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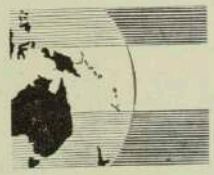



**Linking over 70 points** (listed here) in New Guinea and the Islands with Australia—no change of airline. Services linking New Guinea with Sydney include fast, express Skymaster flights twice weekly via Brisbane; twice weekly DC3 flights via North Queensland towns and one by Sandringham fortnightly from Moresby via Cairns and Brisbane. All New Guinea and Papua internal services are linked with the above. Regular services linking Norfolk Island, Noumea, Vila, Espiritu Santo, Suva with Sydney.





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# SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

## Sydney-Suva-N. America

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

RMS AORANGI

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Syd. . . | Feb. 12 | Apr. 16 |
| Auck. . | Feb. 16-17 | Apr. 20-21 |
| Suva . . | Feb. 20 | Apr. 24 |
| H'n'l'u . | Feb. 27 | May 1 |
| Vic. . . | Mch. 5 | May 7 |
| Vanc. . | Mch. 6-12 | May 8-14 |
| Vic. . . | Mch. 12 | May 14 |
| H'n'l'u . | Mch. 19 | May 21 |
| Suva . . | Mch. 28 | May 30 |
| Auck. . | Mch. 31-Apr. 2 | June 2-4 |
| Syd. . . | 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-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Samarai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney.

Next departure from Sydney early March.

MV Malekula Will leave Sydney on about March 17 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 3,000 tons vessels, will leave every six weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby-Madang-Rabaul, Port Moresby, Sydney. Shansi departs next trip Feb. 18; Sinkiang on March 9.

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

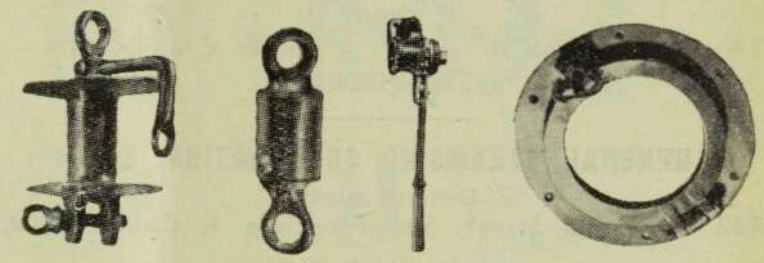
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Matua scheduled to leave Auckland on February 9, March 9.
Details from Union SS Co.

## N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel Maui Pomare is scheduled to leave Auckland in November, December, 1952, and in January, 1953, for Rarotonga and other Islands in the lower Cooks, subject to requirements of trade. This vessel carries 30 passengers.
Full details on application to NZ Government Department of Island Territories in Wellington, or to any office of the Union SS Co. of NZ, Ltd., which Company acts as Agent for this vessel at some ports.

## Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

MV Malaita will make a round trip at about 8-weeks intervals from Sydney to Lord Howe-Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides Ports - BSI ports - Bougainville - Rabaul - Samarai-Sydney.
Next sailing from Sydney about March 7.
Details from Burns Philp & Co., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

## Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, coming from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Maritimes.
Small motor-ships Polynesien (Messageries Maritimes) and Neo Hebridais (H. C. Sleigh, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular service between Noumea and Sydney.

## N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc.

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Fri. - Auckland - Nadi - Canton - Honolulu - S. Fran.-Seattle-Los Angeles.
Mon.—Return by same route.

**BY BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES (BCPA)**

Wed. and Sat.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

Mon. and first Thur.—Dep. southwards, same route. On second or alternate Thursday, flight commences at S. Francisco.

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

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

**BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)**

Alternate Friday (January 16, 30, etc.) —Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is. Honolulu-Vancouver.

Alternate Friday (Jan. 23, Feb. 6, etc.) —Return by same route.

# SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

## 2. Sydney-New Guinea

**Service by Qantas Empire Airways**

NORTHWARDS

**Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)**

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

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

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

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

**Tue., Sat.**

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

* Optional stop.

SOUTHWARDS

**Wednesdays (DC3)**

| | |
|---|---|
| adang, 7 am | Lae, 8.15 am |

**Wednesdays (DC3)**

| | |
|---|---|
| au, 11.30 am | Lae, 12.35 pm |

**Thursday (DC3)**

| | |
|---|---|
| ae, 9.00 am | Moresby, 10.20 am |

**Monday, Thursday (DC3)**

| | |
|---|---|
| abaul, 7 am | Moresby, 10.20 am |
| oresby, 10.50 am | Cairns, 2.10 pm |
| irns, 3.10 pm | Towns, 4.30 pm (night stop) |
| owns. (Tues., Fri) | |
| 8.15 am | Brisbane, 1 pm. |
| isbane, 1.45 pm | Sydney, 5 pm |

**Wednesday, Sunday (Skymaster)**

| | |
|---|---|
| ae, 10.30 am | Moresby, 11.40 am |
| oresby, 12.40 pm | Bris., 7.10 pm |
| ris., 8.25 pm | Sydney, 11 pm |

NORTHWARDS

Alt. Saturdays (Sandringham) (Feb. 14, 28, etc.)

| | |
|---|---|
| dney, 6.00 am | Brisbane, 9.20 am |
| isbane, 10.20 am | Cairns, 4.35 pm (Night stop) |
| irns, 9.30 am | Pt. Moresby, 1.20 pm |
| Alt. Sunday) | |

SOUTHWARDS

**Alt. Fridays (Sandringham). (Feb. 13, 27, etc.)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Moresby, 6.00 am | Brisbane, 3.00 pm |
| sbane, 3.45 pm | Sydney, 7.05 pm |

## 3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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**LAE-MANUS (DC3)**

Every Wednesday.
Dep. Lae, 8 am; Finschhaven, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus (3 pm).
Returns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via Kavieng and Rabaul; optional call at Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.45 pm.

**MORESBY-DARU (Sandringham)**

Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional), Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Wednesday; returning same day (Feb. 18, Mar. 4, 18, etc.).

**MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Sandringham)**

Alternate Monday Dep. Moresby 9 a.m. arr. Samarai 11.00 am Feb. 16, Mar. 2, 16, 30, etc.

Alternate Tuesday (following day) dep. Samarai 9.00 a.m. arr. Moresby 11.00 a.m.

**PAPUA-NEW BRITAIN (Sandringham)**

Alt. Mon. (Feb. 23, Mar. 9, 23, etc.) —Pt. Moresby - Samarai - Esa'ala* Rabaul.

Alt. Thu. (Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 12, 26, etc.) Rabaul-Esa'ala-Samarai-Pt. Moresby.

* Calls Esa'ala monthly only.

**RABAUL-MOEWE HARBOUR**

Alt. Tue. (Feb. 24, Mar. 10, 24, 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.

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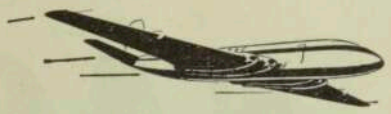




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**NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE**

Alt. Wed. (Feb. 25, Mar. 11, 25, 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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Fridays.—Madang (8 am) to Wabag with optional stops at Baiyer R., Mt. Hagen. Kerowagi. Returns to Madang arriving 10.10 am.

Thursday.—Madang (8 am) to Mt. Hagen. Returns direct to Madang arriving 10.50 am.

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

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Tuesday (Mar. 3, 10, 17, 31, etc.), Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vellalavella — Torokina — Rabaul — Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.15 pm).

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## 8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

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Alternate Thursdays (Feb. 26, Mar. 12, 26, etc.), returning same day.

## 9. Sydney-New Hebrides

**By Qantas, with Sandringham Flying Boats: Feb. 17, Mar. 3, 17, etc.).**

| Depart: | | Arrive: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney, Alt. Tue., | 6.30 am | Noumea, (nightstop) | 3.05 pm |
| Noumea, Alt. Wed., | 8.00 am | Vila, | 10.35 am |
| Vila, | 12.45 pm | Santo. | 2.00 pm |
| Santo, Alt. Thu., (fol. day), | 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, (nightstop) | 3.05 pm |
| 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 |


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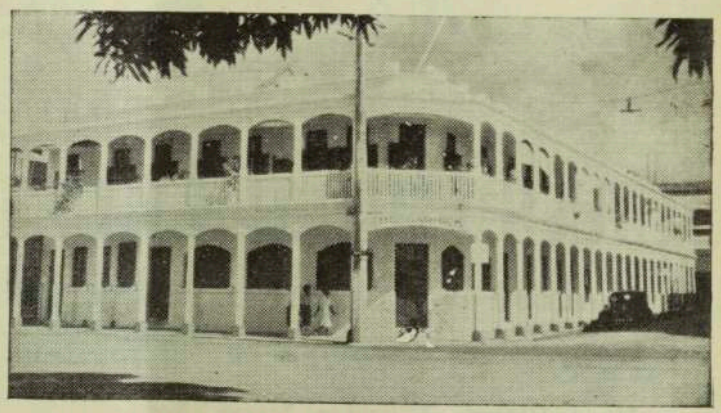
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## 12. Sydney-Auckland

**Tasman E. Airways, with Solents**

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## 13. Sydney-Wellington

**Tasman E. Airways, with Solents**

Dep. Sydney 10.30 pm weekdays, arr. 7.30 am following day.
Dep. Wellington 10.30 am Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat., arriving 3.45 pm.

## 14. Melbourne-Christchurch

**Tasman E. Airways, with DC4 Skymaster**

Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'ch., 8.15 am next day.
Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5.35 pm.

## 15. New Zealand-Fiji

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

**Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents.**

Dept. Auckland Feb. 10, 14, 24, 28; Mar. 10, 14, 24, 28.

Return to Auckland on following days (except March 2, which leaves 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.

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Dept. Suva March 1, 29. 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. |

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| abaul .. | 64 19 0 | 116 19 0 | 2, 3 |
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| ila, N. Hebrides | 46 15 0 | 80 3 0 | 9 |
| oumea, NC . .. | 39 8 0 | 70 19 0 | 10, 9, 6 |
| Norfolk Is. | 25 0 0 | 45 0 0 | 8 |
| L. Howe . | 10 16 0 | 21 12 0 | 7 |
| N a d i (Fiji) . | 60 10 0 | 108 18 0 | |
| S u v a (Fiji) . | 53 3 9 | 104 14 0 | |
| Auckland | 47 6 0 | 84 2 0 | 12 |
| Welling-ton . .. | 47 6 0 | 84 2 0 | 13 |
| Christch. (from Melb.) . | 52 18 0 | 95 5 0 | |
| Honolulu . | 225 9 0 | 405 16 0 | 1 |
| S. Fran'co | 279 1 0 | 502 5 0 | |
| Vancouver | 279 1 0 | 502 5 0 | 1 |
| Papeete (via Suva direct) . | — | 207 13 0 | 19 |

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| Aitutaki . | 61 8 0 | 110 11 0 | 18 |
| Papeete . | 75 0 0 | 135 0 0 | 18 |

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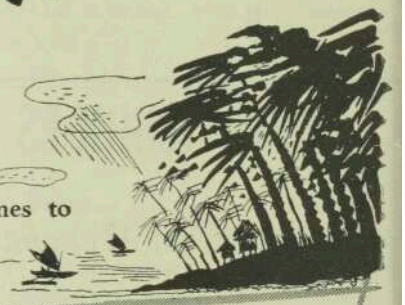



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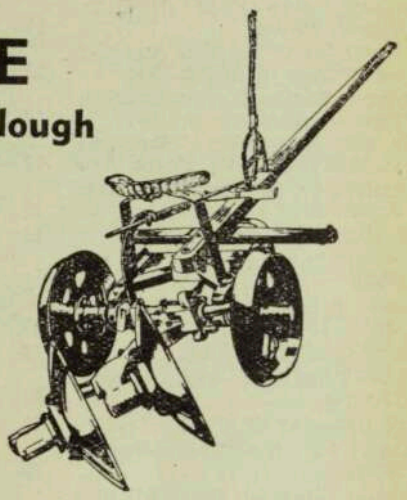
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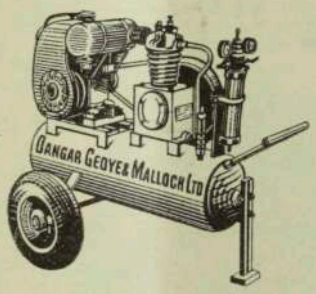
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# GAPS IN THE PAPUA-N. GUINEA PLAN

AT last, after years of bumble-footed administration, a plan for the development of the ustralian Territories of Papua and ew Guinea is beginning to take hape. As distinct from the British nd Australian planning of the nmediate post-war period, it is not dream of a Socialist Utopia: there evidence of official eagerness to ncourage private enterprise to go and do something.

The Territories can produce almost ny tropical foodstuff or material ithin reason. The Territories are allowing in money—mostly supied by Australia, at the rate of out £6 millions per annum. An mazing number of planners, researchers, experts, advisers and hat-not are circulating busily in anberra and the Territories, bluepinting all kinds of new industries, d paid for by the not-so-bilant Australian taxpayer. Under ch conditions, some worth-while onomic development should be pected—and there now are quite pressive signs of it.

But it must be emphasised that is economic liveliness, this noticele spirit of optimism, have no und basis, as yet. They spring erely from (a) an abundance of oney and (b) Ministerial and reaucratic promises.

We are assured that the Terriries can produce cocoa, coffee, naf, cattle, timber and so forth addition to copra and gold. eryone knew that. High officialm says that land now will be made available, and invites capital and private enterprise to walk in and get busy. So far, so good.

But there are serious gaps in the plan, as sketched by high officialdom for the attraction of capitalism. They are the absence of guarantees relating to Labour, Taxation and Markets.

INDUSTRIES in a tropical islands territory cannot be developed on a scale large enough to interest big capital unless a labour force is imported. The land-owning islanders —quite properly—are an undependable labour force. Proof of this may be seen in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti. There are perhaps 1½ million natives in P-NG. A proportion can be induced to labour; but, generally, they are in so primitive a condition (in other words, they have so little urge to sell their toil in exchange for foreign goods) that only the coastal sections can be brought to labour without some measure of compulsion.

If there is to be big-scale development in P-NG, a new supply of labour must be found, either by changing the living habits of the majority of the natives, or bringing in indentured workers from Asian countries.

Western Samoa, now exceedingly prosperous on cocoa, provides an interesting example. The Germans originally established the cocoa industry by importing Chinese labourers. New Zealand, after World War I, sent the Chinese home. By then, it was possible for the cocoa industry to be worked by Samoan labourers and Samoan peasant planters. There is a wide gap, however, between the literate Polynesians of Samoa, and the still untutored black Papuans of P-N.G. Maybe, the encouragement of New Guinea native rice-growers will provide some sort of answer to this problem. But it is not wise at this stage to expect big capital to go into P-NG without a dependable supply of labour.

THE history of pioneering (or, if you will pardon the use of the hated word, colonialism) shows that success never was achieved unless there was reasonable freedom from direct taxation. With another dose of Socialism looming in 1954, the present rulers of New Guinea cannot promise that freedom. The Minister has indicated, hesitantly, that there will be no taxation of incomes for a couple of years.

No man is going to risk large sums in speculative enterprises in P-NG. if there is likelihood of State seizure of part of his profits. People are wailing about absence of coconut re-planting in NG. The chief cause of that is uncertainty about future taxation and markets.

MARKETS represent the biggest gap in the new tropical heaven which the planners have sketched.

It is ironic that the Planners propose to establish the kenaf fibre industry right alongside the Papuan rubber plantations. One glance at what has happened to the rubber planters will scare off the kenaf planters. Papua produces excellent


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rubber; Australia uses immensely more rubber than Papua can supply: but at the faintest suggestion that Australian manufacturers be compelled to use Papuan rubber there is a howl that sends the Australian politicians scuttling for cover.

Jute now is cheap, and getting cheaper. Will Australia penalise users of wool-bales and cornsacks by insisting on the use of P-NG kenaf?

Remember New Guinea's infant cocoa industry, pre-war? NG. planters were producing good cocoa beans, but Australian confectionery manufacturers, wedded to the West African product, would have none of them. NG. cocoa sells easily now, since the West African cocoa plantations have been decimated by disease. But the West African planters are beating the scourge. When the Accra product is back on the world market in quantity, what will happen to the output of the NG cocoa plantations, now being so enthusiastically encouraged?

There now are 9 million people in Australia. That is a big market for P-NG. products. As Australia, for her own security, is obliged to spend many millions per annum on P-NG., it seems only logical that she should try to make P-NG self-supporting by giving the existing and proposed P-NG. industries a guaranteed market. She has not done so. The politicians fear they may arouse the antagonism of big Australian interests, which too often think only in terms of profits.

That is the great weakness in Canberra's present P-NG. policy. One would have thought that somewhere, among all these busy teams of planners and investigators, someone would have found an answer to it.

There may not be much time in which to complete the P-NG plan. How much longer will Australia and the oil companies continue to endow P-NG with £7 million p.a.?

## MR. D. M. CLELAND IS STILL 'ACTING ADMINISTRATOR'

THE failure of the Australian Commonwealth Government to make any announcement concerning an appointment to the Administratorship of Papua-New Guinea has been commented upon adversely in Sydney recently.

Amid considerable political agitation, Mr. J. K. Murray retired from the position as on June 30, 1952. Mr. D. M. Cleland, who had been Assistant Administrator since 1951, then became Acting Administrator.

In every way, except in name, Mr. Cleland has been Administrator since mid-1952. His work, in that capacity, has earned general commendation in the Territories. If the issue were put to a vote, his appointment would be overwhelmingly approved.

Those professing to have inside information say the appointment was agreed to by the Federal Government in early December. An announcement by the Prime Minister was expected, as soon as he returned from abroad.

But nothing has been said. This is unfair, both to the Territories and to Mr. Cleland.

This is the kind of thing—a smug refusal to give the public any information on or explanation of issues which concern the public—which has so markedly weakened the position of the Australian Government in the last 12 months.

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*THE ANSWER*

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There is no connection of any kind between the *PIM* or its editor, and the trading concern referred to.

The marriage took place in Sydney in January of **Miss Philomena Rooney of Strathfield** to **Mr. Gordon Linsley,** who is at present doing the two-years course at the School of Pacific Administration, Mosman.



**Recent travellers from Auckland to Rarotonga included, left to right, top:— Mr. F. M. Borrell, who will join PWD staff temporarily, was farewelled by Mrs. Borrell. Matron A. T. Reynolds, who was returning after leave in NZ. Jean and Elizabeth Watson, returning home to Rarotonga for the school holidays. Mrs. T. Rahui and Paul, on a holiday visit. Bottom Row: Miss P. Utanga returning home on holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hickling with Wendy, Peter and Ricky. Miss Gloria Perkins to visit the W. Watson family.**

# THE QUEEN TO VISIT FIJI

## Unique Honour for South Pacific Islands

HER MAJESTY the Queen of England and the British Commonwealth nations, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the South Pacific Islands this year.

*FIJI—December 17 and 18 (Thursday, Friday), sailing early Dec. 19 for*

*TONGA—December 20 (Sunday).*

This is an event unique in history. Never before has the head of any great nation visited the Islands of the South Pacific. On this occasion, we not only receive a visit from Royalty, but the visit is being made by the reigning head of the British Empire, who is the world's greatest monarch.

Before the new Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, left London, at the end of August, he had audience with the Queen. It then was known that Her Majesty might possibly make her deferred visit to the Antipodes *via* the West Indies route; and it is believed that Sir Ronald made an appeal that, if the Royal Party should cross the Pacific, a call should be made at Fiji.

There were indications that the Queen was interested in this plea; but the secret was well kept. Sir Ronald knew in December that the route of the Royal Party, travelling in the liner *Gothic*, definitely would be *via* Panama, with a call at Suva likely; but he could not say anything of the pending event until the official announcement was made in London.

It is an honour that will live always in the history of the Crown Colony.

THE visit to Nukualofa, chief town of Tonga, scheduled for December 20, is an unexpected addition to the Royal Tour, and it is widely welcomed as a very great compliment to the independent Kingdom of Tonga, and the two charming people at the head of it, Queen Salote and Prince Tugi.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and the Queen of Tonga will not meet as strangers, however: Queen Salote, as a specially-invited guest, will be present at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, in London, in June.

The British Royal Party will spend January in New. Zealand and February and March in Australia, and thence will go on to Ceylon, en route to Europe.

## Representatives For Coronation

Persons to represent officially practically every British Administration in the South Pacific Islands have now been chosen to attend the ceremonies connected with the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in London in June, and all are now preparing for departure.

Latest and most interesting announcement (on February 5) is that two or three European officers, and 25 native members of the Royal Papua-New Guinea Constabulary, will go to the Coronation. Names will be announced at any time; and —unless it is to travel the expensive way, by air—the contingent probably will depart for England within a short time.

Reports from Port Moresby, Rabaul, Honiara, Suva, Apia, Rarotonga, Nukualofa and some smaller centres indicate that preparations are afoot to celebrate the important event, with ceremonies and displays, on the day and evening of the Coronation.

# MANGOLA'S STRANDING UPSETS TIMETABLES

WHEN the small Burns Philp freighter *Mangola*, 2,000 tons, ran on to Karkar Island, off the north coast of New Guinea, in a thick haze on February 8, the accident threw all the Burns Philp timetables out of gear.

Craft from all around—the *Bulolo*, on her regular run; the *Malaita*, just leaving Rabaul for Samarai, a naval vessel from Manus—gathered near the *Mangola* within a couple of days; she got off on February 15.

The *Bulolo* will be delayed in beginning her March schedule.

The *Malaita's* schedule already has been altered. Instead of leaving on February 27, she will depart at least a week later and, to pick up lost time, she will omit the scheduled calls at Lord Howe, Norfolk and New Hebrides, and proceed directly to the Solomons.

# SYDNEY SPIV'S RAID ON THE RICH PLACER SHARES

NO wonder the stock exchanges value the shares of Placer Development, nominally worth a few shillings, at £20 Aus. Placer not only gets rich dividends from Bulolo Gold: it has a much bigger net income from its group of dredging enterprises in South America, while its lines of oil-wells in Texas and lead-zinc and tungsten mines in Canada, promise even greater profits.

No wonder the brokers were "easy marks" when Reginald Doyle, Sydney's spiv and con man, trotted around among them with large numbers of forged Placer share certificates. Placer scrip, unlike most bank-notes, is international—just as acceptable in America as in Australia. Exchange-starved overseas travellers—even god-fearing citizens of notorious probity—have been paying black-market prices for Placer.

Doyle seems to have negotiated over £70,000 worth of his forged Placers before some ultra-cautious soul carried his certificates to Placer's Sydney office, and asked, could he please have them transferred to Canadian registry. Thus, the forgery was exposed, the Sydney financiers shrieked in consternation, and Doyle dived for "smoke," just half a hop ahead of the entire detective force. For 10 days—before he came out of "smoke" and surrendered—the frantic newspapers made him front-page news. If it had not been for the ultra-cautious soul, Doyle might have cashed his £500,000 worth of forgeries.

Hitherto, financiers have readily accepted well-known share scrip as collateral, with very little checking, although it is much easier to forge than bank-notes. There will be a change now!

**Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rashleigh Winston.** with their schoolgirl daughter, arrived in Sydney in January for a 10-weeks holiday.



**Fiji's official Coronation representatives are (left to right) the Hon. Vishnu Deo, Senior Indian Member of Fiji Legislative Council and an indent and insurance agent; the Hon H. Maurice Scott, DFC, Senior Elected European Member of the Fiji Legislative Council and a barrister and solicitor; and Ratu G. K. Cakobau, leading chief by birth in Fiji, and a nominated Member of Legislative Council.**

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# NEW MOF COPRA PRICE AWAITED

## Planters Bitterly Critical of London's Attitude

UP to mid-February, there had been no official announcement from either Australian or New Zealand sources to indicate the 1953 price to be paid for copra, in Papua-New Guinea, Solomons, Western Samoa, and Tonga, under the British Ministry of Food's 9-years contract.

As indicated in January PIM, there has been doubt about the price since early December. London wanted to reduce the 1952 rates by 10 per cent. (and did so, in the British Solomon Islands). The Australian and NZ Governments resisted this proposal. The unexpected and startling sequel was that the British MOF suggested in January that the whole contract be cancelled.

The argument still was in progress in early February, with considerable bitterness being shown by planting interests, who pointed out that the world price has now recovered (the London quotation on January 23 was £90 stg, cif, European ports) and that for years, because of the devaluation of Sterling, the South Pacific planters, under the MOF contract, had been paid from £20 to £30 per ton under world parity.

When it was realised, late in January, that the British Ministry of Food officials had taken up the attitude that they would either have a reduction of 10 per cent. in the 1953 price, or seek the cancellation of the contract, the reaction throughout the South Pacific was unfriendly to Britain. It was recognised that, in an economic sense, Britain is having a hard struggle for existence; but it was also pointed out that, for three years, Britain had been buying South Pacific copra at a most favourable rate and that she would be taking no risk in continuing the 1952 rates throughout 1953.

### FIJI ANNOUNCEMENT

It was officially announced in Suva at the end of February that Fiji copra producers would receive, until February 28, the MOF rates for copra paid in 1952. It was stated: "Negotiations with the Ministry of Food are still going on."

But, in the case of the Solomons, as far as we know, the 1952 price, less 10 per cent., has been paid since January 1.

An announcement is due any day; the present situation cannot go on. Some observers in Sydney, in February, expected the cancellation of the MOF contract.

### P-NG STABILISATION FUND

So far as the public knows, there has not yet been any sequel to the statement made, two months ago, by the New Guinea Planters' Association, that steps would be taken to contest the legality of the Australian Territories Minister's decision that the Papua-New Guinea Copra Stabilisation Fund (the total of which is now well over £1,000,000) should be maintained, and not distributed to the producers.

Observers believe that an appeal on legal grounds against the Minister would succeed. But the same people now point out that, if the MOF contract is abandoned, the chief stabilising factor in the South Pacific copra industry will be gone, and it might then be desirable to continue the New Guinea Fund. Developments in this direction should follow quickly after the MOF price is reached.

## Analysis of MOF Price

A close student of the world copra markets—his records are much better than ours—takes the PIM to task for this statement in January:

*"The MOF price to the various (South Pacific) Governments in 1952 was between £59 and £60 Stg. per ton fob (between £73 and £74 Australian)."*

He shows that those figures were wrong. The MOF, it appears, paid all the Governments, under the contract, £65 Stg. per ton, fob, in bulk. That is equal to £71/19/9 Fijian and £79 Australian—which means that the Governments retained (in Australian currency) between £9 and £11 per ton, or £5 per ton more than we calculated.

He also says that the Bank Line carries the copra from the South Pacific to Britain for £10 Stg. per ton; and that £2/10/- Stg. per ton should be allowed for shrinkage. South Pacific copra therefore costs the MOF £65, plus £10, plus £2/10/- per ton—which is equal to £77/10/- Stg. per ton. Generally, South Pacific copra is equal to FMS.

Therefore, when the FMS price in London goes over £77/10/- per ton, MOF is winning on the South Pacific contracts. When it is under that figure, MOF is losing. Our correspondent says that, on his records, the London market quotation was under £77/10/- from end of February, 1952, until mid-October, 1952; since when it has been above that figure.

That is why the MOF in London wants to cut the 1953 rate by 10 per cent. It was paying slightly more than world market price for seven or eight months. But, as our correspondent says, during all the rest of the time since the beginning of the contract—that is, about 2½ years—it was getting copra from the SP planters at a price aggregating millions of pounds under world parity.

## Tongan Producers Complain

From a Special Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, Jan. 14

PRODUCERS here understand that the MOF current f.o.b price per ton is £Stg.58/10/- or £T73 for every ton of copra shipped in 1953 from Tonga. Local producers are to get the following prices per ton: —

| | Sterling | | Tongan |
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| A Grade: | £39/-/- | or | £52/-/- |
| B Grade: | £34/10/- | or | £46/-/- |

Producers get £19/10/- Sterling less than f.o.b. value per ton for A grade, and £24 Sterling less for B Grade.

The Tongan Government has been established since 1875, and now has a surplus of over £500,000. The Tonga Copra Board has a similar amount of surplus funds. This does not seem fair—the producers should have most of it.

The Copra Board consists of 9 members appointed by the Crown. Six are Government Officials—namely, the Premier (Chairman), the Treasurer, the Government Secretary, the Senior Agriculture Officer and two District Governors. Others are the general manager of the Copra Board, and two members only to represent the producers. The composition of the Board is unsatisfactory.

Our local producers quite rightly complain that the Government and the Copra Board grab far too much. Why should these already well-endowed institutions take £20 Stg. per ton from the people who do nearly all the work?

## Geological Survey In NG Highlands

A GEOLOGICAL survey is being made of an area between Mt. Hagen and the Chimbu, in the New Guinea Highlands, which contains perhaps the oldest sedimentary rocks in the Territory.

The survey was started two years ago by Mr. F. K. Rickwood, for the Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources, but since then he has joined the staff of the Sydney University as senior lecturer in Palaeontology.

He returned to the Territory early in January to resume the survey, and expects to complete it by March. At one time he was on the geological staff of the Australian Petroleum Company.




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# S. PACIFIC CONFERENCE IN APRIL

## Accommodation Problem in Noumea

DELEGATES have been and are being selected in all Territories of the South Pacific and Micronesia to attend the Second South Pacific Conference, which will be held in Noumea, New Caledonia, between April 16 and 28. Practically all delegates are natives of the various Territories, supported by teams of European and native officials and advisers.

The First Conference was held in Suva, Fiji, in 1950.

The Conferences are an essential part of the organisation and structure of the South Pacific Commission, and are called together every three years. They deal with all aspects of native life and progress. They make recommendations to the Commission, and to the six member Governments (Britain, France, United States, Australia, Holland, New Zealand) which control all the South Pacific Territories.

The following are the delegates from the Australian Territories:

**New Guinea: Waiau Ahnon, a clerk from the Rabaul Education Department; Advent Tarosi, a teacher from Dregerhafen. Alternatives: Takanpan, New Ireland district; Nason, New Britain.**

**Papua: Paulus Apek, teacher of Sogeri; Miss Tani Sisa, handcrafts branch of Education Department. Alternatives: Tutaus Sambud, medical assistant of Kona; Elliott Elijah, a Bougainville Co-operative inspector.**

**Advisers and officials: Director of District Services, Mr. J. H. Jones; Miss J. A. McLachlan, officer in charge of the Women's Division of the Department of Education; agricultural officer, Mr. R. S. Carne; Mr. R. Thompson, social welfare officer from the Education Department.**

A Conference of this kind provides difficult problems of accommodation. This Second Conference will take place at the Pentagon building at Anse Vata, Noumea headquarters of the South Pacific Commission; but there is not accommodation in that area normally for at least 100 delegates, officials, advisers and staff. Some presumably will be lodged in Noumea town, some two miles away. Noumea generally is overcrowded. SPC officials have been labouring on the problem for some time.

Suva solved it more simply in 1950. The Government made available the Teachers' Training College at Nasinu, complete with halls and barracks, and the willing young Fijian students provided a fine corps of clerks and attendants.

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**Mr. J. H. Common**, of the Fiji Public Works Department, has been transferred to Aden as Assistant Director of Public Works.

# CHALLENGES TO THE BSI TAXING AUTHORITIES

THE planters' challenge to the legality of the regulations under which the Solomons Islands Administration imposes taxation of incomes, initiated some months ago by Mr. R. C. Syme, probably will be advanced a further stage next month.

Two legal men from Sydney—Mr. C. L. D. Meares, QC, and Mr. P. F. Galvin, solicitor, leave for Honiara at the end of February to deal with a dispute between Mr. Dalrymple Hay and a firm of overseas buyers of war salvage material. While they are in Honiara, it is expected they will make an effort to get the taxation case before a superior court there.

It had been proposed that the case be heard in Suva. But, now that Western Pacific High Commission headquarters are in Honiara, it is thought that adequate judicial machinery may now be provided there.

The challenge to the authority of the BSI Copra Board, initiated about the same time by Mr. J. Bryan, another BSI planter, by service of a writ upon the Board, is now under examination. If Messrs. Meares and Galvin can get the taxation case advanced to hearing, the Copra Board case should follow quickly.

# Do You Remember ?

*From PIM of 20 Years ago.*

Rubber troubles and copra troubles—they had them all 20 years ago, just as they have to-day. Starvation, we said, when copra dropped to £12 Stg., in London. Yet, if the 1953 £ is worth only a 1933 5/-, as most people say, that meant £48 Stg. at present day values. Take away the favourable rate of exchange from the South Pacific copra producers of 1953 and maybe they are not such millionaires as we think!

Here are some other extracts from our issue of February 1933:—

**"Burns Philp (SS), Ltd., have now extended their activities to French Territory—on Wallis Island—having acquired the interests there of Messrs. J. S. Brial and Wing Ming and Co."**

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**"As a result of the New Zealand Government embargo on fruit grown in Australia or Australian territories, the shipping service maintained by Burns Philp with 'Morinda' between Auckland, NZ, and Norfolk Island has been discontinued."**

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**Papuan rubber planters were still having trouble with Australian rubber manufacturers who were refusing to buy Papuan rubber until the Federal government cancelled the 4d per pound duty imposed on rubber imported from anywhere but Papua. Mr. E. C. Harris, then Treasurer in Papua, and Mr. Arthur Jewell, Member of Papua's Legislative Council, journeyed to Sydney to meet representatives of the rubber manufacturers. The discussions, contrary to expectations, were amicable enough, and the parties withdrew to consider ways and means of mutual help. Greatest obstacle to success seemed to be that the Australian government got £500,000 per annum out of the 4d impost on foreign rubber and was naturally unwilling to give up this sweet morsel.**

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**"Two European prospectors, William Naylor and Emile Clarius, and nine of their carriers were killed in an uncontrolled area between Surprise Creek and the Langamar River, Morobe District, NG, on January 6. There was no evidence of conflict; it seems obvious that they were surprised and clubbed to death. District Officer G.W.L. Townsend and ADO Penglase set out for the scene of the massacre as soon as the news was received."**

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**Copra had slumped again—down to £12/2/6, cif, London. "This means starvation for the copra planter," we said, and commented that there seemed no reason for the fall within a few months from £15, other than that Unilever had bought enormous quantities of Antarctic whale oil cheaply.**

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**The late Robert Dean Frisbie, then a resident of Tahiti (and who had not at that time gained fame as an author) wrote an article for PIM wherein he demanded damages from writers of South Seas literature which lured men to the Islands by false representations. "On the island of Moorea," he wrote, "along two kilometres of beach, there are 19 white men who have arrived in the past six months. They are all victims of ridiculous books about the Pacific such as 'Isles of Eden' and 'White Man, Brown Woman' . . . Mr. Loring Andrews is responsible for about half these men. In his book 'Isles of Eden' he tells his readers that money is a secondary matter in the Islands—in fact that one can live on 10 dollars a month and have a new girl every day."**

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**As you will read elsewhere in this present issue, when the Australian Territories Department recently called applications for cadet patrol-officers for the P-NG service, there were 200 applicants for the 30 positions. An encouraging response, one might think. But 20 years ago, when applications were called for six New Guinea cadetships, there were 2,126 applicants. After the wheat was sorted from the chaff, there was still an imposing array of university graduates, ex-RAAF officers, ex-Naval officers from Jervis Bay, plain accountants and other mental and physical giants for the Territories Minister (then Mr. Marr) to choose from.**




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# THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

## Stainless Steel Murnan Completes Circumnavigation

Remember Bill Murnan, who was in the South Pacific Islands in the stainless steel yacht *Seven Seas II* in 1948 and 1949, and who left Port Moresby in mid-1950, headed for Indonesia and South Africa? He reports cheerily from Miami, Florida, under date January, 1953. The trustworthy little metal ship was sold in New York last October; and Bill thereupon bought a huge Ford "ranch waggon", which he and his wife named *Seven Seas III*, and in which they now are engaged in wide-flung land-cruising. (One suspects that the attractive Mrs. Bill does not like the motion of the wide seas which her circumnavigating husband has conquered).

Bill, all alone in *Seven Seas II*, was buffeted cruelly in the Indian Ocean; but by mid-1951 he was round the Cape of Good Hope and away across the South Atlantic. He spent eight weeks in St. Helena with "the nicest and most sincere people of the entire trip" (pleasant words for former South Pacific-ites Trevor Johnston and Sir George Joy); and then he had 3,240 miles of delightful sailing, in 35 days, to the West Indies. He spent some months among those archipelagoes; sped across to the American coast; and proceeded by inland waterways to New York, a year after leaving Capetown.

This cruise clear around the world in a small yacht, lone-handed most of the way, in four years, by Bill Murnan, almost without accident, is a really noteworthy feat of navigation. Bill wants his Islands friends to know that letters now can catch up with him at 645 NW 8th Street, Miami, Florida, USA.



**Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murnan, with "Seven Seas III", somewhere in Florida.**

## If Only . . .

From a very competent observer, who retired from the British Colonial Service not long ago, after many long years of service in the South Pacific:

"Fiji is lucky to have our mutual friend Ronald Garvey to help deal with some of its modern problems. If only —IF ONLY—the Indians could throw up a leader who could show them how to live and let live. The Indians and Fijians have *got* to learn how to live and grow up together. Aimee Ragg's solution, to send all Indians back to India, is no solution at all. . ."

## Battle Facts Mixed

Very mildly, considering the egregious character of the error, a reader in Manus, New Guinea, directs our attention to a statement in a recent PIM article about "The Bombardment of Papeete."

Our article stated that the German Admiral Von Spee's fleet of four ships was destroyed at the Battle of the Falkland Islands in January, 1915, by a British squadron under Admiral Craddock. Actually, the battle took place on December 8, 1914, and the Germans had five ships, and the British Commander was Admiral Sturdee.

What actually happened was that the German fleet, after leaving Tahiti, trapped a British squadron under Admiral Craddock off the Chile coast, and sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth. Craddock went down with his ship. Five weeks later, at the Falklands, von Spee also went down with his ship. One small German cruiser escaped from the Falklands, and was caught and sunk by HMS Glasgow in February, 1915.

Our writer was sadly astray.

## Old Photographs

A home for a collection of 50-years-old photographs is still being sought by Mr. E. Nixonwestwood (PO box 957, Wellington, NZ). They show people and scenes in the mountains of Papua, and especially depict natives of villages 5,000 feet above sea-level. They were taken by Guy Manning when he and Nixonwestwood were clearing Lolorua plantation, in behind Konosia, at the Galley Reach headwaters. If you are interested, write to him. (This advertising space donated in the cause of science.)

## The Von Luckner Treasure

To the note on Von Luckner in December PIM may be added some later news concerning the Sea Devil and the well-known barque *Pamir*.

A Swede, Mr. Bernt Leube, arriving in Auckland in mid-January, brought a message of goodwill from Von Luckner to readers of the Auckland *Star*. Mr. Leube's father is a close personal friend of Von Luckner. He reported that an American-Swiss film company is currently making a film covering the story of the German raider *Seeadler*. The part of *Seeadler* is being taken by the barque *Pamir*, and Von Luckner is, of course, the "star" of the film.

It is also evident from Mr. Leube's statement that the Count, now 72, has completely recovered from a thrombosis attack which partly paralysed him for some time.

The Count and Countess (who is Swedish) have made their home near Malmo, in Sweden. They shortly plan another visit to America where Von Luckner has already made several lecture tours and has appeared on television.

There is no mention of any planned treasure hunt to the Pacific, but, from the evidence contained in the Reuter despatch published last month, it would seem more likely that the treasure island where "on a stone are chiselled names of about 80 ships which had been there for the gold" would be Cocos, the Costa Rican island south-west of Panama, rather than Mopelia. Cocos has been the scene of many treasure hunts and its cliffs carry the names of the many expedition ships and yachts that have called there. Von Luckner, it is thought, called at Cocos in his round-the-world cruise in the yacht *Seeteufel* in the 1930's. The late Sir Malcolm Campbell was one of many who tried his luck at Cocos—unsuccessfully—but told the story of the tremendous difficulties facing all such Cocos treasure hunters in his book, *My Greatest Adventure*.

## Fiji's Silliest Controversy

With much acid comment, a very old resident of Fiji sends to us a series of cuttings from the *Fiji Times*, indicating the fury with which Indian writers of "letters to the editor" are supporting their argument that Indians should have equal rights with Europeans in the use of the Municipal Swimming Baths in Suva. (See news article elsewhere).

This squabble develops at intervals. A special bathing enclosure for Indians was provided years ago, but the Indians would not use it. "We are as good as Europeans," said they, "and we insist on sharing the bath with them." The whole silly business clearly stems from that inferiority complex which seems to torture the average Indian in Fiji, as elsewhere. It is made so much worse because the average Indian has no sense of humour.




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In the court of human rights, there is absolutely no difference between Indian, Chinese, Fijian and European. Fijian, European and Chinese adheres each to his own ways of living, and regards the other fellow's ways with a kindly tolerance. Maybe, each laughs at the other—human beings generally *are* funny—but there is nothing malicious or unfriendly in it, and the races live happily enough together.

But it is not so with a certain class of Indian. His egotism is such that he wants to live in European areas, enter European clubs and hotels and—in this case—go swimming with Europeans. If the Europeans or Fijians or any other community want to keep to themselves, why in the name of commonsense cannot the Indians accept that, and themselves become exclusive? Europeans (except maybe a few pin-heads) do not regard themselves as superior beings. Heaven forfend!—they were barbarians long after the Indians had established a magnificent civilisation. But they, and the Chinese and the Fijians, do wish that in their home life and their social relationships they may be free from the embarrassments caused by close contact with people of other races who have quite different conceptions of life and living. It is not a matter of snobbery, or exclusiveness—it is simply a matter of comfort.

The Suva swimming baths squabble is the silliest thing that has come out of Fiji in years. Why cannot the Indians, in their social activities and organisations, be as exclusive and good-natured towards other races as other races are towards them?

## Rhino Beetle On a New Diet

From Wellington, NZ, Mr. F. H. E. King, once of Western Samoa, sends us a cutting from the *Evening Post*. A representative of the E.P. recently visited the Islands, and wrote the article contained in the clipping—on a subject dear to the hearts of New Zealanders—bananas! On surveying the possibility of boosting Islands production so that NZ-ers may eat two bananas per head per week, the writer refers to the devastating effect rhinoceros beetle has on W. Samoan production. We agree with Mr. King when he says:—

"It looks as if someone has been pulling his leg over the rhinoceros beetle and the damage it does to the banana plantations. Of course, these critters may have developed a taste for bananas since I left Samoa in 1946, but I doubt it."

Then Mr. King goes on to other subjects:—

"Various references to the quality of food served at hotels in the South Seas that have appeared in recent issues of PIM have reminded me of our experience when we arrived in Samoa and went to stay at an hotel that had better be nameless. It was our first introduction to the tropics and we were eagerly looking forward to all manner of luscious tropical fruits; but—our first dessert was steamed pudding!

"I enjoy your feature Small Ships News; *Viria*, referred to in last April's issue, must have gone to New Guinea from New Zealand, as she came here from Sweden about four years ago. One Dalhoff, a Swede, came to this country with the intention of establishing a prefab. house factory in Nelson. The ship, which he brought out from Sweden, was to be used in distributing the houses round the country. The factory was never established; Dalhoff is now in partnership with an indent agent."

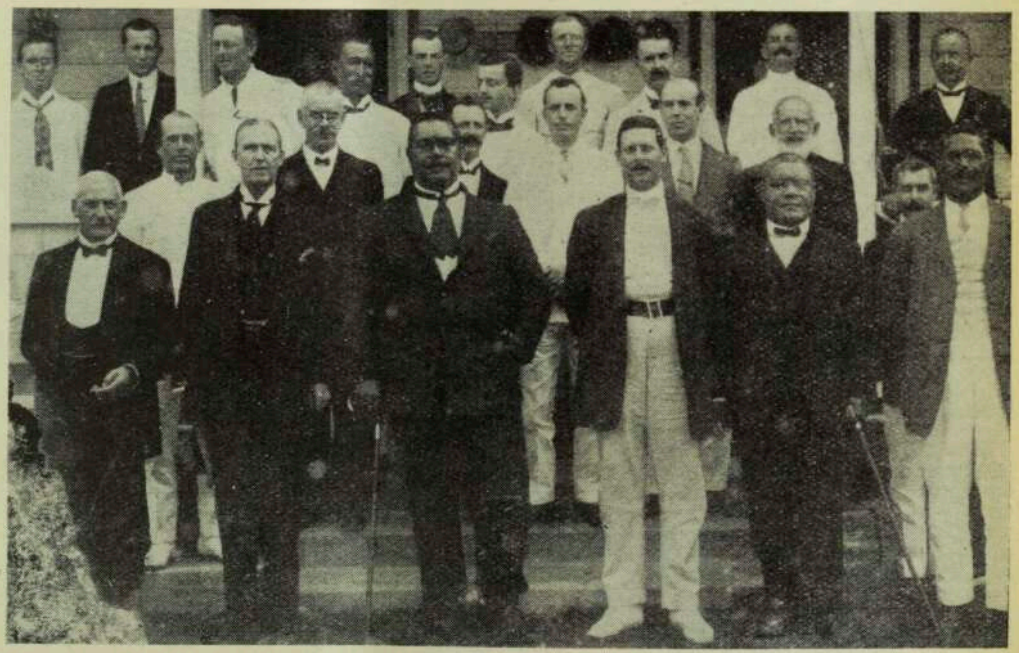
## Who is Tahiti's Outstanding Artist ?

There are those who firmly contest the statement made in January PIM (p. 65) that Edgar Leetag is Tahiti's outstanding artist to-day.

While admitting that he certainly is one of Tahiti's notable craftsmen, they declare that his work is in demand more because of its unusual nature—being painted on velvet—than from merit alone, though artistic value is not lacking.

Some who claim to know their art declare that the work of the 73-

## Nukualofa Club Members, 1914



This is an historic photograph from the collection of Mr. August Hettig, of Nukualofa, Tonga. It was taken on the occasion of the opening of the Nukualofa Club on May 15, 1914, and shows the original members of the Club, from left to right in each row, as follows. (Back row): Mr. Dan Flood; George B. Riechelmann; G. E. Heenan; Captain Jury; R. L. Donaldson; W. Ostermann; Jack Clements; J. M. Masterton; W. T. Goodwin; G. E. Zuckschwerdt. (Middle row): August Riechelmann, junior; R. L. Skeen, (Chief Justice); George Riechelmann (late of Hàapai); W. G. Bagnall; H. A. Monk; August Riechelmann, senior; W. Tarr. (Front row): L. B. Levin; H. E. W. Grant (H.B.M.'s Agent and Consul); H. M. King George Tupou, II; A. B. Wallace (Minister of Works); Tuivakano (Premier); Sipu (Minister of Lands). All are now dead with the exception of five—Mr. Flood, who lives in Auckland; Mr. A. Riechelmann Jnr.; Mr. Bagnall, in Auckland; Mr. Ostermann, in Auckland; and Mr. Henry Cocker, who was not in the photograph. Mr. Wallace was Minister of Works in Tonga in 1914 and became hon. secretary of the Club. When he retired he went to Ireland where he died last November.

years-old Monsieur Gouwe, a Dutchman who lives quietly in the country and who was recently persuaded to exhibit, will stand the test of time above that of any other artist living in Tahiti to-day.

Supporters of Gouwe say that he lived for many years on Raiatea, adopting the native way of life, and is undoubtedly deeply sympathetic with the "atmosphere" of Polynesia, which his brush interprets.

While not trying to discount the talents of M. Leetag in any way, they feel that it would give a false impression to make no mention of Gouwe—and, in the medium of etchings, of the talented Jacques Boullaire, whose work is to be seen on the French Oceania postage stamps. (Leetag Killed—see p. 122.)

## Would-be Islands Tourists

Nostalgic note from A. G. Sheat, of Auckland, who would like very much to have another look at the places in Polynesia which he once loved, but who is appalled at the cost of air travel:—

"Once there was a steamer leaving Sydney or Auckland every week or two for the Islands, and it was quite easy for plain people to pay for a passage out and home, with a delightful stay-over in some hospitable island. Now there is only a high-flying Coral Route for Dollar Tourists, and journalists on the free list."

Let not our friend be misguided in relation to the "privileged press". Once, newspaper men travelled often and freely as guests of the shipping companies; but to-day there are very, very few ships with a vacant berth, while the air-lines now are subject to some ruthless international regulation which provides rack and torture-chamber for any high executive who hands out "complimentary" tickets, except on very special occasions.

Thousands of people want to visit the Islands—witness the crush when the Orient liners reintroduced their "cruises" the other day—but no one seems able to devise a travel system to take care of the person of modest means, under modern conditions.

## Concerning Beer

A public servant from New Ireland is eloquent on the subject of discomforts suffered as a passenger on the *Malekula*. There is nothing much that is new in his recital of woes; but what he says about liquor is interesting:—

"You go hopefully into the 6 ft. x 4 ft. 'bar', and seek to ease your unhappiness with a cold drink. But there is no beer far passengers—not a drop. Before you can get out again, the place is invaded by a party of crew members, who push you around. They are lining up for their daily ration of Australian beer. They get that by law—under the dictation of their Red Union, I suppose—but there is no beer for the passenger, no matter how much currency he waves around."

## HCL In Vanikoro

A European who has been working for a lumber firm in Vanikoro, British Solomon Islands, complains bitterly of the high prices he is forced to pay for food and common necessities, and encloses a copy of his stores to prove his points.

He was charged 6/3 per pound for butter, 50/- for 6 dozen eggs, 10/3 per pound for tea, 35/- for 28 pounds of potatoes, 45/- for 12 tins of peas, 12/- for 2 tins of cherries, and many other items at similar rates.

He says that goods are bought in Sydney by an agent of the lumber company, who adds 2½ per cent.; the goods pay 17½ per cent. Customs duty, for the BSI Government; and the Co. itself then adds on a substantial charge for its work as distributor.

We have had several complaints about conditions of life and work on the timber-producing isle of Vanikoro. It is a very rainy place; and the Europeans, who enter into a two-years engagement, have to endure more than 20 months of almost complete isolation.

## They ARE Island Residents





**New Year balls were the order of the night in places as far apart as Vila, New Hebrides, and Rabaul, New Guinea. The top photograph shows the prize winners at a fancy-dress ball held by the Vila Tennis Club—no titles were supplied so we can only guess that they represented (left to right): Hiawatha and Minehaha, Annie Oakley, Man from Mars, 1920 flapper, and Three Odes to a Grecian Urn. The bottom photograph was taken at the New Guinea Club ball and is part of a set that won first prize. We think maybe they represented an episode in the life of Ned Kelly. Or could it be Abe Lincoln?**




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# New Caledonia Election

ON Sunday, February 8, the voters of New Caledonia, totalling 20,343—including 9,832 natives —voted for the election of a new General Council. The results are shown below. NC has been without Council for nearly a year.

A Bill which provided for a new constitution was passed, in the first instance, by the French Parliament in 1951. Under this, the Council was to comprise 25 members—16 elected by Europeans and 9 by natives.

Meantime, M. Maurice Lenormand —a Noumea pharmacist who has been called pro-native—was elected to the French Parliament to represent New Caledonia and New Hebrides. When the Bill came up for confirmation, he was instrumental in having it thrown out. He demanded a common roll for NC. This was strongly resisted by European interests, who feared confiscatory taxation if the Council were dominated by Leftists and natives.

The dispute went on during 1952. Settlement was delayed by the inability of the French Government. A delegation of Deputies arrived in NC in September, and arranged what was called a "compromise settlement" as between the common roll demanded by the Leftists, and the double roll, originally proposed. This was agreed to by the French Parliament in December.

## 9 Natives In Council

NOUMEA, Feb. 10.

The new Council of 25 is made up, by parties, approximately as follows:

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|---|---|
| Leftist and Pro-Native, led by M. Lenormand (includes 9 natives) .. .. .. | 15 |
| Rightist (led by M. Bonneaud) | 8 |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .. .. | 2 |
| | 25 |

The names of the 9 natives are: Didjune, Bouanoue, Bouillant, Goui, Enoka, Kauma, Haeweng, Apoindi, and Pidjot.

The other elected men are: Borges, Lenormand, Newland, Caron, Rechenbrenner, Legras, Dr. Tivollier, Bonneaud, Bichon, Parazols, Thomas Jagen, Stephane de Saint-Quentin, Gallier, Solier, James Daly and Gruelle.

M. Lenormand (described as strongly pro-native, pro-common [illegible], a Leftist, but not a Communist") will dominate the new Council.

M. Bonneaud, president of the former Council, secured only 8 seats. The three De Gaullist candidates were all defeated. Only one of the candidates which favoured the double roll, James Daly, secured election.

## NGG Shareholders Miss Again

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD., in the year ended last September, made a profit of £43,542 from gold and timber, but again decided to pay no dividend. Almost similar profit was made in the previous year. All profits, for years, have been used to finance capital development.

There is no indication of when such operations will begin to return something to shareholders. The amalgam section of the Golden Ridges mill, at Wau, has been in operation for some time; and the cyanide section, constructed at very heavy cost, will come into operation this year. The Co., then, will be getting substantial revenue from three sources—Golden Ridges (two sections), tributing and timber.

Although it has had no help from the Government, the Co. is still developing its timber interests, and 97,000 super feet of specially treated pine, from Wau, arrived in Newcastle early February.

The Co's history is not promising. Under the influence of an energetic Englishman, named Urquhart, it started some 25 years ago as the Elyou Syndicate, and by the time it had become New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., operated by the British Mining Trust, it had an issued capital of £5,000,000, and was absurdly top-heavy. The Guggenheim interests, of New York, came into it in the 'Thirties, and wrote off some £4 millions; but the Co. was still floundering when the Japs invaded, in 1942. The owners have another and much more profitable leg in Mount Isa, Queensland, and do not seem to worry much about NGG, so long as it earns enough profit to pay its way.

## How Big Can They Get?

*PLANTERS in Samoa, New Guinea, etc., who are used to puny rhinoceros beetles of an inch-and-a-half or so will be laid flat in the aisles at this piece of phantasy from the usually quite sober Adelaide "Advertiser." In Tonga, said the "Advertiser" in January, ". . . Islanders were battling immense swarms of nightmarish tropical beetles. Native hunting parties 300 strong beat through the underbrush in defence of their rich coconut groves in May last, clubbing rhinoceros beetles up to six inches in length. Among the world's biggest insects, they drill the palms for sap and cut through the early leaf buds." Clubs would surely be necessary!*

**Miss Pamela Milesby**, a Sydney air-hostess, was married at the end of January to **Mr. Clyde Davis**, of Rabaul, New Guinea.

# Gaol Sentence for Samoan Chief

## Startling Liquor Case in American Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Feb. 6

MAUGA, District Governor of the Eastern District and County Chief of Mauputasi, and highest hereditary chief in American Samoa, was charged in the Pago Pago Court in January with smuggling two bottles of whisky, and was sentenced to three months' gaol and a 50-dollars fine.

Mauga accompanied the retiring Governor of American Samoa, Mr. John C. Elliott, together with other chiefs, to Apia, whence Mr. Elliott was to fly back to the States. He was presented with two bottles of whisky by Apia friends, and, when returning to Pago Pago, he did not declare the two bottles, and he refused to have his luggage searched by the Customs Officer, like other passengers.

When the two bottles of whisky were found in his luggage he was charged before Chief Judge Arthur A. Morrow with illegal possession and importation of alcoholic liquor, and sentenced as above.

Following this sentence the new Governor, Mr. James Arthur Ewing, deprived Mauga of his Office as District Governor and County Chief, but he granted a stay of execution for 60 days to elect a new title-holder of the Mauga family, so as not to disgrace the title.

In granting the stay of execution the Governor explained that the plea of forgiveness, and the traditional ceremony of "Ifoga" (or voluntary humiliation of the chiefs and people of Pago Pago) could not be acceded to, as no man is immune before the law.

A suggestion was made to send Mauga to exile on the island of Manua, instead of to gaol. The liquor question in American Samoa is a sore problem, as some full and some part-Samoan Government officials are allowed to buy and consume "hard" liquor, while, in the case of Mauga, the full force of the law is used for a comparatively minor offence. In Western Samoa, Samoan chiefs and Samoan Government officials in many cases enjoy the same liquor privileges as Europeans.

The 60-days stay of execution expires on March 1 and it will be interesting to see the course of events. So far, the chiefs of Pago Pago and the Mauga family seem reluctant to deprive the High Chief of his title, and it would certainly be an unparalleled disgrace for the highest Chief of American Samoa to be sent to gaol for this offence.




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# TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

THIS seems to be the season for Church dignitaries to be sticking their necks out and—to mix metaphors—chewing off more than they can swallow.

On Australia Day, Sydney's Dean—Dr. Babbage (the doctorate is one of Philosophy, London)—launched a tirade against Australia's native policy which was a "national scandal and disgrace." He quoted Minister Hasluck to support his accusations and pulled no punches in referring to the manner in which Australia had "sinned against the aborigines," mentioning our Christian duty of reparation and restitution. He probably was talking in the usual ecclesiastical generalities, but his sermon went over in a big way at St. Andrew's Cathedral and was called a "special intercession for the aborigines."

The worthy Dean, who is a young Maorilander by birth, thus incurred the wrath of two seasoned citizens. One was Professor Elkin and the other Michael Sawtell, a member of the Aborigines Welfare Board. Both showed they have knowledge far surpassing that of the Dean, where abo. conditions are concerned. Unfortunately, the Dean's declamations had already provided good ammunition for the anti-democratic forces, always gunning for the NG administration.

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I may be wrong (I hope I am) but it does appear that many of these self-appointed champions of so-called native welfare are doing a lot of shouting from the housetops merely for reasons of publicity, to advance their own sectional or political ends.

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A letter comes from a New Britain resident concerning "Queen Emma's" surviving relatives—which I mentioned in December PM, recalling three in New Guinea. I missed out on a grand-nephew, A. M. P. Uechtritz, who is at Sum Sum, so the writer tells me. (And, incidentally, since his writing, I believe his wife has had a son. Congratulations!) He then mentions Eddie Parkinson, "either in America or in Germany," and also E. P. Uechtritz in Germany, with "two more relatives in NZ." Thanks a lot. But my special point was **there were not many in New Guinea.**

In NSW there are the descendants of Queen Emma's son (the late J. C. M. Forsayth) and in SA or Vic. (I'm not sure which) another nephew, the son of the Queen's sister, Grace.

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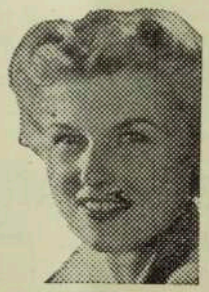
P-NG Administration has been complaining of depleted staff in the District Services branch. Applications were called for cadets for the Service and some 200 applied. A special Board will comb 164 applicants down to the required 30. Salaries appear lavish, compared with pre-war days, when they received £300 a year. Youths of 18 now commence on £528, rising to £950.

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The claim by an "American-Swedish" banking syndicate for recognition of some 5,000 square miles of mining rights in the Morobe district, allegedly granted by the German Imperial Government, is going to cause someone a headache if it is recognised. If my memory serves me aright, every German who held land or rights of any description in the old German colony was prescribed, or expropriated, in 1920 and 1921, and it would be surprising to find that the Waria Syndicate was not dealt with in this manner. H. R. Wahlen, who was a "prescribed person," re-


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presented the syndicate. I remember hearing of dredging machinery being on its way to the Morobe District from Germany when war broke out in 1914, but it never arrived.

My tip is that the lease was cancelled, for it was not put up for tender with other expropriated properties. Anyway, there will be some thumbing through old Custodian files.

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I see that Director of Works Rooney calculates the new plan to rebuild Rabaul will run into a cool £5 million, and the job is supposed to take ten years. I wonder whether Rabaul will be such a picturesque town as it was when the Germans finished building it in 1910? The NDL wharf was commenced in 1905 and stood the test of many years. Even after the disastrous fire in the early twenties it was still a sturdy structure; and from there a narrow gauge rail line ran along to the New Guinea Kompagnie bulk store, and to the Police Depot off the Namanula Road. There were no motor-lorries in those days, only the old "bulamakau carts" rumbling along the shady avenues. Every house was built to withstand the constant earth-tremors, and wardrobes and sideboards were all hooked back to the walls to prevent their toppling over during the *qurias*.

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And, talking of buildings, it always brings a smile to the older settlers of NG to read of intending visitors to the tropics living in native houses. One such US matron recently received publicity in Sydney papers because she was joining her husband "in the jungle of Dutch NG, where she will live in a bamboo house." So what?. . . Thirty years ago more women left Sydney for the Islands, where they lived in native houses, than you could count; but use of such a residence never caused any special comment. Why fuss about "bamboo houses," as though it was an outstanding act of bravery or adventure? Well constructed native houses—roomy and airy—are much preferable to the more modern fibro-cum-galvanised iron structures which are dubbed "European residences."

My own experience has been that a good sac-sac roof, properly tied down against the Nor'west, and Sou'east busters, walls of river sac-sac (painted if you so desire) and for flooring, native timber or libug, with split libug for a covering, make a most excellent domicile in the tropics—cool and comfortable and easily repaired at any time, for material is always available. I don't like bamboo—the borers get in and create much dust.

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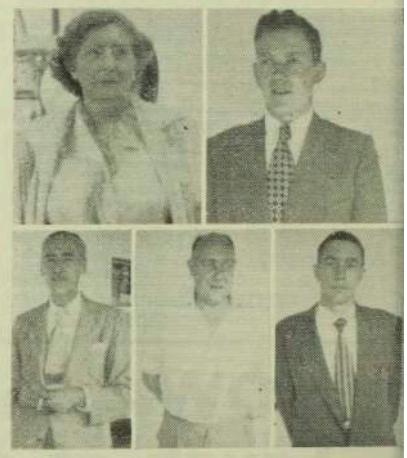
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## Bulolo Passengers



Passengers who left Sydney for P-NG in January Bulolo, included (left to right, top to bottom): Mrs. N. F. Davies, who will return to her home at Norfolk Island, after visiting friends in Papua-New Guinea; Mr. J. D. Solomon, going to a position in Port Moresby; Mr. Louis P. Fahy, well-known in Papua-New Guinea for the past 30 years, who was returning to his home in Lae, after receiving treatment at the Repatriation Hospital, Concord, NSW; Mr. W. Mist, who was going to a new position at the Catholic Mission Station, Milne Bay, East Papua; Mr. Warner West, of the Department of Civil Aviation, who has been appointed to Port Moresby for the next two years.




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# Blue-Print For Future of N-Guinea

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Feb. 2.

ONE of the most important steps yet undertaken in the systematic development of the natural resources of Papua-New Guinea—a careful survey of possibilities, by a selected team of experts—began when, at the end of last month, Dr. C. S. Christian arrived to organise the requirements of the party. The team is called the Land Resources and Regional Survey Section of the CSIRO, and its members are:

**General Leader—**
Dr. C. S. Christian
**Scientific Leader—**
Dr. R. M. Dorrie
**Ecologist**—Mr. B. W. Taylor
**Systematic Botanist—**
Dr. R. G. Hoogland.
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**Pedologist**—Mr. H. A. Haantjens

Their over-all objective is the description, classification and mapping of all regions of the Territory with an assessment of their agricultural, pastoral and other potentialities, including hydro-electric resources.

The team will first examine the North District (Buna) which includes the Amboga, Girna and Samboga River basins, the lower slopes of the Hydrographers Range, the Lamington-Sangara plateau, the Kokoda area, and possibly the Yodda basin.

When the entire survey is finished, Canberra will have a complete blueprint of the basic potentialities, and therefore a safe basis on which to plan the future of these huge Territories.

## Bananas by the Foot

FIJI'S bunch of bananas of record size which was shipped to New Zealand in Jaunary in a special container has gained fame for the Colony, far and wide. News of it spilled into radio in Australia and also into newspapers. One Melbourne Daily said that since recovering from the 1952 hurricane, Fiji banana plantations were producing bunches of bananas of such size that they could not be shipped.

In fact there was one OS bunch of bananas—it was of 10 hands, was three feet high, two feet across, weighed 145 pounds and each of the bananas were of 11 to 12 inches in length. Take a look at a foot-rule—then agree that this is a lot of banana.

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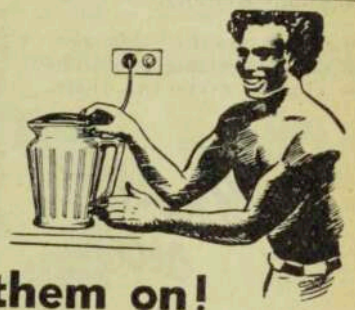
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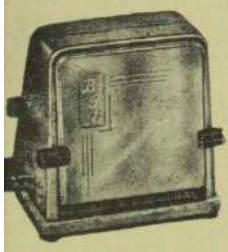
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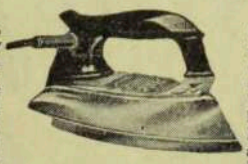
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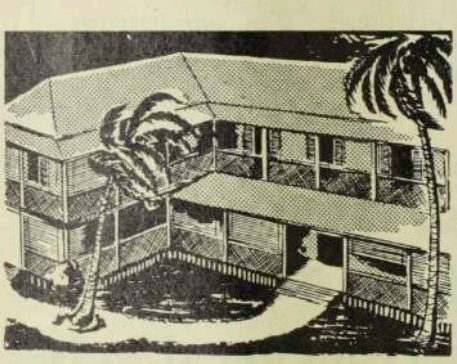

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Mr. Eddie Lund of Quinns Tahitian Hut, Papeete, who has composed the music for a TEAL publicity film on French Oceania, was South to record the sound track in Auckland. Mrs. Leonie Hay, attractive Aucklander, now resident in Honolulu, who travelled by Fairmile launch Philante II to Papeete thence by TEAL, on a visit to relatives in Auckland.

Miss Valerie Lee, of Suva, will attend a business college. Mr. John Harrington, well-known American business man now resident at Aitutaki, Cook Islands, is on a NZ business visit.

Miss R. Saunders and Miss R. Forster, of Suva, will attend school in New Zealand.

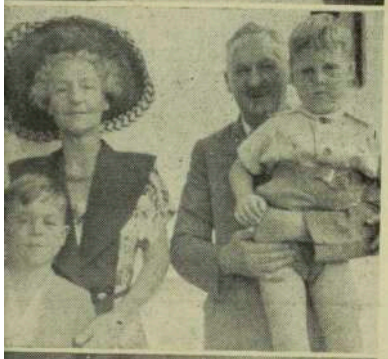
Among engagements announced recently was that of **Mr. T. G. Pollard** to an Adelaide girl, **Miss Pat Southerden.** Tom Pollard's mother went to Papua in 1922 as Mrs. Arthur Gors. There were four Gors brothers (Walter, Otto, Arthur and Leo), who were planters from Adelaide, and who settled in the Hisiu district of Papua. Left a widow, Mrs. Gors married Mr Arthur Pollard, of the British New Guinea Co's staff in Port Moresby.

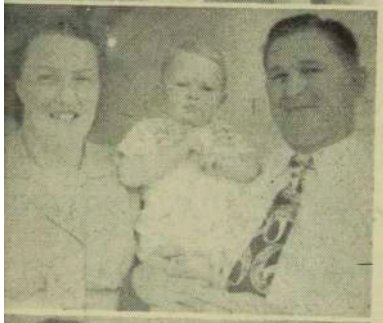


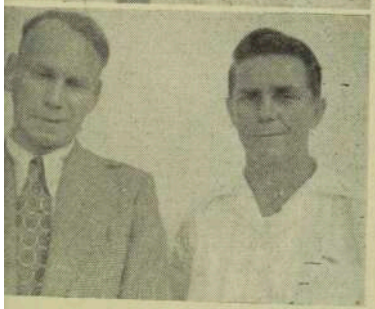

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## Islanders Holiday in New Zealand









assengers departing from Auckland in uary Tofua included (top to bottom): liss Hasel More, Matron of Vaiola pital, Nukualofa, who returned with ice Taufaahau, eldest grandchild of en Salote.
r. and Mrs. G. G. Shepheard with Miles and Warren, who went to Niue where Mr. Shepheard will be in charge of Niue schools.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Webber, who returned to W. Samoa after 4½ months travelling holiday all over New Zealand.

Mr. S. Thomson, of Auckland, who was farewelling Mr. Chris Anderson, who returned to Savaii, W. Samoa, after three months in New Zealand.

## SHIPS FOR TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

VARIOUS reports, generally to the effect that when the *RMS Aorangi* ceases the Sydney-Vancouver run in May the Matson Line will re-enter the trans-Pacific service with 25-knot vessels, were discounted on January 24, when the Matson Co. announced that it had no plans for such a service at present.

Indications are that, when the *Aorangi* is withdrawn, a trans-Pacific mail and passenger service will be carried on by a couple of the Carpenter motor-ships of the *Lautoka* class—fast vessels of around 10,000 tons, carrying over 100 passengers.

While Trans-Pacific trade is paralysed by dollar shortages and import restrictions, there is nothing much to tempt new shipping concerns into the field. The Carpenter interests, with vessels now serving their established interests, already are running to a fairly regular schedule.

*"Te Ao Hou"*, described as a magazine for the Maori people will make its debut in May, 1953.

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Something close to a world record high in prices for petroleum products must have been reached in the New Hebrides where it is reported that petrol costs 7/9 per gallon, kerosene 6/6, diesel oil 6/- and white spirit for pressure lamps, 8/8. It is said that there is a "certain amount of buyer resistance".

## NEW POWER PLANT FOR MORESBY IN 1954

MORESBY, Feb. 3.

WHEN the hydro-electric undertaking (to be installed at Rouna to supply Port Moresby with power) comes into use it will have an initial output of 3000 kilowatts, which is just over the town's present maximum power consumption.

But the basic installation can be expanded to an output of 5,000 kilowatts, which should be quite enough for Moresby's domestic and light industrial requirements for a long time.

The Rouna scheme falls into four major sections:

1. Supply of turbines and generating equipment.
2. Construction of intake works, pipeline and channel to the power house.
3. Erection of power house and installation of equipment.
4. Construction of transmission line from plant to Port Moresby.

The contract (already let) for No. 1 has a two year delivery date. Last month tenders were called for No. 2.

It is estimated that the main construction work (No. 3 and 4) will all be completed by the time the turbines and generating plant are delivered in 1954. The new installation should give a steady supply of power and at about half the present cost of the diesel generating plant.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lillyman**, of Lae NG, who have been holidaying in New Zealand, returned to Sydney en route to New Guinea in January.


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EQUIPPED with pingpong balls, horseshoes, novelty tricks and bits and pieces of sporting goods, Mr. A. K. Powlison has departed from Honolulu for the Korror archipelago, in the Western Carolines, on a mission that is new in Pacific Islands history.

According to one of the Planners of the Trust Territory of Micronesia (now in the care of United States) the native people of Korror are suffering "cultural dislocations and emotional stresses," as a result of the impact of foreign ways upon their traditional manner of living. In the last 150 years, they have been ruled by Spaniards, Germans, Japanese and Americans and, in the view of the Planners, their outlook on life has been sadly disrupted.

And so—believe it or not, Mr. Ripley!—it has been decided officially that they must be cheered up. Mr. Powlison is to be the cheerleader.

*Honolulu Star-Bulletin* of November 24, says that Mr. Powlison "is a former director of recreation for City Parks and playgrounds; he has had more than 30 years' experience in organising recreation." He is to spend the next 15 months "on a pioneer project designed to help smooth out alien influences that have disrupted the lives of the people of the Palau Islands (Korror) for 40 years."

The Honolulu writer says: "Mr. Powlison's job is to try and help convince the Palauans that they want to un-dislocate and un-stress themselves, and then help them proceed to do it." Mrs. Powlison is to go and assist her husband in Korror when a house is available. It is also noted that Mr. Powlison's project is under the direction of the South Pacific Commission and the Administrator of the Trust Territory.

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The foregoing is a condensation of the article in the Honolulu newspaper which purports to describe seriously a project of the South Pacific Commission and the Trust Territory Administration. We prefer to present it as a prime example of irresponsible journalism and American ballyhoo.

It is difficult to believe that the SPC—the solemn embodiment of six responsible Governments—would despatch a games organiser, complete with pingpong balls and novelty tricks, on a mission designed to bring back the sparkle to the eyes of the melancholy half-breeds of the Western Carolines. That surely would be the *reductio ad absurdum* of the important tasks that have been allotted to the SPC.

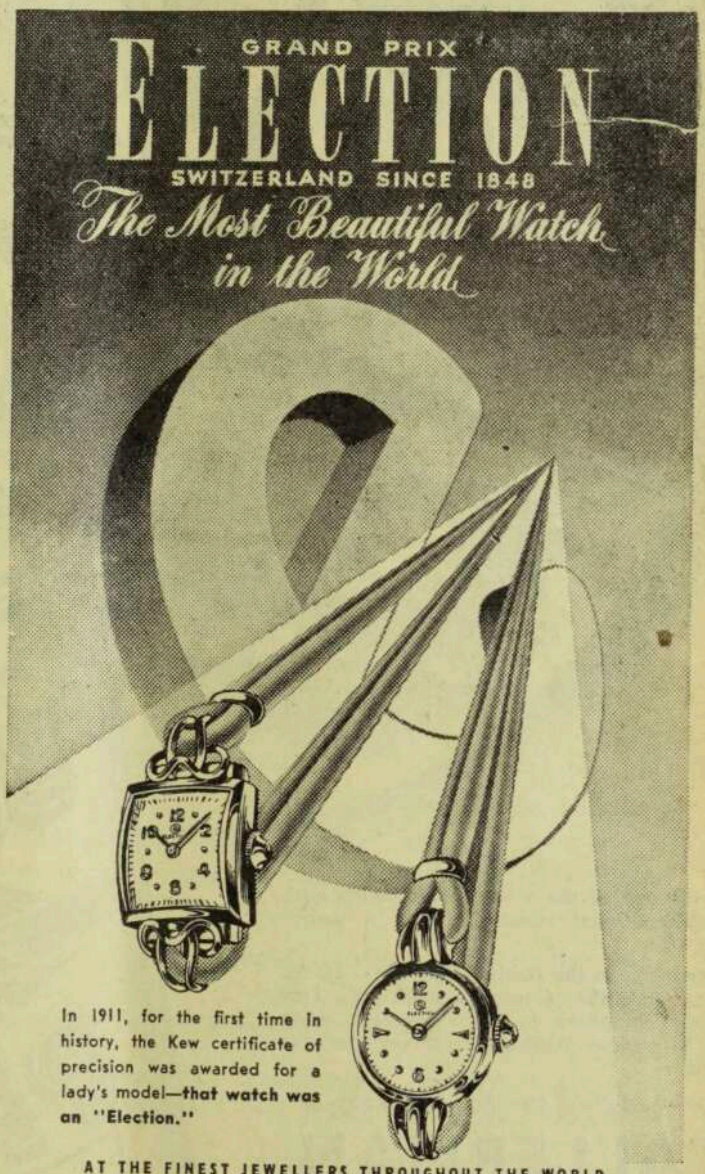
# FEW ITEMS NOW PRICE CONTROLLED IN FIJI COLONY

WITH the exception of bread, flour, sharps and road passenger transport (that is, taxi and bus fares), Fiji is now without price control which was first imposed early in the war period. A long list of items ranging from dalo to imported cement was removed from control in January.

Control has been maintained on bread, flour, etc., because of Government subsidy payments that are made in respect of flour.

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Captain John Ritchie of the Union Steam Ship Co., lately master of the trans-Pacific cargo vessel Waitomo, retired in February aged 63.


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## MV POLLURIAN
### Writs and Court Proceedings In Rabaul

RABAUL, Jan. 20.

THERE have been further developments in the troubles between the promoters of the Bougainville Company (formed to run the MV *Pollurian* between Bougainville and Rabaul, and engage generally in trade and shipping) and Captain Thomas Willis Coyne, who was instrumental in bringing the *Pollurian* from England to New Guinea in 1951, and who subsequently acted in Rabaul as managing director of the Co.

Coyne, on January 13, was committed for trial on a charge of attempting to steal £1,415 from the Company; and, about the same time, writs, each claiming £10,000 for malicious prosecution, were served by Coyne upon James Murray Joyes, of Iwi Plantation, and John Henry Ellis, of Tokaian Plantation. The two latter are Bougainville planters and were associated with Coyne and others in 1950 in the planning of the enterprise.

The evidence showed that on February 27, 1951, £5,000 Stg. (£2,500 from Ellis and £2,500 from Joyes) was cabled to Coyne, in England, for the purchase of goods to be brought out in the *Pollurian*. The latter arrived at the end of 1951. The Co. was registered in February, 1952.

Coyne, after his return to Rabaul, informed Joyes and Ellis that £1,300 of the £5,000 was not spent. This was a private matter between Coyne, Joyes and Ellis and was not part of the Co's transactions.

In April, 1952, Joyes and Ellis interviewed Coyne, and asked for an accounting, and repeated the request in May and August. On September 19, Joyes and Ellis demanded a settlement that day; Coyne handed them a statement showing a balance left out of their £5,000 of £1,415; and he then and there signed a Bougainville Co. cheque for that amount and handed it to Joyes, and the latter, acting upon advice, deposited the cheque in a Trust account.

The directors, Mr. Dudley Jones, Mr. Joyes and Mr. Ellis, called a meeting on September 22 and demanded of Coyne his reasons for paying a private debt with a Company cheque for £1,415. Coyne said that more than that was owing to him on salary and other accounts. The Directors had an audit made, and challenged this claim; there were protracted arguments about accounts (in the course of which it appeared that Coyne, on behalf of the Company, had supervised expenditure totalling £30,000, secured on bank overdraft); and finally the Directors took the matter to the police. Coyne was removed from control, and Mr. Dudley Jones took charge.

Mr. James, counsel for Coyne, presented as a defence that Coyne had no thought or intention of taking funds improperly—he honestly believed that the Co. owed him this sum, and more.

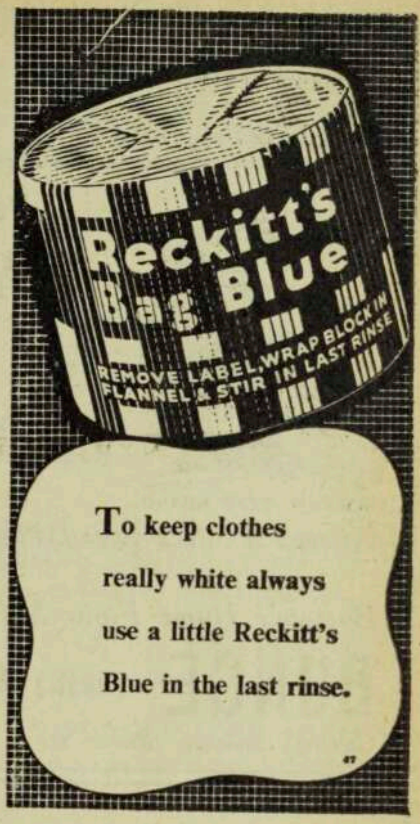
Magistrate J. R. Rigby decided that there was a *prima facie* case, and committed Coyne to the Supreme Court for trial. Bail of £250 was allowed.

## P-NG High Police Offical Is 'Out in the Clear'

AFTER a series of semi-judicial appeals and decisions which are beyond the understanding of the average layman, Inspector Ernest Steeples (one of the best-known of the pre-war police officers) has been confirmed in his position as First Class Inspector of Police by the P-NG Public Service Commissioner. The case was described in the last issue of the PIM.

Mr. Staples is now settled in Rabaul, and there has been no legal challenge to his status when he appeared in court on behalf of the Crown.

Although Mr. Steeples' position now seems clear, there does appear to be a set-up in the Police Department in Port Moresby that is puzzling. It is said that the system of promotion has got tangled up with the machinery of high bureaucracy.




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**Assistant Superintendent D. T. Saint** has been seconded from the Fiji Police to be Aide de Camp to the Governor of Fiji. **Inspector A. P. Keelan,** who has been ADC since October, 1951, has been seconded to the Fiji Military Forces.

**Mr. Eric Grove,** a trader of Salnafota, W. Samoa, who served with the New Zealanders in the Middle East in World War II, has been chosen as a member of the NZ contingent for the Coronation.





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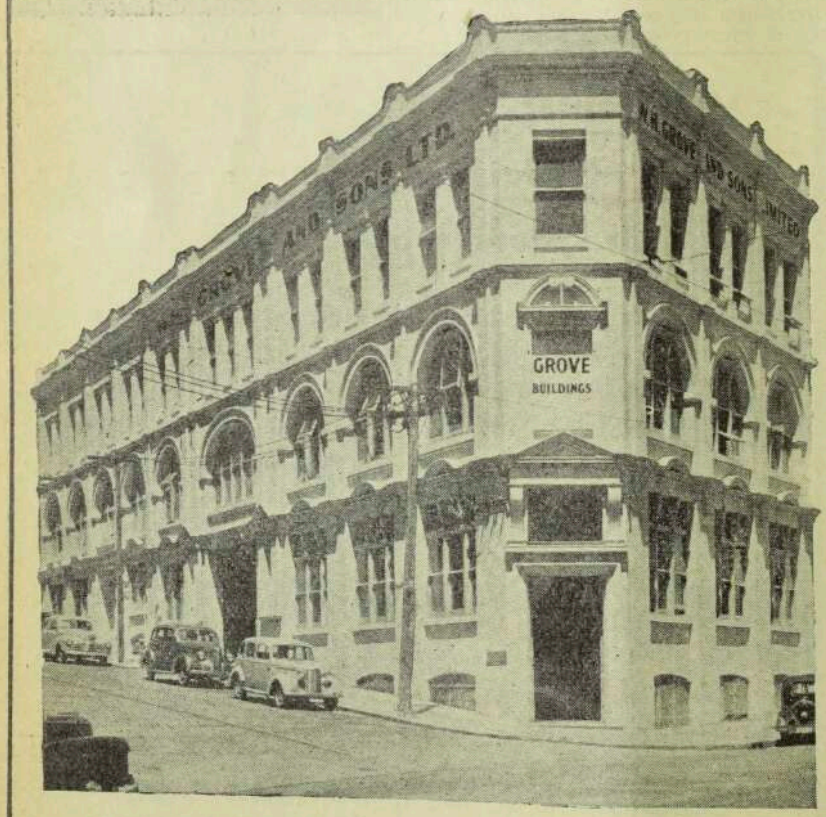
From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Feb. 3.

TEN Patrol Officers of the District Services Department will attend the fourth two-years course, at the Australian School of Pacific Administration in Sydney, which begins at the end of March. They are:

A. C. Jeffries, Recreation leave.
A. M. Bottrill, Recreation leave.
A. T. Carey, Southern Highlands (Tari).
D. P. Sheekey, Mendi, Southern Highlands (Tari).
R. S. Bell, Adelbert Range, Madang District.
J. F. Sinclair, Ioma, Northern District.
F. D. Anderson, Taskul, New Ireland.
D. A. M. Young-Whitforde, Kavieng, NI.
O. J. Mathieson, Ihu, Gulf Dist.
D. J. Parish, Finschhafen.

When they return to the Territory with the diploma for the successful completion of the course in their luggage, they will be one step nearer the status of Assistant District Officer. This term at school is now one of the requirements for promotion to ADO.


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# DISQUIET ON THE RUBBER FRONT

## Best Market Behind Iron Curtain

PAPUA'S rubber planters will see another threat to their product in the recent announcement from Germany that a new synthetic rubber has been perfected in West Germany.

Production, at present, is only a few tons per month, but it is hoped to increase output soon. All sorts of rosy claims are made for the new synthetic, which is said to be superior to any artificial rubber now on the market. It is claimed that it is particularly useful for shoe soles and heels, cable insulation, bicycle tyres and solid tyres; that it is immune to alcohol, petrol and ozones, and will give ten times the wear of natural rubber.

Basic material is coal and it has been developed as a result of years of research, by Professor Otto Bayer, at the Bayer Works. It is called vulcollan. Manufacture calls for entirely new processing methods from those used for natural or ordinary synthetic.

British and American firms are said to be keen to take out licences for the manufacture of this new synthetic.

### CEYLON SELLS RUBBER TO CHINA

Ceylon has agreed to sell about 50,000 tons of rubber to Red China over the next five years. The price is variously stated as being from 1d per pound to 40 per cent better than the current market price. In exchange, Ceylon will take rice from Red China—also at a price said to be favourable to Ceylon.

The deal follows the visit of a Ceylon trade delegation to Peking some months ago, and it is not pleasing to the United States. After negotiations were begun between Ceylon and China, the United States Government offered to buy Ceylon's rubber at existing world prices. Ceylon would play ball only if the US, in addition, promised 50 million dollars of economic aid to Ceylon in the next five years. When the US refused, the deal was concluded with Red China.

It is generally agreed that the agreement, from Peking's point of view, is not just a matter of getting rubber—which it certainly wants—but also is a prestige builder in East Asia.

Iron Curtain countries' latest drive in the Cold War is a concerted trade drive on Asian countries. And Asian countries everywhere from Egypt to Indonesia seem only too keen to play into Red hands. These countries are in no mood to be convinced that they are being fattened for the kill.

In terms of potential trouble, this wooing of Asia by trade is probably a bigger threat to Western Civilisation than any previous phase of the Muscovite Cold War—especially in view of Eisenhower's decision to withdraw the US fleet from Formosa, which almost certainly means that the Red China coast will be blockaded, and cargoes from Ceylon (or anywhere else) will be turned back or seized.

### PAPUA'S RUBBER TROUBLES

In the meantime, Papuan rubber planters still have a serious marketing problem on their hands for, with the exception of very small consignments, no orders are forthcoming from Australian rubber manufacturers.

Territories Minister Hasluck fulfilled his promise to find a market for 400 tons, and actually 450 tons have been shipped to Australia. This cleared planters' accumulations up to about the middle of November, but by the end of December the Territory stockpile was already another 350 tons.

Planters were still in the dark as to any progress made by the Minister towards securing a definite market for the Papuan output. They are hoping, of course, that eventually the future of the industry will be assured by the granting of preference for Papuan rubber in the Australian market. (Next Page)


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## World Price Stabilisation

It was reported from London at the end of January that Australia may be asked to contribute funds to an international scheme designed to stabilise world fluctuating rubber prices.

The working committee of the international rubber study group, which concluded talks in London recently has drawn up a buffer stock scheme for presentation to a meeting of the full group in Copenhagen in May.

## Tongan Scholarship Winners



**These five boys from Tonga High School have been awarded scholarships for the year 1952. Their ages range from 16 to 18 years old. They are the first students to receive scholarships from this recently-founded school which is conducted on the New Zealand system. The boys are to attend Auckland Grammar School for a year before deciding whether they will take University courses. Lodging has been arranged for them at the Tongan Government's hostel at Epsom, Auckland. In front, from left to right, are Karl Tu'inukuafe, Siaosi Faletau. Back row, left to right, are 'Aisake Folaumoetu'i, 'Etueni Tupou, and Edgar Max Tu'inukuafe.**

—Photo by Hettig.

**Mr. R. A. Howlett** has been appointed secretary of the Fiji Visitors' Board (until recently called the Fiji Publicity Board and Tourist Bureau) in succession to Mr. F. I. Ryan who resigned at the end of 1952. Until recently Mr. Howlett was Tourist Officer, Nadi. He has been succeeded there by **Mrs. J. Lloyd.**

The *Nankin* arrived in Australian waters early February with about 2,500 tons of cranes, bulldozers, tractors, etc., wartime salvage from the jungles of Dutch New Guinea. The owners—Thiess Brothers—said part would go to Australian eastern States, and part to Japan.




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## MORE WORK FOR PRIVATE CONTRACTORS IN P-NG

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 23.

IT pleases P-NG citizens that the Commonwealth Works Department at Port Moresby is now switching construction jobs from "day labour" to contract. In the Department's phraseology "day labour" means work done by the department's own workmen. But the policy now is to call tenders and let out as much work as possible to private contractors.

Contract jobs already in progress or slated for early attention, include the Port Moresby and Madang wharves, the Markham River Bridge, Samarai wharf (now 99 per cent. complete), a wharf-head and small ships jetties at Kavieng, Rouna hydro-electric scheme for Port Moresby and the new Rabaul wharf.

It will be sometime before much road construction can be done by private contractors in the Territory, since very few, if any, have the necessary heavy equipment for such jobs.

It is hoped that the elimination of unnecessary day labour jobs will cut costs but one bottleneck which has to be overcome is lack of technical staff at Port Moresby to prepare the plans and specifications of jobs for contractors, and lack of office space for the extra staff. The Department now has a departmental allocation of £15,000 for office extensions.

The Governor of Fiji appointed Lt. Commander G. R. Woods, FRNVR, Lt. R.J.B. Ackland, FMF, Ft. Lt. G. C. Benseman, RNZAF, and Jioji Suguturaga, Acting Inspector of Police, to be Honorary Aides-de-Camp.


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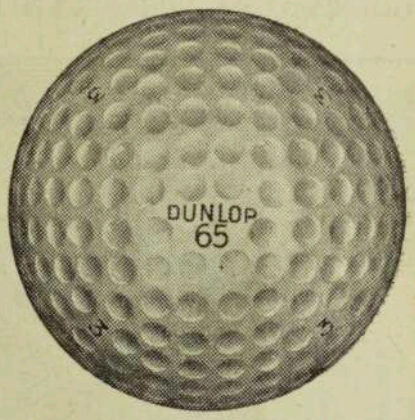
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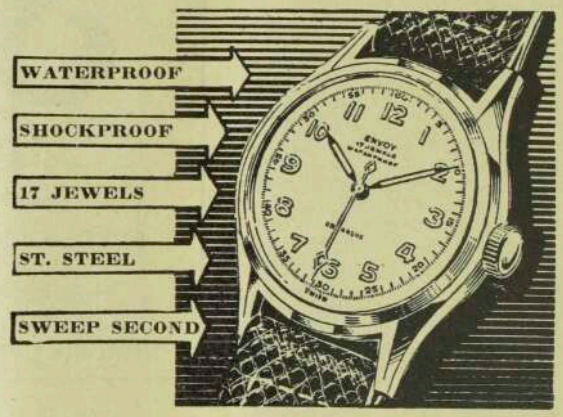


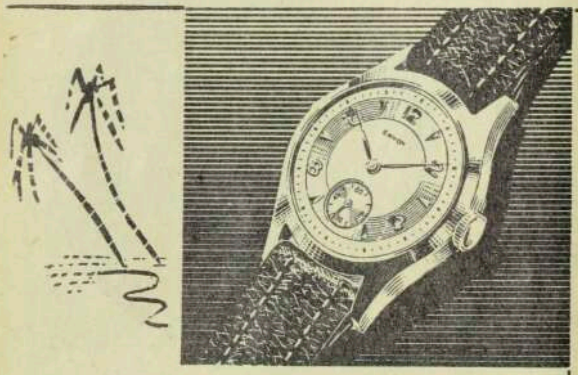
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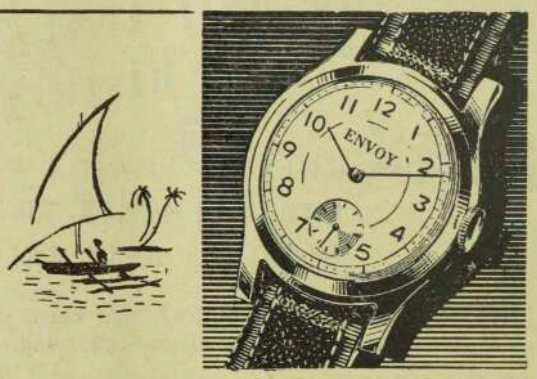
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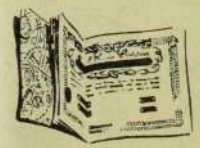



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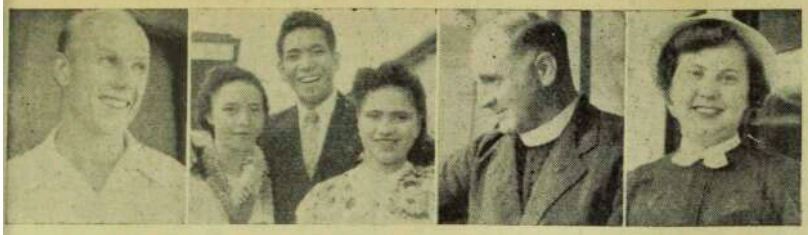
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## Island Residents in Auckland



Mr. Gabriel H. Lepage, in Auckland en route to University in Sydney, after a ear school-teaching at isolated Mangareva, Gambier Is.
Miss Celia Herman, Mr. R. C. Marsters and Miss Naomi Ratu, who arrived in uckland by air from Aitutaki, Cook Is.
The Rev. Brother Ephrem, SM, who returned to Fiji for another period of service the Islands after being stationed at Wanganui, NZ, for the past nine years. e is now at the Brothers School, Suva.
Miss J. C. Stinson returned to Suva after 15 months at Feilding, NZ.

## An Efficiency Expert to Tell Fiji How

ALTHOUGH the plain Fiji citizen says that nothing is done in Fiji that has not already een tried out in East Africa, the old Coast or maybe one of the Vest Indies colonies, something ew for the South Pacific occurred January when Mr. R. A. Withers, presenting a firm of London usiness efficiency experts, arrived Suva.

He will prepare a quick outline of ways and means whereby Fiji Government departments and Fiji Civil Servants can get their work done with greater efficiency and economy.

It is considered that if Mr. Withers' suggestions are worth what they will cost, then Mr. Withers' firm will be engaged to put them into operation and presumably Mr. General Public, who follows the British pattern in being rude about his own bureaucrats, will cheer like mad.

**Mr. Howard B. Stone** of the LDS Mission, has taken over as President of the W. Samoan Mission from **Mr. Earl S. Paul.**

Two RAAF Mosquito planes began an aerial photographic survey of Papua-New Guinea in January.

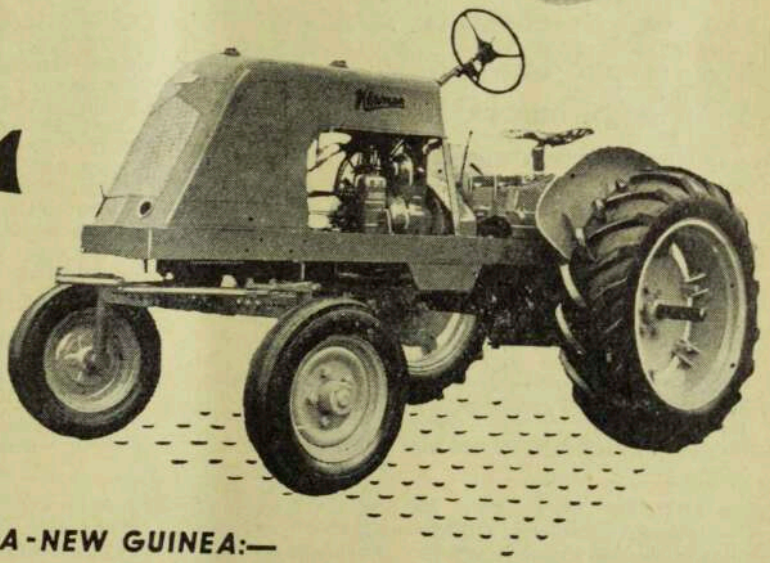
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**Colonel J. K. Murray**, former Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, and Sir Raphael Cilento, who was a Director of Health in New Guinea before World War II, are among new members of the Senate of the University of Queensland, elected in February.





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## Newspaper for Fijians

THE enterprising Indian tradesmen who run the Oceanic Printery in Suva have commenced the issue of a weekly newspaper for literate Fijians—a goodlooking, 12-page compilation called *Volagauna*.

In 1951, Mr. Dick Abel, a part-Fijian, commenced the publication of a very good weekly newspaper called *Duisiga*, and the big circulation he soon attained showed that there is a large and growing demand for this kind of service. However, he could not command the capital for the enterprise, and it ceased at the year's end.

The Indian publishers say that *Volagauna* is written and edited by Fijians. There is no doubt that it will fill a need. But, in view of the political situation, the Fijians' newspaper should be owned and published by Fijians.

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The marriage took place recently in BSI of **Miss Barbara Beaumont** of Queensland to **Mr. Douglas Hall**, Manager of Joroveto Plantation. Joroveto is owned by **Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hodgess**, who returned there recently after several months holiday in Australia.


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# HOGMANAY AT MENDI - P-NG STYLE

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 30

ANOTHER fine job of work was done by District Services staff near Mendi Station (in the Southern Highlands) on New Year's Eve.

Just as the District Commissioner, J. S. McLeod, was doubtless thinking of living up to his name by celebrating New Year's Eve in traditional Scots fashion, word came through that over 200 Mendi natives were engaged in a ceremony antedating the Scottish practices by several centuries.

In short, they were "mixing it" with bows and arrows, and a pretty lively battle was in progress.

With a patrol of 14 native police, the DC hurried to the scene. There he left half his force to guard a quickly established camp, while he took the rest down to within forty yards of the 250 fighting natives.

Immediately, arrows commenced flying in the direction of Mr. McLeod and his party; while, back at the camp, another group of Mendi lads attacked the camp guard.

The attackers on the main battlefield had shrewdly taken up a neat, defensive position behind a garden fence of pit-pit, and to protect themselves the patrol had to open fire. Then, as the pit-pit screen made it impossible for Mr. McLeod to gauge the intentions of the attackers, he took the patrol back to the camp, where the native police guard had successfully fought off the raiding party. The latter had retreated after one of their group had been injured by police fire.

Anything might have happened the next day, for the stage was set for trouble. But the District Services habit is to resolve seemingly inevitable violence by peaceful means. With the right degree of courage, diplomacy, tact and shrewd knowledge of the primitive mind, Mr. McLeod, like many other DS men before him, soon had the former combatants sending in peace offerings of pigs; and a little later he got the ringleaders from both sides to sit down in conference under his wary eye. The affair ended in a truce, and compensation payments between the warring parties (with no animosity against the government for the unavoidable wounding of five natives), and settlement of the original land dispute which had precipitated the tribal fight.

The government has been established in the Mendi district only about eighteen months—not long enough for the natives to have foregone their age-old method of settling disputes in tribal clashes. The New Year's Eve incident will help them to realise that the old order must go.

The incident itself was not remarkable. What perhaps is not appreciated, either in Australia or abroad, is the good work being done by Australians of the District Services Department under extremely difficult circumstances. It is time the Commonwealth edged some of its overseas critics off the publicity stage by letting the world know just what is happening in the much publicized "under-developed" areas of New Guinea. If Australia's record in these newly opened regions were better known it would cut the ground from under noisy and uninformed criticism.

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**Miss Dorothy Kearsley** of Suva, Fiji, was in Sydney in January en route to the UK for a holiday.

**Mr. S. Pratap**, a Suva merchant and a well-known member of the younger section of the Fiji-Indian community, has accepted the post of General Secretary of the Indian Association of Fiji. It is believed that this organisation intends to use its influence to assist the Government of Fiji in creating a happier relationship between the three large communities in the Colony—Fijians, Indians and Europeans.





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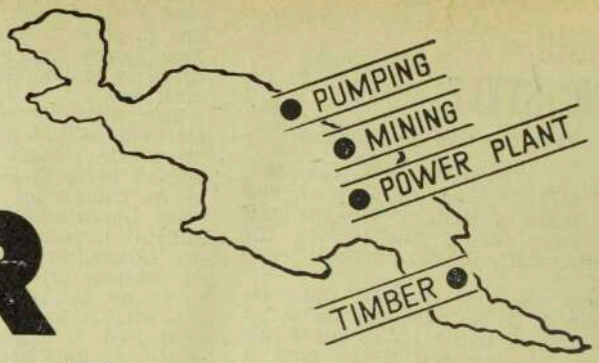
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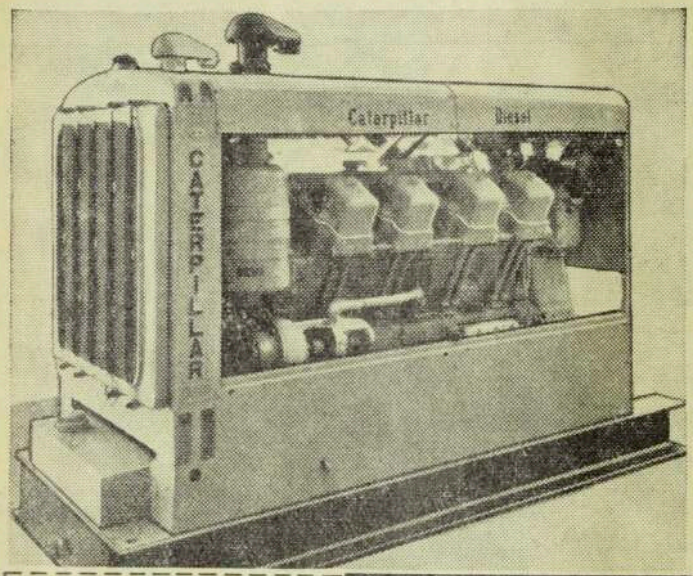




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## Islanders Travelling



In Auckland from the Islands in January (left to right, top row): Mr. Reginald Caldwell, of Inland Revenue Dept., Suva, and Mrs. Caldwell, who were met by daughter Barbara when they arrived on 4½ months' vacation. The Rev. M. G. Check, of the LMS Church, Niue, with Mrs. Check, Bryan (left) and Graham, and Miss F. Fenika, who are on leave. Mr. H. A. Ritchie, of Kerikeri, met Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Aspinall of San Francisco (formerly of W. Samoa).

Bottom row, bound for the Cook Islands by January Maui Pomare (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ferguson of the Union Steam Ship Co., who went to Rarotonga to relieve manager, Mr. G. Leopard, due for vacation. Mrs. T. Paterson and Phillip, who were bound home to Rakahanga Is. Well-known NZ travel writer Ronald Syme, who went north to collect material for a book on the Cooks—a travel book on NZ is now in the hands of the publishers. Mr. D. Munro and Mr. Tapai Pirangi who were returning to Arorangi, Rarotonga, after a vacation in NZ.

A telegram of congratulation was sent by the Governor of Fiji to **The Rev. Mother Mary Agnes,** Diamond Jubilee of her religious profession on January 16. She is MBE, when she celebrated the now living in retirement at Makogai, where for over 30 years she was in charge of the nursing sisters at the Fiji Leprosy Hospital.

**Mr. Suraj Bali** of Alava, Sigatoka, Fiji, who was a student of the Natabua Secondary School, Lautoka, proceeded to Sydney in January to undertake medical studies at Sydney University.




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## Oranges Growing At Pukapuka

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## Scholarships for NG's European Children

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This is the third scholarship endowment to be made in the Territory in recent years. In Papua, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cromie endowed two scholarships valued at £50 each, to be awarded annually, and subject to renewal where satisfactory progress is shown by the scholarship holder. This year a Wau schoolgirl, Rae Ferries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ferries, will do her second school year as a Cromie scholarship holder. The other Cromie award for 1953 has gone to Robert Mulholland, of Port Moresby.

Mr. Gilbert Renton, of Rabaul, last year endowed an annual scholarship valued at £50, and for the second year in succession it has been awarded to Ruth Batze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Batze, of Lae.

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# Passionfruit Industry in NG Highlands

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 24.

AROUND 30 tons of passionfruit pulp will be processed at Goroka, New Guinea Central ighlands, this year by Cottees assiona Limited, and the first atch of fruit has already gone rough the factory.

The Secretary of the company, r. E. Wrighter, who returned to ydney in January after visiting oroka, said that this year the first nit of the factory was only operatg to keep faith with the few owers who had fruit available. eal commercial operation could ot start for about a year as it ould take this time for the passionuit seedlings, planted three to ur months ago, to reach maturity. y the time the main crop began yield, the Cottee factory would e large enough to handle any nount of passion fruit which could e produced in the Goroka district. So far, approximately 100,000 edlings have been distributed by e company's Goroka agent, Mr. . Greathead, and the Agricultural xtension Officer in the area. And hile it is unlikely that all the edlings have been cherished, ourished and otherwise properly ared for (or even planted) a very od percentage has been estabshed in both European and native assionfruit plots. These are showg excellent growth, and things em fairly well set for the developent of a very valuable industry the Goroka area.

Mr. Wrighter said he thought the me was not ripe for talking about e company's long-range plans in oroka—they would concentrate on tting the passionfruit industry ell established first. But he did ncede that later there was a good ance of other fruits being prossed, such as cape-gooseberries d strawberries, both of which ow well in the Goroka area of e Highlands; and perhaps the anufacture of peanut butter might velop also. Right now, however, st a small section of the factory as been erected and is in use, and e project itself is still in its inncy. When the factory is cometed and comes into large-scale oduction, the passionfruit pulp ill be frozen at Goroka, flown out Lae, and sent to Australia by a in refrigeration cargo space. here the firm will manufacture it to the various types of passionuit products already on the arket. Mr. Wrighter said the uality of Goroka passionfruit was least equal to that produced in ustralia.

**Mr. E. T. Fulton** returned from elbourne to his New Britain plantion on January *Bulolo*.

# New Freezer Opens at Madang

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADANG, January 22.

MADANG housewives are gradually getting a few amenities that make life more pleasant.

With the arrival of the January *Malekula*, Burns Philp's new freezing plant came into operation. This is a great improvement on the old army model, and enables the housewife. to do her shopping more leisurely.

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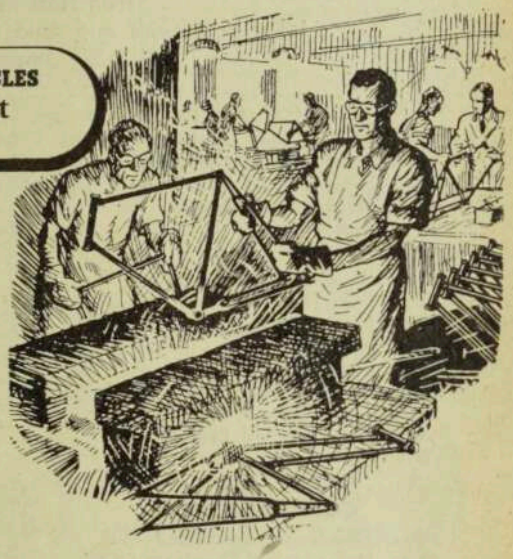
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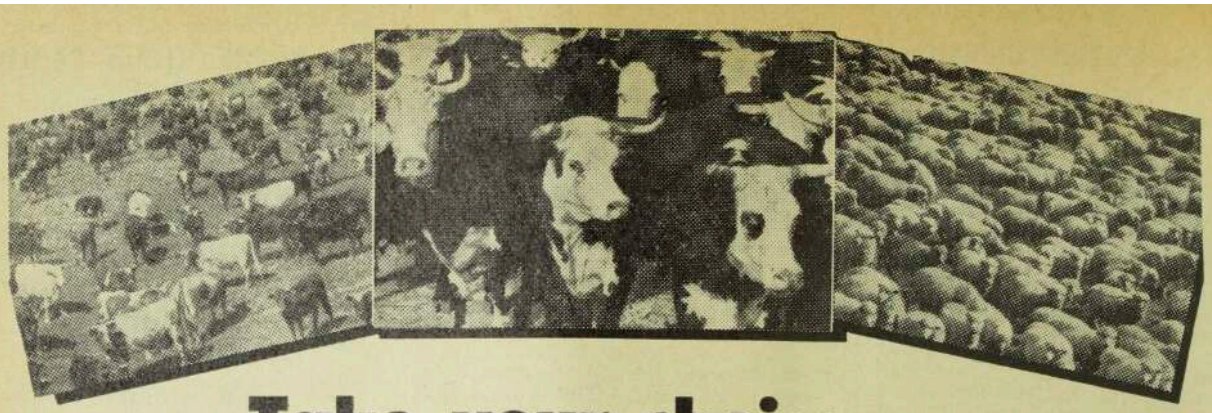
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## Islanders in Auckland



Islands travellers who arrived in Auckland in January, included (top row, left to right):—

Mr. W. G. Davies on leave from the Audit Department, W. Samoa.

Miss Elaine Uluave, lately of MH & Co's. Apia staff, on holiday.

Squadron Leader E. Shaw, Administrative Officer at RNZAF Station, Lauthala Bay, Fiji, during the past two years, on transfer to Air Department, Wellington.

Miss Sheilagh Heenan, of Nukualofa, returned to resume duties as school teacher in NZ after holidaying at home.

Mr. B. P. D. McEwen, of W. Samoa Government staff, will spend two months leave in NZ, then proceed to England to study for Diploma of Anthropology.

Bottom (left to right). Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Apia, who were met by a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Colliver with Michael and Tony, from Suva, where Mr. Colliver has been manager of C & W for the past five years.

Mrs. C. Young, Irene Young, Mr. A. Wendt and Miss V. Railey, all of W. Samoa.

The position of Chief Medical Officer, Cook Islands, has been advertised in New Zealand recently. The term of appointment is for three years. Dr. Tom Davis, who last held the appointment, is at present doing a post-graduate course in the United States.

**Mr. and Mrs. C. Peagram** of Apia, and formerly of Rarotonga, left for the UK on leave in February. Mr. Peagram is the Union Steam Ship Co.'s Manager in W. Samoa.

**The Rev. Father Albery de Theye, S.M.**, has been appointed Superior of the Marist Missions in the South Solomons.

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For some years past a school for children of the NZ technical staff has been operated at Nadi Airport, Fiji. Up to date one or other of the wives has been a qualified school-teacher and has taken charge. Recently, however, it has become necessary to locate a teacher in New Zealand and Mr. E. H. Diack, a noted Southland sportsman and schoolteacher, has been appointed first headmaster. The school at present has about 70 children.

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## MASTER CHARGES CREW WITH ASSAULT

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, January 22.

CAPTAIN THOMAS, master of the MV *Marova*, recently laid charges of assault against six members of his native crew. He alleged in the Madang District Court that the ships bo'sun and five other native crew members attacked him while the ship was at sea between Madang and Bogia on the New Guinea mainland coast.

District Magistrate Ormsby committed the bo'sun for trial on a charge of assault. Four other natives were sentenced to six weeks' gaol, and the fifth was discharged, as he gave evidence that he had tried to restrain the other natives.

In the December issue of PIM a similar occurrence was reported from Kavieng, when the Master of the MV *Mainiro* charged members of his crew with assault.

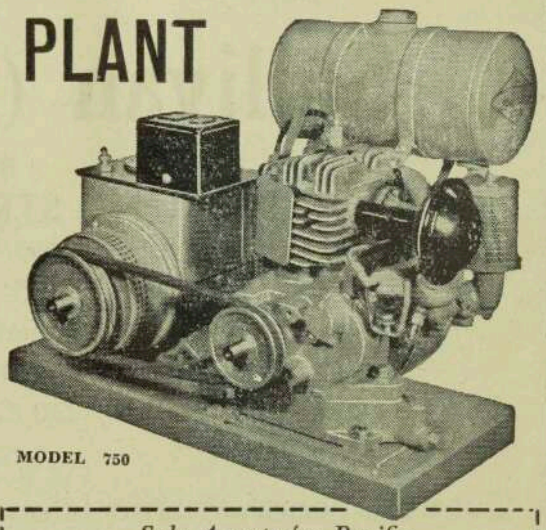
It is noticeable that the word "mutiny" does not appear in either of these cases—the crime is called "assault." This is another of the Territory's legal relics—in New Guinea a native crew member cannot be charged with mutiny because he is not signed on ships' articles. New Guinea must be one of the few, if not the only country, where such a law exists.

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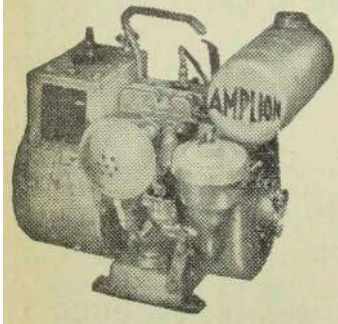
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## NOTES FROM LAUTOKA

From Our Own Correspondent

LAUTOKA, Jan. 13.

Torrential rains have been falling in the Western districts of Fiji for two days and at the moment the Ba River is in flood, and road communication Tavua and Ba, Ba and Lautoka, and Lautoka and Nadi has been interrupted by road flooding. Fairly heavy windstorms and thunderstorms have been experienced and at the moment show no signs of abating.

The rains followed one of the driest seasons on record.

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With the absorption of the CSR Mill area and adjacent lands into Lautoka, a new Town Council is to be elected to replace the Town Board, there is an assurance that the Lautoka Wharf will be completed by the end of 1955, and prospects for the town, which has already gone ahead in an astonishing manner in the last few years, are bright.

New subdivisions of both industrial areas and residential areas are planned. Morris Hedstrom's new store is close to completion and Millers are planning an up-to-date garage alongside their remodelled store.

A broadcasting station license has been applied for by local interests, and the support of the town is assured for this project since the service from Suva is not at all satisfactory.

Elections for the Town Council are planned for April or May this year, and a good deal of interest centres around the candidates, who have not yet been disclosed.

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The first Government primary school for European children in Lautoka is scheduled to open shortly. The CSR Co. has contributed largely to this project, having donated light, water, buildings at a nominal shilling a year, and underwritten the cost of employment of competent teachers, a married couple, who have already been selected.

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The Coronation celebrations have already engaged the attention of the townspeople and the local committee has outlined a programme starting on Coronation Day with parades of ex-servicemen, Scouts, Guides and schoolchildren, with bonfires, band concerts, and Indian displays, ending on June 11 with Fijian *mekes* and *taralalas*.

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There has been an outbreak of breaking and entering at Lautoka in the last few weeks, in most cases only food, small articles of jewellery and liquor being taken. An Indian has been arrested while attempting to enter a European house. On another occasion, an Indian store was burgled, money and some watches being stolen from a safe in an occupied room. A smart policeman, checking taxi drivers, found that one had just left for Suva with a fare who had proffered a £10 note. He phoned Suva police, who arrested and searched the man, an Indian. The watches were found on him, dangling between his legs on a string.

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At a Methodist Conference in Christchurch, NZ, early in January the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, recently retired missionary from the Solomons, reported that £825 had been donated by young people attending the conference, towards the construction of a youth hostel for Vella Lavella island. An appeal will be made for a further £1,500 and for tradesmen within the Methodist Church to go to the Solomons to build the hostel.

**Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders** and their two children returned to Auckland in January after 18 months on Pitcairn Island where Mr. Sanders was education officer. **Mr. and Mrs. George Allen** recently went from New Zealand to relieve them.

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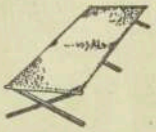


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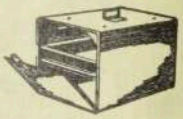
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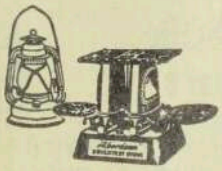
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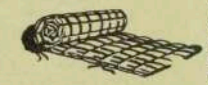


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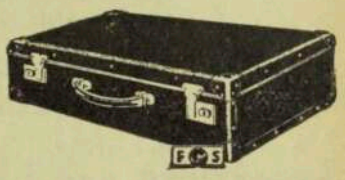
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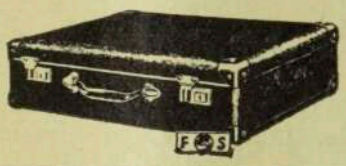
The funds of the NG Memorial Scholarship (Queensland Division) collected by the members of the NG Women's Assn., Brisbane, and by generous friends, now amounts to over £600. Donations have not been published for over 15 months but the following list brings the fund up to date as at January 1, 1953:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Amounts previously acknowledged and advertised in PIM, September, 1951 | 452 | 15 | 5 |
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| Refund from Bank of NSW, Brisbane | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Jameson, Brisbane (Club monies) | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| Mrs. S. McCosker, Brisbane (Club Monies) | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| Mrs. Haslam, Brisbane (Proceeds Xmas party) | 9 | 16 | 6 |
| Mrs. S. McCosker, Brisbane (Sale of Cakes) | | 11 | 0 |
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Mr. Gundersen is well known in Fiji ports, Apia, Niue, and the islands of the Cook Lower Group. Prior to joining the *Maui* he was with the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. vessels on the Fiji-Australia-New Zealand run for 13 years. He obtained his radio operator's certificate in 1914 and served through both world wars at sea.

Radio is a hobby as well as a profession with Mr. Gundersen and his amateur transmitting station, operated from the *Maui*, was well known in amateur radio circles all over the world.

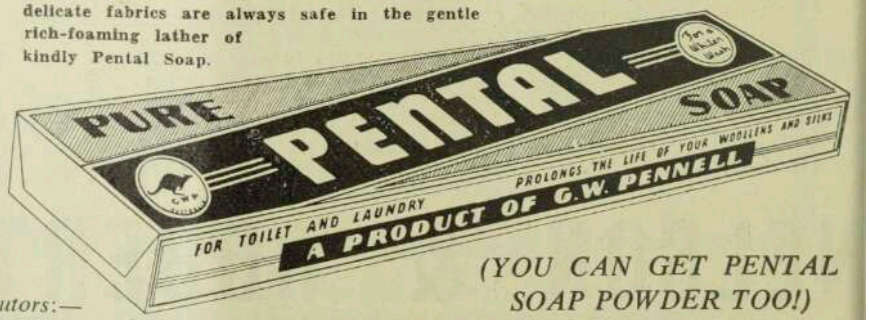
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WHEN the *Tofua*, en route from Fiji to Samoa, called at Niue early in October Sione came ashore for a stroll and looked up his father's brother, Tui. Tui is a Tokelau Islander who married a Niuean woman in Apia. After seven years in Apia they came down to Niue for a visit and to meet the family; but Tui's wife, Manogiahi, wears the trousers; so the visit has lasted 17 years.

Exuberant at meeting a nephew from his homeland Atafu, Tui, with true Polynesian hospitality, insisted that the much-travelled Sione should stay awhile. All we have to do (said Tui) is call at the Resident Commissioner's office and get permission to land.

I was busily preparing the Commissioner's outward mail when Tui called at the office with Sione. It seemed that Sione was a beloved relative of Tui, travelling on the *Tofua*, and they would be forever grateful if we could make it possible for Sione to accept Tui's invitation. His 39 days alone in a canoe, his six months on Wallis Island followed by trips on schooner and aeroplane to Fiji, were items too insignificant to mention.

Tui is a respected resident of Liku Village, with plenty of taros planted and chickens galore, so the R.C. agreed to the issue of a landing permit for Sione. In deep appreciation, Uncle Tui danced a couple of steps and gently stroked the arm of the Resident Commissioner. After 18 years in Polynesia, the latter has a tolerant attitude towards wayfaring islanders—it's in their blood, he says.

With large smiles and profuse thanks Sione (truly, an intelligent and attractive lad) left the office to get his things off the *Tofua*, with instructions to call the following day to complete application forms. A medical check-up showed that he was in good health, apart from a small ringworm infection.

There was a slight flutter in local police circles shortly before the *Tofua* sailed that night. An anxious Niuean constable reported a stowaway, when what he meant was that a passenger had landed without a permit.

When the parties called the following day, further enquiries revealed that Sione had come from New Caledonia and Fiji. Uncle Tui mentioned something about going to New Caledonia from the Tokelaus by canoe; but this I took with a grain of salt.

ON the next call of the Union Co.'s *Matua* our copy of the October PIM arrived. My office boys went through this issue more quickly than usual, and the editor's story about Sione was pushed under my nose about five minutes after the wrapper was taken off. As I read, it came to my mind that somebody would probably want to know how Sione came to land in Niue. The R.C. was unperturbed.

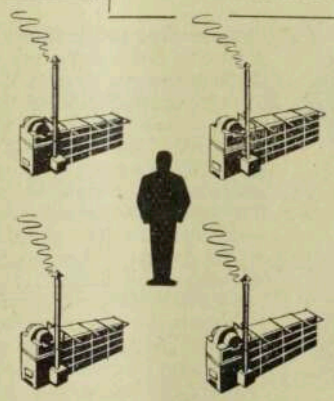
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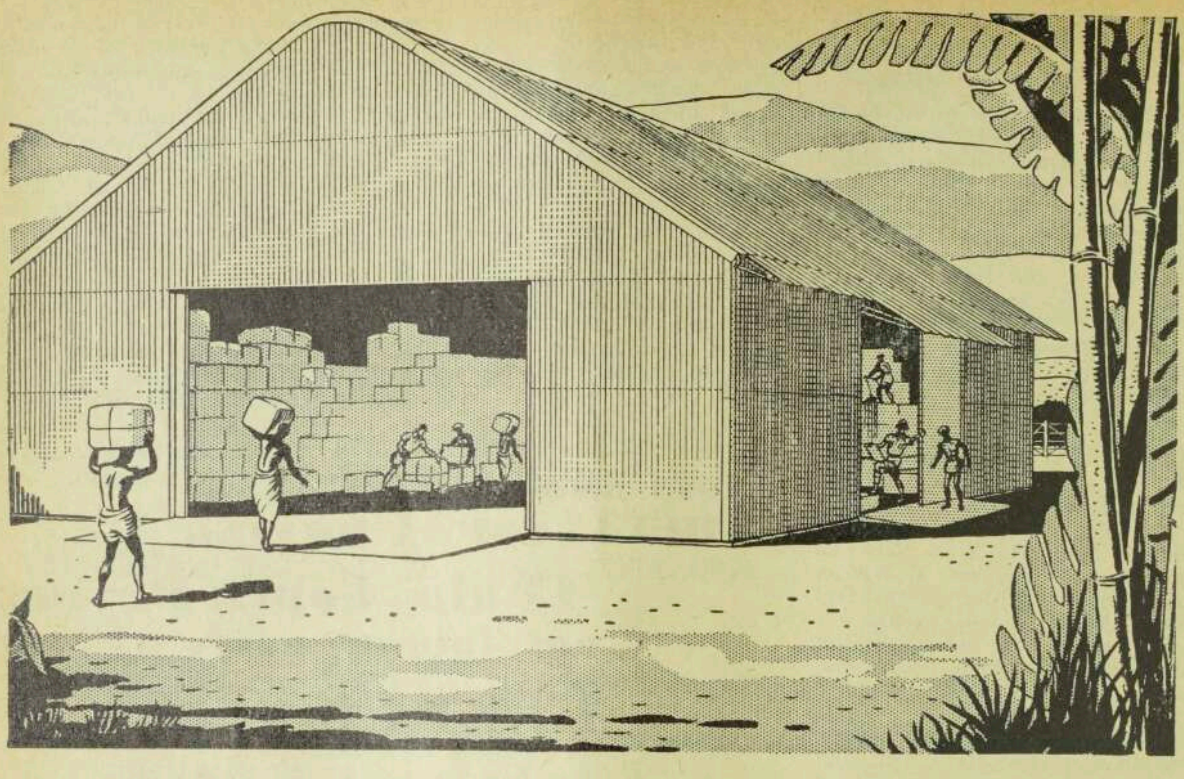
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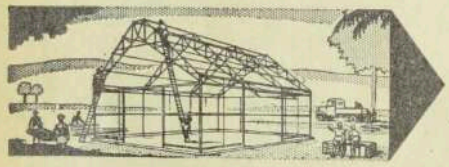




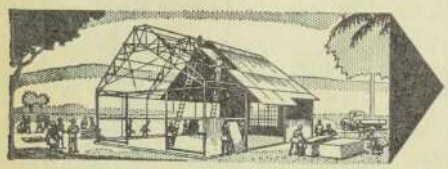
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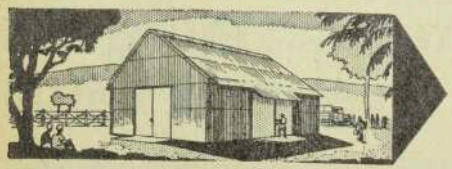
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and, if so, please have him arrested and re-embarked for Apia.

The Resident Commissioner of Niue is not without a sense of humour; he and the Secretary to the Samoan Government are old friends in the Islands service, as members of the N.Z. Island Territories Department. Niue is administered by N.Z. under the Cook Islands Act; Samoa under the Samoa Act. The chance to have a friendly dig at his colleague in Samoa does not come very often. The Resident Commissioner of Niue adioed to the Secretary of Samoa: On what charge do I arrest Sione lease".

The Samoan Government could, of course, have charged Sione with leaving the Tokelaus without a permit. But finally a personal plea to the R.C. did the trick, and Sione will continue his journey tomorrow in charge of the *Tofua's* purser.

I have just had a little talk with Sione and Tui and they are not happy about our statement that Sione has to leave. Said Tui: "We were hoping that he could stay here with me until next year. I might be taking trip home to Atafu". Said Sione, with tearful eyes: "I like Niue. There's plent of *kai*. Much more than Atafu". And then, more cheerfully: "The girls? Yes. Some nice girls at Liku".

An official's life in the Islands is not without amusement, when he deals with the human problems that arise. So Sione leaves Niue tomorrow without a stain on his character. Furthermore, his visit has not been a charge on the N.Z. taxpayer.

## New "Wales" Bank for Moresby

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 24.

A cement-brick building will shortly be built here for the New South Wales bank at a cost of £21,000.

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New staff buildings for the bank are to be erected in Lawes Road.

In a Queensland Police Court on January 9, two German migrants who have been in Australia for eight months, were each sentenced to three months gaol for stealing an 18 ft. boat worth £150 from the 1st Townsville Sea Scout Corps in order to sail to New Guinea to find work.

**Mrs. Mollie Crookshank** who has lived in New Guinea, Fiji, and the Solomons for the last 30 years, is now en route to England in the MV Himalaya. She is the widow of the late Commander Robert Crookshank, who died in Sydney a year ago. Mrs. Crookshank hopes to see the Coronation, and to tour Ireland, Scotland and the Continent.





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**Mr. P. J. Gill** of New Zealand was recently appointed Officer in Charge, Magnetic Survey Branch, Apia Observatory, for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Gill and child flew north early in January.

A brother, Mr. M. M. Gill, and his wife recently returned to New Zealand after a two year assignment at the Apia observatory as Geophysical Assistant and Clerk-Librarian respectively. They have now been appointed to the observatory at Christchurch, NZ, following furlough.

**James Michener,** American writer who won fame with *South Pacific,* was a visitor to Fiji in January.


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## MORESBY BEER "TOO DEAR" IN RABAUL!

(From Our Own Correspondent)

RABAUL, Jan. 25.

"GOOD stuff, light and tangy right for this climate but too dear for me," is Rabaul opinion after sampling South Pacific lager in local hotels at 4/6 a bottle (although newspaper advertisements quote it as £1/13/9 a dozen).

Inquiries from the publican elicited the fact that only a token shipment has been sent across but the cost of the three dozen bottles allocated to him was such that the addition of a reasonable margin (much smaller than that obtained on Victorian or foreign brands) meant that he could not sell it for less than 4/6 a bottle.

"Rabaul is the only place in the world," he declared heatedly, "where publicans are forced to buy their beer through grocers. The South Pacific Brewery made no attempt to find out whether Rabaul hotels wanted their beer and how much of it. *They will not supply it direct.* I fail to see why we should not be able to sell Moresby beer as cheap or cheaper than we do the Victorian brands. We can sell Dutch beer at 3/9 a bottle and that comes via Hongkong, which means transhipping. Moresby beer, at present, is too dear to sell here."




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# We Want to Play In Your Bath!

## Breakers Ahead in the Suva Sea Baths

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, January 19.

THERE is a storm brewing in the Suva Sea Baths.

Plans for the baths were drawn up nearly 25 years ago, when Suva's ratepayers were mostly Europeans. The main swimming bath was built by the former Muncipal Council with Government aid, and it was built for European use. Later, there was an Indian rumpus and a second bath was built for non-Europeans next to the main bath. The Indians refused to swim or bathe in the second bath and for years it has been more or less derelict. Now, mainly because the wartime boom enabled Indians to acquire a large part of Suva's free-hold properties, an Indian coun-cillor has formally demanded the opening of the European bath to "all ratepayers."

Now that the whole business is out in the open a number of Euro-pean swimmers say that the baths ought to be open to Fijians, if only because Fijians are natural swim-mers and because their unquestioned standards of personal cleanliness give no cause for doubt in any quarter. But most Europeans say they will not use the baths if they are open to all and sundry Indians.

It is pointed out that Indians as a people are not water-lovers and very few of them could ever be de-scribed as natural swimmers in the sense applied to Pacific Islanders.

Another queer angle is the fact that although Fijians, as well as Indians, have been excluded from the Suva Baths, Chinese have been admitted for many years. No one seems to know why, though the anomaly was cited during an agita-tion to admit Fijians in 1950.

A European suggestion that the baths might be allocated to each of the three large groups (the Chinese seem to have got mislaid at this point) for two days a week each, has been knocked on the head by the second thought that Indian men and women would never bathe simultaneously and that Hindus and Muslims would have to be separated.

In short, the only point at issue is whether the baths are to be handed over to the Indians lock, stock and barrel. If this happens it is virtually certain that people of other races will retire en masse, and thus discriminatory non-dis-crimination will have another field day. Further, it is also certain that only a handful of Indians would be prepared to pay for admission to the baths, which, deprived of this source of revenue, would ultimately be closed.

## Research Ships Call at Papeete

The Scripps Oceanographic In-stitute's hydrographic research vessels *Horizon* and *Spencer S. Baird*, which were in Suva in De-cember (PIM, Jan. p. 126), arrived at Papeete January 17 from Suva.

They were under the command of Captain Noel Ferris and Captain Lawrence Davis respectively, with Dr. Rodger Revel, Director of the Scripps Institute, in overall charge of the expedition which flew the flag of the US Navy.

The expedition cleared San Diego on September 25, 1952, and made calls at Eniwetok, Bikini, Kwajalein, Ocean Island, Rotuma, Aitape, Nukualofa and Pagopago before calling at Suva. The ships were present at the explosion of a bomb at Bikini on October 1, which the world's press judged, from unofficial eye-witness accounts, to have been the first hydrogen bomb ever ex-ploded by the United States.

Members of the expedition, which is said to be mainly engaged on ocean soundings, were hospitably entertained while in Papeete. They departed in continuation of the voyage two days later, bound for Marquesas and the States.

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## Tribute to Late Mr. Ernest Evenett

A FURTHER link with the past has been broken with the death of another of the Old Timers in the person of Mr. Ernest Evenett, who died in Samarai, Papua, on December 28, 1952, at the age of 80 years. He had been in ill health for some years and it was only his indomitable spirit which kept him going long after medical opinion had given him up. He is survived by his widow and seven children, three of whom are resident in Samarai.

I do not know of anyone now living who had earlier contact with this country. Ernest Evenett first came to Papua in the *Merrie England* in 1892 at the age of 20. After trying his hand at many things, including gold digging on Woodlark Island, he returned to Australia in 1896, married at Coen, Queensland, in 1897 and he returned to Papua in 1898 to take part in the Milne Bay gold rush and later in the Mambare rush. For a time he ran boats with supplies on the coast and made several trips to Australia. One of his trips from Cooktown, which was the jumping off place for Port Moresby then, was in a nine-ton cutter which was almost an open boat and among his fellow travellers on that occasion was the late Bishop Henry Newton.

He was again at Woodlark Island in the early part of World War I, narrowly missing travelling on the last trip of the old *Matunga*.

Although, in common with many men of his type, he did not accumulate great worldly riches, his willingness to help others was well-known (and taken advantage of in many cases). An old account book shows loans made years ago, some marked "Paid In Full," others marked "To Be Paid In Heaven." A hard worker, he lived a full and fruitful life and all were his friends.—J. D. Wilkinson.

Tinian and Saipan, US Trust Territory, have reverted to US Navy Dept. control.

## Tahiti May Enter Quinine Market

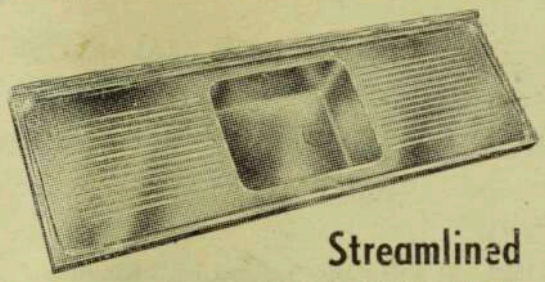
TAHITI'S Department of Agriculture may soon establish cinchona plantings for the production of quinine.

The idea has been talked about for a good many years but has never eventuated, and even if planting commences immediately there will be a lengthy period before the shrubs reach production.

Quinine now has a number of rivals in the anti-malaria field, although still a valuable drug.

With the Indonesian monopoly of quinine broken and plantings established in many parts of the world (including the NG Highlands) the price of the drug will undoubtedly fall.

As a result of discussions in Auckland by the Rev. S. Craig, secretary of the London Missionary Society, on his recent completion of a tour of mission stations in the Cooks, Samoa, the Tokelaus and the G. & E. Groups, it is expected that increased facilities will be made available in Auckland for the advanced training of more island students at the Congregational Theological College, Mt. Eden.

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The medal bears on one side the head of King George III and on the reverse, the vessels *Resolution* and *Adventure*, with the inscription "Sailed from England, March MDCCLXXII".

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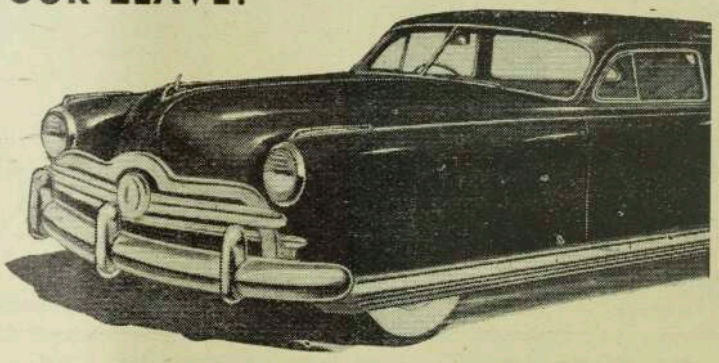
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The next meeting of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Advisory Council will be held on February 20. New Official Members of the Advisory Council this year will be Mr. R. J. Minnitt (Chief Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission), Mr. A. M. MacLeod Smith (Financial Secretary, WPHC) and Mr. P. N. Dalton (Attorney-General).


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## CANADIAN MAGNETOMETER PARTY IN PAPUA

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 25

SEVEN young Canadians arrived at Port Moresby in an amphibious Catalina early in January to carry out a magnetometer survey for the Australasian Petroleum Company and the Island Exploration Company Pty. Ltd.

Now they are operating over sections of Western Papua, and in their spare time getting a close acquaintance with swamps, crocodiles, heat, mosquitoes and everything else that crawls, swims or wriggles down in the Delta country.

They should be great boosters for Australians when they return home, for nobody can spend much time in Western Papua without acquiring a great respect and admiration for the Europeans—in this case, mostly Australians—who live and work on the fringe of the swamplands.

They are seeing the antithesis of Canada's great northern Barren Lands for the only barren quality about the Delta swamp region lies in its value to mankind unless, of course, oil is ultimately discovered under the swamp or jungle.

## DISPOSING OF BOMBS NINE YEARS AFTERWARDS

HONIARA, Jan. 20.

THE Bomb Disposal Unit in BSIP was very active in the Russell Islands in December and January, disposing of remains of the 1942-44 war operations. Bankika, Loavie, Yandina, Sifala Tulagi and Lingatu Plantations have been cleared of all known explosives and ammunition. Visale Mission at Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal, was also visited in December and mortar bombs were removed from the vicinity of the Mission Gardens. The work is continuing at Hell's Point, Guadalcanal, and a further 200 acres have been brushed, and some 90 tons of high explosive shells stacked ready for dumping at sea. An LCVP recently arrived for the Bomb Disposal Unit, and this will assist in the dumping operations.

**Captain J. J. Busch,** OBE, who served in the RNZAF in the Islands during the war, has been appointed general manager of NZ National Airways Corporation which maintains the service from Auckland to Norfolk Is.

**District Officer and Mrs. F. Warner Shand** of Rabaul, New Guinea, are in Australia on 6 months' leave. Son Roger has been enrolled at Southport College.

**Sister M. Johns,** SM, who has been on leave in New Zealand after 16 years' service in the Yasawa Islands, Fiji, returned there by January *Tofua* from Auckland. She said that the mission property there had been considerably damaged in the hurricane of a year ago.

**Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Voelcker, CBE, DSO, MC,** former High Commissioner in W Samoa, and now executive officer of the Chungchong Namdo team in the UN Korean Reconstruction Agency, returned to New Zealand on six weeks' leave in early January after 12 months service in Korea.





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# Wharves—Actual or Planned

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 25.

LAE was the first in the Papua-New Guinea Territory with a brand new wharf and sheds and the old days of handling cargo off barges are fast being forgotten. Now the new Samarai wharf, built under contract by Fraser & Lamperd, is in use, with its copra and other cargo sheds, and at Madang contractor Tom Huxley is well advanced on his wharf-construction contract.

In Port Moresby, Hornibrook Constructions Limited hope to have the first half of their wharf contract completed by around April. This will give the town 320 feet of new wharf with new approaches, and work will then start on the remaining part of the 700-ft wharfhead. This will be a big advance from the rickety old structure inherited from the pre-war and war years.

Works Department is currently calling tenders for completion of the new wharf structure at Kavieng, where two approaches have already been built by the department. The wharfhead on which tenders are being called is to be 394 feet long and 37 wide, with timber decking and steel piles.

## RABAUL'S WHARF—BOGGED DOWN?

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Jan. 23.

About £2,700 is to be spent on urgent repairs to the existing pontoon wharf at Rabaul to enable the wharf to operate until the new wharf is constructed.

All that is now necessary to get started on constructing the new wharf is Canberra's authority to spend £219,000 thereon.

At an interview shortly after Canberra's decision seven months ago, in favour of rebuilding Rabaul, the District Commissioner displayed plans for the new wharf on which were pencilled suggested improvements. At the time it was remarked that the sending of plans back with the kindly inquiry, "But would you prefer. . .?" is a favourite way of stalling.

There have been several suggestions for improvements since June, 1952.

A 52 ft boat, named *Kone*, powered by a diesel, capable of carrying 25 tons of copra, and built by Halvorsens for Steamships Trading Co., left Sydney at the end of January for Port Moresby. She was in charge of a crew of eight, including six Papuans, sent from Moresby to take her over. She will be operated on the Papuan coast.




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## IGNORANT INDIANS CAUSE A PRESS EXPLOSION

SUVA, Jan. 19.

ON January 15, a new Indian member of the Suva Town Council penetrated, without authority, the printing-room of the *Fiji Times*, read through some sorted but unset copy, and proceeded to sub-edit a report of a Town Council debate, to his own satisfaction. When an agitated worker reported to the main office, the *Fiji Times* management all but went up in a puff of smoke.

Threatening to boycott Town Council debates, the newspaper said that this instance of "colossal effrontery" marked the end of patience with certain Indian councillors who, in their ignorance of normal relations between public and press, had since the last election, attempted to dictate what should and should not be published, had "made personal representations based on a desire for self-advertisement", and had kept up a barrage of trivial objections.

An editorial ended: "Recently there has been a sharp increase in attempts to direct or influence the conduct of the *Fiji Times*. In case this has to be dealt with drastically, the situation is now placed before all readers".

## Small Beginning in Rabaul

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAUL, Jan. 25.

THE old Nonga-Namanula-North-coast road out of Rabaul has been cleared right through with a bull-dozer and is being reformed—the first bit of real construction work to begin in the town since it was decided, last June, to leave the town on its present site instead of moving New Britain's capital to Rapopo.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Williams of Nonga, New Britain, on Boxing Day.


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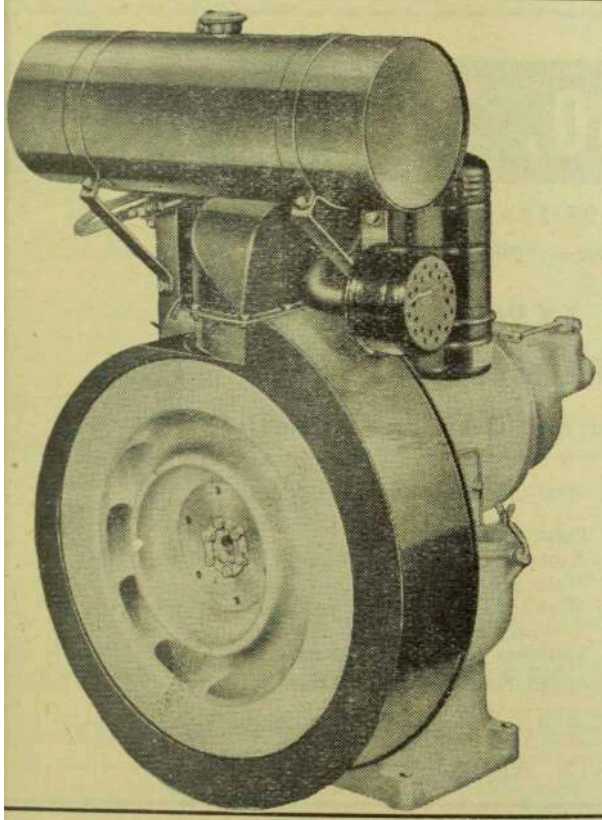
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## Copra Prices in Cooks

The following were the prices actually paid to Cook Islands growers, on the beach, by the merchants at the end of 1952:

Rarotonga: 5¼d (NZ) per lb (equal to £61 Aust. per ton).

Aitutaki: 3¾d.

Other Lower Group Islands: 3½d.
Northern Group: 3¼d.

Merchants have to pay 3d. per sack (about 28 to the ton) as a lighterage charge at some of the outer islands.

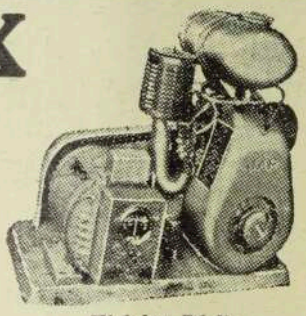
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## FAMINE DEATHS ON TIKOPIA

WHEN the Bishop of Melanesia, the Rt. Rev. S. G. Caulton, returned to NZ in *Southern Cross* in December he reported that there had been about 200 deaths, mainly amongst babies and aged persons, as a result of the hurricane of a year ago on Tikopia, Polynesian outpost in the Solomons.

In addition to great damage to the coconuts, sea spray during the blow had soured the soil so that nothing will yet grow.

Following reports on the situation to the High Commissioner, action is being taken to see that food supplies are immediately taken to the island.

## Marist Head in Islands

THE Very Rev. Brother Leonida, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, left Auckland, NZ, in January to visit Marist schools in Fiji and Samoa, in the course of a world inspection tour.

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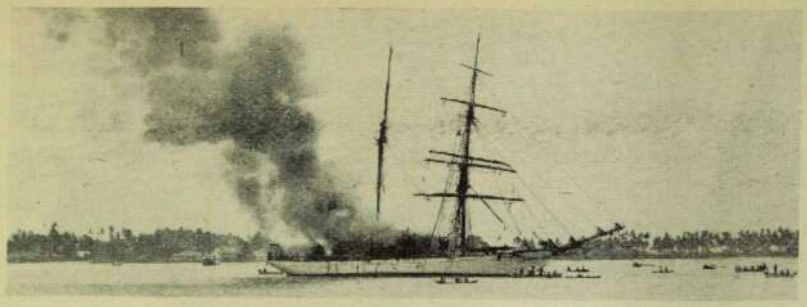
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## The Loss of The Carnegie



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OVER 22 years ago—on November 29, 1929—there was a disaster in the harbour at Apia, Western Samoa, which brought about the destruction of the ship *Carnegie*, engaged on scientific work.

Petrol was being pumped into the vessel, and there was a great explosion, followed by fire. The ship was totally destroyed. Her master, Captain J. P. Ault, well-known in most South Pacific ports, died a few hours after the explosion, from injuries received.

It was known for centuries that, owing to what were called "magnetic variations" in the compass, many charts used by seamen were not correct, and could cause the loss of ships. Preliminary work was done on the *Galilee*, a brigantine, which carried the mails 50 years ago between San Francisco, and Tahiti; and then the Carnegie Institute, of Washington, fitted out the *Carnegie* as a non-magnetic ship, to study magnetic theories and compass variations generally; and she did most valuable work.

Although the ship was lost, many valuable records were saved; and the members of the Scientific Mission who had been aboard the *Carnegie* were afterwards successful in correcting a large proportion of the charts in use in the world.

The photograph, from an old album, was kindly loaned by Mr. A. G. Smyth, of Apia: and other data comes from Mr. O. Nordman, of Tahiti, who was formerly in the service of the Carnegie Institute.

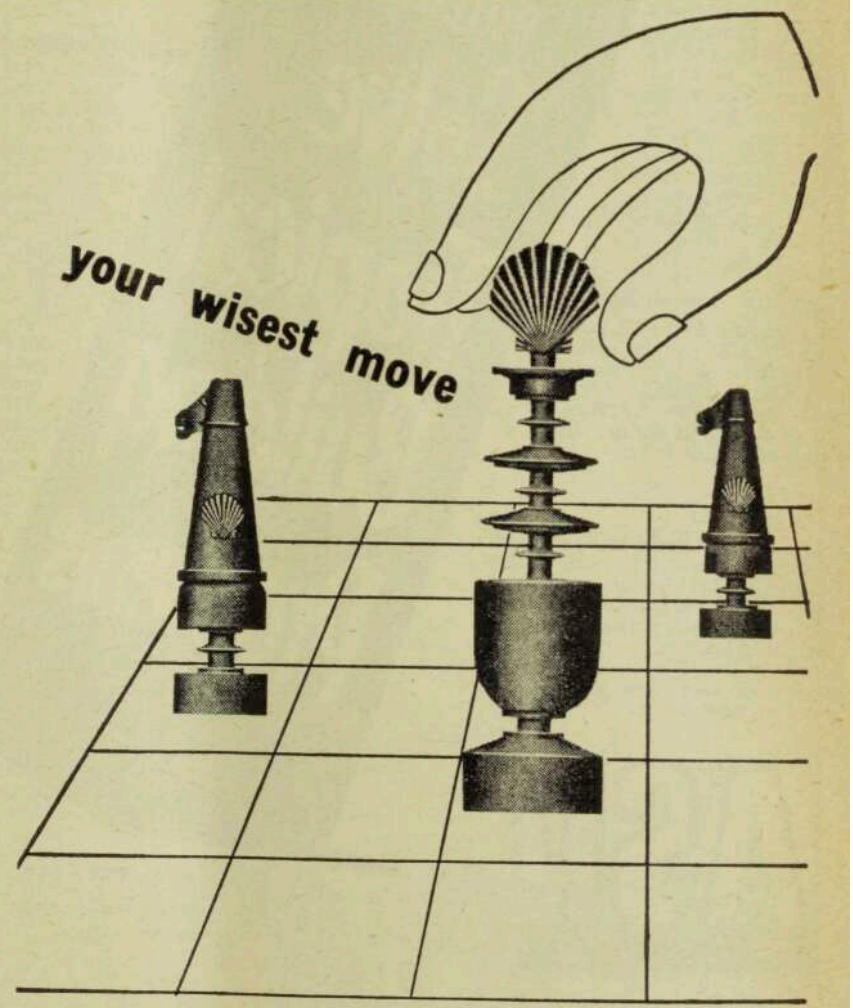
## Duff-Budd Wedding

MISS ALPHA DUFF, popular nursing sister from Lautoka Hospital, Fiji, was married on December 22, to Mr. Laurie Budd, Officer in charge of Aer-Radio, Nadi Airport.

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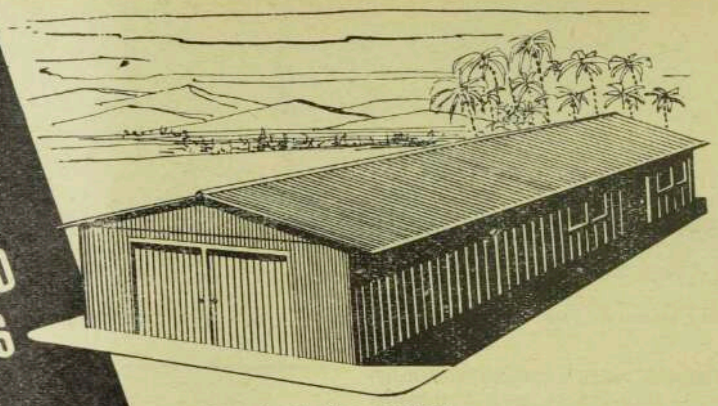


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# Old Waria Syndicate Stakes A Claim in N. Guinea

THERE has been an extraordinary sequel to the Australian Government's world-wide invitation to anyone with old claims to property in former German New Guinea to submit particulars.

This was not an indication that such claims necessarily had hope of success. It meant only that the Government was seeking information to assist the authorities in rebuilding land and other titles, under the New Guinea Titles Restoration Ordinance, 1951.

When Australia took over the Mandate from the League of Nations in 1920, all German-owned properties were alienated—or "expropriated." Australia took over the properties, and compensated the German owners by giving them orders on the German Government which, under the Peace Treaty, had undertaken to pay the Allies a huge sum as war damage compensation. In other words, Australia took the properties and gave Germany a credit note for same.

Thenceforward, the titles to these lands, etc., were based on the "Old German Ground Book," or system of records compiled by the Germans between 1880 and 1914. But disaster came with the Jap invasion of 1942-45. The "Ground Book" was destroyed: and so when civil government was restored in 1946, and rehabilitation commenced, there was enormous confusion. The Administration had to attack the weary, heart-breaking task of re-establishing the land titles: and it was in that connection that the Ordinance of 1951 was passed, and a world-wide search instituted for data.

THUS there came into the picture the descendants of a member of the famous old Waria Syndicate, well-known in New Guinea in "German time." To the amazement of Papua-New Guinea, they have lodged a formal claim to mining rights over 5,000 square miles in New Guinea, including the famous Morobe Goldfield. The claim is based on a grant made by the Imperial German Government to the Waria Syndicate in July, 1914, of a lease over 5,000 square miles.

The Waria Syndicate was formed, between 1912 and 1914, by Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen, well-known in New Guinea prior to World War 1 as a pioneer planter and merchant. He was once called "the King of the Northwest Islands." Although now of advanced years, he is still alive and alert in Hamburg, and his letters—he has been a valued correspondent of the PIM in recent years—show his present lively interest in affairs. The Syndicate comprised:

*Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen.*
*Julian Wahlen.*
*Max M. Warburg.*
*Herman Fliess.*
*F. Rosenstern and Co.*

All were important financial men, residents of Hamburg. Banker Warburg probably was the wealthiest and most influential.

It would appear that, after the New Guinea expropriation movements, the Waria Syndicate remained dormant, and—so far as official Australia is concerned—completely forgotten.

THE Warburg family is Jewish and, when Hitler came to power, this was one of the powerful groups "Aryanised" by the Nazis, in 1938. The family already had strong links with America, and, in 1938, it removed all its interests to New York. Max Warburg died in America in 1946, and is survived by—

Mrs. Alice Warburg, his widow, now a naturalised American.

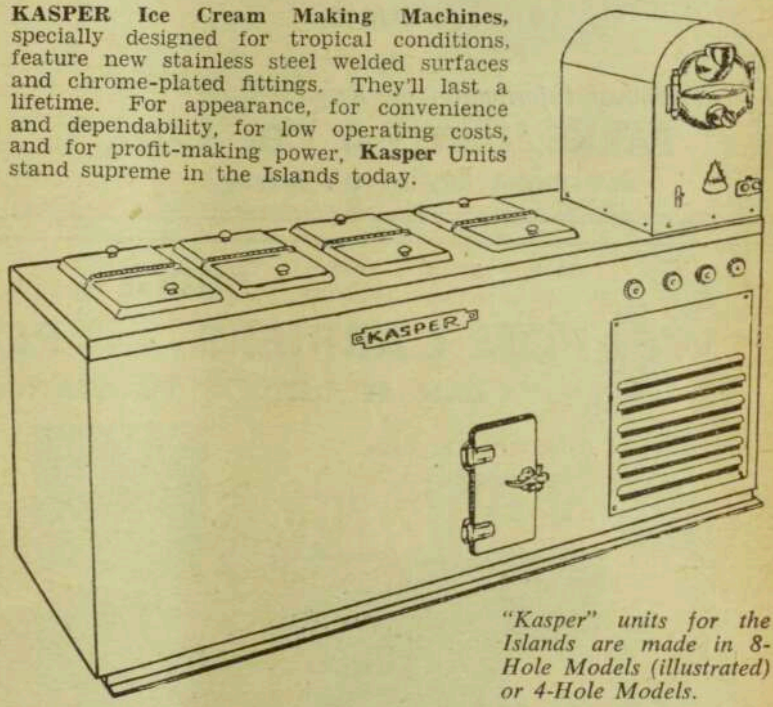
Frederick Marcus Warburg, a son, aged 55, born and educated in America, and a naturalised Swede. He is a very wealthy banker.

Eric M. Warburg, a banker, and a naturalised American.

These three, with Ernest Spiegelberg (former German banker, closely associated in Germany with


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Warburg, a naturalised American since 1941, and now a New York banker) have combined to deal with this Waria Syndicate matter. They recently examined the records of the Waria Syndicate, and decided that they, as heirs of Max Walburg, are entitled to 10 per cent. of anything which belongs to the Syndicate. Claims were prepared accordingly in 1952 in Hamburg and in New York, and were formally signed in Hamburg on September 5 and in New York on September 8.

The claim, made on behalf of the three Warburgs named, and Spiegleberg, was lodged in Port Moresby in December, and will be heard there, in due course, by the Commissioner of Titles, Mr. McCubbery.

The others members of the old Waria Syndicate do not appear in the matter—only the heirs and associates of Max Warburg.

WHEN the claim was lodged, some people refused to take it seriously—it belonged, they said, to the "German time before," which had no legal standing after World War 1. But others point out that a group of New York bankers, of the wealth and influence of the Warburg family, would not lodge a claim like this unless the whole legal position had been very carefully examined and appraised.

It is difficult to estimate the value of the gold that has been taken out of the Morobe goldfield since World War II. The Territory began exporting gold in a big way in 1927; within ten years, it was producing £2 million per annum; and after the war it soon regained big scale production. A total production of £40,000,000 might be a fair guess.

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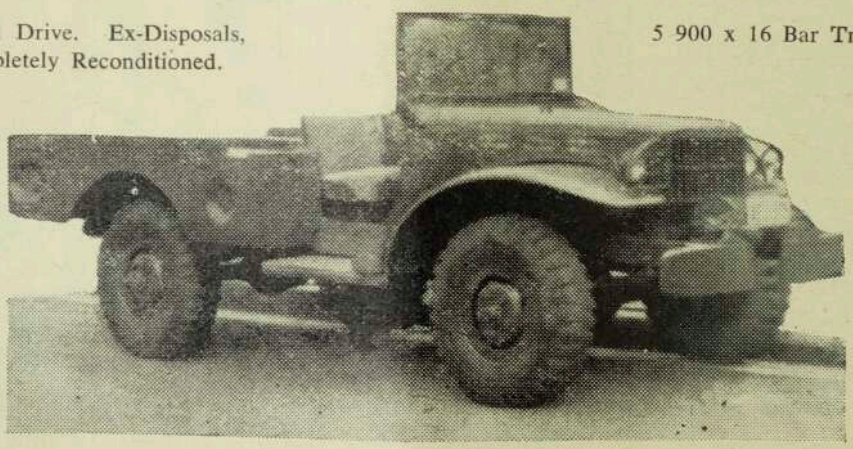
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## Rarotonga's Hurricane Warning System

DURING December the Rarotonga Chief of Police, Mr. J. O'Halloran, and the senior clerk, Mr. M. Hegan, visited all village safety committees on the island to refresh their memories on the hurricane warning system.

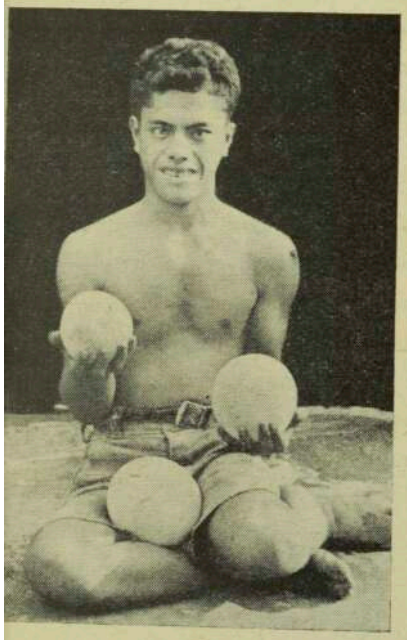
The preliminary warning is disseminated by telephone-and-messenger to all points and the final warning is given by two motor vehicles encircling the 21-mile circumference of the island, in opposite directions, each continuously sounding its horn.

Rarotonga has not been hit by a hurricane for a number of years, so, by the law of averages, one is now overdue. There has been one preliminary warning so far this season.

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A number of Island positions were advertised in February. They included Inspector of Police, Fiji; Treasury Clerk, Tonga; Works Officer, Aitutaki; Station Electrician, Nadi; Foreman Mechanic and Foreman Plumber, Nadi; Ionisphere Observer, Rarotonga; Overseer, Rarotonga Printing Works; and Purser-Radio Officer, NZGS, *Maui Pomare*.

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A proportion of the donkeys in the Marquesas Islands (French Oceania) are killed in an unusual way. There is much lime in the food they eat, and this gradually builds up into a solid mass in their bladders, and causes their death. In this photograph, the Marquesan native is holding three round balls of lime, taken from the bladders of donkeys after they had died.





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# MAGAZINE SECTION

## WAR'S AFTERMATH—NOUMEA

By R. W. Robson

NOUMEA, Oct., 1952.

IT is 10½ years since the first division of American troops poured ashore in this port, to establish the first corner of the line that eventually stopped the Japanese invasion of the South Pacific. It is six years since the Americans left this place.

It is not like Rabaul, which was simply obliterated. Nevertheless, the traces of war still are all over and around Noumea.

Before the end of 1942, the low hills for miles around this port had been covered with endless lines of pre-fabricated buildings, housing hundreds of thousands of servicemen. Most of the buildings now are gone, but the hills still carry the levelled terraces where they were sited—thus resembling, in a truly remarkable way, the terraced hillsides of some forgotten race of agriculturalists, which I photographed between Noumea and La Foa, and published in the PIM nearly 20 years ago.

Along the business streets, one notes some new buildings of modern design. They were paid for with the dollars of half a million servicemen, who enriched scores of Noumea traders in 1942-45.

In the same streets there are many cars and, among the cars, countless jeeps—relics of the war, and a godsend to this, as to so many other Pacific territories. Most of them obviously are near the end of their useful lives, but their grim-faced drivers keep them spluttering and moving.

And in the extraordinary mixture of races in these streets I am shown youngsters who may also be described as part of the flotsam of war—offspring of servicemen and local women. They are of all shades of colour but—thanks to the kindly care of the French administration—they all appear well-fed and happy.

Living in one street near the docks I saw Tonkinese, New Caledonian kanakas, Loyalty Islanders, Indonesians, Polynesians from Wallis, and various crosses showing Chinese and Japanese and American negro characteristics. It was a happy and contented community. Under to-day's laws, all have equal rights as citizens of the French Union.

Two or three miles out, behind lovely Anse Vata beach (near the distinctive Pentagon building which houses the South Pacific Commission) in a group of former wartime bungalows, scattered among palms and gardens, is a French Institute devoted to scientific research. Had there been no war, there might have been no Institute, no Pentagon, and no South Pacific Commission in New Caledonia.

IN a pleasant circular valley, between Noumea and Anse Vata, is Noumea's newest suburb. (See photographs). Scores, perhaps hundreds of decent families live in these Quonset huts, enjoying the shelter, electric light and power, water-supply and drainage provided 10 years ago for USA servicemen.

On one hillside, half-buried amid trees, I found three Quonsets in a row, labelled respectively "Miss Montana", "Miss Washington" and "Miss North Carolina". No one could tell me why they thus were named; so your guess is as good as mine.

After I had photographed "Miss North Carolina" (see picture herewith) I listed the contents of the comfortable little home which I could see from the sidewalk—namely:—

*Many pot-plants and flowers.*
*Two cats.*
*Electric iron, jug, etc.*
*Cage of canaries.*
*Grandfather clock.*

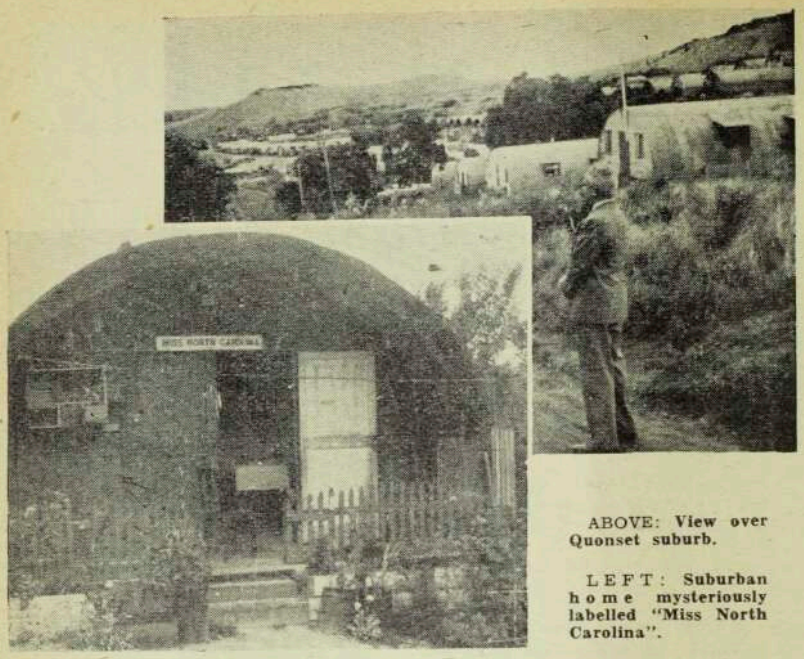
I do not know the name of the neat little suburb. It should be



**A hillside section of the Quonset suburb of Noumea.**




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ABOVE: **View over Quonset suburb.**

LEFT: **Suburban home mysteriously labelled "Miss North Carolina".**



**Typical group of the Colony's pretty children, marching into school in a street in Noumea.**

called Quonset. It has Anse Vata beach on one side, and the town on the other, and is connected with both by a good bus service.

War is a curse, of course. But I seem to see the good burghers of Noumea regarding war's aftermath with a certain amount of complacency.

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**Ratu Nacani Mocelutu,** a leading chief of Fiji, and **Brother Alphonsus,** of the Marist Order, who has given no less than 64 years to educational work in Fiji, were each awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours. There was an MBE also for **Warrant Officer Ernest Bolton,** of the RNZAF, for good service at the Laucala Bay station.

## NOSTALGIA

I LOVED them, too,
Those Islands in the sun.
Rings in my ear
The beat of evening drum.
I still can see
The placid blue lagoon
Reflecting bright
A rising tropic moon;
And, from afar,
I hear a guitar play
With lilt of song
To charm the ended day.
Across the breeze,
The richly-scented air
Brings memories
Of Jasmine in her hair.
Taste comes to me
Of tropic fruits divine;
Whilst memory
Recalls the happy time
When, 'neath the pines,
I lazed on coral sands,
Sun-kissed, content
With Nature's bounteous land.
These things I loved;
But, with the passing years,
My feet have strayed,
Renounced these loves, I fear—
But not my thoughts.
I have the knowledge sure,
That come what may,
True beauty must endure;
That works of man
My picture cannot mar.
So not good-bye
But to my Isles, *Aloha.*

—PERITI.

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**The Rev. Father J. F. Fotheringham,** SM, first New Zealand priest of the Society of Mary to go to the Islands, celebrated his silver Jubilee of priesthood at the same time as the mission's centenary celebrations at Aleipata (W. Samoa) last November. He has now been appointed Religious Superior of the Marist Fathers in Samoa and the Tokelau Islands. He has spent all of his 25 years as a priest in Samoa—11 of them in American Samoa.

**Peter Kilner,** son of **Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Kilner,** formerly of New Guinea, was one of 11 NSW schoolboys selected to enter the Royal Australian Naval College as cadet midshipmen at the end of January. He was born in Rabaul in February, 1939, came South with his mother prior to the Jap. invasion and has been attending Sydney Grammar School in recent years. Mr. and Mrs. Kilner will be remembered in the Territory, where they have many friends and relatives—before the war he was with the Shell Co., then as OC Rabaul Detachment of the NG Volunteer Rifles he was taken prisoner by the Japs. after the invasion. In 1949-50, he was business superintendent of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., and now is living at Penshurst, Sydney, where he is secretary of the New Brighton Golf Club.




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# Tropicalities

## BACK IN YOUR BOX, CAP'N COOK

If you think that Captain James Cook discovered a sizable number of the Pacific Islands, etc., you couldn't be more wrong. The fact is that they were all discovered by Russian gents long before Cook got around to it. The authority? *Red Fleet*, official organ of the Soviet Navy. The Americans particularly are given to robbing the Russians of their hard-won nautical honours, says the paper . . . (Quote) "For instance, all discoveries in the Pacific Ocean are ascribed to foreigners, particularly the notorious Captain James Cook, although they know well that Cook gave his own name to lands and islands discovered by Russians long before him". (Unquote).

## PUT NOT YOUR TRUST IN GHOSTS

At the Court of Petty Sessions at Moresby in January, a young native recounted how a ghost led him into temptation.

He told the magistrate that one night while he was asleep at a Hogeri District plantation, a ghost woke him up, and told him to come outside. Then, at the ghost's suggestion, they walked together into the bush and to a neighbouring plantation. This landed them at the door of the plantation trade store where the ghost again gave voice and said: "Open the door."

Now this was a bit of a poser for the lad since the doors of plantation stores are not usually left on the latch, but the ghost was equal to the occasion. "Take this stone and hit it," he told the boy, who obediently followed instructions.

Things happened smartly after that. One of the native employees of the plantation appeared, whereupon the ghost's pupil dropped the stone and fled, but was caught and finally taken to the police depot. There seemed to be a bit of a mystery as to the whereabouts of the ghost when all this occurred, but when questioned on the subject the lad informed the police that he was not aware of what happened to the ghost after he dropped the stone.

The magistrate committed the boy for trial at the Supreme Court on a charge of having attempted to break into a plantation trade store.

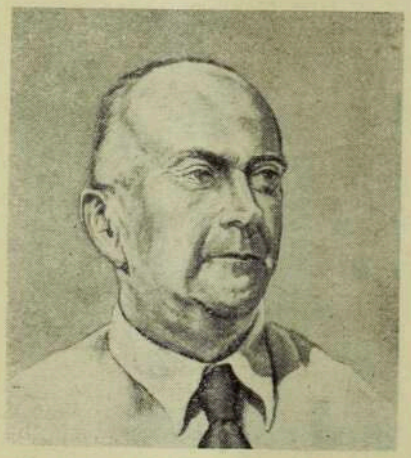
## NO SIRENS (SHIPS' TYPE) FOR PAPEETE

For some time Oscar Nordman of Papeete has had a siren installed in front of his waterfront home, former American consulate, with which to answer the parting bellows of vessels as they leave Papeete's friendly waterfront and head for the open sea. These friendly parting hoots are an established custom with vessels leaving. They are a way in which the shipmasters, on behalf of their ships' companies, thank Tahiti for its hospitality.

Oscar felt that someone ought to acknowledge the blasts, so he appointed himself official acknowledger.

Now it seems that Oscar's siren is not appreciated—the President of the Syndical d'Initiative lately lodged a complaint with the Mayor. Perhaps the tone of Oscar's hooter is not as sweet as might be—or perhaps, with a ship heading out through the pass, the members of the Syndicat feel a little jaded.

Oscar points out, in his own defence, that there is a hooter mounted on Honolulu's Aloha Tower for this same purpose—so why shouldn't Tahiti have the same? What's more, when the new Assembly commences its sittings, Oscar plans to have the matter raised.



**Mr. Norman J. H. Woods, of Rabaul, the New Guinea representative of Brett's, the Brisbane timber firm. He thoroughly merits his nickname of "Diwai", Pidgin word for a tree, or for timber or woods of any sort; not only is his name sufficient, but he is a timberman as well. He is one of the staunchest pillars of the New Guinea Club. He not only drinks there, but eats there as well, and would sleep there too, if he had the chance. "Diwai" went to New Guinea from Melbourne in 1937, when he started getting logs out from Wide Bay on the Northern coast of New Britain. Since then (except in the occupation years) a steady stream of timber has gone to be peeled into plywood at Brisbane, shipped from Powell Harbour in overseas ships.**
—BRETT HILDER.

## BANANAS FOR PRESTIGE—NOT PLEASURE

The poor condition of Island bananas on sale in New Zealand in January drove a number of Aucklanders to write letters to their local newspapers.

The condition of the bananas was evident for all to see in Auckland fruit stores. However, Mr. C. Ross Walker, of Fruit Distributors, Ltd., sprang to their defence. He said that green fruit was sold as a result of customer pressure and because of shortages over a number of years. He could have added that in many parts of New Zealand these green bananas are dealt out—at 1/2 per pound—only to favourite customers who make a substantial purchase of other goods. The bananas are kept, and bagged, in a back room, to be inspected by the customer only on arrival home. Anyone exposing his wares in front of other unqualified customers in the store is guilty of a cardinal sin and likely to have his name struck forever from the greengrocer's banana list.

In provincial towns New Zealand country-women, gathered together on their day-a-week in town, boast with one another as to how many of these poor-quality bananas they manage to persuade from their individual greengrocers. A twelve-banana woman may really strut!

In cold, north European and American countries, far removed from the source of supply, they somehow manage to have golden unblemished and flavourful bananas. Why cannot New Zealand, which is little more than 1,000 miles from the banana lands of Fiji?

## CRUISE-SHIP PASSENGERS ARE FULLY DRESSED

Suva laughed in December when it was reported that the *Orcades'* cruise passengers had been solemnly warned to dress with strict sabbatical propriety for fear of shocking the Fijian people. As it happened, it was the *Orcades* passengers who took the jolt when they discovered the extent to which some local European and part-

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# TAHITI'S NATURE MAN

*AS TOLD BY OSCAR NORDMAN TO R. W. ROBSON*

"ERNEST W. DARLING, Tahiti's famous Nature Man, lived up there about 40 years ago," said Oscar Nordman. He pointed to a lush valley up in the steep hills beyond Papeete. Then he chuckled reminiscently, and told me the story of how the Nature Man went to San Francisco to look for a Nature Woman.

Darling originally was a student at Stanford University, and he developed ideas of his own. He was a pleasant, harmless young fellow—a kind of ratbag, in modern parlance—and his ratbagginess was expressed in a determination to wear no clothes and eat uncooked food. To return close to Nature, in other words.

About 1906 he sailed on a steamer, out of San Francisco, bound for the South Seas. He expressed his determination to found a colony for Nature Men. He disembarked in Papeete. The French authorities were easy-going in those days. If Darling wanted to be a Nature Man, that was no concern of theirs. (I should like to see Papeete officialdom's reaction to-day to a similar enterprise!)

Somehow—I don't know how—Darling got himself an area of land in one of those lovely little valleys up in the foothills of the Tahitian mountains; announced he was ready to extend hospitality to people of similar views; and settled himself down as a Nature Man. He wore no clothes, and he ate only raw fruits and vegetables.

There was nothing wrong with that. Anyone who has experienced the pleasant climate of Tahiti, and eaten the Island's bananas, mangoes, oranges and other delicious fruits, could easily enough take root there, with only a G-String between himself and pure Nature.




**Darling's vain attempts to stow away on ships bound for Tahiti amused the San Francisco newspapers of 40 years ago. One of them published this cartoon.**

Two or three men of similar ideas appear to have joined Darling in his pleasant valley, and their place of residence was called Darling's Nature Colony. They lived for practically nothing, and as they did not interfere with their neighbours, they were not interfered with. The Europeans regarded them as freaks; the natives decided they were a little mad, and respected them accordingly.

But officialdom showed a very lively interest in them when they tried to visit Papeete clad exactly as in their own valley—namely, completely naked, without either hat or shoes. The outraged gendarmes hunted them back into the hills.

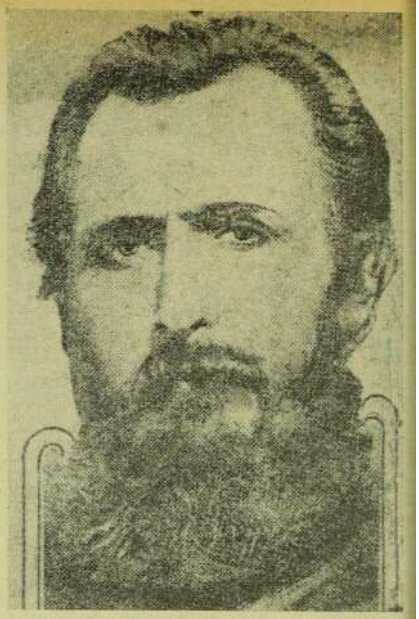
Back home, after such episodes, the Nature Men held indignation meetings and decided that the call was upon them to strike hard for a vital principle—namely, the right for freeborn men to go naked, if so they wished. So they tried on a few occasions to enter the capital, as Nature Men; and the patient constabulary was not always completely patient.

However, the Colony did not flourish. Its members drifted away. About 1914 Darling decided he would return to the United States; and he bequeathed his ranch to his one remaining associate, Eugene Dufour, to be maintained as a Nature Colony.

DARLING'S method of going abroad was simple and primitive. He sneaked aboard a steamer bound for San Francisco, and hid himself. They were far at sea when he was discovered. He said he would sleep on the forecastle head, and exercise himself by shovelling coal, and eat the plain, raw food he had brought with him; and the captain, who was not amused, arranged it that way.

The San Francisco reporters greeted the Nature Man with whoops of delight. Ancient cuttings from Oscar Nordman's scrap-book show that Darling's quest for a wife caused keen interest in that sophisticated community. These were the specifications, as then published:—

*He has no preference in the matter of race or colour. She must be in good health . . . She must be willing to dispense with raiment except in such places as are burdened with a chief of police of conventional ideas; and she must be willing to subsist on uncooked food. In return for these sacrifices she gets Darling.*



**E. W. Darling, Tahiti's "Nature Man". Picture reproduced from a photograph in "San Francisco Examiner" of about 1914.**

The reporters said that, in deference to the San Francisco climate and police, Darling was wearing a sweater and "knickerbockers" (that is what they called shorts before World War 1), but that his head and feet were bare. They said he subsisted on a vegetarian and uncooked diet. That morning, they said, his breakfast consisted of shredded coconut, bananas and raisins.

Darling did not find his Nature Woman. A few months later, he was haunting the San Francisco waterfront, trying to stow himself away on some ship bound for Tahiti.

One day, just as the Union SS Co's. steamer *Tahiti* was on the point of sailing for Tahiti, Nordman (who was then in San Francisco) whispered to Port Captain Lewis that Darling, who had been vainly seeking a chance to get aboard, was not anywhere in sight. The worthy Captain Lewis passed on the good news to Captain Evans, master of the *Tahiti*.

Captain Evans almost had a stroke. "What! A damned naked man stowed away on my ship. Lower the gangway!"

Down came the gangway. Dock officials joined the ship's company in a frantic search of the steamer. *Where* had the wretched Nature Man concealed himself?

The ship was half-an-hour past




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sailing time, and high officialdom was cursing furiously, when the bearded Nature Man crawled leisurely out from under a pile of cargo lying on the wharf. When he found the gangway sternly guarded, he had retired there for rest and meditation. He seemed surprised by the warmth of the greetings he received.

I was suspicious of the amusement with which, after 40 years, Oscar recounted the incident. But he assured me most urgently—too urgently, I think—that he had had no part in planting the Nature Man among that cargo.

. . . .

I am still wondering why the Nature Man went all the way from Tahiti to San Francisco in his search for a Nature Woman. Perhaps Tahiti has changed.

### WRECKED SHIPS MAKE A TABLE

SOME skippers go in for stamp collecting but Captain C. W. Ostenfeld of the Union Steam Ship Co's. trans-Pacific freighter *Wairuna* has a hobby which is quite unique.

Recently when a PIM representative visited him in his cabin he brought out what at first sight promised to be a navigational chart but which revealed itself, when unrolled, as a complicated design drawn in ink. Each separate sector of the design had a pencilled number—and a great many sectors bore a name.

This is the plan of a fascinating inlaid table—every sector consists of an inlay of the timber of some ship—many long since wrecked or broken up. Many of the 300 vessels so far represented have had something to do with the history of the Pacific. Captain Ostenfeld has notes on the history of almost every ship in the collection.

Anyone with an interesting wreck at his back door—and some facts on the vessel's history—will please the captain, who is well known around the Islands, if they send along a small piece of its timbers and its story.

Nearly every country in the world is interested in the work now being done by a Dutch committee of experts under the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation. The committee is seeking practical methods of de-salting brackish and sea-water. It can be done now, in a small way. Sooner or later, it will be done cheaply, on a huge scale, and millions of square miles in reach of the oceans will immediately become subject to irrigation and cultivation.



Two of the outrigger canoes of the Rarotonga Sailing Club.

# *Sailing On Ngatangiia*

THERE is a pretty little strip of shallow water enclosed by a string of islets to the south-east of Rarotonga island. From here history says that some at least of the famous canoes of 600 years ago commenced their great journey from the Cook Is. to New Zealand. This is Ngatangiia lagoon, only sheltered water close to the island.

Ngatangiia to-day is the home of the Rarotonga Sailing Club, probably the only club of its kind in the Pacific, because it uses outrigger canoes of un-Polynesian design with modern-type sailing rig.

The Club's type of craft have been governed entirely by the sailing area available. The mile-long stretch of water was once comparatively deep for at least the northern third of its length. Big schooners could enter and lie in shelter, even in a hurricane. Schooners have been built there long ago. But in later years, native fish-weirs have caused the lagoon to silt up, and the coral has steadily encroached from the south, so that to-day it would be possible to sail a centre-board type yacht in only a very limited area near the entrance to the lagoon at its northern end.

The outrigger canoe, drawing only a few inches with its two-man crew is thus the only answer—and a very exciting one, too, in the fresh breezes that are frequently experienced on this, the windward side of the 21-mile-around island.

Since the 1939-45 war the Club's activities have varied considerably. Interest has at times been keen, when enthusiastic yachting men have been attached to the local Administration staff. Then, as their terms have ended, interest has waned for a while, to flare up again with some new arrival. At the moment interest has relaxed a little—with Mr. W. Graham recently on long leave and now transferring to Mangaia, Dr. Tom Davis and family in the States, and other leading lights such as Chief Surveyor Alf Bailey and Mr. Ron Powell otherwise preoccupied.

Recently Mr. Powell sold his beautifully designed and built *Ron Tiki* to Mr. Phillip Woonton, of Penrhyn, who has taken the canoe north for his own use. But doubtless, as soon as the Club comes to active life again, Mr. Powell will equip himself with an even more revolutionary and artistically built craft to challenge all-comers.

When active, the Rarotonga Sailing Club is a source of great interest to residents of Rarotonga in general, and its meetings on Saturday and Sunday afternoons are the occasion of a general outing, motor trucks being provided to carry all-comers, including the womenfolk and—most important of all—the afternoon tea they provide, to the lovely picnic spot overlooking the lagoon.

**Mr. R. G. Roberts** of the Administrative staff, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, was on furlough in New Zealand in January. He has been stationed in G & E for the past nine years.




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## Tropicalities

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European misses partly emerged from their garments in the hot weather. The warning was dropped in the case of the 1,300 tourists in the *Oronsay*, which visited Suva on January 18-19.

Judging by the attire of most of the tourists, any sort of caution was unnecessary. It seems that Youth with over-advanced ideas no longer dominates the passenger-lists of cruise-liners.

It is possibly significant that the highlights of the two large-scale cruise calls at Suva have been the Sunday evening programmes of Fijian choral singing at Albert Park. On each occasion the Methodist Church organised 150-voice choirs which, packed in the Albert Park pavilion, kept hundreds of tourists and several thousand Suva people spellbound for two hours or more. On both evenings the main worry has not been to keep the visitors entertained but to get them to go away after the programme is finished.. Hundreds of them surged up to the pavilion steps to beg for encore after encore and to submerge the young Fijian conductor (Josua Rabukawaqa, of Bua, Vanua Levu) with requests for autographs.

On January 18, during a short interval, dozens of Australians suddenly burst into applause for no apparent reason—they had recognised among the singers Apakuki Tuitavua, captain of the Fijian team which broke all Rugby Union records in Australia last year.—S.

### RAROTONGA HAIRCUT

IN these days when haircuts cost anything from half a crown to a dollar and a half—depending on the longitude—an item from the Rarotonga (Cook Is.) official news of January 14 makes pleasant reading:

"An interesting ceremony was held in the Avatiu Packing Shed last Saturday when a boy, Tearii Fuller Henry, aged 7, adopted son of Tearii Toru, had his hair cut for the first time.

"The boy's hair, which reached his shoulders, was neatly tied with ribbon in 36 locks. The ceremony commenced when each of the boy's 36 relations cut off one lock of hair, at the same time presenting the boy with a monetary gift. The remainder of the 150 invited guests presented their gifts and, after a barber had trimmed the boy's hair, all sat down to a big umukai."

### AWAY FROM IT ALL—TO TONGA

YET another Paradise Hunter appears to be making preparations to invade the Pacific, if press despatches from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in January are any indication.

The gentleman who does not wish to disclose his name at present, is "weary of national and international hypocrisies and the eternal dog-fight of party politics". He has selected Tonga for his retreat (no reasons given).

Members of the expedition must be "persons of integrity, especially those interested in the arts and sciences", have "a valid reason for getting away from it all, and ability to pull one's weight and a willingness to pool £2,000 or more for the common good".

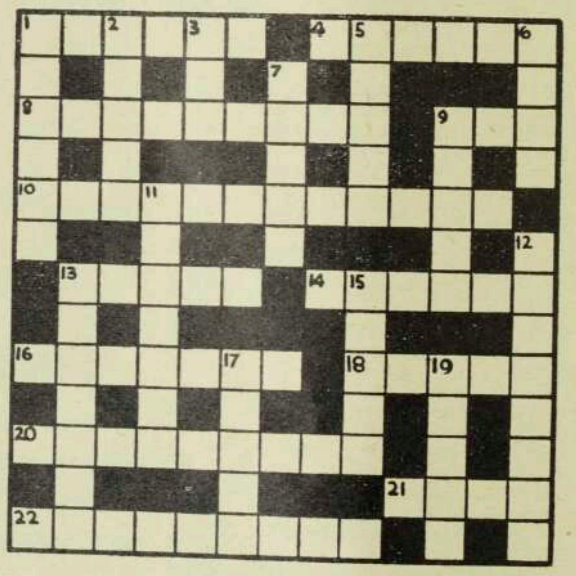
The organiser first contacted the Tongan Government on the subject back in 1938-39, but war intervened. Now "it is proposed, given permission, to secure the lease of one of the smaller islands in the Tonga Group".

The self-supporting colony would "cultivate copra and engage in other local trades. It would be non political and non sectarian . . . Thousands of books and hundreds of gramophone records would be available. Some settlers would write, others would paint and draw, and others would do scientific work". (And a few make copra, perhaps).

One might well conjecture as to just how long a group of artists and scientists, used to city frustrations and other amenities, would remain "non political and non sectarian" and 100 per cent. tame, if cooped up on one of the smaller Tongan Islands. Still, it would be interesting to watch, so let us hope that Queen Salote, having taken all due precautions to quell any riots, sees her way clear to lease them an islet.

## *Crossquiz—No. 37*

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### ACROSS

1.—Who was the lover of Venus?
4.—What name was given to the Germans' biggest gun in World War I?
8.—What is the name of the most famous legendary forest-outlaw known since the XIVth century?
9.—What is the term for a Russian village community?
10.—Under what name was known the maharaja of Nawanagar when he was a member of the Sussex county cricket team?
13.—In Greek mythology, what is the name of the blood of the Gods?
14.—Where did Noah's ark land after the flood?
16.—What is the official report of proceedings in Parliament?
18.—Who was the woman whose seven sons were killed by Apollo and six of her seven daughters by Diana?
20.—In which American state is Duluth situated?
21.—Which English historian is known as "the Venerable"?
22.—Which universal language was invented by Dr. Zamenhoff?

### DOWN

1.—Who was the goddess of dawn?
2.—Which famous Hungarian painter is well established in Australia?
3.—What is the name of an atom, carrying electrical charge?
5.—What is the name of the German seaport in Dollart Bay on the river Ems?
6.—What was formerly the capital of the Mogul Empire situated on the River Jumna?
7.—In North America there lives an animal closely related to, or the same as the elk. What is its name?
9.—What is the rank of an officer between a captain and a lieutenant-colonel?
11.—Who was the great lexicographer whose life was written by Boswell?
12.—Who was the English King whose surname was "the Unready"?
13.—Under what name are known the sloping types?
15.—Which ancient Moorish town is 42 miles north of Gibraltar?
17.—What is the name of the district and mining town situated on the River Ebbw in Monmouthshire?
19.—Who was the notorious informer against Roman Catholics during the reign of Charles II?




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# MAKI MAORI: A Mystery of The Polynesian Islands

**By James P. Shortall**

THE evening meal over, we shifted to the long cane chairs on the front verandah, facing the reef.

It was one of those stifling, strangely still tropical nights with never a rustle from the palms overhanging the beach and only the softest rythmic sighing of the surf far out across the shallows.

Still, that is, except for the distant screeching of bats, back behind the house, towards the mountains.

"No wonder these people are such a ghost-ridden lot," I said to the Doc. "What with ancient tombstones and burial mounds every few yards along the coastal road, and the screeching and swooping of those things all night."

The Doc was silent for a time, his pipe flaring like a distant volcano in the darkness, a few yards away.

"Yes. But there's more in it than that," he finally said, quietly. "I'm satisfied that there *are* ghosts, and other things round here that affect these people, even if they don't affect us."

"Well," I said, "I'm ready enough to admit there are more things in heaven and earth, etc.—but give us some concrete *facts*. They're the things *you* live by, aren't they? Let's hear about it."

The Doc leaned over and knocked his pipe out on the edge of a carved wooden bowl. "Yes, we have plenty of well-documented, good, solid facts," he said. "I'm not going to pretend that I can interpret them; I'm just going to present them.

"For instance: In the past three weeks we've had three cases of what *you'd* call voodoo or black-magic—*maki maori* they call it round here—and every year we have a number of them—all very similar—all completely unrecognisable in modern medical science."

The Doctor's story, in almost his own words:

THIS is about what happens. The victim is "wished" to death by someone. I believe there are only one or two on the island here who can do the job—and they do it presumably at a price—and no one is ever likely to find out just who these medicine-men are, for obvious reasons.

Generally, I believe, something belonging to the victim—preferably a lock of hair—is delivered to the operator. What he then does I do not know. But the cases we manage to get into hospital all agree more or less on the same symptoms.

First, there's a heaviness or dull pain at the back of the head for perhaps a couple of weeks, accompanied by a great uneasiness. Then there is often a sudden paralysis of one side of the body. If we get them at this stage we find extraordinary body temperatures—readings as high as 108 degrees above the waist, and perhaps very sub-normal below. In the ordinary course, the end is always fatal, preceded by a couple of days of violent stomach upset, with consequent severe dehydration of the body and great weakness.

Well, those are the symptoms. We've tried everything—all the modern drugs—we've taken blood tests, etc., etc. As far as we're concerned, they have no identifiable disease at all. There's just *nothing* that we can do for them to keep them alive. Intravenous salines, etc., keep them going for a while, but only for a while.

Usually, the patient will never disclose the cause of the trouble—sometimes he doesn't even know about it. It's usually the relatives who have been instrumental in getting the patient to hospital who tell us, though now we can usually guess. Once we know, the treatment is definitely unorthodox, and almost always effective.

SO far as I know, there is only *one* man on this island who can cure these cases, and—this will surprise you—he's a *European*. Admittedly he's lived a long time with these people. I'm not going to say who it is, but his name was given to me by the relatives of one of these cases. Nor have I discussed the matter with him in any way whatsoever. I have merely witnessed his work.

You must understand that these cases are sometimes very young children—far too young to be "scared to death" by threats. Then there are others who, though they know what is wrong, have no idea who has been the cause of the curse, or the reason for it. I reject the "'scared to death" theory entirely; there's something much deeper than that.

Now, when a case comes in, I simply drive round and see this European and at the same time send the patient home in the ambulance with instructions for him, or her, to be put to bed in a room and everyone to get out of the house, and away.

I then bring the curer along to the house in the car. He goes in, remains there perhaps one minute,

## Polynesian Rendezvous in Auckland





**The Islanders Church in Auckland, NZ, is one rendezvous for the 1,400 Islanders now resident in the Dominion—and so, at the other end of the scale, is the Polynesian Club, operated by Lou Mati, from Tahiti. He married into the well-known Mitchell family of Rarotonga and has meantime acquired some property on that island but since 1925 he has been almost continuously in New Zealand—in the early years as a member of a J. C. Williamson song-and-dance team called the Royal Rarotongans. The present Polynesian Club was born in the mid-thirties and has been a success from the beginning. However, to-day it probably merits the name Cosmopolitan rather than Polynesian for, as well as Polynesians, representatives of practically every race go along to dance in the course of the year. It was popular with American servicemen during the Pacific war.**

**Photographs (by Vogue, of Auckland) show Lou and his band, and, at right, some of the dancers.**




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comes back to the car, and I drive him home. By the time I get back to the patient he is, to all intents, completely cured, though naturally weak from dehydration. He is given plenty of fluids, allowed to sleep, and is up and about as well as ever next day.

MAKE what you like of it—those are the simple, bare facts of what is happening right here on this little island with all its civilised amenities, its planes and ships coming and going, right now in this year of 1948.

The medical records naturally do not show these deaths (where they occur) as *maki maori*, because there's no such disease. They are simply put down as dysentery or something similar. What else can we do? At present the fatal cases are those that never reach us, through fear on the part of the relatives.

As things are at the moment, if this European were to leave the island, or die, I know of no one who could cure these cases. The cure is certainly not by persuasion or encouragement, for not a single word is spoken. He merely enters the room—sometimes puts his hand momentarily on the patient—sometimes just pauses at the bedside. Frequently, the patient is delirious or unconscious.

This sort of thing has been going on for a long, long time, and it's about the last carry-over from the old days remaining here, strangely enough. All the best of the old culture is gone and forgotten—and the sooner this goes the better.

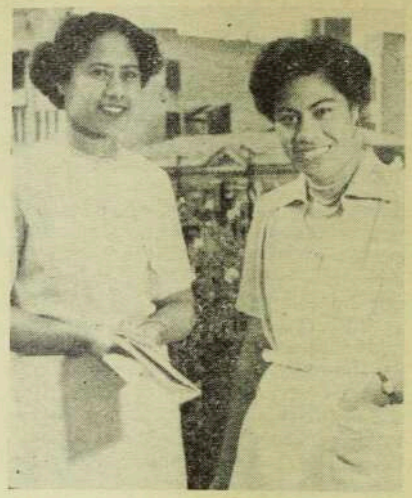
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"Yes," the Doc concluded, "you can take it from me there are more things going on round here than the average European resident dreams of."

## Solution to Crossquiz from page 70




## Samoan Girls Qualify as Teachers



**Miss Tiresa Hunter and Miss Fetaui Matatumua, shown above, returned home to Western Samoa from New Zealand in January, as qualified school teachers. Both were trained at Ardmore Teachers' Training College, Auckland, under the New Zealand Islands scholarship scheme. With Miss Fanaafi Maiai, who also trained at Ardmore, they are the first Samoans to become teachers under the scholarship scheme.**

**Miss Matatumua is a daughter of A. M. Matatumua, Registrar of the Land and Titles Court, Western Samoa.**

**Miss Tiresa Hunter is the daughter of T. P. Hunter, Government survey draughtsman in Samoa.**

**Both attended secondary schools in NZ before qualifying for the Teachers' College. There are about 100 Samoan, Niuean and Cook Islander scholarship holders in New Zealand, their ages ranging from 12 to the early 20's. Some are at boarding schools receiving secondary education, some are training for technical jobs, others are at University. The New Zealand government pays all their expenses—even providing school clothes and pocket money.**

## RECIPE CORNER

**READERS are invited to send in recipes using Pacific Islands ingredients or ingredients readily obtainable in the Islands. Ten shillings will be paid for each one used.**

**TROPICAL PEACH PIE**

**Line a shallow piedish with short pastry, and fill with slices of pawpaw in imitation of sliced peaches. Squeeze lemon or lime juice fairly liberally over the fruit, sprinkle with sugar to taste and with grated nutmeg, and arrange strips of pastry in lattice-work over the top.**

**Bake in fairly hot oven, and serve with coconut cream or fresh cream (if obtainable).**

**(Note: If any readers don't like the flavour of pawpaw, we assure them that this pie doesn't taste like pawpaw at all.) —Mrs. F.H.E.K., Ex-Apia.**

**SPICED BANANA CAKE**

**½ cup butter.**
**½ cup sugar.**
**1 cup S.R. Flour.**
**1 egg.**
**½ teaspoon salt.**
**1 teaspoon cinnamon.**
**1 teaspoon mixed spice.**
**Several ripe bananas.**

**Cream butter and sugar, add egg, then sieved dry ingredients. Spread half the mixture in a greased tin, cover with mashed bananas and lastly the remainder of the cake mixture. Bake ½ hour in a moderate oven.—Mrs. R. P., Kavieng.**

# *Pacific Nature Notes*

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*No. 3—Bats*

Mostly we call them "flying foxes" although we know they are really not foxes at all, but bats. Just before dark they go flapping slowly across the sky to their feeding grounds for the night. If there is a mango tree handy to your house you will be familiar with these visitors, or perhaps they will come and feed on your ripening banana bunch, or even a few pawpaws.

In Merauke, Dutch New Guinea, in 1944 we were used to seeing these creatures in their thousands each evening, leaving their "camp" near the mouth of the river to move inland to feed. There were other big camps of this kind on the Digoel River too, to the west.

Such big camps of flying foxes seem less common in Fiji. I remember seeing only one, and that was on the shore of Viti Levu Bay just beyond Nanukuloa, where the bats were settling down in the early morning as we passed along the road.

The Fijians consider the flying fox a delicacy. They say that once the skin has been burnt off, by tossing the carcase into the fire, the smell for which the animals are infamous disappears. I am told that flying-fox is not unlike young chicken to eat.

Then there are the little bats, common wherever there are big caves. They no doubt do quite a bit of good, snapping up mosquitoes. Women in one of the villages not far from Na Savusavu, Fiji, sometimes take one of their fishing nets to a cave nearby and catch some of these small bats. I asked—what for? Surely they are not big enough to eat? The answer was—not to eat, but for the children to play with.

**Dr. K. B. Noad** on February 4 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Sydney University as a result of his thesis on scrub typhus (or Japanese River Fever) which is prevalent in Papua-New Guinea.




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# New Patrol Posts Take Law Into Wild N. Guinea

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MADANG, Jan. 22.

TWO new and vital Patrol Posts have recently been established in the Eastern Highlands and Madang Districts, New Guinea. One is at Taramo, south of Goroka; the other at Atitau, in the Adelberts Range, west of Madang.

Patrol-Officer McArthur, who is stationed at Taramo, already has an airstrip under construction. A road connecting Taramo with Goroka is to be given high priority.

At Atitau, Patrol Officer Bell with native police, has established a Patrol Post, so as to form a central base in this area for patrolling the region. This country is particularly rugged, and the people primitive and hostile.

It is the policy of the Administration to patrol this area continuously, so as to gain the confidence of the native population, and get them used to Administration and law.

The Patrol Post at Annenberg (also in the Adelberts Range) has now been moved to Aiome where Patrol Officer Jordan is in charge.

Mr. Jordan recently discovered a hidden valley in this district, which had a population of some 6,000 natives, hitherto unknown.

# NEW AIRSTRIP BEING BUILT AT CHIMBU

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 24.

A REAL job of work is being done at Chimbu, NG Highlands, by the District Services staff, under ADO B. Hayes, on constructing a new airstrip. Even Civil Aviation is full of praise, for Chimbu has little level land.

With Chimbu boys, digging sticks, perhaps an odd pick and shovel, and locally made coolie-type baskets for carrying thousands of yards of fill, the ADO is carrying out a job which normally calls for powerful and expensive mechanised equipment.

Neither passengers nor pilots liked the old strip. It was blunted at one end by sharply rising ground, and at the other by a drop over a gully. It abounded in tricky cross air-currents.

The new strip angles across the old one, and will be twice as long as the original.

**Mr. R. R. C. Caten,** Assistant Public Relations Officer, Fiji, is at present on leave in Australia.




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# 'OR PACIFIC RADIO AMATEURS

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ISLAND HAMS: Let your Pacific neighurs know you're on by giving a call your favourite band at 0100/0700/1900Z. e of a known time will help you—and em.

● Unfortunately by the time this appears o interesting events will probably be over. On January 20, three NZ Air pt. technicians left Auckland to instal w radio telephone equipment at tutaki. One was Eric Armstrong, rmerly a VR2, and another was Max mstrong—no relation—formerly VR2BY. ax had obtained permission to operate m Aitutaki during their month on the and under the call ZK-1-AC. At the ment of writing he is active on 20 m. one, and probably on 40/80 m. also. -1's are now in very short supply so e appearance of the call with 100 watts the DX bands was bound to cause ne interest—however, Max stated that was not really interested in the DX gle—just wanted to keep in touch with mainly.

The other item is from "Amateur dio",. reporting that in January or bruary CE3AG and CE3CZ would be iting Easter Island for four or five ys and would operate from there under e call CE-0-AA on CW or phone conuously. Bands not stated. We suspect at these men may be attached to Thor yerdahl's (ex Kontiki) expedition which was visiting the Galapagos in January and believed to be going on to Easter.

● BERS-195, in an interesting letter from his new QTH at North Fairfield, Vic., says he believes that Dr. Rob Black, VK2QZ, will be returning to the Trobriands soon—probably March—and will be on with his VK2QZ/VK9 call using phone and CW. He recently returned to Sydney after appearing as VR4AF and YJ 1-AB during the past year.

Alan Smith, VK9YY, checks in with some news from Lae. Formerly VK2AIR of Sydney, he made his 20 m. VK9 debut with 100 watts on December 19—crystal frequencies 14,020 and 14,090, CW only at moment of writing, but a modulator is under way. And if anyone can send him along the gen on a G8PO antenna, rush same to Box 13, Lae. Meanwhile, it's a folded dipole, with a BC348 doing the receiving.

Perhaps the most interesting point in the letter is this: "To my knowledge there


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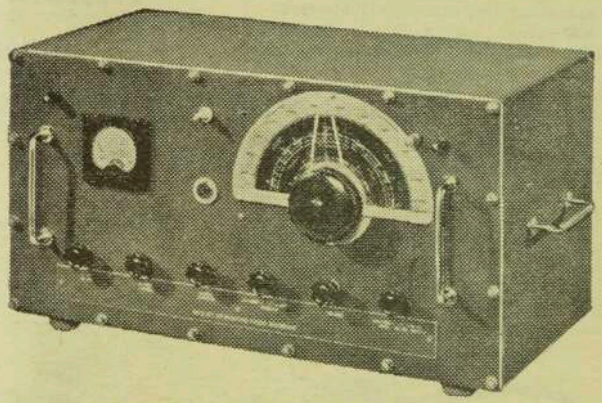
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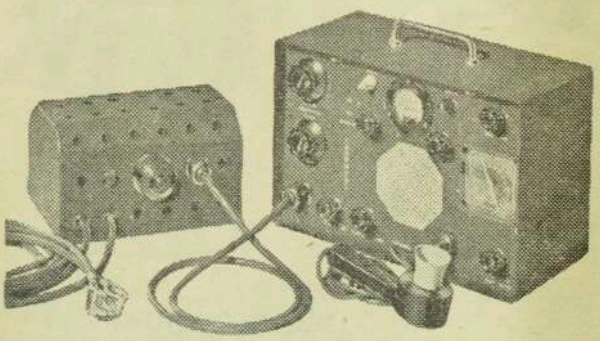
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re only two active hams in TNG—K9FM at Madang, and myself. If anyne knows of any other we would be leased to hear about it. There are quite lot in Papua—but as far as the DXCC concerned they are different countries". Other points from Alan: Due to skip, 's difficult to QSO many Pacific Island ations on 20 m., so he'll be going on m. also. P.I. Net times are not too nvenient for NG except at week-ends but he's particularly interested to conct Island stations. Men who contacted J-1-AB will soon be receiving his special SL with a mosquito motif, according to ob Black whom Alan spoke to in Sydney

● Another letter was from Bari Hogg who smantled his station VR2BZ on ecember 2 (sorry for the typographic ror to your call last month, Bari) but pes to be on again in about a year ter helping deliver the RNZAF's new nderlands.

Bari reports two stations remaining at uthala Bay—VR2CP/CR—both just rived and preparing for action on 80 m. ainly. Names and past calls not entioned. Let's hear from you, men! hether or not the call VR2CQ was lotted, we do not know—if it was ere's a third new VR2 somewhere in ji.

A yachtsman recently returned from ench Oceania, Ron Lamb, of Auckland, ports that FO8AD plans to remain in s present position as Met and radioan at Rapa Island for another year at ast. Roland is completely absorbed in et. research and radio, Ron says. And e probable reason why he's never heard ZL: he has two fixed beams, one on hiti and the other on N. America—us the fact, of course, that he's well ielded by very high mountains.

The crew of the yacht "Stortebecker I" were very kindly treated by Roland and e Island's medical assistant during their days' stay.

Nothing has so far been heard in ckland of VR6AC who planned to be tive from Pitcairn by the end of ecember.

● We recently farewelled Hugh Hickling, m Auckland, returning to the Cook ands. He was formerly on Mangaia. is time he'll be at Rarotonga—and y be active under his old ZK-1 call.

The XYL said "nothing doing" when e subject was broached, but Hugh, in aside, said that he might swell the -1 ranks occasionally.

Thor Gundersen, after about five years Purser and Sparks in "Maui Pomare", the Auckland-ZK-1 run, retired from e sea in January, when the ship laid for survey. He has probably been the st active Cooks station—so you can ss ZK-1-AZ off the list; and also -1-BE, Ray Sutherland, rarely active, o finished his term at Rarotonga Radio d returned to ZL in January. Thor ll doubtless be active as ZL-1-VU. her calls he's set aside are VK-2-AM d VR4AM in post-war years.

'Break In" gives us the current ZM6 t: ZM6AA, Pat Senior, Box 23, Apia, Samoa. ZM6AB, Des Fahey, c/o Apia dio. ZM6AC, Arnold Stanbury (ex 3LT), c/o Observatory, Apia.

**Conditions, especially on 20 m., seemed very poor in Auckland during January, in limited evening listening. The list of Islands stations heard is short: KC6QY, KG6AEX/HL, VK9FM, ZK-1-AC.**

**WANTED: News from the Gilberts, Papua, Tahiti—and all points, east and west.**

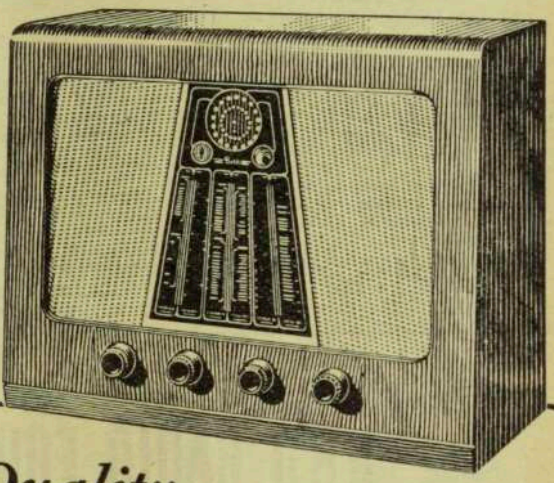
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The wedding of **Miss Judith Hudson** of Terrigal, NSW, to **Mr. Arthur Wyndham Hoile,** of Lae, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hoile of Wau, New Guinea, took place at St. Philip's Church, Sydney, on January 28. Among the guests were a number of New Guinea residents.

**The Most Rev. A. Noser,** Bishop of Accra, West African Gold Coast, has been appointed Vicar Apostolic of Alexishafen, New Guinea, in succession to the late Bishop Applehaus, who was killed in a plane crash in NG in July, 1951. The new Bishop is 52 and an American.

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*Kon Tiki* is now housed with Dr. Nansen's famous *Fram* and three 700-year-old Viking ships in a special museum six miles from Oslo. When *Kon Tiki,* was taken aboard *Thor I* at Papeete in 1947, she was to go to an American museum. But at San Francisco the authorities would not allow the raft ashore owing to danger of introducing undesirable pests in the balsa wood logs. So the raft was loaded onto another Norwegian ship, for Norway.

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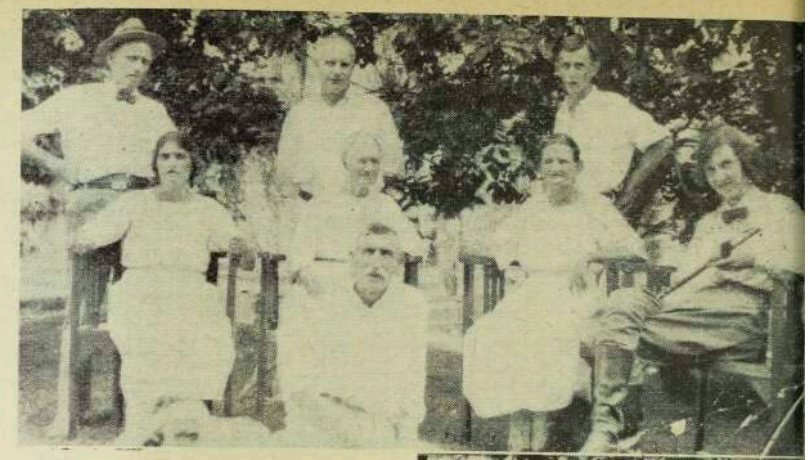
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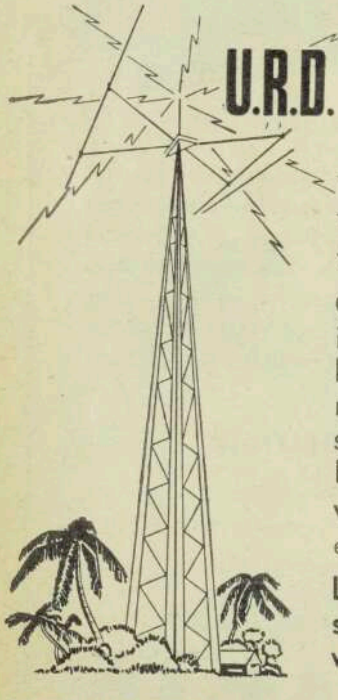


*(See story opposite)*

**These two photographs (kindly supplied by Mr. J. M. Clift) show people who were well known in Solomons in the middle 'Twenties, and some of whom took part in the Malaita punitive expedition of 1927, referred to in article opposite.**

**Group, left to right, back row—Tony Olsen; Jack Clift; Ernie Palmer. Front row—Mrs. Olsen; Jim Risby; Mrs. Risby; Mrs. Jack Clift. (Elderly lady in centre, not identified).**

**Lower left—Bill Adams, Jack Clift and J. A. Johnstone, out on the Malaita expedition, 1927.**

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This agreement came to an end in so far as "Wairuna" was concerned, when she paid her latest visit to Canada.

On the run south to New Zealand, the vessel was manned with a "scratch" crew of varied occupation—labourers, journalists, a press photographer, radio technician, truck drivers, an accountant, a chemist, etc.—New Zealanders, Australians, and Canadians, all glad of the opportunity to work their passage to Auckland, where a New Zealand crew took over.




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# STORY OF TONY OLSEN— SOUTH PACIFIC SAILOR-MAN

*(See photographs opposite)*

WHEN "Tony" Olsen, trader and planter aged 67, died on October 7, the British Solomons lost one of its most valued residents, and a very colourful and adventurous life came to an end.

Anton Daniel Olsen was only 15 when he left home (Tunsberg, Norway) and signed on a Norwegian sailing-ship. He deserted her in Capetown, in 1900, in an attempt to enlist in the British Army (then engaged in the Boer War) but was firmly returned to his ship. For the next few years he wandered in North and South America, and North China —he actually saw some of the naval engagements of the Russo-Japanese War.

At Boston, soon after, he joined the largest wooden sailing ship afloat, the *Susquehanna*, bound for New Caledonia to ship chrome ore. While he was in Noumea her sister ship, the *Roanoke*, burned to the waterline, and the *Roanoke's* crew were taken aboard the *Susquehanna*.

When the ship was en route to China, the chrome ore loaded in New Caledonia shifted during a hurricane, and the ship broke her back and foundered at sea about 500 miles from the British Solomon Islands. All personnel on board took to three lifeboats.

In Tony's lifeboat was the brutal captain of the *Roanoke*, a man built in the old bullying tradition of sailing vessels, and the captain's young bride. After they had taken to the boats it was discovered that this young lady had put her clothing into one of the canvas bags which nor-


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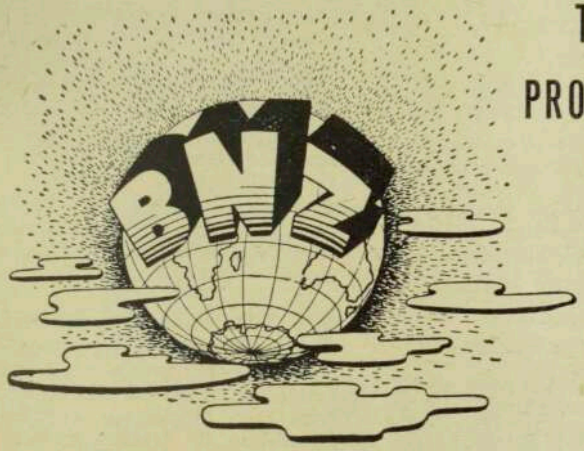
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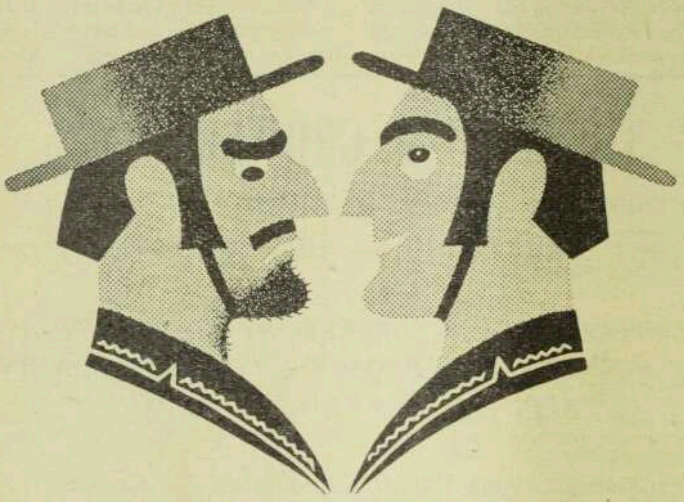
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mally would have contained food. She and her husband occupied half the lifeboat, and the men were ordered to surrender their shirts to make for them an improvised screen.

They had been nine days at sea without water, when Olsen's boat sighted San Cristoval. The crew was picked up there the next day by the late Captain Svensen, one of the early pioneers of the Solomons and father of Mrs. E. A. Palmer. This was in 1904.

Eventually, the other lifeboats from the *Susquehanna* made land at Tulagi, and all personnel from the *Susquehanna* and *Roanoke* were returned to Australia by the first available ship, except three—Tony Olsen, Harry Caspar and "Long Jack", who remained in the Solomons and were employed by Lever Bros.

TONY signed on for two years with Levers' trading ship *Lindsay*, which ran between Lord Howe atoll, Sikiana and the Santa Cruz group. In 1907 he went to Australia for his first vacation, and the *Lindsay* was wrecked during his absence.

On his return he was given the *Jessie*. During 1908 he met the famous Jack London and his wife Charmaine. London's book *The Voyage of the Snark* describes "A Lost Week-end" at Penduffryn Plantation, now known as Berande Plantation, on Guadalcanal.

Soon after his return from leave Mr. Olsen was married—a marriage which lasted from 1909 until his death. He resigned from Levers and, accompanied by his young wife, he recruited labour on Malaita, then very much of a "hot spot". Subsequently he cleared and planted his own plantation at Tanemba, 18 miles west of Honiara, on the Guadalcanal coast.

IN 1908, while on a recruiting trip to Malaita, Tony Olsen met a notorious gentleman who had persuaded a group of Australian business men to finance a prospecting expedition to Malaita to find King Solomon's Mine. A well-known schooner had been purchased and outfitted for the purpose. All members of the expedition dressed fully for dinner every night, and the table appointments were elaborate. When the schooner finally reached Malaita—where the natives then were very savage—the District Officer would not allow any member of the expedition to land.

While the vessel lay at anchor offshore one moonlight night, with




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veryone asleep on board, one of the arty, Simonds, awakened on deck hen three canoes came alongside; nd he heard a whispered conversa- ion between the "gentleman" and the atives. They arranged that at awn all the Europeans except he "gent." were to be murdered, for hich payment in rifles, cartridges nd other items was promised.

Simonds waited until the gent. ad gone below, and then he took the inghy and rowed round the point to he vessel *Minota*, whose Captain, ob Jensen, was informed of the lot. The gent. was overpowered nd the schooner got under way be- ore the pre-arranged dawn attack ould take place.

The gent. was handed over to the esident Commissioner, Mr. C. M. oodford, and sent to Fiji for trial. was found that this was the second xpedition the gent. had arranged; embers of the first had been urdered under similar circum- ances.

N 1914, and the ensuing war years, very little European food was rought into the Solomons, and the oneers had a difficult time.

In 1916, the northern coastline of uadalcanal was swept by what was, according to old residents, the worst hurricane in Solomons history, and Tony's plantation suffered with the rest. In 1918 he met Martin and Osa Johnson, who photographed the Solomons and the New Hebrides.

In 1919, Tony Olsen went to Sydney and met the late Mr. W. M. Hughes, with whom he went actively campaigning. It was then, also, that he met that remarkable man Sir Edgeworth David, famous explorer, soldier, geologist and philosopher. Tony and his wife saw much of Professor Edgeworth David and his family, and it was then the thought


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of gold first entered Tony's mind. He took an active interest in prospecting for the rest of his life.

During the early 'twenties, Tony was recruiting with a well-known and respected resident of the Solomons, Mr. Geoff Clift, in the *A. V. Mendana*, mostly on Malaita and San Cristoval.

IN 1927, early in October, news was received in Tulagi of the massacre on October 4 of the District Officer on Malaita, Mr. Bell, and his ADO, Mr. Lillies, with 19 native members of the Armed Constabulary, at Sinerango, Malaita.

*HMAS Adelaide* and the supply ship *HMAS Biloila* were sent from Australia at the Protectorate Government's request, and a party of 30 European volunteers were recruited. Among the first to volunteer were Tony Olsen and Geoffrey and J. M. Clift. Thirty days of strenuous operations in the bush resulted in the capture of those responsible, and the ringleaders were ultimately hanged or imprisoned. (See photos.)

THE depression in the early 'thirties brought copra prices to below production costs. About this time, Tony Olsen and Jack Clift set off on an expedition into the Guadalcanal mountains, prospecting. They discovered gold in the Betilonga River, at the headwaters of the Tenaru River; but a more sensational earlier discovery on the Sorvohio River distracted attention from their venture. Tony Olsen then ran his own vessel, the *Pedeu*, recruiting and trading, until during a heavy north-west blow she dragged her anchor, struck a reef and sank.

In 1939, Tony started with the Balasuna Syndicate, and was engaged





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on alluvial gold leases for nearly three years. In October, 1941, he went with his wife to Australia on leave, and was in Sydney when war was declared on Japan. He immediately booked their passages in the *MV Malaita* back to Tulagi, but when they arrived at Cairns Mrs. Olsen was not allowed to go on—women and children had been evacuated.

Tony returned alone to the Solomons, arriving on December 31, 1941, and continued work on the Sorvohio River lease until the advancing war forced them out. He left with other residents in the *A. V. Ruena*, owned by the Fairymead Co., and after a hazardous voyage—the Japanese being then established in the Solomons—the party got to Australia, via Vila, early in April, 1942.

During the war, Tony, then well over 50, was one of the rigging crew of a giant crane known as *The Hawk* on Sydney Harbour, unloading heavy war material for transhipment to theatres of war.

With other European pre-war pioneers, Tony returned to the Solomons by *MV Southern Cross* in 1946, and went to Ruanu Plantation. He then returned to Onavatuva plantation, near his old plantation of Tenimba on Guadalcanal, and was there until his death.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

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The new premises are modern with fluorescent lighting. And it is a matter of considerable interest that native carpenters carried out the bulk of the work on the new building.

First of 20 members of the New Zealand WAAF, **Sgt. Thora Robinson**, left NZ at the end of January for Fiji.

## NG EUROPEANS REGISTER THEIR COCOA PLANTINGS

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAUL, Jan. 15.

TO date 27,000 cocoa trees have been registered by European planters in the Rabaul and Kokopo areas of New Britain and new applications for registration are still arriving at the Department of Agriculture.

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# FOR BRITAIN OR AUSTRALIA? — Future of N. Hebrides and Solomons

*by R. D. BLANDY, CMG, OBE, Lately British Resident Commissioner in New Hebrides.*

IT is not generally realised that Australia was very probably saved rom invasion during the late war y the use that the Americans (and ter, other Allied Forces) made, suc-essively, of the New Hebrides and olomons.

By checking the enemy's southern rive at the Battle of the Coral Sea e Americans gained time, not only secure their communications with ustralia and to reinforce the quite sufficient Australian garrison, but so to construct most important ases, first in New Caledonia, then in e New Hebrides.

It was the build-up in these islands and the rapid construction therein airfields—that permitted the plan-ng and timely launching of the suc-ssful flank attack on Guadalcanal, operation which history is likely confirm as the critical offensive ttle of the war with Japan, just as e Battle of the Coral Sea was the itical defensive battle. Moreover, its ccessful outcome finally destroyed the threat to the Australian mainland.

It is relevant here to record that this vital operation had been facilitated by two important occurrences, both with their genesis in the New Hebrides Anglo-French Condominium.

Firstly, in the dark days of 1940, the French population of the Condominium—inspired by the gallant M. Henri Sautot, then French Resident Commissioner, who was later awarded the OBE as a mark of recognition—had promptly rallied to de Gaulle. This led, soon after, and logically, to the overthrow of the Vichy authorities in New Caledonia by the local de Gaulle partisans, and to the installation of M. Sautot as Free French governor.

Thus the Americans, when they had urgent need to use these territories as bases, were saved the embarrassment of finding Vichy (with whom they were still maintaining diplomatic relations) controlling the French administrations in these islands, administrations with which they would certainly have had to force the issue.

The second important event was the establishment, after the Solomons had been overrun by the Japanese, of teleradio communication by the British Administration in the New Hebrbides with the Resident

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Commissioner of the Solomons and his chain of coast-watchers hidden at strategic points throughout the islands, thereby establishing a vital intelligence service.

These two occurrences contributed materially to the timely capture of the Guadalcanal airfield (a few days before it was to be ready for use by the Japanese) and to the successful campaigns in the Solomons which were supported chiefly from New Caledonia and New Hebrides bases. In fact, the base at Santo was the first predecessor of Manus.

The preceding narrative should be sufficient to prove the great value these islands have for Australia—at least, from the defence angle. If, therefore, Australia, as the farthest flung bastion of "Western Democracy," and in pursuance of the "White Australia Policy," aspires to consolidation of her position as an eventual Great Nation and Power (not to be attacked with impunity from the North), her interest in these islands as a prolongation of her defensive screen eastwards and southwards from New Guinea, appears unquestionable.

Consequently, it seems appropriate to examine the present position of the New Hebrides and Solomons and how it affects, or may affect, Australia.

## THE NEW HEBRIDES

THE New Hebrides group is administered by treaty between Great Britain and France under a form of condominium. It is not a true condominium, in that only certain matters are jointly controlled, each Power maintaining, independently of the Condominium (or joint) Government (i.e., the British and French Resident Commissioners "acting jointly"), a complete sovereign administration of its own, with sovereign rights over its own nationals and "dependants."

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policies. Consequently, as the Joint Administration is a "government by agreement" (or disagreement), it is not unnatural that it has no fixed or stable policy of its own.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the "System" laid down in the Anglo-French Protocol of 1914 has generated, both in peace and war, a host of anomalies, difficulties, embarrassments, confusions and disagreements, which have multiplied themselves progressively as the group has "grown up." Indeed, it is rare that a positive answer to any question affecting the New Hebrides as a whole can be given.

Each Power pays for its own sovereign Administration. All (legitimate) revenue goes into the joint treasury to finance joint expenditure, which—as in the case of joint policy—cannot be controlled except by agreement (or negatively) by either Power. Each Power must pay half of any budgetary deficit regardless of its own share of material interests and population (which are at present, and likely to remain, preponderantly French). Therefore, the administration of the group is not an interesting financial (or any other) proposition for Great Britain, particularly as trade is shared chiefly by France and Australia.

However, the British connection did, as narrated above, pay a handsome dividend during the last war.

It has been suggested in the Press from time to time that Australia might logically replace Britain in the Condominium. Britain might well be glad to get rid, without "loss of face," of such an embarrassing and unprofitable responsibility. But it seems doubtful whether Australia would care to take up Britain's share in what would be to her, without Britain's long local experience of this unorthodox international experiment, a step into the completely unknown.

Consequently, if Australia did eventually desire to establish a foothold in that area, it is likely that some simpler formula would have to be devised.

AUSTRALIA has, incidentally, already a "stake in the land" in the New Hebrides, in the shape of very considerable properties — or claims to properties not yet registered—handed over to the Federal Government by the late Sir James Burns (as a gift, or in trust) with a view to encouraging British settlement. The bulk of these properties consist of potentially rich arable lands, but they have mostly remained undeveloped, awaiting a clear-cut policy—and partly owing to the labour position.

Economically, the New Hebrides group has distinct potentialities, particularly for a nearby "growing" major country like Australia, which already supplies the greater part of the Condominium's essential requirements—though, owing to trade barriers, at present she receives very little in return.

The chief export is copra; but good cocoa and passable coffee are also produced. Moreover, the climate range is so varied, the soil so rich and the rainfall so adequate that a very large variety of other tropical and sub-tropical products could be grown with success. Even sheep do well on one island, and cattle luxuriate everywhere.

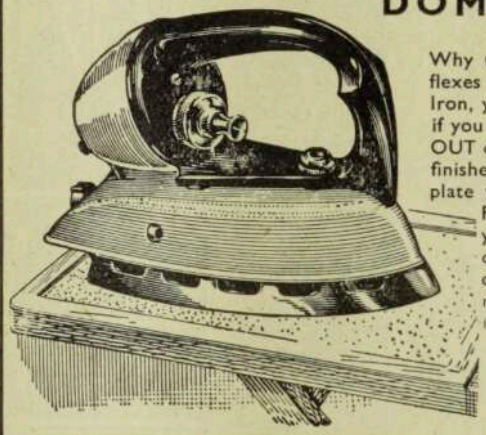
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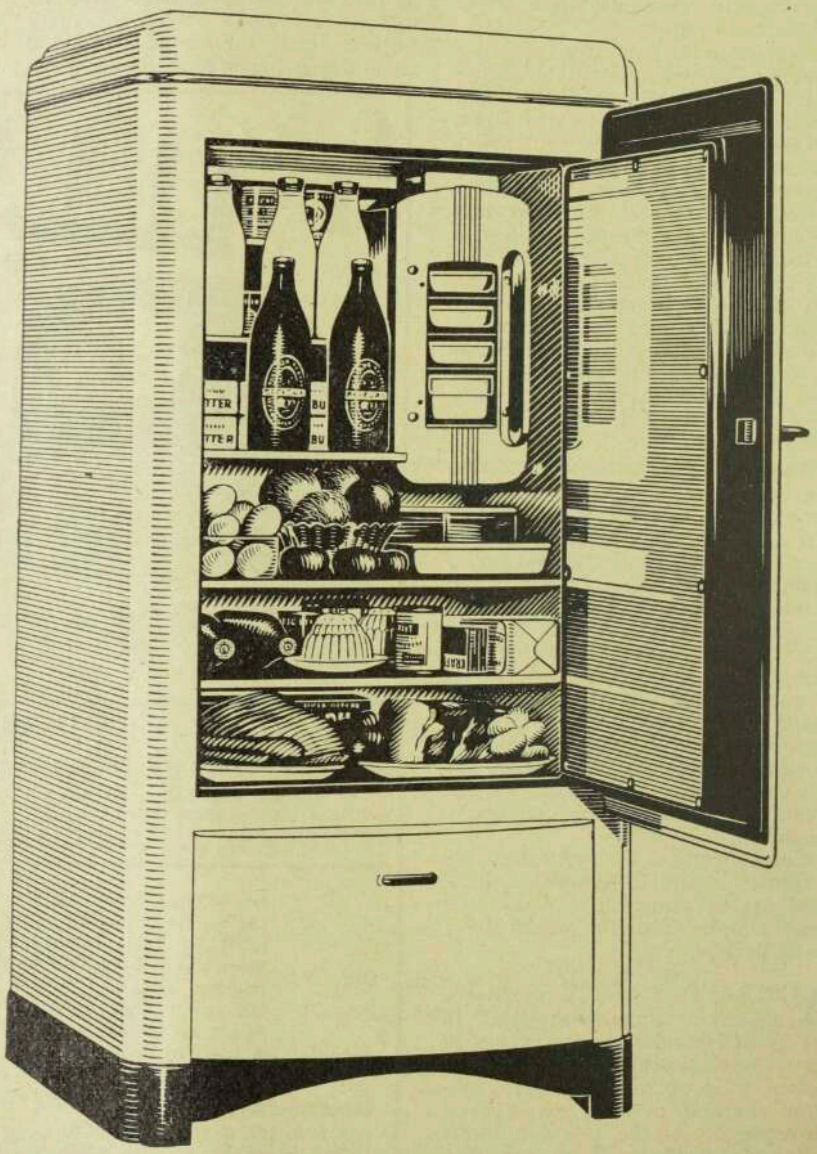
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ench, by means of imported in-nture Asian labour, the source of nich has since dried up.

Given a solution of the labour oblem, this group could have a h future.

## THE SOLOMONS

HE Solomon Islands Protectorate is administered under the aegis the Colonial Office in London d, as a straight-out British depen-ncy, presents none of compli-ions of the New Hebrides "con-minium." Any advance towards stralian responsibility in the Pro-torate would, then, be by arrange-nt between two British partners of British Commonwealth.

Though there may be differences detail in native administration, damentally the British and Aus-lian native policies are not greatly ergent, and the Solomons natives mostly akin in race to those of w Guinea and the Bismarck Archi-ago. There should, therefore, be insuperable difficulty, if and en Australia may desire to ex-d into the Protectorate, in find-a formula, particularly as the omons should logically be far re valuable to Australia than to at Britain.

Economically, the Solomons are less rich than the New Hebrides, having a much poorer soil and a climate suitable only for extreme tropical agriculture. However, the population is about double that of the New Hebrides and, owing to the comparative difficulty of growing food, the plantation labour position is much easier (and cheaper). Again, there is always the possibility of striking payable gold on Guadalcanal.

*By and large, it seems as if an expanding and vulnerable Australia (whose needs in tropical produce must necessarily increase with a mounting population) will be driven sooner or later to look for definite responsibilities in the New Hebrides and Solomons, even though at the moment circumstances do not seem propitious for the Federal Government to increase its financial and administrative commitments—and the incidental burden on the Australian taxpayer—in the development of territories other than New Guinea-Papua.*

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The Chinese Consul-General at Sydney, **Mr. Liang Kung Wang**, visited the New Guinea area during January, and his itinerary included short stays at Rabaul, Lae and Madang. Latest statistics on the Chinese population in the New Guinea region indicate a total of 1,949.

**Mr. R. K. Wilson, FRCS**, who has been Medical Officer, Rabaul, NG, for two years has been transferred to Port Moresby headquarters where he will be Surgical Specialist —a surgical unit will be formed to visit all Territory centres at intervals. Mr. Wilson's place in Rabaul will be taken by **Dr. K. Pike**, at present in Sohana.

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In a recent issue we reported that a large party of big game fishermen from Hawaii would go to New Zealand in April for a game-fishing contest with the Bay of Islands Swordfish and Mako Shark Club of Russell. The Hawaiian party now advise that they will not be able to go this season, but look forward to testing their skill with the New Zealanders next season.

**Mr. Harold Gatty** of Fiji went to Auckland in January to complete work on a book on fundamental methods of navigation for hikers, mountaineers and desert wanderers —a companion piece to his famous *Raft Book*.

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## M. POROI'S VICTORY IN TAHITI

WHEN the votes were counted Papeete on January 18, follo ing the election of members the Assemblee Territoriale (forme named Assemblee Representativ it was found that all five elect members were Mayor Poroi's de gates—and that not a single me ber of the opposition group, head by Deputy Pouvaana a Oopa, h gained a seat.

According to our Tahiti corr pondent, Pouvaana a Oopa had d clared his intention of protesti to Paris, as he considers the ele tion was fraudulent.

The day following the electi the situation was reported to tense, and the Governor assign troops to handle any disturbanc None occurred, however, and t fist-shaking had subsided by t following day.

It is expected that in the out districts and islands the voting w be largely in favour of Pouvaa a Oopa's delegates, but the compl tion of the election there will ta some time.

Members elected in Papeete we Alfred Ernest Terairei Poroi, Je Walter Tepuatauonini Grand, Ma tial Teiki Iorss, Albert Lebouch (Pute), and Frank Hitiatua Ric mond.

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## ONOLULU-TAHITI EA-AIR ERVICES PLANNED

T was reported in December PIM that Captains Bryan Monkton and F. I. L. Barnes, of Sydney, ere endeavouring to obtain support in Honolulu for a projected r service between Honolulu and ahiti.

Some travel quarters in Honolulu predict that it may be difficult to obtain financial support ere for an airline, when the high st of establishing facilities along e route—at Palmyra, Christmas, elsewhere—is taken into consideration.

However, there appears to be ore enthusiasm for a sea link hich is currently being planned a company called Rubak Marine. The prime movers in Rubak arine are Messrs. Athol Rusden d Frederick R. Baker, both of ew Zealand. They purchased the ading schooner *New Golden ind* (now *Artemise*) and left ckland in April, 1951, for Tahiti. here they sold the vessel and proeded to England, and purchased e Fairmile passenger vessel *ilante II*.

*Philante II* was brought to Tahiti d in recent months, made a run Honolulu to survey the possilities of establishing a passenger rvice with Tahiti. Rubak Marine as registered as a company in onolulu in November with the pport of certain travel agencies ere.

Mr. Baker is now reported in gland investigating the suitbility of a sizeable 25-passenger ssel, currently lying in a French rt, which might be used with an glish crew for the planned serce. Round trips would be made om Honolulu, with calls at lmyra, Christmas, Fanning and nrhyn, the passengers living oard at all ports, including ahiti.

Rubak Marine are also reported having the option on a cargo ssel in an English port. This as originally to be used to transrt 250 emigrants from American moa to Honolulu.

It is known that the French overnment at Tahiti is interested purchasing *Philante II*, presumbly to replace the schooner *mara*, which may be involved in e deal, according to coconut dio. If *Philante II* is not sold e will probably be used for the ansport of the Samoans.

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**Mr. Roy Gray,** recently air affic officer at Evans Bay, ellington, NZ, has been appointed Airport Superintendent at Satala/Faleolo, W. Samoa. He was tached to Flying Control, Fiji, eviously.

## Heyerdahl in Galapagos

THOR HEYERDAHL, leader of the famous *Kon Tiki* expedition, was leading an expedition to the Galapagos Islands in January.

The party arrived at San Cristobal Island on January 22 and continued on to Floreana Island the following day.

The expedition is "trying to find material to support the theory that the first inhabitants of the Galapagos came from the American Continent instead of from Spain as some history books maintain."

It is believed that the expedition will later go on to Easter Island.

## C.I. Contingent For Coronation

APPLICANTS were being examined in Rarotonga, Cook Is., in January to form a small contingent which will represent the Cook Islands at the Coronation in London in June.

It is understood that Cook Island ex-servicemen resident in New Zealand will also be considered.

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**Mr. B. McVeagh,** until recently foreman-mechanic at Aitutaki Airport, and currently on leave in New Zealand, has been appointed Aerodromes Technical Officer, Wellington.



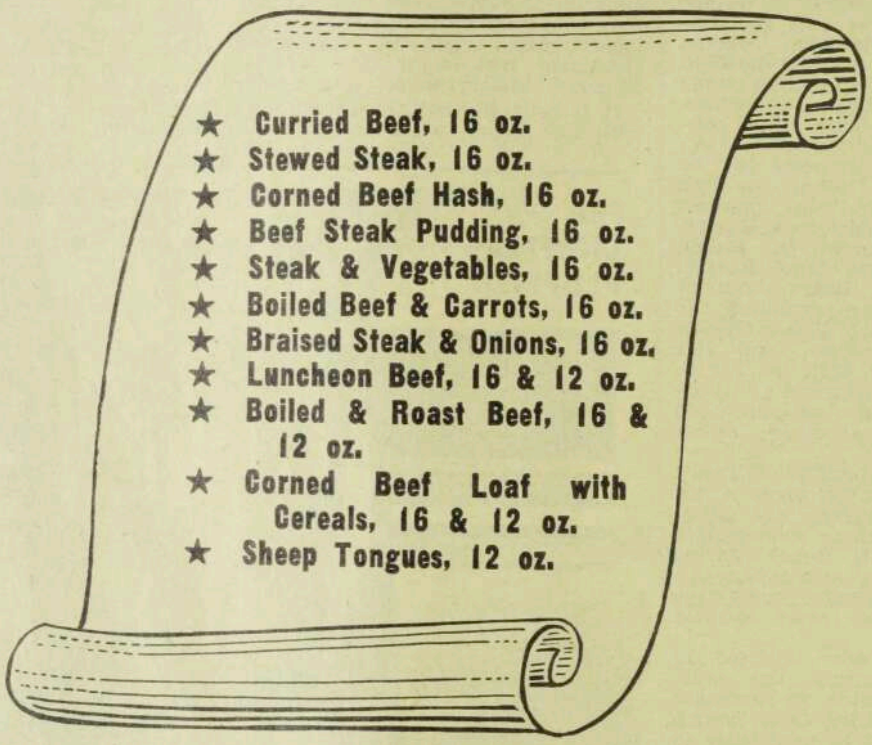




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## POPULATION DECLINE IN DUTCH N. GUINEA

### SPC Begins Investigation

From Our Own Correspondent

HOLLANDIA, Jan. 7.

'N the past, the arrival of Europeans in some parts of the Pacific has been followed by a decline in ative population, not altogether ttributable to introduced diseases. his trend is still going on in some reas and to investigate the cause f this phenomenon, the South acific Commission has chosen as pilot investigation project an area tuated in the south of Dutch New uinea where the Marind Anim eople live. The appointment of n expert was left to the Nether- nds Foundation for Cultural An- ropology, which has chosen Dr. Kooijman. He arrived at Merauke January to set up his base camp. The problem will be approached om the medical as well as from e anthropological side. Dr. ijlmer, Head of the Department Health Welfare at Hollandia, ll direct the medical part of the ork.

Dr. Kooijman will be assisted by ather J. Verschueren, well known r his anthropological work in the ea during recent years.

"Several theories about the causes the decrease of population nongst the Marind Anim have been suggested," Dr. Kooijman said. "There is the theory formulated by the British anthropologist, Rivers, giving as a cause the so-called 'psychical depression'. According to this theory the arrival of Europeans in these areas greatly influenced the population, because fierce customs like headhunting, and weird festivals, mostly accompanied by excesses of all kinds, were prohibited; these prohibitions created a kind of 'culture tiredness'."

On the other hand it is an established fact that the so-called "venereal granuloma" has affected the Marind Anim, and later on was followed by other infectious diseases like the flu-epidemics of 1918.

It will be of assistance to Dr. Kooijman that the Missionaries of the Holy Heart at Merauke have kept parish registers of the almost entirely Christianised population in South New Guinea for nearly 50 years. Another helpful source will be the reports of the Swiss anthropologist, Mr. Wirz, of his investigations amongst the Marinds in 1922 and 1927.

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Major H. M. McDonald, who returned to New Zealand in January after a year with the Fiji Battalion in Malaya, drew attention to the fact that the NZ Patriotic Fund Board provided Christmas parcels only for the New Zealand members of the Battalion—all of whom were, of course, officers. In pointing out the very healthy financial state of the Patriotic Board funds, he said that New Zealand might well provide comforts for the Fijian soldiers, thereby building up goodwill towards New Zealand in Fiji.

**Mr. Charles (Taro) Coulon**, Assistant Manager of Etablissements Donald Papeete, paid a brief holiday visit to Auckland in December, travelling by TEAL.


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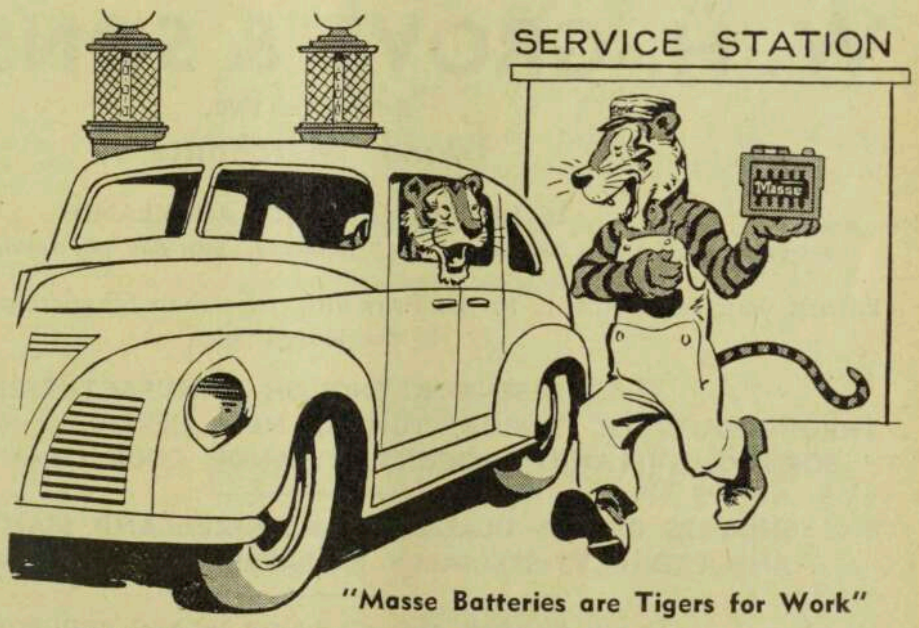
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## MINISTER VISITS NORFOLK IS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NORFOLK IS., Jan. 16.

MR. PAUL HASLUCK, Minister for Australian Territories, with Mrs. Hasluck and their children, returned to Australia on January 15 after two weeks on Norfolk Island.

Officially it was a holiday, but it consisted largely of investigations into Island problems, conferences with the Advisory Council and a round of social visits. Mr. and Mrs. Hasluck also gave a reception at Government House to which all residents of Norfolk were invited.

The Minister took a genuine interest in Island affairs and is of the opinion that a Commonwealth grant would be provided for the improvement of some of our roads if the Island would attend to maintenance afterwards.

## Divers' School at TI?

IT was reported from Thursday Island in January that the Director of Native Affairs, who controls the Torres Strait Islanders pearling co-operative, had called a meeting of all pearling interests in the area to discuss the setting up of a training school for native divers. The meeting was to take place in mid-January followed by another a month later.

One of the largest independent lugger operators at TI, indicated the poor showing that Torres Strait Islander divers were making as compared with pre-war Jap efforts, when he stated that in the season just past, his fleet averaged only 12 tons of MOP per lugger, as compared with an average of 23 tons by the Jap divers in pre-war days.

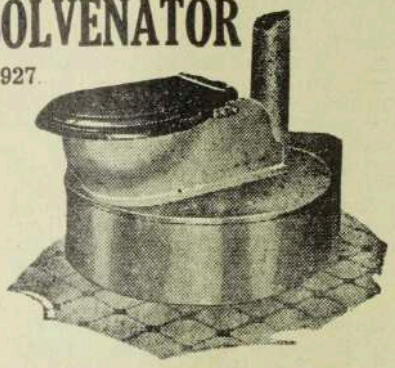
**The Rev. Father David Beattie**, SM, has been appointed to the R.C. Mission in Fiji and the **Rev. Father Anthony Loft**, SM, to the South Solomons—both from Wellington, NZ.

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## ck of RSL Interest In Moresby

### 29 Members at Annual Meeting

HEN the Port Moresby RSL Sub-Branch held its annual general meeting on January only 29 members of the 500 on membership list turned up. or was there any stampede ng the 29 to become office ers for the coming year. rst, the retiring President, Mr. McDonald, declined to stand re-election, and his move was owed by one or two others itioned as good prospective idential timber. Then Mr. l Edwards was elected unop-d, giving him a third spell in office of President. r. Fred Lucas and Mr. Gunning e elected Vice-Presidents, but n the meeting was adjourned six of the 20 official positions been filled. he retiring Secretary, Mr. ter Harrison, and the retiring surer, Mr. Harry Powell, both whom had done a grand job of k for the Sub-Branch over the ious 12 months, declined to d for another term in office. he retiring President, Mr. Donald, said the year had been ly successful on the financial as the Sub-Branch started the in a position of rather shaky ency, but finished up with £1,600 he bank. But he thought very e had been accomplished on usively RSL affairs. He had, ever, words of high praise for srs. Powell, Kidnie and Harri- and the Women's Auxiliary. h of the success of the past on the financial side was due heir efforts. He said that he ght it was a sad commentary the management of the RSL that after being in existence seven years its assets were noth- more than depreciated furni- with some recently-acquired equipment, and a bank balance £1600. He considered that one he factors which had detracted a better and improved club, the fact that in the first in- ce it had been given something nothing—the present RSL build- This had not been worked for, therefore was not appreciated. all-out effort was needed, he and unless there was a pride wnership and the welding of all bers into a team with the sole of safeguarding the property name of the Club, he feared difficult days were ahead.

### Bulolo RSL Sub-Branch

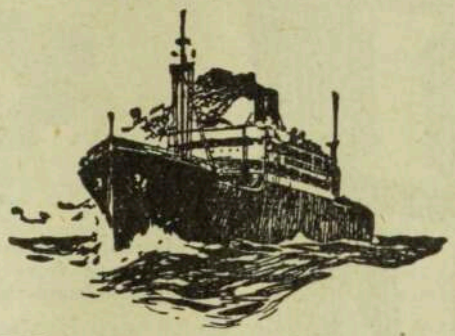
hen the Bulolo RSL Sub-nch held its annual meeting in January, it was able to report a very fine achievement in having raised £850 by various functions during the year. And the value of this achievement was doubly creditable as it was raised expressly for, and donated to various charitable organisations. This was done with a membership of 103, and the Sub-Branch numbers one Life Member among its group.

The meeting elected the following office bearers for 1952: President, Mr. A. E. Lee; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. R. N. Wilson, W. E. Armstrong, W. Winter; Secretary, Dr. C. E. M. Gunther; Assistant Secretary, Mr. R. B. Scholes; Treasurer, Mr. F. C. Roberts.

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**Monsieur Louis Girault,** former popular Secretary General in Papeete under Governor Anziani, is now Administrator-in-Chief of F.O.M. at Bougouni, Sudan.

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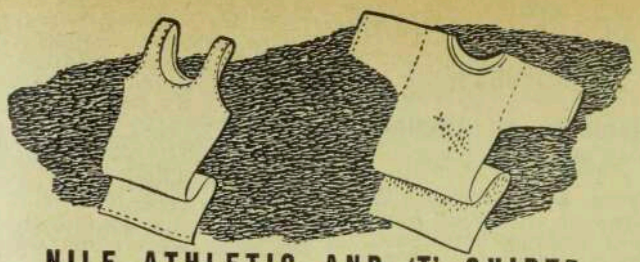


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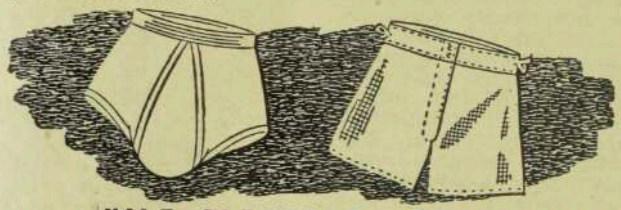
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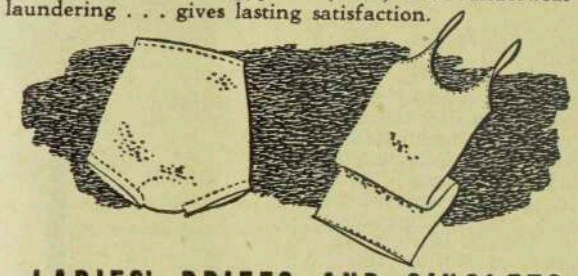
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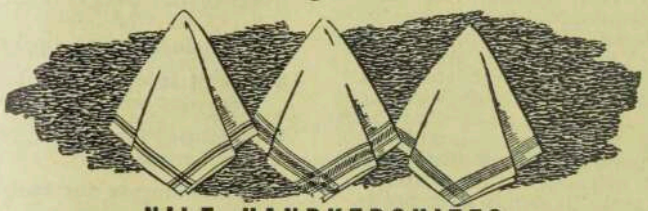
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## A CHRISTMAS OF FRUSTRATION ON AKAIAMI

FIFTEEN people who were looking forward to Christmas in Tahiti found themselves spend- t on Akaiami islet, Aitutaki lagoon, n the TEAL Coral Route.

The Solent flight commenced at uckland on December 23 and went ccording to the book until after ake-off from Akaiami for Papeete n Christmas Eve. After some time n the air the weather closed in at apeete, so the flying-boat put bout and Mrs. Jones (relieving rs. McVeagh) and her staff at kaiami welcomed them ashore gain for Christmas night.

Included in the passenger list ere Don Beachcomber, Honolulu staurateur; 78-year-old Miss I. oble, American lecturer on a ound-the-world flight; Earl King, vimming instructor and spear- n exponent from Hawaii; and merican artist Bennett Buck.

Christmas morning found the air- aft in the air again and heading stward—but soon to return with gine trouble. Mrs. Jones was not pecting to provide Christmas nner; however, the people of itutaki found a pig and 12 fowls d Earl King, completely in his ement, dived a few times from e float of the Solent to bring ck a generous supply of fresh h for the table.

Up and away again in the next dawn and on Boxing Day Tahiti seemed "in the bag"—until another and extraordinary message arrived from the French capital; heavy rains in the mountains had brought a flood of logs down the streams and into the lagoon landing area, making landing unsafe for the flying-boat. Again back to Akaiami!

This time Mrs. Jones was past surprise but an Australian passenger was inspired to write a play, marking the occasion, and performed that night by two Americans, an Australian, a Frenchman and a New Zealander.

Next morning the big aircraft took off again—and got there! Though not sorry to arrive at their destination most of the passengers voted the Akaiami sojourn an enjoyable adventure.

## Brisbane's New Flying-Boat Base

It is believed that the flying-boat base on the Brisbane River at Hamilton, will shortly be transferred to Redland Bay, some 27 miles from Brisbane.

The present Sydney-Noumea-Suva and Sydney-Noumea-New Hebrides services will call at Redland Bay when the base is ready for operations.

The Sandringham flying-boat service through Brisbane to Port Moresby will also, it was reported, be diverted to the new base.

Hamilton Reach, the present Brisbane flying-boat base, is not suitable for modern flying boats. A couple of accidents to aircraft landing and taking-off have already occurred in recent years.

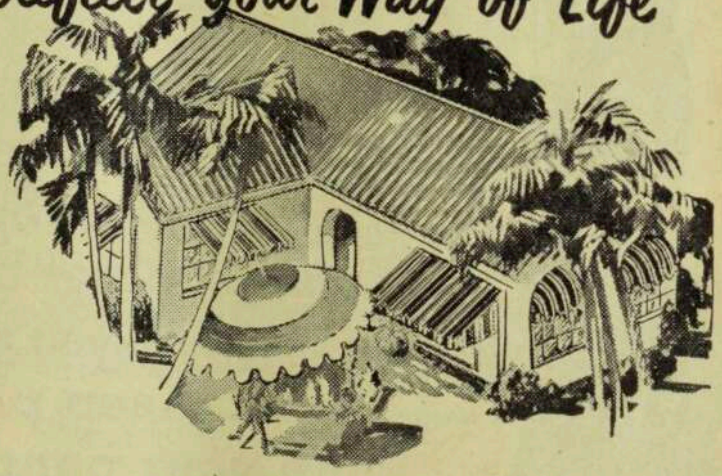
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**Sub-Inspector P. A. Broman** of police headquarters at Port Moresby, will attend a forensic science course at an English police-training centre in Nottingham shortly. He will do the course during part of a recreation leave trip to Britain and Sweden, and is already on his way overseas. His wife is Swedish, and preceded him on the holiday trip. She arrived at her homeland a short while ago and since then has presented the Sub-Inspector with a small daughter.

**Prince Tuipelehake**, younger son of Queen Salote of Tonga, with his wife, **Princess Meleanite**, paid an unofficial holiday visit to Sydney in January. The Prince and his wife were educated at Methodist colleges in Sydney.

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## Fright Against TB in P-NG

**DR. D. JAMESON**, who arrived in Brisbane from N.G. recently said that thousands of New Guinea natives are being inoculated with BCG against tuberculosis.

He said that 300 New Guinea natives suffering from TB were now housed in a special sanatorium and that there were wards for TB patients in all native hospitals.

Three European doctors and trained native medical assistants were spearheading the campaign against the disease.

Dr. Jameson said that in the coastal areas the incidence of TB was very much higher than in Australia, but they had been able to keep the disease from spreading to the Highland natives.

All tribes on the Highlands had been inoculated against TB, and labourers from those tribes were X-rayed after they had worked on the coast. Much of the medical patrolling work was done on foot along bush trails, but mass X-rays even in the remote villages were remarkably successful.

Dr. Jameson said that he had been walking solidly for the three years he had been in the Territory, and that all he wanted to do while on leave was to sit down somewhere and relax.



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HONIARA, Jan. 20.

THE "second wave" of the transfer of the Western Pacific High Commission staff reached Honiara from Suva on January 13, in the MV *Kurimarau*. Passengers for WPHC Headquarters were:

Mr. P. N. Dalton, newly-appointed Attorney-General, with Mrs. Dalton and family.

Mrs. T. I. Reeve and Miss O. Reeve, for the Secretariat staff.

Other passengers carried included Miss M. Atkinson, for Vanikoro; an assistant medical practitioner from Fiji, for the Central Hospital, Honiara; a carpenter for the Public Works Department; a shipwright for the Marine Department; and Mrs. H. Wilder.

The *Kurimarau* carried 22 tons of office records; 22 tons of office furniture; 11 tons of furniture for officers' quarters; 10 tons of sugar for the Trade Scheme; and 150 tons of general cargo. The latter included 26,000 super feet of timber, two motor cars, one tractor with trailer, two surf boats, 12 goats, and some hardboard and sheets of asbestos cement.

The only untoward incident of the voyage from Suva was the loss of the Third Engineer, Mr. W. Beddoes, who fell overboard. The ship was put on the reciprocal course, and a thorough search made as soon as his absence was discovered, but no trace of him was found.

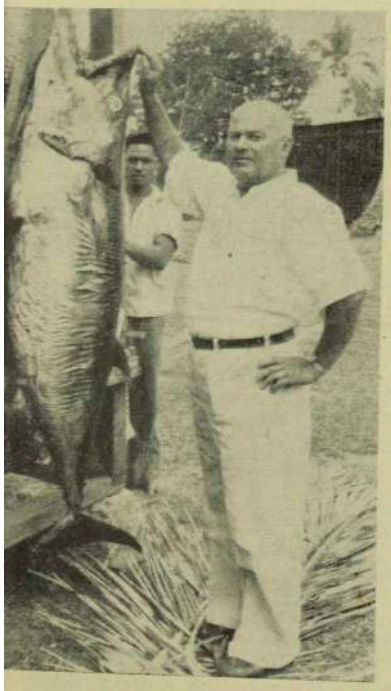
The Chief Secretary of the High Commission, Mr. R. J. Minnitt, with Mrs. Minnitt and two children, arrived at Honiara on January 12 by Qantas aircraft.

Other inward passengers by air for Honiara were Mrs. Roy Gorringe, Miss G. L. Ross (returning from leave in Australia) and Mr. Halze. Communications Officer, who replaced Mr. Geoff Cocker at Honiara Radio.

Two more officers arrived recently in Honiara from Britain for the BSI Police—Mr. W. J. Carstairs (Assistant Superintendent) and Sub-Inspector J. L. Holland.

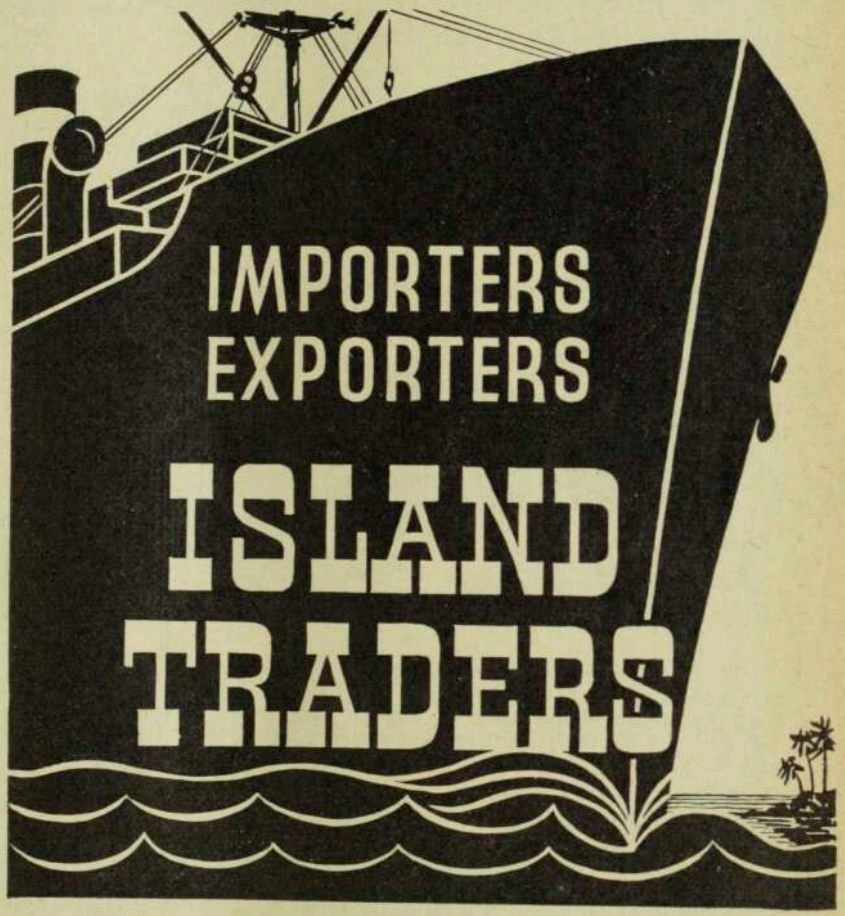
Apparently plenty of young men in Australia want to be patrol officers. When applications were called recently to fill 30 vacancies for cadet patrol-officers, 200 applications piled up in Canberra. Ten years from now it will be interesting to scan the District Services records and see the calibre of the young men chosen by the Selection Board.

## Record Tongan Fish



Mr. Walter Skudder, of Nukualofa, Tonga, with a record 161½ lb fish which he caught in December. Called Valu locally, the fish is believed to be a variety of tuna.

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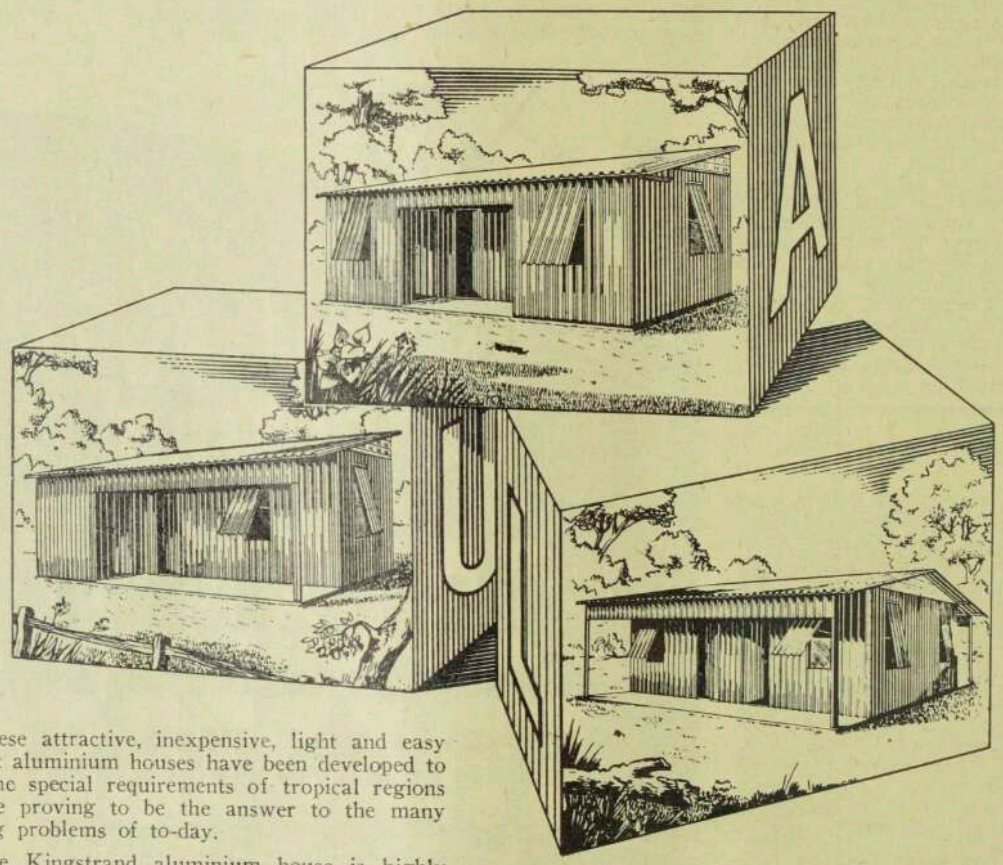




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# NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

### *VEGA* LIES IDLE

Mr. Cornelius Crane's big steel chooner-yacht *Vega* still lies idle nd in the dismasted condition in hich she arrived back in port on lovember 25, 1951, after sailing rom Papeete on what was to be he inaugural voyage of a passenger ervice between that port and Ionolulu.

It is understood that the vessel as insured for "total loss" only—nd that the insurance assessors do ot so classify *Vega* in her present ondition. The attitude of her wner is, however, said to be that, s repairs cannot be effected in apeete, *Vega* is, to all intents and urposes, a total loss until such me as she is repaired.

Whether Compagnie Generale des oyages Polynesiens—the French ompany formed to operate the lanned service—intends opening he service if *Vega* is ever repaired, eems now in doubt.

At the time of re-registry under he French flag, a Honolulu news-aper reported that *Vega* had then een renamed *Te Rame*. Travellers om Tahiti report however that, this was the case the ship still ears on her hull her original name.

### *OSITA* MISSING IN F. OCEANIA

The 18-ton trading vessel *Rosita* as missing in French Oceania aters in December-January.

*Rosita*, with owner Marcel Lacour and four others aboard, left Tikehau atoll, at the north-western end of the Tuomotu, on December 20. Up to January 20 nothing further had been heard of the vessel, which was bound for Papeete, 140 miles south, with a cargo of copra.

When she was reported overdue the Governor sent the gunboat *Lotus* and the Government schooner *Tamara* out on search. All vessels were asked to keep a sharp look-out for the missing craft.

### *NEW GOLDEN HIND* RENAMED

The Tahiti schooner *New Golden Hind*, known all over the South Pacific when she was New Zealand-owned, has been renamed since acquired by her Tahiti owners. She is now named *Artemise*, and under the command of Captain Amanu.

### ANOTHER MISSION BOAT FOR NH

Naval Architect P. W. Willetts, of Auckland, is currently working on plans for a new mission vessel for use by the Presbyterian Overseas Mission in the New Hebrides.

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The same mission has another new vessel in Auckland ready for delivery to replace the second of two launches lost in the hurricane of a year gao. The first, *Break of Day II*, was delivered some time


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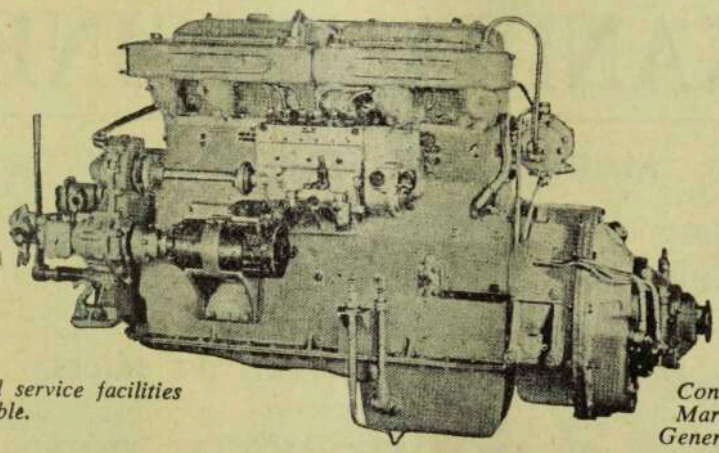
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ago. The present 30 ft craft, named *Dove*, will leave Auckland about March.

### *MELANESIA* FOR SALE

Captain H. M. Frewen's 54-foot, 26-ton trading vessel *Melanesia* is for sale. This was the vessel that Captain Frewen acquired from the mission several years ago, the deal involving an exchange of his motor-sailer *Viking Ahoy*, which he had brought to Suva on contract to the film company shooting *Blue Lagoon* in the Yasawas.

Captain Frewen has been operating the vessel in the Fiji inter-island cargo and passenger trade.

### ANOTHER TAHITI SCHOONER LOST

According to brief advice from Papeete, the 138-ton trading schooner *Ruahatu* was wrecked on December 19 on Tubuai Island, Austral Group, and is considered a total loss. Built in 1925, the vessel was owned by Ah Yun.

### *MYRTLE* ASHORE IN SOLOMONS

The BSIP government 60-ft. *Myrtle* went ashore in the M'boli Passage near Siota, Florida Island, in mid-November. The Melanesian Mission vessel *Southern Cross* was in the vicinity and succeeded in towing Myrtle clear without serious damage soon after the mishap.

### *PORIONUU* MAKES FIRST VOYAGE

The tank-landing-ship *Porionuu*, which was acquired from Honolulu by the Public Works Department of French Oceania last year, made her first voyage out of Papeete in December-January. She had been on overhaul since arriving last October.

This first voyage was to bring a number of leper patients from Mangareva to Orafara village, Tahiti. It is understood that the ship, with her Tahitian captain, will be employed on this work from the outer islands for some time.

### *CITY OF NEW YORK* BURNT OUT

Many will remember Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition flag-ship *City of New York*, which we believe made calls at Papeete during her 1928-29 and 1946-47 South Polar expeditions.

The wooden three-masted schooner, built in 1885, caught fire on December 31, an oil stove overturning when she grounded outside Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Damage was


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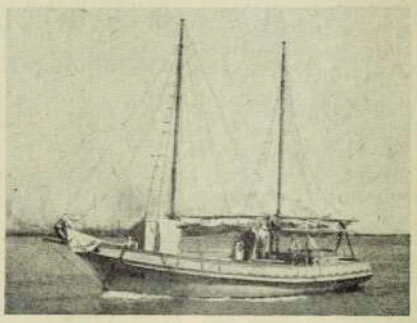
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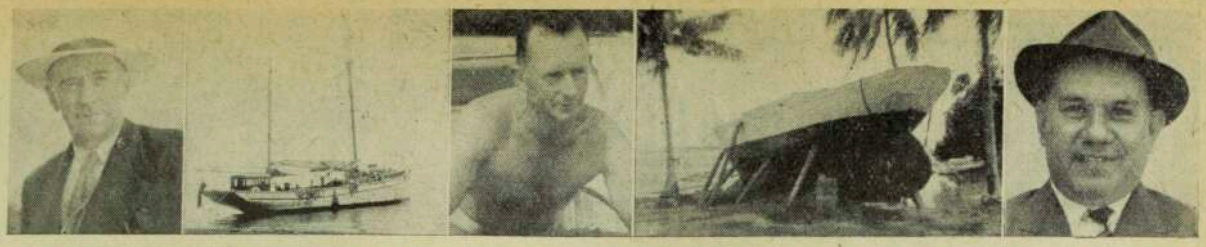
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Mr. H. Williams took his trading vessel Inspire from the Cooks to Papeete for the hurricane season, and returned by air to Sydney on a short visit.
Inspire at Papeete.

Mr. Des Ashton made a return run from Sydney to Auckland and back in his yacht Lahara in December-January.
Captain Grey's former yacht Siren, well known in Suva, as she now sits on the beach at Rarotonga, ready to be re-launched at the end of the hurricane season by Mr. D. C. Brown, who purchased and salvaged the stranded vessel.
Mr. D. C. Brown, of Rarotonga, may be adding a larger vessel to his little inter-island fleet soon, if present negotiations are satisfactory. The vessel would come from Europe.

onsiderable and the vessel may be write-off. She has been running etween Canada and the West ndies recently.

### *LOMA* CASE

In January, reserved judgment as given in Auckland in the case f commission claimed on the sale f the Solomons trading vessel *Loma* (PIM, Dec. p. 121). The judge found hat Andrew Donovan, ship-broker f Auckland, could rightfully claim he commission, having been ppointed agent by the then owner. he vessel had been sold "behind laimant's back."

### *SOUTHERN CROSS* SCARE

While welders were working board the mission ship *Southern ross* at her laying-up berth in uckland in mid-January, oil in he bilges suddenly began to smoke nd show every indication of burst-ng into flames. The fire brigade as hastily summoned and the out-reak nipped in the bud with the id of "fog guns." No damage re-ilted.

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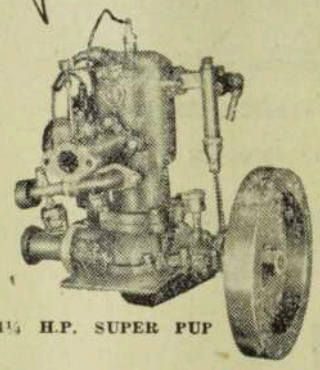
The 34-ft. Ventura, Colin Archer-type cht recently purchased by Mr. R. Ralph, Rabaul, through Captain W. L. ennedy, Sydney shipbroker.



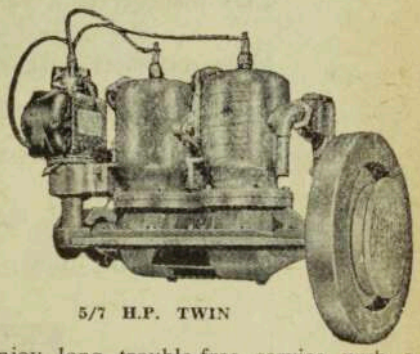

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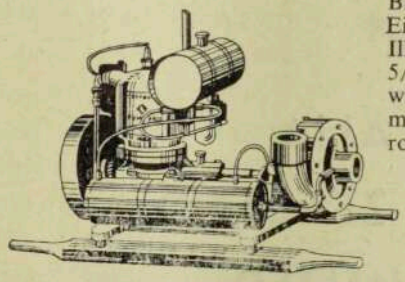


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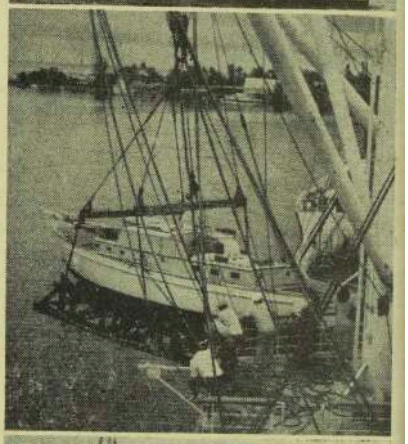
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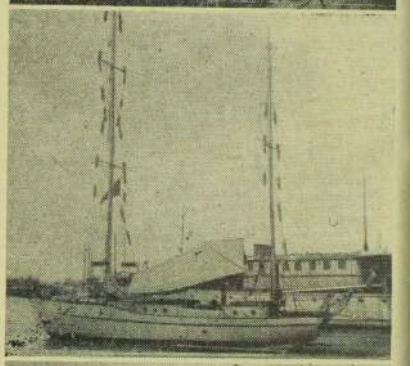
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Top to bottom: Horizon, one of the Scripps Oceanographic Institute vey vessels which have been taking ndings over a wide area of the Pacific recent months.
White Heron, Mr. Reynolds' luxurious tor cruiser, being lifted aboard Cale- ien at Papeete and transferred to the st Indies.
in Miedo, American ketch which ived in Papeete from Honolulu on ember 31.
Ir. Geogre Hunt's Fremantle-built el cutter Corsair, about to leave Sydney Auckland and the Islands.

### *TAGUA* INCIDENT

A recent arrival in Auckland m Papeete told of an episode olving the well-known Tahiti ooner *Tagua* some months ago. The trading schooner was lying the Tatakoto reef, Tuamotu, en a serious fire broke out on rd. The crew abandoned ship Captain Voirin and his chief ineer remained aboard and suc- sfully fought the fire—the tain being seriously burned. He later awarded the Merite ritime—similar to the Lloyds dal award—by the Governor of nch Oceania.
n the panic of abandoning ship Supercargo lost his valise con- ing a large sum of money for le purposes. This sum he med from the insurance com- y and the claim was about to be settled for the stated sum when a parcel and letter arrived in Papeete from the Rev. Father Victor, of Tatakoto, addressed to the appropriate authorities. It contained the valise which the priest had himself found lying on the reef with the money still inside.

## News of Cruising Yachts

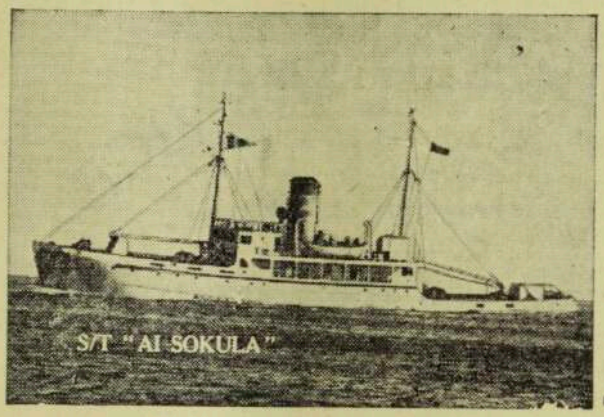
*Stortebecker III,* English doctor John Franklin-Evans' 33-ft. yawl, would be offered for sale in Honolulu, according to Aucklander Ronald Lamb, who recently arrived back in that port from French Oceania. (Next page)


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Lamb joined the yacht before she sailed from Auckland August 30 (PIM, October, p. 115). No fixed ports of call were planned, the idea being to eventually reach Honolulu and possibly San Francisco. The first port of call was Rapa, where permission was obtained to remain 10 days to carry out minor repairs. There they were treated most hospitably by Roland d'Assignies, only European on that island, and by the Tahitian medical officer. They climbed around the jagged ridges of Rapa's spectacular peaks in their spare time and thoroughly enjoyed the break there after several weeks at sea. Then on to Ravavae, where an even more enjoyable three days were spent, the people showing them the greatest hospitality. Thence to Tahiti, Titiaroa, Fakarava and Takaroa. At Takaroa there was great MOP shell diving activity, and a most interesting time was had at this Tuamotu atoll.

Lamb left the yacht there, returning to Papeete by trading vessel *Wahine Tahiti* in time t catch a vessel back to New Zealand *Stortebecker III* was to continue o via other islands, to Honolulu, fro where, if the yacht could be sol Dr. Franklin-Evans and Norwegia Frank Jensen would return t Europe by orthodox means.

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*Kimbala,* English 40-ft. ketc changed hands in January. She ha been sitting in a cradle at Aucklan since her owner Captain J. Mc Kenzie Arnot went north som months ago to take over the com mand of MH's MV *Altair,* at Suv It is understood that after a con siderable overhaul her new Auck land owner may cruise to the Islands next season.

*Sin Miedo,* a stout ketch of 40-od feet, arrived in Papeete from Hono lulu on December 31. Her America owner, Paul L. Mitchell, is accom panied by his wife and child an a crew member, Emile Felios.

From Tahiti the owner plans t head for the Cook Islands.

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Last October (p. 115), we men tioned *Wanderer III,* successor t *Wanderer II,* which noted Englis yachtsman and yachting writer Eri Hiscock had built after disposing o *Wanderer II.* For some time pas the latter yacht has been lyin in Papeete. We now learn tha *Wanderer III,* with Eric Hiscock an his wife, Susan, left Barbados an was expected at Panama at th beginning of January. Mr. Fran


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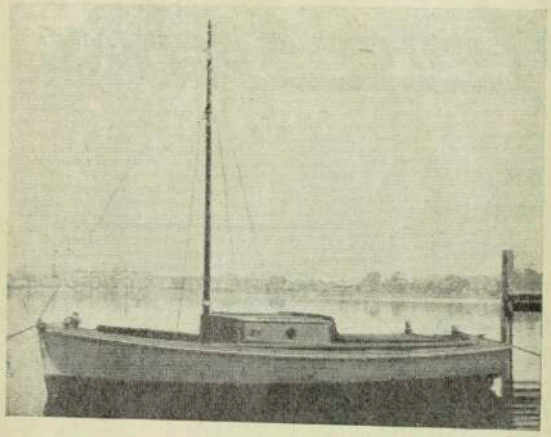
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yre, of Melbourne, in correspondnce with Hiscock, tells us that *Vanderer III* will sail direct for ahiti, thence Cook Islands, Tonga, amoa and Sydney in the course of round-the-world voyage.

Writing in "Yachting Monthly," iscock indicates that he is not ompletely satisfied with some of ne features of the new craft. The g may later be changed from sloop cutter.

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While *Wanderer II* rests her wings r a while in Papeete, awaiting the d of the Cook Islands hurricane ason before pressing westward, ne of her joint owners, Bill Howell, as been off on a side-jaunt to onolulu in Messrs. Rusden and aker's Fairmile *Philante II*. While rank McNulty was left holding the rt it was reported that during eavy weather in Christmas week Papeete, *Wanderer II* took oard a good deal of water and ffered damage to ship-stores. In moving these ashore to clean out ie ship, McNulty unthinkingly ntravened Customs regulations d was reported to be in trouble ntil the matter was straightened it.

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*Philante II*, (November, p. 123) as reported as still likely to be quired from her present owners, essrs. Rusden and Baker, of New aland, by the Government of rench Oceania. Negotiations beg delayed pending the election of new Assembly, the Fairmile made survey run to Honolulu and rern in connection with a planned assenger service which her owners tend to establish with a larger ssel this year. Northbound, while Christmas Island, skipper Rusden ceived a request from Fanning to nvey a sick woman and her three ildren to Honolulu. Returning in ecember, the launch landed a banese named Nicholas on Palyra Island as companion for Mr. llard-Leo, owner and only other esent resident of the war-time r-base. Several days were also ent at Penrhyn, N. Cooks, before riving back at Papeete, December . In addition to skipper Rusden d Bill Howell, the company consted of American Reg. Chambers, ate, Herb Case of Honolulu, Peter hrokmorton, Emile Sorensen, Gusve and Hiro Levy—the latter three Tahiti—and Mrs. Leonie Hay, a ew Zealand recently resident in awaii. Mrs. Hayes continued on to ckland by air, declaring the unthodox method of travel a great dventure. If the sale of *Philante* is further delayed it was reported as likely that she would make a number of runs from Pagopago to Honolulu under contract to deliver several hundred emigrants from American Samoa.

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*White Heron*, luxurious motor cruiser belonging to Richard J. Reynolds, American tobacco magnate, after several months in French Oceania waters, departed from Papeete for the Caribbean on December 28—on the deck of the MM liner *Caledonien*—in care of skipper Peter Barber and crewman Jack Cash. Mr. I. E. Walker, of Papeete, built a special cradle for the craft. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds flew back to the States. It is understood that they have a new yacht building in England which will appear in the Pacific in due course.

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There's further news of Captain George Dibbern and *Te Rapunga*. The skipper wrote interestingly from his island farm—Woody Island—near Hobart, in December to say that coconut radio reports of his impending return to the sea are correct.

"From January on my island here will be leased and I am free to sail. I first intend to finish a book and then—it will not be before May—start for Auckland and the Islands. That is, God and . . . war (?) permitting. Crew will be Eileen Morris and our daughter, Michele Lalani, aged 5½, and perhaps one or two


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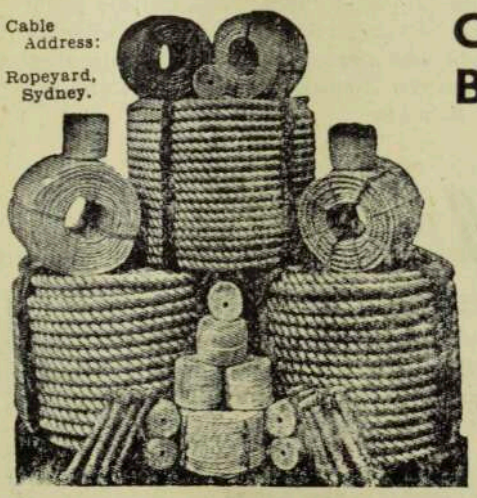
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Dibbern, originally from Germany is well known in the eastern Pacifi with his yacht. Several years ag he won a half share (£5,000) in Tattersalls sweep.

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*Lahara*, Des. Ashton's 33-footer made a return run from Sydney where Mr. Ashton is a student a the Mosman School of Pacific Ad ministration, to Auckland in De cember-January. Bad weather wa encountered in the eastbound pas sage, the yacht arriving in Auck land on Christmas day. Mr. Ashtor spent some time with relatives in Whangarei, his original home town He was accompanied by Messrs. K Shepherd, of Sydney, and C. Hooper of Whakatane, NZ. Mr. Shepherd flew back and his place was taker by another Whakatane man, Mr Allan Thompson, for the return passage, which commenced January 15. Mr. Ashton said that it is pos sible that he may dispose of the year-old sloop before returning to NG in a year's time on completion of his course in Sydney. Though registered with the Port Moresby Aquatic Club the yacht has not yet seen that port. She was built in Tasmania.

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*Scaldis*, another one of those ex cellent steel Dutch yachts, should be seen in the eastern Pacific this winter. The 15-ton, 33-foot sloop cleared Yarmouth, England, on the run south towards Panama last October. Owned by Dutchman Cor van der Torre, 25, his 20-year-old wife, Greta, 3-months-old son, Corry, Brother William, and an un named 31-year-old engineer and his wife, the yacht seemed well prepared for the cruise to the antipodes where they evidently plan to settle. *Scaldis* carries 350 gallons of fresh water for washing purposes in the double bottom, as well as 120 gallons of fresh water and 120 gallons of fuel oil in other tanks. She has a semi-diesel auxilliary.

An English yacht, *Maid of Alphin*, left Torquay, also in October, on a two-year world cruise. Built at a cost of £12,000, the yacht is owned by a retired Gold Coast man, Mr. W. A. Ellis. With him as navigator is an American, Janus L. Cox— complete with a collection of 400 charts. This yacht should appear in the eastern Pacific soon.

Latest news of *Tropic Seas*, Caldwell's yacht at present in Papeete, is that he plans to arrive in Auckland about November of this year. The yacht will soon leave to visit other Groups en route. It is interesting to note that the owner of *Calypso*, also currently at Papeete, sold Caldwell his previous yacht *Pagan*, in which he made the voyage described in his book, *Desperate Voyage*.

Fiji yachtsmen will remember




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ally Walton, keen RNZAF yachtg man of several years ago. Off a summer cruise to Norfolk land in his little 22-foot *Susan* he rived at the island 11 days out Whangaroa on January 7. Some ncern was being felt at Norfolk ie to the rather slow passage. *isan* lost her mast-head in a uall. On arrival at Kingston she as lifted out of the water by ane and sat on dry land until her parture. She arrived back in ckland on January 26.

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A yacht that seems to have nished from all ken is the 86-foot tch *Argosy*, which left New York st May 29 to follow in the wake Charles Darwin and HMS *Beagle*. *Argosy* is on some kind of an exdition. She is under the comand of American Capt. E. Davies t the expedition party is under e control of Captain G. B. sborne, a Scot.

*Argosy* was to pass through nama, then call at Galapagos, ster, Pitcairn and the Cooks. She s scheduled to be in New Zeaid waters by last December but ce her departure from New York reports have been seen of her vements.

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*Varua*, owned and skippered by ll known William A. Robinson Deep Water and Shoal") arrived k in Papeete from Panama last otember, according to news just eived.

This American yachtsman, now niciled in Tahiti, left there in uary, 1952, on a trip to the tes. The return run from nama was made via the Galagos and Mangareva.

Friends at Mangareva, incident, were pleased to partake of sh potatoes grown at Galapagos n the equator but cooled by the mbolt current.

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*nspire*, Brixham trawler, which been trading in the Cook nds for some months, but which ying in Papeete during the hurrie season, is being offered for there at a reported 1.4 million ific francs (£ Stg. 7,800). It is ught unlikely however, that Sydowner Mr. Williams will obtain price with copra currently deing in value. The yacht was verted to a trading vessel in ney a year ago at a cost of 00.

nglishman Tom Hepworth's *hur Rogers*, at present in the e port, is also reported for sale 2 million francs (see earlier es).

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**Monsieur and Madame Van den ek d'Obrennan** of Papeete sailed a visit to France in January in new Messageries Maritimes r *Caledonien*. Monsieur Van Broek d'Obrennan is the enthutic chief of Tahiti's Syndicat itiative.

## GOLD-FIND ON EUA?

WHEN Mr. and Mrs. A. Riechelmann of Eua Island, just south of Tongatabu, left Auckland in January to return home after a motoring holiday in New Zealand, Mr. Riechelmann reported that he had just received word from Eua that there had been an important gold find on one of his three properties there.

He said that there had been small gold finds on Eua in the past, but according to his advice the present find looked like being "the real thing".

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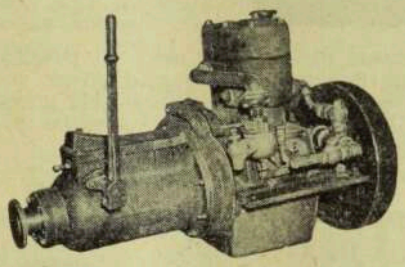
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# NEW GUINEA CAN GROW FIRST CLASS COFFEE

*The following article, outlining the possibilities of coffee-growing in Papua-New Guinea, is based on material supplied to the newspapers on January 13 by the Australian Department of Territories. It will be noted that, while some practical data are given, there is a certain lack of guarantee in respect of (a) availability of land and (b) markets.*

COFFEE has been grown on a small scale in Papua and New Guinea for many years. In 1938-39 exports of coffee amounted to 150 tons, valued at £7,754. Production during the war was suspended. Many coffee plantations were damaged during the Japanese occupation. In 1950/51, 33 tons of coffee valued at £8,359, were exported. This figure had increased to 35 tons, valued at £10,511, in 1951/52.

Census of March, 1951, showed coffee planting (in acres) as follows:

| | *Bearing* | *Not Bearing* |
|---|---|---|
| Robusta | — 53 | 64 |
| Arabica | — 148 | 166 |
| | 201* | 230† |

*Mostly in New Guinea—140 in Morobe District and 50 in Bougainville.

†169 in New Guinea (100 in Morobe District and 66 in Central Highlands). 61 in Papua.

Coffee is adaptable to a wide range of soil types, and choice coffee land can be found on the coastal slopes, foothills and highland valleys of Papua and New Guinea.

The two major varieties used commercially are Arabica (a highland type) and Robusta (suited to the lowlands). Robusta is the variety mostly consumed in Australia and better quality Arabica is principally used for blending. Robusta is heavier-yielding (7 cwt per acre) and usually is lower priced than Arabica (about 4 cwt per acre).

Arabica grows well in the Central Highlands and in the high valleys near Wau.

Department of Agriculture maintains a number of species of low level coffee at Keravat Lowland Agricultural Experiment Station near Rabaul, and has several types of high quality coffee under trial at the Aiyura Highlands Experiment Station in the Eastern Highlands.

A privately-owned coffee plantation at Wau now produces Blue Mountain Jamaica coffee, one of the highest quality Arabica coffee strains in the world. Heaviest high-quality crops are produced between 4,000 and 6,000 feet altitudes and crops around one ton per acre have been harvested in the NG Highlands. Plants on an area at Korn Farm, near Mt. Hagen, are showing very fine yields.

Private planters have proved that coffee thrives in the Highland areas. There now are 6 or 8 new coffee plantations in the Highlands. Most of the suitable coffee land in these areas is at present owned by the natives.

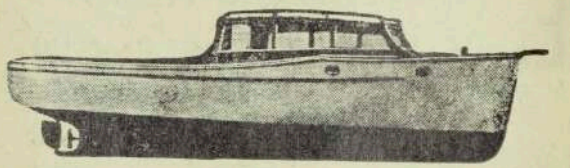
Coffee rust (Hemeleia Vastatrix) has not been recorded in Papua or New Guinea: good quality Columbian type Arabica coffee can be produced at levels as low as 300-500 feet without any danger of this disease. The destructive Boeboek borer found in Java and Malaya has not been recorded in the Territory.

## AVAILABILITY OF LAND

Low level.—There are areas of Crown Land suitable for coffee-growing in the Sangara area (up to 1200 feet altitude) and at Wanigela-Sinapa (from about 100 to 2,300 feet). Other land at about 3,000 feet is suitable for coffee, but is difficult of access at present. There are several unused coffee plantations in Bougainville and New Britain, which could be re-planted more cheaply than developing new areas.

High Level.—Large areas on the Highlands are suitable for coffee-growing. Areas under grass on the valley floors (4,000-5,000 feet) have proved very suitable.


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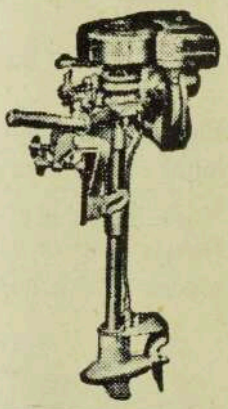
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Availability of labour is largely ated to the area involved, but ficulties are fewer on the Highds where the population and our potential are greater. Labour not so plentiful at low levels, ere a shortage may be encouned during the picking season. In st areas, however, there would sufficient assistance available for aring, planting, pruning and intenance. The lower cost of aring and establishment in the ghlands is offset to a large exit by the high cost of air freight.

Access to the Highlands is by . There is a network of roads ving the internal sections of Highlands, but some bridges ve yet to be built. In the San-a area there is a road to the st. Access could be constructed the Wanigela-Sinapa area.

### PRODUCTION ECONOMICS

Detailed estimates of coffee-grow- capitalisation costs per acre are difficult because of the number of factors involved—varying availability of labour, type of forest cover, distance from major port, local terrain, use of catch crops and extent of mechanisation.

Estimates by Agriculture officials show that costs of development might vary from £50 to £200 per acre, according to these factors. They consider that the minimum size of a coffee plantation for economic production by an individual settler would be 40 acres. The Department suggests an area of 500 acres on the lowlands or 1000 acres on the highlands for a company estate maintaining its own factory.


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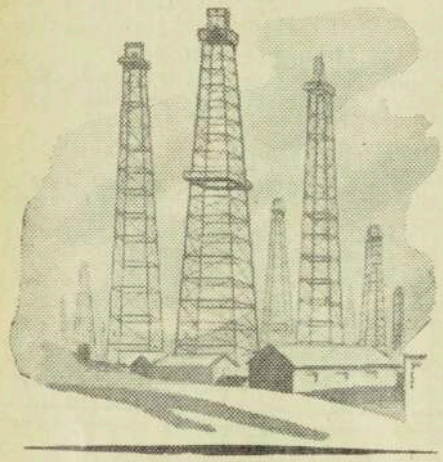
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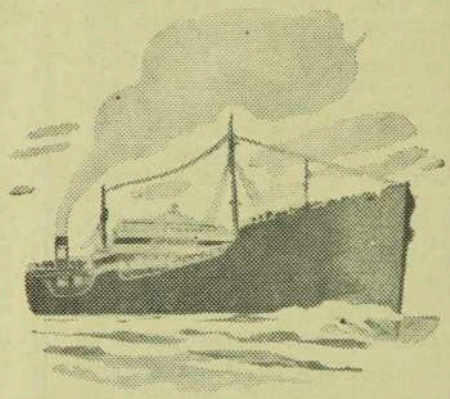
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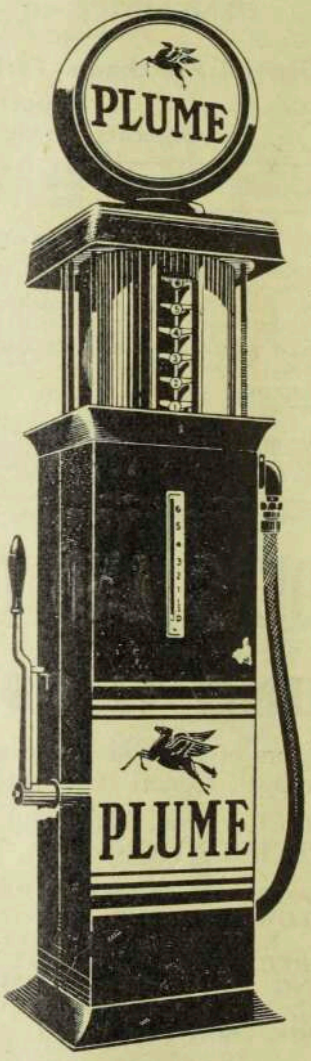
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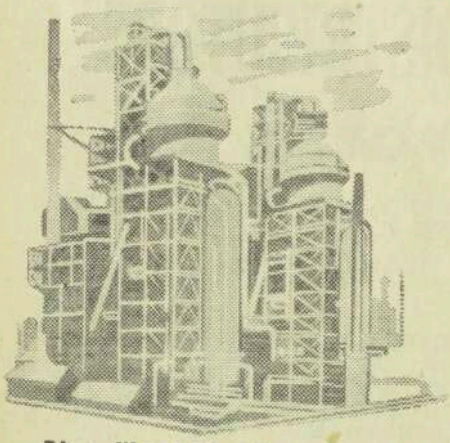


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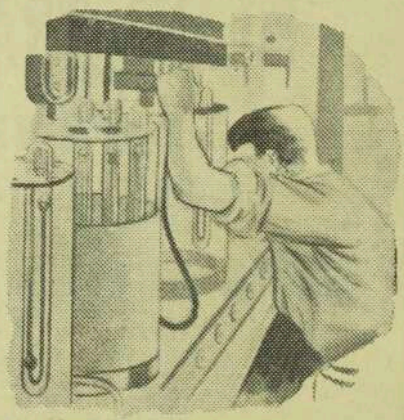





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# Training Natives To Doctor Natives

## Colossal Task in Papua-N. Guinea

TO deal with the biggest single health problem in the Pacific —caring for the health of ,500,000 primitive natives—the 'apua-New Guinea Department of Iealth now is putting in a basic rganisation under which a new entral medical school (to be com-leted in 1956) will yearly produce bout 25 qualified native medical ractitioners.

It is hoped that at the end of 20 ears the school will have trained 00 selected natives, for work among heir own people.

The Territories' two chief basic eeds are trained medical men and rained native school teachers, for ork in the villages. But, before ey can get to work, institutions ave to be created to train the eachers and medical workers.

Most other Pacific Territories nd selected students for a four ears' training course to the Cen-al Medical School, in Suva—one f the most successful institutions f the kind in the world. But, be-ause they lacked primary educa-on, the experiment of sending a arty of selected natives from apua and New Guinea to the Suva chool was a failure; and it since as been decided to meet the needs f the big Australian Territories by stablishing a training institution Port Moresby.

Meanwhile, the Health Depart-ent is giving simple training to n increasing number of native ospital assistants and dressers, and native nurses, and thus medical d is steadily being extended over e Territories. It is not highly illed aid, and many districts are ill untouched, but both the tempo nd size of the medical organisation e increasing steadily.

### HOSPITALS WANTED

Territory citizens wonder what is oing to happen about new hos-tals, particularly at Port Mores-y and Lae, where they are desper-ely needed.

Remembering the fanfare during e Spender regime about Seven illion Pounds for a Territory-ide hospital-building programme, ree Advisory Councils have re-ved the subject.

Apparently the £7,000,000 scheme as a first casualty in the economic trenchment policy. But a Mores-y Council member has suggested at, if money is not available in illions, then why not a few thou-nds to get the job started.

## Indians And Fiji Rural Government

SUVA, Jan. 10.

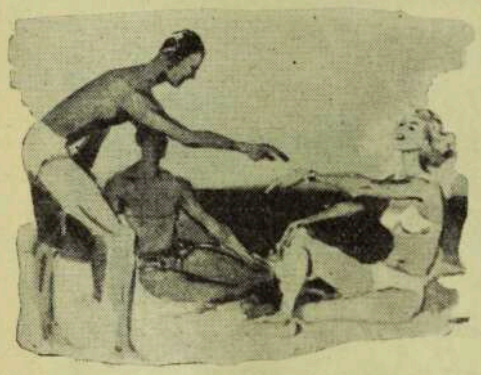
AN Indian meeting at Ba (one of the largest centres of Fiji Indian population) has asked the Government to defer the proposed rural local government scheme on financial grounds until the people concerned (almost exclusively Indians) ask for it through their representatives in the Legislative Council.

This seems to support the contentions that this is not the time to start rural local government experiments and that there are questions of greater urgency which should be tackled first.

Cynical hints that this Indian reluctance might be due to a dislike to becoming ratepayers have been met with statements that, whatever may be said to the contrary, Indians pay their full share of taxation through (a) customs duties and (b) CSR Company taxes.

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Rabaul and Kokopo had another earth tremor on January 27. Its strength was 5-6, and it lasted 105 seconds. This was enough to cause a landslide on the Rabaul-Kokopo coast road, and in some houses heavy furniture was shifted.

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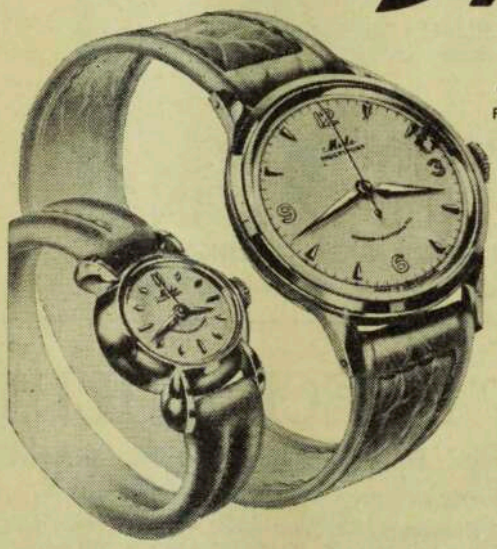


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## CHRISTMAS STORM IN FRENCH OCEANIA

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Jan. 24.

French Oceania experienced bad weather at Christmas time. Strong winds were experienced in the Leeward Islands and parts of the Tuamotu Group; and very heavy rain fell in Tahiti.

There was a hurricane scare in Papeete on December 22. The new MM liner *Caledonien*, homeward-bound on her maiden voyage, was in port and due to sail on December 29, but did not get away until the weather moderated on January 2.

No damage was done in the port, but rivers were heavily in flood. Heavy logs, sweeping down the rivers from the mountains, fouled the harbour and made it unsafe for the TEAL aircraft to land on her scheduled flight (see elsewhere).

The verandah roof of what was once the famous Tahiti Yacht Club (but which is now only the Yacht Club Restaurant) was torn off the building during a gale on January 19. Sheets of flying roofing iron struck the car of a local resident, Mr. Mackenzie.

## Cook Is. Residents in NZ



Passengers arriving in Anckland from the Cook Islands recently included (top to bottom, left to right):—

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Leopard down from Rarotonga on two months' leave. Mr. Leopard is USS Co. manager there.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brown, of Rarotonga. Mr. Brown is a well-known merchant and ship-owner in the Cook Islands.

Mr. Temana Ngatama, Mauke schoolteacher, and a group of students to attend schools in New Zealand.




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## EVELOPING THE CITRUS INDUSTRY IN THE COOKS

MR. ROSS WALKER, manager of Fruit Distributors, Ltd., the importing organisation of land fruit into New Zealand, has cently inspected Cook Islands antations and has estimated a oduction level of 163,000 cases of trus fruit from the Cooks by 60—if there are no hurricanes or ight damage.

New Zealanders and Cook Island owers are interested in knowing hat plans are being made for ie safe transport of this fruit the New Zealand market and nether the cool store now being ilt in Rarotonga will be capable storing it in sufficient quantity.

It might also be asked what ans the Government has towards e collection of the fruit in the ter Cook Islands and transport this cool store, where the NZ ssel will presumably do all its ading at the one port—Rarotonga.

Mr. Ross Walker said in a press atement that the people in the ook Is. can be certain that New aland can take all their oranges, d that when the increased antities become available he has en assured by the Union Steam ip Co. that shipping will be ailable.

He said that as the orange ason in the Cook Islands follows e banana season in Fiji "it might possible to switch ships from e banana trade to the orange de".

Experience has shown, however, at even calls of large vessels nnot save the entire crop—that e few thousand cases over the pacity are usually left to rot, and at another vessel will not go rth to load until a full cargo is ured.

The only solution is for small ssels to remain within the Cook oup to run the small consign- nts, as they ripen, to a central l store in Rarotonga, where the it may be held in safety for an definite period.

The loss of a few thousand cases y not mean much to the New aland Government, the importers, the shipping companies, but it ans a great deal to the Cook anders, psychologically and ancially.

The Cook Islands Agricultural partment has worked hard to ourage the people to again build the industry after many past dis- ragements over NZ shipments.

Young Cook Islanders are adily leaving the islands to find re lucative employment in New aland—the only thing that will p them in the Group is the velopment of the fruit industry.

## Riley-Nenke Wedding

OVER 90 guests attended the wedding of Miss Margaret Riley, of Lautoka, to Mr. Bruce Nenke, of the Bank of NSW, at Lautoka, Fiji, on January 10.

Miss Riley, who was attended by Miss Ann Corbett, wore a wedding gown of velvet embossed organdie and a heirloom veil, over 100 years old, which was worn by her father's mother at her wedding.

Mr. H. B. Riley is the well-known dentist of Lautoka and came to Fiji in 1904. Mrs. Riley is a member of one of Fiji's oldest families.

Mr. and Mrs. Nenke, the parents of the bridegroom, made the long journey from West Australia, to be present at the ceremony.

## Suva's New £15,000 Museum

Fiji is to have a new museum building, estimated to cost £15,000.

It is expected to be completed before the end of this year on a site near the boundary of the Suva Botanical Gardens and Government House grounds. Mr. R. A. Derrick, who is to be Curator of the Museum, is now on leave prior to retiring from the post of Supervisor of Technical Services.

**David Paasad,** 35, ship's greaser, of Fiji, was sentenced to six months gaol, pending deportation, in Sydney in January on a charge of being a prohibited immigrant. He has a wife and child in Sydney.






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## Island Travellers

Arrivals in Auckland during January included (top to bottom): Mrs. W. S. Jones, formerly of W. Samoa, talking with Mr. A. J. Leyden, of MH & Co., Apia.

Miss Ruby Yandall, from W. Samoa, with baby Brenda Railey.

Mr. P. Frost and Mr. Sani Sami from W. Samoa.

Northbound by Maui Pomare in January:—

Mr. T. P. Makea, Secretary, Cook Is. Industrial Workers Union, returning after a business visit to NZ. Sister G. A. Hand, of Auckland, who went to join the Rarotonga hospital staff.

Johnny Tofo and Makatea Hukui, who returned to Niue after attending Scotts School, Wellington.

## Five Years of Fiji Co-Op. Societies

NEARLY 240 delegates from 97 registered and unregistered co-operative societies attended a conference in Suva, Fiji, in January. Proceedings were opened by Mr. C. Harvey, who is Registrar of Co-operative Societies as well as Director of Agriculture.

He said that the movement had aroused great interest in the Colony in the past five years, particularly among Fijians who are accustomed to working together as communities. More recently, some Indian farmers had formed co-operatives for the purpose of purchasing machinery to work their land.

Mr. Harvey emphasised that co-operatives were not a cure-all or a substitute for hard work. He said that the Fiji models varied greatly in efficiency and usefulness and that he would like to see more producer-societies rather than societies which engaged in retail storekeeping and marketing of produce.




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## Territories Talk Talk

(Continued from Page 20)

The idea of putting Commonwealth Public Servants into the senior positions of the PNG Service (Jan. PIM, p 15) seems a bit unfair to me, and is certainly not an incentive for NG Public Servants to put their heart in the job. "Tony" Anthony, with his 26 years' service, was certainly entitled to a trial. Perhaps the fact that he is a brother of Postmaster-General Anthony may have gone against him, or was it his conscientious work in the Public Service Association that knocked him?

It's a bad policy, this of keeping the plums of office for outsiders. The only exception to the rule of exclusion seems to be F. H. Moy, who is now Director of Native Affairs in NT—who seems to be doing a good job there, too, after his eleven years in TNG.

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The article about W. D. Pieris, of Ceylon (Jan. PIM, p 45) made interesting reading, and he hits the nail on the head. I remember seeing palms in Ceylon yielding cwt. to the acre from palms over seventy years old; and yet TNG thought a ton to the hectare (2.4711 acres) was more than satisfactory from palms of less than 30 years old.

There has not been the same soil fertilisation in TNG as in Ceylon. Too much reliance has been placed on the natural richness of the coral-volcanic soil, and God and the sunshine have been left to maintain copra production. Not forgetting, of course, the good turn the 1937 eruption did to the New Britain palms eventually. I repeat, eventually.

Some of the NG plantings are now nearing the 70-years mark.

In the German time, managers of Neu Guinea Kompagnie plantations on the Gazelle Peninsula received from Germany casks of some special fertiliser for the palms, with instructions to treat certain areas and, after doing so, to mark the trunks of the palms. Some bright spark discovered the fertiliser was an excellent medium for cooling beer, and that was the end of the fertilising—although, of course, the palms were marked, according to instructions.

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There is a Major-General Kirby in Australia at present. His job is to record the history of the Pacific War. He gave a very excellent talk over the air recently on Moral Rearmament.

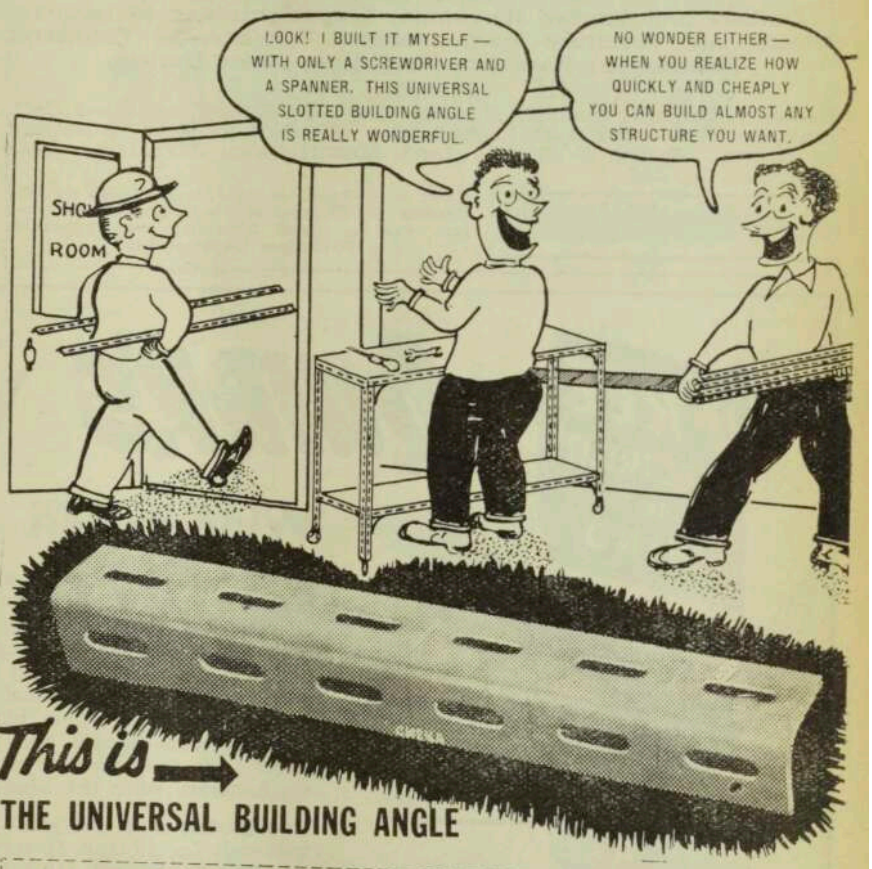
I agree with the General in most things, but he did say that the Japs had no intention of landing in Australia, and he quotes several official records. That is as may be. But I remember only too well being told by a Japanese General in Rabaul, a few days after his landing there in 1942, that it would be a matter of only a few months before the Japanese army would be landing in Australia. And this idea was endorsed by the rank and file, who were counting the days to when they would be looting Australian towns—and they were hoarding every bit of Australian money they could lay their hands on.

Their plan then was, I firmly believe, Port Moresby and then Australia.

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The Scout Jamboree was a huge success and gave Australia plenty of opportunity to lower the colour barrier and create an *entente cordiale* with all near-Eastern nations—including New Guinea, which is all over-worked a bit these days for political reasons. But the featured picture in the *SMH* (7.1.53) and reproduced in the PIM (Jan. p 18) of the Corrimal Scout Mistress cutting the hair of "the Rabaul scout Sitangonei" was in particularly bad taste, according to my concepts. Publicity of fraternisations of this description is a bit premature; but people in Australia are not able to appreciate that.

The whole trouble is the average white does not realise how the native mind functions in these matters. The white has not the foggiest conception of the tribal rites that are connected with hair


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cutting, and of its varied significance.

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K. Pawson, of Tonga, writes about "Islands Mission Competition" (Jan. PIM, p 130) and there is much truth in what he says. I can speak only of NG, but there many of the natives are confused by the dogmas of the various sects and, in particular, by the observance of the Sabbath. One sect designates Saturday, others the Sunday. When primitive natives are faced with this disagreement among the whites themselves, what can their opinion be? Such questions call for some co-ordination, in the interests of the native population.

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Lina Charlotte Mainka has gone to her rest. She passed away at the end of December, and will be mourned by many old-time New Guinea-ites. She was a protege of Queen Emma, who met her in Sydney; and, shortly after her arrival in Rabaul, she married Herr Mainke, who was Postmaster. Despite his official position, he was not "expropriated," because he proved himself to be a Pole. They had a nice plantation at Londip for several years. Lina was a happy soul, and a grand hostess.

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It is indeed reassuring to read that the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Mowll, after having returned from Ceylon and Borneo, is quite sure Communism will not be adopted by the NG natives. He said this to newspaper men when he arrived back. The NG natives are quite happy, he said. Does Bishop Strong agree with him, I wonder.

## Cool Spot In Apia

Valued correspondent Colin Mansell reports that Mr. Eugene Paul has installed air-conditioning in the cinema theatre in Apia. As the capital of the Samoan isles is notoriously a steamy place, the initiative of Apia's commercial czar will be much appreciated—and, of course, it will be good for business.

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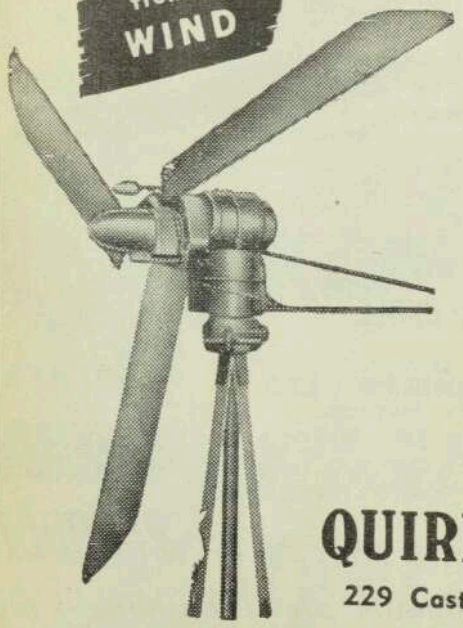
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## Fijian Master Mariner

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The Commander of the Fiji Military Forces, **Commander C. L. Pleasants**, left in February for Malaya, to visit the First Battalion of the Fiji Infantry Regiment.

**Mr. J. B. Hicks, MBE**, Senior Clerk and Customs Officer, left Honiara, BISP, by MV Muliama on January 29 for Australia, on pre-retirement leave after 28 years' service with the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Government. He went to the Solomons in July, 1925 as Third Clerk and Boarding Officer in the Customs Department at Tulagi.

## Sydney Xmas Party for NG Children

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# DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

## HENRY APORO WILLIAMS

The death of a very well known Cook Islands resident, Mr. Henry Aporo Williams, occurred January 24 under tragic circumstances.

Mr. Williams, aged about 70, had been a patient at Makogai Leper Hospital for a number of years and had been successfully treated and was to return home, when he had a stroke. He later had another stroke in Suva, while waiting transport and he knew that the end was not far away. His only wish was that he get back to Rarotonga.

His son, Terry Williams, now resident in Auckland, flew to Suva and saw his father safely aboard the TEAL aircraft as a stretcher case.

Mr. Williams, however, died aboard the plane about 1½ hours after it had taken off from W. Samoa for Aitutaki.

A Civil Aviation Department calibration aircraft happened to be at Aitutaki at the time and arrangements were made for the body to be flown to Rarotonga.

Henry Williams had been attached to the Public Works Department in the Cook Islands for many years and was a member of one of the best known families in the Group.

## MADAME BRUNSCHWIG

Madame Brunschwig, mother of Madame Petitbon and mother-in-law of Monsieur Petitbon, Governor of French Oceania, died in Papeete at the Governor's Palace on December 13 following a long illness. The funeral took place at Paurani cemetery on the following day.

The funeral, the first to take place from the Governor's Palace in Papeete, was largely attended, many coming from distant parts of the island.

## MR. R. FARQUHAR

Mr. Ronald Farquhar, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Farguhar, of Suva, died at Auckland on December 9 after a brief illness.

He was 32 and was born in Fiji. He served in the Middle East with the 2nd NZEF. After his discharge from the Army he joined the staff of the Auckland City Council. He is survived by his wife and four young children.

## MR. LAURIE HENDERSON

The death occurred in Samarai, Papua, in January, after a brief illness, of Mr. Laurie Henderson. He had been a resident of Eastern Papua for about 40 years. He went to Papua originally in the Administration service, and was an Assistant Resident Magistrate at Cape Nelson. For the last 30 years he has been a planter, pearler, trader and hotelkeeper in Eastern Papua. He was very widely known, and universally esteemed. Mr. Henderson was decorated for distinguished services in World War II as a guide pilot on the small ships. His son, Rex, served in the RAF, and is believed now to be resident in Canada. Mrs. Flo Stewart, of Lae, is a sister-in-law.

## MR. VERNON LEUNIG

The death occurred in Sydney, some time ago, of Mr. Vernon C. Leunig, of Sangara Estates, Papua —aged 60. He was at one time manager of Mr. Doug Wylie's hotel at Sangara. He had been in poor health for several years.

## BISHOP LE CADRE

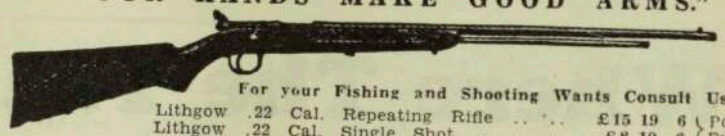
The death occurred recently in the Marquesas Islands of Bishop David Le Cadre, a native of Brittany, France, who had devoted over half a century to Mission work.

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of the Marquesas in 1920 and in that year made his only trip back to his homeland where he was consecrated at the cathedral at Vannes.

He was born in 1875, joined the Congregation of the Sacred Heart and was ordained in 1900, leaving for the Marquesas soon after.

### MRS. D. CAMPBELL

Mrs. Duncan Campbell, a resident of the Samarai district, Papua, for 38 years, died in the Samarai Hospital on February 3, aged 80.

She is survived by her husband, who now lives in Australia, a daughter, Mrs. Simpson, likewise in Australia, and two other daughters living in the Territory—Mrs. F. L. Burrows, of Sariba, near Samarai, and Miss Nancy Campbell, who is on the staff of Burns Philp (New Guinea), Ltd., at Port Moresby.

Until the war Mr. and Mrs. Campbell lived at Kuiaro on the mainland opposite Samarai where Mr. Campbell, a shipwright, operated a slipway.

### MR. S. C. FALKENBERG

MR. S. C. FLAKENBERG, a retired American citizen, who has been resident in Tahiti for several years, died in Auckland on January 20 following an operation.

He arrived in Auckland shortly before Christmas, his photo appearing in our January issue. Mrs. Falkenberg was summoned and arrived shortly before his death.

## FAMOUS ARTIST KILLED

TAHITI, Feb. 9.

EDGAR LEETAG, an American artist who had won an overseas reputation as a painter on velvet, and who resided on Moorea, was killed at midnight on Saturday when the motor-cycle on which he was pillion-riding crashed into the parapet of a small bridge. The driver of the cycle, another American named Case, was badly injured.

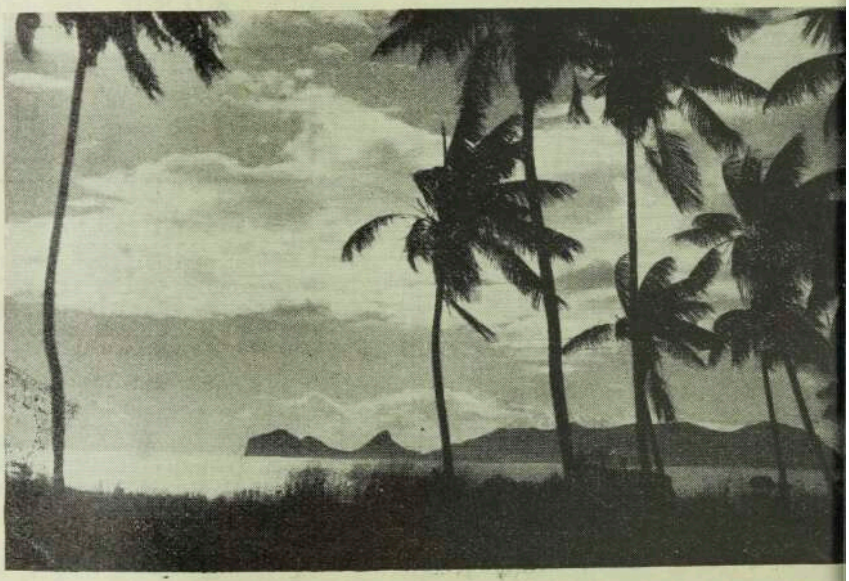
(An article about Leetag appears in Editors' Mailbag, this issue.)

## A CHARGE OF FRAUD

Kenneth Bock, who was involved with J. D. Wilkinson in extraordinary court proceedings in Samarai, Papua, some 18 months ago, was arrested in Port Moresby in January, on a charge that he committed a fraud in Queensland in 1947, and was sent on extradition to Rockhampton, for trial.

Bock, then an Administration employee, and Wilkinson, a trader, were charged at Samarai with the theft of Government stores. They were tried by two different judges. On exactly the same set of circumstances, Wilkinson was found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment, while Bock was adjudged not guilty. In view of the absurd situation, and the absence of suitable appeal machinery, Administrator J. K. Murray issued a pardon to Wilkinson, and he was released after serving only a short part of his sentence.


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# N. CALEDONIA WANTS WORKERS

## Signs of a Trade Boom

ALTHOUGH political troubles are acute, French Colony of N. Caledonia is showing several signs of growing production and of increasing trade. It is handicapped by labour shortage, however.

Production of the three chief metals mined there—nickel, chrome and manganese—is increasing rapidly. In a recent four months of 1952, NC exported 27,800 tons of chrome ore, 5,000 tons of manganese ore and 3,000 tons of nickle ore. New mines are opening, mechanisation is being introduced, and Japan has returned as a purchaser of these metals.

The Government is taking active steps to increase the Colony's food production—especially rice—and to improve the quality of the coffee, which is one of the island's staple crops.

The chief problem now is labour. Neither Javanese nor Tonkinese—since the French employers' stand—are now available, and the situation is serious. A plan to introduce Japanese labourers has not made progress, because of Australia's unfavourable reaction.

It is now suggested that NC take at least 1,000 of the Italian workers who have been causing near-riots in Australia because they cannot get jobs; and this matter was under discussion with the Australian officials by Senator Henri Jeffleur at the end of January. The Italians are more than willing to go. Australia cannot absorb them while New Caledonia needs them desperately.

# NEW VOLCANO IS GONE AGAIN

HORIANA, Jan. 20.

THE new volcano which recently was reported rising out of the sea in the British Solomon Islands, south of Vangunu Island (the New Georgia Group), has now submerged again.

Early in January, it was erupting continuously, the flames being visible for 10 miles at sea. On January 17, Captain N. W. Macdonald, master of the MV *Kurisau*, reported nothing showing above water in the place where the volcano had been.

An eruption of water occurs every two minutes in Lat. 8 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds South, Long. 156—57—48 East—the approximate former position of the volcano.

From the northwestern point there is an extensive submerged reef carrying approximately three fathoms, which runs 140 degrees through direction for four miles.

A new religious community for native girls, known as the Sisters of the Rosary, has been established at Wewak, by Bishop Arkfeld, Vicar Apostolic of Central New Guinea.


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## Graham-Toole Wedding

A WEDDING of unusual interest took place in Kavieng, NG, recently when Miss Patricia Lyle Graham, a pilot with Gibbes Sepik Airways, Ltd., was married to Mr. Colin H. Toole, Wewak branch manager for the Company.

The bride, who wore a gown of silver embossed taffeta faille, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graham of Kavieng. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. Chenoweth of the Methodist Mission; Mrs. J. H. L. McGuigan of Wewak was matron of honour and Mr. Dudley Young-Whitforde best man.

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## SUSPECTED CRIME IN NEW HEBRIDES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SANTO, Jan. 20.

A COPRA shed containing approximately 300 tons of copra caught fire at 1.30 a.m. on the morning of January 16. Two days later, it was still burning, in spite of intermittent heavy rain. The shed and produce were owned by CFNH, and are covered by insurance. It is reported that there is reason to suspect that the fire was maliciously started. Petrol fumes linger.

A Chinese crew member off *MV Changchow*, which was in Santo loading copra, was shot in the leg by M. Le Brun. The Chinese was stooping to pick up a coconut, obviously to quench his thirst; but, unfortunately, he was on land (semi-public) held by Societe Des Plantations De L'Aisse, from a 90% French Government company called Societe Francaise Nouvelles Hebrides, which holds no title deeds. (That gives an idea of the legality of land ownership, and subsequent leases or concessions under Condominium Conditions). The fact remains that the shooting was considered illegal.

There is said to be too much irresponsible "gun play" in the New Hebrides. Two years ago on this same property, a fatality was averted only by poor marksmanship.

Shooting with intent usually begets five years or so in other countries. In this Group, the crime usually is squared with a mild admonition.

The recent affray on M. Chaverot's plantation, at Big Bay, Santo, is to be investigated at a Court sitting in Port Vila. Most of Big Bay's residents have been requested to appear to give evidence. Three natives were killed on M. Chaverot's property.

Early in January, M. Chaverot was en route to Noumea, on the Qantas plane, but when the aircraft called at Vila, he was detained there. On the following week's plane, M. Chaverot's foreman, who was also booked for Noumea, was also detained.

SANTO, January 30.

News has come from Vila that M. Chaverot received a fine and three months' hard labour which is suspended upon his entering a good-behaviour bond for five years.

His foreman, who was also involved in the affray on M. Chaverot's property, when three natives were killed, received similar treatment.

An inquiry is proceeding into the disappearance of a Tonkinese whose blood-stained jeep was found abandoned. A reward of £100 has been offered for information, and a finger-print expert from Noumea has paid Santo a visit.

## Wau Advisory Council at Work

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Dec. 24.

MATTERS of local interest were discussed at the December meeting of the Wau-Bulolo Advisory Council, and the nine members present again urged strongly that the proposed Secondary School at Wau be established without further delay.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the continued unavailability of the district's X-Ray plant. It was decided to send a letter to the Government Secretary in Port Moresby on this subject. The meeting decided that it was not satisfied with the explanation regarding the plant supplied by the District Commissioner, Lae.

The meeting has asked the District Commissioner to provide facilities for mail, reaching Lae on the Sunday Skymaster from Australia, to be sent through to Wau on the same day. They will also ask for a barge service across the Markham at Labu, on Sundays.

WAU, January 24.

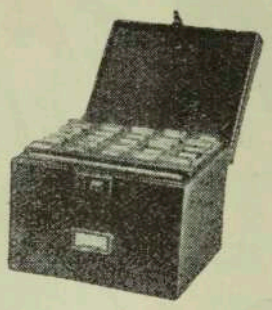
By the time of the January meeting of Wau TAC, over a month later, some satisfaction had been gained with regard to the provision of a Sunday barge over the Markham River at Labu (at a cost of £ for two services), but little progress had been made with regard to other matters.

There was still a deep official silence over the District X-ray plant, through-delivery of mail arriving at Lae on Sunday, and a TAC recommendation concerning the Wau Common.

The Council expressed dissatisfaction at the delay in building a new hospital, presumably through lack of funds, and the temporary closing of the Wau airstrip without notification from the Civil Aviation Dept.



photograph taken after the wedding Miss Mary Theresa Ah Wong (one of Papuan girls who received her nurs- certificate some months ago) to Mr. n Martin at Koki Catholic Mission, t Moresby, on January 31.
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## FIJI GUIDES IN NZ

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**The Pacific was represented by girls from Fiji, the Cook Islands, and one from Hawaii.**

**This is the party from Fiji (left to right): F. Meresiana, Rita Ah Ben, E. Kuarpatti, O. Petersen, A. Williams (Captain), W. Cockle, H. Sahu Kahn, L. Smith, M. Salayan. (A. Gibson was ill when the photo was taken).**

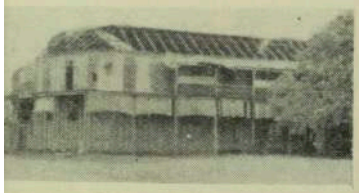
**Inset is Yuriko Kohara, representing Hawaii.**

## ARKHAM RIVER IDGE UNDER WAY

ATCHETS used on the subject of the Markham Bridge—a memorable battle of words, n for the Territory—appear now be buried, and a bridge construc- gang is being assembled by the tractors (Hornibrook Construc- s Limited, of Port Moresby). contract price is £174,945; and, the time the cost of access roads other ancillaries is added, the l may be £250,000.

is hoped thus to open up big ustrial, agricultural and pastoral entialities tapped by the Wau- olo-Lae highway. Among these of course, the Commonwealth- Guinea Timbers Limited ply- d factory, now under construc- at Bulolo.

he Markham bridge is finally g built at Markham Point, and be 1,700 feet long, with 17 spans Bailey bridging and Kwila piles. contract calls for completion in ust, 1954.



**Imperial Hotel, Thursday Island, it had been unroofed by the ane-force gale in December. (Photo rs. Easterling, TI.).**

## Radio Innovation for Cook Islands

IN the Cook Islands, and Rarotonga especially, the weekly "Islands Newsletter" broadcast from Radio New Zealand is listened to with considerable interest, the session frequently being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Challis, formerly of the LMS Church in Rarotonga and now of the Pacific Islanders Congregational Church in Auckland. Cook Islanders resident in NZ sometimes feature on the programme.

Short-wave reception of the station is not always good in the Cooks, and a number of people have receivers with no short-wave band. So for the special Christmas broadcast, when many Cook Islanders in Auckland spoke to their homeland, Rarotonga Radio made arrangements to receive the short-wave signal and to rebroadcast it on the broadcast band through the air-navigational radio homing beacon station on 590 kc/s.

This beacon is, or was, used by aircraft bound for Rarotonga. But as there is now no service to Rarotonga and as in any case there are rarely night flights in the area it seems an excellent idea to make use of the beacon in this way.


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## RELIGIOUS DISSENSION ON NIUE

WHEN the Rev. C. C. Craig, foreign secretary of the London Missionary Society, arrived in Auckland in mid-January from a tour of Islands missions under his control, he said that the Niue islanders were disturbed at the presence on the island of the Mormon missionaries. The people, he said, contended that when they came under the British Crown they were promised that there would be one religion only on the island. They have consequently protested to the New Zealand Government.

The Minister had denied receipt of any such petition, but it was recently stated that the reason that the petition had not been placed befor the Minister was because it was not framed according to Parliamentary Standing Orders. It had consequently been returned to its sponsors for reframing. When this is done the Minister will present the petition to Parliament, probably somewhere about April.

President Sidney J. Ottley, head of the Mormon Church in New Zealand, the Cook Islands and Niue, defended the activities of his Mission on Niue in a letter to an Auckland newspaper on January 15. He acknowledged the "disturbance" of Mr. Craig, the Rev. Mr. Check (of Niue) "and their cohorts" but claimed that a visit to the island and conversation with the officials of the NZ Government, conversant with the facts, would be ample conviction that it is not the feeling of the much-belied and oppressed Niuan people.

"If education, sympathy, love and direction to clean and wholesome lives is disturbance, then we have disturbed some of them in the last few months," wrote Mr. Ottley.

(There was, later, considerable NZ newspaper correspondence on the same subject.)

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## Honiara Has a US Migrant

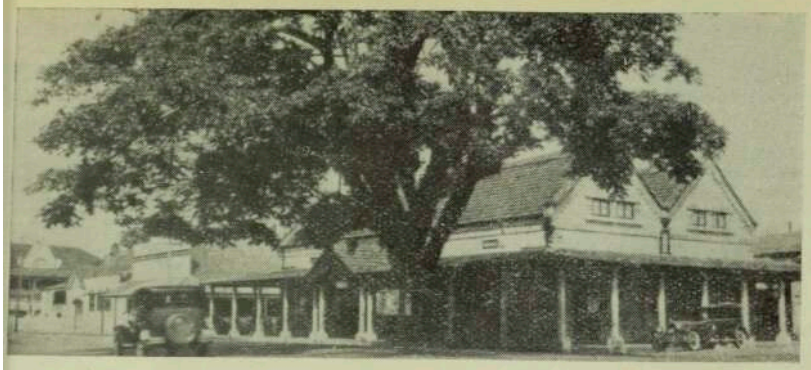
A GARDEN plant peculiar to Hawaii has unexpectedly made its appearance in Honiara. Known as the Prickly Poppy (Argemone Alba, var. Glauca) it grows in dry rocky soil in Hawaii, from the sea coast up to 1,000 feet elevation. Its Hawaiian name is Puakala and a narcotic made from the juice of its stem is used locally for toothache, neuralgia and ulcers.

No ships, aircraft or visitors from Hawaii have called at Honiara since the departure of the last American troops from Gualadcanal four years ago. Straw packing, or a migratory bird, have been suggested as vehicles for its sudden introduction.




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## SUVA'S TOWN BOSSES DON'T LIKE TREES



This is the famous, old, red-flowering acia tree which, for many years, shaded e Suva Post Office, but which was re-oved by the Town Board in 1947 on e ground (strongly contested) that it as "obstructing traffic".

Two years later, the Board proceeded remove from the Triangle Gardens (not r from this spot) a clump of tall coco-tt palms, which were planted before Suva as capital, and which gave the centre the town a distinctive appearance. e public reacted so angrily that the ard left some half-dozen palms stand-g. It claimed that the trees were old d dangerous.

But the trees came scatheless through e hurricane of January, 1952, although ildings all round were wrecked.

Despite this, on January 5, workmen Suva's new Town Council removed the t of the palms. There has been an gry outcry from Suva residents, who int out that the centre of the town, ere visitors naturally expect to see ne tropical distinction, is now bare, ab and virtually tree-less.

The Council's only reply has been that s is "part of the Council's clean-up in town area".

## BAGS OF BEER FOR NC

HE brewing of beer in the Islands is becoming an important industry. This month, . Jules Ollivaud, of Noumea, is ening a new brewery in New ledonia. He promises a good oduct, which he will distribute in stic bags carrying 12 and 14 lons—a technique new in this rt of the world.

Returning recently from Port resby, Director Yeomans re-ted that he is happy with the st three months' operations of South Pacific Brewery, which s opened in October. New Guinea ople are praising the quality of beer, but complaining of its h price. This appears to be due high taxation and other costs, d the very high cost of con-ners, especially bottles. These ubles, said Mr. Yeomans, would ironed out presently.

**Mr. B. McEwen,** Western Samoa ucation Dept., has left the Ter-ry on a visit to the UK.

At the Apia Turf Club meeting on January 3, Mr. O. Nelson's Tuise beat the favourite Beau Martin.


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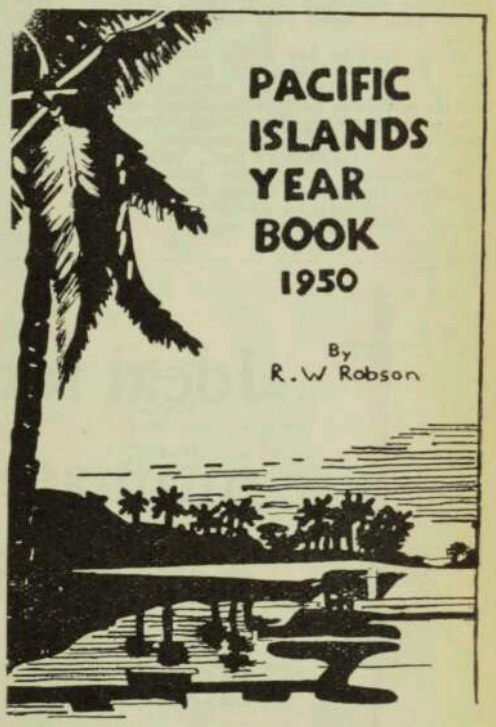
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Mr. G. K. Roth, who has been Assistant Colonial Secretary, has taken over the duties of Deputy Secretary for Fijian Affairs. Mr. J. W. Sykes has replaced Mr. Roth.

**Sister Pat Durdin**, a medical missionary who was awarded the OBE after the Mt. Lamington disaster in Papua, was on leave in Adelaide, SA, in January.


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**Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft, president of the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney, places a wreath on the Martin Place Cenotaph, on January 23, which was the fifth anniversary of the Fall of Rabaul.**

**Only about 20 persons attended the ceremony in Sydney this year — the smallest number ever. Mr. Alan Pagett, secretary of the NG Ex-Servicemen's Club, said: "The public seems to have completely forgotten the men who fought and died in Rabaul to protect them."**

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**Miss Yvette Williams**, NZ. Olympic broad-jump champion, will attend the Fijian national athletic championships in Suva at Easter.


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## KELVINBANK LOST

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The vessel had let go the moorings at midnight at completion of the day's loading—she had 2,000 tons of phosphate aboard—and was steaming in from seaward to resume moorings at daybreak when the stranding occurred.

Efforts were made to lighten the vessel by dumping phosphate but a heavy swell defeated all efforts to clear her, *Kelvinbank* being forced on top of the remains of the old *Ooma* wreck there 25 years ago. The vessel was close inshore and there was no danger to her crew during the nine days of strenuous salvage operations, organised by Captain J. W. Herd, salvage expert from Sydney and Captain E. H. Bullman, marine superintendent of the Bank Line, who were flown from Suva by a RNZAF Catalina.

The *Titanbank* of the same company stood by, and subsequently brought most of the crew to Auckland. The Master, Captain R. E. Shorthouse and five officers remaining at Ocean Island for a marine inquiry which was conducted there on January 29.

On January 30, Mrs. Herd left Melbourne in the phosphate ship *Trienza* to go to her husband, Capt. J. W. Herd, who had collapsed that day on Ocean Island.

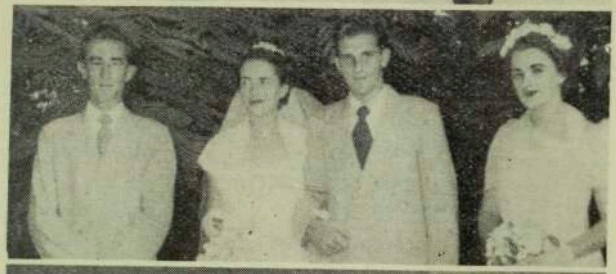



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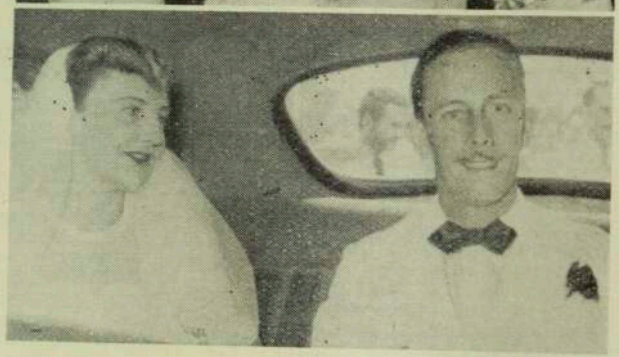
## Recent Moresby Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. R. Penney (bride formerly Miss V. Schaffer), who were married at St. John's on December 20, 1952.



Mr. Ashley (best man), Mr. and Mrs. Neil (bride, formerly Miss Rita Powell) and Miss Yvonne McFadyean (bridesmaid). The wedding took place on January 7, at St. John's



Mr. and Mrs. W. Garner (bride formerly Miss Muriel McGowan, of Port Moresby), who were married at St. John's, Port Moresby, on December 16.

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## QUALITY OF RABAUL CHINESE

Letter to the Editor

IN a recent PIM, I noticed an article written by someone whose name was not revealed, but under the term "Loyalist". This concerned some younger Chinese, who (Mr. Loyalist said) remained seated during the National Anthem in the Rabaul theatre.

"These offending Chinese youths are showing themselves to be true Communists." This statement is obviously sheer nonsense. Those who remained seated during the Anthem were definitely showing a lack of courtesy and respect, but any normal, educated person could see that such behaviour does not necessarily indicate Communism. I have seen Australians seated during the anthem here in Australia. Do you consider them true Communists too, Mr. Loyalist?

I am safe (and rather proud) to say that Communism does not exist and will have very little chance of existing among the peace-loving Rabaul Chinese. Thus this "loyal gentleman" should cease accusing offenders of all kinds as Communists.

I think that Mr. Loyalist has intentionally and impudently insulted the leaders of the Kuo Min Tang and that he should apologise (that is, if he is a gentleman).

I am, etc.,

L. F. CHAN.

Sydney, February 1.

## MRA AND NEW GUINEA NATIVES

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA'S four native delegates to the Moral Re-Armament Conference in Colombo were in Sydney in early February, on their way back to Port Moresby. They are Mr. Merari Dickson, MLC, and Mrs. Dickson; Miss Alice Wedega, and Mr. Penuali Anakapu.

Mr. Dickson spoke urgently in favour of more education for the natives. Mrs. Dickson praised the general idea of moral re-armament. Mr. Anakapu said to Sydney *Sun*: "I went to Asia with a hatred of white men in my heart. I often felt inferior to the white people in Papua; but at the Assemblies I found the answer to racial resentments."

Five Lutheran missionaries from America reached Sydney in January on their way to a Lutheran Mission station in the New Guinea Highlands. They are the **Rev. and Mrs. George Hinlisky** (who brought their two babies with them), **Mr. and Mrs. E. Spruth** and **Miss Wanda Fricke.**




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## Tulagi in 1912



The Burns Philp store at Makambo, British Solomon Islands, 40 years ago. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Neville Chatfield.).

## he Pacific Islands Society

ESPITE bad weather there was a good attendance of members and friends at the January eeting of the Pacific Islands ciety, Sydney, when Mr. Brian haseling gave an account of his cent adventurous journey by otor-cycle and side-car from Cey- n through India and the Middle st to Europe. The address gave ose present an opportunity of mparing the living and general nditions and customs of the iatic people with those of the ore fortunate Pacific Islanders.

There is an encouraging number new members in the Society d a revival of interest on the part members of longer standing.

At the next gathering on Feb- ary 26, Mr. F. J. Salisbury will the guest-speaker.

He will describe, in conjunction th films taken by him, his recent it to Papua-New Guinea, includ- the sheep country.

## irst Permanent Anglican Church for Apia

The Rev. C. W. Whonsbon-Aston orted the culmination of eight rs of work at Apia, W. Samoa, s Christmas, when the first ser- e was held in the new, and first manent, Anglican church in W. noa, built at a cost of £7,000.

The Rev. Whonsbon-Aston, who served his church for 22 years Fiji, New Guinea and Samoa, ns to spend three months in w Zealand and seven months in stralia before returning to the nds. During the first two nths of his vacation, the Bishop Polynesia and Mrs. Kempthorne move into the Apia Chaplaincy i take over Mr. Whonsbon- on's parish work.

## FIJI HONOURS

In the New Year Honours, Ratu Nacani Mocelutu, of Kandava, and Brother Alphonsus, MBE, were each awarded the OBE. Ratu Nocani Mocelutu is one of the foremost Chiefs of Kandava. Brother Alphonsus who is 88, has spent 64 years in Fiji and has an honoured place among the pioneers of education in the Colony.

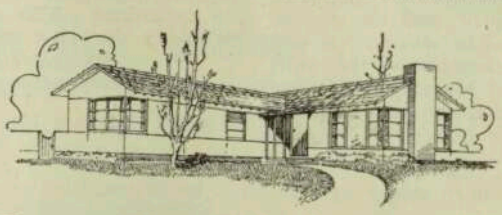

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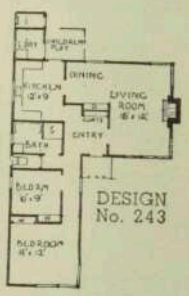
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## THE CESSION OBELISK

Letter to the Editor

AN article about old Fiji landmarks from your Fiji correspondent in December PIM—plus other articles from the same source in 1947 or 1948, when the deed was done—gives the impression that the Cession obelisk was wantonly rooted out from the present site of the Anglican Cathedral by the church folk. Few bodies of people warrant the stigma of vandalism less than the Anglican community of Fiji—the decision to move the obelisk was, I believe, that of the Fiji government who first consulted the Council of Chiefs at to their feelings. At that time, I seem to remember, your correspondent suggested that the Council of Chiefs agreed only to oblige—which seems to be a libel on them if they set any store at all by the old monument.

As far as I know, the original site of the obelisk had no historical significance for the Fijians other than that it was the site of the old government buildings. My information is that one reason why it was not re-erected in its original form elsewhere, when the land was cleared for the erection of the Anglican Cathedral, was that the old monument was then in the final stages of falling to bits.

Your correspondent's assertion that the "needless demolition has caused bitterness" seems to me to be ridiculous. The average Fijian probably does not care two hoots.

I am, etc.,

EX-FIJIAN.

Sydney, January 15.

## COST OF PAPUAN OIL SEARCH IS TEN MILLIONS

By mid-January, the test bore by APC interests at Omati, in Western Papua, was down 12,162 feet—which is well over 2¼ miles.

The oil-seekers now are transferring the burden of their tests from deep-bore sinking to an airborne magnetic survey. A party of Canadian geo-physicists arrived in Moresby in January, and are about to use the latest scientiific methods in surveying Western Papua from the air.

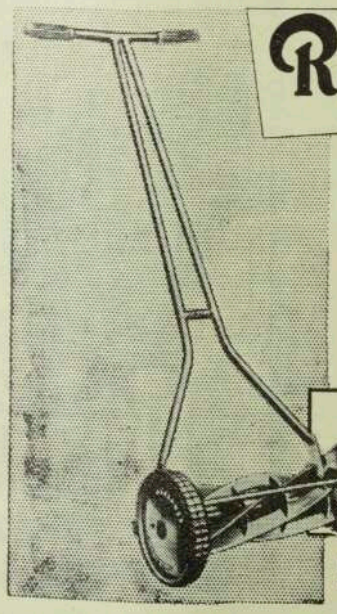
Up to the end of December, the two companies concerned (Australian Petroleum Co. and Island Explorations Co.) had spent no less than £9,500,000 on their search for oil in Papua. They propose to spend another £1,200,000 in 1953.

## New Britain Women's Club Office Bearers

THE Annual General Meeting of the New Britain Women's Club, Rabaul, NG, was held on January 23.

Office bearers for the forthcoming year are: President, Mrs. R. Arrowsmith; Vice-presidents, Mesdames Long and Munro; Secretary, Mrs. P. Broinowiski, Treasurer, Mrs. W. O'Reilly; Committee, Mesdames Fishwick, Lee, Broadhurst, Brelaz and Miss Lennartz.

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## 'RAINING FOR TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 26.

THE time is drawing near when at least the major towns of Papua-New Guinea should ave local government, said the cting Administrator (Mr. D. M. leland) in a public address ecently. Very good work was being one by the Town and District Adisory Councils, but the time was pproaching when the responsiility of local government in the rger centres should be vested in ie citizens themselves, and not in ie Administration.

Reviewing the growth of public rvice organisations over the cenuries, he contrasted the various rms of Administration in Britain, uropean countries and United tates. He said it was essential that ie Territory Public Service should come a Territorial and career rvice, and it was the intention of ie Minister for Territories, Mr. asluck, to create, develop and ster a service which would be e-eminent for its loyalty, imartiality and efficiency.

*EDITORIAL NOTE.*—It was the me Minister (Mr. Hasluck) who cently appointed a military officer the Administratorship of Norfolk land, although the position (a ell-paid sinecure) should have ne, as a matter of right and stice, to any one of a dozen wellained and capable men of the apua-New Guinea public service.



recent unconventional snapshot (by in Mansell) of Miss Moyra MacDonald, Apia, who made quite a success of her in the recent filming of "Return Paradise" in Western Samoa. She reported to be booked for Hollywood, follow a screen career.

## Cook Islands Weddings

TWO interesting weddings took place at Rarotonga recently.

On December 22, Mr. Les Hack, of the radio station staff, was married to Miss Mata Josephine Williams, the ceremony being performed by Judge McCarthy. About 150 guests were afterwards entertained at an *umukai* by Mrs. Nui Manu, grandmother of the bride.

The second wedding was between Mr. Teinakore Tatio Nicholas and Miss Cecelia Anautoa. Guests were entertained at an *umukai* at the Tekapuaanga Meeting House, Takuvaine, after the wedding. This ceremony was performed at the LMS Church, Avarua, on January 3.

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**Miss Gladys M. Gebbie**, organising secretary for the Dominion Council of the Girls' Life Brigade, will make another visit to Samoa shortly to train officers and non-commissioned officers. She visited Samoa last year and organised three companies there.


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## PLAN TO TRAIN NATIVES AS TRADESMEN

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 26.

AN apprenticeship system for Papua-N. Guinea natives is being worked out by a special Board, with a view to producing trained native tradesmen and artisians. The Board members are:—

*Mr. L. F. Butler—at present Acting Chairman, replacing the Director of Education, Mr. W. C. Groves, who is on recreation leave.*
*Mr. J. Hohnen—Manager of New Guinea Goldfields, Wau.*
*Mr. A. Beavis, of Kwato Mission.*
*Mr. V. H. Scully—temporarily replacing Mr. C. Gee, Divisional PO Engineer now on leave.*
*Mr. A. H. Buckland—Acting Executive Officer.*

The lists of trades proposed is wide, and other trades can be added as required. Natives will be apprenticed for five years (four years for sub-trades). This latter classification caters for natives who are illiterate or otherwise handicapped. Apprentices will furnish a guarantee of £25. In cases of hardship the Administrator may assist. They may be trained in both private enterprise and Government workshops. A statutory body will fix the wages of skilled native tradesmen.

## Girl-Guiding Forbidden at Mangaia

ACCORDING to advice from Mangaia, Lower Cooks, in early December, the native pastor of the LMS Church there caused a sensation by announcing from the pulpit that parents who permitted their daughters to join or remain in the Girl Guide movement would be expelled from the church.

The pastor is reported to have declared that the girls must be enlisted in the Girls' Life Brigade if they wished to join any such movement. The Life Brigade is confined to members of the Congregational Church, of which the LMS is a branch.

The Girl Guide movement was established in the Cook Islands about 20 years ago.

A number of parents rose and left the church immediately after the announcement was made by the pastor.

It is understood that the dispute will not be finally settled until the return of the Rev. Mr. Murphy, head of the LMS Church in Rarotonga, at present on leave in England.

**Mrs. K. T. Thorpe** of Santo, New Hebrides, arrived in Sydney in January to visit her parents.


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## Pearling at Mangareva

When Mr. Gabriel H. Lepage, chooltеacher at Mangareva, Gamier Islands, for the past year, came o Auckland by *Wairuna* from apeete in January, he had some nteresting details of the present earling operations at that once amous lagoon.

The big Mangareva lagoon is ivided into three areas—only one f which may be "worked" for MOP hell during any one season. The eason lasts for four months of the ear. Last season—from November, 951, to February, 1952—the Rikitea rea was worked and produced bout 40 tons of shell. This season from January through April and is expected that about 25 tons ill be produced. Next season the iarei sector will be worked. No ving suits are used and the verage depth is about 10 fathoms, hough one sector is deeper. The resent Mangareva divers are not pted for their skill in deep areas, any of the Tuamotu divers being pable of working at much greater epths.

MOP shell has been bringing 45 ancs per kilo on the beach cently, but the price was expected go to 50 francs (about 2/6d Stg.) January.

A large "black" drop-shaped pearl hed by one diver and weighing carats, was successfully skinned a blemish—losing only 2 carats eight in the process—and was sold r 90,000 francs (£Stg.500) in apeete recently.

## MORESBY'S FIRST TAC NEARS END OF ITS LIFE

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Feb. 3.

If the Acting Administrator, Mr. eland, accepts the recommendaons submitted by the Port Moresby Town Advisory Council, the new uncil, to be appointed shortly, ll have 16 members—two members each of three wards and the lance made up of five general embers, and five from the Public rvice. The Acting Administrator d asked for the Council's advice these matters.

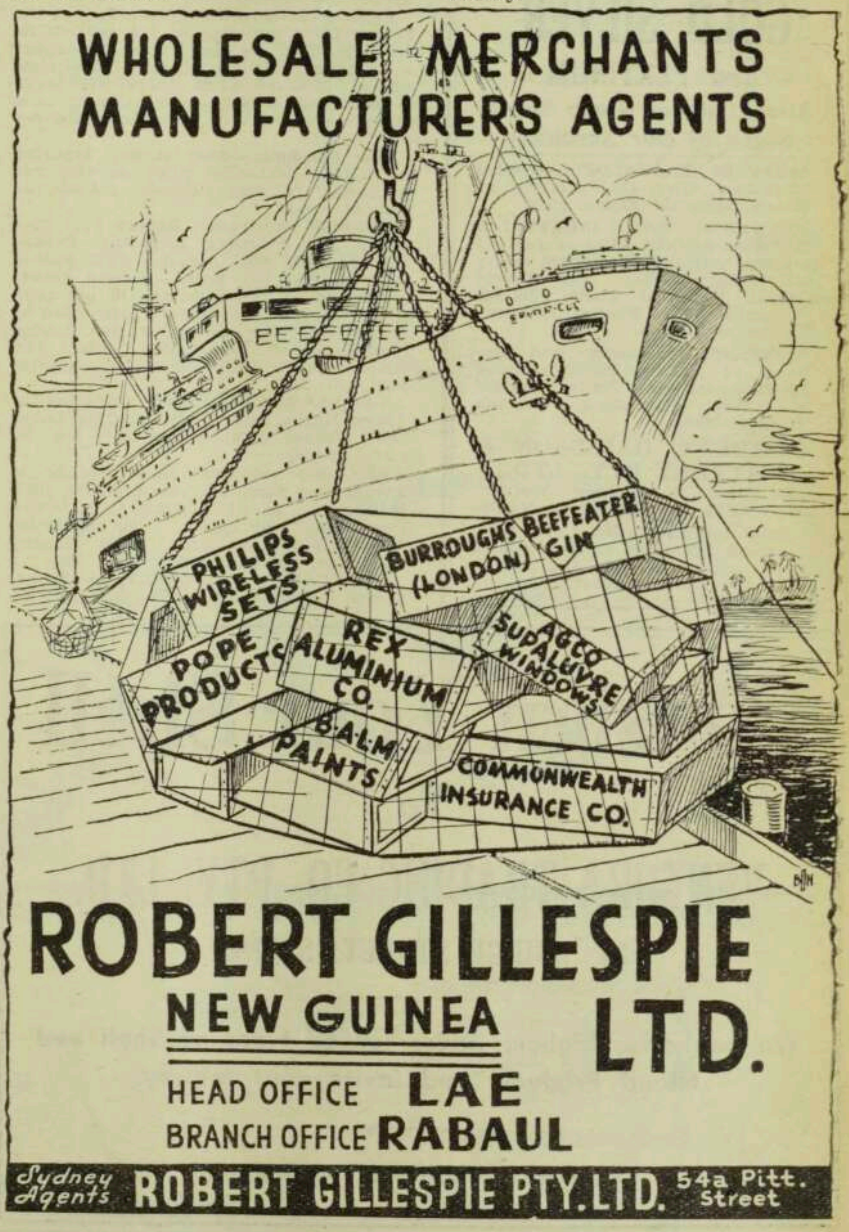
When the details of the new uncil are decided, Mr. Cleland ll then terminate the present apintments, and appoint new members. This will end three years' se for the present body, the first wn Advisory Council to be set up the Territory. Some of the original members have left Moresby, uties have appeared for others, d a trusty few of the original nd are still carrying on. They ve done a very good job indeed—ch better than some of their tics hoped. One night a month perhaps not a great deal out of e's spare time, but Council membership, in some cases, has involved a lot of work between meetings. The Council has provided a means of public expression totally lacking before this body was created and if the general public has not utilized this opportunity as often as might have been expected, that is the fault of the citizens and not the Council.

A book about 21 years of mission-work in Papua, written by Father Andre Dupeyrat, formerly of the Yule Island Mission, has become a best-seller in France, and is to be produced soon in English. The energetic Father made many friends in Sydney and Melbourne a few years ago, when he was there raising funds for his Mission.

## "GOOD OLD WAYS"

TWO Works and Housing Department men who returned to Brisbane in February said that the good old days in New Guinea, when they got £18 to £20 per week, plus overtime, and were fed at an official mess at 16/- per week, were now gone. They said that as overtime had been cut out, they received only £18 or £20 per week, while the Government had raised the charge for board and lodging to £3. Consequently, where they used to save £20 per pay, they could now save only £12.

Sixteen students from New Caledonia recently spent two weeks in Australia as a reward for scholastic ability.







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# ISLANDS PRODUCE

(Unless otherwise stated, quotations are in Australian currency)

## COPRA

(NOTE: Following are 1952 MOF prices. MOF contract rates for 1953 not yet officially announced.)

**Papua-NG.**—Copra Marketing Board price: Main ports, Hot-air, £69/5/- per ton; FMS, £69/5/-; Smoked, £68/5/-. Sydney crushers pay: Plantation Hot-air, £91; FMS, £90/15/-; Smoked, £90/2/6. Australia has a 9 years' UK contract (based on £Stg.59/15/-, 1952).

**Fiji.**—At Suva and Levuka, 1952: Plantation Grade (60 points and over) £F65/0/6 per ton; FMS (45-57½ points), £F64/15/-; Lower Grade £F61/10/- min.

**New Hebrides.**—Recent quotation at 81 Metrop. francs kilo, c.i.f. Marseilles. (approx. £A104/10/-, long ton).

**Tahiti.**—Recent price for Papeete copra: Dry, 7.80 Pac. frs. kilo (£A55/4/- long ton); Super dry, 8.20 Pac. frs. kilo (£A58/11/- long ton).

**COCOA.**—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on Feb. 4 was £Stg.247/10/- (£A309/7/6) c.i.f. ton, Cont. ports.

**N.G.**—£A300 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

**New Hebrides.**—Recent sales in Sydney brought £A240-£A250 per ton, in store.

**Samoa.**—Sydney agents in February quoted Samoan cocoa at £Stg.250 (£A312/10/-) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.).

**COFFEE.**—Islands prices ruling in Sydney in February.

**Papua-N.G.**—Arabica holding firm at the abnormally high price of 7/6 approx. lb. (approx. £760 per ton), owing to import restrictions affecting trade from elsewhere. However, when market eventually is stabilised, P-N.G. coffee should level off at around 5/- lb. (approx. £500 per ton).

**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 February shipment.—**Papua-NG:** 23-5/16d Stg. per lb., c.i.f. Sydney (approx. 29-7/32d 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), Feb. 9: No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 77⅛c. lb., c.i.f. (approx. 31d Aust. lb.).

**VANILLA BEANS.**—Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 23/9; Yellow, 23/9; Green, 22/- per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

**Rice.**—Rice shipped from Sydney to Islands was fixed last year (for the 1952-1953 season), at £75 per ton, f.o.b., White, Unpolished, and Brown. (On plantation **Papua-NG** approx. £100.) New season's (1953-1954) price expected early May.

**DESICCATED COCONUT.** — Sydney agents quote Ceylon, 1/6¾ lb. spot, delivered to store, Sydney. **New Guinea:** 2/5½ lb. spot, delivered in store, Sydney.

**PEARL SHELL.**—Prices fixed between **Torres Strait** producers and Otto Gerdau Co. (USA) for 1952 were: AA/A/B grades 85 cents lb. (£A850 approx. per long ton); C, 80c. lb. (£A800); D, 55c. lb. (£A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); EE, 30c. lb. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York. **Cook Is.**—American market firm at 35 cents U.S. per lb., f.o.b. Rarotonga. Producers currently receiving 1/8 lb. Aust. (approx. £187 Aust. long ton).

**TROCHUS SHELL.**—There has been little interest in shell in Sydney lately. Recent quotations are: **B.S.I.**, £A135 per ton; **New Hebrides**, £A100 approx. per ton; **N.G.**, £A150 per ton.

**GREEN SNAIL SHELL.**—Sydney agents recently quoted: 1st grade, £A195 per ton; 2nd grade, £A140 per ton for **B.S.I.** shell.

## LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Dec. 24.

**Copra**, c.i.f., Continental ports, ton.—
New Hebrides . . 84,500 Metrop. francs (£A109 per long ton, approx.)
Tahiti . . . . . 89,000 Metrop. francs (£A113/10/- approx.)
FM Straits, Dec.-Jan . . . . £Stg.87/15/- (£A109/13/9 approx.)
Ceylon, F.M.S. . . . . Nominal
Philippines, bulk, Jan.-Feb. . . . US$240 (£A106/6/- approx.)

**Coconut Oil**, c.i.f., ton.—
FM Straits, 3½% drums . . . . £Stg.121 (£A151/5/- approx.)
Ceylon, bulk, resellers . . . . . £Stg.113 (£A141/5/- approx.)
Philippines, afloat . . . . . Nominal

**Cocoa**, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. Continental ports.—Accra, February-March, £Stg. 12/17/6 (£A260 approx. per long ton).

## ISLANDS MINING SHARES

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| Oil Search . . | s3/11 | b2/5 | b2/6 |
| Oriomo Oil . . | b5/- | s1/6 | b3d |
| Papuan Apin. | b4/11 | b7d | b7d |
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## EXCHANGE RATES

**FIJI.—Through BANK OF NSW, ANZ BANK and BANK OF NZ. Australia on Fiji**, basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A113. **Fiji-London**, basis £100 London: B. £110/12/6; S. £112. **NZ-Fiji**, basis £100 NZ: B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

**SAMOA.— Through BANK OF NZ. Australia on Samoa**, basis £100 Samoa: B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. **Samoa-London**, basis £100 London: B. £100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. **Samoa-NZ**, basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/-. **Samoa-Fiji**, basis £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

**PAPUA-NG.—COMMONWEALTH BANK** (branches Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and **BANK OF NSW** (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £100.

**BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK** (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate **Australia-BSI:** 10/- per £100.

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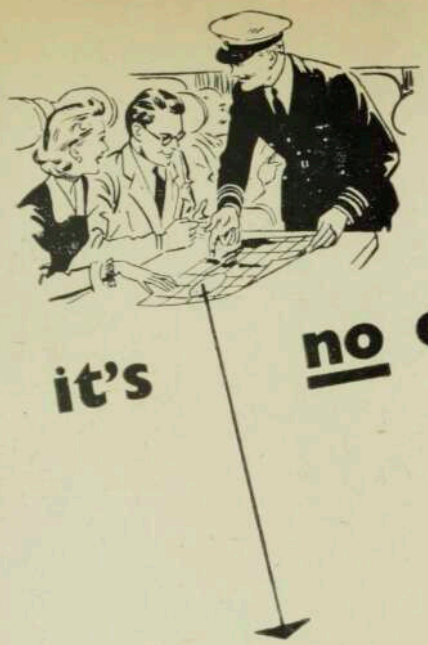
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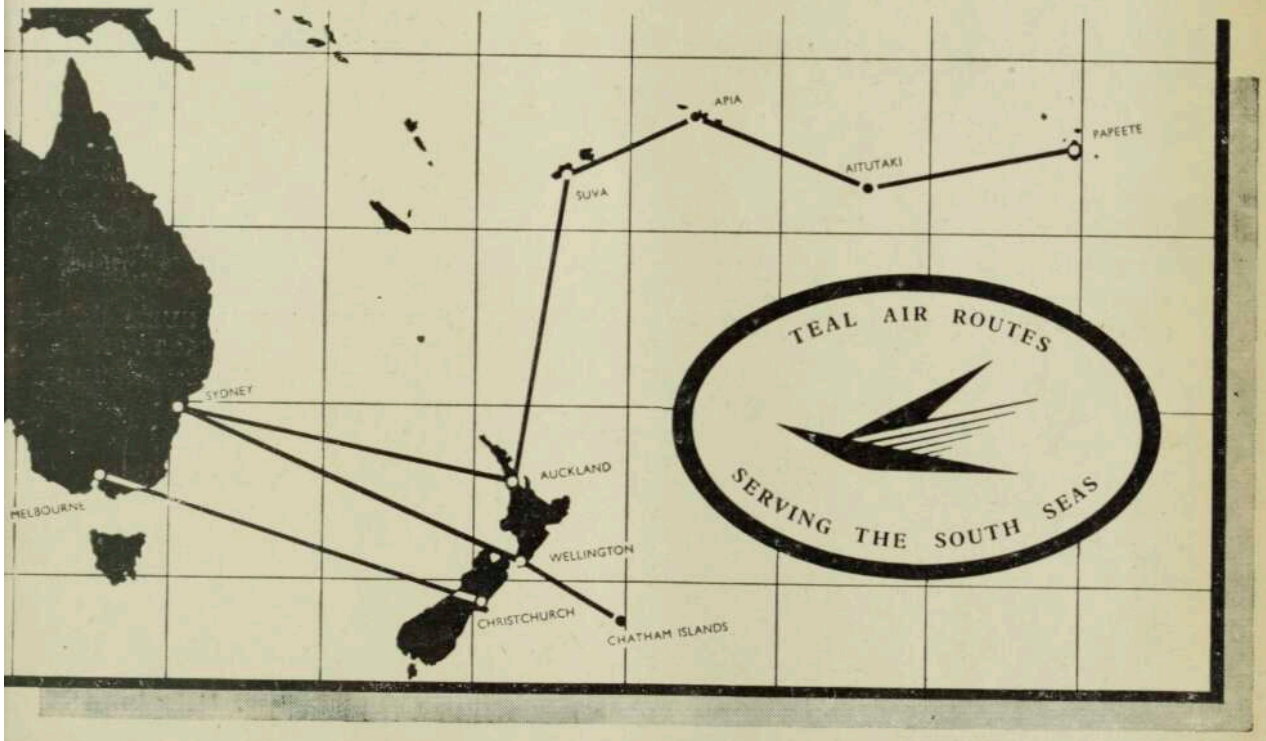

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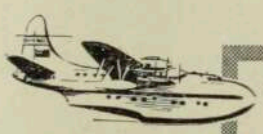
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