
- Heat these four ingredients in a pot.

Pour the hot mixture into the cold and mix quickly. Put paper in bottom of the tin, and bake in fairly hot oven for 20 minutes. LEAVE IN THE TIN TO COOL. Ice with chocolate icing, and for a special party, fill with mock cream flavoured with peppermint essence.

MOCK CREAM

- 3 tablespoons butter.
- 3 tablespoons sugar.
- 3 tablespoons milk.

Beat these together until they curdle. Add flavouring and continue beating until it suddenly goes thick, white, and creamy. Any left over will keep in refrigerator. For orange or pineapple cake, use fruit juice instead of milk, and add crushed fruit after the cream is made. This is also excellent for table use with desserts.

The Repudiated Annexation of 1883

By W. H. MacFarlane

THE story of Sir Peter Scratchley's foundation work in Papua, related in the August issue of PIM, presents a new feature of New Guinea history to many Territorians and Australians.

It is worth while recalling, however, that there is *another* name intimately bound up with early New Guinea days, and associated with a rather startling incident that happened a year or so before Sir Peter's arrival—that of Lieutenant Henry Majoribanks Chester, late of the Indian Navy, the man who formally annexed British New Guinea on April 4, 1883. Chester's name is fairly well known in connection with this act of annexation, of course; but usually there is the implication that he was merely a rubber-stamp Government official carrying out the instructions of his superior without much in the way of personal interest in the whole business. To the contrary, over the previous 15 years this determined, courageous Britisher of somewhat choleric disposition but far-seeing judgment and vision, had been urging that the flag, which had been shown from time to time and even hoisted on occasion in virtue of a British claim, should be followed by an act of duly-constituted settlement. Frequent excursions to New Guinea's coastal areas and parts of the interior had led him to an appreciation of its commercial potentialities as well as its strategic importance.

Chester had a colourful background. Born on December 30, 1832, in the days of large families, he was the youngest son and the twentieth child of a London Anglican clergyman who later became a military chaplain in Madras, leaving the boy at home to be educated. Young Henry Majoribanks was enrolled at the famous Blue Coat school in London, trained for the sea at the Royal Mathematical School, and then, about 1849 joined the Indian Navy, at that time under the control of the East India Company.

He was a lieutenant when the Indian Navy was abolished in 1862, and was given an appointment as British political agent at the court of the Imam of Muscat and Sultan of Oman. He served all through the Persian War; was navigating lieutenant at the bombardment of the

Mohammerah forts; and twice mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the Persia War Medal and clasp. He was an accomplished linguist, speaking fluent French, Arabic and Hindustani; and he was proficient in Persian literature. A man of fine physique, he was a splendid athlete and an adept with the foils.

The middle 'sixties found the lieutenant in Australia, as correspondence clerk in the Union Bank at Brisbane. Then he was appointed Commissioner of Crown Lands and Police Magistrate at Warrego. He had a practical knowledge of surveying and was called to lay out the townships of Charleville and Cunnamulla, both towns being sold on his survey. Bad times brought retrenchment, and Chester became Government Land Agent at Gladstone and Gympie.

When in 1869, Frank Jardine, then Resident Magistrate at Somerset, went on leave, Lieutenant Chester was sent up to Queensland's fingertip to take charge of the settlement. At that time the islands of Torres Strait were more or less open territory, and a big pearl-shelling rush was responsible for some lively happenings concerning which he had voluminous correspondence with the Colonial Secretary. Copies of these reports are in the old Somerset official letterbooks. New Guinea was less than 100 miles away. Chester immediately began to cast eyes in that direction, telling his superiors that something should be done about control under British authority. As a step towards this, he acquired a small boat from a wreck, and sailed out into the Strait to have a look at things for himself.

The return of Frank Jardine left him temporarily without a job; but he took advantage of the chance to see more of New Guinea, and to estimate the possibilities of trade relations. On a visit to Brisbane in 1872, he read a lengthy paper on NG to a large gathering. He recounted his own experiences and those of others. During the previous year, the first missionaries of the London Missionary Society had gone to New Guinea; and shortly after, Captain Moresby in HMS *Basilisk* was travelling those waters, placing new names on the map, and incidentally follow-

ing this up later by hoisting another flag—this time at Hayter Island. Chester was friendly with the missionaries; but his warmest missionary association was with the Reverend James Chalmers ("Tamate") who joined the LMS staff in 1877. The two men were like brothers, invariably addressing one another as "Tamate" and "Mamoose", the latter being a name usually applied to Torres Strait chiefs.

The hoisting of the British flag at Port Moresby in April 1883 is well-enough known. So is the name of the man who performed the task; and subsequent repudiation by the British Government. But most people have assumed that with Chester this act of Empire-building was no further than his carrying out instructions—little has been known of the man himself, or his avid interest in the then unclaimed territory of New Guinea. The act of repudiation has always been somewhat of a mystery. Apart from the avowed desire not to offend a friendly Power, Germany, in the person of Prince Bismarck, then playing a heavy diplomacy in the disposal of NG, the reasons may well have been as indicated here: Horror that a fledgling Colony like Queensland had taken the law into its own hands and had done the job with the minimum of fuss, and expense. No sooner had the Imperial Government repudiated Queensland's action than they set about doing the same job, in their own way. They chose their own man, their own ships and their own method; but by that time Germany had added that part of New Guinea we now call the Trusteeship Territory to the German Empire. (See the story of Sir Peter Scratchley in August PIM).

As one move towards New Guinea development, Chester attempted to launch a "New Guinea Trading Company" early in July, 1873. Its prospectus proposed a capital of £3,000 in 150 shares of £20 each. There were to be two sections—a trading party and a mining expedition, the latter to be under command of an ex-US army officer named Bennett, with Chester in full charge. The venture seems to have died a birth.

By 1875, owing to various changes in personnel, Chester was back again at Somerset as Police Magistrate, to direct the affairs of the outpost and begin preparations for removing it to a more suitable site amongst the islands, where the pearlers were centred. Thursday Island was ultimately selected by the authorities as the new headquarters, and accordingly, after necessary official buildings had been erected, the Police Magistrate sailed across to his new residence 30 miles away, and began occupation in September, 1877.

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happenings and by the insistent demands of Chester, began to stir up further interest in New Guinea. They looked to the Prince of Wales Islands (of which TI is the central island) as the place from where "we may attain to the peaceful acquisition of New Guinea."

Chester had barely settled in when the Hon. John Douglas (then Premier

of Queensland) requested him to make a further exploratory trip—this time to the south-western section of Papua—to encourage friendly relations with the little-known people there, and obtain samples of sago, nutmegs, ebony, or other articles of trade. The result was published by the Government in a 40-page booklet, printed in 1878, containing also a

mass of information and details of another expedition a few months afterwards when Chester and Chalmers spent several weeks investigating the coast in the missionary steamer *Ellangowan*, and making lengthy land journeys.

The report met with criticism in some quarters. One Southern newspaper thought Chester's picture was not rosy enough to justify Europeans facing the prospect of settling in such moist, low-lying country peopled by bold and hostile natives. "It repels rather than invites occupation" it declared, and smugly went on to say—"We have no desire for the discovery of any Land of Promise or Garden of Eden so close as to tempt any of our population—already too small for proper development of our own resources—to desert us for the new enticements. We have room and to spare for all-comers for a century or two to come." A different opinion was expressed by another journal, however, in 1880, after the publication of an article giving cogent reasons for the annexation of New Guinea without delay. Readers were asked to picture the prospect of a Russian man-o'-war landing an armed party and seizing the remaining part of the island of which the Dutch had already claimed a big slice.

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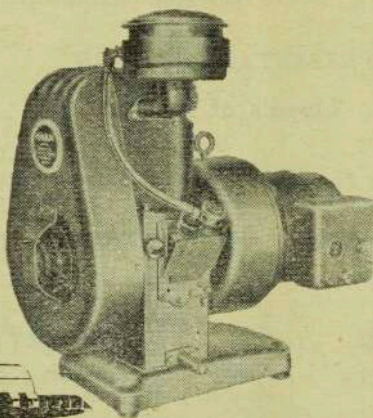
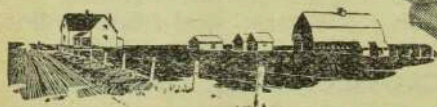
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however until on a happy day in 1883, Lieutenant Chester received an official communication from Sir Thomas Mitchell (Queensland Premier) that he was to lead a party to Port Moresby for the purpose of formally annexing British New Guinea. Proudly the flag was run up on the mast of the little two-gun Government cutter *Pearl* as Chester, a couple of ex-man-o'-war's men as crew, and some others, sailed out of Thursday Island harbour. He was going (as he thought) with the sanction of the Home Government, to take a most important step and one that he had himself been urging for years.

The *Pearl* arrived at Port Moresby on April 3, 1883. Mr. Chester went ashore, and acquainted the people at the mission station with the object of his visit. The following morning, at ten o'clock, the Police Magistrate solemnly hoisted the Union Jack at the mission flagstaff. A salute of two guns followed from the *Pearl*, and the company gave loud cheers for the Queen, who was now to be their ruler. "I then," says Chester, in his report to the Chief Secretary, "in the presence of the people, recognised the Vagi as head chief of Moresby, and gave the flag into his charge, until such time as an official should be sent to represent the Government. Mr. Lawes (missionary), kindly explained the meaning of the ceremony to the people, and assured them that they would remain in undisturbed possession of their lands. An impressive prayer terminated the proceedings, after which about £50 worth of trade was distributed to the heads of families."

After this the natives made the customary present; and then the Europeans, with the native missionaries and their wives, and Boengi, were entertained at a banquet. Messrs. Lawes and Chalmers, at which "Prosperity to the latest gem led to the British Crown" was drunk. In due course the *Pearl* returned jubilantly to Thursday Island. Northern papers printed sketches of the annexation group round the flagstaff.

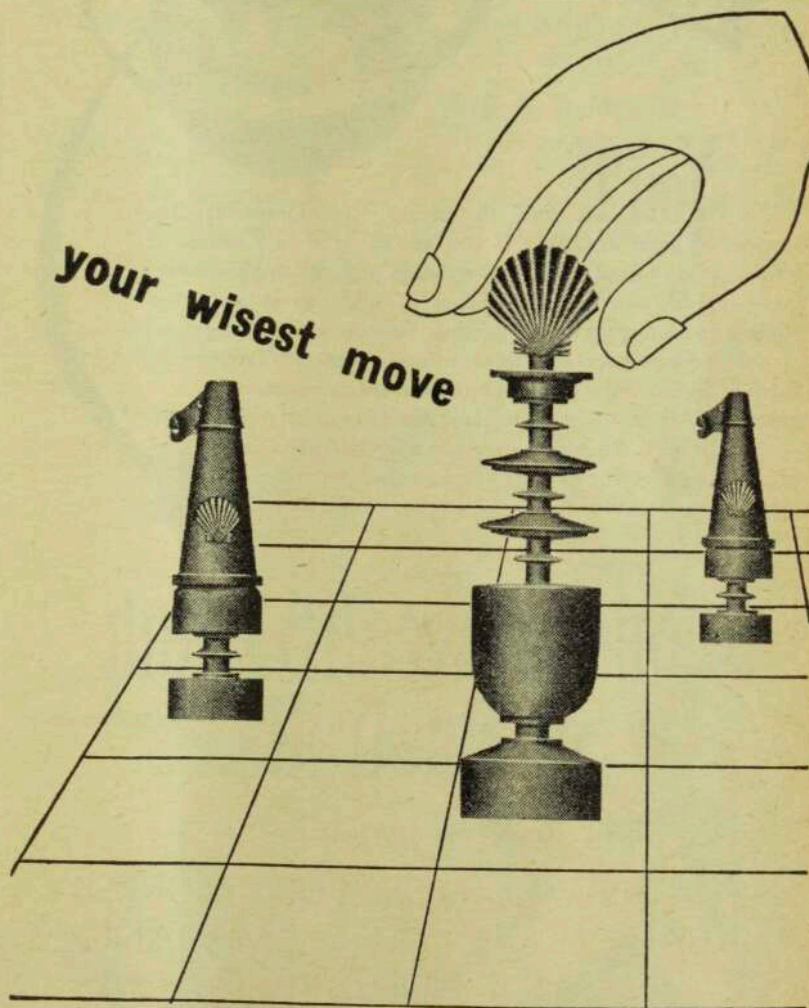
The rest of the story is well known. Her Majesty's ministers, after recovering from their first shock on being informed that a mere colonial police-magistrate in a cutter little bigger than a fishing boat, had added a big portion of new land and a good many thousands of part-civilised and completely uncivilised natives to the Old Country's maternal care, debated the matter, and Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons ponderously declared that the proceedings were null

and void. What Mr. Chester had to say about it when he heard of the decision is not on record, but may well be guessed.

But the Home Government was not altogether happy about events. In the same month that Gladstone had spoken (July, 1883), Mr. H. H. Romilly, a man who had spent many years in the Eastern Pacific holding Government appointments, received a telegram from Lord Derby instructing him to proceed to Port Moresby. He arrived in November, 1883. Twelve months later, Commodore Erskine sailed into the port with an imposing squadron, and the official proclamation of a Protectorate was finally carried out, in a series of

picturesque ceremonies which appealed to the native eye. Messrs. Lawes and Chalmers again giving a helping hand and tongue. Mr. Romilly was left in possession of the now accredited British New Guinea as Acting-Commissioner, pending the arrival of Sir Peter Scratchley.

Lieutenant Chester followed the succession of events with only half-hearted satisfaction. He had wished to see the whole of the section unoccupied by the Dutch under British colours. It was not until 1914 that he felt happy in the fulfilment of his long-cherished ideal. As he lay in a Brisbane hospital, nearing the end of his vigorously-active life, his son brought the news that Australian



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troops had reclaimed that part of New Guinea which had been within the area of his own flag-hoisting. . . He whispered a fervent "Thank God!" They were almost his last words.

A grave in Toowong Cemetery (Brisbane) carries on its headstone the announcement that Henry Majoribanks Chester formally annexed British New Guinea at the direction of Sir Thomas McIlwraith on April 4, 1883.

With his undoubted administrative gifts and other qualifications, his forceful personality, his urge for pioneering and his full appreciation of the glory of the British flag, he has left a worthy name in the annals of North Australian and New Guinea history. The old hands of the North recall "HMC" as a colourful figure in the army of Empire builders, whose exploits should not be allowed to fade away into the mists.

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Mrs. P. F. D. Palmer, wife of Burns Philp's manager at Fanning Island, became suddenly ill and underwent an operation while on leave in Sydney in late November. Mrs. Palmer was making a rapid recovery at the end of the month and expected to fly to Fiji to pick up the Waikawa and her two children, who are enroute to Fanning.

Pastor and Mrs. Frank T. Maberley, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, Manus District, TNG, were on holiday in Auckland, NZ, in November-December. Pastor Maberley reported an extension of their missionary activities to the Western Islands (west of Manus) during the past two years.

MORE EXPERTS FOR P-NG OIL SEARCH

ANOTHER phase in the search for oil in Papua-New Guinea will commence mid-December with the arrival of a team of Canadian experts and a Canso Catalina flying-boat which will undertake magnetic survey of 35,000 square miles country between the Gulf of Papua and the Dutch border, for Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty., Ltd., and Island Exploration Co. Pty., Ltd.

Whether this is the final phase or not is anyone's guess. The companies now have spent 16 years searching for oil in the P-NG Territories and must have by now spent almost £10,000,000 in so doing—far without any concrete evidence of the existence of commercial quantities of

oil. It is hoped that the latest project will throw down the costly work now being undertaken by the three seismic parties engaged in the area.

In all, seven test-wells have been put down in Papua—and together they have penetrated about 11 miles of drilling into the earth. At every drilling site, usually the most difficult swamp and jungle country, wharves, roads, stores, workshops, houses, electrical and water supplies have to be built. In addition, companies must maintain a fleet of boats to carry stores and labour and an extensive service to transport urgent equipment

and personnel. A staff of over 300 Europeans is employed and a native labour force of 2,000 natives.

The discovery of a big oilfield would not only be of inestimable benefit to Australia and the whole South Pacific, but it would solve most of the Territory's financial troubles: The Administration would receive 10 per cent. of the well-head value of all oil produced. If the companies concerned finally conclude that there is no commercial oil in the Territory and withdraw, the depressing effect

on local economy can hardly be exaggerated.

No effort is spared and no scientific aid is being overlooked in proving or eliminating the possibility of commercial quantities of oil in P-NG.

The Rev. W. G. Murphy, of the LMS Church, Rarotonga, Cook Islands, passed through Auckland in early November en route to England on vacation.

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WPHC Moves to Honiara

(From Our Own Correspondent)

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A CONSIDERABLE amount of agitation is evident in Western Pacific High Commission headquarters in Suva as they prepare for the move to Honiara, BSI.

There is a good deal of packing to be done because the records go back for nearly eighty years.

The WPHC has announced: "It will be very difficult for the WPHC office at Suva to attend to routine correspondence on general matters after December 1, and the co-operation of the public in this matter would be gratefully appreciated."

The High Commissioner (Mr. F. C. S. Stanley) expects to leave Suva in the RCS Kurimarau on December 15 and to arrive at Honiara on December 22. The official date of the headquarters transfer is January 1. The Chief Secretary will leave for Honiara in January, and a small office will remain at Suva to complete the transfer.

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Niueans Petition To Minister

From Our Own Correspondent

NIUE, November 6.

THE petition asking for the removal from the Island of Mormon missionaries, sent to the Hon. Clifton Webb, NZ Minister for Land Territories, by the Niueans received a good deal of publicity in the New Zealand Press, although as late as September 18 Mr. Webb denied ever having received it. However, notwithstanding the ministerial denial, the Niueans received an acknowledgement of the receipt of the petition with an August date line and so an official reply dated October

At a recent meeting of islanders, a committee representing all the villages sent another letter to Mr. Webb stating that they now wish to send their complaints to Great Britain. They asked also that the promise made at the time of the Annexation of the island—that Niue should have "the Church only, forever" be upheld.

There is a distinct trend in Island affairs at the moment to re-establish the rule of the Patu (A Patu is a married man who has a voice in the affairs of the village) as there is dissatisfaction at the impotence of the Island Council to adequately express the voice of the majority of the people. Many of the Niueans are going even further and want to elect a Patuiki (head or chief) or king as they did in the old days.

No Penal Clauses in Nauru

PENAL clauses have been deleted from the native and Chinese labour ordinances of Nauru. Some time ago they were removed from the P-NG native labour ordinance. Mr. Hasluck (Minister for Australian Territories) says that this has been done on a recommendation from the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

Just what it means to Nauru would be hard to say. The British phosphate Commission is virtually the only employer of labour which it gains from the Gilberts or Hong Kong. Evidently their only redress for breaches of labour contracts is to ship the culprits back home—and keep them while waiting for a ship to do so. Unlike P-NG, absconding labourers should be no problem at all. On the small island of Nauru there is nowhere to abscond to.

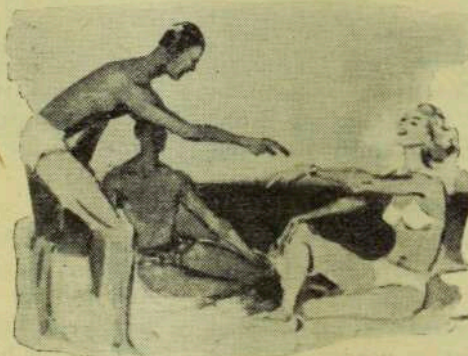
Tonga's Peanut Venture

PRINCE TU'IPELEHAKE, who is visiting Auckland with his mother, Queen Salote, in November-December, reported that the Tongan Department of Agriculture is pressing ahead with peanut growing. British tractors and bulldozers will aid in breaking up additional land and it is anticipated that peanuts will soon be a valuable alternative export crop to copra.

It is understood that New Zealand is willing to import a large quantity of peanuts.

Launching of Tahitien

GOVERNOR PETITBON, of French Oceania, and Deputy Governor Pouvaana a Oopa, who returned to Tahiti recently from France, were present there at the launching of the second of Messageries Maritimes new 10,700-ton, 15-knot passenger vessels for the Pacific service—the *Tahitien*. *Caledonien*, at present on her maiden voyage to the Pacific, and *Tahitien*, are the first two of eight similar ships to be built for the company. Three will be used on the Pacific run.



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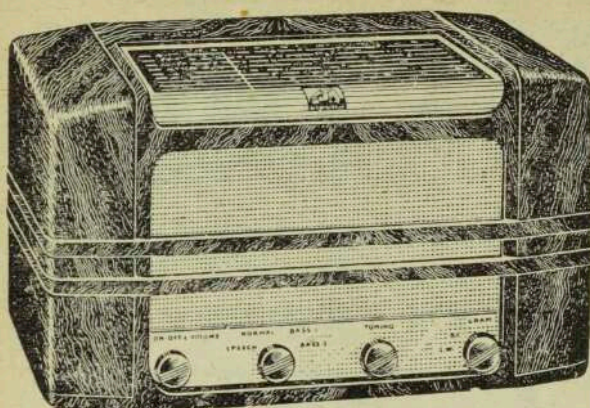
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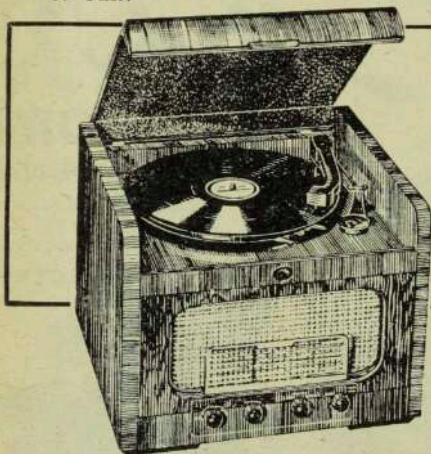
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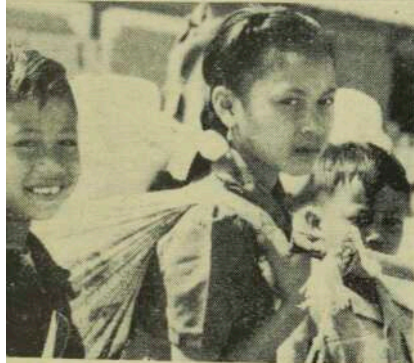
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Indonesians Leave New Caledonia



The Indonesians, brought in originally as indentured labourers, and kept there by war conditions, now are leaving New

Caledonia at their own wish. A Norwegian ship (see photo above by Dunn) on September 18 took 1,200 of them away from Noumea, and another shipload will leave within two months.

Their departure has sharply increased the labour shortage. New Caledonia is planning to bring in more workers from overseas. Two large parties of Italians (mostly single men) arrived recently. There also is talk of bringing in some thousands of Japanese mine-workers—really kite-flying, to see how Australia reacts to the idea.

Photo shows (above) the departure scenes as 1,200 Javanese went aboard; (below) some of the departing children, born in NC.

Captain Cook relics consisting of a silver dividers, a silver-mounted pencil, an ivory rule and a leather container were among articles stolen from the Australian Museum in Sydney in November.

Police believe that the culprit is a youth who picked the locks of the museum showcases. The other articles were recovered in a pawnshop but the Cook relics are still missing.

INQUIRY INTO AWAHOU LOSS A MATTER FOR FIJI

Letter to the Editor

THERE is considerable interest here in the failure of the Australian navigation authorities to make any official inquiry into the loss, between Sydney and Lord Howe Island, of the small Islands ship *Awahou*, which was well known here, and in ports northward. There have been persistent statements that the ship was an unsafe ship under certain conditions, and a marine inquiry would have cleared up some of these points.

I am, etc.,
JPS

Auckland, NZ.

On receipt of this note, the PIM made a formal inquiry at the Australian Department of Navigation. We were informed that the *Awahou* was registered in Fiji, not in Australia, and Australia, therefore, cannot undertake such an inquiry except at the direct request of the Fiji authorities.

The Navigation spokesman added that the *Awahou* had been closely examined by his officers before she left Sydney on her last voyage, and she was classed as completely seaworthy, and the stowage of her cargo was in all respects seaworthy. There was no fear in relation to her stability. Reports received from Lord Howe Island indicated that the weather in that vicinity, just before the last radio message was received from the *Awahou*, was worse than had been known for years, and the theory was that a huge wave had caught the little ship broadside, and overwhelmed her. It could have happened to any little ship.

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Fiji will be represented at the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on June 2, 1953, by three members of the Fiji's Legislative Council.

They are Mr. H. Maurice Scott,

Ratu George Cakobau and Mr. Vishnu Deo.

Mr. J. A. Johnstone, MBE, of Honiara, and J. C. Vouza, GM, District Headmen of Tasimboko, Guadalcanal, have been chosen as official representatives of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

P. Binatake Tokatake will repre-

sent the Gilbert and Ellice Islands colony.

Arrangements have been made for the representatives to travel to London by air, leaving Sydney on May 23, 1953, and returning from the United Kingdom by sea approximately one month later.

While in the UK they will be treated as distinguished visitors and will be given seats in Westminster Abbey for the coronation ceremony.

Mr. J. A. Johnstone is well known to Islands residents, has been in the Protectorate for 30 years engaging in commercial and mining activities and during the war serving there with the Americans. District Headman Vouza as Sgt. Major Vouza, was awarded the George Medal for refusing to give information when taken prisoner by the Japanese, in spite of being bayoneted many times by his questioners.

Binatake Takatake is a descendant of Ten Binoka, High Chief of Abemama, Kuria and Aranuka. He was appointed Assistant Administrative Officer in 1950.

Mr. Ronald G. Garrett, plantation inspector for Burns Philp & Co., was in Sydney on leave from Rabaul, NG, in November.

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Hongkong Transfer for W. J. Blackie

THE Deputy Director of Agriculture in Fiji, Mr. W. J. Blackie, has been appointed Director of Agriculture, Hongkong. He will leave Fiji in February and proceed to his new appointment after six months' leave in New Zealand. Mr. Blackie is a New Zealander. He attended the University there and Yale, in the United States. He went to Fiji as Government Chemist and Analyst in 1929, and was appointed Deputy Director of Agriculture in 1947.

New Radio Stations for Tonga

THE Tongan Post and Telegraph Department is to completely replace its radio stations. It is reported that an Auckland firm will soon commence construction of a 250-watt telephone and graph transmitter for Nukualofa, and 15-watt transmitters and receivers for outstations. An interesting feature of the equipment supplied in the short whip-type aerial transmitting antenna, one of which will be installed at each outstation. They are ideal for the short-range work involved—in most cases about 20 miles—and have the advantage of low wind resistance in the event of hurricanes.

Northward Bound



Returning to the Islands from Auckland, NZ, in November were (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Browne of Cable & Wireless, Suva, after nine months' vacation in Australia and Europe. Mr. T. Robson, Resident Commissioner of Savaii, W. Samoa, who was taking Peter and David home for the Christmas holidays, from Auckland, where they attend school. Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Chisholm, after three months in NZ—Mr. Chisholm, manager for MH's in W. Samoa, has been 31 years in the Islands. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodgkinson and Peter were bound for Apia where Mr. Hodgkinson has been appointed Dispenser at Apia Hospital, in succession to Mr. W. A. C. Turner.

Auckland Arrivals



Included in passenger list of *Matua* arriving in Auckland in November were (left to right): Miss D. Bartley, from Apia. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Clark, of Public Works Department, Suva, on leave.

Mr. Henry Peterson, on three months' leave from Apia. Mrs. M. L. Panckhurst, of Nadi, who has been engaged with the "O'Keefe" film unit recently.

And More Island Travellers



Maui Pomare passengers bound for the Cook Islands in November included (left to right): Mr. D. McMahon, of Wellington, to join the Department of Agriculture staff at Rarotonga. Miss Margaret Vahua, representative in New Zealand of the Cook Islands Girl Guide movement, who will visit Girl Guide units in the Cooks. Mr. Kenneth Holt, of Wellington, who will join the Post & Telegraph Department staff at Rarotonga. Mrs. T. Gardner, now of Wellington, who made her first visit to her home island, Rarotonga, in 10 years.

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**NEW GOVERNOR FOR
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THE appointment and swearing in of Mr. James Arthur Ewing as Governor of American Samoa, to succeed Mr. John C. Elliott, was announced on November 29.

Mr. Elliott, formerly Government Secretary, succeeded Governor Phelps Phelps only last July, but tendered his resignation early in November due to illness in his family.

Mr. Ewing is described as "a business man from Ohio."

**Southern Cross on Varied
Mission Jobs**

(From Our Own Correspondent)

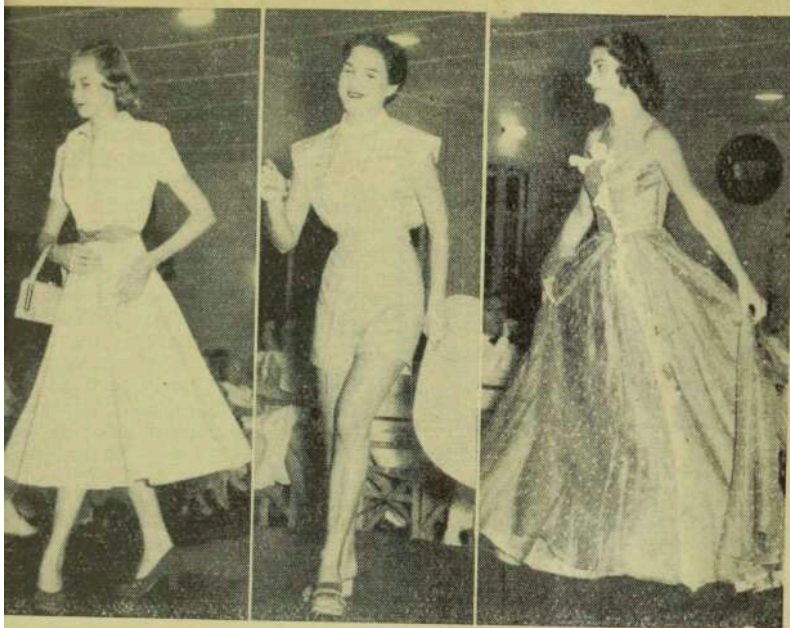
—NOUMEA, Nov. 4.
THE Melanesian Mission's MV "Southern Cross" sailed from Honiara, BSI, for New Zealand via the New Hebrides on October 31, with the Rt. Rev. S. G. Caulton, Bishop of Melanesia, who will tour New Hebrides Mission stations, and Messrs. John Clayton and W. Harbutt who are returning to New Zealand after two years' work with the Mission in BSI.

Recently from Lae, New Guinea, the Southern Cross brought back two prefabricated houses, one for the Mission's Girls' School at Bungana, near Tulagi, and one for the school for junior boys at Maravovo. Australian timber was taken to Fuabu on Malaita, for completion of the Mission's leper colony there, and timber from a church and house at Make, South Malaita, was transferred to Pawa, in Eastern Solomons for building a new chapel. The chapel at Pawa is well known for the skilled native carving and mother-of-pearl inlays used in the interior of the building, and these examples of craftsmanship, now fast dying out, will be incorporated in the new and larger building. The exterior of the new Chapel will be constructed on European lines.

The Mission's printing press at Taroaniara has now been rebuilt by Mr. F. W. Isom, and the first publication since the war was produced at the end of October.

The appointment of Mr. L. Richards, formerly an Administrative officer in Tanganyika, to the British Service in the New Hebrides was gazetted in the WPHC Gazette of October 7. His appointment—he will be Deputy Commissioner for the Western Pacific, a Deputy Registrar of High Commissioner's Court in the NH, British District Agent Central District, and Commandant of Constabulary—takes effect from mid-August.

What to Wear in the Tropics



Mannequin parades for charity are the thing these days—and Port Moresby in the fashion at the end of October when a parade was held for the local branch of the Country Women's Assn. Photo shows three of the local amateurs going through their paces—from left to right, Mrs. Doreen McKillop, Mrs. a Jones, and Miss Noreen Maher.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Miss H. Bolzner of New Jersey (USA), passed through Brisbane recently on her way to Manus Island where she married on November 25 her missionary sweetheart of childhood Bible class days. Her husband has been conducting the Leibenzell Mission on the Island since November, 1951.

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1935, will at first operate with a class of first form boys, but its capacity will be gradually extended and girls also will eventually be accepted.

The school has been financed by the church in the New Hebrides, but the church in NZ has accepted the responsibility for staffing arrangements.

Further Advances in Lepro Treatment

WHEN the annual appeal was made recently in New Zealand for funds to aid in the treatment of leper patients, the great success of the new sulphone drug DDS (diamo-diphenyl-sulphone) was seen.

But although DDS is proving a great healer, the after-effects of the disease, in the form of atrophied muscles, have until now remained.

Mr. P. J. Twomey, M.B.E., of the Lepers Trust Board, returning from New Caledonia in November, reported that a French scientist attached to the Ducos Leper Hospital there has developed an electrical machine which has already proved highly effective in aiding the complete muscular rehabilitation of the patients. The Lepers' Trust Board of New Zealand has now donated six of the machines to Ducos, and others will go to the Makogai hospital in Fiji.

DDS and the new machines open up a new hope for complete cure of this widespread disease in the Pacific Islands.

Miss Doreen Atkinson, newly appointed to the Baptist Mission at Baiyer River, NG Highlands, left Sydney on the Bulolo at the end of October.

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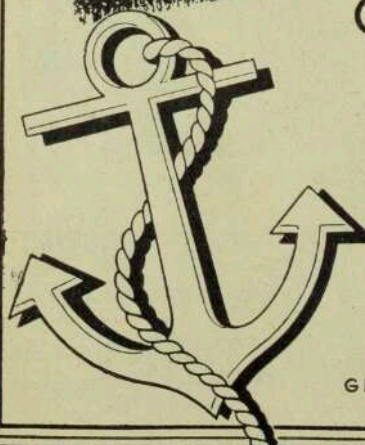
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DISCOURAGING NEW ENTERPRISE IN SOLOMON ISLANDS

(A Letter to the Editor)

BRITISH Solomon Islands planters are still hammering away with a view to drawing attention to their grievances—but results, to date, have been nil. One wonders just what the Government intends for this neglected part of the British Empire—or if, indeed, it intends anything. All indications, up to the present, point to a policy of sheer inaction: BSI, essentially rich, is evidently to be allowed to wither on the vine. BSI needs new blood, new ideas, new capital—but what, we ask ourselves, is there in the Protectorate to attract any of these? And the answer is nothing.

It is profitable to work existing plantations at Ministry of Food prices; it is not profitable to lay down new coconut areas—and even if it were profitable at present costs and prices, the overwhelming advantages of similar activities in New Guinea would compel any investor to spurn the offer in favour of the Australian territory.

The same disadvantages apply to trading. The Government Trade Scheme, as it is known, came into being in 1946 when it became obvious that the big pre-war trading companies of Burns Philp and W. R. Carpenter would not recommence trading activities. The Scheme took a number of Quonset and igloo buildings on Honiara waterfront and then have opened agencies on other islands and act as copra purchasing agents for the Ministry of Food. The Trade Scheme has filled a gap in the re-establishment of trading, etc., after the war, but whether it should continue to operate along present lines is open to doubt.

Although the Honiara stores continue to be housed in shabby war-time buildings, the Government will not allow any private individual to build stores in opposition within the defined limits of the so-called "metropolitan" area. Any private commercial buildings in the township of Honiara have to comply with the building regulations as Suva—namely, be built in brick or concrete, and, in many respects, unsuitable for Guadalcanal.

With the exception of Lever Bros., but the Trade Scheme has a monopoly to export copra—which means planters must sell their copra

through this organisation or not at all. If the T.S. exercised a benevolent interest in the welfare of planters there might be some excuse for their continued experience but the purpose of the Trade Scheme is to make profits for the Government, and for nothing else. One instance of this was that for a long period they were charging 25/- per ton insurance against fire risk on stored copra for which they themselves were paying only 5/-.

(Fairymead Sugar Co. more re-

cently were given permission to buy copra.)

Against all advice, the post-war capital of the BSIP was set up at Honiara on Guadalcanal instead of at the pre-war site of Tulagi. The part of the coast near Honiara is without protection from the sea, subject to earthquakes, and, since the big storm of January 1952, has been

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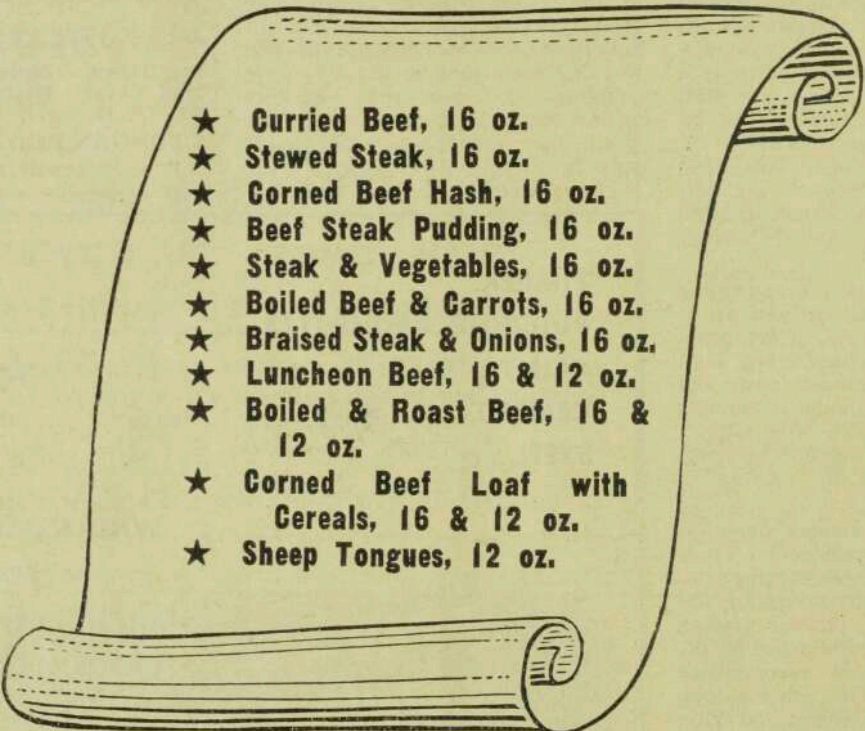
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There are now no wharves left on Guadalcanal and ships use Tulagi. Conditions are that, in spite of what the Government planners intend, Tulagi may yet become the commercial centre, leaving Honiara to the Government. But these mixed policies are unlikely to attract commercial enterprise which needs, above all, good wharf and communication facilities.

Heavy income tax (with a surcharge added thereto) causes prospective planters and others to look aghast at the British Solomon Islands as a field for investment.

The grants made by the British Government since the war have been insufficient to enable the Administration to operate in the best interests of the country or to make good the ravages of war (no war-damage compensation was paid in BSIP) and the Administration has been forced to make good deficiencies in revenue by increasing taxation.

This state of affairs is in the nature of a vicious circle—the commercial and agricultural development of the BSIP has been insufficient to justify the amounts being raised through taxation, but with constantly recurring deficits the BSIP has been com-

pelled to take the line of least resistance and impose taxation to an extent that is prejudicial to the ultimate welfare of the country and the development of agriculture, and, in particular coconut planting.

Government policy should be aimed at fostering existing agricultural activities and encouraging capital from outside the area to enter the industry and develop it further. But so long as present policy continues no important development can take place and the production figures of pre-war days can never be achieved again. The European planting and trading community is discontented. It is prepared to work existing plantations, but can find no

inducement to warrant expansion or new development.

So far as the natives are concerned, Government attempts to stimulate native agriculture have been so unsuccessful as to scarcely warrant any comment. Native produced copra today is much less than it was in pre-war days, and no other alternative cash crops have been introduced into the native economy.

I am, etc.,

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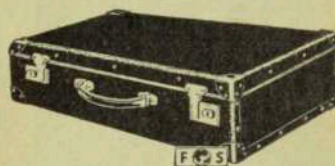
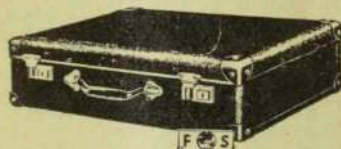
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Fijian Cricketers for NZ

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The last Fijian cricket team which visited New Zealand in 1948 won six

of the 17 matches, drew 8 and lost 3. As with their football, the Fijians managed to make cricket seem a lot more interesting than many of the public normally expect it to be.

Mr. Vincent Cottell, who has been assistant treasurer at Niue Is. for the past six months, has now returned to New Zealand.



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Cocoa Still Slow to Move

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Nov. 11.

ON her first call at Apia, since Suva's January hurricane took her from the Pacific run, *MV Mutu* in November lifted 8,000 cases of bananas from this port.

The *Tofua* a month ago took only about half of this quantity. The improvement is due mainly to the breadfruit crop coming in now, thus releasing bananas ordinarily used for food by the Samoans.

There are still fairly large stocks of Samoan cocoa beans on hand in Apia sheds as overseas buyers in USA and UK have been cautious or late to make firm offers.

It is probable, however, that buying will again begin in January and February when cocoa manufacturers have to replenish their stocks after the Christmas period.

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Those Leftish Planners In N. Guinea!

Letter to the Editor

HAVING just returned to my Police Post from a rather long and wet patrol, I've taken the evening off from Leftist Socialist Planning to read the October issue of PIM. Three articles particularly caught my eye.

Firstly, there was your Moresby Special Correspondent's blurb about the Acting Administrator's position, and his current inability, due to his "acting" role, dealing with the "many gentlemen of strong Socialist views who were planted in the P-NG service by the Wardist regime, or have percolated here through the Mosman School of Pacific Administration."

Are the statutory powers of an Acting Administrator less than those of an appointed Administrator? I think not. As for these Long-haired Leftish Socialist-ASOPA Planners—well, I'm one, I suppose. I did a two years' course there. I also spent some seven odd years up there, part of it scrapping against brother P, after a couple of years scrapping against brother Hun in the M.E.; but I'm only a boy yet.

Now, on the whole, I wish I hadn't done that two years' course. It's given me all the wrong ideas. At the School, the Leftist Socialist Theorist staff used to make us work like hell in Law, History, Anthropology and Colonial Administration.

This latter subject should be banned. It involves us in reading all sorts of things about other colonial territories as well as Papua-New Guinea, and occasionally even the dullest—which was myself—an uneasy idea that maybe Australia isn't in the vanguard of colonial progress to the degree we'd assumed. At times it even seemed that we might be eating the sort of blues other colonies did some 50 years ago. The L.S.T. teaching staff, with typical Marxian training, didn't tell us that they just made us wade through masses of Annual Reports, and the works of dangerous theorists like Lord Hailey, and draw our own conclusions.

BUT that's all in the past. Now I'm back to reality on my Police Post, which, curiously, I like. I even like the old trader-recruiter, when he's sober, the two missionaries are tolerable, for the local coons—I count 'em, see 'em, gaol 'em, medicate the odd 'em, tell 'em to clean their villages, obey the law (most of which they know nothing about) and be good boys.

And off, they've been told that now about 30 years. Several of my revered and omniscient Senior Officers at part of their careers hereabouts are just what I'm doing now. But the grateful savages don't react the right way. They want a school, and they want to get up a "bisnis", and all sorts of things. They're getting cheekier

and more sullen every day—so the old missionary says—and as for their morals

Now, partly because I've been polluted at ASOPA, but mainly because, although dull, I'm not altogether daft, I've an idea or two on what we ought to be doing here. But am I going to start telling my omniscient Senior Officers? Not me! Tried it once before, and they didn't like it. This joint was OK when the Assistant Director (or some such ordinary) did a patrol here in 1928, so it

must be OK now. As it was in the beginning . . . With luck, I should be transferred elsewhere before the strife is really on. Some other sucker will catch it, and I'll have a clean record—for an ex-ASOPA!—because I don't raise awkward questions and behave like a Woolly Leftish Socialist Planner.

THE second article that interested me was on Native Co-ops. Now, I'm not a Co-op officer, but I always had the idea that a Co-op was essentially private

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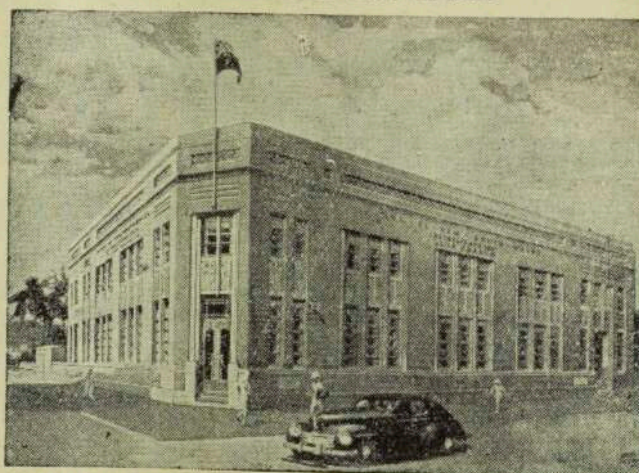
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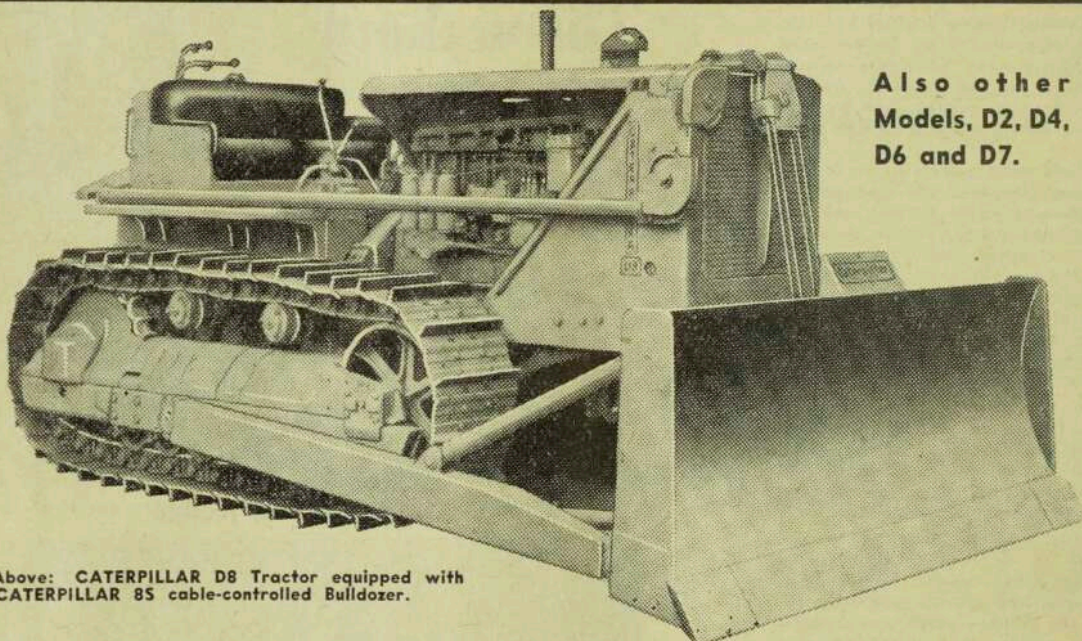
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capital enterprise—the capital being raised by large numbers of small men banding themselves together. Yet in your editorial Comment on this topic you say "are believed to check and undermine the system of private enterprise."

Something wrong somewhere. Or doesn't your definition of "private enterprise" stretch to organisations other than European and Chinese? I can well imagine various traders not liking native co-ops. Neither would I, if I'd been buying native copra at £1 per bag. Seeing we're all agreed on the desirability of increased production in the territory, I must say that a native co-op, which results in the native copra output being doubled—as I believe has been the case in Kavieng—seems no bad thing. At least they can't "blue" ALL the proceeds on grog, or take their in out of the country. Still, I'm a L.S.P. Theorist, remember.

Over in Rabaul a REALLY woolly bunch of bureaucratic Theorists has started Village Councils, the purpose of which is apparently to kid the local natives into taxing themselves and paying for their own schools, hospitals, etc. That sort of thing should be stopped. I bet that some of my ex-ASOPA class-mates are involved in it. They probably got the idea from reading all those subversive British Colonial Office publications. Personally, I'm content to wait until I'm told what to do and how to do it by a Senior Officer who has been up here for less than 28 years. HE'LL know—and

never mind about Halley & Co.

The third article (page 66) that caught my eye was headed "The Harm That an Unmuzzled Scribbler May Do". It has cowed ME into signing off. How about you?

I am, etc.,

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NEW COURT ROOM OPENED AT MADANG

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, Nov. 15.

THE new district court at Madang, NG, was officially opened on November 11, by Mr. Justice Kelly who said: "that it was a credit to the town."

Although the building is made only of native materials, it is delightfully situated among palm and cedar trees on the lagoon, overlooking Kalibobo Avenue.

The new court is a big improvement on the old one, which was situated in a portion of the District Office. Adjacent to the courtroom, is a four-roomed flat, suitable for housing a jury whenever necessary.

Miss Joan Bunting, whose parents owned Manuae island coconut plantation in the Cook Islands for some

years, was recently chosen by the Auckland Combined Surf Clubs as their Queen in a forthcoming Queen Carnival. Now 22, she was born at San Jose, Cal., and has lived in Singapore as well as the Cooks. Some years ago her family sold Manuae and settled permanently in NZ.

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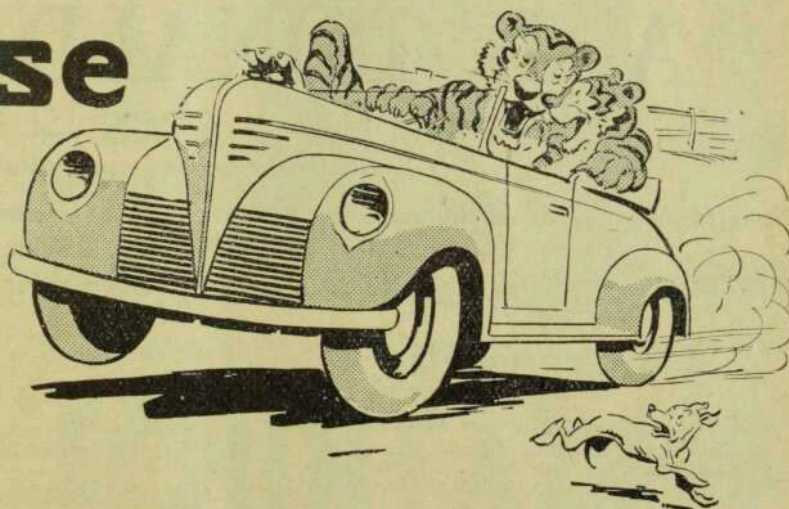
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SUVA WHARF STORAGE CAUSES BRISK DISPUTE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MORE or less chaotic conditions have existed in the Suva wharf

cargo sheds for years. Since the January hurricane smashed much of the wharf area, things have been getting progressively worse.

A start has been made with the first of the new wharf sheds, but nothing much is likely to happen

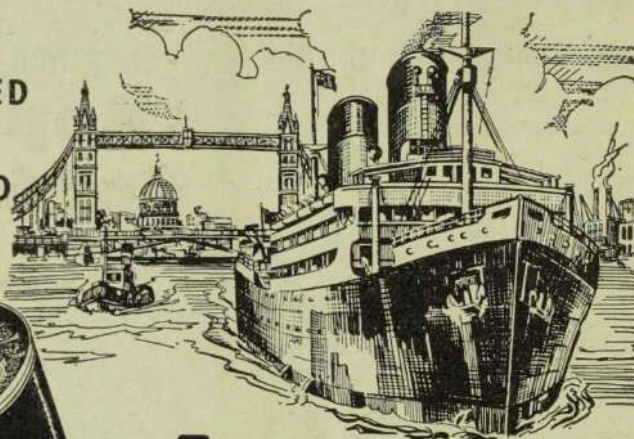
until the Government gets its consultant's report on the siting of the new wharf to replace the old structure which, although officially written off after the hurricane, is still being used.

The Suva Chamber of Commerce in considerable vexation of spirit, has called a special meeting to discuss the allegedly "inequitable" levying of treble bond charges on goods not removed from the Customs within the specified time. Members complain that in some cases the goods are block-stacked and importers cannot even get at them to take them away.

To this the Government retorts that (a) treble bond charges are not levied on any goods at the wharf until the Comptroller of Customs has made a personal inspection to see whether cargo from any specific ship is accessible to the importer (b) the Comptroller has authority to postpone or waive these charges. He postpones them if the firm concerned can show a good case for not immediately collecting accessible goods and waives any charges assessed if it is shown that goods—even individual items—are not accessible.

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Canberra Still Discussing P-NG Soldier Settlement

ALTHOUGH it is seven years after the end of the war, it may be that land for soldier settlement will yet become available in Papua-New Guinea.

The Australian Government is now investigating the possibilities of war-service settlement scheme along the following lines:—

- War Settlement Land Settlement Division to provide funds and certain plant and equipment;

- the Administration to acquire, develop and subdivide land and give technical advice;

- a credit authority to be set up to administer advances to soldier settlers;

- Territories Department to determine policy.

It was originally intended that eligibility be limited to ex-servicemen already resident in P-NG but this may be widened if supply of land exceeds demand. There would, however, be greater problems involved in settling mainland Australians in the Territory on agricultural blocks than there would in settling men who had some knowledge of the country.

The scheme is still in the talking stage; nonetheless it is a step forward after the hesitation of the preceding years.

Soldier-settlement (or any scheme of alienation of land) has been utterly opposed by some of the missions of New Guinea, and by the Administrator, Colonel J. K. Murray. Colonel Murray's opposition has been successfully disposed of; it can be taken as certain that the mission voice will be heard again. There is no indication as to the quality or extent of the land that the Government had in mind for the settlement scheme.

Insuring Against Hurricanes

THE desirability (or otherwise) of insurance against hurricanes (and other natural disasters) is to be studied by a committee recently set up in Fiji. The Committee is as follows:—

Mr. W. G. Johnson (chairman), Mr. E. Bevington, Ravuama Vunivalu, Mr. C. Craigie, Mr. J. F. Drury, Mr. K. B. Singh, OBE, and Mr. S. H. Wilson, MBE. The terms of reference include suggestions as to how such a fund should be raised and its control and disbursement.

NEW ADDITION TO BSI

SINCE November 13, the British Solomon Islands Protectorate is larger by one island.

Capt. J. R. Adams, Master of the *MV Malolo* owned by South Pacific Traders, Ltd., observed and photographed a new volcano which came up out of the sea near Vangunu Island, New Georgia, on that date. He gives its position as 9 deg. 3 min. South, 157 deg. 58 min. East. It is 100 feet long, 20 feet wide and 15 feet high, and is about 17 miles south of Vangunu Island, where Mt. Vangunu is active.

Earth tremors were reported from

Gizo three days before the new volcano was observed, but it is not known whether its appearance coincided with the tremors, three of which were severe.

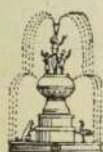
The earlier submarine volcanic activity which was observed in June was reported at 9 deg. 5 min. South, 157 deg. 49 min. East—very close to the position of the newly emerged volcano.

After making a motor tour of Australia, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Humphreys spent a short time in Brisbane before returning recently to Lae, New Guinea.

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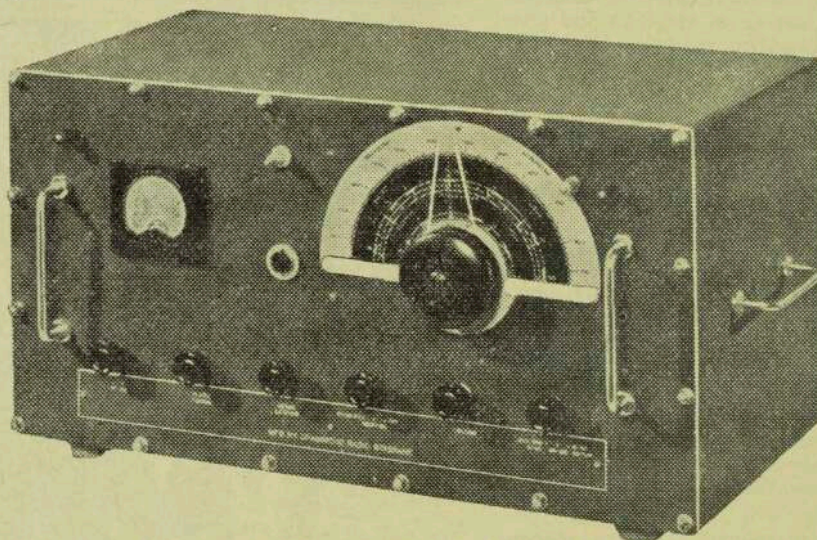
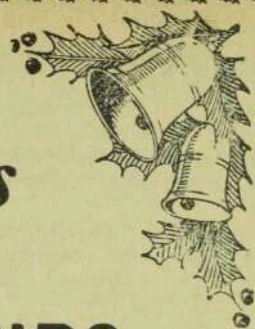


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NOTES OF INTEREST

This month word comes from Phil Mer, VR-3-C, on Fanning Island—one of the most active Island stations heard in Auckland. Phil wishes us the best of port with the radio notes and says, "his station will certainly abide by the Net 15-minute listening periods".

There's an encouraging lead for didates for that rare VR3 card.

20-metres has been particularly good for Pacific contacts at times during the month, and on occasions a great deal of overseas DX has also been heard especially from the Mediterranean-African area.

Most interesting of the Island stations we hear this month are YJ-1-AA/AB in New Hebrides. YJ-1-AB is none other than our anopheles-hunting friend Dr.

Black, last heard of as VR-4-AF, and VK-2-QZ when at home in Sydney. At the time this reaches the outposts, YJ-1-AB may again have ceased to exist, while he is active on 20-metre phone. Of YJ-1-AA we have no news, but he has been heard mentioned as active on 20 m.

Another item of considerable interest to the card hunters is that Pitcairn will be on the air by late December. Ed McCoy, VR-6-AC, left Auckland with his wife by the RANGITOTO at the end of November. He plans to operate on 20 m. phone with a 25-watt rig. His transmitter was built for him three years ago by W6CJE and operates from 100-volt power supply and wind-charger. Ed also reported that VR-6-AY, Fred Young, who was given a transmitter in 1936 by American Hams, has been inactive since 1940 due to inability to effect repairs.

Floyd also told us something of the commercial radio set-up on Pitcairn. The Island at present has a NZ-made 100-watt C & B transmitter for 500 kc/s and another 1 kw. hf. transmitter which was installed by the RNZN during the war.

Due to the impossibility of obtaining qualified technical staff at the time, this equipment has become unserviceable. The island is now being supplied with a low-powered transmitter of simpler design, which Floyd hopes will be able to keep going, and also a small "Trans-Arctic" 50-watt marine transmitter for 500 kc/s. While in NZ Ed has received some instruction on the equipment.

The existing power supply—two diesel generators—is also unserviceable and the equipment is being powered by generators and a wind-charger supplied by Quirk's of Sydney.

Doug. Cunnold, Superintendent, Rarotonga Radio, packed his gear and returned to Auckland on leave on November MAUI POMARE. As Bob Hanley of Civil Aviation, only other active Ham in the Group, left some time ago, Thor Gundersen, Radio Officer/Purser of the MAUI POMARE, ZK-1-AZ/ZL-1-VU now provides the only means of collecting a ZK-1 card. Thor uses the ZK call while in the vicinity of the Cooks and the ZL call after passing the half-way line towards NZ. We believe, however, that the mobile cards are not always acceptable from the WAC points of view. However, as Doug. will return in April and radio staff transfers are occurring at intervals it may not be long ere Rarotonga again has an active Ham.

The Solomons caused some interest this month, with Frank, VR-4-AE—a new one to us, popping up, and, though not actually heard working, we heard reference to another—VR-4-RW.

Tahiti, FO-8-AB, with a powerful 20 m. phone sig, was also heard calling a CQ early one morning—first FO-8 actually heard in Auckland for a very long time. From Noumea FK-8-AI was also heard with a very fine 20 m. phone sig, but there has been no sign of the New

Hebrides boys during limited hours of early morning and evening listening.

"Amateur Radio" reports that Felix, FK-8-AC, on leave in France, is now active under F-3-GQ from Sanmur, and does not anticipate returning to Noumea until mid-1953.

"Break In" has an interesting item for the 50 mc/s boys. Bill, ZK-2-AA will be

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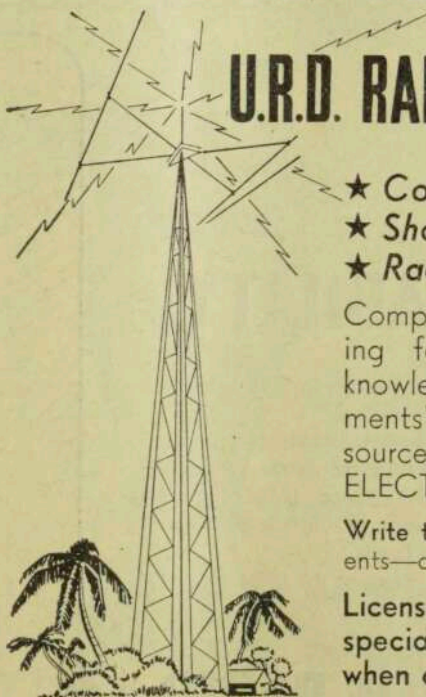
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stationed at Niue for at least another year and is going to be keenly active on that band. In Fiji VR-2-CG will soon be joined on 50 mc/s by VR-2-CB—both keen for ZL contacts—and doubtless also with VK-9 or whatever else offers.

Stations actually heard or known to be active during the month were: FK8AE/AI, FOSAB, KB6AO, KC6IG, KG6-AAL / ACG / ADZ / FA / FAA / FAB / GX / HL/IG/SL, KR6FN/HW, KX6AIK/AV,

VK1RV, VK9FN/GW/WG, VR2BZ/CG/CO/CM, VR3C, VR4AE/RW, YJ1AA/AB, ZK1AZ, ZK2AA/AB, and, of course, KH6's far too numerous to mention.

A recently listed addition to the VK9 list is VK9YY, A. J. Smith, AWA Aviation Service Depot, Government Aerodrome, Lae.

As usual we look forward to notes of interest to Island Hams from any quarter.

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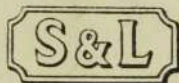
(From Our Own Correspondent)

NIUE, Nov. 6
THE Administration introduced a form of direct taxation to Niue during October which is called Port Service Tax. It is imposed on all goods imported into Niue, with the strange exception of goods arriving by post, at a rate of 2½ per cent ad valorem.

Reason given for the new tax is that the Administration cannot maintain the lighterage service pay in spite of the fact that the charge is 13/4 ton and is the highest in the South Pacific area.

By the time the goods so taxed have passed through the hands of traders it will mean about 4 per cent rise in the cost of living for Europeans. Traders are already finding that the natives are buying less tinned goods, especially meat, and the number of fishing canoes on each evening is a noticeable result of high prices.

DR. J. M. Schlafer, Assistant Medical Officer in the Cook Islands, returned to New Zealand in November from Rarotonga having terminated his service there.



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Drought Spreading In Parts of Fiji

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SUVA, Nov. 12.

RY conditions which have existed in parts of Viti Levu and in other islands of Fiji since the January hurricane are now becoming a full-blown drought in some areas. This is the second consecutive dry year. Suva's water shortage, which threatened to become acute early in October, was recently relieved by a series of short but very heavy rainstorms. In other districts, however, the driest October on record has created a serious situation. Fijian villages in the coastal areas of eastern Viti Levu report that wells have dried up and that in some places coconuts, which had been reserved for copra production, are being used as drinking nuts. At Suva, on the mainland opposite the island of Bau, drinking water comes mainly from newly-dug wells which yield only an unhealthy-looking liquid that has been described as a cross between soup and badly-fermented yagona (kava). Village drinking-places are no more than puddles. The provision of adequate supplies of water is one of the objectives of the fast-growing Fijian Development Fund, but it is not known how much progress has been made in this direction.

BAUL TAC DISCUSSES MARRIES HOSPITAL FINANCE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

RABAUL, Nov. 25.

At the November meeting of the Rabaul Town Advisory Council, councillors again debated the question of port facilities with the accent on slipways and workshops for small ships of which there are many registered at the port of Rabaul. Mr. J. Chipper said that previously the area east of Hap Hing's yard was a forest of masts, and in fact that the Germans had used it for small ships indicated that existence had proved it to be most suitable. From the information available it is that the area west of Hap Hing's has been set aside for small ships; this would place them at the mercy of a south-east blow. In discussion Councillors appeared to have differing opinions but none of the

motions submitted were passed.

The meeting learned that lack of funds was the reason for the present dilapidated state of the European Hospital and Sisters' quarters. Mr. Chipper drew attention to the fact that of the £690,700 allocated for hospital construction for the next financial year, Papua was to receive £604,500, the New Guinea Mainland £42,800 and New Guinea Islands £23,400.

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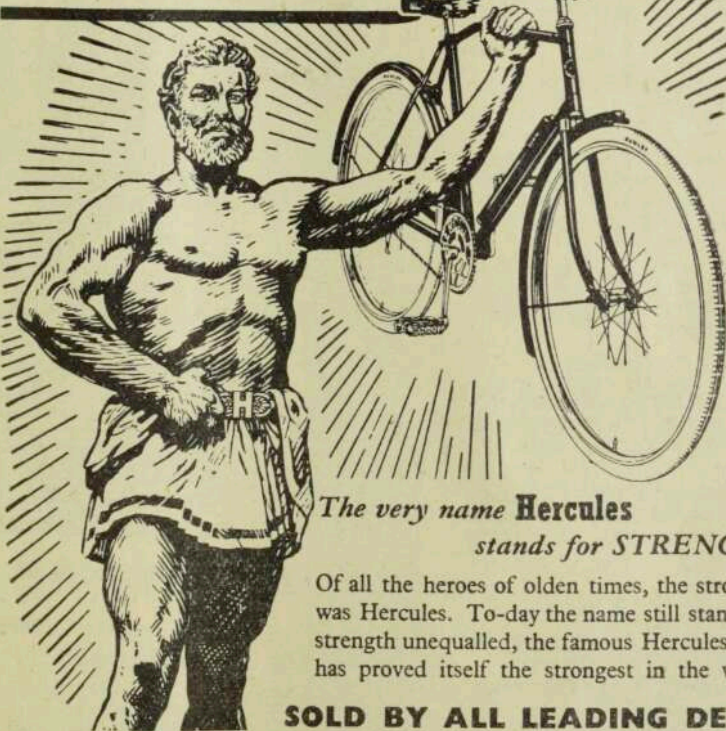
Mr. Dudley Jones outlined the dangers inherent in a judicial system where a junior member of the Administration, acting in his capacity as a Justice of the Peace, might have to

decide a case involving a senior member. It was moved that the District Commissioner be asked to raise again the matter of the appointment of non-Government officials as JP's. Council considers it imperative that some JP's be non-Government officials.

Mr. Peter Maurice Worsley, of the Australian National University, who a few months ago was refused a permit to go to New Guinea on the grounds that his presence would not be in the interests of the natives, will spend a year doing anthropological work on Groote Eylandt, Northern Territory. His wife will accompany him.

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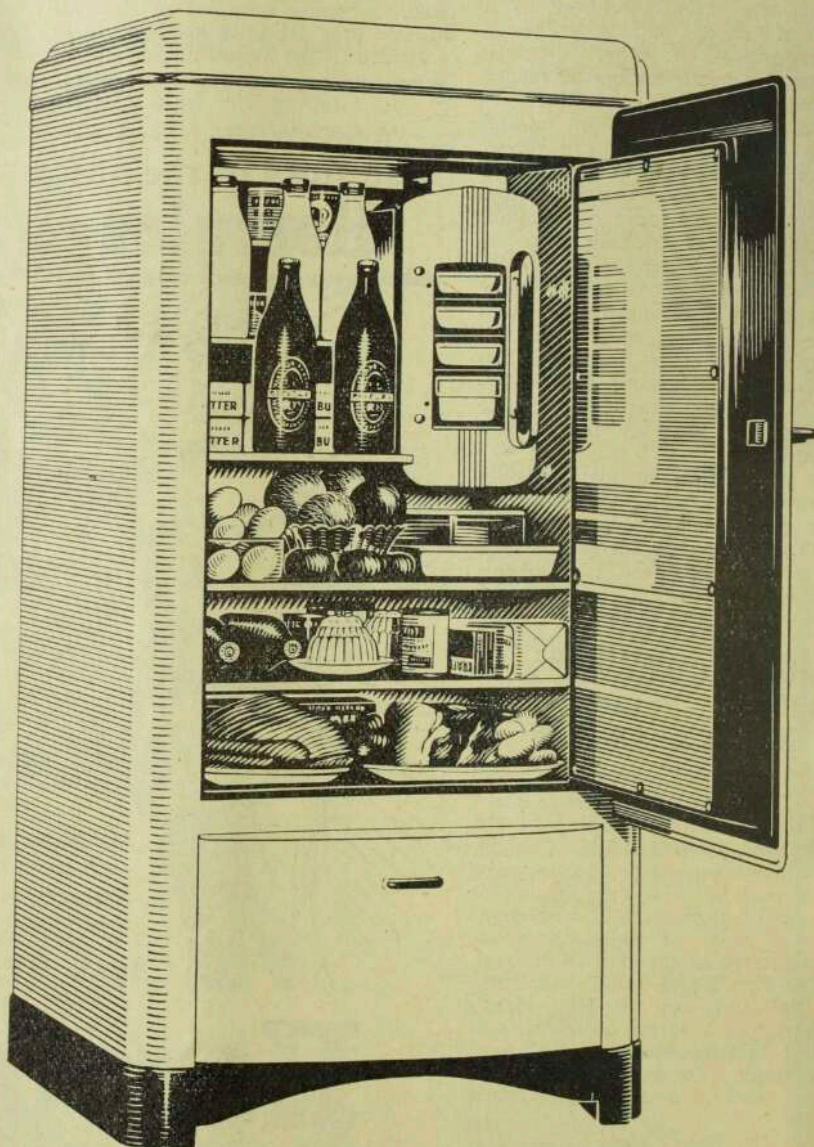
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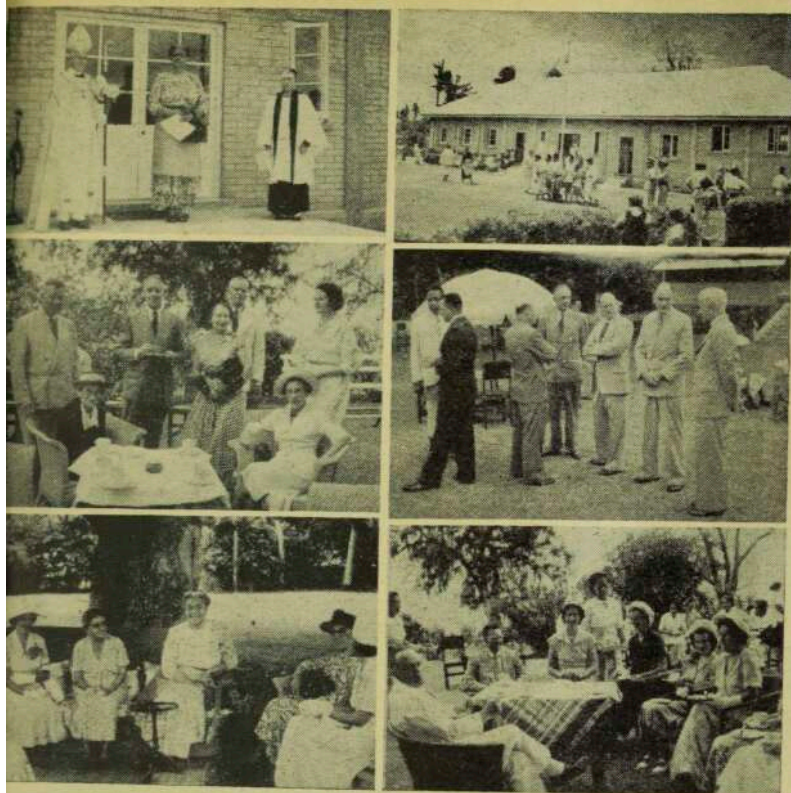
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Anglican Festivities in Nukualofa



While the Bishop in Polynesia, the Rt. L. S. Kempthorne was in Tonga in November, for the Jubilee of the Anglican Church, the new building for St. Andrew's School (built by local volunteer labour financed by Anglican missionary societies in UK, NZ and Australia) was dedicated. Photograph at top left shows the Bishop with Queen Salote and the Mr. Bastian at the dedication ceremony. Top right is the new school building. The days that followed the Jubilee were celebrated by Tongan feasting and dancing, a Jubilee Ball and a garden party in the grounds of the British

Residency. The four lower photographs were taken at the garden party. Centre left photo shows: (standing) Mr. J. F. Garvin (Chief Justice), Mr. J. E. Windrum (British Consul), Mrs. O. Brahne, Mr. Brahne, Mrs. Windrum. Seated: Mrs. Garvin Snr., and Mrs. Garvin Jnr. Centre right photo: Chief Tuiha'ateiho, the Rev. Mr. Woodgate, Mr. Cormack, Mr. Windrum, Mr. A. Denny, Mr. Read and Bishop Kempthorne. Lower left photo: Mrs. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Fordham, HM Queen Salote, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Beampied, Mrs. McKay.

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Norfolk Island Notes

December 2, 1952.

A public electricity supply for Norfolk has advanced nearer to the extent of some transmission poles which have been dumped at roadsides and the fact that Administration staff have been signing-up potential consumers.

Most of us are not expecting reticulation until we have seen it.

Several residents made the round-trip in MALAITA and returned home convinced that there is no place so good as Norfolk Island. They report that the old-time hospitality is missing from Papua and New Guinea and that the tropics are not what they were.

The retiring Administrator, Mr. Alex Wilson, has been farewelled at a picnic and at an evening function at Rawson Hall.

Bounteous crops were reflected in the altar display at the Harvest Thanksgiving service in All Saints church yesterday. The collection and sale of produce realised £110 which will go towards cost of a new roof for the church. Material alone cost £500—the work itself has been done by volunteer workers.

It is interesting to reflect that to help raise money for the church in 1920, a parishioner said that if the public were given permission and gathered the lemons growing wild on Crown land he would buy 100,000 of them at 10/- per thousand and give the money to church funds.

(Ed. Note: Did the public fall for it? They seem mighty cheap lemons, even for charity—something like 1½d per dozen—even 100,000 of them would have benefitted the church by only £50.)

The most successful military unit in Malaya in November was the Suffolk regiment, which skittled 12 terrorists. Next was the Fiji Battalion, with a bag of 7.

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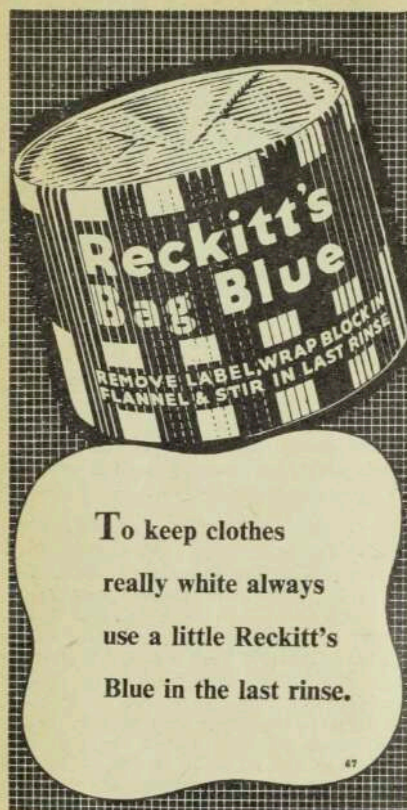
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Pacific Notes

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and still finds time to entertain a stray visitor in the unsurpassed French way. Among his other qualities, he speaks colloquial English.

MEMORY OF PIERRE LOTI

As I strolled under the trees in that peaceful waterworks valley—not a soul in sight—I came unexpectedly upon a monument, erected to the memory of Pierre Loti, famous French sailor-author of exotic love-stories. He had an international reputation, and he died in 1923, aged 73—only 11 years after he had offered to throw out of his window the seconds of a Balkan major, who wanted to fight him because he sneered at Bulgaria.

I had forgotten that Loti lived for a time in Tahiti. He went there as a young naval officer, after the Franco-Prussian war, and his passionate love affair with a Tahitian girl inspired one of his most notable books, *Rarehu*. I learned then that, over 70 years ago, within a few yards of where I stood in that secluded valley, Pierre Loti and his devoted Tahitian mistress came frequently to bathe in the river pools. This, pre-

sumably, was the real setting *Rarehu*.

Tahiti is haunted by hundreds of such memories. I suppose that, in its size, no country in the world has seen so many writers, artists, poets and dreamers who wanted only to get away from it all.

STUCK IN ALL THE LIFTS IN THE ISLANDS!

She was a comely lass of mixed parentage and, I imagine, had been much pursued by "wolves." I suppose that was why she let herself go in a mighty ululation when she found herself trapped alone with me in the only lift in the Western Pacific Islands—a modern automatic contraption at Ed Pentecost's new building in Noumea.

The lift came to a shuddering stop between floors. I, having had much Sydney experience, smiled resignedly at my co-captive, and leaned against the wall. But she gasped, cried "Oo la, la!" or something, and hurled herself upon the control buttons. Nothing happened; and then she reached for top notes. That startled me—only murder or rape could justify noises like that.

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y French was not adequate to follow them, and my companion was horrified by her impending doom or the lift, I still do not know to comprehend. So I blindly backed into the buttons, and some up above jiggled something, and the lift suddenly dived to the ground. I opened the door, and the mademoiselle left that place like a just released from the evils of

There is one other lift in the French South Pacific Islands—in the Grand Hotel, in Papeete—and I stuck in that, too. But this time was accompanied by a tough porter die, and I think it was the gauge he used, rather than his heavy hand, that put the instrument back so quickly to its proper courses.

IN PAPEETE TOWN

The swarming cyclists of Papeete are two things peculiar to Tahiti—nearly all the bicycles are made on the central crossbar, so that they can be used conveniently by both men and women; and an extraordinary proportion of them are fitted with light, little, two-popping motor-engines, which push the riders along at a good speed.

One needs to go to a virtually sparser country like Tahiti to see the usefulness of discarded newspapers in bigger cities. The hundreds of household shoppers who flock into Papeete's early morning market carry away their fish, vegetables, fruit, etc., either wrapped in banana leaves, or enclosed in a short sheath of fat bamboo, sealed over with tied leaves, or tied up in plaited nut leaves, with coconut fibre. The early morning markets of Suva, Papeete are very similar in character, but in Papeete they seem to have the widest variety of foodstuffs. In Tahiti, everything that swims in the sea or crawls on the lagoon rocks is considered food. Fish is a very important part of diet—everywhere one sees fish (which were shaped by the fishmongers for the purpose) dangling from their tails from lorries, cycles, motor cars—and the quiet seas around these Windward Islands provide an endless supply.

Three Baptist missionaries were welcomed in Auckland in late November before departing for work in the West Indies. They were Misses Turner, of Auckland, Mr. J. E. Cochrane, of Gisborne, and Alan Sinclair, of Invercargill.

Rabaul Tennis Titleholders

Rabaul Harcourt Tennis Association titleholders for 1952 are:—

Ladies' single champion, Miss Greta Lennartz; men's singles champion, Mr. Neil Topp; ladies' doubles champions, Misses Sedgers and Egan; men's doubles champions, Messrs. Willis and Normoyle; mixed doubles champion, Dr. Wright and Miss Egan; schoolboys singles champion, Joseph Chow; schoolboy doubles champions, Lucius Chow and Michael Woo.

Winners of the handicap events were: ladies' singles, Miss Greta Lennartz; men's singles, Mr. N. Ruglen; ladies' doubles, Misses Sedgers and Egan; mixed doubles, Mr. Willis and Miss Lennartz.

The Methodist Mission has not been able yet to find a Cantonese-

Orient Cruises to Fiji

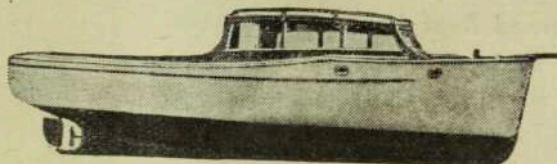
SHORTLY before Christmas, Suva will get its first post-war cruise ship from Australia when the Orient Company will run a 13-days-cruise from Sydney to Suva and Auckland in *Orcades*.

Passengers will spend about two days ashore in each port where excursions will be arranged.

A second Orient cruise will be made by the *Oronsay* calling at the same ports, and leaving Sydney on January 14.

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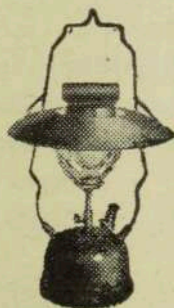
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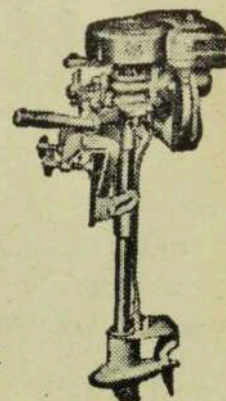
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Island Travellers



Passengers on board WAITEMATA on arrival at Auckland in mid-November included (to right, top to bottom): MISS LAURIS MAIOTU, from Tahiti, to visit Mr. and R. Christian, formerly of Tahiti, at Wellington. MRS. B. L. RUSSELL, returning visiting relatives in San Francisco, was met by MR. RUSSELL, now USS Co. manager at New Plymouth—formerly of Rarotonga and Apia. MISS GLADYS RUSSELL, now resident at Napier, had been to visit her father at Tahiti. Mr. Russell was for many years manager of the ranch on Easter Island. MRS. J. MUIR, A. HARVEY, MRS. HARVEY, RAMON BRILLIANT and MRS E. R. JACKSON. The ladies were all born in Tahiti. They were meeting Ramon who came from Papeete to live with his aunt, Mrs. Muir, on a farm at Thames, NZ. Ramon's father was a well-known Customs officer in Papeete. MR. JOSEPH BUNTON met his wife and daughter, down from Papeete. Mrs. Bunton was formerly Jeanine Ceran, of a well-known Tahiti family.

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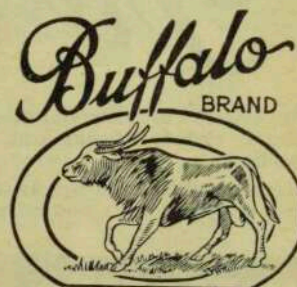
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Fiji's £4 Million Budget

Too Much Imported Food, Says Governor

FIJI this year will have an estimated deficit of about £88,000 (mostly due to the January hurricane) and a total Budget expenditure of £4,129,000. This is the largest Budget in Fiji's history, and

sizeable for a population of 300,000.

Biggest expenditure items in the estimates are Public Works, £1,059,835; Health, £537,426; and Education, £497,439.

The deficit, said Mr. H. W. Davidson (Finance Secretary) in Legislative Council, would be let off with a caution not to appear again. The Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, said that it would be unjust to hit the taxpayer to cover the deficit caused by the hurricane but that Fiji

could not afford to be complacent about its economy. The prosperity enjoyed by the Colony was not due to an increase in output but to increased world prices for primary products.

Sir Ronald said that Fiji's position came close to a fool's paradise view of their population increase and that since he returned to the Colony he had been shocked to find how much reliance there was on imported foodstuffs. "Fifteen years ago," he said, "the only imported food at a normal meal was the bread from which the bread was made."

At another stage during Budget Session, the Governor presented to the Legislative Council for its consideration, a suggestion that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development be asked to make an expert inquiry into Fiji's economic potential "with particular reference to our growing population." That at a later stage agricultural and industrial surveys be invited from the Pacific Dominions with a view to attracting capital, and that experienced local Development Commissioners be set up as a channel through which development projects could be co-ordinated.

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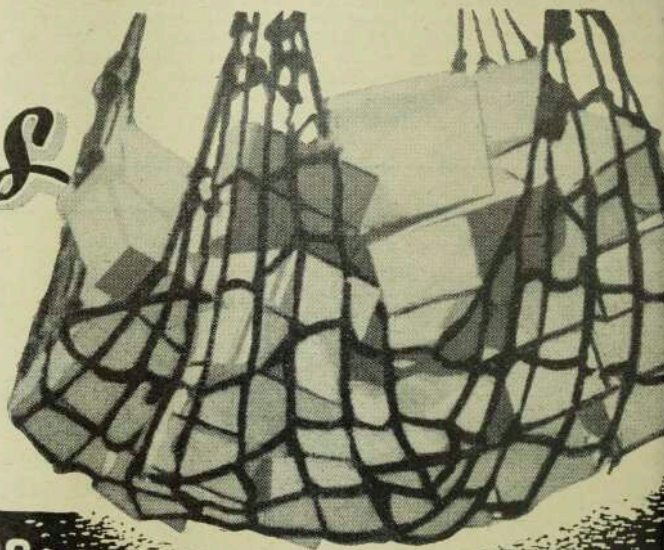
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Dutch Activity in West N. Guinea Impresses High SPC Official

HOLLANDIA, Nov. 17.
MY general impression, from what I have just seen, is that Netherlands New Guinea is an enormous land mass, covered with impenetrable forests and inaccessible mountains, and that it contains a number of very charming people from Holland, all of whom speak perfect English!"

In this way Sir Leslie Brian Freeston, KCMG, Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission, described his impressions after his ten days' visit to Western New Guinea. "I have been amazed to see how

of wisdom, energy and faith can be maintained, the future of this territory is indeed full of hope."

Asked what he thought of Netherlands New Guinea compared with the Australian part, he answered: "I have not yet seen Australia New Guinea—I am going there next week. As regards the rest of the Pacific, conditions in the smaller islands are so different that any comparison with New Guinea is almost meaningless.

"From what I have seen here, I am

reminded of tropical Africa. In Tanganyika, for example, one was faced with the same enormous distances without adequate means of transport and communication; with natural resources only partially known and exploited; and with native peoples who, for the most part, had only reached the outer fringes of culture and enlightenment."

Sir Brian visited the Nimboran area where, in the framework of the social development plans of the South Pacific Commission for under-developed countries, a "pilot project" is being carried out, for which SPC has granted £1,100 to buy the essential plant.

(Over)



Sir Brian Freeston arriving at Sentani strip, Hollandia, Dutch N. Guinea. In the plane doorway, behind him, is Dr. V. de Bruyn, who lived among the mountain tribes of the interior during the Jap occupation and eluded them so successfully that he was called "Jungle Angel".

much has been accomplished here in very short time. In the face of immense natural difficulties, with very limited resources in men, money and material, and embarrassed until very recently by uncertainty regarding the political future, the Government and people of Netherlands New Guinea have done more in the last two years than has been achieved in any other tropical territory that I know.

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Northbound passengers per Maui Pomme in November included: Miss M. Reid on holiday to Rarotonga with Miss P. Bisle who was returning after 4½ years in New Zealand.

Mrs. L. Jonassen, son Reinhardt and younger children were returning to Rarotonga.

Mrs. A. Anderson was returning to Aitutaki on holiday and Mr. J. Mann was paying a business visit there.

Activities of South Pacific Commission

During November, Dutch and British New Guinea were visited by the Secretary-General of the Commission, Sir Brian Freeston. He visited many centres and made personal contact with administrative and technical authorities, and observed at first hand, the progress of various schemes (for example, the Nimboran community development project in Dutch NG) which the Commission is actively supporting.

Dr. A. H. Kroon, newly-appointed Executive Officer for Economic Development to the Commission, arrived at Commission headquarters, from Holland, in December. He is a Dutch agricultural scientist with long experience of agricultural development in Indonesia; and in association with Dr. E. M. Ojala (Deputy Chairman of Research Council) he will be responsible for carrying out projects for fostering the economic development of Pacific territories.

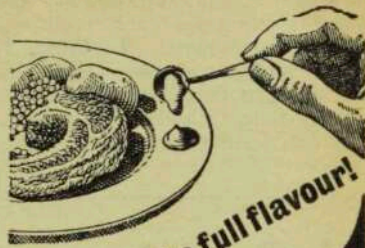
The Sixth International Grasslands Congress, held in Pennsylvania, USA, in August, gave particular attention to the improvement and management

of tropical grasslands. An Australian expert, Mr. S. L. Everist, who attended, arrived at Commission headquarters in Noumea in December to discuss the Commission's pasture and animal improvement programme for Pacific territories, in relation to grasslands.

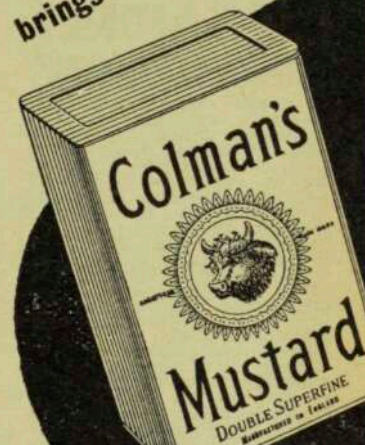
Considerable research on tropical agriculture is being undertaken in Queensland at various stations; and M. Jacques Barrau, one of the Commission's technical officers, in order to study at first-hand the work going on there that would be of value to territories in the South Pacific, recently spent five weeks in Queensland.

A six-months investigation of leprosy in Netherlands New Guinea, undertaken at the invitation of the authorities there, has been completed by Dr. Norman R. Sloan, of New York, who was appointed leprologist to the South Pacific Commission last March. Dr. Sloan returned to Commission headquarters at Noumea early last month. He says that the incidence of leprosy in some areas

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ISLANDS TRAVELLERS



The Matua passenger list on arrival in Auckland in November included (top to bottom) the following:—
Mrs. and the Hon. A. M. Gurau, MLC, Apia, down to visit relatives. Mrs., and Fredrick Frizell returning to Suva after four years with the Bank of New South Wales in Suva. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stersall, of W. Samoa. Brother Robert, Taveuni, and Brother More, of Suva, on vacation.

Mr. Howard Hayden, Director of Education, Fiji, returned from leave in the UK in November.

NEW MINE VENTURE FOR WOODLARK IS.

Old Islands mining men will be interested in a plan to resume mining on Woodlark Island, east of Papua, on a lode that was operated on first in 1900 and has not been worked since 1915.

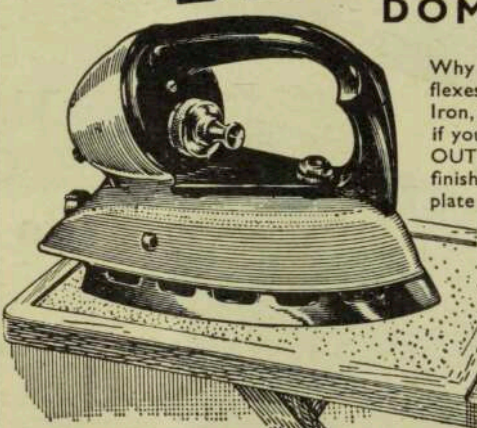
Prospectus is out in Sydney for Woodlark Island (Papua) Gold, Ltd., offering 360,000 shares at 2/6 (par). The vendor of the leases, plant and equipment is to receive 200,000 paid-up shares and £17,500 in cash and, after the sale, he will invest £5,000 in 2/6 shares. It is calculated that the treatment each week of 500 tons of ore and 200 tons of sands, will give a yearly profit of £81,358. Life of the mine is estimated at 12 years.

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Mr. Willie P. Browne's famous motor jalopy—the one that encircles the island on "movie nights" with drums crashing and cymbals jangling to announce to all and sundry the "bill-of-fare" at Mr. Browne's theatre—was involved in an accident in October. Near the western end of the airstrip, at Nikao, when a fault developed in the steering, the truck left the road, crashed into the fence. A passenger, Ngakau Tom, was thrown to the ground and was severely injured.

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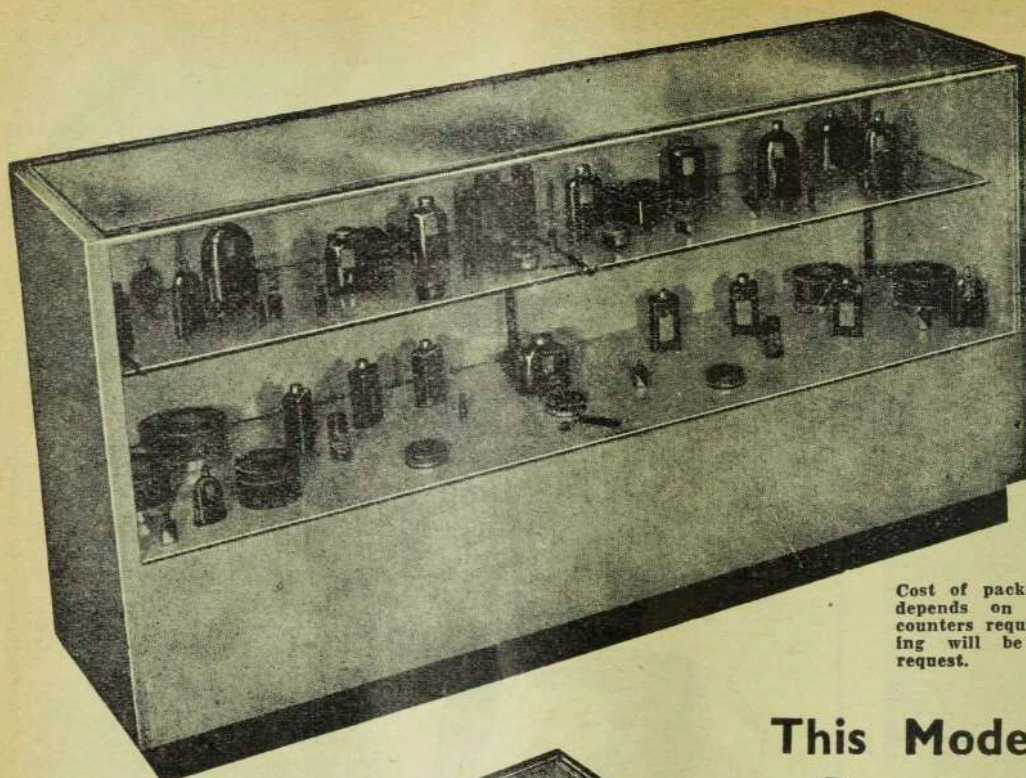
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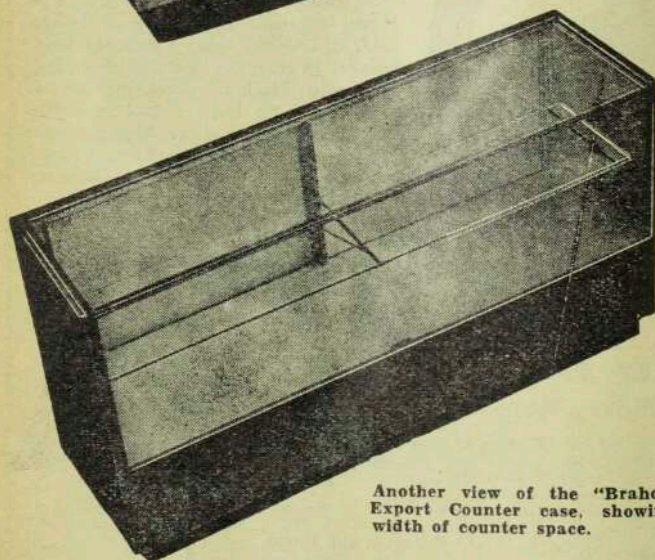
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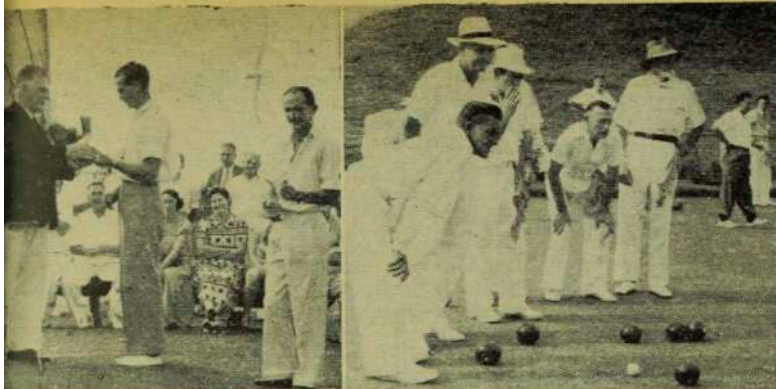
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A new bowling green was opened at Tallevu, Fiji, in October, teams from Suva, Nausori, Vatakoula, Ba, Lautoka, Labasa and Levuka visiting for the occasion. The new greens were declared open by Mr. E. Mellwain, president of Fiji Bowling Assn. He is seen at left presenting the Sir Alport Barker trophy to Mr. A. Phillips at conclusion of play. At right, some of the competitors on the greens.



an investiture at Government House, Moresby, on October 25, decorations presented to a number of residents the P-NG territory who had figured honours Lists in the past year. At the Acting Administrator, Mr. D. M. nd, is pinning the George Medal Mr. W. Schleusener. At right, Miss Beale and Miss D. M. Maye who received the MBE.

—Papuan Prints.

W DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR MADANG

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, Nov. 15.
ADANG, NG has had its third District Commissioner for 1952. In the early part of the year Mr. Downs held the post. But, on return from leave of Mr. Charles es, Mr. Downs was transferred Moresby.
Now Mr. Downs has been transferred from Moresby to Goroka as District Commissioner and Mr. es has been shifted to Moresby.
T. G. Aitchison (who was formerly Discom Manus) is to be new District Commissioner of ang. (Mr. W. M. English, is DC to Manus).
With all these changes, Madang is progressing, and must now be regarded one of the pleasantest spots in the territory.



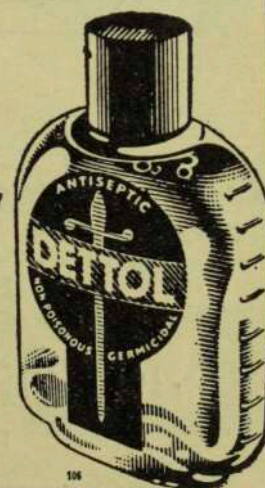
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The village with the highest recent average is Ruatonga, followed by Titikaveka and Arorangi.

NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

REPLACING SOUTHERN CROSS VII

From London in November the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, launched an appeal for £100,000 to replace the nineteen-year-old ship *Southern Cross VII*. The first *Southern Cross* was launched in 1855, though the Mission has had ships in the field since 1849.

No details of the type dimensions of the planned vessel available yet.

HOUSES NORTH, HUTS SOUTH

The New Hebrides Shipping Trading Co's. *Vila Star* arrived Auckland from Santo in November with 30 former American Quonset huts on board. She taken north a cargo of pre-fab huts of Czechoslovak origin for Noumea from New Zealand—trans-shipped from another vessel.

Vila Star also had a quantity non-ferrous scrap abroad on south-bound passage.

SKIPPER FOR MAUREEN

Elsewhere we have reported arrival of the yacht *Forerunner I* at Auckland after a six-month Island cruise.

In mid-November it was reported that Mr. Gerry Douglas, part owner of *Forerunner*, had been appointed master of the WPHC's 60-foot *Maureen*, lately in Suva on refit soon to return to her normal duties in the Gilberts.

Mr. Douglas, a Scot, and a former deck officer of the Blue Funnel Line, left Auckland for Suva by TEAL on November 15, to take over his command.

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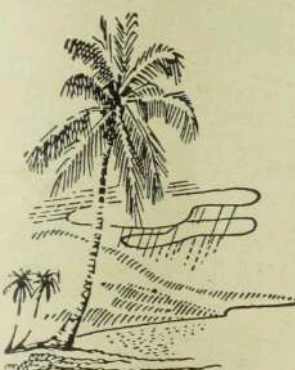
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Albert Is. and Fiji, who was reported to be master of *Maureen* some time ago, has now transferred to *Kia Kia*.

TONGAN FLAG IN AUCKLAND

When the Tongan Copra Board's 40-foot auxiliary ketch *A'oniū* arrived in Auckland on November 5, it was probably the first vessel flying the Tongan flag to arrive at a New Zealand port. The flag of the Tongan merchant service—three-quarters red, with a red cross superimposed on the white upper quarter—has, however, been seen in the past on small craft which have been built in Auckland for Tonga.

A'oniū, built by Whippys of Suva in 1947, was commanded by Captain Carl Johnson, normally Harbour Master at Nukualofa and Master of the Tongan Government vessel *Hifofoa*. Mr. David Fifita was mate, and the 80-ton vessel carried a crew of 13 including one stowaway.

On the slip it is evident that *A'oniū* was lucky to get off the Apai reef on which she had

stranded some time ago. The 12-inch keel was pounded away right to its full depth in places, the hull had suffered relatively minor damage. A quantity of valuable cargo had to be jettisoned before the vessel came off six hours after stranding.

On the voyage to Auckland, *A'oniū* had to be pumped every watch on the 6½-day run but arrived without incident. She should complete repairs by about Christmas.

When she returns Captain Johnson will be in command but a new master will also be aboard and will take over on arrival in Tongan waters.

ISA LEI IN SERVICE

The former Marine Products freezer vessel *Isa Lei*, now converted to her new duties as a RNZN fleet auxiliary, has been commissioned as an ammunition carrier.

Captain D. K. Matheson of Auckland, former master of *Rawhiti* and *Tagua*, who joined the vessel as Chief Officer when she departed from Suva some time ago, has now been appointed Master.

LONG WAY HOME IN WANDERER II

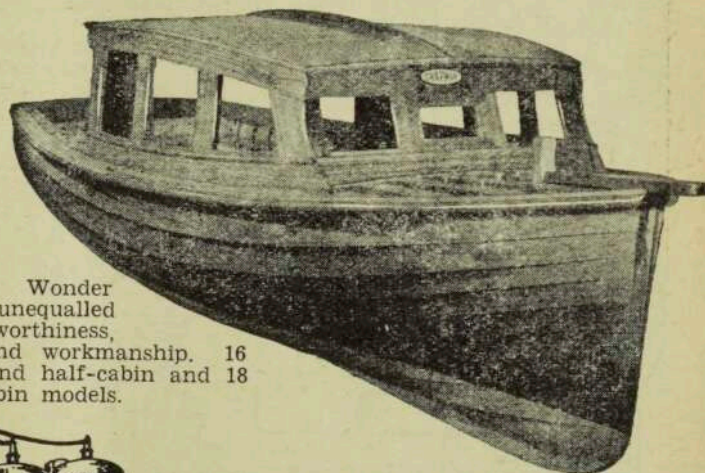
Sydney yachtsmen Frank McNulty and Bill Howell were in Tahiti in



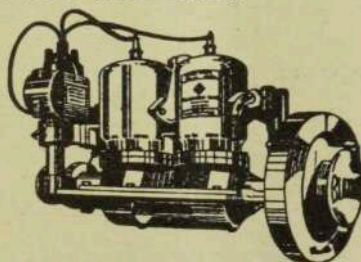
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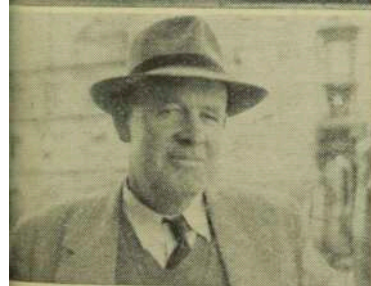
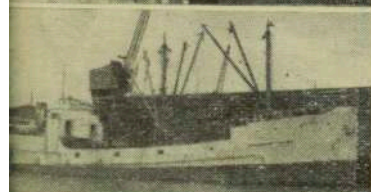


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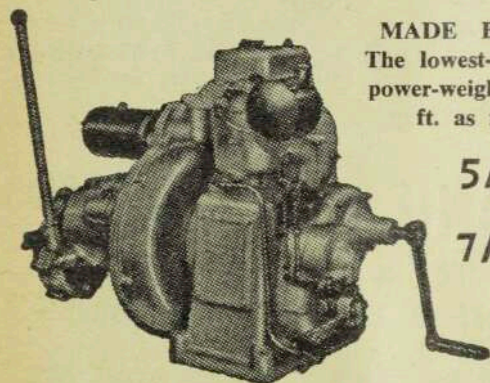


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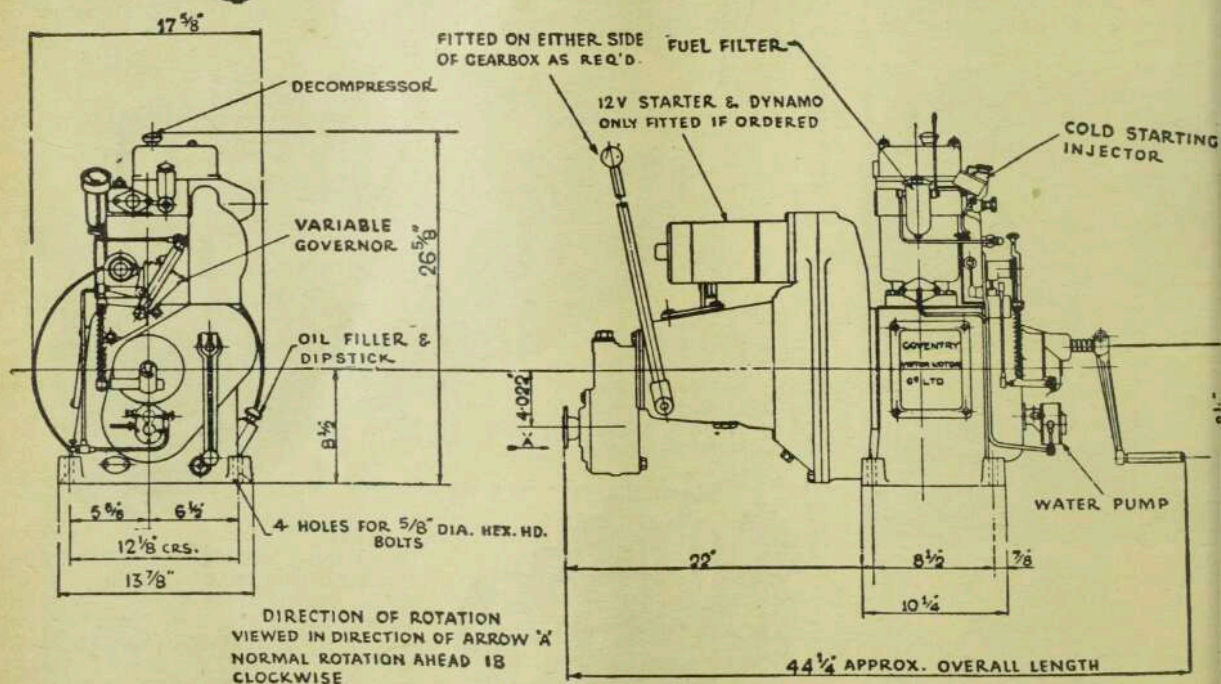
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ember on the way home in *Wanderer II* from London and expected to be there until early in the year. To raise funds they are going in shark fishing.

The cruise so far has taken 14 months; they arrived in Papeete.

McNulty is a journalist and also a dentist. They decided to make the trip back to Australia after three years in the UK because they were fed up with the English weather. *Wanderer II*, a gaff-rigged boat, is the smallest boat to have crossed the Atlantic.

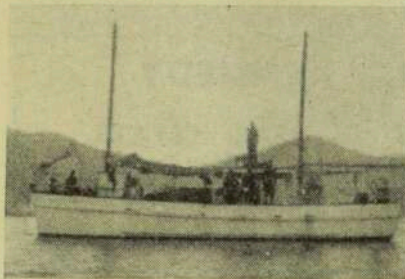
INTERESTING COURT ACTION

Mr. M. Georgetti's small trading boat *Loma*, which left Auckland to sail in the Solomons a year ago, was the subject of an interesting NZ Supreme Court action in late December.

Auckland ship-broker Andrew Donovan claimed £415 commission from the previous owners of the boat, whom he alleged had given him the selling agency. Georgetti first contacted him, then had the boat sold to the former owners, Messrs. Ross and Ure, who had sold *Loma* to him directly. Donovan claimed the fee on whatever price had been paid for the boat.

FATIMA IN RABAU

August and Felix Chan, of Rabaul, New Guinea, have recently taken delivery of auxiliary ketch *Fatima* (26 tons, 45 ft long). She cost £9,000 to build in the Brisbane shipyard of



Auxiliary ketch *Fatima* in Rabaul Harbour.

C. A. Cowley and she was brought to Rabaul by Captain Max Stanton.

Fatima will be used mostly to carry stores and equipment from Rabaul to the Chan plantations on New Ireland.

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The Lepers' Trust Board of NZ has approved the expenditure of about £50,000 on four small vessels for use in the New Hebrides and Solomons and the plans are still

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WHITE HERON IN TAHITI

The luxury motor-sailer *White Heron* arrived in Papeete on October 1 with Captain Peter Barber in command, having come from New York via Panama and the Galapagos.

The owners of the *White Heron* are Mr. and Mrs. Richard J.

Reynolds who, through pressure of affairs, sent their yacht ahead of them and arrived here by TEAL on October 29.

In November they were visiting the Leeward Islands. They will leave Tahiti at the end of November by air for the US and England where

another yacht is being built them.

Mr. Reynolds is a principal of tobacco firm, R. J. Reym Company, manufacturer of "Cam

VISITORS TO SUWARROW

When Mr. Tom Neale went the side of the Cook Islands to *Mahurangi*, in October, to commence his lone existence as sole resident of Suvarrow Island, he probably did not expect to see another human face a month or two.

The day following his arrival, however, the Dutch yacht *Om* westbound for Holland, last Papeete, called in at the rarely visited atoll before heading for Apia. *Om* cleared Tom's accumulation of one letter—which duly arrived at Rarotonga some time later.

NEWS OF SOME CRUISING YACHTS

Two yachts that will be well remembered in the Eastern Pacific are lying in New Zealand ports and for sale. Mr. P. Fisk's 36-foot *DEBONAIR* is in Tauranga. The family arrived there two years ago having tarried for some time in Papeete en route from England. Mr. Fisk is now an employee of the Tauranga Harbour Board. At Whangarei Ronald and Donald I

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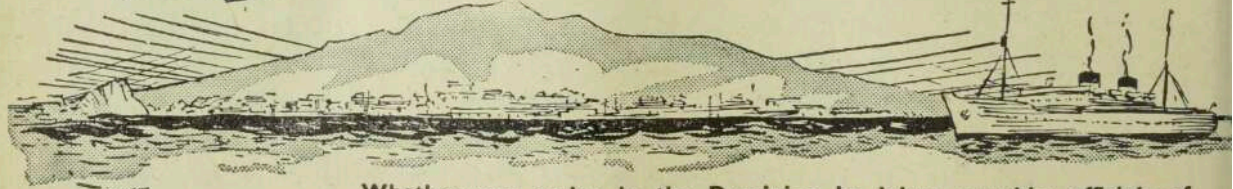
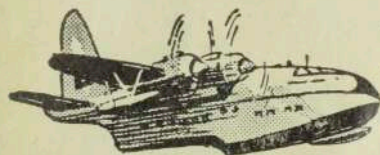
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still living aboard AXELLE pending trial, though working ashore and intending to remain in New Zealand. They came from England, arriving in Whangarei last summer.

Captain J. Arnott's KIMBALLA, on the way to an Auckland boat yard, has also yet changed hands, though Capt. Arnott is now a ship-master in Fiji.

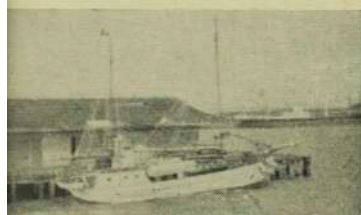
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STORNOWAY, Alfred Petersen's stout 35-foot double-ender which passed

through the Islands west-bound round the world in 1948-49, arrived home at Brooklyn, NY, recently.

Stornoway narrowly escaped the fate of ALK when, in the Red Sea she went on a reef. She was salvaged, but while Petersen was away seeking assistance Arabs looted the cutter of all valuables, including navigational instruments.

Terry Hammond, Auckland yachtsman, radio operator and amateur navigator, late in November was off to sea again, this time as skipper of the Brisbane motor sailer COONGOOLA bound for Europe via Suez.

Hammond has been seen in the Islands on a number of occasions—first as skipper of the Auckland yacht MANDALAY which



the Tongan Copra Board's auxiliary A'oni'u.

St. Carl Johnson and Mate David of the Seabird-type yawl Forerunner joined last month.

Forerunner's owners Denny Wing and Gerry Douglas. Capt. Douglas has joined the WPHC's Maureen at

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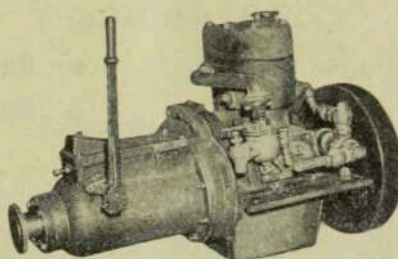
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delivered to a mission in the Solomons in 1948, then, in 1949-50 as navigator of **URREWA III** on her trans-Pacific voyage from Sydney to take part in the trans-Pacific yacht classic from San Francisco to Honolulu. He has also taken part in many trans-Tasman races. Coongoola will probably circumnavigate the world and should be seen along the usual Pacific yacht route eventually. Hammond abandoned medical studies at Sydney University to answer the present call.

The Manganui, NZ, 38-foot sloop **ANU MOANA** met rough weather on the same run from Suva early November, owner W. S. Holder suffering a broken leg and one of his volunteer crew, Kenneth Rowe, was exhausted with acute mal-de-mer when the 3-months' cruise ended November 10, 13 days out of Suva. Mr. Holder has been besieged with volunteers for the voyage and chose Bob Arruhn, formerly of the **Gilberts**, John Kennedy of Mackay, Qld., and Rowe—the latter a marine engineer but unused small-craft.

NZ newspapers took considerable joy in Mr. Rowe's condition on arrival—but know of many cases of men with double free years of experience in large vessels similarly succumbing to mal-de-mer in small vessels.

A recent inquiry as to the fate of Allan Farrell's 36-foot staysail schooner **WIND** draws attention to the fact that her end was not reported in PIM at the

time.

Farrell, a Canadian, had disposed of the vessel at Suva, to Mr. Martin, a local yachtsman, and the vessel was moored in the creek at Walu Bay and was reportedly again for sale, when the hurricane struck early this year. The vessel was a write-off when the wind ceased blowing. It had been built by Alan Farrell and his wife at Vancouver between 1944 and 1948. The vessel was in the Eastern Pacific last year.

Warrant Officer Gordon Kells' 32-foot sloop **TEMPTRESS** arrived at Suva on November 13 from Auckland after a 13-day passage during which indifferent weather conditions were experienced.

It was not possible for the **RNZAF** to carry out the radar experiments which

were to be made in conjunction with a special reflector which the sloop was carrying. (See PIM November).

American yachtsman Pieben Kauffman, owner of **L'HIRONDELLE**, caused a sensation last year as he cruised down through French Oceania, Rarotonga, Tonga and Fiji with his long hair and beard. We now learn from Tonga that Mr. Kauffman's yacht is for sale and that he has taken a temporary appointment with the Tongan Public Works Department as a civil engineer. It is also understood that, at the end of this six-months' appointment Mr. Kauffman plans, with the permission of the Tongan Government, to settle alone on uninhabited Hunga Tonga, north-west of Tongatabu. (Next Page.)

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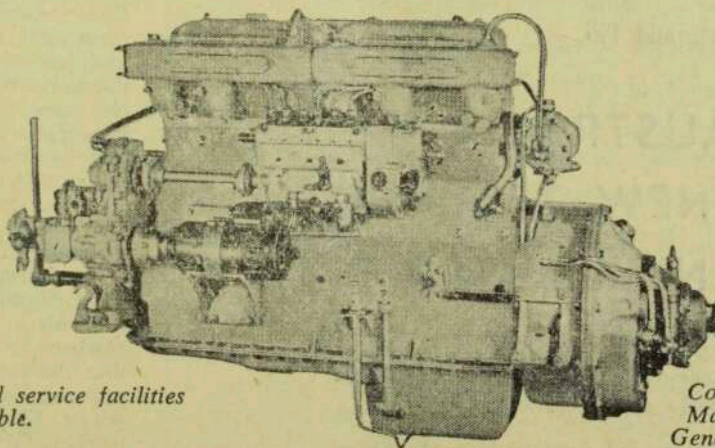
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CHIQUITA, whose progress from Aus-
land towards the US we have reported
from month to month, arrived at S
Pedro early November. The 2,800-mi
run from Honolulu was made in 23 da
Some bad weather was experienced.

The Auckland ketch WAKAYA w
having a bad-weather passage fro
Tonga in November. It left Nukual
November 6 and with fair weather mig
have been in Auckland 10 days lat
however, on November 22 the master
the USS Co's. TOFUA, en route fro
Auckland to Suva, radioed that he h
sighted WAKAYA and supplied the cr
with some stores—position then 500 m
north of Auckland. Mr. Teddy Hay
reported all well on board.

Bad weather and persistent head win
had still prevented WAKAYA from ma
ing port by end of the month.

Fiji's New Governor Off To Good Start

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SUVA, Nov. 14.
FIJI'S new Governor (Sir Rona
Garvey) and Lady Garvey ha
been visiting the western an
northern districts of Viti Levu.

Everywhere the welcome accord
them has reflected the genui
pleasure shown at Suva when th
first arrived. Seldom, if ever, has
Governor of Fiji started his term
office with the support of so mu
openly-expressed goodwill.

Sir Ronald has been warmly co
mending the people in the hurric
stricken areas for their admirab
efforts towards their own rehabili
tion. He has had a special word
encouragement for the Fijians
their steady progress in the develo
ment of their communally-held lan
and has urged increased food pr
duction wherever it is possible.
the same time, he has discussed
importance of Indian cane-farmi
and has assured the Indians that
the areas where land reverts to Fiji
reserves after the expiry of leas
the Government will do its utm
to ensure that the former leasehold
have alternative lands to go to.

At Vatukoula, Sir Ronald ask
the elders among the Fijian mi
workers to do their best to ens
that the foundation of tradition
custom is not lost among the ma
young Fijians who are living
working far from their home villag
He emphasised the advantage
negotiation and discussion in
disputes over wages or conditio
and pointed out that strike acti
inflicts loss on everybody concern

W. D. Forsyth Speaks Frankly to a Miscellany of Nations

WHEN, early in December, 11 nations (Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Ecuador, Egypt, Salvador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia) submitted at United Nations motion demanding the direct participation of the indigenous people of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council, the Australian representative, Mr. W. D. Forsyth, made a few biting comments. "The Sponsors simply do not know enough about the practical side of the administration of dependent peoples," he said. "More than one of the sponsors has never had experience of a general election in his own country, and more than one belongs to a country now under the government of dictatorship. More than one of the sponsor countries only very recently achieved self-government, and in these countries stability of government is at present some doubt."

The howls that arose from the mixed-breed nations echoed around the world's headlines on December 9. Guatemala said that Mr. Forsyth was scornful and discourteous. Brazil objected to Mr. Forsyth's very polite manner. Ecuador protested against Mr. Forsyth's discourtesy. But, back in Australia, the many friends of "Bill" Forsyth applauded artily. It was time that someone with his feet on the earth should speak the plain truth to these irritating little people, who have no knowledge or experience of real administration, but who so persistently criticise the Trustee Powers.

Mr. Forsyth is widely known in the Pacific. As Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission he did a magnificent two-years' job of foundational organisation, and he now is one of the outstanding young men of the Australian Foreign Affairs department, and located at UN headquarters. He is about the last man one could accuse of discourtesy, scorn or violence in a public statement. The provocation must have been very great.

Reports indicate he had endured several weeks of attack from the Soviet and Latin-American countries.

Mr. Sam Besley, late meteorological Observer in Charge, Cook Islands, has recently been appointed to the Weather Office at Dunedin, N.Z. He has been ill but is recovering.

Kuo Min Tang Dinner in Rabaul

Kuo Min Tang's Double Ten Day dinner held in Rabaul in November and to which the Chinese community invited members of the Administration, etc. In foreground (left to right): Mr. Harold James, District Magistrate Rigby, Mr. Gerard Chan, and Mr. Seto Song Yin.

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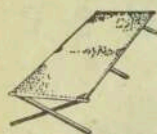
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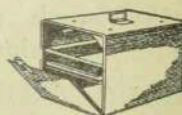


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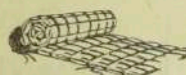
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. L. R. DOWLING

Mr. L. R. Dowling, a former member of the Samoan Public Service died recently in New Zealand at the age of 36 after a long illness. He had been a conscientious and efficient official and his death is mourned by a large circle of friends.

MR. F. W. KRUSE

Mr. F. W. Kruse, a well-known businessman of Apia, died suddenly on October 30 at the age of 46. One of his sons, Mr. Hans Kruse, had a leading part in the recently completed moving picture *Return to Paradise*.

MR. W. W. APTED

The death occurred in Suva, Fiji, on November 6 of Mr. W. W. Apted, aged 67.

He was born in NSW but spent 38 years in Fiji where until recently he carried on his trade of painter and sign-writer. He was keenly interested in all varieties of sport in the Colony. He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

MRS. C. H. BLANCHE

The death of Mrs. C. H. Blanche, in her 81st year, occurred in Suva in early November. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Abbott, went to Fiji in the 1870's to grow cotton and later settled on the upper Rewa. Mrs. Blanche married in 1890 and with her husband was one of the earliest settlers of the Tailevu district where they grew bananas for export. Later, with their son William, they engaged in dairy-farming. She lived in the district until about 12 months ago when she went to live with a married daughter in Suva. She is survived by a son, five daughters, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

M. ANDRE NATUREL

On November 24, M. Andre Naturel died in Santo, New Hebrides, aged 65.

M. Naturel had long been a resident in the New Hebrides where he had extensive interests on the islands of Aisse and Epi. He owned several trading vessels including the converted Type B Fairmile *Wailana*. In accordance with his wishes, he was buried on the island of Aisse, which was his home, and a large gathering was present to pay their last respects.

MR. J. KING

A member of a well-known Fijian family, Mr. Jack King, died in Fiji on November 21.

He was associated, for many years with his father and two brothers, Gordon and Cyril, in publishing the *Polynesian Gazette*.

For a long period he had made a hobby of keeping a record of the risings of the sea-worm, usually called the *palolo*, in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa.

MR. J. A. MUIR

The death occurred in Suva, Fiji, on November 16, of Mr. James Andrew Muir, an old identity of the town, aged 83.

He was born in Lancashire but had spent almost 40 years in the Colony, first in the employ of Henry Marks and Co., Ltd. and then after the two firms had amalgamated, with Morris Hedstrom Ltd.

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Mr. Muir is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. A. Williams, and son, Mr. John Muir.

MR. F. STAUGHTON

Mr. Frank Staughton, an associate of Mr. Bob Day, of Golden Sawmills near Bulolo, N.G., was killed on November 21 when a timber jinker truck he was driving on Manki Road rolled over.

MR. N. KELLY

Mr. Noel Kelly, aged 23, was killed by a fall of rock in the Upper Ridge underground mine, Wau, New Guinea, on November 20, 1952, and was buried the following day in the Wau Cemetery.

He left a young wife and baby daughter.

MR. W. C. FISHER

Mr. William Charles Fisher, member of a pioneer Fiji family who had large coconut plantation holdings around Buca Bay, died at Parramatta, NSW, where he had lived in retirement for some years, on November 14, aged 76.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Daisy Fisher, three daughters: Miss Deloi Fisher (who runs Pacific Travel Agency, Sydney), Miss Thora Murrau, Mrs. Pat Coles—and a son, Mr. William Fisher.



Mr. Des. Carroll and Mrs. Mack won the Monte Carlo dance at Rabat, first Catholic Ball held at Xavier Hall in October. —Photo by C. H. Mes

British Consulate in Tahiti

(A Letter to the Editor)

THE letter in the September PIM, page 54, criticising the British Consulate in Tahiti, provoked a good deal of discussion.

First, who wrote it? There is not much doubt about that among those most interested. But the letter is seriously signed "Merchantman." A merchantman, I think, is not a man, but a type of ship, used for carrying merchandise. Another name is "cargoship." Owing to the nature of the letter, it might better have been signed "Man-o'-war."

From my own experience (dating from 1946, when I first came to Tahiti) and judging from conversations with others, the British Consulate always gives polite and impartial advice, within its sphere, to anyone who calls. Australians and New Zealanders receive the same treatment as other Britishers, even though neither Australia nor New Zealand contributes to the upkeep and maintenance of the Consulate.

If Australia sees fit to send a trade commissioner here, that would be fine, but I think I voice popular opinion when I say—let the British Consulate remain.

I am, etc.,

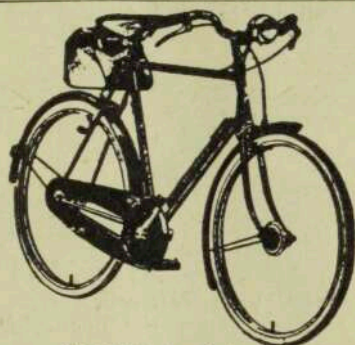
JOHN ROLLEY.

Peete, Oct. 20.

Four native schoolboys have gone from New Guinea to the Marist Brothers' Teacher Training College at Bowral, New South Wales. They had been students at the Marist Brothers Teacher Training College at Kieta, Bougainville. At Bowral they will undergo an intensive training course to Leaving Certificate standard to qualify as fully trained teachers. Three British Solomon Islanders have completed three

years of a course at the Bowral College and have reached Intermediate standard.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Springbett and Mr. R. M. Towner, of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission staff at Fanning Island, are at present on furlough in Australia. Mr. N. F. Giles and Mr. C. Pegler have taken their places as relieving officers.



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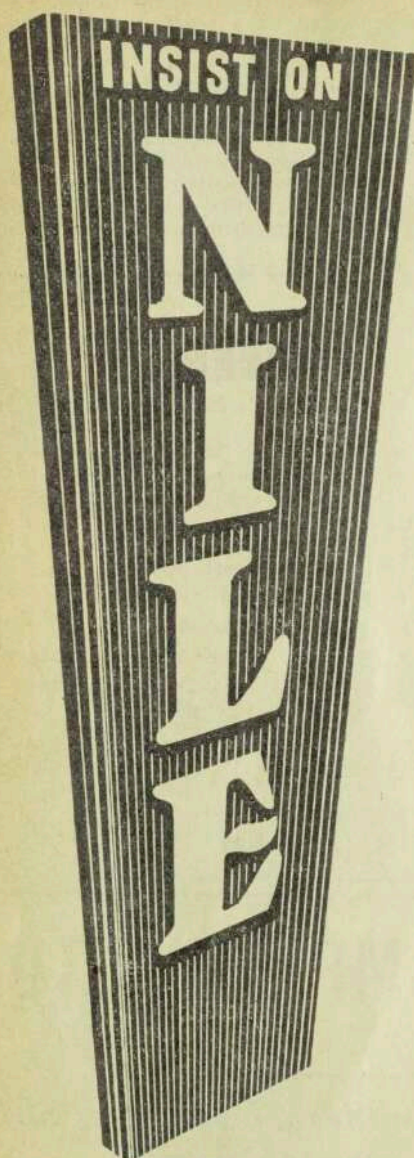
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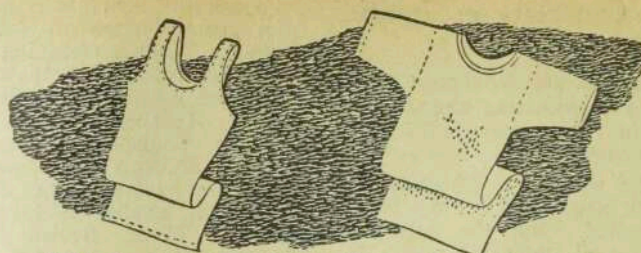
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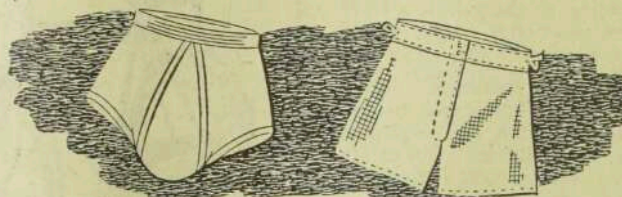
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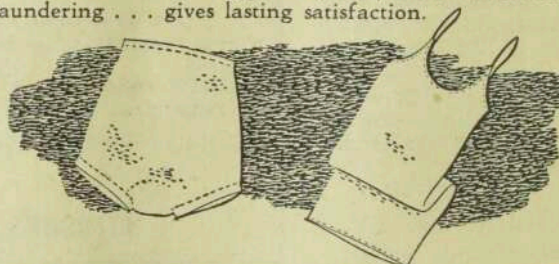
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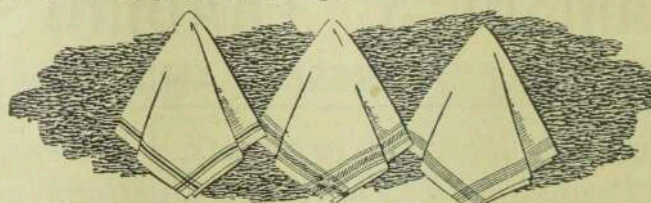
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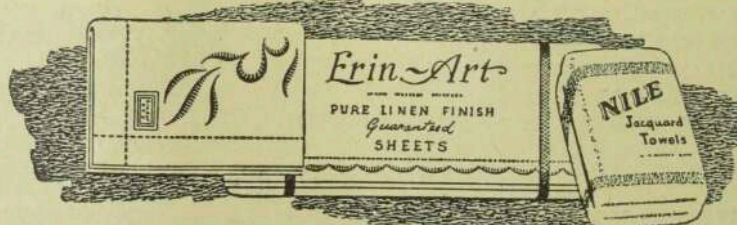
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Melbourne NG Women Hold Xmas Party

THE Christmas Party and Century Meeting of the New Guinea Women's Association, Victoria, was held at the Town House, Melbourne, on December 15. The party this year took the form of a hot tea and was much appreciated by 120 guests present.

Several guests were down on leave from New Guinea or were visitors from other parts. They were welcomed by the retiring President, Mrs. H. A. Gregory, who has been in office for many years.

The success of the party was due to the efforts of the members of the Association, and particularly to Miss Valda Youlden, the secretary, and Mrs. Farnsworth, the treasurer.

A birthday cake to celebrate the 100th anniversary, made by Roy Smith, was enjoyed by all.

A number of members of the 1st Batt. were present.

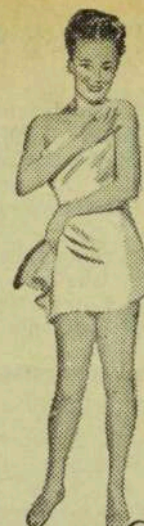
Mr. Alan Green, new President of the Assn., will take office in 1953.

The first Chinese bride in BSI took place in Honiara recently when the daughter of Mr. Toon, who has been in the Group for 30 years, was married to Mr. Tam. The photograph shows the bride and groom, with the bride's parents and sisters.



Dr. Margaret Mead, who is assistant curator of ethnology at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, is going to Manus, New Guinea, to study the changes which 25 years have made in the life of the native people. Her anthropological study of these people was the basis of her well-known book, "Growing Up in New Guinea."

On November 18, a truck owned and driven by a native collided with two Aberdeen Angus heifers on the road near Kurakakaul, New Britain, and killed them. The cattle were valued at 80 guineas and the matter is being investigated by the Department of District Services.



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Islands descent are honoured and respected members of practically every large community in the Islands, Australia and New Zealand. The great majority, quite naturally and properly, and on their own merits, have equal status with full Europeans.

In a town like Suva, for example, at any assembly of Europeans, one will note that a large proportion of

the people—often the best-looking and intelligent—have some degree of mixed blood.

Yet, under the immigration regulations arranged by the bumble-footed and unimaginative bureaucrats of New Zealand and Australia, the people are classed as undesirable, and are allowed to enter Australia or New Zealand only after an acquisition that is humiliating to the persons concerned, and embarrassing to their friends. In the case of New Zealand, a person of partial Islands descent may not enter the country until he or she has filled in a special questionnaire, giving certain references and received a permit to enter—which often is so delayed that the people making the application are obliged to abandon the visit. Here is a statement made in October 1951 by a leading European resident of Suva:

The Department of Labour and Employment (Immigration Division) in Wellington is the Department which handles these matters and it requires a formal application from each part-European seeking a permit to enter the country. It is with them in a most leisurely fashion that it is not uncommon for over a month to pass before an application is acknowledged.

Applicants who wish to go to New Zealand on holiday are invariably asked to state not only what relatives have in the Dominion but to supply names, ages and whereabouts of children or relatives living outside the Dominion, and also to state whether the latter at any time wish to enter New Zealand. This is a particularly absurd question.

One would expect that there would be some reciprocal policy between the Governments. The Fiji Government has five weeks to inform an inquirer: "about the admission of part-European, Chinese and Indians into New Zealand." I am directed to inform you that there is no reciprocal agreement between the Government of Fiji and New Zealand regarding the immigration of such persons. Before entering Fiji, New Zealand citizens must comply with the Immigration Regulations of this Colony and the converse applies to visitors to New Zealand from Fiji.

The Director of Employment in New Zealand took six weeks and one evening interim reply before he finally answered: "... that when an application is received it is dealt with strictly on individual merits". He would not say if his Government had otherwise a firm policy.

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One can understand the need to prevent Europeans and Chinese from the Islands entering New Zealand's labour markets, the difficulty of preventing them doing even when they are allegedly on holiday. But surely there is a vast difference between them and the European taking a holiday in the home State.

It is an example of bureaucratic stupidity, the thing is bad enough. But the true character of the thing is seen when it is realised how the procedure is poisoning the relationship of Australia and New Zealand with the South Pacific Islands. The Islands people of mixed blood are not negligible—in fact, in numbers and in influence, they are rapidly becoming of greater importance than the purely European communities. In every group in the Pacific (including Fiji) the pure Europeans are—and have been for centuries—decreasing in numbers, and in places, quite naturally, are being replaced by persons of mixed blood (Fijians, Melanesians).

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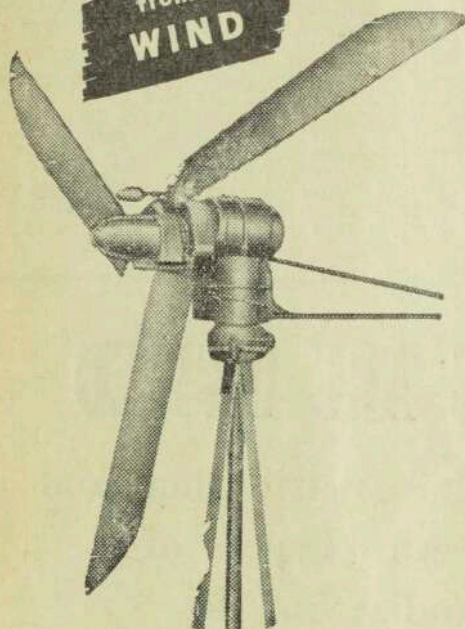
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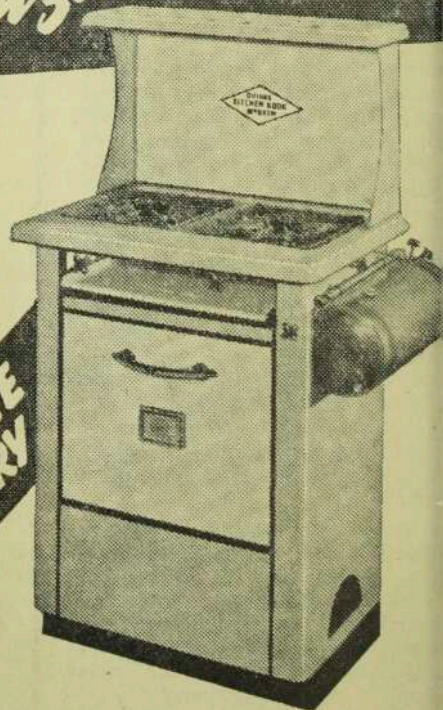
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No reform will come voluntarily from the bureaucrats. But perhaps in the parliaments of the two countries there are enough elected men of the non-professional-politician type to insist that this most discreditable

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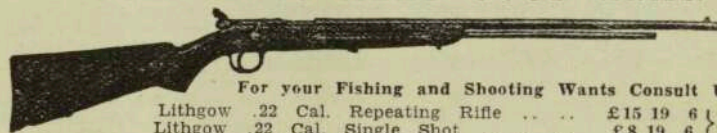
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The Pacific Islands Society, of Sydney, reorganised and re-formed to take care of soaring costs, now holds its monthly meetings (fourth Thursday) in the Feminist Club rooms, at 77 King Street, under the chairmanship of President C. A. Swinbourne. Nearly 70 members attended the November meeting, when Islands colour films were screened. Christmas cocktail party is fixed for December 16—all Islanders welcome. No meeting in January—but there is one on evening of February 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Halliday, of AVA Films, 6 Underwood Street, Sydney, will leave by air for Nadi, Fiji, on December 24. At Nadi they will complete film sequences for BCPA and will then spend some weeks in Viti Levu and Taveuni. Mr. Halliday was formerly with the 16 millimetre Division of MGM but is now in the documentary film business for himself.

The Biesel bulldog (see PIM Tropicalities, November) arrived in Papeete, Tahiti, on November 12, by TEAL. The dog which was purchased in New Zealand for Monsieur F. Biesel, Tahiti's Chief of Police, for 25 guineas, arrived in good condition at 8 weeks of age. His sire is the official mascot of the RNZN.

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IN the District Court to-day (1) Dudley Young-Whitforde (siding) two native seamen, Det Charlie, from the Madang district were sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for unlawful assault on the master (Captain Goya Here of *MV Mainiro*).

Mr. Henry gave evidence that he had "contemptuously returned" the tobacco issue of two sticks. He demanded "four sticks or nothing—in which latter case they proposed to get work ashore. "They did like the ship."

He had ordered them to work forbade them to leave. They then upon shouldered him aside seized the boat, in which they rowed themselves ashore.

Supporting evidence was given by the *Mainiro's* engineer, Mr. W. new.

Mr. Young-Whitforde said conduct of the two seamen was bad. It was the custom of Sepik natives if intent on causing harm, to grudge together when approaching the person against whom mischief was intended. If either of the accused had had cause for complaint against the captain, they should have proached him singly. He condemned the action of the two natives in taking the ship's dinghy. Such action by crew members could leave the ship undermanned, and in danger should emergency arise.

Discussing the incident after Court hearing, Mr. Henry said: "This is a salutary lesson to a pair of malcontent 'shrewdies,' and a challenge to the growing native notion that contract is a kind of one-way document wherein all advantage lies with the boy, and employers may be trifled at pleasure.

"The crews of vessels at anchor—or anywhere, for that matter—seem to be under the delusion that their activities can be restricted to office hours and that the ships board are useful conveniences for natives towards the pursuit of social engagements ashore.

"At any rate, there's a difference already on this ship. I see no sympathy for the two now ashore—who have, as they asserted they would 'found work.' They seem to be regarded not as martyrs, but as being unlucky enough to back a loser—and as such not worth sympathy."

Biggest rice crops in the history of the Australian Northern Territory are now being planted. This should become an important industry.

PACIFIC ISLANDS MISCELLANY

Among the discussions with which Territories Minister Hasluck became involved in Port Moresby in November was a spirited protest made by Burns Philp's General Manager in G.G., Mr. E. J. Frame, against the sale by the Australian Government of certain Government ships to the chief trade rivals, Steamships Trading Co.

Mr. Frame said that this sale had been made by private treaty, without competition. Favouritism like this is an improper thing in public affairs. The public and his company are entitled to know the details.

The Minister retorted that Burns Philp had had the same opportunities of bidding as the other Co.—there was no favouritism.

Mr. Frame said that the Government had invited the Companies to bid for the whole fleet. He had sought information about the earning power of the various units. This had been denied him. But the Government finally sold to ST Co. only that portion of the fleet working in Papua, which everyone knew was profitable.

The vessels being taken over by STC are *Moturina*, *Muniara*, *Manura*, *Kura*, *Kina*, *Kano*, *Doma* (300 tons).

Last year, the Emperor mine in New Guinea made a profit of £89,820—which was nearly £70,000 less than last year—but Loloma, making £189,092, had a very substantial gain. Emperor was the first mine developed. Loloma, much richer, came into production later. The real "bonanza" of this Papua field, the Dolphin, came into production later still—but it does not alter the picture presented by the public companies.

The Burns Philp motor vessel *Alaita*, 3,300 tons, grounded on a shallow reef three miles east of Port Moresby (Bougainville) on December 3, when making her usual run from the Solomons to Rabaul, Samarai and Sydney; but eight hours later Captain Brett Hilder advised she had come off under her own power and apparently undamaged. She continued her schedule. When word of the mishap reached Rabaul, the harbourmaster sent *Pollurian* and *Araru* to help, but the liner was off the reef soon after, and they were recalled.

Every man and most women in the Port Moresby area tasted the new

locally-brewed beer on November 26, and the majority declared it first-class. Some of the experts said it was a good lager, something like the Brookvale Brewery product, produced by new Brookvale brewery, in Sydney. A few said it lacked body—was "too watery." There is no doubt about its alcoholic content. The enterprise cost £150,000 to establish, and is expected to become a permanent institution.

Much unexpected publicity came

in November to Australian Lieut. R. J. Sebastian and his six Army corporals when Australian War Minister Francis, touring the Territories, discovered they had been disposing of abandoned bombs, in the area between the Dutch border and the Solomon Islands, ever since the war ended. The Minister said that in October alone the squad found and disposed of 12,600 bombs, of which 4,000 were high explosive. Like the work of the war historians, it seems to be a forgotten kind of job that goes on from one war to the next.

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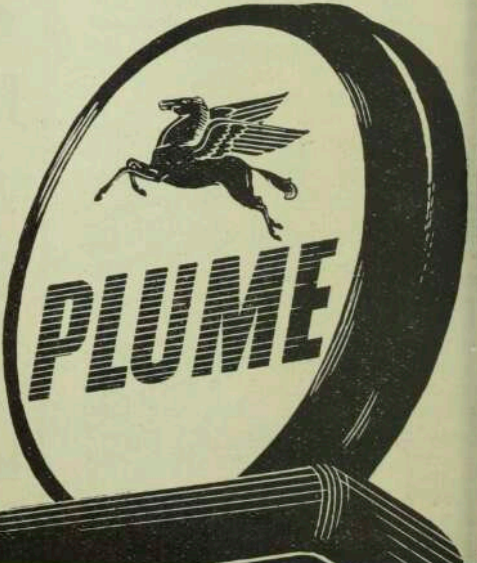




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ber that the NZ Minister at Trusteeship Council (Mr. Munro) said that the West Samoan population, in ten years, had increased from 62,000 to 85,000 and that 30 per cent. of them were Europeans. This was a grotesque error in reporting. The Samoans are certainly increasing rapidly, as stated, but there are not 250 Europeans remaining there now. Perhaps the Minister said there were now 3 per cent. of part-Samoans, but even that would be an under-statement. Part-Samoans, who have European status, control most of the business, now numbering between 3,000 and 4,000.

A planter from Lihir Island, near New Guinea, Mr. J. Cortino, passed through Sydney on November 29 like a whirlwind. He had gathered a consignment of pepper seedlings and seedlings in Malaya; and had been told that, unless they were planted within a week, they would not survive. He arrived by air in the morning, and left that evening for Rabaul and Kavieng. He told reporters that, if his plants grew, it would be two years before he got a harvest; but that, under present conditions, there was a fortune in pepper.

A party of divers under Captain Herd, by November 21, recovered the whole of the £40,000 worth of gold from the sea-bottom off Lae, New Guinea, where it was lost when a Drover plane crashed in July, 1951. Captain Herd—who recovered £100,000 worth of bullion from the *Magarra* (sunk by enemy mine near Auckland in 1941)—described the job as "just routine".

Another UN Trusteeship Mission headed for Nauru, New Guinea and Western Samoa. Representatives from Britain, France, Syria, and Dominica will leave New York for the South Pacific on February 9. These Missions are sent out periodically. They provide the gentlemen with a glorified picnic, at UN expense but are regarded by everyone as concerned—especially the busy administrators—as a perambulating nuisance.

Charles Weight, 62, former NSW police officer and recently in charge of Aplin Convalescent Hostel, in Thursday Island, was murdered on the night of November 29 by a drunken hoodlum—a half-caste seaman named Morseu—with whom he had remonstrated because the row Morseu was making disturbed the

patients. Morseu followed Weight to his quarters and deliberately shot him twice with a rifle. He has been charged with wilful murder.

A full gale on the night of December 1, with torrential rain, did much damage to buildings and shipping at Thursday Island. One lugger was sunk and several badly damaged. Three of the four licensed hotels were unroofed, the picturesque old Imperial Hotel was wrecked, shops and residences were unroofed and the Anglican Cathedral lost part of its roof. As the power plant was out of action, residents generally spent a miserable night.

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His New Governor Indicates 'Spring Cleaning'

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, Dec. 1.
OPES that Fiji has acquired a vigorous and forthright Governor who will show scant patience to unnecessary official window-dressing and will inject a blast of fresh air into some of the stuffy corners of the Colony's governmental up may be justified. Sir Ronald Garvey's opening address to the Legislative Council's Budget session suggested that some administrative spring-cleaning is on the way.

With almost uncanny accuracy, Ronald pointed a rebuking finger at many of the blunders and shortcomings which—too often glossed over or evaded in suave official statements—have in the past caused anger and a feeling of frustration among people who have the interests of Fiji at heart. Some of the points made in the Governor's address were:

At a certain well-equipped district hospital the laundry arrangements "gar description" and result at present in the spending of £1,000 a year in "farming out the dirty linen."

At another hospital, for the last 17 years, lighting has been provided by a handful of hurricane lanterns which any time could have been replaced by an electric light plant at the cost of a few hundred pounds.

A third hospital is "possibly quite beyond redemption."

While some of the housing for the police in country districts is admirable, in other cases it is "so cramped and squalid as to be a disgrace to the Department, the Administration and the Government."

At Suva Gaol, the accommodation of condemned men, in relation to the flows, is "inhumane and should be rectified without delay."

Sir Ronald expressed surprise at the fact that no progress had been made in the provision of cool holiday

resorts, such as a mountain resort at Nadarivatu. He said: "In view of the heavy cost of passages to the neighbouring Dominions, especially for a man with family responsibilities, as well as the cost of hotels and so on, I hope that we shall be able to press along a little faster with the provision of such facilities. I am not suggesting that the Government should enter the hotel business—God forbid!—but it may be that we can find the means to assist those who are interested in such a development."

The Governor said he had noted persistent criticism in the press of the conduct of Fiji's War Memorial Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign. He promised

to go into this matter at an early date, and added that the campaign was a subject in which Lady Garvey would take particular interest.

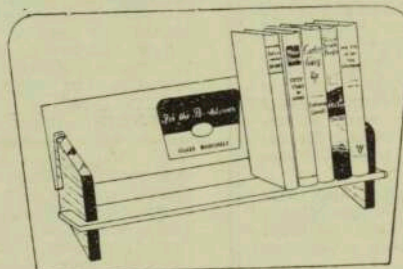
It is some time since Fiji has had so much plain speaking from a representative of the Sovereign. The public reaction has indicated keen interest and a wide measure of appreciation.

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Fiji.—At Suva and Levuka, 1952: Plantation Grade (60 points and over) £F65/0/6 per ton; FMS (45-57½ points), £F64/15/-; Lower Grade £F61/10/- min.

New Hebrides.—Recent quotation at 81

Metrop. francs kilo, c.i.f. Marseilles, (approx. £A104/10/-, long ton).

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 Colver Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on Dec. 8 was £Stg.237/10/- (£A296/17/6) c.i.f. Cont. ports.

N.G.—£A280 per ton, in store, Sydney. **New Hebrides.**—Recent shipments to USA brought \$550 f.o.b. per ton (£A247 per ton).

Samoa.—Sydney agents in December 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 December:—

Papua-N.G.—Arabica, approx. 6/- lb. ex. wharf Sydney (approx. £672 per ton). Owing to import restrictions affecting shipments from elsewhere, Papua-N.G. coffee is bringing high prices in Sydney at present. However, trade indications are that it will level off at about 5/- lb., within the next few months.

New Caledonia.—Crop mainly exported to France. Marseilles price recently was equivalent to approximately £A640 per ton, ex wharf.

RUBBER.—Australian Rubber Pool quotation for December shipment.—**Papua-N.G.**: 23½d. Stg. per lb., c.i.f. Sydney (approx. 29½ d. 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), Dec. 9; No. 1 grade RSS (sellers), spot 95½c. lb., c.i.f. (approx. 35½d. 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 last year, 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, Syd.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between Torres Strait producers and Otto Gen. Co. (USA) for 1952 were: AA/A/B grade 85 cents lb. (£A850 approx. per 1 ton); C, 80c. lb. (£A800); D, 55c. (£A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); EE, 1b. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York. **O Is.**—American market has recently shown increased interest, with quotations in excess of 35 cents U.S. per lb., c. & Rarotonga. Current production is reported to be about 50 tons per month.

TROCHUS SHELL.—Sydney agents recently quoted: £A135 per ton for B.S.I. shell. **New Hebrides:** Last sales Sydney were at £A95 per ton.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Sydney agents recently quoted: 1st grade, £A185-£A190 per ton; 2nd grade, £A140 per ton. B.S.I. shell.

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PAPUA-N.G.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branches Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and **BANK OF NSW** (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £10.

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia-BSI: 10/- per £100.

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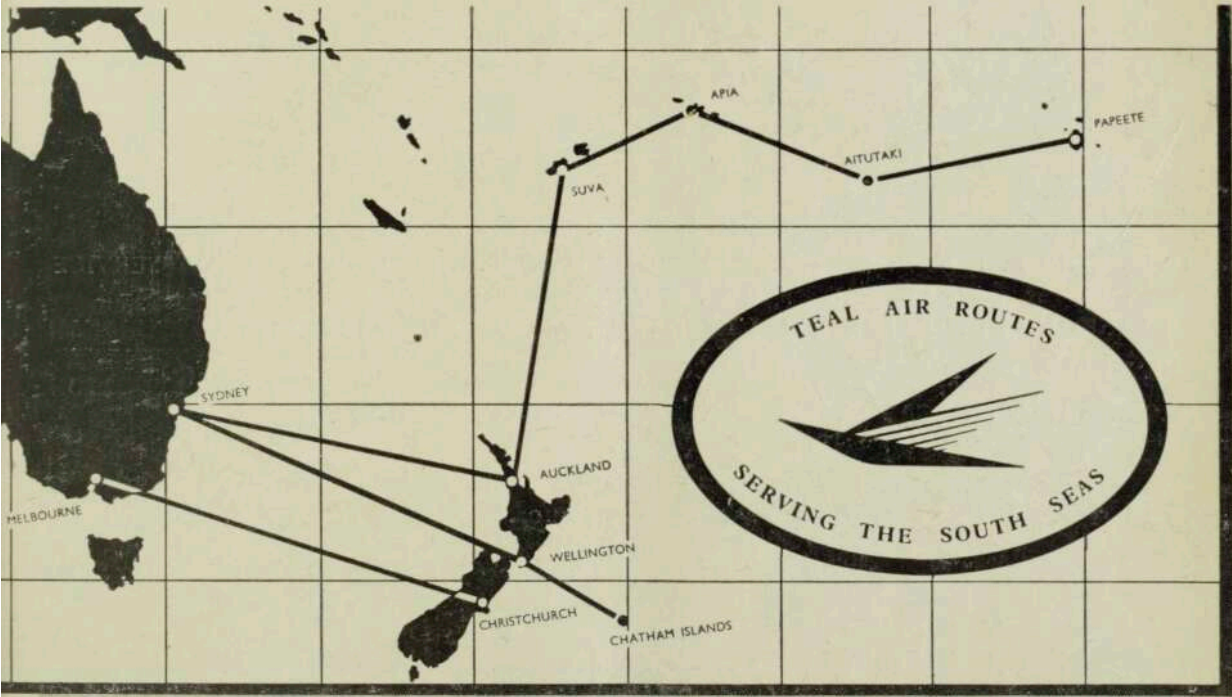
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