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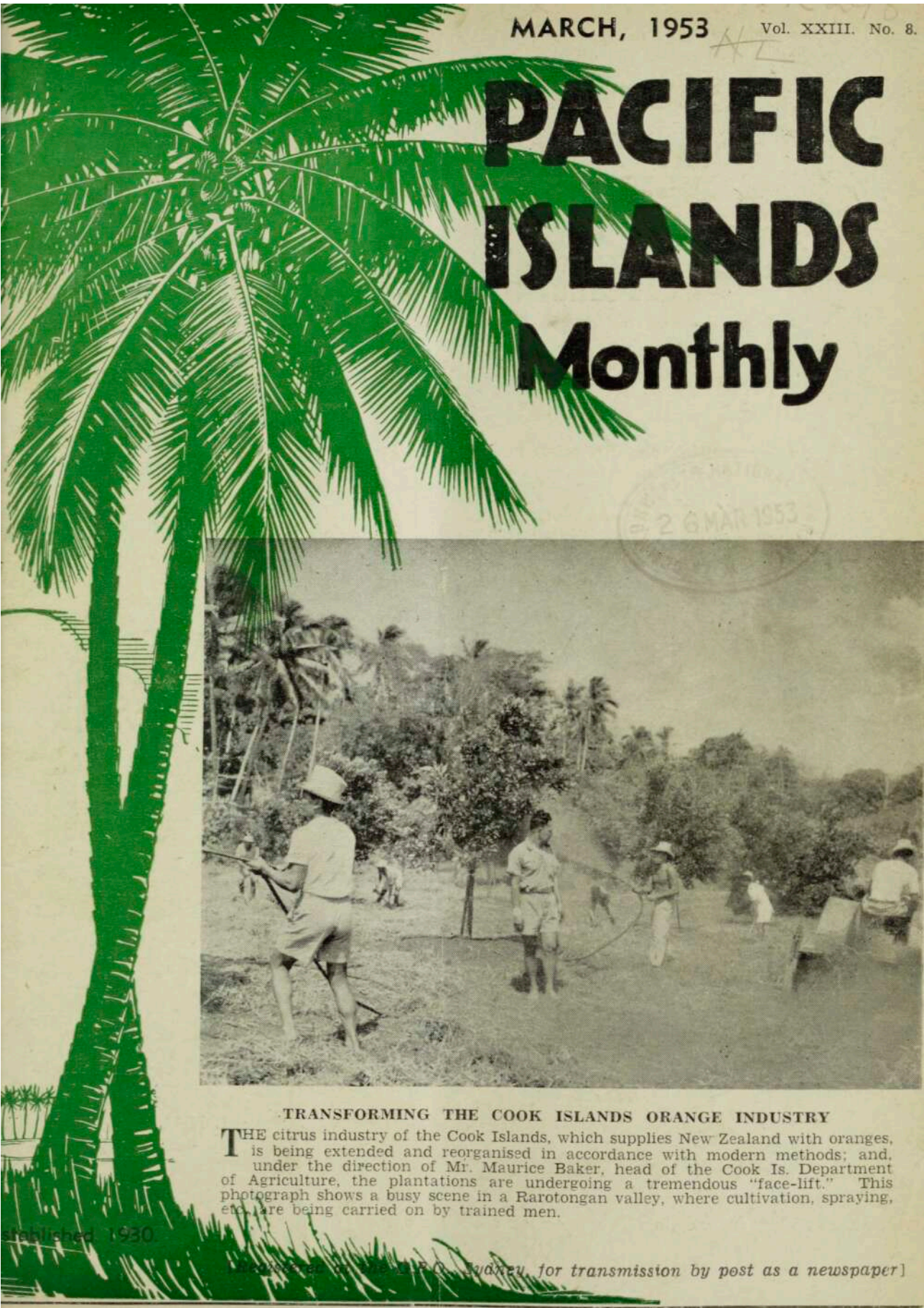
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PACIFIC ISLANDS Monthly



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THE citrus industry of the Cook Islands, which supplies New Zealand with oranges, is being extended and reorganised in accordance with modern methods; and, under the direction of Mr. Maurice Baker, head of the Cook Is. Department of Agriculture, the plantations are undergoing a tremendous "face-lift." This photograph shows a busy scene in a Rarotongan valley, where cultivation, spraying, etc., are being carried on by trained men.

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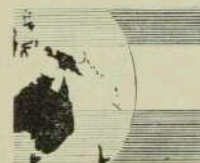
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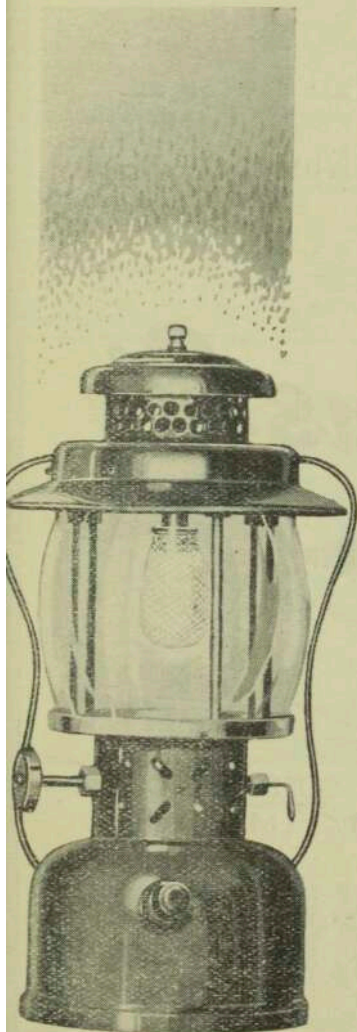
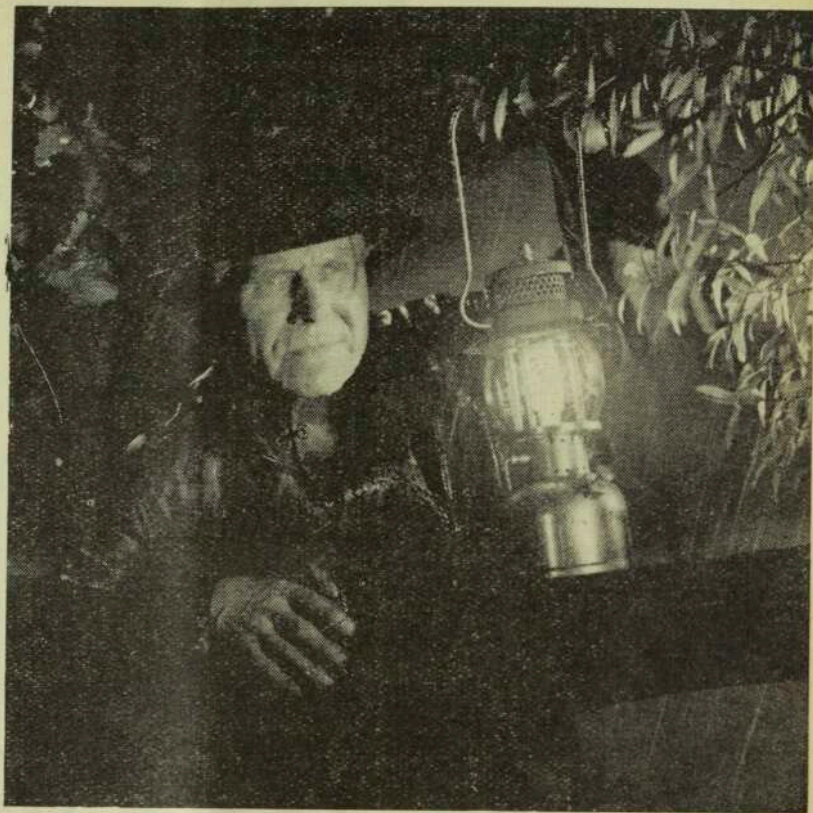
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Awar • Baiyer River
Banz • Bena Bena
Brisbane • Buin
Buka • Bulolo
Cairns • Chimbu
Cooktown • Daru
Dumpu • Esa'ala
Espiritu Santo
Finschhafen
Garaina • Garoka
Gusap • Honiara
Inus • Jacquinot Bay
Kaiapit • Kainantu
Kavieng • Kerema
Kerowagi • Kieia
Kikori • Kup • Lae
Lake Kutubu
Lake Murray
Lindenhafen • Losuia
Madang • Manus
Maprik • Menyamyra
Minj • Moewe
Harbour • Mount
Hagen • Nadzab
Nondugl • Norfolk Is.
Noumea • Ogelbeng
Port Moresby
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Harbour • Rabaul
Rockhampton
Samarai • Suva
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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

Sydney-Suva-N. America

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

RMS AORANGI			
yd. . .	Feb. 12	Apr. 16	
uck. . .	Feb. 16-17	Apr. 20-21	
ava . .	Feb. 20	Apr. 24	
'n'l'u .	Feb. 27	May 1	
ic. . .	Mch. 5	May 7	
anc. . .	Mch. 6-12	May 8-14	
ic. . .	Mch. 12	May 14	
'n'l'u .	Mch. 19	May 21	
ava . .	Mch. 28	May 30	
uck. . .	Mch. 31-Apr. 2	June 2-4	
yd. . .	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-Maral - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Maral-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney.

Next departure from Sydney in mid-April.

MV Malekula will leave Sydney in April 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 end of March; Sinkiang in mid-April.

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

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

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

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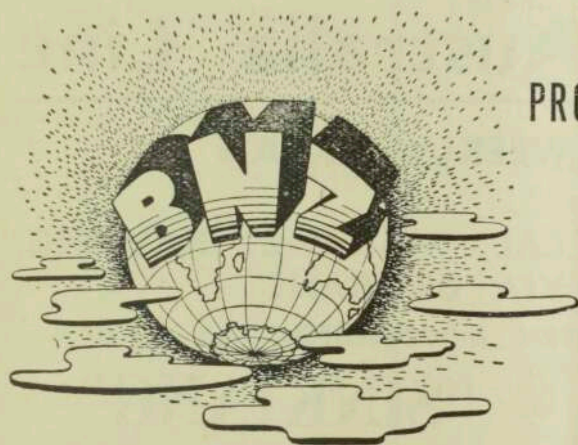
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Tofua leaves Auckland on next voyage on March 17, April 14, May 12.
Matua scheduled to leave Auckland on April 4, May 2.
Details from Union SS Co.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel Maui Pomare is scheduled to leave Auckland every month for Rarotonga and other islands in the lower Cooks, subject to requirements of trade. This vessel carries 30 passengers. Next sailing: Late March. 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 early May.
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 Polynesiens (Messageries Maritimes) and Neo Hebridais (H.

C. Sleigh, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular service between Noumea and Sydney.

N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc.

Norwegian motor vessel Thorsisle, carrying cargo and passengers maintains a regular service between North American ports and French Oceania, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Hebrides.
Details from General Steamships Corporation Ltd., 432 California St., San Francisco.

AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

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

Sun. and Thur.—Return via same route.
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)

Every Friday—Sydney - Auckland - Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is. Honolulu-Vancouver.

Every Friday—Return by same route.



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2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)

Depart: Sydney, 7.45 pm
Arrive: Brisbane, 10.30 pm
Moresby, 6.30 am
(Wed., Sun.)
Lae 8.50 am
Connects at Lae with Drover or DC3
for Bulolo and Wau, (Wed.); and (Sun.)
for Rabaul.

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

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

SOUTHWARDS

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

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

Thursday (DC3)
Lae, 9.00 am Moresby, 10.20 am

Monday, Thursday (DC3)
Lae, Monday only Rabaul-Moresby and
Monday and Thursday Moresby-Sydney.
Rabaul, 7 am Moresby, 10.20 am
Moresby, 10.50 am Cairns, 2.10 pm
Cairns, 3.10 pm Towns, 4.30 pm
(night stop)

Towns. (Tues., Fri)
8.15 am Brisbane, 1 pm
Brisbane, 1.45 pm Sydney, 5 pm

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

NORTHWARDS

(Mar. 14, 28, April 11, 25, etc.)
Sydney, 6.00 am Brisbane, 9.20 am
Brisbane, 10.20 am Cairns, 4.35 pm
(Night stop)
Cairns, 9.30 am Pt. Moresby, 1.20 pm
Alt. Sunday)

SOUTHWARDS

Alt. Fridays (Sandringham).
(Mar. 13, 27, April 10, 24, etc.)
Moresby, 6.00 am Brisbane, 3.00 pm
Brisbane, 4.00 pm Sydney, 7.20 pm.

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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LAKE-MANUS (DC3)

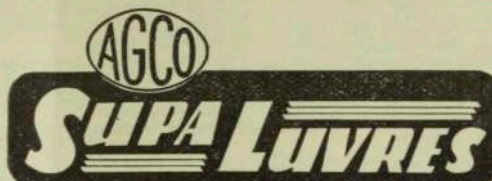
Every Wednesday.
Dep. Lae, 8 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul,
Kavieng, Manus (3 pm).
Returns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via
Kavieng and Rabaul; optional call at
Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.45 pm.

MORESBY-DARU (Sandringham)

Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional),
Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate
Wednesday; returning same day (Mar.
18, Apr. 1, 15, 29.).

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Sandringham)
Alternate Monday Dep. Moresby 9 a.m.
arr. Samarai 11.00 am March 16, 30;
April 13, 27.
Alternate Tuesday (following day) dep.
Samarai 9.00 a.m. arr. Moresby 11.00
a.m.

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PAPUA-NEW BRITAIN
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Alt. Mon. (Mar. 23, Apl. 6, 20, etc.)
—Pt. Moresby - Samarai - Esa'ala*
Losuia, Rabaul.

Alt. Thu. (Mar. 26, Apl. 9, 23.)
Rabaul-Esa'ala-Samarai-Pt. Moresby.
* Calls Losuia, Esa'ala monthly only.

RABAU-MOEWE HARBOUR

Alt. Tue. (Mar. 24, Apl. 7, 21, etc.)
—Rabaul-Jacquinet 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-Jacquinet Bay-Rabaul.

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

Alt. Wed. (Mar. 25, Apl. 8, 22, etc.)
—Rabaul-Queen Carola Hbr.-Buka-
Inus-Kieta-Buin.

Alt. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Inus-
Buka-Queen Carola Hbr.-Rabaul.
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arriving 10 am.

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.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (Drover)

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

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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

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(dep. 6 am) — Finschhafen — Rabaul —
Torokina (Bougain.) — Vellalavella —
Yandina — Honiara, BSI (arriving
4.25 pm).

Tue. (Mar. 17, 31, Apl. 7, 14, 28, etc.)
Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vella-
vella — Torokina — Rabaul — Finsch-
hafen — Lae (arriving 3.15 pm).

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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

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etc.), returning same day.

9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham

Flying Boats: Mar. 17, 31, Apl. 14,
28, etc.).

Depart:

Arrive:

Sydney, Alt. Tue.,
6.30 am Noumea, 3.05 pm
(nightstop)

Noumea, Alt. Wed.,
8.00 am Vila, 10.35 am

Vila, 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, 3.05 pm
(nightstop)

Noumea, Fri.,
8.30 am Suva, 3.00 pm

Suva, Sat.,
6.00 am Noumea, 10.30 am

Noumea, 12.30 pm Sydney, 7.30 pm

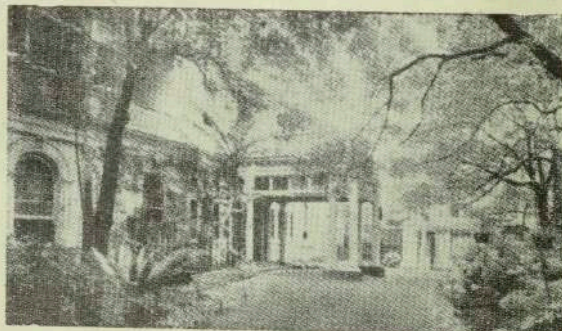
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11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

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12. Sydney-Auckland

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
on., Wed., Thu., Sun.—Dept. Sydney 12
midnight, arr. 8.30 am following day.
ed., Sat, Sun.—Dept. Sydney May 7.30
am, arr., 4 pm.
aily—Dept. Auckland 8.30 am, arr.
1.30 pm.

13. Sydney-Wellington

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
p. Sydney 10.30 pm weekdays, arr. 7.30
am following day.
p. Wellington 10.30 am Tue., Wed.,
Thu., Fri., Sat., arriving 3.45 pm.

14. Melbourne-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC4 Skymaster
urs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'ch.
8.15 am next day.
i.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5.35
pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents.

Dep. Auckland Mar. 24, 28, Apl. 5, 9,
25.
Return to Auckland on following days
except March 30, which leaves an extra
hour later).

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

16. Fiji-Western Samoa

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents.

Dep. Suva March 29, Apl. 25. Return to
Suva on same day.

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

17. New Zealand-Chatham Is.

During the summer services be-
tween Auckland and Waikato Bay,
Chatham Is., via Wellington, will be
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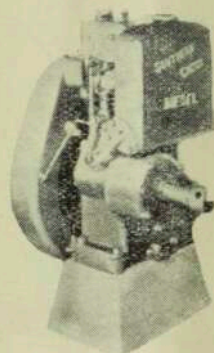
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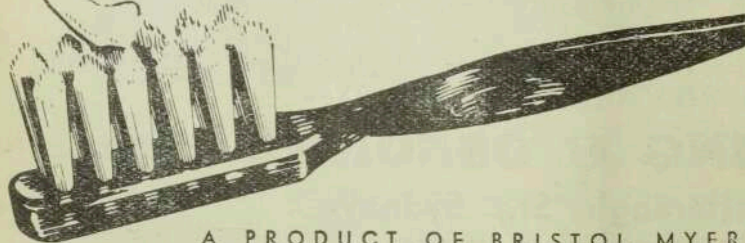
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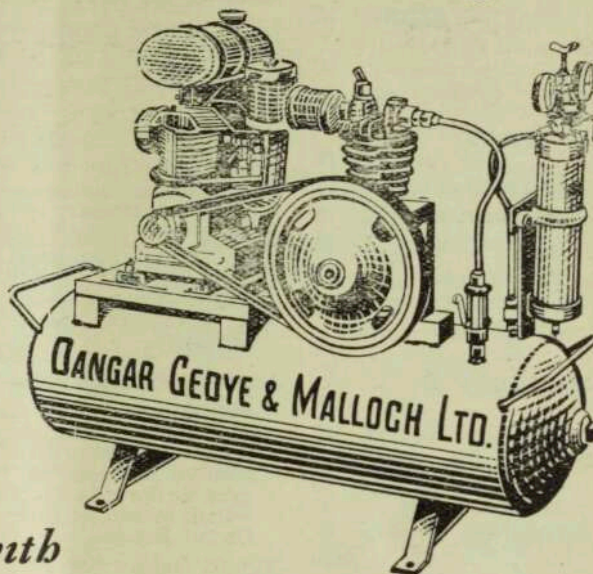


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Stalin Dies As Anglo-American Union Takes Shape

THE kind of silliness which governs the popular outlook on international affairs was illustrated in Sydney when the Russian dictator died on March 7. The *Daily Telegraph*, with more impulsiveness than sense, prepared a news-poster: "Stalin Dead—Mooray". When the printing-house staff saw this, they refused to produce the poster. The editors—quite rightly—said they would not be dictated to by the typographers; and there was a strike. The poster did not appear: "Joe's" passing was announced in more sober fashion.

Like millions of others, the *Daily Telegraph* folk had got Stalin completely out of focus. He was neither an omnipotent monstrosity nor a leader to be revered. He was simply an extremely unpleasant incident in the tortured world produced by two World Wars.

The colossal waste of the two wars threw the world's economic system out of joint. Humanity needed three or four decades of peace and security and industry to restore the losses. The Communists were clever enough to seize this occasion to block peace, and keep the world poor and bad-tempered. Stalin was merely the head of the Muscovite conspiracy against civilisation. On his merits, he has no place in history—except that, as a mass murderer, he out-Hitlered Hitler.

The Muscovite Reds, through

high-pressure propaganda, tried to place him amongst the Red immortals, like Marx and Lenin. But Stalin did not have that kind of brain. H. G. Wells dismissed him contemptuously as a "plodder". He had the cunning of the fox—which he somehow resembled—and the tenacity of a bulldog. When Lenin was fading out, Stalin made up his mind to be dictator; and no consideration of justice, mercy or decency was allowed to stand in his way. He attained unchallenged power.

He was the outstanding apostle of Totalitarianism. The State (in his case, the Communist Party) must be supreme in every department of human life. Every vestige of individualism must be beaten into the ground. Every man and woman cherishing such things as moral law, personal obligation, human freedom, must be destroyed. All this, for the aggrandisement and enthronement of the Red hierarchy.

With patience and ruthlessness almost beyond belief, this evil man and his gang planned to use the power of their enslaved Russia and her satellites for the overthrow of Western civilisation. While the war-weary Allies, in 1945-6, disarmed and dissipated their enormous strength, the Reds retained their military organisation complete, and staged the Cold War. Beyond any doubt, they would have

hurled themselves upon the Western nations in 1948-49, had they not feared the atom bomb which America developed.

So they stepped up the Cold War—the "communisation" of Asia; the organisation of minor wars (Korea, Indo-China, Malaya) where we might dissipate our strength; the deep penetration of our politico-economic structure by Red fifth-columnists; the promotion of international and industrial unrest by every conceivable means. They have had great success. As the director of the Cold War, Mr. Stalin deserved all the leather medals which his worshippers could pin upon his paunchy little person.

But Stalin had reached the peak of his success. He could no longer avoid either Hot War, or loss of face. Since 1948, the Western world has slowly and reluctantly abandoned the welter of disarmament, UNO, brotherhood-of-man, Socialist administration, and similarly impractical idealisms, and has come back to realities.

In 1945, the United States and the British Commonwealth controlled the world (including the Muscovite set-up) and, for the sake of humanity, the union should have policed the world for a decade or two. But we abandoned our position to Russia. Now, after seven years of disillusionment, we are returning to the situation of 1945. The Western nations have re-armed; a new and realistic and strong Government has taken charge of United States; Churchill and Eisenhower have been in close conference; and even as this is written Eden and Butler, Britain's two chief men next to the Prime

Minister, are in Washington, shaping the Anglo-American union of the future. The death of Stalin came most opportunely, for Stalin.

But the crisis is not past. On the contrary, it may be only now developing. There was no successor for Stalin. The half-dozen who have assumed command, under the nominal leadership of the undistinguished Malenkov, will almost certainly begin fighting among themselves for power.

There is grave restlessness throughout all the Curtain countries. By a strange chance, the Red head of Czechoslovakia died within a week of Stalin, and the Red head of Eastern Germany is dying. There is unrest in most of the countries of Southern Asia and Middle East. Tito, head of Yugoslavia (Communist but anti-Moscow), is being royally entertained in London. Russian fighters, along the Iron Curtain frontiers, have shot down three Anglo-American planes, without provocation. General Sir William Slim, about to step on a ship, to assume the Governor-Generalship of Australia, has been called suddenly to the Middle East, where he is an expert on political and military affairs.

These seemingly disconnected incidents are all part of a pattern. The international tension is so great

that it must soon lead to something. Can the new set-up in Moscow—even if it wished it—put into reverse the enormous anti-Western organisation which Stalin created and geared? We should soon know.

MEANWHILE, Moscow's international brew bubbles furiously and noisily in Asia—too close to our northwest horizon for comfort. Even if the Western nations, led by an Anglo-American Union, can display enough teeth to keep the Red wolves away, there will be danger almost immeasurable in Asia for all the countries of the South Pacific. There are more than one thousand millions of people—the majority of them hungry—in Asia. There is room and sustenance for a large proportion of them in the South Pacific. There is no possibility of peace while that set-up remains.

Between Southern Asia and empty Australia there is a series of archipelagoes, Indonesia. Until World War II, our friends the Dutch were in control of Indonesia. During the war, the Japanese took over, and allowed Indonesian nationalism to develop. After the war, Socialist fanatics (Australia's Dr. Evatt and the Australian Communist wharf-workers union in the lead) prevented the Dutch from re-

turning to Indonesia, and set up the Indonesian Republic.

In accordance with the forecast we made repeatedly in 1946-50, the Indonesian Republic now is in a condition of increasing collapse—moral, political and economic—and, if it is left alone, it almost certainly will be taken over soon by a Communist organisation. Thus—as the map too plainly shows—there will be provided a row of Red stepping-stones from Red Asia into the heart of the South Pacific. The danger to the South Pacific cannot be exaggerated.

Stalin, as one of the phenomena of the first half of the twentieth century, gives point to the half-century's outstanding lesson: If a nation, or a combination of nations, wants peace and security, so as to give its people a real chance to live in comfort and enjoy cultural progress, it must go everlastingly armed. The tyrants of the world—to the ranks of whom, in this lifetime, we have added Kaiser Wilhelm, Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin—have shown us again and again that, until nature changes, we can place no trust in the "brotherhood of man". Surely, let us gaze towards the stars; but, if we would be free men, let us keep the sword sharp and very close to a hand trained to use it.

Another Beetle In Fiji

(See article on page 106)

SUVA, Mar. 9. FIJI'S second live rhinoceros beetle was found by a Fijian in his house at Suvavou, near Suva, and it has led to a thorough ransacking of the area at the head of Suva Harbour by a team organised by the Agriculture Department.

The beetle (another female) was found by Sitiveni Tegu who—like the Fijian stevedore who recognised the first beetle aboard the ship *Thorsisle* a fortnight earlier—promptly took it to the experts.

The whole Suvavou-Lami area is being thoroughly searched for beetles or their grubs, and likely breeding-places are being destroyed.

A large part of the Suva population of all races has become beetle-conscious. It is recognised that it would be a major disaster for Fiji if the "devastating pest" (an official phrase) should gain a foothold.

How did the Suvavou beetle arrive? One theory is that a ship from Samoa or Tonga required to move out to the stream at sunset, may have gone too close to the shore at the head of the harbour.

A BALL AT VATUKOULA, FIJI

This photograph was taken at the Bowlers Ball, at Vatukoula, Fiji's gold-mining town, on New Year's Eve. In the back row are Mr. Pat Clay, CSR overseer at Tavua; Mrs. Clay; Mr. C. Thomas, Morris Hedstrom manager at Tavua; Superintendent Jock Milne. SITTING: Mrs. Jim Turner; Mr. Turner (manager of Tavua Hotel); Mrs. Milne. Mr. Thomas is wearing the "lucky hat" which won him a bottle reputed to contain whisky.



The fact that two beetles, both capable of introducing the pest to Fiji, have been found here, within a few weeks, and obviously brought by ships from Samoa or Tonga, will almost certainly cause further restrictions to be imposed on traffic between those countries and Fiji.

The incident is a good example of the dangers, in the shape of pests and diseases, that attend the introduction of faster transport between the Islands.

New MOF Copra Price Means Million Pounds for S. Pacific

AFTER strong representations had been made to the British Ministry of Food and certain high personages of the British Government, by representatives of the Governments of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and the British Western Pacific Islands, it was announced on February 20 that the copra prices which had ruled in Papua-New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Fiji, Tonga, Western Samoa and the Cook Islands, in 1952 would be the official MOF price for 1953.

As explained in the PIM in recent months, the British MOF planned to reduce the 1952 price for 1953 by 10 per cent. (the full amount allowed under the 9-years contract). But the South Pacific Governments challenged the data upon which the MOF officials tried to act, and eventually the latter's plan was set aside.

The world price was down below the MOF price during the middle months of 1952; but the world figure was back, and well above the MOF price, at the end of the year, and in January and February.

The London quotation for Straits FMS on February 20 was £86 Stg. c.i.f., European ports, which is about 7 higher than the £65 Stg. fob. paid for S. Pacific Copra.

The retention of the 1952 price in 1953 will be worth the better part of £1,000,000 Australian to the South Pacific British and Commonwealth Territories. But, if the copra market's tendency in the future is downward, it will mean much more than that. The price for any one year cannot fall more than 10 per cent. of the price in the preceding year.

The announcements in the various centres have been as follows:

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA—To be 65 Stg per ton, fob, Port Moresby—which gives the producers the same price as in 1952. It was pointed out officially that a reduction of 10 per cent. in price, on an estimated production of 85,000 tons, would have meant a loss in 1953 of £680,000 Aust.

FIJI—MOF price to be £65 Stg. per ton, fob. Prices to producers, at Suva and Levuka: Plantation grade, £65/5/6 Fijian; FMS grade, £66; lesser gradings, from £6/15/- down to £62/15/-.

W. SAMOA—MOF price, £65 Stg per ton, fob. Rates to producers, the same as 1952.

SOLOMONS—The previous announcement of a 10 per cent. cut is withdrawn, and prices now based on the 1952 MOF rate of £65 Stg per ton, fob. Present rates to pro-

ducers are to be Honiara, £62/3/4 Aust.; Tulagi and Yandina, £63/3/4 Gizo, £62/18/4. Various adjustments in handling, etc., have brought about a reduction of 11/8 per ton on the 1952 price; and a further adjustment is forecast owing to MOF insistence on FMS instead of smoke-dried.

P-NG Copra on Free Market

WHEN it was found recently that 5,500 tons of Papua-New Guinea copra was not wanted by the British Ministry of Food, under its contract, the P-NG Copra Marketing Board sold it to Sweden at £74 Stg. per ton f.o.b. (about equal to the current European price of £86 c.i.f.).

As the MOF contract price is £65 Stg. per ton f.o.b., this means an improved return on the 5,500 tons of no less than £60,000 Aust.

It is a good illustration for South Pacific planters of the difference

between the MOF price (guaranteed for nine years) and the world price, subject to constant fluctuation. For the greater part of the period since the introduction of the MOF contract, the world price has been at least that much better than the MOF price.

Stabilisation Fund

IT was announced during the month that the New Guinea Planters Association now is instructing counsel regarding steps to be taken to compel the Australian Government to distribute, to copra producers, the Stabilisation Fund, built up over the past six years by compulsory deductions from amounts due to producers, and believed now to be over £1,500,000.

Oil Search in Papua

The Omati test drill in Papua, where the search for oil continues, now is down to nearly 13,000 feet (2½ miles). The aerial magnetometer survey of Southwest Papua (also part of the oil search) is complete. Twenty-five thousand square miles were surveyed in two months.

Tonga's Queen Shook Hands 1,000 Times



Queen Salote, of Tonga, departs from Auckland in April per liner Rangitoto to attend the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. This photo was taken as the Queen, accompanied by her second son, Prince Tu'ipelehake, and his wife Princess Melena'ite, left Auckland for Tonga in February. The Queen will return in March.

IN accordance with an old Tonga custom, the flagstaff at Queen Salote's new Auckland home was dedicated at a short ceremony on February 14.

A large gathering of Tongan people and other Auckland guests were present at the ceremony and the garden party which followed.

Three days later Queen Salote and the royal party returned to Tonga abroad the *Tofua*. The Queen will return to New Zealand shortly, en route to the Coronation.

There were some happy reunions at the garden party given at her

residence in Auckland by Queen Salote. Among the 500 guests was Mr. F. T. Goedicke (who now has the old Dutch title of Count van Astén), who resides now in Auckland, but who lived in Tonga for over 50 years. Mr. Goedicke is getting close to his 100th birthday, but still is bright and active. Former residents of Tonga were greeted by several of the little Kingdom's highest officials, in NZ with the Queen. Mr. Goedicke calculated that the Queen, who punctiliously greeted each arriving and departing guest must have shaken hands 1,000 times.

Fiji's Population Problem

Further Indian Gains

ESTIMATES of the population of Fiji, as on December 31, in the last two years, show the following:

	1951	1952
Fijians	132,889	135,887
Indians	143,332	148,882
Europeans ..	6,227	7,980
Part-Europ.	7,083	7,298
Chinese	3,581	3,719
Islanders ..	4,400	4,498
Totals	301,959	312,678

There were 6,650 Indian births, giving a birth rate of 44.69 per thousand. There were 4,983 Fijian births, or 36.67 per thousand. There were 2,004 Fijian deaths (a rate of 14.75 per thousand) and 1,325 Indian deaths (a rate of 8.9 per thousand).

EDITORIAL NOTE—Despite all the talk, the speed at which the Indians are increasing their numbers, over the total of all other communities, is the outstanding sociological fact in Fiji. The following figures are from official records:

	Birthrate per thou.	Deathrate per thou.
Fijians, 1931 ..	35.3	22.2
Indians, 1931 ..	33.4	10.1
Fijians, 1937 ..	34.4	21.3
Indians, 1937 ..	37.5	10.0
Fijians, 1948 ..	36.3	14.5
Indians, 1948 ..	46.3	9.0
Fijians, 1952 ..	36.6	14.7
Indians, 1952 ..	44.6	8.9

Two or three years have passed since the then Governor of Fiji told the Indians bluntly that, if a population problem of first importance was to be avoided, the natural increase of the Indians must fall. Since then, the rate has fallen by 2 per thousand.

SIR ALPORT BARKER POPOSES TO RESIDE IN N. ZEALAND

THE well-known former Mayor of Suva, and proprietor and editor for many years of *The Fiji Times*, Sir Alport Barker (who is about to depart for Hawaii, to attend a Tourist and Travel Conference on behalf of Fiji) has indicated that he will shortly retire from the Colony, and make his permanent residence in New Zealand. Sir Alport was married in December in Auckland, and the second Lady Barker will accompany him to Honolulu.

Sir Alport gave very many years of public service to the Colony, in the Legislative Council and in the municipality, and was a tireless worker in the many causes which he espoused. His place in Suva will be hard to fill.

STORMS DISRUPT ISLANDS' FOOD SUPPLIES

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Mar. 6.

A NORTH-WESTERLY storm, with winds to gale force and heavy seas, hit the BSI Protectorate early in March.

Little damage was done in most areas, but the small Polynesian island of Sikaiana, which suffered badly in a similar storm early in 1952, was again battered. Last year's storm resulted in a serious famine on the island before relief supplies could be landed. This year it is believed that half the bananas and manioc have been destroyed and most of the Islanders' efforts to restore their gardens have been nullified.

The District Commissioner Eastern Solomons (Mr. R. Davies), weather-bound in *Betua* at Vanikoro, is leaving for Sikaiana as soon as possible with two tons of rice borrowed from the Vanikoro Timber Co.

With the co-operation of the Government of Fiji, five tons of rice, five tons of ration biscuits, taro and coconuts have been purchased in Suva, and will be loaded in M.V. *Kurimarau* which is soon due to leave Suva. She will call at Vila, New Hebrides, to embark the High Commissioner (Mr. R. C. S. Stanley) and he may call at Sikaiana, en route to Honiara, to land supplies.

It is thought a cyclone centred near Rennell and Bellona may have caused damage in those Islands also.

The Assistant Editor of the Pacific Islands Monthly, Mrs. Judy Tudor, arrives in Rabaul by Maialta at the end of March and will visit most centres of Papua-New Guinea during April.

LONDON WIN FOR PETER YEOMANS

WHEN the competition for decorating Australia House in London on Coronation Day was finally judged, it was found that the winning design was the work of Mr. Peter Yeomans, who was the first European baby born in Salamaua, New Guinea, 21 years ago. Peter, son of Mr. Tom Yeomans, Morobe goldfields pioneer (he went in there in 1927) has been in Europe studying art, and is now on his way to the University of Michigan, USA, to take a course in architecture.

Under Peter Yeoman's plan of decoration each of the pillars in Australia House will carry the crest of a State; and included among the pillars is one specially for Papua-New Guinea, the young artist's own country.

Mr. Whittaker Speaks Out

Where Are the Promised Soldier Settlements?

THE hard-fighting President of the New Guinea Returned Servicemen's League, Mr. George Whittaker, may not always be right; but at least he stands to his guns, and the objects of his attacks cannot ignore him.

Addressing the third annual congress of his League in Lae on March 8, Mr. Whittaker pointedly described the frustration which had attended all the League's efforts to get on with the settlement of ex-servicemen in P-N.G. He reminded us that, again and again, the Canberra Government and the Territories Minister had promised that land and finance would be made available to ex-servicemen for cocoa-growing and other industries on an organised plan; but nothing had been done. There was no land and—although Australia could make a gift of £35 millions to Southeast Asia—there was no finance.

As an instance of official indifference he cited the fact that eight years elapsed before the Government did anything official to restore the land titles destroyed in the invasion—and even now progress was very slow.

He referred scathingly to the "disgraceful shacks" which still were made to serve as hospitals in Lae, Wewak and Port Moresby.

Mr. Whittaker's address covered a wide field; and, in relation to settlement, development and native policy, some of his charges were startling. Some critics said his statements were "over-coloured"; but he was enthusiastically supported by most of his members, and by League officials who commented in Australia.

As there is a suspicion that Canberra and its team of planners are much too preoccupied with native welfare, the voice of our RSL President is a welcome sound to many of us.—*Special Correspondent.*

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

Films in colour, depicting scenes in the Highlands of New Guinea, including the experimental sheep station were shown to members of the Pacific Islands Society in Sydney in February by Mr. F. J. Salisbury.

An address given recently by Mr. R. W. Robson to members of the Royal Empire Society, entitled "The present influence of the British Commonwealth countries in the South Pacific," will be repeated to members of the Pacific Islands Society, on March 26.

18 TERRITORIES TO CONFER IN NOUMEA

Special Plane to Gather 60 Native Delegates

OVER 60 delegates, representing 18 Pacific Islands Territories, will assemble at Noumea on April 16, for the Second South Pacific Conference, at the headquarters of the South Pacific Commission. The Conference is a direct link between the Commission and the Islands peoples it seeks to serve. The Conference will last about ten days and will be under the chairmanship of M. Lassalle-Sere, Senior Commissioner for France on the SPC.

SPC Commissioners from the six member Governments (Australia, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Britain and USA) will attend as observers until April 25, when the Commission's Eleventh Session will open.

Conference delegates, mostly native Islanders, will discuss problems common to all Pacific Territories, such as the conservation and improvement of land and sea resources, the relation of population to resources, marketing problems, the role of women and women's organisations in the community,

and the health education of Islanders.

Transport to Commission headquarters of delegates—who in many cases will travel over thousands of miles of ocean—and provision of accommodation have involved months of planning by the Secretariat.

Two main assembly points for transport have been established—at Sydney and a Nadi (Fiji). On April 14, a DC6 air-liner will leave Mascot airport, Sydney, for Noumea, carrying delegations from Papua and New Guinea, Solomons, Nauru, and possibly Guam and the Territory of Micronesia, as well as Mr. H. E. Maude (the Commission's executive officer for Social Development, who is stationed in Sydney) and some of his staff.

The aircraft will fly on from Noumea to Fiji the same day, and return the following morning with the delegates from French Oceania, Cook Islands, American and Western Samoa, Niue, Tonga, Fiji and Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

THE OIL WEALTH OF DUTCH NEW GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent

HOLLANDIA, March 2.

IN the most westerly corner of the Vogelkop Area, in Dutch New Guinea, lies a small town of great importance: Sorong.

Sorong, also called "the oil town," not long ago was only a small missionary outpost. Now, it is one of the most important ports of D-NG, because from there flows the "black gold" (oil) out of heavily-jungled territory. For the time being Sorong is the only important exporting town in D-NG.

The company which brought Sorong to its new importance is the Netherlands New Guinea Petroleum Company, a trust formed by three international oil companies.

One of the first steps taken by this company was to make thousands of aerial photographs of their concession. That was in 1935. A little more than a year later, at Klamono, the first well was giving up its "black gold." By now, the Klamono field has a production of some 750 tons of oil per day.

Because the Klamono wells are about 30 miles' distance from the port of Sorong, the Co. constructed a road between the two places, along which a pipe-line for oil was laid, to pump the oil to the docks. The Co. now has two more new oil-wells in eastern Vogelkop: at Masian and at Mogoi.

However, millions upon millions of guilders have had to be and are still being invested in the concession; and these expenses can only be recovered after years of fruitful exploitation.

It is said that Dutch-New Guinea possesses more oil than Borneo and Sumatra (in the Indonesian archipelago) put together. Although this has still to be proved, it nevertheless is clear that, because of the urgent need for oil in this highly mechanised world, this part of New Guinea is likely to take an important place among the oil-producing areas of the world.

Papuan Rubber Producers

KOITAKI PARA RUBBER ESTATES LTD. (20 miles from Port Moresby) has paid an unchanged interim dividend of 12½% for the half-year to 31/12/52, despite a decrease in profits.

Sangara Holdings Ltd. has been formed in Sydney, with £220,000 ordinary capital and £80,000 of 6 per cent. prefs., to take over the capital of Sangara Rubber Plantations Ltd. Sangara Cocoa Plantations Ltd. and Lamington Development Co., which owns a store and sawmill. Most of the properties are in North-east Papua.

DR. VAN BAAL NEW GOVERNOR OF DUTCH NEW GUINEA

DR. JAN VAN BAAL, who formerly held high posts in Education and Native Affairs in Dutch New Guinea, has been appointed Governor of that Territory, in succession to Mr. van Waardenburg.

Dr. van Baal is well-known in the South Pacific. He has been closely associated with the work of the South Pacific Commission and the Pacific Science Congress, and he has been a frequent visitor to Australia. He has represented the Netherlands at UNO conferences, and was elected a member of the Netherlands Parliament last September. He will take over at Hollandia on April 1.

FAMOUS SCHOOL FOR FIJI BOYS IS RE-ESTABLISHED

SUVA, March 8

BUILT at a cost of £158,000, of which the United Kingdom provided £100,000 from Colonial Development and Welfare funds, the new Queen Victoria School was opened by the Governor of Fiji (Sir Ronald Garvey) on March 5.

The original QV School was opened at Nasinu, near Suva, in 1907, most of the buildings being paid for by the Fijians themselves. It became Fiji's foremost school, but in 1941 it was turned into an Army hospital. Then it became the Teachers' Training College; while QV School remained exiled in deplorable conditions at Nanukulua, near Viti Levu Bay.

The new school is at Matavatu-cou, on the Tallevu coast, 45 miles north of Suva. Here 205 acres of land, in a setting of unspoiled natural beauty, were given by Sir Henry Scott. The school buildings, planned to accommodate 180 Fijian boys, are spacious, well-equipped and modern in every detail.

Cattle to be Dipped in Tahiti

RECENTLY the last of a series of cattle dips was completed in Tahiti. The Governor decreed, on the advice of his Department of Agriculture, that a cattle dip be established in each District and that every beast be dipped twice per month. Last dip completed was on Mr. O. Nordman's property at Papara.

PASSENGERS ON MARCH BULOLO TO N. GUINEA



Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wauchope, who have been well-known in Papua-New Guinea for the past 30 years and are now residents of Sydney, were off to relieve the manager of their plantation, Awar, near Madang.

Mr. L. D. Moloney, of Sangara Rubber Co., Port Moresby, Papua, returning after leave in Australia.

Mrs. J. F. X. Brown, returning to her home in New Guinea after holidaying with her daughter at Surfers Paradise, Queensland.

Mr. Pat Ryan, of Mandated Airlines, Lae, New Guinea, was returning after leave in Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Col. Dun, of Port Moresby, Papua, on their way home after honeymooning in NSW.



During the absence of Monsieur Biesel, chief of police in French Oceania, at present on holiday overseas, Monsieur Raoul Tessier, has been appointed by Governor Petition to take charge of the police department.

TRIBUTE TO MR. E. A. JAMES

A WARM tribute of praise and gratitude was paid to Mr. E. A. James, chairman of the Port Moresby Advisory Council, when that body held its last meeting under the old constitution on February 24. Members said he always had been a fair and broadminded chairman, and had given a great deal of personal time and professional skill in assisting the Administration in the good government of the town. Mr. James said he felt that the Council had done good work in preparing the way for local self-government in Papua-New Guinea.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

IT was calamity, calamity all the way for South Pacific copra producers—and products of most tropical products—in March, 1933. Copra had hit a new low in London—£11/12/6 per ton; and rubber was 4½d for para and 2½d for plantation smoked. But hang on, we advised producers. Shrewd advisers saw signs of a recovery late in 1933, and, maybe by way of helping out poverty-stricken planters, we gave a whole page of recipes for cooking paw-paw in various ways. In 1933, too, mining was the thing. The NG goldfields were booming and prospectors were busy in Guadalcanal, New Caledonia and Fiji. Here are some other extracts from our issue of March, 1933:—

A ballot had been held for nine claims at Edie Creek, NG (the area had been the former Administration Reserve); 1,473 (about half the European population) had entered for it and the lucky nine were: Lot 1 ("the jewel-box"), W. A. MacGregor; Lot 2, S. W. Marshall; Lot 3, R. F. C. Struben; Lot 4, J. A. Symes; Lot 5, Mrs. V. M. Giblin; Lot 6, Mrs. H. M. Rex; Lot 7, J. C. Wauchope; Lot 8, N. B. Spence; Lot 9, A. R. Rankin. Some of the lucky winners are now dead; some are still in NG; what of the others?

We pleaded for a revision of the hours of work for Europeans and natives in the Islands, saying, "A matter that should receive serious consideration is the long hours during which white people work. In some Islands, stores open at 7 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. . . . It is pitiful to see natives work in the sun in the shops during these hours". We suggested that it would be better to work from 5.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. However, no one seems to have taken notice of us—in the islands they are still working "long" hours.

The following men, most of them from Rabaul district, no doubt to the chagrin of outpost dwellers, had been appointed to New Guinea's first Legislative Council: J. C. Mullaly, planter of Rabaul; V. C. Pratt, planter of Kokopo; W. E. Grose,

planter of Kavieng; N. P. Neal, mine manager of Edie Creek; Alan McLennan, solicitor of Rabaul; B. B. Perriman, company manager of Rabaul; and R. L. Clark, company manager of Rabaul.

Papuan rubber planters had been got out of their difficulties by the imposition of an Australian Customs duty of 4d per pound on their rubber, the money collected (about £37,000 per annum) to be returned to the growers as a grant-in-aid. Formerly only foreign rubber had been subject to Australian import duties and this, in its day, had been designed to assist the Papuan planters. Australian manufacturers had wanted all import taxes removed but the Australian government stood to lose £500,000 in revenue if this were done. By putting 4d per pound duty on Papuan rubber the Government retained its half million, the planters got what they wanted, and the theory was that the manufacturers would be no worse off, as the taxpayer, in the ultimate analysis, would be the goat who would have to pay the 4d. Editorially we called it "political trickery".

Another import duty of 4d per pound, this time on butter and in Fiji, was assisting that Colony, from its 8,000 acres of dairy land, to produce from three butter factories sufficient butter to supply the entire wants of Fiji and have, in 1932, an exportable surplus of 250,000 pounds valued at £11,000.

To the indignation of BSI European residents, District Officer Filose, of Ysabel Island, had been prosecuted on 19 charges of "procuring his police boys to attack natives" and had been fined £5 on one charge and 10/- on each of the others. It was said that the District Officer was a most respected officer and that even the natives of the district, with the exception of a few rogues, were petitioning in his favour.

"The native coffee plantation and rice fields at Sangara and on the mainland behind Yule Island, Papua, are showing great promise . . . The rice harvest (behind Yule) this year has exceeded previous years and the natives who previously saw work on the plantations in the light of forced labour, recognise at last the great advantages they may gain from the industry."

AUSTRALIA'S NEW TAXES IN N. GUINEA TIMBER

UNTIL the end of 1952, timber from Papua-New Guinea went into Australia duty-free. Now, because a particular bylaw expired, it is being taxed at from 6/- to 12/- per 100 super feet.

The Wau community of New Guinea is much interested in the development of the New timber industry, and Australia's latest imposition has been received with astonishment and resentment. The Wau Advisory Council is taking steps to bring the matter before the Administrator and Minister.

It is a good example of the lack of coordination in Australian policies relating to the encouragement of new industries in Papua-New Guinea. Yet the Australian Department of Territories is required to be more or less over-run by coordinators and planners.

Timbers of similar type, from New Zealand, are admitted to Australia, duty-free.

TENDERS WANTED FOR TIMBER EAST OF LAE

QUEENSLAND timber firm, which tendered successfully in 1951 for the right to take timber on a 21,000 acres area east of Lae, was not able to complete the contract.

The Department of Territories is seeking tenders again for a timber lease. They say that in the area there are teak, rosewood, cedar, walnut and anisoptera (pale yellow weed suitable for many purposes)—an estimated total of 10,000,000 super feet.

The officials' optimism in relation to the area will have to be justified, if the successful tenderer will be required to pay heavy royalties on timber taken out, and instal a saw-mill to cut at least a million super-feet a year.

Well-known old-timer, "Skipper" A. Markham, formerly of Mar-Lagoon, Solomon Islands, and District Commissioner at Christmas Island during World War II, is now in poor health, and is mostly confined to bed. He now resides at 10 St. Davids Road, Haberfield, Sydney.

The Superior-General of the Methodist Brothers, Very Rev. Brother Wida, accompanied by Assistant General Rev. Brother Justinian, is present on an official visit, inspecting the Schools conducted by the Order, in Fiji, Western Samoa and New Caledonia.

FUTURE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

New High Commissioner's Comprehensive Review

A NEW regime in the British Solomon Islands—for long called the "Cinderella of the Pacific"—was introduced on February 22, when the new High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, who has made Honiara, in the Solomons, the headquarters of his Commission), met the members of the BSI Advisory Council. In a long address, His Excellency dealt exhaustively with the conditions of government, trading, industry, labour, transport, etc., in the Solomons. The following is a summary of some of the more important sections of his address:

The High Commissioner welcomed four new members—Chief Secretary Minnitt, Financial Secretary Macleod-Smith, Attorney-General Dalton and Native Member Salana Ga'a, of Areo, in Malaita.

In order to make room on the Council for the three new official members, Messrs. Charles, Richardson and Shearwin had resigned.

The appointment of Salana Ga'a is the outcome of Mr. Stanley's visit to Malaita last September and his meeting with leaders of the "Marching Rule" movement. Mr. Stanley then proposed that a native council, to be called the Malaita Council, be set up, representative of all the people of the Island and not just some sections. The Malaita people were agreeable but asked that they be allowed to choose a leader to be their "big man."

This Mr. Stanley agreed to, on condition that the native leader recognised Mr. Stanley's authority, worked with the local District Commissioner for the good of the people, and obeyed the laws of the Protectorate. Mr. Stanley further undertook that if the Council desired it, their chosen leader would become a member of the BSIP Advisory Council.

That is how Salana Ga'a, who was duly chosen as Malaita's "big man," now has a seat on the Advisory Council in Honiara.

POSITION OF "TRADE SCHEME"

The Government Trade Scheme (of the purposes of which there had been some misunderstanding in certain circles) set up after the war, at a time when private trading was virtually non-existent, in order to provide an essential and very urgent need.

It was never, as far as he was aware, the desire of Government to undertake trading as a permanent part of its normal activities; still less was it contemplated that there should be any discouragement of legitimate private enterprise.

"Trade is the economic life blood

of the community and it flows most freely when it is left without trans-fusions from a bureaucratic body—though such operations may occasionally be necessary, as in this case, to save the life of the patient.

"I cannot to-day speculate upon the form which the future activities of the Scheme might take, or the question of the continuing need for its existence, because these matters are still under review. But I want to assure all who may feel any doubt upon the subject that it is the Government's desire to encourage and stimulate free enterprise and healthy competition in these islands, remembering always its duty to ensure that no section of the community is neglected or unfairly treated. In the meantime, explicit instructions have been issued to ensure that the Trade Scheme conducts its business on a purely commercial basis."

LABOUR AND INDUSTRY

At the end of 1952, a total of 4,097 Solomon Islanders were employed throughout the British Solomon Islands Protectorate—2,165 of them in the copra industry. Demand for labour still exceeds supply in BSI, and Malaita is still the chief area of recruitment—although licenced recruiters obtained some labour from Tikopia and other outlying islands during 1952 and so relieved the labour shortage to an extent.

The Chief Forestry Officer who was appointed to the BSIP Government, and who arrived in Honiara last October, will shortly be joined by a second officer, who will probably be posted to Vanikoro where his special concern will be the "most economical method of ensuring the regeneration of the kauri."

NATIVE FOODS

The activities of the local Department of Agriculture since the war had been restricted by lack of staff due partly to inability to recruit owing to shortage of housing.

Native food production has been generally adequate, except in one or two areas, notably Tikopia, which were affected by storm damage, and an increased quantity of native produce is being brought to the market in Honiara, although the supply of the capital's needs is still substantially below the demand.

In Tikopia, a serious situation was caused by hurricane damage at the beginning of 1952 and relief supplies of rice had to be provided on two occasions. The critical period is now past, but food supplies will remain precarious for some time, as the island's supply of food reserves in the form of giant taro and breadfruit is exhausted and, in the event

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Forgotten BSI Airstrip As Good As Ever

NEARLY ten years ago, hundreds of US Seabees sweated day and night constructing a crushed-coral airstrip along the length of two-miles-long Stirling Island, at the extreme north of the British Solomons—and then only a few minutes' flying from the nearest Japanese airfield on Bougainville.

The airfield then built is as good as ever to-day, in the opinion of the Rev. A. H. Voyce, of the Methodist Mission, who lately visited adjoining Mono Island. Mr. and Mrs. Voyce have served their mission in this area for 20 years.

Mr. Voyce considers that a day's work would put the strip in serviceable condition for DC3 aircraft.

While at Mono Mr. Voyce had a congregation of 22 people in the Memorial Church built native fashion by the 8th New Zealand Brigade and dedicated on Anzac Day, 1944. This Brigade landed on Mono, on October 27, 1943, and liquidated several hundred Japanese.—AJS.

Fiji-Born Man In New SA Parliament

SUVA, Mar. 9.

MR. D. A. DUNSTAN, returned as a Labour member for Norwood in the South Australian elections, is the son of Mr. F. V. Dunstan, manager of the Nausori branch of Morris Hedstrom Ltd. Mr. D. A. Dunstan was born in Fiji, end educated at the Suva Boys' Grammar School and in Adelaide. For a time he practised law with Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane, the present Mayor of Suva, and is now a barrister and solicitor in Norwood.

THAT GODDAM BOY!

Orme Denny, Qantas chief in Papua-New Guinea, was lunching with some old Territorians in Sydney the other day; and they began to entertain the famous ex-pilot with stories of flying experiences in the 'Thirties. This was one of the best.

Happy-go-lucky Ray Parer was transporting mining engineer Ward Williams from some interior valley to Moresby, when suddenly the engine of the little plane began to splutter and miss.

Ward Williams did not like it, and said so. "What's the matter, Ray?" he yelled, while beads of moisture gathered on the furrowed brow.

"You know, I think that goddam boy forgot to fill the tank," said Ray, very mildly.

The boy had. They spent the night on a remote beach. No bones broken; but skins well punctured by coastal mosquitoes.

ROYALTY AND THE ISLANDERS

Preparations to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in June in befitting manner are now being made in all British South Pacific Islands. Representatives of Europeans and Islanders are to go to London and local ceremonies are being organised.

IN PAPUA-N. GUINEA

District Committees are to be appointed to direct and control the Coronation celebrations throughout the Territory of Papua-N. Guinea. A general pattern for the Papua and New Guinea festivities was drafted at a conference under the chairmanship of the Administrator, Mr. Cleland. Here it is:

Monday, June 1—Special celebrations for schoolchildren in all Territory schools.

Tuesday, June 2—Coronation Day: At or before 9 a.m.—Thanksgiving Services in all churches. 10 a.m.—Parades and reviews, and Act of Loyalty.

Noon—Tree planting ceremony in towns, mission stations, government centres and villages.

4.30 p.m.—Official receptions.

Evening—Native dances and ceremonies, and displays of fireworks.

Wednesday and Thursday, June 3 and 4—Functions as worked out by the various District Committees in line with the wishes of the communities.

Friday, June 4—Wherever possible, the festivities to conclude with a Coronation Ball.

At the conference, Mr. Cleland again stressed that he wished to have the symbolic tree-planting ceremonies carried out in every part of the Territory at the same time—at noon on Coronation Day.

An Administration officer will be made responsible for the over-all direction and co-ordination of the Coronation Celebration programmes.

The Administrator has asked local Coronation celebration committees to keep native requirements well in mind when planning festivities. It is desired to make the celebrations a focus for their loyalty and to convey the real significance of it to them.

It has been suggested that one form of marking the occasion would be to plant trees in all towns, villages, mission centres and government stations.

FIJIAN SOLDIERS

Three Fijian soldiers, who will be among Fiji's representatives at the Coronation in London in June, are now undergoing special training in New Zealand. They are:

Sergt. S. Buinisaga.

Corp. T. Noah.

Driver R. Meli.

Driver Meji saw active service in the Solomons during World War II.

Four soldiers from Fiji and eight from the 1st Battalion of the Fiji Infantry Regiment, now in Malaya, will go to London to represent Fiji in the Colonial Coronation Contingent which will march in the

procession to Buckingham Palace, after the ceremony in Westminster Abbey.

Major O. G. R. Edwards, already in London, will ride in the Queen's Escort from the Colonies.

Those selected to go from Malaya are Captain J. B. Takala, WO1 AC Kilmore, Sgt. A. Sikivou, Cpl. N. Lalabalavu, L/Cpl. S. Tukai, L/Cpl. M. Latu, Pte. J. Qoro and Pte. V. Lewaivakaca.

P-NG PARTY

Three European officers to accompany the 25 native members of the Royal Papua-New Guinea Constabulary to the Coronation:—

Inspector A. M. Sinclair (in charge of Sogeri Training Depot) in command.

Inspector A. M. Sinclair (in charge Sub-Inspector P. A. Broman.

All are officers with distinguished records.

There has been some local support for the criticisms made by Mr. George Whittaker, President of the New Guinea RSL, when the selection of the 25 constables for the Coronation was announced. He said he was opposed on several grounds to sending natives at all; but, if a contingent were to go, they should not necessarily be policemen, but should be selected strictly according to the merit of their recorded war service.

The decision to send natives has been generally approved—the argument being that it is wise to let all dependent native peoples see as much as is possible of the glory and strength of Great Britain.

The matter of sending, in addition to the police party, an official party to represent the Territories of Papua, New Guinea and North Australia, is under consideration in Canberra.—Own Correspondent.

FIJI'S ROYAL VISIT PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUVA, Mar. 8.

The Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) is chairman of a committee set up to prepare the programme for the visit to Fiji of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in December. The Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. H. W. Davidson) is deputy chairman and the other members are Ratu Sir, Lala Sukuna, Messrs. H. Maurice Scott, Vishnu Deo and W. G. Johnson, the Mayor of Suva (Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane), the Director of Education (Mr. H. Hayden), the Public Relations Officer (Mr. L. G. Usher) and, as member and secretary, the Assistant Colonial Secretary (Administration), Mr. E. R. Bevington.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Speaking Sartorially

A B-4 of Dobu Island, R.E.S.T., calls an amusing incident:

Reading "Sanasi's" recollection of trip with the late Sir Hubert Murray (PIM, Nov., 1952) telling the homeliness and unconventionality of H.E. (as he was always led) one remembers a similar incident, on a South-bound steamer some years ago.

There had been quite a flutter among some round-tripper ladies, when it was known that Papua's out-Governor was to be a fellow-passenger.

On the first afternoon out from Port Moresby, His Excellency spent the hours in a deep deck-chair, absorbed in the study of a large scientific work. He was dressed in a navy suit, white tennis shoes, and a heavy tweed cap.

Dressing bell for dinner. Excitement rising among the little group of ladies. He still sat on until with a few minutes of the dinner-bell, and then went to his cabin. Dinner ladies in evening dress, morous "hair-do" with all accessories, looking expectantly towards Captain's table. Sir Hubert came down—in navy suit, white tennis shoes, and the tweed cap tucked in his side coat-pocket.

Phoenix Is. Rabbits

The history of the old and miserable colony of rabbits on Phoenix Island, in the Central Pacific (to which reference was made in a recent issue) is provided by Mr. C. Buchanan, of Melbourne, who was with Levers Pacific Plantations Ltd. 40 years ago.

LPPL had rights over the Phoenix Islands before World War I, writes Mr. Buchanan, "and on one occasion we had to erect a gun on Phoenix Island. I well remember the rabbits."

The story is that the American skipper of a whaling-ship, which made periodical visits to the Arctic, hit on a plan to provide his crew with fresh food when on their way back and forth across the Pacific. While his ship was in an Australian port he secured a number of rabbits, and he released them on Phoenix Island, which was then uninhabited.

I do not know whether the proposed food supply was a success. I saw to my own sorrow how inedible salty they were!"

The rabbits have been on Phoenix Island at least 50 years. Phoenix is more than a large, uninhabited island-bank, covered scantily with tropical herbage.

Rate of Racial Increase

A valued correspondent points out that, in June PIM, Mr. Aimee Ragg estimated that by 1975 the Fijians numbered 250,000, and the Indians

in Fiji 350,000; whereas, in the PIM in June, 1945 (seven years earlier) the late Sir Maynard Hedstrom estimated that by 1975 the Fijians would total 180,000, and the Indians 276,000. Mr. Ragg, estimating seven years later than Sir Maynard, makes his totals about 40 per cent. more.

It could be made the subject of an interesting argument. We think Mr. Ragg was a little too liberal; Sir Maynard too conservative. Both races about doubled their numbers in 40 years. The Fijians to-day are now over 135,000; the Indians are nearly 150,000.

Gambusia as "Stock"

THE ways of petty officialdom pass normal understanding. In a recent issue we described the fight that philanthropist Hallstrom, of Central New Guinea Highlands, is having with officials concerning the introduction of Paradise Birds to Australia. Here is another example.

A member of a well-known New Guinea family was coming back to Sydney, and he remembered a request made by an Australian medico that he bring South some of the famous Gambusia fish, to be tried as an anti-mosquito measure. (The Gambusia are released in fresh water infested with mosquito larvae and, in a short time, they completely destroy the larvae.)

Dr. Strong, of Port Moresby, assisted the traveller and provided him with a jar-full of Gambusia. He got as far South with them as Brisbane. There an official pounced on him, and insisted that he could not bring Gambusia into Australia.

The traveller pointed out that Gambusia now were being taken from country to country, without objection by anyone.

The official said he classified Gambusia fish "Stock," and such animals were excluded, or subjected to a long term of quarantine. When the man would listen to neither argument nor reason, the exasperated traveller tipped his little fish into the Brisbane River where—the tidal water being salt—they immediately perished.

Crocodiles and Optomists

THIS was in an advertisement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* the other day:

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wanted to know how much an optimistic man, with no experience of tropical conditions, might expect to make out of crocodile shooting in New Guinea.

We told them.

A Map—and Mt. Rentoul

IN a recent issue of the Methodist Missions' magazine there is a large map of the Central Highlands of New Guinea. If you look at the left hand side you will see "Mt. Rentoul, 13,000 feet." I am reminded of an incident of the mid-thirties.

Before Jack Hides made his most famous patrol (Fly River to near Mt. Hagen—he crossed Ivan Champion's track just about where this new Mendi Mission is established) he had applied himself to the writing of a book, about earlier patrols. He was an amateur and was greatly helped in the job by a superior officer, Alec Rentoul, R.M. He left the MS with me. I also worked on the MS, and sent it to London; and, when Jack returned to civilisation, he was greeted with a copy of his book, just off the press.

Naturally, he was delighted, and his first copy went straight to Rentoul, cordially inscribed.

"I named a new mountain after the dear old bloke," he told me. "It looks out over those fascinating Tarifuroro people"—and he gave me a Tarifuroro axe—a beautiful thing of green stone, which I still treasure. Mt. Rentoul is only 50 miles west of Mt. Giluwe, which I think is the highest in New Guinea—13,660 feet.

It all came back to me, as I looked at that map. Jack is long since dead, and Alec Rentoul is retired and lives in Cremorne, Sydney. He has been ill lately; but underwent an operation and now is quite recovered.—RWR.

Some Bits of History

"The shipment of logs from Honiara, in the Solomons, to Australia, by the BP vessels, is by no means a pioneer effort," writes Mr. C. Buchanan, of Melbourne, who was a resident of BSI some decades ago. "While I was there, Levers sent down to Sydney 93 logs by the old *Moresby*, under Captain Voy, and other shipments followed. They were used for special cabinet-work in Sydney."

He reminds us that, on March 15, exactly 64 years had elapsed since the famous hurricane occurred off Western Samoa, when five German and American warships were lost, and HMS *Calliope* escaped by virtue of her Westport coal.

"So Tony Olsen has gone to rest," comments Mr. Buchanan. "I well remember a trip he made with us to Sydney in the *Upolu*. He and 'Russian Harry' had a real royal time in Sydney, and arrived at the wharf-side just as we were sliding out. He was a lovable character."

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 R. A. Sweet, of Guildford, England—£Stg.50, two accepted designs.
 Miss Inez R. Stinson, of Suva, Fiji—£Stg.25, one accepted design.
 Robert Bailey, of Christchurch, NZ—£Stg.25 for one accepted design.
 P. I. MacLay, of Auckland, NZ—£Stg.25 for one accepted design.
 The following is a brief description of the winning designs.
 Captain Hilder's designs—(a) A composite design depicting a portrait of Mendana to the left, a 17th Century sailing vessel in the centre background, and the Sovereign's portrait in profile to the right. (b) A view of Henderson airfield with a plane flying overhead, with the Sovereign's portrait to the left. (c) An Islands schooner lying anchor in calm water, with

Sovereign's portrait to the right.

Mr. Sweet's designs:—(a) A map of the Solomon Islands with the Sovereign's portrait to the left, and the value in a frame to the right. (b) A chart in scroll format in the centre, flanked by the Sovereign's head to the left and HMS *Swallow* to the right, with the track of this vessel's voyage in 1767 shown by dotted line on the central chart.

Miss Stinson's design:—A Western Solomons war canoe setting out to sea against the setting sun. Sovereign's portrait in oval, right.

Mr. Bailey's design:—The prow of a Western Solomons war canoe framing a portrait of the Sovereign.

Master MacLay's design:—The Arms of the Protectorate on a background of native geometrical design in black and white, with the Sovereign's portrait in oval to the left and the value beneath flanked with palm leaves.

The new stamps will be issued probably in 1954.



returning to the Islands, from Auckland:—
 Sister M. Rosalie, SJC, after four years in Auckland, returned to her native Fiji.
 Mr. E. M. Carlson, of Post & Telegraph Office, Suva, and Mrs. Carlson, returned

from leave.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Derrick, after teaching in NZ, returned home, on transfer to the staff of Suva Grammar School. Mr. Derrick is son of the author of a standard handbook on Fiji.

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Peculiar Circumstances of The Announcement

THE announcement that Brigadier Donald Mackinnon Cleland, CBE, had been appointed Administrator of Papua-New Guinea was made about February 18; and he was formally sworn in by the Acting Chief Judge, Judge Gore, in Port Moresby, on February 23.

These were pure formalities. Mr. Cleland had been Assistant Administrator since 1951; Acting Administrator since April-May, 1952, and his appointment to the chief position had been agreed to by the Australian Government in December.

Why the appointment was not sooner announced, and why the announcement was made so quietly and timidly, are questions wrapped in the mysteries of Canberra politics.

The Australian Minister for Territories, every few days, provides the Australian newspapers with "hand-outs" dealing with major matters of administration. They are entitled "Statement by the Minister for Territories." But there has been no "hand-out" covering the appointment of Mr. Cleland, and not one word reporting the appointment has appeared in any Australian metropolitan newspaper that we have seen.

There was a bare announcement of the appointment in the ABC radio news session on February 17 or 18, and a formal announcement in Port Moresby the same week; but, beyond that, nothing.

Mr. Cleland is 51. He qualified as a barrister in Perth, WA, in 1925; served during World War II in New Guinea and elsewhere, and reached the rank of Brigadier; gave distinguished service on the administrative side in Papua-New Guinea under the military occupation, and as a member of the Production Control Board, and was awarded the CBE; and from 1945 until 1951 he was in charge of the Australian Liberal Party Secretariat, and probably was mainly responsible for the only remarkable political successes enjoyed by that organisation for a very long time.

Mr. Cleland's appointment as Assistant Administrator in 1951 was attacked by the Labour Party, who called it a political job. Actually—as he has proved since 1951—Mr. Cleland has outstanding qualifications for the post, backed by personal knowledge of the Territories and their problems, gained in 1943-45.

The Southwest Pacific Territories now have three men of proved ability in the top jobs—Sir Ronald



Photograph (b) Papuan Prints) scene at swearing-in of Administrator (Mr. D. M. Cleland), in Port Moresby on February 23. The four figures in front left to right, are The Administrator, Acting Chief Judge Gore; the Clerk of Court (reading); and Judge Kelly. Behind them are Mr. Cleland, Mrs. Gore, The Rev. Mr. Randal, Father Either, and Mr. Chatterton, LMS.

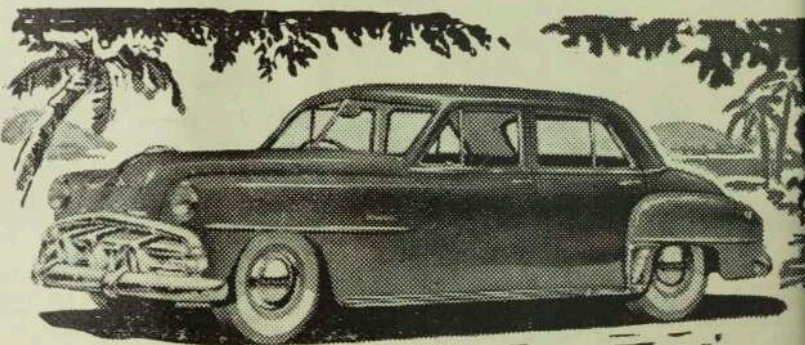
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Simple Ceremony in Port Moresby

THE swearing in of the new Administrator, Mr. D. M. Cleland, in Port Moresby on February 23, was a quiet and dignified ceremony. The oath of office was administered by the Acting Chief Judge, Mr. Justice Gore; and representatives of all the communities were present.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. Cleland formally inspected a Captain's Guard of the Royal P-NG Constabulary.

In a brief address the Administrator said that he would not deal with any serious matters of policy—his remarks were mainly personal. The following are extracts:—

"During my 2½ years here in the war period I had some opportunity of assessing the potential of the Territory, and the immense task which confronts the Administration in developing that potential, and in bringing to dependent peoples an enlightened and balanced policy of advancement and betterment.

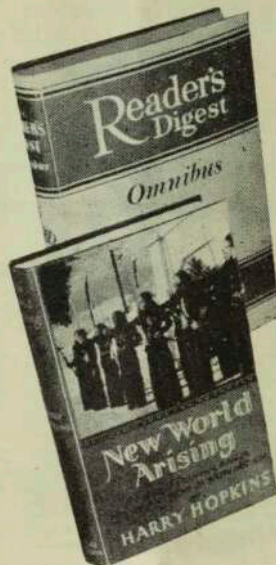
"Closer contact during the last 8 months, and under peace-time conditions, has only served to emphasise the magnitude of the task which lies ahead, its complexities, and the challenge which it represents.

"I just want to say, in the

presence of you all, that I accept the leadership in that task, as your Administrator, with pride, with courage and with humility; and in the knowledge that, whatever lies ahead, I have always at my side a very valuable partner and help-mate in my wife. Together, we

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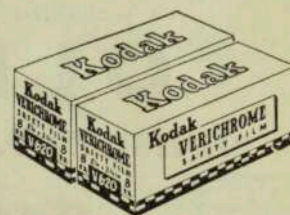
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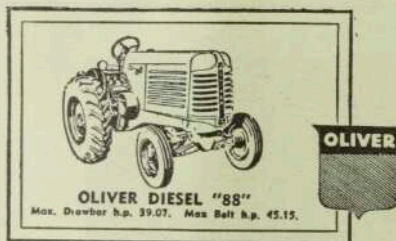


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desire to achieve in all aspects of Administration and community life generally.

"I am indeed indebted for the advice and support which I have received from all members of the Administration both here at Headquarters and in the field during the last 18 months, and also from the community generally throughout the Territory.

"It is, too, a very pleasing and happy thought to know that many of those who served with me during the military administration are now occupying responsible positions throughout the Territory. That bond of service is something which I value and cherish."

PICTURESQUE CHARACTER

Probably the most interesting native personality at the swearing-in of the new Administrator was Kabua, the veteran Supreme Court interpreter who has been an Administration interpreter for 46 years. Kabua is still hale and hearty, still at his interpreter's post in the Supreme Court, and already his son Kora has put in 15 years in the same calling as his father.

A small but very smart detachment of Pacific Islands Regiment troops was also present; and opposite them a file of Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary police, all with impressive displays of war service medals.

ANZ BANK FOR TERRITORIES

P. MORESBY, March 8.
ANOTHER bank is to open up branches in the Territory—The Australia and New Zealand Bank—at Port Moresby and Lae. They have no representative here at the moment. Staff is being trained, and contract for the buildings has been let to John Stubbs & Sons (Papua) Ltd.

NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF FIJI

MR. RAGNAR HYNÉ, recently appointed Chief Justice of Fiji, arrived in New Zealand per *Rangitoto* with Mrs. Hyné, on February 23; and they left by air for Suva on February 28.

Mrs. Alec Millar, of Vatukoula, Fiji, returned home in January from a holiday in New Zealand. She is a teacher at the European school at the Vatukoula mines; Mr. Millar is the Mines Community Officer.

Miss Elizabeth Hennings, who was ill after her heavy task on the "O'Keefe" film, spent three months at her father's home on Naitaba, Lau Group, Fiji. She is well again, and is making preparations to return to London.

Should P-NG Natives Go To Coronation?

Argument About Effect On Natives

IT was announced in February that a contingent of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary, officered by Europeans, will attend the Coronation in June. It is presumed that they will travel to London with Australian service units who are now training for the coronation procession.

There is a difference of public opinion in P-NG as to whether the contingent should be sent or not. Some residents—probably the majority—hold that it will do untold good, in that it will present to the natives the dignity, power and pageantry of the Empire and that the sight of their queen will inculcate a loyalty which hitherto has been based on something which, to them, is as remote and intangible.

However, Mr. George Whittaker, P-NG State President of the Returned Servicemen's League says that he is against a contingent of native constabulary being sent. He says that the money could be better spent in providing hospitals; and that unnecessary jaunts of natives overseas does not improve their morals. He cites the prevalence of sex crimes in the Territory at the present time.

There is some practical sense in what Mr. Whittaker says with regard to expenses; but man does not live by bread alone, and New Guinea is in danger of getting out of step with the rest of the world on the question of what natives should or should not do, just because they are natives. It is pertinent to ask: Would there be the same desire to save money for hospitals if it were proposed to send a contingent of European ex-servicemen?

Whether or not overseas junketing undermines native morals, or

is a contributory cause of crimes against European women, is open to doubt. How many of the native offenders have been overseas?

Native Peeping-Toms, native crimes against European women and children seem to be the peculiar problem of Papua-New Guinea. They may have been known in other parts of the Pacific, in the past, but to-day they are virtually unknown. Yet Papua-New Guinea is the only territory that clings to the prejudice against natives leaving their own home lot.

It is probable that whatever it is that turns the uncomplicated and unsophisticated savage of the P-NG native village into the Rabaul or Port Moresby perpetrator of a sex crime,

can be found right there in P-NG. The thing to be wondered at is why it affects the P-NG native in this fashion and not, for example, the Fijian who also leaves his village to work in Suva or Lautoka.

It seems unlikely that the sending of a Coronation contingent to London will raise the sex-crime incidence in Papua-New Guinea.

Mr. B. E. V. Parham, OBE, who has been for 20 years in the Fiji Department of Agriculture, and is a distinguished botanist and entomologist, has been appointed Deputy Director of Agriculture, in succession to Mr. W. J. Blackie, recently transferred to Hongkong.

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Dr. C. J. Austin, of Makogai, to Retire

AFTER 22 years of distinguished work as Medical Superintendent of the Fiji Leprosy Hospital on Makogai Island, Dr. C. J. Austin, OBE, is making preparations to retire.

Dr. Austin, in 1928, joined the Fiji medical service from China, where he had been a medical missionary; and, after a couple of years' service in the Fijian Districts, he took charge at Makogai. He had the good fortune to be assisted in this difficult job by a wife who took a keen interest in the social life of the isolated little community, who was well instructed in the scientific work, and who was a charming hostess to the various visitors, official and non-official.

Dr. Austin, in due course, became a world authority on leprosy, and attended important conferences in many different countries. He has personally seen a good deal of the revolution which has taken place in the treatment of the terrifying disease, through the use of the new sulphone drugs; and he has himself contributed much to scientific knowledge of the subject.

But probably Dr. and Mrs. Austin will be best remembered because of the kindness with which they

supervised the lives of the 700 or more unfortunate people committed to their care. In some ways, the lepers perhaps had reason to be grateful for the fact that their station was on one of the South Pacific's loveliest islands; but the way in which the Superintendent and his wife took care of them

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Mr. Douglas Smith has arrived in Apia, W. Samoa. He is the new director of broadcasting. He was previously on the staff of the Broadcasting Station at Hamilton, New Zealand.

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

THE last few issues of the Moresby newspaper have described attacks, and attempted attacks, by natives upon white women. A sorry business, indeed, and reminiscent of the 1937 days in Rabaul, when cases of a similar nature became so rife that the "Citizens Association of New Guinea" was formed, and some very plain speaking took place between the official and non-official residents of the town.

The Administration's defence has invariably been that the women themselves are more or less to blame by a laxity in their behaviour in their own homes.

The Citizens held the opinion that the "kid-glove" policy of the Administration is a contributing factor to the natives' behaviour towards white women are concerned. Personally, I think more harm is done than we realise by allowing P-N-G natives to roam about the southern cities on their own. There was a time when the strictest supervision was given to natives visiting Sydney and other centres. In fact, for a period these trips were forbidden altogether, and even the highest officials were not allowed to take south a native, male or female, without looking after the babe. Then, when the regulation was relaxed, all sorts of safeguards were imposed. Such precautionary measures seem to have gone into the discard now.

There is no need for going into details of what contacts these natives make when wandering round a big city. Suffice it to say that they return to the Islands, invariably, with a lower opinion of white women than that which they held originally held. Whose fault is that?

I never heard of a single case of assault, or attempted assault, on a white woman during the German regime. It was a problem with which the Germans were not faced. At those years of safety have now passed; I am afraid that no amount of watchfulness or disciplinary action will bring them back again.

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Commissioner of Police Grimshaw, according to the Moresby report is "disturbed by the licence" of white women after being attacked by natives. He is reported as saying: "This is a serious state of affairs which must be stopped". He refers to reticence. History repeats itself. In S. W. Ed's *The Making of Modern New Guinea*, which is a recognised textbook on matters sociological, he makes lengthy reference to these attacks as they occurred in Rabaul 1937, and in a foot-note (p.251),

he writes: "In March, 1937, the Administrator made a forceful plea to the white women of the Territory that they suspend their personal feelings and testify against any native who might have given offence. Couched in phrases of duty and civic virtue, the address was productive of a flurry of confessions, and charges were brought against certain natives".

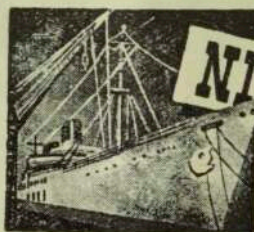
I know one of the reasons for reticence at that time was the inclination by some officials to give a native the benefit of the

doubt, and no woman would appreciate that attitude in those circumstances.

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For some months now there has been an agitation in P-N-G to re-introduce permits for shooting birds-of-paradise. I have written in favour of this before. Now I see the Director of Agriculture in P-N-G, my old friend Larry Dwyer, states that the law will not be altered until an "expert" has investigated the whole question.

Why "experts" are always being called in when there are government officials of long standing and expert knowledge, is beyond my comprehension. It gives one the idea that officials make a point of



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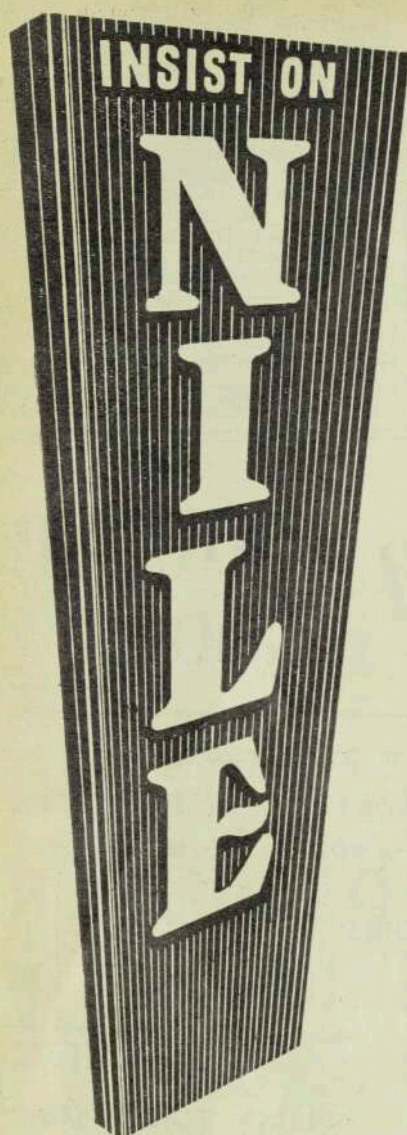
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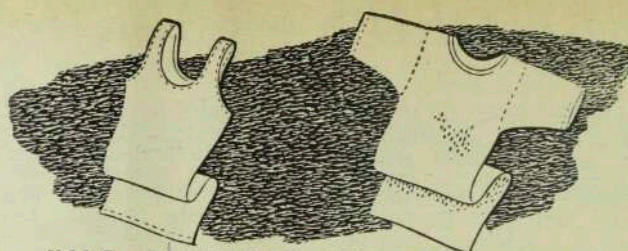
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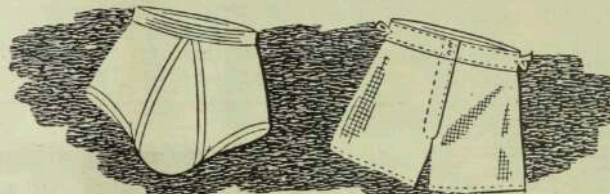
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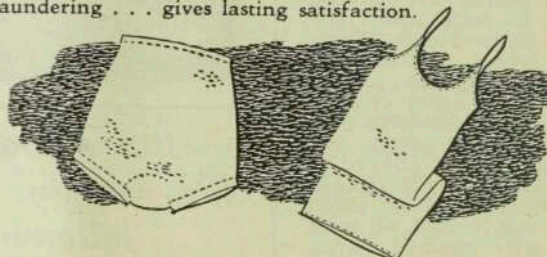
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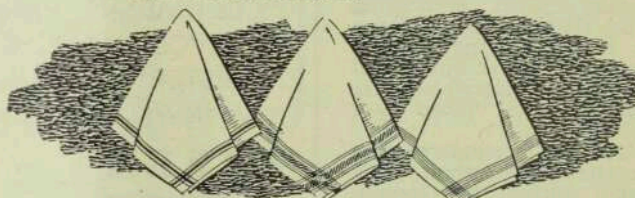
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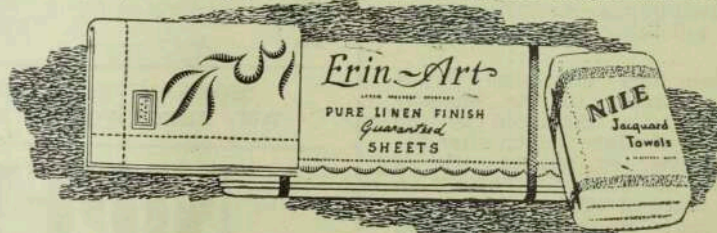
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passing the buck in contentious matters.

A writer in the *Post* who is a member of the Royal Australian Ornithological Union heartily endorses the present protective laws and remarks: "The general public in the British Empire would no more sanction a return to a legalised plume trade than it would to a revival of slavery;" and then he speaks of the cruelty of the plume trade. Such a remark is indicative of the extent of his knowledge of the methods used in obtaining the plumes. Such a policy worked out to its logical conclusion would ban the killing of any birds or animals. Personally, I should like to see, firstly, a ban placed on the killing of human beings, so going away with war.

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The Asiatic question seems to be causing some concern in New Guinea. There are letters and editorials which reflect a certain uneasiness.

I am sorry to see them. It all arose from a statement suggesting disloyalty amongst the Rabaul Chinese, of whom a section was alleged to remain seated during the playing of the National Anthem at a picture theatre. Such a disregard of the niceties was perpetrated years ago in Rabaul; but nobody took very much notice of it because it was done through ignorance, rather than with intent to insult. Anyway, it is a common thing—unfortunately—to see dozens of Australian children sitting, walking or running about, in country picture theatres, during the National Anthem. This is not disloyalty so much as ignorance and lack of discipline.

Per capita, I should say, the Rabaul Chinese are as loyal as the rest of the non-native population. Dangerous disloyalists would scarcely be so dumb as to invite trouble by disregarding the National Anthem.

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Noticed the name of "H. Spanner (an Islander), Coogee" at the end of a letter in a Sydney paper last month. It is many a year since I heard of Harry, who was a well-known identity in TNG, latterly with some properties on Lavangoi (New Hanover). In his letter he was questioning Dr. Mowll's qualifications for commenting on the non-existence of communism among New Guinea natives. I agree with Harry.

At the same time, I doubt very much whether Security (assuming it does exist in P-NG) takes very much notice of what even Dr. Mowll tells newspapermen when he arrives home from a tour. The

Archbishop may know his China of 30 years ago, where he was Assistant Bishop; but P-NG, no.

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Strangely enough the day following Dr. Mowll's statement (February 2) Bishop Tom Wade, who had arrived in Sydney from Bougainville, was quoted as saying: "Bougainville natives would not adopt communism," and adding that there was always the fear of it coming to the Islands, but the natives were happy with the present administration. Bishop Wade is a man who has lived in those parts for some 30 years, and knows his native. He is one of the few whites who has had the privilege of being initiated into the Ndook Society of Buka, and his native name means "Pig's Neck"! May sound a bit undignified for a Bishop, but it's an honoured name amongst the BUKAS.

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Irvine Douglas, well-known journalist, returned to Australia from overseas, is turning out some readable political articles for a Sydney paper. I first met him in TNG in 1933 when he was attached to Minister Marr's party, touring the Territory after opening the Legislative Council at Rabaul. Douglas is a hefty bloke, well over

six feet, and everywhere he went the natives accepted him as the Big Fella Masta—which was rather embarrassing when they ignored the Minister and centered their attention on a mere newspaper correspondent. But Douglas was equal to the situation.

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Encouragement of Kenaf Industry in Papua

From Our Own Correspondent.

P. MORESBY, March 8.

ABOUT 15,000 acres have been earmarked for kenaf production in the Oro Bay region of the Northern District. This land, together with some hill country, is included in lease applications granted to Mr. R. A. Colyer, the pioneer figure in the kenaf tests still in progress near Port Moresby.

In co-operation with the Administration he was responsible for the first importation of kenaf seed, and tests have been going on for a couple of years by both the Agricultural Department and Mr. Colyer, the latter working on commercial tests on Eriama near Port Moresby.

Eriama has been the proving ground for the crop and this year's harvest is being taken off and decordicated. Meanwhile, the Agricultural Department has its own kenaf plots for test purposes and seed production.

Eriama production has been stepped up from 26 tons last year to an estimated 60 to 70 this season. A new and improved method of decordication is resulting in much higher quality fibre; but already Territory-grown kenaf fibre has produced sample wool sacks equal to the best jute packs.

As yet very little has been released regarding kenaf plans for

the Oro Bay area, but no doubt in time Mr. Colyer and his associates will have some interesting news.

Meanwhile, at Eriama, there are some 900 acres suitable for kenaf, which at present is yielding about a ton of fibre to the acre.

The Commonwealth Government and the Administration are definitely fostering this new in-

dustry. The Oro Bay leases tell their own story; and now Ministerial approval—and that of the Commonwealth Inter-departmental Works Committee—has been granted on developmental work at Oro Bay.

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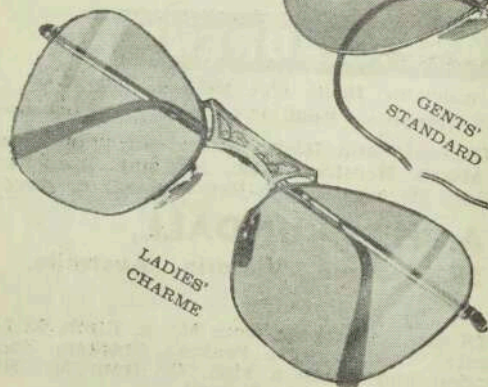
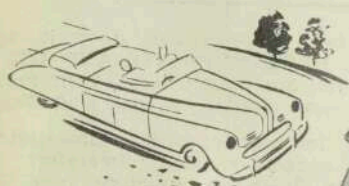
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'RED TONKS' OF THE NEW HEBRIDES

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By VERNON WHEATLEY

AFTER living in the New Hebrides, one must consider the population question.

Of course, the largest community are the natives. The New Hebrideans are usually craggy and rough-hewn, only a few decades removed from the Stone-age. They are not over-burdened with brains, and they are usually dirty. The rawny, muscular type tires rapidly; the wiry type seems able to work harder.

After a year or so away from the home patch, the average native requires some "savvy." But has also become cunning.

Almost every island has its own language, and some characteristic. Anna natives, for example, have a reputation for treachery. Paa-uma and Epi natives are versed in herbal arts, which include poisons. Malekula natives are sullen. (It is said that Central Malekula natives still practise cannibalism). Aoba natives are happy; and, because of their finer features, the women are much sought after by Europeans as mistresses. The same applies to the Banks Island natives, in a lesser way.

NOW we come to the Tonkinese. France has done a great disservice to the New Hebrides by making these one-time indentured labourers French citizens. Originally they came out as contract labour to French interests on plantations. Their fare from Indo-China was approximately £20 per head. They travelled like cattle, and, once here, they were treated like cattle. The Tonkinese, therefore, do not like the French.

Then came the war and transport difficulties. The French Government could not then repatriate them; and, when this could be done, the fare had gone to nearly £200 per head. The individual planter could not—and legally could not be forced—to pay the extra and the French Government did not feel like finding the difference.

So there the matter rested until a band of militant Tonks marched to the French Delegation and demanded repatriation or civil rights.

The French Government then made a monumental error—probably the worst ever executed in the South Pacific. It passively granted citizenship rights to all the Tonkinese.

In a recent conversation with the editor of the *Pacific Islands Monthly*, I mentioned the Tonk-

inese women, who are hard at it, building up the Tonk population. Mr. Robson was astounded when I told him that Tonkinese women had come out with their husbands and families. So I will repeat my words.

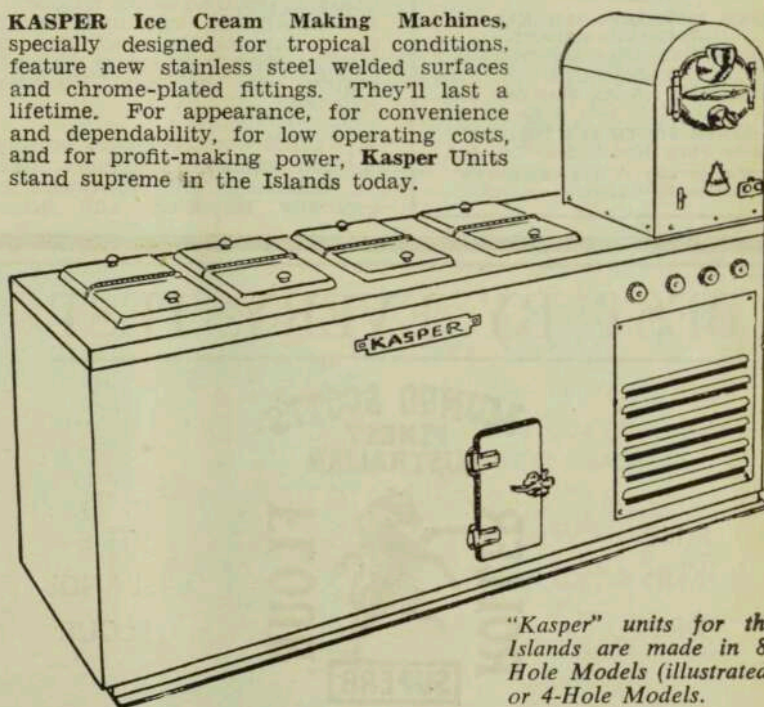
Tonkinese women came out to the New Hebrides either as in-

dentured labour or in the company of their husbands. In some cases they brought families. Now, with full rights of French citizenship, they are breeding merrily away and, in time, will become an even greater menace than they are now—and all under the benevolent eye of the jolly old Condominium.

Pertinent footnote: Most Tonkinese are Communists. Their greeting to one and all is "Comrade," irrespective of colour or race. Most Tonk stores display a lithograph of Stalin either behind the counter or in a back room. Whenever the French Forces in Indo-China meet with a check or defeat, the Santo Tonkinese stage a mild celebration, with fireworks. French officials, with a peace-at-any-price attitude,

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There are no reliable figures to show just how many Tonkinese are living in the group, but a census would be most unreliable because the race breeds prolifically here. Some of the children, first of the New Hebridean generation, are already married, and doing quite well, thank you. So the group can look forward, with the greatest of confidence, to progressive increases in the Tonkinese population as time goes by.

Personally, I would say that there are at least a couple of thousand in the Group; and, if there is not, there soon will be.

Tonkinese live, for the most part, by running hole-in-the-wall native-trade stores, most of which specialise in selling pure or adulterated grog, running legitimate taxis with illegitimate prices, and other rackets. A few indulge in legitimate occupations; but, for the most part, the average Tonkinese serves no useful purpose in the New Hebridean economy.

UNLIKE our Tonkinese brothers, the Chinese are more stable citizens. The old-timers are generally respected, and behave

themselves. A few have been caught sly-grogging; but, for the most part, the average Chinese is law-abiding. In my couple of years in the Group only a few sly-grog convictions were recorded.

This can be caused by two things. Either the Chinese wish to remain in the clear, being a very weak minority, or (as it was put to me by an official) the Chinese who do sly-grog are invariably caught. . . . only the figures seem innocent. . . . Ten Tonks are convicted against only one Chinese, it is only because there are ten times more Tonks selling illegal liquor than Chinese. It is hard to say.

Some Chinese, by the way, are under French protection, but the majority are under British rule.

It is only fair to record here that many French and British nationals have been convicted of sly-grog offences and many more who are suspected will ultimately be caught. It is not an exclusive Asiatic racket.

Some of the younger Chinese would be better employed out of the Group. Some of them are good fellows, and are likely to do more good than harm to the group. They all have, it is to be understood, an eye to the main chance, as is usual with Asiatic residents of the Pacific. In this, the Europeans cannot complain, for some, both French and British, are either in active or passive partnership with Chinese. Some of them are connected with large commercial interests operating in the Group and run their partnership as a sideline, totally unconnected with the interests they regularly serve.

At this writing I cannot see the Chinese ever getting a stranglehold on the New Hebrides like they have in Tahiti. There is too much heavy commercial artillery operating in the Group—companies of long-standing with large assets. Infiltration tactics, as usually practised by the Chinese, would be hopeless.

New Chinese are admitted to the Group only if they are related to existing residents.

A type of Chinese the Group could well do without is, fortunately, only in the minority. They are instantly recognised by the weird and distressing shirts they sport, and are as noisy as a working cattle-dog. They operate £100 cameras (which they will sell for £300 at the drop of a hat) and feature photography in the Port Said manner—really ripe, I assure you! Who said Marseilles had a monopoly on this business? Their trading tactics are on a par with Captain Kidd and it is possible to buy interesting watches from them. These watches have big-name dials and cases, but, alas! the contents are spurious—made in China or Japan. Naturally they sell for the big-name price, in keeping with the best traditions of spivdom.

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small majority—which is just as well for the Group in general.

SOME private French employers imported labour on their own initiative. One experimented with a group of Italians. This laudable effort fell flat—unfortunately, because the scheme had possibilities.

Another, with a small band of Tahitians, also missed fire. This planter imported both male and female labour, but the immigrants evidently did not like the conditions of their employment. The planter finished up by hawking them around the town at so much a head in an effort to recoup the losses incurred in their fares. I do not know much about this particular scheme, but the fact remains that the French Government's sympathies appeared to be with the runaways. A few Vallis Islanders are now in the group, but I fancy these importations are French-Government sponsored; or at least, have contracts approved by the French authorities.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Margaret O'Sullivan, who was on the Port Moresby staff of the Commonwealth Bank for two years, to Mr. John Brown, of the Administration staff, Port Moresby.

Two Fiji police officers—Inspector Jioji Suguturaga, a Fijian, and Sub-Inspector Walli Mahomed, an Indian—are being sent to the Hendon police establishment, in England, to undergo training in a course for senior detectives.

Mr. Ian L. Gray, new headmaster of the Presbyterian high school at Onesua, New Hebrides, left Auckland in February. He went first to Fiji, to inspect mission educational institutions; and he will visit all stations in the New Hebrides.

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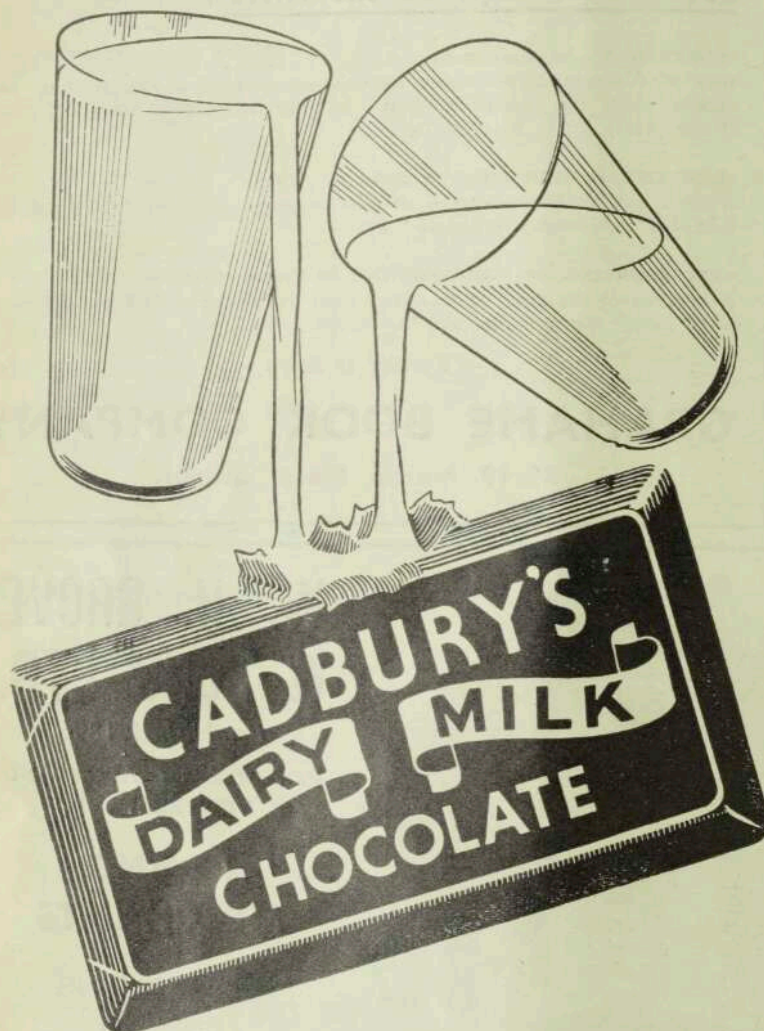
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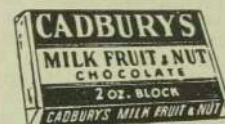


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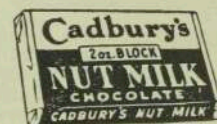
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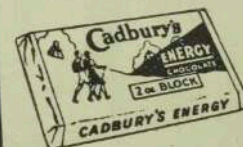


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For copra sold, the Board got £759,833. It paid £584,662 to the planters, and no less than £113,972

to the BSI Government, by way of export duty at the rate of about £10 per ton; and then showed a profit of £23,629.

Someone has to keep the BSI Administration going and, as BSI—unlike Papua-New Guinea—has not got a rich uncle in Canberra to lavishly subsidise the government, the Territory's only industry, copra production, has to bear the burden. When, on top of this export duty, the BSI planters are also mulcted in heavy income taxation, there is considerable bitterness engendered.

At the end of 1951, the BSI Copra Board had an accumulated profit of £63,374. By now, at the same

rate, it must be close on £100,000. It will be interesting to see what becomes of it.

What with export tax and income tax, there is no fortune for copra producers in the Solomons.

Mr. Keith Marlow, of Fiji Builders Ltd., Suva, was in Auckland on leave in February-March.



Island Travellers

Passengers who arrived in Auckland by Maui Pomare in January included, left to right: Mr. R. M. Keke, building over-see for NZ Ministry of Works at Niue during the past 15 months, was transferring to Apia after leave.

Mr. G. Cowan, Mr. Dominique Peyroux and Mr. T. Pittman to attend colleges in NZ.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Macquarie on leave from Rorotonga who were met by Mrs. K. Walton and Valerie.

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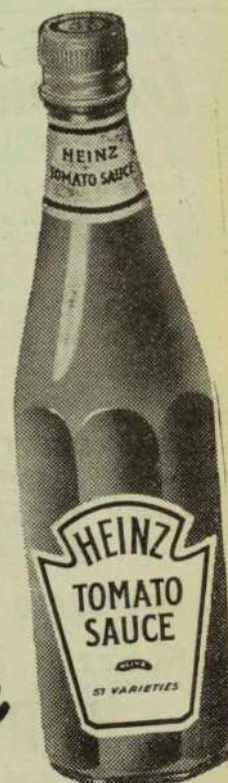
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NEW AUSTRALIAN ARMY POST ON DNG BORDER

WHEN Captain Ray Baxter, of Australian Northern Command, returned to Brisbane in mid-February he reported that his party of 28 Australian Army engineers had, in four months, built an army post at Wanimo, in Northern New Guinea.

Wanimo is on the sea-coast, north of Aitape and just on the Australian side of the Dutch border. Before the war it was an Administration patrol post. It is about 40 miles from Hollandia.

It has been suggested that the establishment of a military post at Wanimo is connected with coast-watching and the possible infiltration of Indonesians from Dutch New Guinea. This theory is discounted by Authority, which speaks of the post's weather-watching functions ("first contact with monsoons building up north of NG and sweeping down on Queensland") and the opportunities afforded there for training the native troops of the Pacific Islands Regiment.

However, Territories residents, who probably did not know before that Queensland's cyclones originated in Wanimo, and who hitherto have only known of the place as a native village which was the jumping-off place for DNG in the old bird-of-paradise hunting days,

can put their own construction upon the creation of the new post.

According to Australian Navy and Air Minister there will soon be an increase in sea and air patrols over the whole area from Manus to Darwin; there will be two battalions of native troops; and the formation of a new coast-watching service.

Old Territory residents, who know what it is like to be left out on the

end of a limb in the matter of defence, will no doubt be glad to hear of these plans.

Captain Alex Frame, formerly a pilot with Trans-Oceanic Airways left Sydney in February to Join Air Tahiti, which has resumed operations in French Oceania with four small flying-boats.

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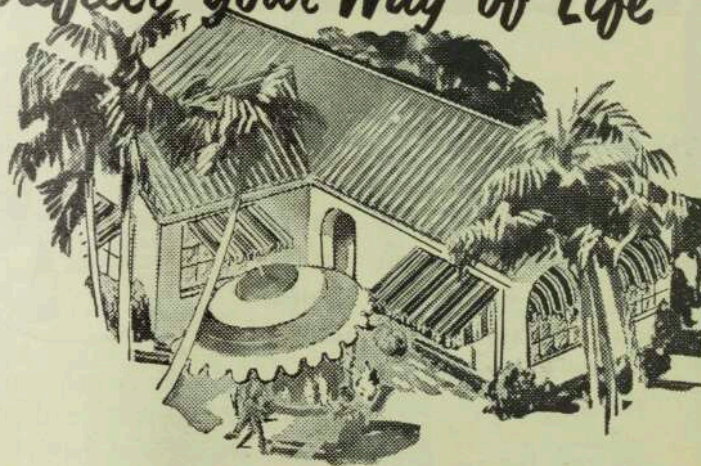
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OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TO RECRUITERS

WE have had opportunity of examining a file of documents relating to a series of incidents in 1949-50, when Mr. C. K. Johnson, of Lae, a recruiter for the New Guinea Planters' Association, was compelled to take action against certain natives.

Mr. Johnson had persuaded the natives to accept employment contracts; but, before he could complete all formalities and send them on their way to Rabaul, other natives—some with official status—interfered and tried to induce the recruits to back out of the contracts. In one case, the persons who interfered were a medical tulul appointed by a medical mission body, and a native constable. The tulul was fined, and the constable disciplined.

Some people claim that there is a growing reluctance on the part of minor officialdom in P-NG to assist recruiters in getting labour for the plantations. It is alleged that some officials try to influence natives to avoid private employment, and to work only for the native co-operative societies. A commentator, writing to us from Lae, says:

"Investigation would, I think, indicate that—

1. The NG Co-operative Societies are of two kinds—(a) a coercive movement towards Collective Farming and Collective Marketing of produce; and (b) Plain business for profit (although I was recently told by an official that the latter are not recognised as official co-operatives).

2. Some Administration officials and Missionaries would go to any length and take measures against personal liberty if thereby they could enforce the policy of the Co-operative movement."

Another correspondent says that the Administration will take no steps to protect recruiters against arrogant and unlawful interference with native labour contracts by native minor officials. If an appeal is to be made to the courts it has to be done by private prosecution; in which event the Administration automatically provides the prosecuted natives with legal help. More often than not, that help is more skilled than the prosecutor can afford to hire—in other words, the prosecutor brings against himself the machinery of the Crown Law Department.

It is an interesting sidelight on the operation of the organisation introduced in the 1945-50 period by the Ward-Murray regime for the rassment of private enterprise and the protection of the native against "exploitation by soul-less employers."

It is not the official policy of the

Administration to discourage engagement of native labour by private employers; but, under some conditions introduced in 1945-50, and also through the influence of certain mission bodies, the recruitment of labourers by private employers in P-NG is becoming increasingly difficult and costly.

For the first time in American Samoa, the principle of universal adult suffrage was used in the elections to the new and reorganised House of Representatives. The Western Samoan Government sent observers to study the elections, which were held quietly and without incidents.



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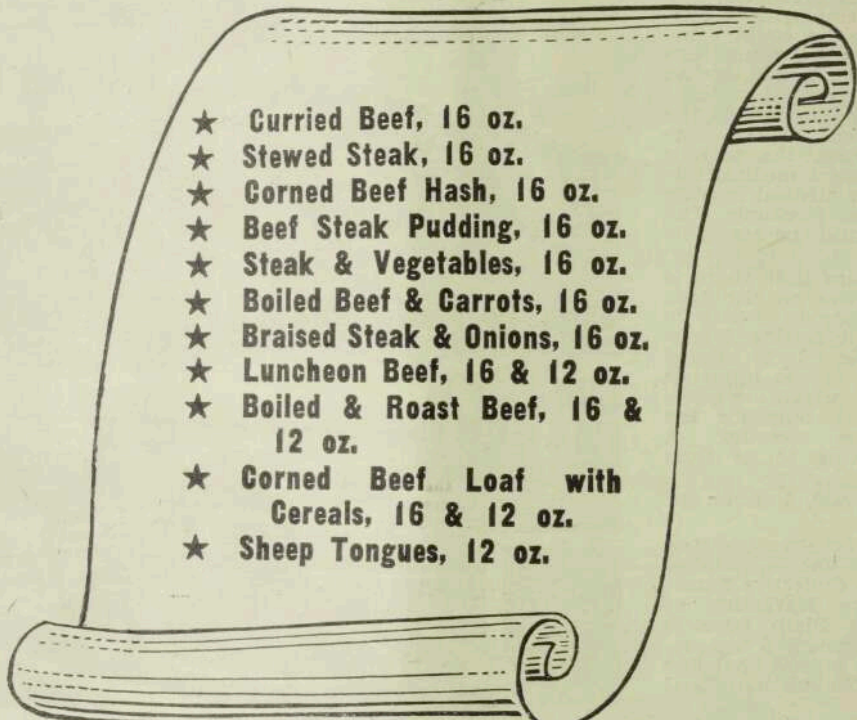
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The Rev. Arnold and Mrs. Stackhouse, seen at Katoomba with Mrs. A. E. Ker, with whom they stayed when recently visiting Sydney en route from England to New Zealand, where they plan to settle.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION OFFICERS

P. MORESBY, Feb. 20.

ANOTHER 20 Education officers are to be engaged in Australia for Papua-New Guinea. Of these, 10 are to do a one-year course at the Australian School of Pacific Administration in Sydney before taking up duty in the Territory. The others will have to go direct to their jobs without benefit of ASOPA.

There is now to be a regular intake of Education cadets. Those who have acquired their teacher's certificate will be given a year at ASOPA before they see the Territory; but others, who still lack a certificate, will do a year's course at a Teachers' Training College before going on to ASOPA.

Life is made easy for these young people. There is something to this quip about being born thirty years too soon!

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Clark, of New Zealand, joined the staff of the Levuka Public School in February.

and he and his family are well-known to many "Kai Vitis." Their son John and recently-married daughter, Hilda, are settled in Wellington, NZ. Their son Harry, with his wife and four young daughters are at the Woomera Rocket Range, Central Australia; and daughter Mary is teaching in Sarawak.

Queensland Government has announced it will subsidise the Torres Strait MOP industry by £1,500 in the coming season. A school for divers will be established at Thursday Island in an effort to improve the work of the Torres Strait Islander divers now operating the industry there.

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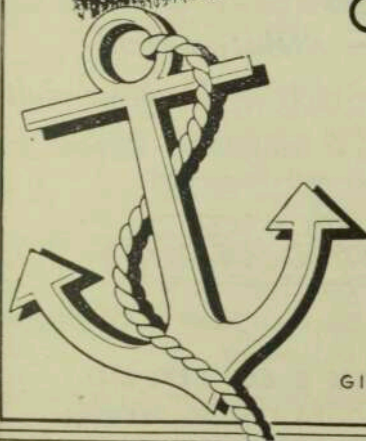
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TYPES OF HOUSES FOR PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent.

PT. MORESBY, Feb. 20.
RABAUL, with traditional individuality, has plumped for a type of house known as the "H" design, and the first is to be

erected on the site of the pre-war dwelling of Mr. Justice Phillips.

These Administration homes are planned on the basis of sacrificing frills for floor space. There will be somewhere around 16½ squares, but no louvres, glass windows or wall linings. Rabaul folk apparently want lots of space, and are content with shutter-type windows and single walls.

The "H" design is in the shape of

a flattened "U" with one of the "U" bends cut short. This short side will contain a kitchen, and the a store room; a large living-dining room lies at right angles, and the other "U" arm bend contains the bedroom wing, with three bedrooms and a bathroom. Not much has been said about the cost, but it will probably be about £5,000.

In Port Moresby, shutter-type windows and unlined walls are much in disfavour as being too reminiscent of the temporary converted Army-hut dwelling, and "comfort" has come to be gauged largely by the number of windows and/or louvres, and the inside finishing of the dwelling.

In a year or so it should be possible to see just whether Port Moresby or Rabaul selected the best design for the tropics.

Home-building is getting under way in Rabaul, insofar as the Administration is concerned—five dwellings are to go up on Namanul Hill, and eight more at Kereva. Private builders have long been busy in the Rabaul area.

Mrs. G. Reitz, wife of an American Lutheran missionary in New Guinea, took a special nursing course at a missionary college during her recent visit to the United States. With Mr. Reitz and their two children, Phillip and Heidi, they arrived in Sydney by PAA clipper in mid-February and will shortly return to New Guinea.

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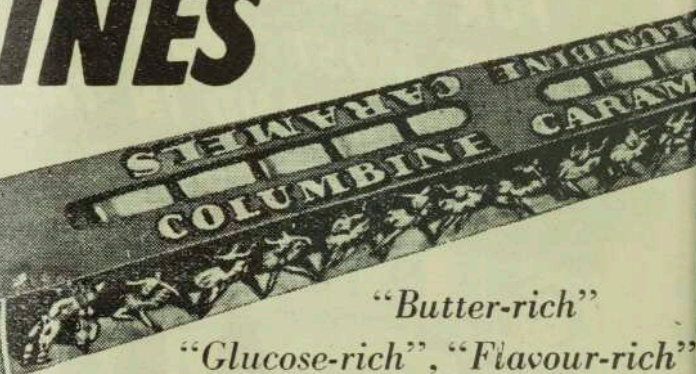
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AND E. NATIVES RE TAXED IN COPRA

An Ordinance to Provide for the Taxation of Landowners" dated December 24, was the Western Pacific High Commission's Christmas present to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

There are 27 inhabited atolls in the G and E Colony; the economy of the Colony (apart from Ocean Island) since the war and the gradual elimination of private enterprise, has been largely carried on by a Government trading organisation and the native co-operative societies (Tangitangs); and the natives now enjoy a large and increasing measure of self-government.

Except for Ocean Island's phosphate, copra is the staple product of these atolls. Britain is trying to make the WPHC Territories bear their share of the cost of their own administration; and now the taxation of the G & E Colony has been put on a copra basis.

Each inhabited island (or atoll) of the groups has been allotted a share of copra which it must, each year, deliver to the Government. The native Island Council divides the tax among the landowners, according to its local knowledge; and any landowner who fails to deliver his allotted amount is punished by fine.

The allotments are made according to population. The two most populous islands of Abemama and Poteuea must each provide 53 tons; Abaialang, 46 tons; Tarawa 42 tons; Butaritari, 40 tons; and so on. Newly-settled Sydney and Gardner, the Phoenix group, are allotted 10 tons and 1 ton, respectively.

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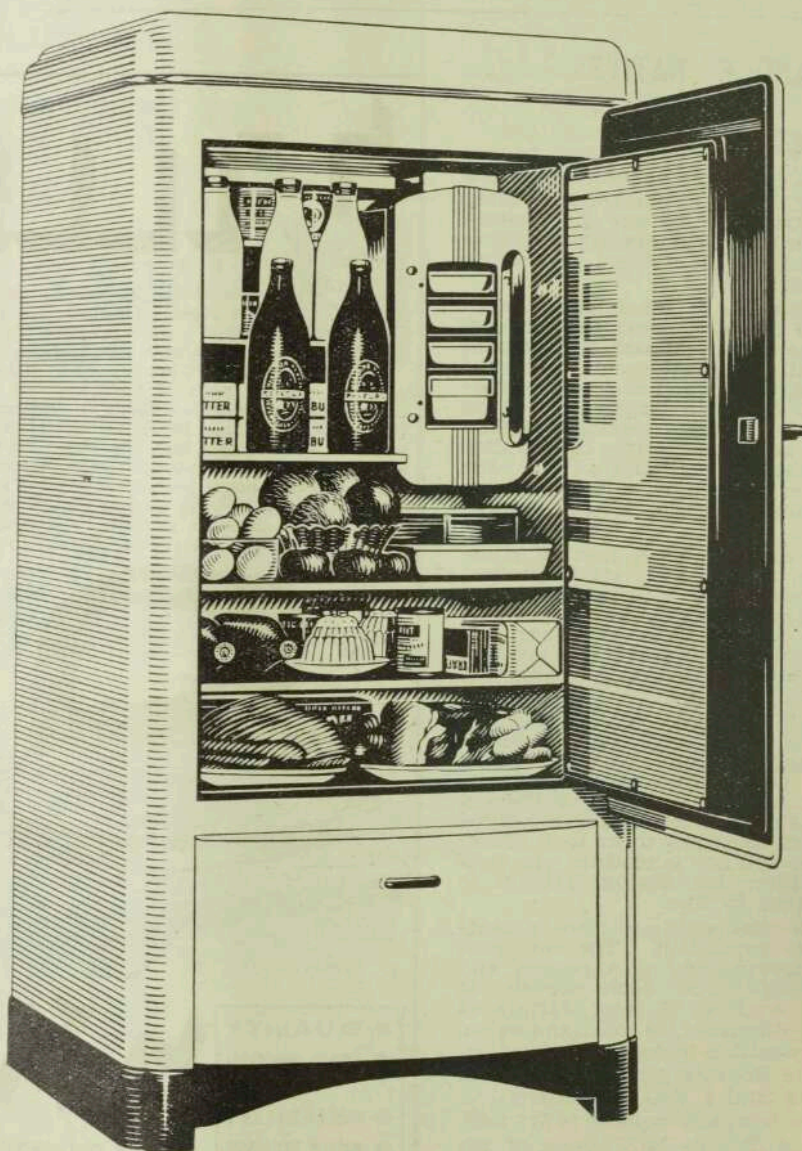
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From Our Own Correspondent

HOLLANDIA, Feb. 4.
WHEN plans for Biak, the island off the north coast of Dutch New Guinea, become a reality, the island will be unrecognisable to Australian servicemen who knew it as an Allied base during the war. When it was an endless pattern of white coral, criss-crossed by airfields from where planes took off to bomb the Japs.

Biak now is a stopping place on the Royal Dutch Airlines Constellation route from Sydney to Amsterdam. When KLM opened the service in December, 1950, accommodation for passengers on their overnight stop at Biak was very poor. Plans were immediately made for the building of a hotel to cost \$10,000. The hotel will have 46 twin-bedded rooms, dining room, offices and lounges with large windows with magnificent views over the sea. The building contract has been let to an Amsterdam firm and all material has been specially mite-proofed so that the voracious local white ants will not eat the building down within a few years. A pumping plant will supply the hotel with water and a tennis court will provide exercise for

passengers. The hotel was prefabricated in Holland, work began in Biak last November and it is expected that the hotel will be officially opened by July, this year.

The hotel is only part of the development plan for Biak. The 6,900 ft Mokmer airstrip where the big planes land will be improved and covered with an impregnated layer of asphalt and new terminal and air-radio buildings will be set up. Over 50 permanent houses for airport staff and government officials will be built, as well as a post office and hospital.

Lastly, Radio-Omroep-Nieuw-Guinea, the Government broadcasting service now stationed at Sentani, near Hollandia, will be removed to Biak at the end of this year. Sentani is not suitable for radio transmission. A new radio transmitter which is 20 times as powerful as the present unit at Sentani is now being built in Holland for the new station at Biak.

More Cattle for N. Guinea

From Our Own Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Feb. 20.

COCONUT Products Limited of Rabaul (Carpenters) have imported another large consignment of cattle from Australia for their plantations in the Gazelle Peninsula. These arrived on the *Lautoka* early in February from Cairns. They are Shorthorns from the Mt. Garnet district in Queensland, and several Zebus from Fiji—the company's second consignment from Fiji during the last two years. It is hoped to cross-breed a type of cattle specially suited to tropical conditions. The firm has already made great progress in re-establishing cattle on its various plantations.

A son, Christopher John, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Siegart, of the CSR Co., Tavua, at Lautoka Hospital, Fiji, on February 9.

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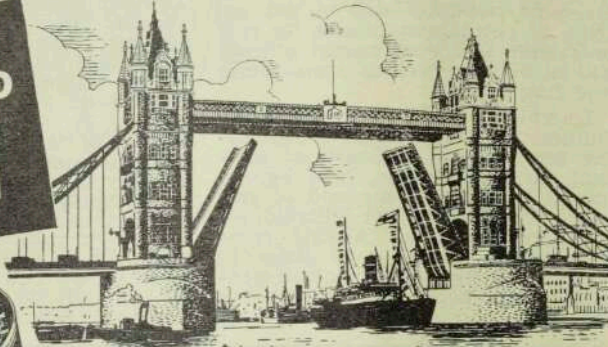
A PHILATELIST Society was recently formed at Lae, New Guinea, with Dr. B. S. Bruce as president, Mrs. F. Frost as vice-president and Mr. F. G. Hoeter as secretary-treasurer. The Society hopes to establish contacts with

other philatelic bodies for the purpose of exchanging stamps among members.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Clay, of Tavua, Fiji, entertained their friends before Mrs. Clay left for New Zealand in early February to take their two daughters to boarding school.

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From Our Own Correspondent

NORFOLK IS., Feb. 11. A RECENT call for labour, to open up the watercourse across the Common at Kingston interested a few workers, and a good job is being made of chipping out the water hyacinth which was blocking the drain. Wages are now £2 per day; a similar call in 1948, when wages were 14/- per day, probably accounted for the fact that few workers turned up on that occasion.

Workers employed by the Government are now receiving the basic wage but this means, of course, that the cost of running the Island now is an embarrassing amount and in consequence more money must be raised by various forms of taxation. The islanders are not happy about this either—but it is just a matter of cause and effect.

The sole direct tax in the past was 6/- per day for nine days in lieu of nine days' work on the roads. This has now been put up to £1 per day for nine days; but it is a safe bet that everyone will still pay rather than work.

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Mangola Off Reef

From a Special Correspondent

THE Burns Philp freighter *Mangola*, which went aground on a reef off Kar Kar Island (near Madang, NG) at 1 a.m. on February 8, was pulled off by the BP motor vessel *Malaita* on February 15. Damage to the *Mangola* was apparently slight and she continued her voyage.

Mangola was travelling from Manus Is. to Madang through Twelve Mile Passage when, in a tropical downpour, she struck the reef. She was assisted in the early stages by

On February 14, *Malaita* was successful in moving *Mangola's* bows 40 degrees, but two attempts at towing her off the reef snapped the tow. At about 9.30 a.m. on February 15, when the tide was at its highest peak, and when *Malaita*, which had again taken up the tow lines, was shortening the distance between the two ships, *Mangola* slid off the reef and, momentarily uncontrolled, looked like running onto another reef. The situation was saved by Captain Harry McNaughton in the small motor vessel *Jocey*, who was able to take up the *Mangola's* heavy lines and head her towards the open sea.

Full credit for saving *Mangola*

from the reef must go to Captain B. Hilder, of *Malaita*, and Captain McNaughton, of *Jocey*, and their officers and crew, who worked hard and long in conditions which were not good and were often dangerous.

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TOP: The "Mangola" lying on the reef, with Kar Kar in background. The "Bulolo" on the right, with a hawser fast to stranded ship. Photo taken by Vernon Wheatley from "Malaita" (left foreground).

BOTTOM: The "Mangola," a minute after she slid off the reef, after pull by "Malaita," to which hawser is still attached.

The tug *Tarra* and the BP motor vessel *Bulolo*, which arrived on 9th. between 9th and 13th, when she left, *Bulolo* made several unsuccessful attempts to pull *Mangola*. *Malaita* arrived on the scene on 12th and took over from *Bulolo*. *Mangola* had been carrying 1,400 tons of copra plus general cargo, and an attempt was made to lighten her by shifting some of this to the *Malaita*. A considerable amount of copra was also jettisoned from *Mangola*.



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Why P-NG Laws Were Altered

From Our Own Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Mch. 3.
A NEW Amendment, in effect on March 1, requires employers of natives to issue rations instead of paying cash.

Money payments in lieu of rations will be allowed only on permit from a District Commissioner. These may be granted to two classifications of casual workers—those competent to purchase their own rations, and to those who source of supply are readily accessible to those living during employment in their own villages where there is sufficient native foods. In certain cases, "group" permits may be issued for workers residing in villages near their employment.

Permits will not be issued freely. The general intention is that native employees should get rations instead of money.

Too many natives employed in towns have been living on a diet of bread and "lolly water," and Friday night pay-money has frequently been squandered in gambling. Many casual labourers are not competent to make a division of wages into legitimate spending money and necessary food purchases—they have about as much capacity to feed themselves properly on a cash allowance basis as would a small European youngster given money instead of meals.

The change from getting cash of over 30/- a week to 20/- or so a month is a big jolt for these natives. But in their own interests and that of the race, something had to be done to stop the bread-and-lolly-water system, plus scrounging and malnutrition after Friday night gambling spree.

Some reports indicate that, once the natives are convinced that it is a Government decree and not an employer's idea, they are resigning themselves to the change.

What is needed now is a general round-up of "hangers-on", who haunt town boy-houses and sponge on their relatives. Port Moresby in particular, has far too many of these shrewd gentlemen, who find cadging easier than working. The issuing of rations will not solve the problem of inadequate feeding, if there are four or five pairs of hands dipping into standard ration.

Time-honoured family and kinship obligations make it particularly difficult for a native to refuse to share his earnings—cash or rations—when the experienced spongers turn up at the boy-house.

A lot can be done if householders will make sure that their boy-houses are not being used as free soup-kitchens by the deliberately unemployed.

VETERAN MISSIONARY BISHOP APPROVES

Approval of the system of restricting cash payment of wages to natives was expressed by Bishop Wade, of Bougainville, New Guinea, when addressing a semi-public meeting in Sydney in February.

The Bishop said that the majority of native labourers were improvident, and had to be cared for. If they were simply given cash in return for their labour, they very quickly spent it, or were robbed of it, and were soon in distress, or ill-nourished. The money they earned should be handled for them in such a way that they were guaranteed food, education and care when sick.

Anglican residents of the Sepik District of New Guinea have discussed plans for building an Anglican Church at Wewak. The site has been chosen, and a drive is on now for funds to purchase building materials. The labour will be on a voluntary basis by church members.

A daughter, Patricia, was born at the European Hospital, Madang, NG, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Briggs on January 27. The Briggs family, who lived at Angoram, on the Sepik, are well known in the Territory.

Mr. Eddie Lund, of Tahiti, and Mr. John Harrington, of Aitutaki, returned home per TEAL Solent on

February 17 from Auckland. Both had been on business visits to New Zealand.

A former All Black footballer, Mr. F. G. Hobbs, of Christchurch, New Zealand, has arrived in Apia, Western Samoa, as accountant to the NZ Reparation Estates, succeeding Mr. W. L. Edwards, who died in December, 1952.

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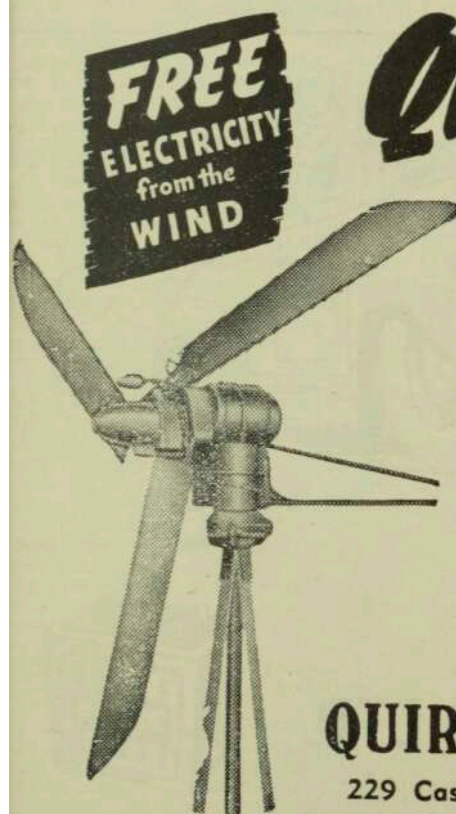
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The sum of £500, given by an anonymous donor for secondary school scholarships for Papua-N. Guinea primary school students, will be spent on two 5-years endowments. These have been awarded to Barry Moore, aged 11, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore, of Bulolo, and to Ian Spencer, aged 12, whose parents operate Raulawat Plantation, on the North Coast of New

Britain. The former is now at All Souls School, Charters Towers, Queensland, and the latter is a student at the Slade School, Warwick, Queensland.

Father van de Walle, a Dutch missionary, recently passed through Australia on his return to his work in the Solomon Islands, where he has been stationed for 19 years.

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P-NG COPRA, RUBBER WILL BE OFFICIALLY GRADED

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, Feb. 20.

COPRA inspection and grading will come into operation soon at all Territory ports. The Copra Grading Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council in 1952 has received the assent of the Administrator, and regulations will be approved shortly.

Similar legislation for the inspection, grading and packing of rubber will be introduced in the Legislative Council this year. It is understood that it will provide for inspections to be made at the plantations, not at the main ports, as with copra. This legislation was suggested by the Planters' Association of Papua in an interview with the Territories Minister during his last visit to the Territory.

James Joseph Kenny, who recently arrived in NSW from New Guinea, appeared in the Sydney Central Court on February 21 on a charge of falsely pretending that he was Dr. J. J. Kenny, in charge of a 60-bed hospital at Abau, Papua. It was alleged that Kenny had attempted to obtain medical equipment worth £1,472 from Watson Victor Ltd., of Sydney. He was remanded on £300 bail.

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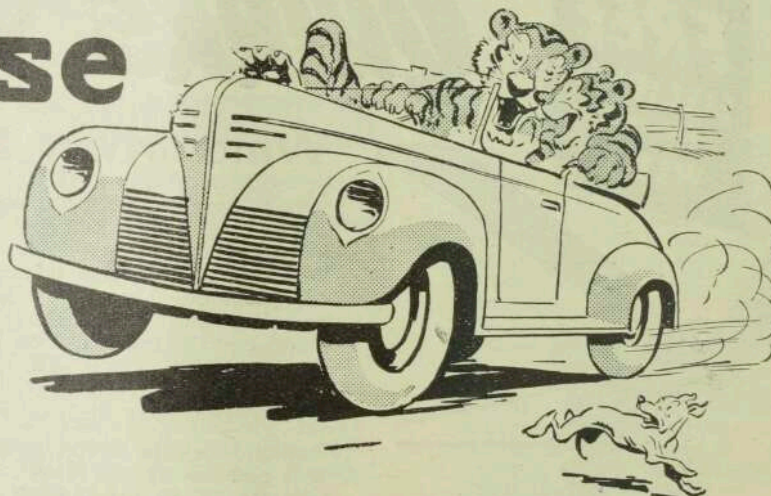
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NZ Criticism of Islands Fruit Causes Commotion

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, Feb. 20.

THE commotion at Suva when reports arrived that New Zealanders were criticising the quality of bananas exported from Fiji had some amusing angles, but was also encouraging.

It is clear that New Zealanders, banana-starved for years and specially since the 1952 hurricane wiped out the Fijian plantations, have a grievance; but to place the blame on the right shoulders is not easy.

First, the local Agriculture Department, metaphorically lifting its hands in horror, pointed out that although a considerable part of New Zealand's banana imports goes from Fiji, supplies are also provided by Samoa, Tonga and Niue; and that in Fiji the shippers have inspectors at every banana-packing post, that the shippers themselves receive a bonus for every case of bananas that reaches New Zealand in really good condition, and that, at the Suva wharf, a proportion of the cases are opened and tested.

Simultaneously the PRO photographer, Mr. Rob Wright, came up with an illustration. While on leave, he had seen in an Auckland shop some deplorable, "pig-feed" bananas which were said to be from Fiji. But he discovered that they had come out of a case with a Tongan label, and had been ripened by being stacked round an electric light bulb inside another case.

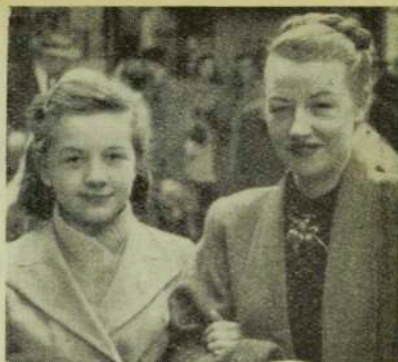
On the day following New Zealand's complaints, the *Tofua* was at the King's Wharf loading bananas for Auckland. Also at the wharf was Fiji's Governor, Sir Ronald Arvey, in company with the Director of Agriculture (Mr. C. Arvey), and other officials. Sir Ronald looked into things briskly and knowledgeably. He then met Union Co. officials and went on board the *Tofua* to inspect the ship's modern refrigeration system. On that day (February 5) the *Tofua* loaded only 7,000 cases at Suva, presumably because the chronic shortage of fruit-cases continues to restrict shipments.

Now come more reports from New Zealand which indicate that Samoa is on the mat for shipping bananas of inferior quality. At the same time, although some of the hard words about Fiji have been quietly withdrawn, Fiji's banana exports are not entirely exonerated. Whatever the cause, post-war islands fruit (not necessarily from Fiji) has declined in quality as much as it has increased in price. A suggestion has been made that all cases of bananas exported should be clearly labelled "FIJI", thus putting the onus on the in-

dustry as a whole to maintain the highest possible standard at all stages, with the one alternative of facing the consequences at the consuming end.

Mrs. A. Hurley, after spending three months with her daughter in Auckland, returned to Suva in February.

AT RIGHT: Mrs. B. Esposito, of Lae, New Guinea, and her daughter Lesley, who left for NG after holidays in Sydney by QEA on February 17. Mr. Esposito is on the staff of the Papua and New Guinea Supply Co. (Lucas and Ducrow), at Lae.



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A WEDDING IN WESTERN SAMOA



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Western Samoa, to Mr. R. F. Rankin, of New Zealand, who is a well known school-teacher in Samoa. Misses Frieda Keil and Theresa Stowers were bridesmaids; Pritta Forsgren and Judy Meredith were junior maids; Mr. William Philpott was best man; Mr. Hans Kruse was groomsmen; and Andy Forsgren was page boy. There were entertainments at the Alcazar and at the Forsgren home. The photograph shows the wedding party.

AIRCRAFT TROUBLE AT MADANG

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, Feb. 10.

A MANDATED Airlines DC3 aircraft crashed on landing here to-day while trying to avoid a Qantas DC3 aircraft. No one was injured but the MAL plane was extensively damaged.

The Qantas plane had entered the runway as the MAL plane was approaching to land. The pilots of the respective aircraft and the control-officer disagreed as to what instructions were given. An inquiry is likely to be held and until officials arrive from Port Moresby the Madang airfield is likely to be closed as the MAL plane is in the middle of the runway.

Appeal for Dutch Flood Victims

From Our Own Correspondent
HOLLANDIA, Feb. 4.

RELIEF committees have been set up in Dutch New Guinea under the leadership of the Acting

Governor, Mr. N. Makkes, to collect funds for the flood devastated areas of Holland.

Mr. Makkes has appealed in Malay and Dutch over the Government radio system to the people of Dutch New Guinea and urged them to give all they can to the appeal.

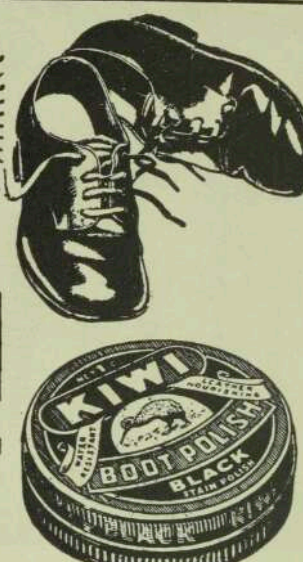
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A PEREGRINATING NUISANCE

Ten UNO Officials on Picnic Tour in South Pacific

HAVING spent a few days in Nauru (held jointly by Britain, Australia and New Zealand under Trusteeship), a "Visiting Mission" of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations was due in Rabaul on March 13. It intends to spend four or five weeks visiting various centres in New Guinea Trust Territory. It proposes to depart from Port Moresby on April 6, and to visit Australia and New Zealand before going on to Western Samoa, another Trusteeship Territory. The members of the Mission are:

Mr. Enrique de Marchena (Dominican Republic) (Chairman).

Mr. Leon Pignon (France).

Mr. Najmuddin Rifai (Syria).

Mr. N. A. C. Mathieson (United Kingdom).

They are accompanied by the following members of the United Nations Secretariat:

H. Wieschaff (USA) (Principal Secretary).

J. Lewis (USA).

L. Haug (Norway).

A. Allanui (Syria).

M. Milchin (UK).

Miss M. L. Winnette.

The P-NG Administrator (Mr. Ireland) met the Mission in Rabaul, and then left the Acting Director of District Services (Mr. A. A. Roberts) to accompany the party on its tour of the Territory.

EDITORIAL NOTE—This is the second visitation of the kind which the South Pacific Trust Territories have suffered in recent years. Such visits have no practical value whatever; but the cost of transporting our Mission members and six secretaries on what is merely a gorgeous official picnic is very heavy. The P-NG Administration bears part of the cost, and the whole of the inconvenience and disorganisation involved in showing these useless people around. Judging by their past utterances and their record, at least two members of the party (representing Dominica and Syria) probably will seek assiduously for conditions and incidents which they can base a howl at the next Trusteeship Council; and, from past experience, none of the South Pacific Trusteeship countries (United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand) will get any real help from this peregrinating nuisance. The United Nations organisation appears to be following the pattern and the course of the ill-starred League of Nations; and the proceedings at the Trusteeship Council in the last two or three years certainly heighten that impression.

TRIBUTE TO EDGAR LEETAG

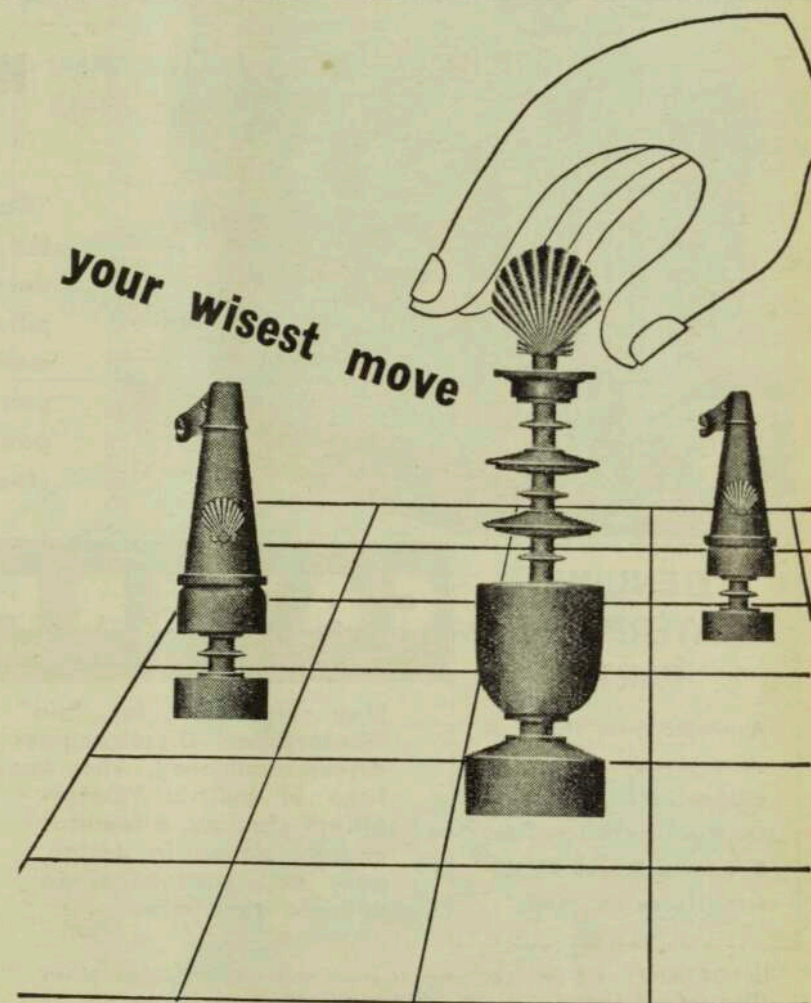
By CHARLES MCPHEE

I LEARNED with deep sorrow of the death of Edgar Leetag, killed in a motor-cycle accident in Tahiti. He was a successful artist; but we who knew him best will never forget his intriguing personality, his sincerity and his extreme generosity.

William Edgar Leetag, an American, was drawn to Tahiti over 20 years ago, and was fascinated by that new world of native grace, and poetical charm, and decided to remain there. He was an artist, and his early years had been a time of bitter struggle. Then, in Tahiti,

he developed a new technique—painting on velvet—and he made a remarkable success of it. As time went on—and especially of late—there was a growing demand for his work. Not long ago, his "black velvets" were selling at from £50 to £100 each; and I am told that, already, their value has doubled.

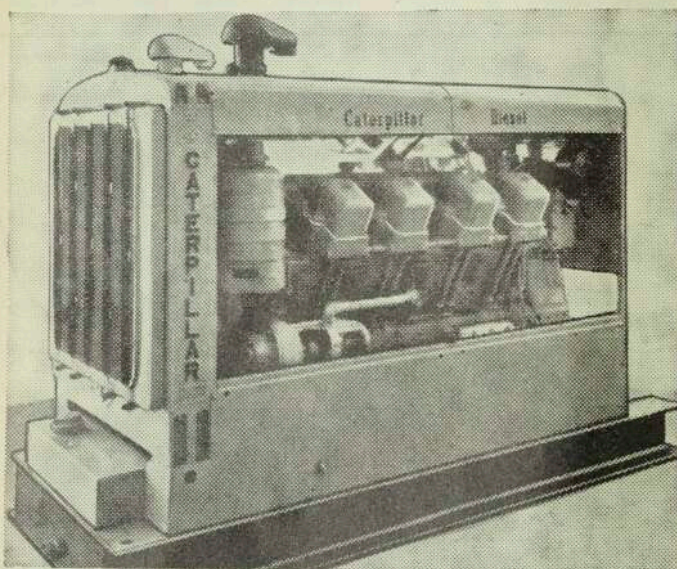
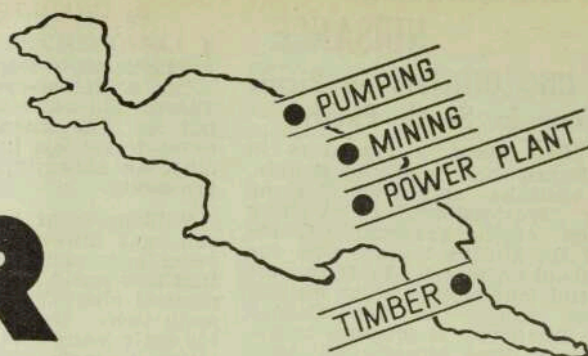
Although Papeete perhaps knew him best as a wild Bohemian, Edgar Leetag actually was a very hard worker. He was usually in his studio on Moorea by 6.30 a.m., and often he would continue late into the night. A visit to Papeete was his relaxation. His work will keep alive the name of Leetag, the artist; but we who knew him well will remember Leetag, the good friend.



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SOME VISITORS FROM FIJI



"Coral Route" arrivals in Auckland in February included, left to right:—
Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Yves Pincemin,
of Tahiti, on holiday.
Mr. Vince Costello (right of group),

proprietor of the well-known Garrick Hotel, Suva, and Mrs. Costello, were met by Mr. A. D. Hall, of Auckland.
Mr. C. B. McRae, on leave from the NZ Ministry of Works, Suva.

W. Samoa Aids Dollar Pool

NEW ZEALAND'S Minister of Island Territories, Mr. Webb, congratulated W. Samoa on adding £149,000 to the dollar pool from the proceeds of cocoa sales to the United States.

Mr. Webb said that this was an outstanding effort for a country with a population of only 85,000. Credit was due to the W. Samoa Government for taking determined steps a year ago to restrict dollar spending.

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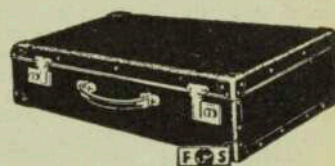
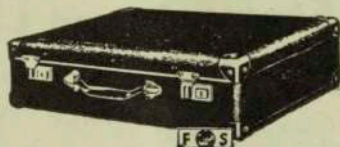
THE New Zealand Government has given permission for the import of fruit and vegetables from Norfolk Island, but on a basis to protect NZ's own growers.

The permit limits the times of import and restricts imports to air-freight only—thus ensuring a high retail price. The total fruit and vegetables from Norfolk in any one week are restricted to 3,000 lb weight—a trifling amount, equal to the total cargo capacity available per week in the NAC aircraft. This prevents any special charter flights at a time when Norfolk might want to supply a lean market profitably.

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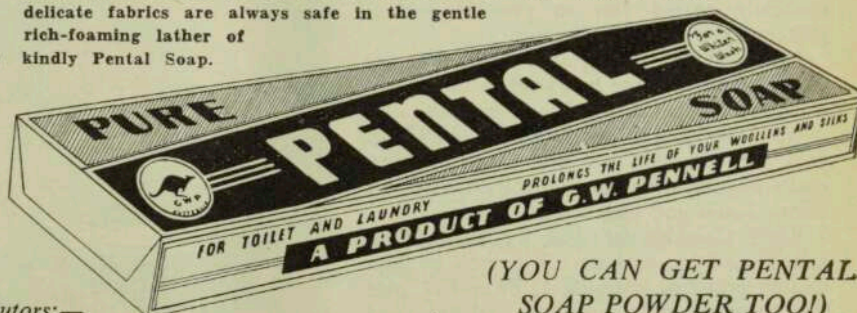
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LAST year, when there were reports that the Suva broadcast station would test on high frequencies in parallel with its broadcast band outlet on 930 kc/s, we contacted the station for details. These were promised in good time before the actual tests commenced. But the matter was evidently overlooked and Island residents outside the Fiji area had no warning of the tests, which actually were made between February 4 and March 3.

Suva tested on 5990, 5995, 6005 and 6130 kc/s in the 49-metre band during the period. Reception in Auckland seemed to indicate that the 6130 kc/s frequency might prove the best, though all channels were to some extent interfered with by overseas.

According to the Berne List, Suva had evidently intended to originally use 6000 kc/s; but, during last year, Noumea shifted to that frequency from 6035 kc/s, due to a Voice of America transmitter "parking" on the same frequency. The VOA station was itself heavily jammed, deliberately, by one of the Soviet Far East jamming nets.

Noumea would now apparently be most unhappy to have the Suva station only 5 kc/s clear of its present 6000 kc/s channel, as a strong heterodyne whistle is set up on both

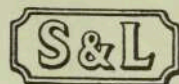
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BECAUSE banana-hungry New Zealand cannot get enough bananas from Fiji (Fiji can now produce the fruit, but cannot get enough cases to pack it in) NZ has been encouraging banana production in Western Samoa.

Samoa is reaching out after this trade, and says it soon will be in a position to ship between 20,000 and 25,000 cases per month—which will provide the Fiji industry with serious competition.

Bananas of very poor quality have been reaching NZ from Samoa, however, and there has been bitter criticism. The fault is in the packing. Samoan bananas appear to have an excessive curve, causing waste of space in the cases, and the exporters have been packing little bananas into the curves, so as to fill the case and give the weight—but with disastrous effect on average quality.

A different kind of case is now to be tried by the Samoa banana interests.

SHIPPING—AND SOME POLITICS

It is surprising that, in view of the difficulty and high cost of getting suitable banana cases for Fiji and Samoa, the people concerned do not again try to arrange shipment in bunches. It is largely a matter of organisation and the provision of suitable ships. Large shipments from West Indies to United States go in bunches, and the fruit arrives in far better condition than when cut from the bunches and packed closely in cases.

Bunch loading, of course, does entail a waste of space; and probably the South Pacific-NZ banana traffic is so small, comparatively, that waste of space becomes a major factor.

Fiji and Samoa have only the one market—NZ. Attempts have been made, again and again, to market the fine, well-flavoured Fiji banana in Australia—where it is eagerly accepted in place of the unattractive product of the Northern NSW coastal plantations; but the NSW banana-growers howl to their members of Parliament, and the Fiji importations always have been killed by political action.

Fiji imports a great deal of NSW flour. If Fiji were to put a duty on Australian flour, to operate whenever Australia's imports of Fiji bananas fell below a certain figure, there might be interesting results. Which would have greater weight with Australian politicians—the votes of the banana-growers, or

those of the wheatgrowers and millers?

The Scramble for Cases

SUVA, Feb. 24.

OUTCRY has been heard in Suva because *Samoa Bulletin* reported that somebody in Fiji not long ago offered to sell low-priced banana cases to Western Samoa.

When Apia made official inquiries in Suva, the Government of Fiji said the Colony is itself rather desperately short of cases for bananas, and that it would be several years before such exports would be permitted.

Large quantities of excellent bananas are now dumped on the local market, while New Zealand is crying out for them, simply because there are no cases in which to pack them.

New Zealand complaints about alleged poor quality of Fiji banana shipments have been handsomely withdrawn. It is the Samoan shippers who are on the Dominion's mat.



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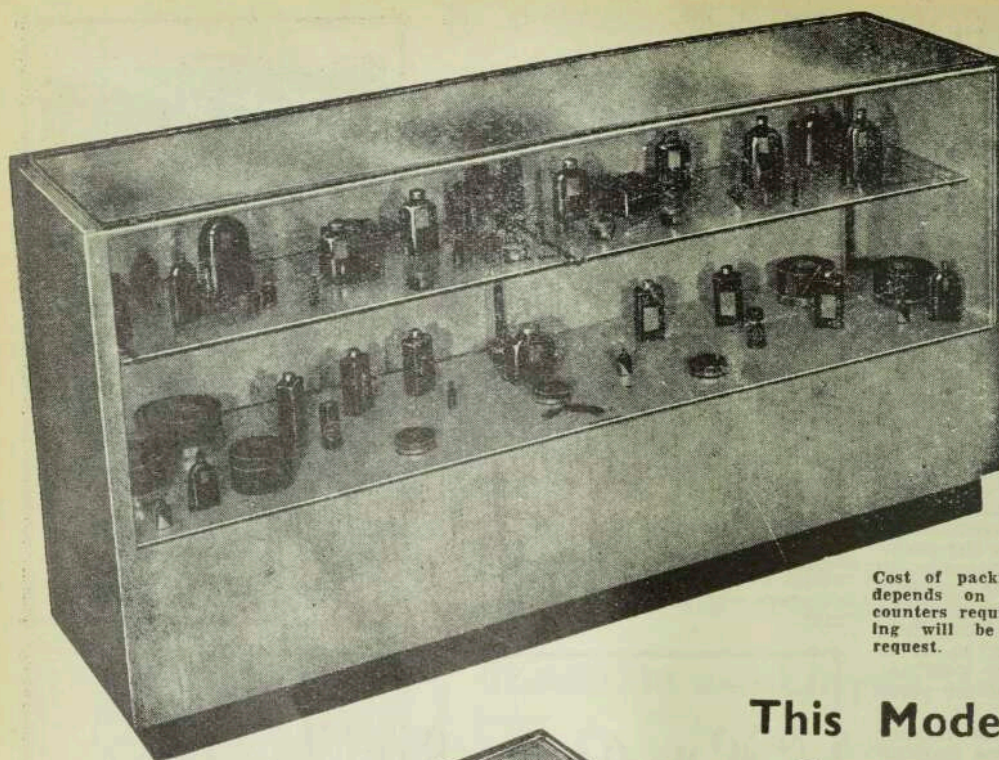
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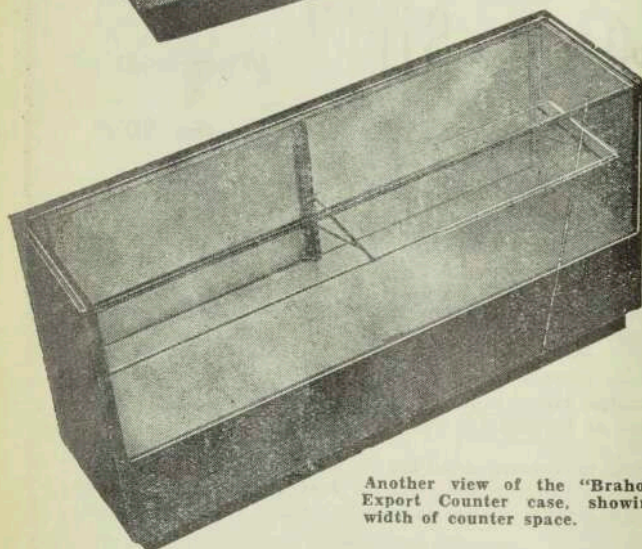
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RETURNING FROM LEAVE



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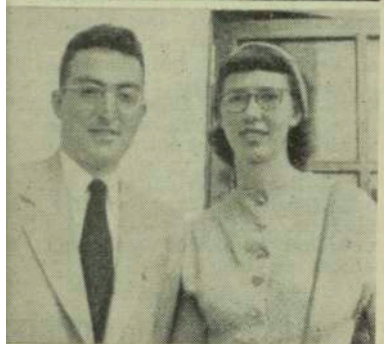
Mrs. T. G. Blanchflower (whose husband is Chief Surveyor, Tonga) had brought her son to King's School, Auckland.

Rev. Father P. G. Wall, SM, returned to isolated Keppel, northern Tonga. His brother, Father J. M. Wall, SM, returned from NZ to resume command of the mission vessel Hambia, in Solomons, about the same time.

Mr. Loyd E. Fuerstenau, Personnel Director, American Samoa, returned with Mrs. Fuerstenau and children for another term.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shore, to take up a teaching appointment at the Nukualofa High School.

Mr. L. W. Robertson, Assistant Treasurer, Nukualofa, and Mrs. Robertson, after six months' leave.



The Gilchrist Scholarship for 1952-53 has been awarded from the British Commonwealth and Empire War Memorial Fund, to Sister Margaret Woodhouse, of Levuka, Fiji.

METHODIST FUNDS FOR FIJI

METHODIST Mission headquarters in NZ announce that £3,728, collected there for Fiji hurricane relief last year, will be expended on the replacement of married quarters for theological students at Davuilevu, and the hostel at the Navuso Agricultural School.

Due to the difficulty of allocating funds fairly to individual churches in Fiji, it was decided not to use the funds at all in that way.

Miss Elsie Hitchcock, lately of the Dental staff, Rarotonga, has been appointed Tutor Sister at the Auckland Dental Clinic.

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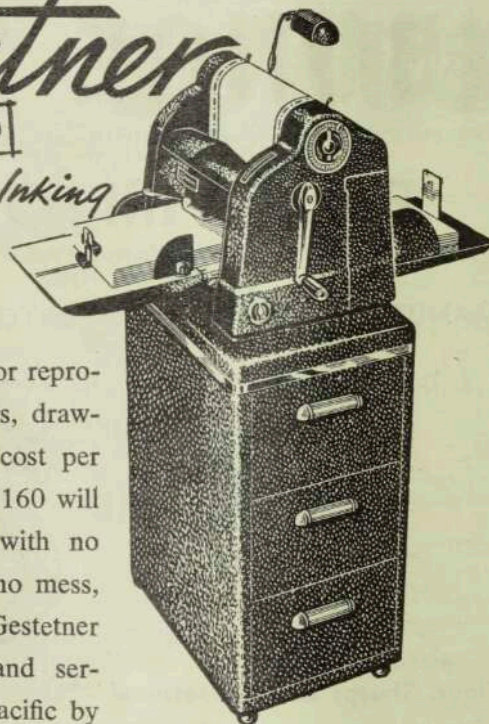
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TRAGIC DEATH OF NG'S FLYING DOCTOR Officials' Narrow Escape

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MADANG, March 2.
TERRITORIAL residents were shocked to learn of the sudden, tragic death of Doctor John McInerney, who was killed on March 1 when his Auster aircraft crashed into the sea at Vanimo, immediately after taking off.

Two passengers, Assistant District Commissioner Ian Skinner, of Wewak, and District Officer George Wearne, of Aitape, were both rescued and flown to Lae Hospital, where their condition is now satisfactory.

The doctor's body was not recovered until to-day, and it is being flown to Wewak for burial.

The aircraft was taking off from Vanimo (near the British-Dutch border on the north coast) but failed to gain height, and crashed 150 yards from shore. Both passengers had a remarkable escape from death; but the doctor, who received severe head injuries, was apparently knocked unconscious and drowned.

The whole District mourns the loss of this man, whose charitable work at all times, and under any circumstances, earned him respect and devotion, not only from people in the Sepik District, where he was District Medical Officer, but from the whole Territory, where he and his aircraft were known so well. It is a severe loss to all the lonely Patrol Posts, Agriculture, Medical and Mission stations which often relied on him for food and other emergency supplies as well as medical service.

TO SEEK RACIAL ORIGINS THROUGH MUSIC

M GEORGES M. DE GIRONCOURT, 80-years-old French scientist, from Nancy, arrived in New Zealand in February to study Maori music. He proposes later to do research work in French Oceania. His particular field is the tracing of migrants and racial origins through a study of music.

His work has been published in scientific journals in France and elsewhere. One of his conclusions, from recent studies, is that the South American Incas came originally from Asia.

We imagine that his findings in French Oceania to-day, based on musical evidence, are likely to indicate a strong Broadway and Hollywood admixture, with a fair dash of Hawaiian in the local racial make-up.

Fiji Prepares for Two Royal Occasions

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SUVA, Feb. 10.

THERE are suggestions that Fiji might be wise to cut down the Colony-wide celebrations planned for Coronation Week in June and to concentrate on an all-out celebration when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived for their two-day visit in December.

The reaction to the unexpected announcement by the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) last week, that Her Majesty and the Duke would spend December 17-19 in Fiji (with a call at Tonga on December 20) made it clear that Fiji in general, and the Fijian people in particular, will regard the Royal visit as the most important historical occasion since the Cession.

For the first time in history a British reigning monarch will set foot on the soil of Fiji, and in the light of Fiji's direct, unshakable loyalty to the Crown, no greater event is ever likely to befall these islands.

Fairly lavish expenditure has been planned for the Coronation period. No word of criticism has been made of the Government's proposals, but they are now being discussed with an eye to the even bigger event

(in local eyes) at the end of the year. There is likely to be a good deal of support for the idea that the Coronation could be fittingly commemorated at a fraction of the cost now planned, and that the balance of the money could go towards meeting the heavy outlay that will be essential in December

if Fiji is to mark the Queen's visit worthily—as it must.

No hint of the form the Royal welcome will take has yet been given.

Miss Poko Utanga, of Rarotonga, has entered the Ardmore Teachers' Training College, Auckland.

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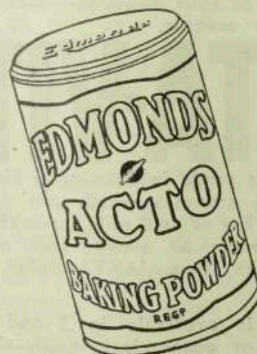
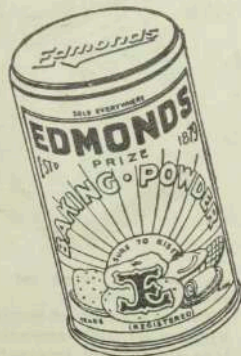
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MAGAZINE SECTION

FILM MUSIC ON FIJI LOCATION

By JACK THORNTON

COME with me to a copra plantation near Thalanuku, a small Fijian village on the shore of a deep-water lagoon, about 50 miles from Suva.

In the midst of a circle of English, Australian and New Zealand members of the film-production unit, thirty frizzy-haired, husky Fijians sit in the shade of lofty palm trees. Embarrassed expressions are caused by the presence of their women-folk, who stand in front of the spectators, giggling expectantly; they have come to see the fun and hide the performers.

From around the point chugs a launch, nosing toward the shore. From its glistening deck leaps the central character, loaded with the paraphernalia of his profession. He is a New York songwriter flown specially from the States to organise, arrange and orchestrate background music for this film about Yap Island of the 1870's, now being made in Fiji. (At time of writing.—Ed.).

Dressed in a check suit, loud tie, Panama hat, red socks, brown moccasins, and wearing thick horn-rimmed glasses, he advances breathlessly up the beach to the coconut plantation, carrying a portable table and a bulging brief-case.

Arrived in the centre of the semi-circle of native musicians, he erects the table, mops his brow with a huge red handkerchief and yells: "How do, boys!" to the assembled orchestra.

"Bula!" they chant in reply, laughing among themselves.

The central

character removes his hat and places it on the table, together with the brief-case, from which he extracts a conductor's baton and reams of manuscript—music scores for his musicians. The orchestra is divided into three instrumental sections; reed-blowers, bamboo drum bouncers, conchshell blowers. Each man respectfully receives his sheets of musical markings.

After emptying his pockets of aspirins, packets of chewing-gum and two stop-watches—all of which he places neatly on the table—the conductor raises his baton, calls for silence, and the performance commences.

"Okay, boys—let's take it from the beginning," he says. "Everybody on the ball? Okay! Here we go"—in best Broadway rehearsal style — "one-two-three-four-da-da-da-da-da-DA!"

The music starts, the girls giggle, the musicians sweat as they bang and blow their single-note instruments.

One by one the European on-lookers discreetly detach themselves from the circle of spectators, holding their sides as they make for the beach, where everybody erupts into uncontrollable laughter.

I think I was the last to leave the vicinity of the orchestra. I had not wanted to miss a note of this astonishing performance. But when the conductor waved his baton furiously for silence, swallowed four aspirins and told the orchestra to go back to the seventeenth bar, I could not control myself any longer.

You see, I knew that not one of the Fijian musicians could read a note of music.

SUCKER FROM TAHITI

By
J.P.S.

WELL, there they go—and I certainly envy them," said George, as the Solent lifted her bulk from Lauthala Bay and set her nose in a slow climb to the assigned altitude, heading eastward—towards Tahiti.

"Yes," I said, "It's certainly a wonderful place for tourists—and others! No place—not even Honolulu—has had such a terrific build-up of attractive publicity."

"Well, you must admit it's a lovely island—spectacular mountains, lovely beaches, French cuisine, easy liquor laws, beautiful women—what more could you want!"

"Nothing," I said. "Absolutely nothing—in fact, there are some who could wish for less—old Wagner by the rail over there, for instance." I indicated a rather shabbily-dressed, slightly-built man of some seventy summers, who was watching the big aircraft disappear. "Let's get back to town and I'll tell you all about it."

Later, as we sat on the verandah of the Grand Pacific, I told him that that old boy was a case in point. This was the story.

He is an American, and he had a small ironmongery business in the Middle West somewhere. All his life he'd dreamed of going to Tahiti—and he finally made it two years ago.

I'll never forget the day he arrived. He travelled in the ship I was serving in at the time. We were due off Papeete at 8 a.m. I was up at six, and noticed him by the rail, so strolled over. But Wagner was in another world—gazing at those misty peaks and the white line of surf on the Punaauia reef. He never even heard me say good morning.

Well, we landed him in due course, and the few days we were in port I noticed him from time to time round the various joints, having a whale of a time. Yes, Tahiti was the end of the rainbow. The States would not be seeing Wagner again. He'd been saving for about 50 years for this, so he wasn't wanting in dollars—yet!

Two months later we dropped in again. I didn't see the old boy around, so made a few inquiries. Oh, yes, he was out in the Districts—living with Babette.



Outside the Beachcomber Hotel, Deuba, location headquarters of the "His Majesty O'Keefe" company) New York songwriter, Herb Harris, watches Broadway choreographer Daniel Aguirre rehearse a spear dance, which is featured in the film.

"Great Scott," I said, "Babette can't be a day over 22, and, dammit, she's a smasher—what on earth would she knock around with a bloke of Wagner's age for?" Nevertheless, that was the way of things, they said.

Then, just before sailing, I saw him for a few minutes. He was radiant with joy. Sure, Babette was with him—the prettiest girl in town. Wonderful kid. She'd look after him. They were building a fine little place out in the country. Babette had a piece of land out there. Yes, sir, O'Brien was dead right—and all the rest of them. To think he hadn't come here 30 years ago. "You'll have to come out and see us some time." I said I would, first opportunity—and we sailed.

We never got back there, and I often wondered how it was panning out for Wagner. Then, when I arrived here in Suva a week ago, who should be sitting right there but Wagner—a picture of misery. I could see right away that the dream was ended—had turned into a nightmare, in fact. We shook hands and after the third Scotch Wagner started to thaw out a little.

"Yes, sir," he said. "Boy, was I taken for a ride! Sure, I should have known what was coming. Sure, I should have had more sense. Sure, I read the wrong books. Wal, brother, I've learnt the hard way."

"Ah, well," I said. "You seem to have enjoyed yourself while it lasted, so what are you griping about. Now that you've got Tahiti out of your system, you can go back and settle down quietly in the Middle West."

"Settle down quietly!" said Wagner. "Yeah? What on?"

"Hell!" I said. "Is it as bad as that? Surely you had no trouble in disposing of the house at a good figure."

"Listen, brother!" said Wagner. "You've seen all them dandy little villas strung at intervals all the way from Paaa down to Taravao. Wal, I figger that at least 70 per cent. of 'em have been financed by guys like me—and not all Amuricans, neither. No, sir."

"Listen, man!" Wagner continued, "I'll tell you why all them lovely gals round the Papeete bars are so gol-durned happy and carefree. Most of 'em are set up in ten-thousand-buck houses in the country."

"But, man," I said, "you don't mean to tell me that you gave her the house?"

"Wal, not exactly," said Wagner. "Here's the pay-off. Everything went swell up to about three weeks after we got the house finished.



One of those lovely valleys on the Island of Tahiti.

Yes, sir, maybe it was worth it after all! Then one morning Babette disappeared. Didn't say where she was going. But I heard there was a boat in.

"Then, next day, she arrives out in a taxi with a bloke from the ship, walks in and looks at me as though she'd never set eyes on me before, and says, 'Who the hell are you? Get off my property.' Just like that—and I could see she meant it.

"Wal, sir, it hit me for the first time that it was her property. Me being a foreigner, everything had had to be fixed in her name. Of course, she would have got the house in the long run, when she'd planted me in the ordinary way—but, brother, I sure wasn't figgering on it this way. Kinda thought she wouldn't mind waiting five or ten years.

"Yes, sir, they sure laughed when I got back to town. I seen Babette in Quinns a few days later and overheard Marie and Lisette and some of them other sweethearts congratulatin' her for pullin' it off Bro-ther! Seventeen thousand three hundred and seventy-two dollars and 47 cents O'Brien's cost me up to this morning—and I've still got to get back to the States. Worst of it is I can't go back to the old home town. Wal, how the heck can I? They'll all know the story. I've still got a few bucks back in the States—but it's going to be tough going. Yes, sir!"

"Well, that's Wagner's story," I said to George. "I'm reasonably

sure that he's dead right about that sort of thing happening down there every day. They never seem to learn. Well, naturally, the victims don't give it a lot of publicity when they get back home, so the story just doesn't get around."

"They ask for it!" said George. "Tahiti is a wonderful island—as beautiful as any in the world, I suppose—and with any number of charming and decent people there to meet, if you look for them. There just seems to be something in the air down there that drives the steadiest of men crazy. Anyway, I still want to go back."

PITCAIRN'S FIRST "BOUNTY DAY"

PITCAIRN ISLAND, where public holidays, as such, are not usually observed was this year encouraged (by the SDA missionary, Pastor Ferris and Mr. Allen, the education officer), to declare a holiday on January 23 and celebrated "Bounty Day." Heavens knows, if anyone should celebrate the safe arrival of the *Bounty* on its flight from Tahiti 163 years ago, it should be the Pitcairners!

Cricket and rounders were played all morning and in the afternoon general sports were held. Then came the big feast under the coconut trees on the main road. Cookies, pumpkin pie and watermelons were plentiful. The first celebration of Bounty Day on Pitcairn came to an end with an evening concert in the Court House.—FHMCC.

A Simple Matter of Evidence!

By S. G. Middleton, Commissioner of Native Affairs in West Australia and formerly a Magistrate in Papua—A Broadcast Address.

IN 1931 I was a Patrol Officer in charge of the Mondo Police Post in the Owen Stanley Ranges. One day a mountain village constable arrived at my camp, saluted with a flourish, and dumped on my table a package containing something wrapped in banana leaves which melted to high heaven. It was the forearm of a human being in an advanced state of putrefaction.

The indisputable, if gruesome, piece of evidence having been photographed and disposed of, I invited the village constable to tell his story.

It appeared that a woman member of his tribe and village was on her way to a nearby garden when she was set upon by three men of a neighbouring tribe and killed. Her body was taken away and some of it eaten, but the scene of the cannibal feast had been located by the alert constable and his men and the evidence picked up among the remains.

Did he know the names of the three men? Oh, yes. A little girl who was following the woman saw and recognised them; she had hidden in the jungle near the track until nightfall for fear of being seen by their enemies. It sounded authentic to me.

The scene of the crime was the Meipa Valley. On the fifth day out our party (about a dozen armed constables and a couple of NCO's, a score of native porters and our enthusiastic guide, the village constable) reached a point only one ridge away from the Meipa. It was almost dark when we topped the ridge overlooking the Meipa Valley and River, but our guide pointed out our objective, a village perched precariously on a razor-backed spur about six miles up the valley.

When darkness fell with tropic suddenness, I followed the bare heels of our guide and the faint track by the pencil-thin ray of my well-taped electric torch, while the police boys kept perfect file formation by sticking in the backs of their belts phosphorescent rotting sticks which glow eerily at night in the Stygian darkness of the Papuan jungle.

It was early in the morning when we cautiously approached the village.

The well-trained boys, in accordance with their briefing, melted off into the darkness to surround the village, while my malodorous friend, the village constable, and I took up a strategic position between the two

rows of houses in the lee of a large granite rock.

At last—the dawn! Ten minutes more and it was light enough to see an arrow in flight; then the blast of my whistle turned silence into pandemonium, and, with shrieks, howls and shouts, the rudely awakened village sprang into life and action.

With their rifles in the slung position, the police boys tripped, grabbed, and handcuffed together the fleeing natives as they streamed from their huts. In a matter of minutes it was all over.

Most had escaped to the jungle, as anticipated, but we had a couple of dozen "hostages" who, thoroughly scared but very quiet, had been herded near my rock in the middle of the village.

The recognition of the blue serge and red trappings of the "kimani" (native police) and the sight of a white man with them had the effect of restoring calm. The natives of Papua do not fear the white officer and the native police. Our captives were vastly relieved to find that it was a Government patrol party and not a band of native marauders, who had "attacked" their village!

Within the hour they were chatting amiably with the police boys and laughing till the tears streamed from their eyes at the evidence of gaping holes in the filmsy, sago-palm walls which bore mute testimony of the inmates' desire to reach the protection of the jungle by the shortest possible route!

One of the three men had been caught. I explained the object of our visit and pointed out that they would be released as soon as the other two wanted men were produced.

Strong, immediate, and unanimous demands were made of those whom our captives could induce to come from the jungle to produce the culprits. One village elder held his manacled hands high in the air as he addressed his unseen audience thus: "Look what you have done, you fools! You have annoyed the Government and see what has happened to me! Bring ——— and ——— (naming the men wanted) back here and let me get these things off my hands. *Lau hereva vadaeni!*" (I have spoken).

NOT long after, a small party emerged from the jungle, pushing before them two reluctant and

thoroughly scared young men, the two we wanted. They put up no resistance and raised no objection when handcuffs were transferred from a couple of our hostages to them, and the others were released.

After breakfast I carried out the usual preliminary examination of our prisoners. Yes, they had killed the woman, they freely admitted. This man (indicated) clubbed her heavily from behind and the other two finished her off with spears and tomahawk. They then trussed her body to a pole and carried it to that creek you can see away down there, made a fire, ate some of the body, and left the rest for wild pigs.

Nothing extraordinary or suspicious here, I decided.

They accepted, with stolid equanimity, the direction that they must accompany us to Yule Island, there to meet Judge Murray, who might put them in gaol. If the Government wanted it that way, that was all right by them.

Six days later, goggle-eyed and afraid, they were having their first close-up view of the sea and then crouched as near to the bottom of the canoe as they could get, they were

AN INNOCENT POT!



This big tri-pot was, according to Oscar Nordman, of Tahiti, left by the last American whaler to call at Papeete in 1906.

The vessel was the Charles G. Morgan, of New Bedford. In landing the pot the Master of the ship let it be known that this pot at least had never been used to serve a well-broiled missionary. It had been on the vessel since she was launched in 1843.

being ferried across Hall Sound to Yule Island.

Nearly a week went by, Magistrate Thompson had carried out the preliminary hearing and, satisfied with the clear-cut evidence produced, had committed the trio for trial.

THEN one day Thompson summoned me to his office to hear an amazing story. A village constable who lived a bit farther down the valley from the original complainant arrived at Yule Island on a routine visit. He heard the story of our patrol and of the arrest, confession, and trial of our prisoners. His reaction was startling.

"What nonsense!" he told Thompson's chief Court interpreter. "I knew that woman; she died of sickness. She was ———'s (the complainant village constable) sister!"

And so the lid came off the whole strange brew. It was proved conclusively that the woman had died of natural causes. But the average Papuan seldom accepts that a person has died of natural causes. Centuries-old belief in the power of "puri-puri" (sorcery) dies hard.

Our friend the village policeman knew enough about Government law and administration to realise that a charge of "killing by sorcery" would not be accepted as prima facie evidence of murder, yet he felt positive of his neighbours' participation in the death of his sister. Hence his concocted story.

It was the simplest thing for him to convince the three prisoners, whilst we were pre-occupied with our breakfast, that it was futile for them to deny they had killed his sister. They knew they practised "puri-puri" and "The Taubada" (Master) knew it, too.

To please him—and to please me, I suspect—they had cheerfully pleaded guilty and would as cheerfully have gone to gaol for a crime that was never committed by anyone!

Whilst those who really know something of the intricacies of the black man's mind can understand their reasoning and beliefs in such matters, the Government could not tolerate its patrol officers and police boys wasting their time and Government money in such a manner, so a disappointed and shamefaced village policeman lost his uniform and went

to prison for three months on a charge of spreading lying reports. The fact comforted me little as I trudged wearily back with my ex-prisoners to their village and then repeated the awful switchback cross-country journey to my eyrie at Mondo.

All for nothing? No, all for experience and a wider knowledge of black brother and, above all, a firmer conviction than ever that Sir Hubert Murray was, as usual, correct in his deductions and directions to his magistrates and patrol officers.

It was his inflexible rule that a plea of guilty must not be entered or accepted from a native. Nor was it permissible for a police magistrate in Papua to commit for sentence a native charged with an indictable offence; he must always be committed for trial, and efforts made to ensure that the evidence produced at the trial before the judge is factual in every detail must be continued, even after the trial has taken place.

SPUDS ARE OFF!

THERE'S gloomy news for Island exiles whose stomachs turn over at the sight of the dry, uninteresting dalo—or taro.

During January, floods swept some of the principal potato growing areas of New Zealand, heavily reducing the season's crop. Exporters to Fiji, Samoa and Tonga in January had to cut their loadings to a fraction of the quantities ordered by Islands importers—and potatoes are likely to be right off the export list from now until next season. All supplies will have to come from Australia, with its less satisfactory shipping connections with those Groups. Prices are likely to be high.

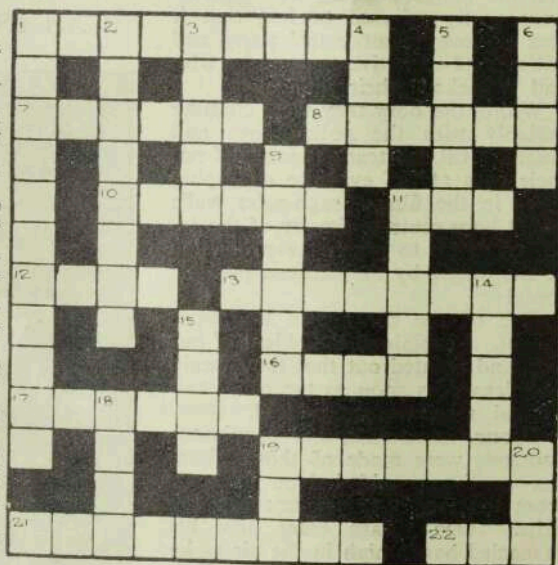
In Rockhampton, in February, Kenneth Albert Bock, extradited from Port Moresby, and formerly of Samarai, pleaded guilty to stealing £50 in Rockhampton six years ago by fraudulently altering a Commonwealth Savings Bank record. He expressed regret and refunded the £50. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, but sentence was suspended on his giving a bond to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. W. E. Silvester, veterans of the Methodist Mission in the Solomons, returned to New Zealand in December. Mr. Silvester went to Vella Lavella 18 years ago, and remained when the Japs invaded. He organised the rescue of many Allied airmen shot down in the area, and was awarded America's highest civilian decoration. After a year's leave Mr. Silvester probably will be appointed circuit minister.—AJS.

CROSSQUIZ — NO. 241

ACROSS

- 1.—Who was the last Aztec ruler of Mexico?
- 7.—Who invented logarithms?
- 8.—Which Englishman won the Nobel prize for peace in 1933?
- 10.—Which country's capital is Riga?
- 11.—Which Japanese statesman was four times premier?
- 12.—Which animal is considered as the King of the beasts?
- 13.—What is the term for a representative of the Government?
- 16.—Which atmospheric gas is used extensively for lighting?
- 17.—Who invented the phonograph?
- 19.—Who was the medieval philosopher whose romance with Eloise is well known?
- 21.—Who is the Poet Laureate?
- 22.—Over which race ruled the famous King Attila?



DOWN

- 1.—What was the name of the two brothers who first inflated balloons by heated air and who made many ascents?
- 2.—Who was the Dictator of Europe and was called "The Little Corporal"?
- 3.—Who was the first president of the German Republic?
- 4.—On which river is Florence and Pisa situated?
- 5.—By what name is known the device above shields and helmets on a coat of arms?
- 6.—Who was the author of "Essay on Liberty"?

- 9.—Who was the famous Italian painter who died of the plague at the age of ninety-nine?
- 11.—Who was the author of "Peer Gynt"?
- 14.—What is the name of compounds formed by the condensation of alcohol and an acid with elimination of water?
- 15.—What is the name of the commonest metal?
- 18.—Who was the inventor of the half-tone photo-engraving process?
- 19.—What term is associated with tennis, aviation and cards?
- 20.—What is the name of a river in Europe, Russia, Scotland and England?

MODERN METHODS USED IN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OF FIJI WATERS

By Jack Thornton

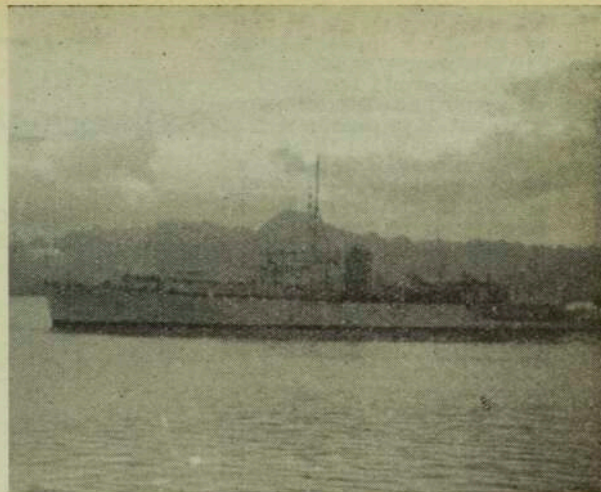
THE Royal New Zealand Navy survey ship *Lachlan* berthed in Suva early in June last year and shortly after, at the request of the Fiji Government, began to sound the approaches to Suva and Port Ellington, and to see whether a shorter passage between these ports could be located. The Fiji Government had also requested advice on general hydrographic matters, and the desirability of setting up a Fiji Hydrographic Survey Service. The *Lachlan* had been charting the New Zealand coast for months, and the job—especially in winter—can get very monotonous, so the RNZN was only too pleased to make her available for hydrographic survey in Fiji waters.

A deep-water passage between Suva and Port Ellington, provisionally considered suitable for use by general shipping, has now been founded; and this new channel will reduce the sailing distance between these ports by about 50 miles. As it is very probable that modern methods of charting would reveal the existence of other deep-water channels in coastal waters of Fiji and other Pacific Islands, it is expected that the *Lachlan* will visit island waters at some future date.

The *Lachlan* returned to Fiji waters this month, to carry on.—(Ed. PIM).

Originally designed and built for anti-submarine work with the Royal Australian Navy, *Lachlan* is on loan to the New Zealand Government, and was converted to a modern

survey ship in 1949 at Auckland's Devonport Dockyard. The NZ Government has placed an order for a new survey vessel now being built in Britain, and it is hoped that delivery will be made before the *Lachlan* is scheduled to return to the Royal Australian Navy next year.

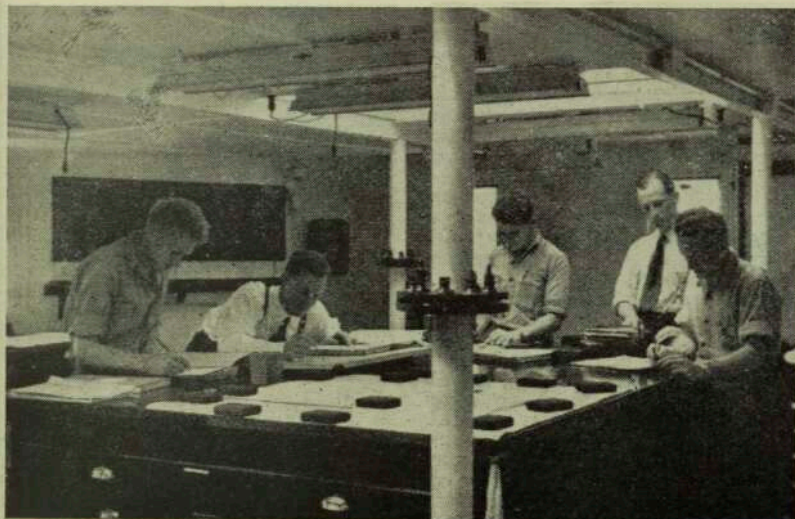


TOP—The RNZN survey ship *LACHLAN* leaving Suva on a misty morning. Charting is carried out in all but the roughest weather.



LEFT—A floating beacon being lowered overboard. Half-way up the 30-ft. pole is the galvanised iron radar reflector, on which radar ranges are taken at distances up to five miles.

LOWER LEFT—Officers and ratings at work in the chart-room, where mechanically-recorded figures are transferred to charts by hand.



Most of the senior officers aboard the *Lachlan*, and about a third of the ratings, are from the Royal Navy. The officers are on loan from the Admiralty's hydrographic survey branch (reputed to be the only branch of the Royal Navy to pay for its own upkeep, mainly through world-wide sales of Admiralty charts); many of the ratings are time-expired Royal Navy men engaged by the New Zealand Government.

Officers and men work long hours, for the ship normally spends more time at sea than most vessels. Modern science, by speeding up charting methods, brings extra work to the men, who must keep pace with the recordings of the machines. Every hour of automatic recording by scientific devices means an hour's work in the chart-room, where mechanically produced figures are transferred to charts by human hands.

Lieut.-Commander G. P. D. Hall,

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Tropicalities

DSC, RN, who was second-in-command of the *Lachlan* in NZ, explained it this way: "Radar enables us to carry on beyond the point at which we would have left off before its advent, but it means a lot of extra work, especially in the chart-room. Before we had radar we never worked at night. Now we can go on for twenty-four hours a day."

In New Zealand waters the *Lachlan* usually leaves port on a Monday and remains at sea for 11 days before returning to take on provisions and allow her crew a spell of shore leave. In Fiji, the vessel left on a Monday and returned the following Friday, allowing the crew every week-end in Suva. At sea things are kept moving and the crew is seldom idle, for every man must play his specialised part in the intricate job of charting.

The ship's position is first determined by taking angles between points ashore. Topography is based on local Land and Survey maps, I was told. "This speeds up the process of fixing our exact position. Anybody can take a sounding but the thing is to locate this sounding on a chart. This is why we must first pin-point our position before we begin charting."

"After we've done so we steam on a pre-arranged course—depending on the area we're charting—laying floating beacons, each weighing about a ton, and with anything up to one hundred fathoms of steel wire rope. The beacons are fitted with galvanised iron radar reflectors and black flags. They float with about 30 feet showing above the surface, and we can take radar ranges on them up to a distance of five miles.

"It wouldn't be much use taking ranges and bearings on them if we didn't know their positions, so we have to fix them exactly where we want them. This can be done in a variety of ways. One method is to play out piano wire wound in lengths of 140 miles. Every time the drum revolves we know that the ship has travelled one-thousandth part of a nautical mile. One minute of latitude is the same as a nautical mile, so when the drum has revolved a thousand times we know that we have travelled one minute of latitude on the chart, and we lay our beacons accordingly.

"We can also place them by dead reckoning—estimating our position from our speed and direction—or by ship's log. When we've laid the beacons we measure the angles between them and so determine exact location. This enables us to fix soundings on the chart, and in this way we can sound depths at distances of 60 miles off-shore."

For charting close to the coastline *Lachlan* carries three launches, and a converted air-sea rescue power launch operates in conjunction with the mother-ship, charting mainly in harbours and inshore

THE CONTRA

CAPTAIN A. S. FITCH, retired chief of Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. was warmly entertained when he visited Moresby recently, and at one function he was asked how he came to find E. C. Crisp, his successor, and now the Co's present well-known managing director.

"A little trading concern had gone out of business," said "Cappy." "We bought from it a vessel called the *Vaemari*. We agreed to pay £4,000, plus stores. There were practically no stores on it. But the bill presented to me read: 'To vessel *Vaemari*, as agreed, £4,000; to stores (4 bars of soap) 4/-; total, £4,004/-.' I was so struck by that that I made it my business to find out who had prepared the account. I wanted that man in my business. It was young Crisp. The rest you know!"

But the victim would not let him get away with it.

"I found STC a tough firm," said Mr. Crisp, acknowledging a toast. "The accountant was a conscientious man named—call him Smith—and Cappy was the bane of his life. A neglected debtor would drive Cappy to distraction. One day, looking through a ledger, Cappy noticed that an account owing by the Browns was overdue. Brown was a dentist, and Mrs. Brown helped him out by keeping boarders. They owed £7. Smith acknowledged that he had made no attempt to collect. Cappy snarled, and poor Smith left for the Browns' forthwith.

"He came back, and reported no

channels. All of these craft are fitted with asdic echo-sounding devices for recording depths and submerged obstructions.

The launch crews work about the same hours as the men aboard the mother-ship. They usually cast-off from *Lachlan* about 8 a.m. and return about 6 p.m. When operating close to the ship the launches return for an hour at mid-day and the crews have their mid ration and lunch aboard.

Modern charting is exacting work. But it produces such accurate results that many of the charts made before the advent of radar and asdic are unreliable by comparison. Naval officers believe that more accurate charts are needed of the coastal waters of many Pacific Islands, particularly those of potential strategic importance. Scientific methods of hydrographic survey will, no doubt, eventually provide them.

success. Times were hard, just then, and Cappy was in a bad mood. 'Go back there and don't return to this store without that cheque, or some security for it,' he shouted at Smith.

"The desperate Smith departed. A couple of hours later he returned, with a wrap around his face, and spitting blood.

"Well, where's the cheque?" demanded the merciless Cappy.

"I didn't get it," said Smith. 'But I got a contra. I got all me teeth pulled out!'"

ANOTHER MALARIA DRUG

THE search for the perfect answer to malaria still goes on. At least half-a-dozen drugs have been used widely in the last 15 years, but most have dropped out of favour. The latest preparation, now being publicised in Southeast Asia, is called Daraprim, described as "synthesised by Dr. George Hitchings and widely tested during the year." It is claimed that, if it is taken before the mosquito bites, it will give general immunity against the disease-carrying anapholes, whereas such well-known drugs as Atabrin and Chloroquin, while controlling malaria, do not give protection against later relapses.

Meanwhile, some experienced medical officers, after lengthy experiments, have gone back to Quinine, and are using it, usually in combination with other drugs, as the basis of their war against malaria. Much of the terror has gone out of malaria in the past decade, and medical science is confident that it will have the disease completely under control before long.

Dr. R. H. Black, lecturer on Tropical Medicine at the University of Sydney, left for New Guinea at the end of February to continue experiments with an anti-malarial drug named Totaquine. This drug, like Quinine, is made from the bark of the Cinchona tree. Working with the South Pacific Commission, Dr. Black has been administering the drug since last year to the natives of a village in the Trobriands, and results are being observed with interest. The plantations of Cinchona, first introduced to New Guinea Highlands before the war, are now being steadily increased.

NOT A HAPPY JOB

SOMEONE has said that a policeman's life is not a happy one; but what about the happiness of an Assistant District Officer in New Guinea, who also holds the job

of Coroner? Of such a one is Mr. Max Orken, of Rabaul.

Early in February there was a report that a native woman who had apparently died from natural causes and been buried a fortnight, actually had been killed by a blow on the jaw. Exhumation was decided upon. The Coroner had to supervise the job, and make arrangements for a post-mortem (which did not support the assault story).

ADO Orken was still reeling when a male native was found hanging from a tree in the bush at Namunula. He had been dead for about ten days. The Coroner had to view the body and hold an inquest. After two days' inquiry, he found that cause of death was "strangulation and a cervical fracture of the spine consequent upon his having hung from a tree by a rope passing around his neck." There was not sufficient evidence to say whether it was suicide or murder.

"If I had to be a Coroner," said one resident, after buying Max an alcoholic stimulant and hearing his tale, "I think I'd choose Greenland in mid-winter!"

LIKE OLD TIMES

EARLY in February the Union Steam Ship Company was advertising round-trip tourist accommodation in the Islands vessel *Matua*—twenty-one days of comfortable, leisurely sea travel for 71/10/-.

We understand that the new *Matua* is fully booked far in advance but during the summer months there appear to be some vacancies offering in the *Matua*. The vessel in fact sailed on her February voyage with some empty accommodation.

SANDALS VERSUS SHOES AT SUVA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

AT intervals for more than a year parents of boys attending the Suva Grammar School (for Europeans and part-Europeans) have protested against an apparently rapid new convention.

For years the boys wore neat sandals on bare feet—wear which is eminently suitable in the rainy heat of Suva. Then came the bureaucratic instruction that shoes and socks must be worn. The cost of keeping growing boys in shoes in Fiji, where footwear prices went through the ceiling years ago, is a heavy item to add to the constantly rising cost of living. There is also the unfortunate fact that more often than not, in the Suva climate, the wearers of socks spend much of the day with damp or wet feet.

A suspicion persists that the absurdity may be due to some influence which hopes to make a social distinction between people who wear shoes and socks, and people who wear sandals or even no footwear at all.

NGG AND BULOLO PINE

BECAUSE most of the Klinki and Hoop pine of the Morobe plateaus, in New Guinea, has been made available to the lumbering enterprise formed by the Australian Government and Bulolo Gold



PAUL MASON, of Inus Plantation, on Bougainville, Territory of New Guinea, made his name during the War as the most famous of the illustrious Coast-watchers in the South-West Pacific Area. To the Australian Catalina squadrons who dropped him supplies, uniforms, and eventually, a Commission, he represented the upper limit of continuous bravery, and remains their No. 1 Hero of the World War II.

—Sketch by Brett Hilder.

Dredging Co., jointly, most people overlook the fact that the other big NG company, New Guinea Goldfield Ltd., branched out into lumber at about the same time as BGD (1948-49). It was able to get timber supplies from some of its leases, and in the year ended September 30, 1952, it cut 1,820,000 super feet. The important fact, from operations view point, is that the Co's big transport lorries, carrying machinery and supplies in on the new Lae-Wau road, can now get a profitable back-loading of timber.

But the outlook is not bright. The Co's plant is capable of milling at least 2,000,000 super feet per annum, but the reserve of standing pine timber does not exceed 10,000,000 feet. Unless more timber

leases are made available to NGG—which does not seem to be Canberra's policy—there is only a limited future for the Co's new enterprise.

WEEKLY broadcasts to housewives on nutrition questions have been instituted at Suva by the South Pacific Health Service. This little-publicised organisation—supported by Fiji Colony, the Western Pacific and New Zealand (on behalf of Western Samoa, the Cook Islands and the Tokelaus)—does valuable work in health practice and theory. Its headquarters are at Suva, and the Inspector-General of the SPHS is the Director of Medical Services, Fiji. The running of the Central Medical School at Suva is one of its responsibilities.

The first broadcast was directed largely to European housewives who are new to the tropics and who are often sadly disillusioned in Islands where they had imagined they would find no food worries.

Newcomers often spoil local fruits and vegetables through not knowing how to prepare or cook them. In Fiji it is noticeable that dalo (taro), when cooked by Fijians, is a totally different thing from the soggy or brick-hard object often produced by Europeans and Asiatics.

The first broadcast described how to cultivate pineapples and to prepare the fruit, ending up with a series of recipes for pineapple dishes. (See next page).

SAVAGE IS STILL NOT FAR AWAY

NOT many *Government Gazettes* in the world contain references to such weapons as spears, bows and arrows, clubs, wooden swords and bone daggers, unless they have to do with museums.

In the *Papua-New Guinea Gazette*, however, early this year, these primitive weapons were soberly banned from being carried as the personal possessions of native employees. Axes, knives and tomahawks were authorised, but only when required as "tools of trade" in the employee's line of duty.

This ban is needed, for experience has proved that a native, though superficially very adaptable to the environment of a plantation or workshop, quickly reverts to skilled handling of his ancient tribal weapons when tempers flare. And it has been known that in close-quarter clashes natives armed with rifles have flung aside their trusty firearms and got down to ding-dong fighting in the time-honoured way with well-aimed stones and stout sticks.

Mr. G. R. Powles, High Commissioner for Western Samoa, left Auckland by air on March 3 en route to Samoa, after furlough and consultation with Government Departments in New Zealand.

Ways With Pineapples

THE following is Fiji's good deed for the other housewives of the South Pacific. The Nutrition Section of the South Pacific Health Service has recently been telling Fiji how to use some of the local foods. The first series of the talks concerned pineapples, which grow in virtually all of the Pacific islands, and here are a few of the things you may not know about this luscious fruit:

THE pineapple is a native plant of South America. The early Spanish explorers are thought to have taken it to Europe and to the Pacific. It was first mentioned in Hawaii early in the 19th century. Now canned pineapple industries have become established in Hawaii, Queensland and Fiji.

New pineapples can be grown by planting the green tops of the fruit or the suckers which rise round the base of the plant. Suckers take about a year to bear fruit. Tops from six months to 12 months longer.

The suckers from the parent pineapple bed are prepared by smoothing off the broken end, drying for a day or two by leaving them in the sun and then planting out. The tops may be prepared in the same way. The plants should be kept free of weeds, though the ground round them should not be dug or hoed too deeply in case the shallow roots are damaged.

The finest qualities are developed when the fruit is allowed to ripen naturally on the plant. The pineapple does not increase in sweetness after it is picked because the sugar in the fruit has come from the leaves.

The best quality pineapple has a small compact crown of leaves and it is advisable to avoid fruits which have large crowns.

Try slicing the pineapple lengthwise into wedges for a change from slicing across. Each serving then has some of the sweetest and most desirable portions of the fruit. The core may be removed from each slice.

Save the pineapple skins. Wash, and cover with cold water, bring to the boil and boil for 20 minutes, strain and add 1 cup of sugar to each 3 cups of juice. Return the juice and sugar to the pan and boil for 5 minutes. It can then be used as fruit juice and for fruit salads or for pouring over cold or hot sweets.

SPICED PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN-CAKE

- 1½ cup butter or margarine.
- 1-2/3rds cup of brown sugar.
- 3 cups pineapple pieces.
- 2 cups sifted flour.
- 2 teaspoons baking powder.
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg.
- 2 eggs—beaten.
- ½ cup milk.

Melt ¼ cup of butter or margarine in cake tin. Add 2/3rds cup brown sugar, stirring until dissolved. Arrange the fruit in this syrup to form a design. Leave on one side.

Sift together the dry ingredients. Beat the remaining brown sugar with the eggs. Add the milk and the remaining butter or margarine melted. Gradually stir in flour and spices. Beat until smooth. Pour over the fruit in the cake tin. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg.) for 40-50 minutes. Turn onto a plate. The fruit layer now becomes uppermost. Serve hot, with whipped cream if desired. This pudding is equally delicious served cold as a cake.

SPANIARDS MAY NOT BE AMUSED!

THESE were the questions set in a school examination in the Cook Islands (part of Polynesia):

"What do you mean by pollination? What is self-pollination? What is cross-pollination?"

This was one answer received by the teacher:

"Pollinations are all the Maori People with brown skins. Most of them lived in warm countries. The Maoris here in the Cook Islands are pollinations, too. The cross-pollinations are the people of Spain. The self-pollination is the maoris of the Cook Islands."

PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY

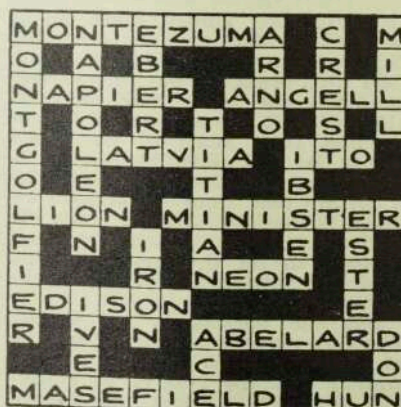
- 1 medium sized pineapple.
- 1½ cups vinegar.
- 1½ lb. brown sugar.
- 2 cups seedless raisins or sultanas.
- 1 tablespoon salt.
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh or preserved ginger root.
- 1 level tablespoon of garlic or 1 onion chopped finely.
- 2 or 3 finely chopped small fresh or pickled red peppers.
- ¼ lb. finely chopped blanched almonds (optional).

Peel pineapple, remove core and cut into small pieces. Add all ingredients except nuts. Cook slowly until pineapple is tender. Add nuts and cook until the mixture thickens. Stir frequently to prevent scorching. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot sterilised jars and seal at once. Serve with meats or curried dishes.

PINEAPPLE AND BANANA FILLING

Mix together ¾ cup grated pineapple, ½ cup sugar and 2 teaspoons cornflour and cook until thick; cool and add 2 ripe bananas, mashed, and 1½ tablespoon lemon juice. Use for sandwiches, cakefillings, flans, pancakes, etc.

Solution to Crossquiz From Page 68



RECIPE CORNER

READERS are asked to send in recipes using Islands ingredients or ingredients readily obtainable in the Islands. Ten shillings will be paid for each one published.

VEGETABLE CHEESE PIE

- 1 dstpspn fat.
- 1 small onion finely minced.
- 1 dstpspn browned flour.
- 1 teaspoon curry.
- 1 cup of stock or water.
- Salt, pepper to taste.
- 1½ cups cooked diced vegetables (or tinned mixed veg.).
- 4 oz. S.R. Flour.
- 1 tspoon butter or good dripping.
- 2 oz. grated cheese.
- ¼ teaspoon celery salt.
- ¾ gill milk.

Melt the fat and fry the minced onion until lightly browned. Add the flour, salt, pepper and curry and cook for 2 minutes. Pour in the stock or water and stir until the sauce boils and thickens. Add the cooked vegetables and place in a 7-inch sandwich tin. Sift the flour and salt and rub in the butter. Add the cheese and mix to a soft dough with milk. Turn onto a floured board and knead lightly. Roll and cover the vegetables in the tin. Glaze with milk, bake in a hot oven from 20 to 30 minutes.

—Mrs. MH, Rabaul, NG.

CLAM-SPAGHETTI CASSEROLE

- 1 tablespn. butter.
- 2 tablespns. onion, finely chopped.
- 7 ozs. minced clams.
- ¼ teaspn. salt.
- 1 16-oz. tin spaghetti in tomato sauce.
- 2 tablespns. grated cheese.

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat. Add onions and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add minced clams with 2 tablespoons clam juice, salt and spaghetti; mix well. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes. Spoon into casserole, sprinkle with cheese and bake until cheese is lightly browned.

—Mrs. LA, W. Samoa.

QUICK FRIED RICE

- 1 cup diced tomatoes.
- 1 cup diced onions or eschallots.
- 1 cup chopped cabbage, lettuce or beans.
- 1 cup chopped meat (bully beef or any kind).
- 2 cups boiled rice.
- 1 egg.
- 3 small pieces chopped root ginger.
- 2 tablespoons soya bean sauce.

Fry tomatoes, onions, cabbage, etc., in a little fat till slightly browned. Add meat. Break in egg, and partly cook. Next add rice, ginger and sauce stirring well. Chopped eschallot tops give a colourful and tasty touch, if added just before serving. (Serves six.)

—Mrs. LJB, Rabaul, NG.

Pelicans Protected

IN order to discourage attacks upon the pelicans in the Solomon Islands—references to which have been made in the PIM on a number of occasions—the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific has declared the pelican to be a "protected bird" as from January 1. In archaic language, the *Gazette* announcement says: "Whereof let all men take notice and govern themselves accordingly." It is to be hoped that the BSI kanakas will be sufficiently impressed.

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No. 4—Migration of Waders

MAKING observations on the migratory wading birds—"snipe"—to most Europeans—becomes easier when one becomes familiar with their habits.

At first, seeing ones and twos or small flocks scattered far and wide over an expanse of mud-flat or reef on some island shore, you think it will be difficult to do much in the way of identifying or observing. On the other hand, if you go along at high tide you will have a job to find any. Perhaps there will be a few perched on the mangrove roots, but most of them will have gone inland to the grassy slopes, or the native gardens, or the rice-fields.

In between the tides is the best time. Then, when there are just-exposed patches of sand or mud, especially at the mouths of creeks, you will quite likely find flocks of these birds. Forced from the main feeding grounds by the rising tide, the waders first gather on these higher spots; then, when the tide rises further, they take off for points inland. Later, as the tide is dropping, you will see them returning.

In March, these flocks will be getting bigger as the birds assemble for the long flight north to their breeding grounds in Siberia or Alaska. This is the time to look out for species not usually seen during the year; the chances are you will spot them as they pass through.

There may be a few Sanderlings, running busily back and forth on the very edge of the water. Perhaps there will be a Sandpiper, a Stint, or even a Kentish Plover. At the other end of the scale of size there is always the chance of a Whimbrel or a Bristle-Thighed Curlew; almost as big as the familiar Reef Heron, but distinguished by the down-curved bill.

But the flocks will be made up chiefly of the four most common species, in Fiji at all events, the Eastern Golden Plover, Wandering Tattler, Pacific Godwit, Turnstone.

If you get close enough for a good look at the plumage, you will notice at this time of the year that some of the birds are beginning to assume their fine feathers for breeding. The Godwits will perhaps be a bit reddish on the chest. But it is the Golden Plover which is worth a second look. Some will be sporting their fine black chests, so different from the plain dirty white of the non-breeding season. Bordering this black area will be a fine line of pure white on the sides of the neck, separating the chest from the upper plumage, the grey brown feathers, flecked with gold, which give the bird its name.



Rev. S. Ropeti, of W. Samoa, bound for a Methodist Conference in Australia, was met in Auckland by Miss F. Ropeti and Miss L. Ropeti, now resident in Auckland.

Mrs. N. Herman and Mrs. T. Cameron arrived from Aitutaki.

Mr. Pati Aso, of Notoalii, returned to W. Samoa from holiday in N.Z.

W. M. CREIGHTON ACQUITTED

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, February 10.
WILLIAM MERVYN CREIGHTON, European Medical Assistant, was found not guilty of capital offence against a native woman by a jury panel of four at his retrial at Madang Supreme Court this week.

Creighton had previously been found guilty of the charge and sentenced by Judge Gore to 4½ years' imprisonment. He appealed and the Australian High Court quashed the sentence and ordered a new trial.

Judge Bignold presided at the retrial. Mr. Dudley Jones appeared for defendant and Mr. A. Driscoll for the prosecution. The defence was that Creighton had been the victim of a conspiracy between a native woman, Walin-Bunmunga, and a police corporal named Dopi.



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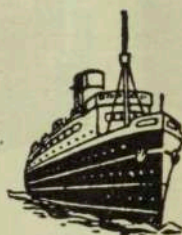


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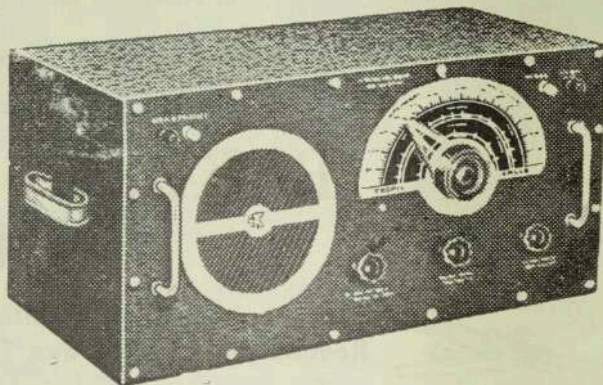
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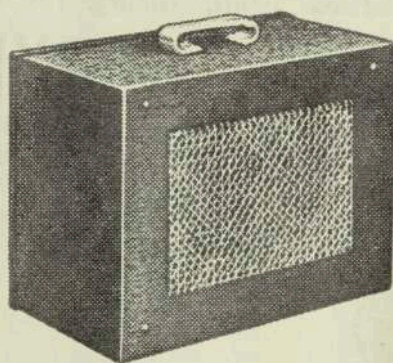
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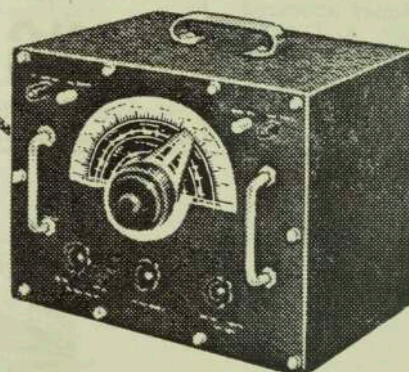
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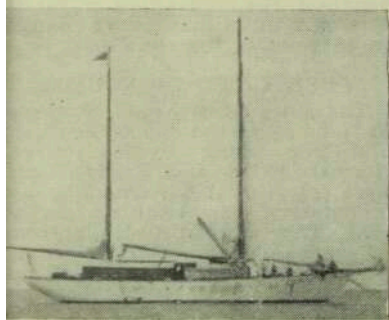


NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

ARTEMISE DESTROYED

Artemise, better known outside French Oceania under her former name of *New Golden Hind*, was completely destroyed by fire at Raroia atoll, Tuamotu (where *Koniki* raft finished its drift) on February 15. The news came by radio from Makemo atoll, where captain and crew called en route home to Papeete.

The 80-ft schooner was originally



Artemise (formerly *New Golden Hind*), reported burnt to the waterline at Raroia atoll, Tuamotu.

built for Mr. H. R. Jenkins, of Auckland, as a yacht—the last schooner to be built by the late Charlie Bailey, of Auckland—and she did some Islands cruising immediately before World War II. She was acquired by NZ Public Works Department; and was sold in 1948 for about £Stg 3,750. In 1950 she and the yacht *Lady Stirling*, were sold to Messrs. Rusden and Baker, present owners of the *Philante II*. They were reported to have received \$US 26,000 of Marshall Aid funds (about £Stg 9,300) from the French Government on behalf of their latest owners, Herve & Cie, of Papeete. As an indication of fluctuating ship values it is interesting now to learn that *Artemise* (as she was re-named last year) was insured for 3½ million francs (about £Stg 19,500) and her cargo at time of loss for an additional 1½ million francs (£Stg 8,340).

NEW VESSEL FOR MERVIN

A vessel purchased in France for Mervin, Tahiti ship-owner, was Casablanca en route to the Pacific, in February. She will be used in the French Oceania inter-island trade, and is due in Papeete April.

PHILANTE II MOVES ON

Messrs. Rusden and Baker's motor vessel *Philante II* sailed for Pago Pago and Apia from Papeete, February 9, ending persistent rumours at the Fairmile would probably be purchased by the French Government in Tahiti.

ISLANDS SHIPS COMING?

After delay in Auckland, Mr. D. C. Brown and Mr. R. P. Archer, of Rarotonga, departed for Europe late in February, to purchase a vessel there for use in the Cook Islands.

Mr. Lew Graham and Mr. Cec. Harrison, of Auckland, were planning to leave for Europe to locate another vessel, suitable for Islands trade. They were former joint owners of the vessels *Karoro*, *Alexander* and *Scot*, all known in the South-Central Pacific.

MONEY NO OBJECT

Tahiti reports that tobacco baron Reynolds, transferring his luxury motor-cruiser *White Heron* from Tahiti to West Indian waters per *Caledonien*, paid 157,000 francs (about £870 Stg.) freight, and 145,000 francs for the special cradle, built in Papeete, required for the trans-shipment.

AI SOKULA IN AUCKLAND

Island Transport Ltd. (WRC's) Steam Tug *Ai Sokula* arrived at Auckland from Suva on February 25 for drydocking and survey. Captain H. Simpson was in command with Captain A. M. Harvey (the Co's Marine Superintendent) also aboard. Captain Harvey recently was

appointed to this new position in Suva following services as Carpenters' port captain at Vancouver. *Ai Sokula* was originally built in Japan in 1940 and captured in New Guinea waters in 1944—then under the name of *Hotu Maru*. She became the *Manam*, was assigned to

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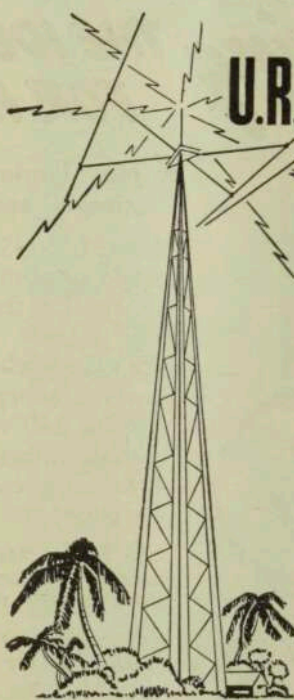
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Carpenters as war reparations, and last year, delivered to Suva after a long spell in Sydney, was given her present Fijian name with great ceremony. Japanese design is evident in the very low deck-head on her side decks, men of even average

height having to stoop. *Ai Sokula* carries a crew of 24, all told.

PYRENEES VETERAN IN TAHITI

In Tahiti of late is Mr. Arthur Michel, survivor of the British

barque *Pyrenees*, whose end may be recalled by the older hands.

In 1902, *Pyrenees*, afire at sea was beached at Rikitea, Gambier Islands. There the fire was extinguished and the wreck eventually sold for \$200 to Captain I. E. Thayer of San Francisco, who refitted her renamed her *Mangareva*, and took her to sea again for many a year until she was lost by enemy action in World War I.

Arthur Michel returned to Tahiti in 1941 as Quartermaster in the *Mariposa*—and married Miss Rose Raoulx. Now they have a young daughter. His impressions of Tahiti? The only thing that hasn't changed in 50 years is the climate!

PEER GYNT IN NOUMEA

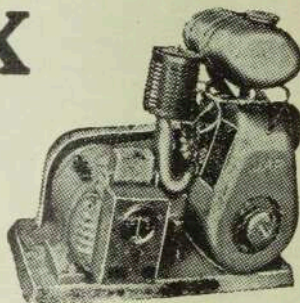
The 30-ft ketch *Peer Gynt* was in Noumea at the end of February and her young Sydney owners Norman Rome and Sylvia Roach were painting and overhauling her preparatory to venturing further east. They left the Australian coast in mid-October after a severe buffeting (in which Miss Roach suffered greatly from *mal de mer*) and their announced intention is to be married in America—when they get there.

Lahara, Mr. Des Ashton's 33-foot sloop, again proved her worth in January, when she made the return Tasman crossing from Mangonui

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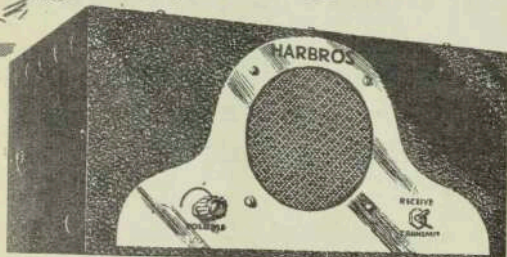
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IZ, to Sydney in seven days. Mr. J. Cooper, one of the crew, and owner of the 26-ft. yawl *Snow Goose*, was to sail the latter back to Auckland in March.

ROSITA FOUND

M. Lacour's 18-ton cutter *Rosita*, overdue on a voyage from Tikahau (Tuamotus) to Papeete, as reported last month, was located at Aratika toll (150 miles west of Tikahau) in January. One woman passenger had suffered an injury. There was joy in Tahiti on receipt of news that *Rosita* had been located with crew and passengers safe.

CAPTAIN LINDSTROM RETURNS

Captain E. D. Lindstrom, of the WPHC marine staff—formerly master of *Kiakia* in the Gilbert & Ellice Group—was in Auckland in February en route to Fiji, with Mrs. Lindstrom and their two daughters, after spending leave in Sweden. He expected to rejoin *Kiakia*.

FOR MAUI POMARE

Mr. Ken Windsor, formerly of *New Golden Hind*, *Ranui*, *Rawhiti*, and *Siren*, who arrived in Auckland in February per the yacht *Corsair* after serving for some time in a Sydney trawler, was appointed Radio Officer-Purser in the NZGS *Maui Pomare* in succession to Mr. Thor Gundersen, who retired from the sea.

MATE FOR SOUTHERN CROSS

Mr. A. S. Lewis joined the Melanesian Mission vessel *Southern Cross* in February during survey in Auckland, replacing Mr. R. A. Woods as Chief Officer. Mr. Woods, well known in Island vessels over many years, plans to retire. Mr. Lewis recently arrived in NZ after 20 years on the China coast. He was interned by the Japanese in Hongkong during the war, and from his normal 160 lbs dropped to 90 lbs weight when released by the Royal Navy.

NEW WPHC VESSEL SOON

The WPHC's new auxiliary vessel, of similar design to the Tongan Board's *A'oni*, probably will be launched from the Whippy yard in Suva in March. Captain A. Beckham, lately of WPHC's *Tuvalu*, will take command, his place in *Tuvalu* being taken by Captain P. Ward, formerly of the mission ship *John Williams*. Captain Ward has been away on leave.

MARINE LIGHT FOR AITUTAKI

The *Maui Pomare*'s cargo, outward bound from Auckland in March, is expected to include the equipment for an automatic marine light at Maina islet, at the south-west corner of the Aitutaki lagoon reef. Vessels from Rarotonga approach the main passage around Maina islet. The *Alexander* was wrecked here two years ago.

AITUTAKI-RAROTONGA LINK?

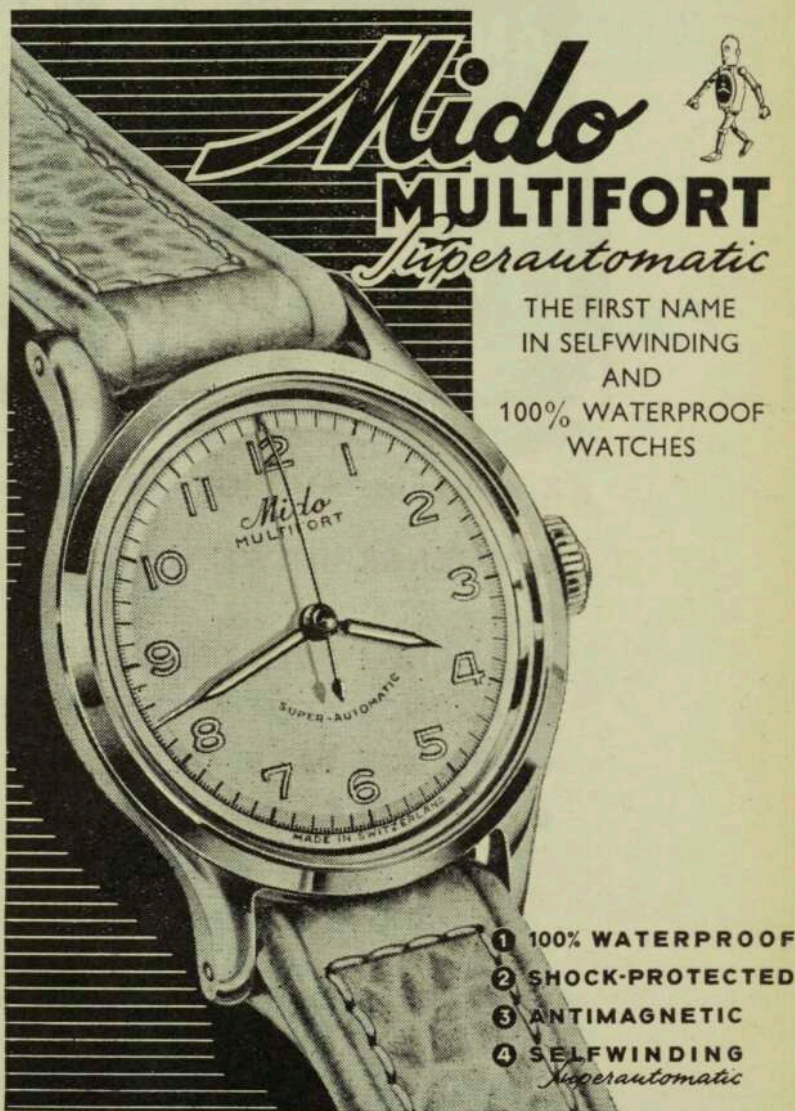
Mr. Hugh Williams, owner-skipper of the converted yacht *Inspire*, lately in Papeete, may establish a regular passenger service between Aitutaki and Rarotonga to connect with the TEAL service. If agreement is reached with NZ Island Territories Department, TEAL, and the Cook Is. Administration, Mr. Williams will build deck accommodation aboard *Inspire* for air passengers. Air passengers to and from Rarotonga now have to avail themselves of whatever transport offers, and frequently wait weeks at Aitutaki.

SOUTHERN CROSS AWAY AGAIN

The Melanesian Mission vessel *Southern Cross* left Auckland in early March for Vila and Honiara, with stores, building materials and a dozen Mission passengers. She will call at Tikopia to pick up Professor J. Spillius, who has been doing anthropological research there for a year. Dr. Raymond Firth was with him until August.

Southern Cross will make trips to Vila and Honiara and return to Auckland in six months.

Plans for the next *Southern Cross* (Continued on page 81)



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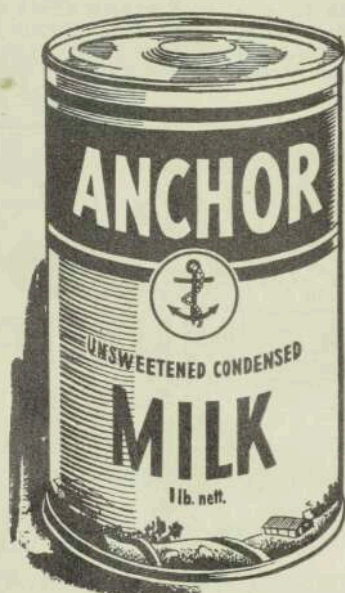
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News of Cruising Yachts

VISITING yachtsmen at Papeete have recently found themselves in trouble with the efficient Tahiti Customs service.

First (as reported last month) was Bill Howell, of *Wanderer II*, who moved bonded ship-stores ashore without first filling in the necessary declaration. There was clearly no intention to smuggle goods into the country, as Mr. Howell had obtained verbal permission to land the stores. However, the letter of the law was not complied with. Result: 3,000 francs fine—about £20 Aust.

Next in trouble was Mr. Athol Rusden, charged with making a false declaration about the value of a movie projector which he imported from Honolulu on his recent visit there in the *Fairmile Philante*. Customs declared the machine as worth double the declared value, and a fine of 5,000 francs was imposed. Mr. Rusden, denying the Customs valuation, then asked that he be charged duty on that valuation, rather than pay the fine. Duty was charged accordingly and the fine (still imposed) was reduced to 100 francs.

Mr. Tom Hepworth, owner of *Arthur Rogers*, was also in trouble. During a period of heavy weather some time ago his yacht, which was anchored near the Royal Tahitian Hotel, Pirae, dragged her moorings and narrowly escaped destruction while the owner and crew were absent. Informed of the danger, the pilot, Captain Bailly, proceeded at full speed and towed the yacht to safety. Then, says our Tahiti correspondent, "Mr. Hepworth made howl when he found himself presented with a bill for 5,000 francs (about £30) for use of tow-boat and crew involved." The bill was later reduced to 3,000 francs—which seems very fair, when the yacht-owner might have had to meet a salvage claim.

Wanderer II has now passed to the sole ownership of Mr. Bill Howell, according to advice from Tahiti. His partner on the voyage from England, Frank McNulty, has departed for Sydney (the yacht's destination) by ship. (See earlier PIM's).

Corsair, George Hunt's steel cutter, arrived in Auckland from Sydney, on Lord Howe, on February 19. Sternate calms and gales were encountered. Sails suffered some damage, but the yacht appeared well and span, with no trace of stress—a tribute to the zinc-sprayed hull.

At least six Auckland cruising yachts are reportedly planning to head Islandwards soon—the 54-ft cutter *Leda*; the 30-ft *Taurangi*; the 38-ft *Aloha*; the 33-ft *White Squall*; the 29-ft *Ghost*, and the *Bounty* (which went to the Island two years ago). Another probable starter is *Wakaya*, recently back from Tonga. *Taurangi* and *Aloha* were launched only this season. In addition, *Corsair*, from Sydney, and *Te Rapunga*, from Tasmania, will take off soon from the Islands, from Auckland.

Bill Murnan, of *Seven Seas II* (see last month) reports from Florida that the yacht *Nellie Brush*, with a crew of three young men,

left there some time ago for Tahiti and other Islands ports.

Miru, the stout 48-foot ketch in which the Davis family, of Rarotonga, voyaged from New Zealand to Boston via Peru and Panama last year, is now for sale in Boston—reports Neil Arrow, one of the crew, who returned in February. The yacht was formerly known on NZ coast and Cook Is. as *Soubrette*, and was built in Auckland in 1936. Mr. Arrow plans to write a book on the *Miru* voyage. (See "Small Ships' Radio Schedules" on another page.)

A new lighthouse at Cape St. George, at the southern end of New Ireland was completed during February, and went into operation.

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NO ROOM LIKELY IN SUVA WHEN QUEEN ARRIVES

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Feb. 28.
FROM Rotuma in the north to Kadavu and Lau in the south, Fiji has broken out in a rash of Coronation celebration committees, planning events for the first week in June. It will be the Colony's biggest celebration on record—until it is eclipsed by the arrival here of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on December 17.

A minor preliminary skirmish occurred when some people suggested that the Government might reduce the expenditure on Coronation celebrations to help meet the heavy bill for the Royal visit at the end of the year. This idea was turned down in a diplomatic official statement which pointed out that the Coronation will be celebrated in every corner of Fiji. (See page 82.)

The event is being planned particularly to leave a lasting impression on the children. The two days' Royal visit will be confined mainly to the Suva area and most children in the outside areas will not see the Queen.

THERE are signs that many people in New Zealand and Australia would like to come to Suva to see the pageantry of the Fijian wel-

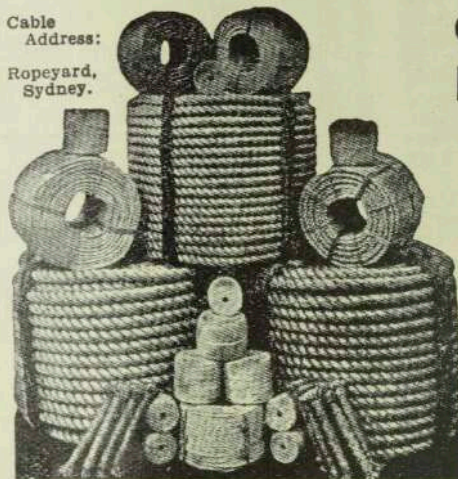
come to the first reigning British monarch to visit the South Pacific Islands. It can be said now, however, that few of them have a chance. Suva's four post-hurricane hotels have already decided to close down on applications for accommodation in mid-December on the grounds that every inch of space will be taken up by people from the outside areas of Fiji.

Nobody knows what will be done about the thousands of Fijians who will come to Suva. But, in the light of Fiji's history since Cession in 1874, the native race must have top priority in welcoming the Queen.

Elder R. A. Bigler, of the Mormon Church, Aitutaki, left there by air on holiday for his home at Salt Lake City, USA.

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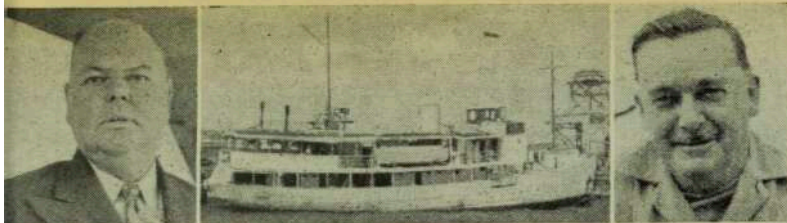
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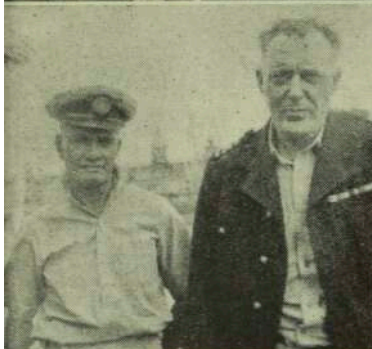
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Work has begun on the construction of a new airstrip at the northern end of Taveuni, Fiji, and it should be in use in about six months.

Miss Helen Lees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Lees of Kokopo, New Guinea, recently returned to NG after a trip abroad. She will marry Mr. Gordon Munro, of Sydney in March.

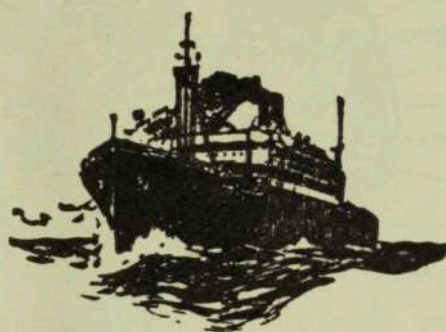


Top row: Commnader J. T. A. O'Neill; ship, the "Southern Cross"; and Mr. S. Lewis, who joined as Chief Officer for the Mission ship sailed early in March.

Below: Captain H. Simpson (left) of the "Al Sokula", with Captain A. M. Harvey, Marine Superintendent for W. R. Carter & Co., in Suva; and the "Al Sokula" on arrival in Auckland for Harvey.

George Hunt's "Corsair" cleared Sydney on February 1 for Lord Howe, Auckland and Polynesia. Crew—left to right: Ken Windsor (well-known in the Islands), George Hunt (remembered as British Consul for a period in Papeete), American Bob Magel, and Mrs. Hunt.

A scholarship for £150 a year for three years has been awarded by the Pakistan Government to Miss Alima Husn Bano, of Rewa, Fiji, in order to complete a three-year nursing course at the Jinnah Central Hospital, at Karachi. She left Fiji in January.



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RESIGNATION OF GOVERNOR OF DUTCH NEW GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent

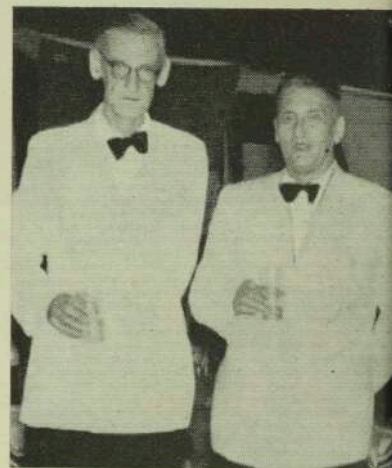
HOLLANDIA, Feb. 3.

THE Netherlands Government has accepted the resignation of the Governor of Dutch New Guinea, Mr. S. L. J. van Waardenburg.

Mr. van Waardenburg has served three years as Governor, the first to be appointed to Netherlands New Guinea after the handing-over of the Netherlands Indies to the United States of Indonesia on December 27, 1949.

He has had no easy task. Where up to that date, Dutch New Guinea was administered only to a very limited extent, there then had to be established a new and extensive administration.

Although his administration has often been criticised in recent



A recent photograph of Governor van Waardenburg (right) with Sir Brian Freeston (Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission) on the occasion of the latter's visit to Hollandia.

months, there is much on the credit side also. There was the establishment of the three Advisory Councils for Dutch New Guinea, one to each division, in which native representatives sat together with Dutch officials and advisors.

The Governor's resignation takes effect from April 1. Till then the administration will be in the hands of the head of the Department for Civil Affairs, Mr. N. Makkes.

Mr. van Waardenburg, with his wife, left New Guinea for Holland on January 13. His daughter, Mrs. M. van Genderen followed them on February 1. For his services in this country Queen Juliana bestowed on him the Order of the Lion of the Netherlands.

TOPICAL PICTURES FROM RABAU



At the Salemann-Sedgers wedding. Top left—Left to right: Old-Timers Alan Corrigan, of Wewak; Tom Prince, of

Lindenhafen; Jack Sedgers; Greg Kent. BOTTOM LEFT—Guests at the reception at the Sedgers home, left to right: Sister

"Taffy" Jones, Miss Egan, Mrs. H. Lyons, Mrs. J. K. McCarthy, Mrs. Keith Chambers.

TOP RIGHT: District Commissioner J. K. McCarthy and Mess Supervisor Mrs. Fudge at the reception to mark the opening of the Administration Sports Club. BOTTOM RIGHT: Leo Lewerissa, of The Kombi Club String Orchestra, helped to make the Sports Club function a success.

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Mr. Frank Ball, owner of the Ball Canning Co., of Oakland, Cal., and a frequent visitor to Tahiti for many years, died recently. Mr. and Mrs. Ball were about to leave San Francisco on one of their regular trips to Tahiti, on the *Thorsisle*, when he collapsed and died. He had a wide circle of friends in Tahiti.

Suva Grammar Boy Saves Father, Brother

TAVUA, Feb. 13.

WHEN Mr. Lyle Bean, Snr., who owns a farming property on the Rewa River, Fiji, and his two young sons were crayfishing on a reef near Nausori in early February, they accidentally stepped off into deep water and were soon in difficulties.

Mr. Bean could not swim, but his elder son, Paul, held him up until they were both exhausted. Mr. Bean then told the boys to leave him and save themselves, but young Lyle, aged 15, and a pupil of Suva Grammar School, refused to do this and took command of the situation. He told his father to lie on his back so that he could tow him to safety, and as Paul was also exhausted, got him to hang on to his (Lyle's) belt. By this means he finally got them onto the beach, thereby saving their lives.

Paul had swallowed a lot of water and was admitted to Lautoka Hospital where he is recovering satisfactorily. Mr. Bean is back on his property and the hero of the occasion, Lyle, Jnr., is back at school in Suva.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith and family recently went from Auckland to join the teaching staff of Suva Grammar School.

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Papua Looks Fine to the MRA Delegates

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Feb. 20.

THE four Papuans—believed to be the first to travel outside the Pacific area—who attended a Moral Re-armament Conference in Ceylon and India recently, have returned to Papua. They are Mr. Merari Dickson, Member of the Legislative Council; his wife, Mrs. Vera Dickson; Mr. P. Anakapu, and Miss Alice Wedega, all from the Kwato area near Samarai.

Back home in Papua they said how shocked they had been to see the poverty and hunger in evidence in India, and to see people who never knew what it was to have enough to eat or a place to serve as home. All agreed that they were very glad that Papua was their home, and they now knew what a beautiful country it is.

Mr. Dickson said that conditions in India had made him realise what

lot Australia was doing for Papuans, how fortunate the country was, and what long patience Australia showed towards Papua.

Miss Wedega said she had found that many educated Indians used their knowledge only for their own advancement and cared little for the less fortunate Indians. She wanted to make sure that when Papuans were educated they were taught that knowledge must be used for Papua, not for themselves alone.

EDITORIAL NOTE ON COURTESY TITLES

Our Port Moresby correspondent has asked us how we feel about the new fashion of attaching the English courtesy titles of Mr., Mrs., or Miss to natives of Papua and New Guinea. We have hitherto been reluctant to apply English titles to the Islanders, especially Fijians, Polynesians, Fiji-Indians, and others. These titles have no real significance in the life and culture of these people; and, until recent years when there has been an attempt—usually by well-meaning Australian or New Zealand newspapers—to graft them on) none wanted them. Most Pacific native peoples either have chiefly titles, or none at all, and are called by their given names; and, in any event, they usually had sufficient native dignity not to feel any lack in this regard.

However, one bows to the inevitable. "The moving finger writes," etc. If the Papuan and New Guinea natives feel that the English "Mister" will help them, the English "Mr." they shall have.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bergstrand, BGD, Bulolo, NG, returned from a tour of the United States, UK and the Continent in February.

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P. MORESBY, March 1.
MR. R. C. DOLBEY (of London and Borneo) and Mr. W. H. Doughty (of Borneo) have again visited Papua to check on the progress of the new mangrove-bark

factory being erected near Kikori. Mr. Dolbey is the managing-director of the New Guinea-Borneo Mangrove Co., Ltd., and Mr. W. H. Doughty is the chief engineer and a director of the firm. Both are likewise executives of the parent company in Borneo which has been supplying the world markets with cutch for many years. Cutch is a mangrove bark extract used in tan-

ning leather and as a dye and preservative for sailcloth. Those "red sails in the sunset" get their colour from cutch.

Mr. Dolbey expects that the Kikori factory will be in production by the end of this year. Five European homes for the staff have been completed. These are really up-to-date dwellings, complete with electricity and "all mod. cons." in the shape of running water and sewerage. A new manager is now in charge of the Kikori undertaking—Mr. Cecil R. Fisher, formerly on the staff of the London Missionary Society in Kikori district. He replaces Mr. C. B. Cook, who resigned from the company.



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The Rev. Trevor Shepherd, of the Methodist Mission, has been transferred to Vella Lavella, BSI, from Teop, Bougainville. The Rev. G. G. Carter goes to Teop from Buin. The Rev. D. I. A. McDonald, with Mrs. McDonald and two young sons, goes to Choiseul (his first Islands appointment) replacing Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, who has been transferred to Mission Headquarters at Roviana, New Georgia.

Dr. G. E. Hoult, who had served for three years as medical and dental officer of the Methodist Mission in the Solomons, obtained his diploma of tropical medicine at Sydney University while on leave in 1952.

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P. MORESBY, Feb. 20.
WHEN Rabaul finally gets its new wharf it will be a useful sort of structure, approximately 400 ft long, 40 ft wide, and with three approaches, each 20 ft wide and about 30 ft from the wharfhead to the foreshore. It is to be built by private contract and tenders will be called in March.

Reclamation will be done by the Works Department, and a cargo-shed will be on portion of the reclaimed land, between wharfhead and foreshore. It is anticipated that the works will cost about £220,000 and (write it in block print!) the money is already in hand for this job.

Meanwhile, the pontoon wharf will be patched, re-patched, and generally coaxed into staying more or less in one piece until the first half of the new wharf (right alongside) is completed.

The Territories wharves-position is improving. Lae is sitting snug and tight with its first-in-the-field wharf; Samarai has almost forgotten what the old wharf looked like and the new one has lost that fresh-from-the-contractor shine; the Madang wharf is just about finished; Kavieng sees the shape of things-to-come in two approaches and a wharfhead coming up; while Port Moresby now has at least the outline of half of the new wharf. At Rabaul—well, the detailed engineering plans and the cash are a good step on the way.

JACKSON'S AIRPORT

Some £250,000 is to be spent on improving the Jackson Airfield at Port Moresby. There are to be new terminal buildings—replacing the makeshift wartime structures—a Butler hangar, and a new taxiway and apron leading to the new terminal site.

The central runway, out of use since the war, will be reconditioned. At present, the two outside strips are in use—one a Marsden matting runway with old metal strips and the other a sealed gravel strip used only by light aircraft. All three were put down in the haste which characterised most wartime jobs in the Territory, and were never designed for steady long-term use.

Soon there will be only the grass-grown half-moon revetment bays to remind visitors they are using an aerodrome where the skies were once crowded with fighters, mobbers and transports, which carried no guarantee of a return trip. That is, of course, unless the curiosity of the peacetime air-traveller should take him to the simple dignified memorial to the late Squadron Leader Jackson after whom the

A PLAN FOR PRODUCING TEA IN N. GUINEA?

AFTER spending six weeks in New Guinea, examining tea-growing possibilities for the Minister for Territories, Australia, Mr. G. K. Newton told newspaper reporters that small quantities of tea were being grown now in New Guinea Highlands; that there were large areas of flat land suitable for

field is named. This is located at the site of the new terminal, and is still awaiting the long-deferred dedication service, rumoured to be taking place within the next month or so.

plantations; and that commercial tea-growing there was a definite possibility. Mr. Newton has been a tea-grower in Ceylon for 35 years.

There is nothing new in his announcement. It is common knowledge that tea can be grown well in New Guinea. What those interested want to know is: (a) Is it intended to encourage Europeans to grow tea in NG? (b) If so, where and when and how is the land to be made available? (c) As tea must be produced by a cheap and highly-trained labour force, where is the trained labour force to come from?

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerrigan, and family, of Suva, returned home in February after leave in New Zealand.



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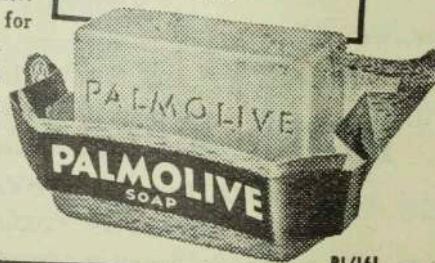
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Delay in NG Public Works

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAUL, Feb. 25.

THERE has been some public snarling in the Rabaul section of New Guinea lately over High Authority's failure to get on with certain promised works. High Authority has said that the work will proceed; everyone is poised and ready; but nothing more happens.

Some remarks at the February meeting of the Advisory Council in Rabaul, by Acting Regional Works Officer S. Dixon were illuminating, therefore. Here, in part, is Mr. Dixon's statement:

"You frequently hear that the Government Secretary has stated that funds are available when, in fact, they are not available to commence work.

"The procedure is rather involved. The Federal Treasurer makes certain bulk funds available to the Administration to carry out the running of this Territory. The majority of the funds are allocated to Works, usually unspecified or very loosely specified.

"The procedure then is that a project is decided upon and the Administration—in a matter of Works—usually asks the Department of Works to give an estimate of the cost of these works.

"However, when a firm estimate is arrived at, even though the Administration is very keen to start that work, the Administration, unfortunately (and probably very rightly) is not the final arbiter of the matter at all. The matter then is referred to the Committee of Co-ordination that works in Canberra. This Committee decides what work can be undertaken for the whole of the Commonwealth of Australia, and only that Committee can decide, for example, that the Tunnel Hill work at Rabaul may be carried out, and that it can be done this financial year without interfering with work that they have already agreed to have done. 'The bloke who pays the piper calls the tune.'"

Mr. J. S. Coster, manager for the Union Steam Ship Co. at Papeete, Tahiti, will retire on April 1, after a lengthy period of service. He will be succeeded in the managership by Mr. A. E. T. Poroi, who has been assistant manager for a number of years. Mr. Poroi is the well-known Mayor of Papeete.

Twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conroy, of Port Moresby, in February. Mr. Conroy is on the staff of the P-NG Department of Agriculture.

LOUISIADE MURDERS

SOME MEMORIES, by FRED BUNTING

IN the early days of British New Guinea (now Papua) many murders of traders and pearl-ers were committed around the groups by the treacherous natives.

One of the worst crimes was at Joannet Island, close to Sudest. The boat's owner, Captain Crone, was below in his diving suit when a swarm of natives attacked the boat, killed the native crew and cut the diver's pipeline.

It took weeks to get a message to Port Moresby. The Governor, Sir William Macgregor, in his yacht *Merrie England*, hastened to the spot, to arrest the murderers. When he arrived, he found anchored close by a lugger owned by a well-known trader, Nicholas Minster, a Greek, who traded all around those parts.

A dinghy approached the *Merrie England* and Minster boarded the Government yacht, and met the Governor. He gave details of how he had punished the culprits a few days previously. He had crept up into the mountains on a moonlight night, and came on to the native village where a notorious chief lived, and had found him sitting among a crowd of natives. He shot the chief, and men, women and

children ran in all directions and soon the village was deserted. Nicholas then returned back to his lugger to await the Governor.

The Governor coldly asked him the reason for his call. Nicholas promptly capsized his bag on deck, and out rolled the native chief's head.

"There, sir, is the chief murderer's head," said Minster.

The Governor had the other natives arrested by his Papuan police, and taken to Port Moresby for trial.

Brooker Island, which was not far away from Joannet, had a very bad record. The natives there were most treacherous, and nearly killed Minster when he was anchored there on a trading visit.

They came out one night, and crept stealthily on to his deck, and murdered some of his crew. Nicholas was sleeping on deck, and had no time to get his rifle from below. So he jumped overboard and was not seen, and hung on to the rudder of his boat. The natives rifled his goods right and left. Then he

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sprang on to the deck, shrieking that he had come back from the dead to have vengeance. In terror, they all ran away thinking his ghost had come to haunt them.

But those primitive savages were not the only ones to commit horrible crimes. Only a few years ago, early in World War II, there was a tragic event on Moturina Island, near Brooker Island.

It will be remembered that, in

1942, just before the Battle of the Coral Sea, the Japs arrived and occupied most of the archipelagoes eastwards of Samarai. They occupied Calados Lagoon.

A young half-caste planter, well liked, named George Burfoot, had a trading post on Moturina and, unaware that the Japs were there, he went to Moturina in his boat.

The Japs immediately seized him. I suppose they imagined he

had come there to spy upon them. Anyway, they murdered him in a way too horrible to describe. From what I know, I would just as soon appeal to the savages of Minster's time, as to the "little gentlemen from the land of the chrysanthemum."

TO ASSIST FLOOD VICTIMS

At the February meeting of the Kavieng Red Cross Branch, £100 was donated for the assistance of the flood disaster victims in England and Holland.

Lae (NG) townsfolk have decided to build a kindergarten for the community's fast-increasing population of pre-school youngsters. A well-organised and well-supported "Popular Girl" contest raised £1,650 for the scheme, and incidentally put the "Popular Girl" crown on the head of Miss Margaret Harford, the Qantas choice for this honour. Her votes alone contributed £472 to the kindergarten.

Mr. Theo Riaz, a well-known resident of Fiji, visited Nadarivatu, Vatukoula and Tavua in early February to say farewell to friends before leaving for the United States for medical treatment.

Mrs. Jim Fyfe, headmistress of the CSR Co. school at Rarawai, Fiji, returned home in early February after six weeks' holiday in Australia.

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EVENTS IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent

GROWING OUR OWN RICE

THE Tenders and Disposals Board of Papua-N. Guinea has sold by tender 331 bags of rice from the Mekeo area to Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd., Port Moresby, at £72/10/- a ton.

Quite a bit of Territory-grown rice is being sold on the New Guinea side also, although in comparatively small lots.

These sales may be the acorns from which mighty oaks will grow—perhaps oaks large enough eventually to knock the expensive importation of Australian rice right out of Territory economy.

AERIAL MAPPING OF DUTCH BORDER REGION

Two RAAF Mosquito aircraft from an Air Force Photographic Reconnaissance unit are taking aerial photographs of the Territory side of the Dutch border, from which maps will be compiled. Before they return to Australia the Mosquitoes will also do an aerial photographic survey of the area around the Popondetta-Tufi region, in the Northern District. This is connected with the CSIRO natural resources survey, to be carried out in that area next July, August and September.

CREIGHTON RE-TRIAL

At the re-trial of William Mervyn Creighton by a jury at Madang, New Guinea, in early February, a verdict of "not guilty" was returned, and Creighton was discharged by Mr. Justice Bignold. Creighton was charged with a capital assault on a native woman, and successfully appealed to the High Court in Sydney for re-trial after he had been convicted by a jury at his first trial.

UNUSED SURPLUS NATIVE LAND

The Central District Advisory Council brought up the question of unused surplus native land when it met in February in Port Moresby.

Members referred to individual areas of native land which were not used by the owners even for hunting, but on which all offers of sale or lease have been declined.

The Rev. D. Ure said he thought the native owners were not aware of just what leasehold meant, and probably they would be willing to lease surplus land if they realised that they would retain ownership and derive rental from it.

The view was expressed by other members that it would be difficult if not impossible to develop the Territory properly unless some of these lands could be brought into production. They said that so long as it was idle there was no justification for building roads into such

areas; but if some sections could be leased and made productive then road work would be justified. Once roads were built and access given to markets and ports, the natives themselves could develop adjoining areas.

The problem will be considered again at the Council's next meeting.

SAMARAI HAS TELEPHONES

Running round the island with messages can now cease in Samarai; for the town has a telephone system which opened early in February with 43 subscribers. The exchange can handle 60 lines at present; but,

if necessary, it can be equipped to service 80 subscribers.

TRAFFIC BOOKLET

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Actually, it is one of the riddles of the Territory that more lives are not lost in traffic accidents, in view of the "here-I-come-get-out-of-my-way" attitude of many drivers. Probably the real reason is that the Territory has not many roads.

AIR TRANSPORT

Papuan Air Transport, a busy little airways outfit formed by Messrs. Jackson and Goosens a few months ago, has increased its two-plane fleet to a trio, with the addition of an Anson. Now, when travelling by PTA, there is a choice of a Wacko, a Fox Moth or an Anson. The company operates out of Port Moresby.

Gibbes Sepik Airways, which struck a tough run of luck in difficulties in getting Norseman replacement parts, now has two Norsemen back in service, and a third should be ready soon. The Norseman shifts a lot of cargo for a light plane. The unfortunate trouble in getting parts has added to the recent acute shortage of light planes in the Territory.

OIL SEARCH EXTENDED

Australasian Petroleum Co., which already has spent about £10,000,000 on an unsuccessful search for oil in Papua, now has filed applications for permits to prospect for petroleum over a further area of 4,200 square miles, and another zone of 7,910 square miles, both near the Dutch border. The Company has

also lodged applications for the variation and partial cancellation of certain permits it already holds.

If these applications are granted the Company will hold petroleum prospecting rights over a total area of 17,904 square miles.

Simultaneously, the Allied Island Exploration Co. has applied for prospecting permits for two new areas, one of 6,660 square miles, and the other 1,190 square miles. Both are likewise in the region of the Dutch border. If granted, these will boost the IEC total permit area to 17,335 square miles.

The APC and the IEC have a Canadian contract party making an aerial magnetometer survey over country near the Dutch border. The survey is being conducted from a Catalina flown by the Canadian party specially from Canada for this work. Half the survey was complete in mid-February.

A CLUB FOR FLIERS

An organising committee to form an Aero Club includes: Chairman, A. R. Murray; Secretary, P. Grimshaw; Treasurer, E. Dawson; General members, J. Samuel, G. L. Bugg, D. Sullivan and T. Parsons. The Club will seek to buy three Tiger Moth planes. The club will have the benefit of Mr. T. Drury's experience with the Newcastle Aero Club. He is Superintendent of Air Navigation here. Civil Aviation Department probably will make the renovated Jackson Field passenger

lounge available to the Club when the permanent passenger lounge is built.

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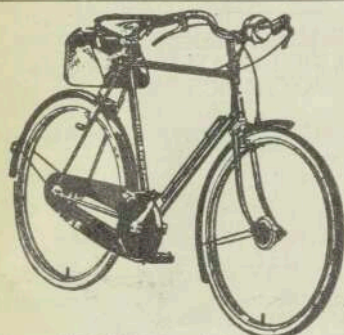
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the Territory said he had found some very promising trends in the Territory. He instanced the progress being made by Village Councils in learning to run their own affairs, and commented that the Councils were also producing new leadership among the native people. He was impressed by the keenness of various native communities to share in the economic development

of the country, and their willingness to work harder to benefit by economic development. He was impressed by the pioneer and research work being done by the Agricultural, Forestry and Health Departments. He thought the results being achieved at Maprik and Kokoda Education centres indicated the possible pattern of native education for Papua and New Guinea.



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CHARGE OF MURDER

Two members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary—Su'Yae and Kelembe—both Sepik natives—were committed for trial at Port Moresby on February 18 on a charge of murder. They are accused of having murdered a Goilala native on December 19 when a District Services patrol was travelling from Tapini to Ononghe. At the time, the accused were members of the patrol in charge of District Magistrate Tolhurst.

NG Scholarship Winner

THE New Guinea Memorial Scholarship (Queensland Division) was this year awarded to Robert Courtice Bird. His sister, Rosemary, won the award in 1951. The Trustees of the Fund announced a special scholarship this year to Ian Higgins, who obtained higher marks than Robert but who was ruled ineligible for the scholarship.

Western Samoa will soon have a second lawyer whose arrival is eagerly awaited, as legal assistance has not readily been available for years. He is Mr. R. P. Phillips, Samoan-born, who has recently gained his Bachelor of Laws degree at Victoria College, Wellington. He will take up private law practice in Apia.

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JACK' SEDGERS WEDDING IN RABAU

From Our Own Correspondent.

RABAU, Feb. 20.
THERE was a strong flavour of the pre-1942's (usually called the "Before") about the wedding of Miss Jacqueline ("Jack") Sedgers, daughter of Mr. J. B. Sedgers (manager of the New Guinea P. Ltd.) to Dr. Constantin Salemann. "JBS" has been 25 years in New Guinea (except for the Jap interruption), and he always has been



Dr. and Mrs. Salemann (nee Sedgers) cutting the cake at the wedding reception. The bride's sister (Mrs. Back) and father at the left.

Dr. Jack Sedgers, with his two pretty daughters, Jack and Jill—the bride, Mrs. Salemann (bridegroom behind) on the right, and matron-of-honour, Mrs. Jill Back, on the left. Son in front.

popular; so that on this occasion his pre-war friends rallied around to such a degree that they actually provided the majority of the guests.

It was a very happy event. Those "Behinds" who talk so much about the Old Hands' oppression of the poor natives should have been there to observe Kiali and Munder—the two most important people in the gathering after the bride and bridegroom. Those two New Guinea boys became Jack Sedgers' house-servants in 1927 and—except for the war—they have never left him. They had to remain behind at the evacuation; and Mr. Sedgers began to seek for them as soon as he returned in 1945. Old Hands still describe with fervour the scene when he eventually found them in Lae.

Kiali and Munder were prominent figures as they superintended the wedding festivities. As

one guest described it, "they almost burst with pride."

The ceremony took place in the Rabaul Methodist Church, the Rev. Ben Chenoweth officiating. Mrs. Jill Back, sister of the bride, was Matron-of-Honour, and Dr. Soczynski was best man.

Later, at the reception held at the Sedgers' home, "Before" monopolised the time-honoured toasts, most of them (like Mr. Chenoweth) having personally

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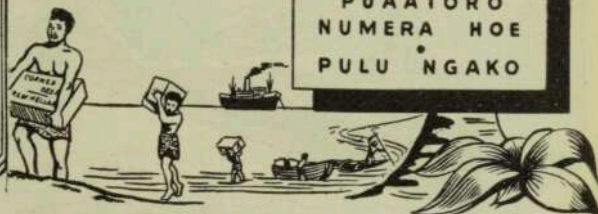
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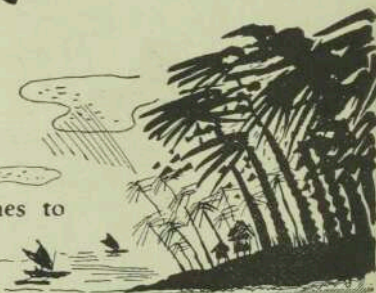


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MORINDA LEAVES FOR JAPAN

THE old Burns Philp steamer *Morinda*, which was sold last year and has been tied up in the Parramatta River, Sydney, for months, left under her own steam for Yokohama in mid-February. *Morinda* was put up for sale when the *Malaita* went on the Sydney-Norfolk Island-New Hebrides-BSI-New Guinea run and was sold to the Henderson-Trippe Shipping Co., of Manila, Philippines, for the ridiculous sum of £3,100.

On her way to Japan, *Morinda* will load scrap in the Pacific. As she is going under her own steam, her newest owners are being held to ransom by the Australian Seamen's Union. Under conditions which the Union has been able to force on owners, Australian vessels bought overseas must be manned by Australian crews on their delivery voyage, at Australian rates of pay, plus 20 per cent. for a minimum of two months, plus repatriation rights. *Morinda* will carry 34 of an Australian crew on her voyage to Japan. As the price paid for *Morinda* was so low, her new owners can no doubt afford this Australian Union bushranging. Most overseas owners buying ships in Australia these days, get over the difficulty by sending tugs to tow the old ships home.

It is officially notified that Mr. John T. Wheelock, United States Vice-Consul in Noumea, now has consular jurisdiction in Solomons and Gilbert and Ellice. Mr. Wheelock is United States consular representative for the whole of the South Pacific Islands, most of which he visits periodically.

After three years of building for the Methodist Foreign Mission Board building on Buka and Bougainville, Mr. G. H. J. Yearbury has returned to NZ. He built the Don Alley Memorial Hospital (commemorating a missionary victim of the *Montevideo Maru* war tragedy) and a mission station on Buka.

"As You Were" In Suva's Sea Baths

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Feb. 10.

THE Battle of the Suva Sea Baths will probably end quite amicably with everything pretty much as it was in the beginning.

Some Indians tried to make common cause with Fijians over the issue, but the Fijians, who had stood aloof from the start, showed that they had every intention of remaining aloof. The result has been that for the first time on record Indians wrote to the press declaring that the whole trouble might have been a mistake. It was openly admitted that the rank and file Indians had

not the slightest desire to push anybody out of the baths, and that the few Indian swimmers would be content if the derelict No. 2 bath (abandoned many years ago because agitators demanded the European bath or nothing) were rehabilitated for Indian use, and—most startling contention of all—it was added that the whole uproar was due to "trouble-makers who would be better occupied investigating the desperate house-shortage instead of waging inter-racial wars over trivialities."

Rev. Ronald Woodgate, of Nukualofa, with his wife and children, is on a visit to Brisbane. He is principal of the Theological College attached to the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, Feb. 25.

MEMBERS of the Samoan Public Service have been granted salary increases, ranging from £5 to £50 per annum, and retrospective to July 1, 1952. The increases are to compensate for the increased cost of living.

European and Samoan members of the Legislative Assembly have nominated their representatives on the newly-established Executive Council—Hon. G. F. D. Betham as European member, and Hons. Tualaulelei, Te'o Leutele and Mataia as Samoan members. Besides these, there will be 3 official members appointed by the High Commissioner, and two Fautua.

The new Samoa College at Vaivase, near Apia, has enrolled 227 pupils for the primer classes. The initial roll of the secondary classes is 50. Some 150 were enrolled in the primer classes at Malifa and Ifiifi Government schools. The latter are reserved for Apia children, while the College enrolls only children from outside districts who are boarders.

A former employee of the Government-owned NZ Reparation Estates, John Parsons, 53, was charged in the High Court with theft (10 charges) obtaining money under false pretences (3 charges) and forgery (1 charge), while in charge of the NZRE lumber shed at Apia. He was found guilty on 4 charges of theft and fined £130.

A remarkable scene was enacted when, at the end of the trial, the wife of the accused knelt before the Chief Judge and pleaded for mercy for her husband.

West Samoa's representatives at South Pacific Conference in April are Hons. Tualaulelei Mauri and Te'o Satele Leutele (MLA), and Gatoloai Peseta Sio and Mauaiaivao Sunu (Fono of Faipule). They depart for Noumea, via Suva, by plane, on April 4.

Mr. John Cramer-Roberts, manager of the Dolphin Mine, Vatu-koula, Fiji, returned home on the Matua on February 10, after some weeks in New Zealand. Mrs. Cramer-Roberts is holidaying in Victoria.

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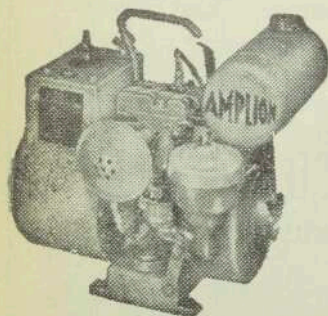
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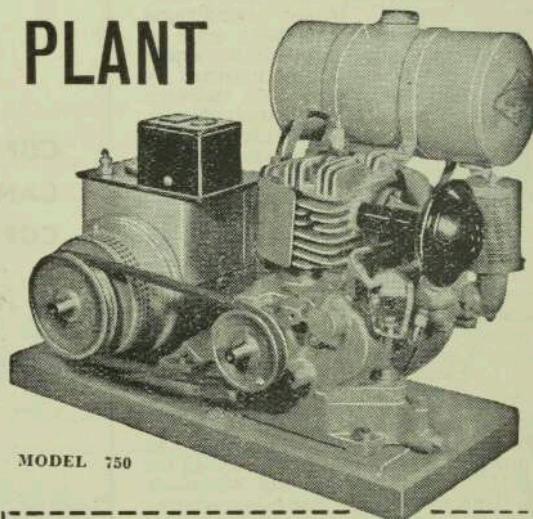
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Suva Post Office, VRO-4, maintains loudspeaker watch on 6300 kc/s, answering on the same frequency, between 0000-0100 GMT, 0200-0400 GMT, and from 2000-2400 GMT. Weather forecasts are broadcast on the frequency at 0230 and 2130 GMT, with the traffic list. A close watch for vessels is maintained for about half an hour thereafter—then ordinary loudspeaker watch is resumed.

Vessels equipped with 6280 kc/s should doubtless be heard at the traffic-list times when an operator tunes the band.

If and when the Weather Office issues a preliminary hurricane warning, weather broadcasts will be made on the hour and half hour, every half hour, day and night, until the warning has been cancelled.

The Fiji Islands now have a very thorough radio hurricane-warning system. In addition to the above, the Suva broadcast station on 930 kc/s gives its routine weather forecasts and remains on the air when an alert is issued. This station will soon also have a short-wave outlet—currently under test. Then, across the Island, Nadi broadcasts weather on voice at 0915 GMT on 7530 kc/s regularly—and at frequent intervals when an alert is issued.

Smallships, through the 6300 kc/s voice channel, may, for a nominal charge, obtain a special forecast from the Suva meteorological office at any time—though this would not be necessary under normal circumstances.

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WEWAK GREET A LINER

MADANG, March 2.
THE port of Wewak (far north-west of New Guinea) had its first visit from a large ship since the war, on February 23.

The 4,000-tons passenger-cargo ship *Malekula* called and left 80 tons, and loaded 20 tons of general cargo. A surf-boat carrying 88 bags of peanuts, grown by the Rural Progress Society of Dagua, capsized; but the peanuts were later recovered, laid on the beach to dry, and shipped to Madang, on a smaller craft.

It is unfortunate for Wewak that there is no safe anchorage, even for small ships, and the handling of cargo and passengers is often hazardous.

Mr. Fred Godson, of Port Moresby, has gone to Ceylon, on a few weeks' holiday.

NORFOLK ISLAND NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

NORFOLK ISLAND, Feb. 28.

THE New Administrator, Brigadier Norman, with his family, arrived on February 26. He was made welcome at a social gathering organised by local folk.

Residents are disappointed because Norfolk is being left out of the Queen's Australian itinerary. The Advisory Council is pressing for a few hours stop-over on the way from New Zealand to Australia, as this would delight our loyal residents and Her Majesty would also find pleasure in visiting the Island in which Queen Victoria took so much interest.

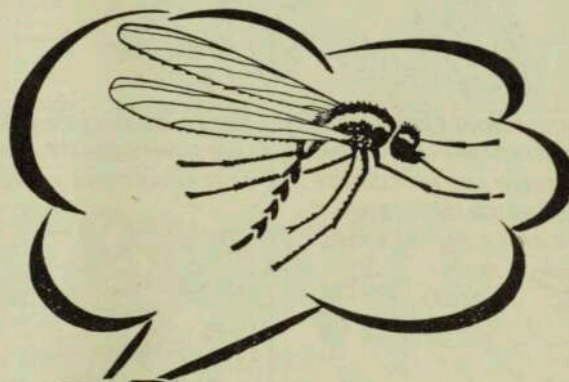
The Anglican and Methodist ministers are joining forces in weekly prayer meetings to be held in the Methodist Hall—

it is felt that the population, particularly the younger members, need a revival of faith.

While not detracting from the power of prayer, your correspondent feels that what the youth of Norfolk Island wants is a visit from a forceful YMCA leader, or someone who will train leaders on the Island so that boxing, basketball, cricket, etc., will be revived in a good Christian atmosphere. A Cadet corps might also be started and the now disused rifle range got going again. This is something that might interest our new Administrator, a young and keen military man.

Mr. Morris Young, of Pitcairn Island, who became ill on the Island, was picked up by the freighter *Port Halifax* in response to a radio call, and brought to Auckland in mid-February for medical treatment.

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TO ENCOURAGE GOLD SEARCH IN THE TERRITORIES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

P. MORESBY, Feb. 25.
WAYS of assisting and stimulating the mining industry were considered by the Special Mining Panel set up by the Administrator at its second and final meeting on February 23.

Miners agreed with the Panel that a financial advance to prospectors, possibly on a "pound for pound" basis, would encourage individuals to continue working on promising areas. Alternatively, it was suggested that perhaps up to 80% of the money already spent by the prospector on opening up an area could be advanced to continue work on the field. Advances would be made after the "show" had been inspected by a geologist and an engineer and recommended as being worth further development.

Experienced miners said there were good areas in Papua worth investigation and more prospecting effort; but mostly the total expenditure needed was beyond individuals' resources. They needed a cash advance after they had put in a considerable amount of their own money.

Another suggestion was that the Administration should acquire two portable drills—one for Papua and another for New Guinea—which could be loaned or hired out to prospectors.

An Assay office in the Mines Department, and a display of ore samples, would be of value.

The desirability of exclusive prospecting rights being granted to individuals for a limited period on fixed areas was discussed.

Mr. O. P. Blanden (chairman of the Panel and Mining Warden for the Morobe District) urged the formation of a Miners' Association to act on behalf of miners and prospectors in much the same way as the Planters' Associations act for plantation owners.

Recommendations will go in a report by the Panel to the Administrator.

"A LONG BOAT TRIP"

P. MORESBY, Feb. 25.
THE District Commissioner at Daru, Mr. F. A. Bensted, left during February on what is called "a long boat trip." His destination, however, is not Britain and the Coronation ceremonies, but an inspection trip to Kiunga, far up the Fly River and one of the most isolated patrol posts in Papua. Mr. Bensted will pass through 600 miles of Fly River country on his trip from Daru to Kiunga.

Famous 'Characters' of Tahiti

American Writer's Recollections

MR. CHARLES BROWN, Junior, an American writer who has been living in Raiatea, French Oceania, for many years, wrote a private letter a year ago in which he revived some memories of people he has met in Tahiti. The following are extracts:

TAHITI has produced some famous characters. Three of them are dead: Lovina, Lulu Spitz, and Bill Bambridge, who were unique, and who will live in memory as long as man remembers the period in which they lived.

All of them made Tahiti as happy a place—aye, a happier place—as one could find the world round, because of their having lived on it. One cannot talk of the Tahiti of their time without talking of them. In fact, Tahiti would not have been the same if they had not lived on it.

One, Lovina, was a lovable hostess, the most lovable in the vast South Sea; another, Bill Bambridge, was the Prince of Entertainers; and the third, Papa Lulu, was the protector of the "little people" of Tahiti.

I never knew Lovina; she was dead when I arrived on Tahiti in November, 1919, three months after my discharge as an ambulance driver in the French Army. But I did know Papa Lulu as a man who had the courage of his convictions. Bill Bambridge amused me very much; and I am never going to forget him. Even more than the Prince of Entertainers, he was the Prince of Good Fellows—sometimes, too good for his own good.

I add Oscar Nordman to my list of Tahiti's famous characters. Men and women throughout French Oceania will remember him for

his life adventures and for the jolly way in which he told of them. In life, he is his own hero. And part of his life he has already bestowed on his granddaughters—by naming them after the ships on which he served as a steward in his youth.

I wish Oscar Nordman would write for PIM a story about the practical jokes he has perpetrated on Tahiti—for example, the story of the fisherman and the mermaid.

According to the version I heard on Tahiti long years ago, Oscar announced one morning in the public market that word had been sent

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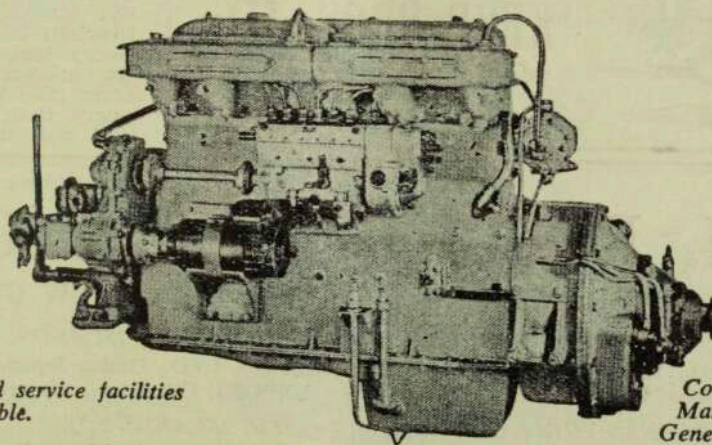
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over from Moorea to him that on the previous night a Tahitian fisherman, drawing his net out of the lagoon with what he thought was an extra heavy catch of fish, was astounded to find entangled in its meshes a beautiful, buxom mermaid!

He told the credulous inhabitants of Papeete that as a mermaid could not live in the blazing sunlight of a tropical lagoon, the fisherman, who had carried her into a cave where the sun's rays never penetrated, was going to bring her over to Papeete shortly after sundown—to present to a high official of French Oceania for a mistress!

And sure enough, at sundown the embankment along Papeete's waterfront was crowded with the citizens of Papeete—waiting for the fisherman to arrive with the mermaid!

And, my version of the story went on to say, when the stars were beginning to swim like silver fish in the blue bowl of heaven, and the fisherman and the mermaid had not arrived, everybody wondered if a high chief of Moorea had cheated

the high official out of the fisherman's discovery. And they all cried, as they did whenever they were perplexed, "Ask Oscar, he knows!"

I REMEMBER Oscar's summing up of the character of that old South Sea shellback who was as hard as shell: Thomas Erskine Bunkley. "He was wealthy and very well known; but few followed his body to burial in Papeete."

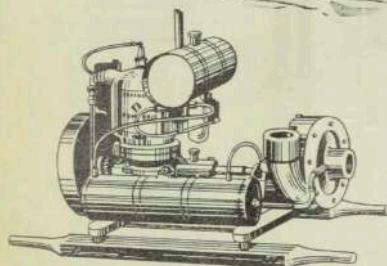
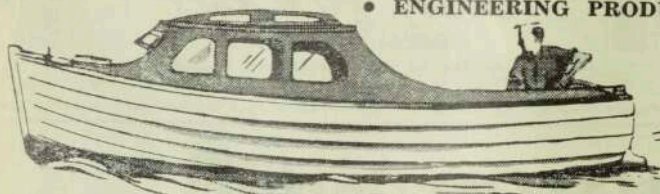
Years ago, in early 1920, I met him over a rum punch in the old Cercle Bougainville, hard by Papeete lagoon. I had come to Tahiti to gather story material for short stories for *Adventure Magazine*. When Bunkley learned that I was a writer, he drawled across his rum punch at me, the while Henry McDonald, another scoundrel, tittered over his rum, some of his incredible stories. For example, he described his battle with an octopus up in the Tuamotus. "Don't call me a liar when I tell you that that damn octopus had its tentacles wrapped around the ship. . ."

HENRY McDONALD was a scoundrel made to order for a young writer, such as I was when I arrived on Papeete beach. I spent several evenings with him, at the Cercle Bougainville and the old Annexe on Papeete beach, listening to him and making mental notes, which I afterwards transferred into several note-books, of his dealings on the beaches of French Oceania. And out in the sweet, kind land of Tautira, where I lived, through the month of February, 1920, I wrote a ten thousand word story, "The Fourth Boy," around Henry McDonald and his nefarious practices as a supercargo and trader in the Tuamotus. A little one-armed Tahitian boy was the hero of this story.

"The Fourth Boy" was published in *Adventure Magazine*. A copy of the magazine found its way to Penrhyn Island, where a friend of Henry McDonald read it; he sent the magazine to McDonald, who, after reading it in Tahiti, was so angry that he wanted to go out and pull up all the trees along

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apeete waterfront, so that he could bash me over the head with them when I returned to Tahiti.

But when I did come back, in 1922, he had cooled off; in fact, I think that he was somewhat proud of the scoundrelly Henry McDonald that I had created. For when he met me in Lulu Spitz's curio store, he said to me, a smile on his face, Brown, why did you do it?"

I never got much copy out of McDonald when he was sober. But once he had a lot of rum-punches in him, he would open up and tell adventure after adventure, all of them sordid, and all of them typical of Henry McDonald. He even told me the stories about himself that Frederick O'Brien incorporated in *White Shadows in the South Seas*.

McDonald had it in for O'Brien. When O'Brien returned to Tahiti in 1920, to gather material and photographs for his Tahiti and Moorea book, "Mystic Isles of the South Sea," McDonald went one afternoon to where O'Brien was living in Papeete and called for him to come out into the street so that he could "soak him on the jaw." O'Brien stayed indoors. After that, he always kept shy of McDonald.

One morning, I met McDonald at the Cercle Bougainville. He had not yet had his eye-opener. I invited him to have a drink. He asked me what I was going to drink. When I told him that I should drink lemonade, he jumped up from the table and stalked out, swearing

that he did not want "to drink with a kid who was not yet dry behind the ears!"

It was a long time before McDonald took a drink with me; and then only with some others in the party. Then I looked Henry in the face and yelled, "The kid who is not yet dry behind the ears is drinking rum—if anybody wants to know."

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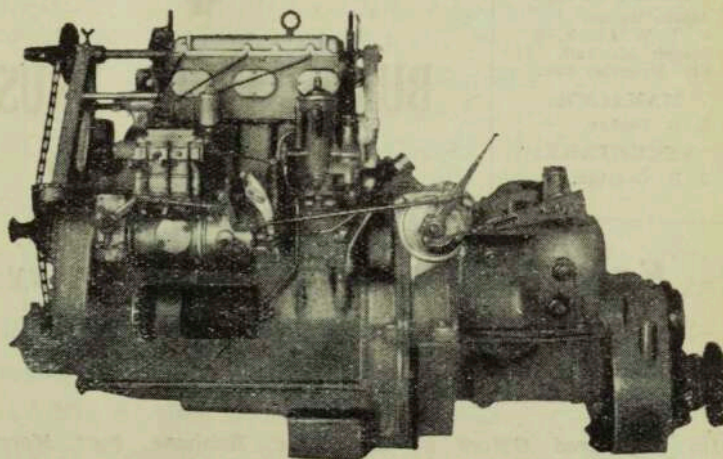
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Rhino Beetles Reach Fiji

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SUVA, February 23.

A LIVE, female rhinoceros beetle was found under a hatch tarpaulin in the ship *Thorsisle* by a Fijian worker, Jonetar Rokoua, at Suva, on February 22. Another Fijian, Tomasi Cuvu, recognised the beetle as the dreaded enemy of the copra industry throughout the South Pacific, and took it to the Agriculture Department.

This is the first known live rhinoceros beetle to reach Fiji, and the knowledgeable Tomasi has been

A second live rhinoceros beetle was found in a house near Suva early in March. See page 14.

given his full due of praise by Government officials, the press and the public.

The *Thorsisle* had come to Suva from Apia, where she had been loading cocoa beans. The fact that all overseas vessels in Apia Harbour lie well out from the shore shows how serious is the danger of the accidental introduction of coconut palm destroyer to Fiji.

Since the discovery of heavy beetle infestation at Vavau, Tonga, a year ago, strict precautions have been taken in Fiji. As this is a night-flying insect, all ships from Samoa and Vavau are required to lie well out in the stream every night they spend in Fiji ports. Shipping interests have been restive under the restrictions, but there are now signs of a strong demand for the utmost precautions to be taken against the threat to one of Fiji's three chief industries.

Officers of the Agriculture Department have pointed out that if the beetle had not been intercepted aboard the *Thorsisle*, it could easily have found its way onto the Suva wharf reclamation, with serious consequences.

Thanks to a persistent campaign in press and radio, people in Fiji have become rhinoceros-beetle conscious. There is a tendency to bung all sorts of inoffensive but unfamiliar bugs into bottles, and send them to Senior Entomologist B. A. O'Connor. But the officials welcome this evidence of interest among people of all races, and inquiries are never dismissed as trivial. The police has borne good fruit.

Mr. Vernon Wheatley and his family returned to Norfolk Is. from New Hebrides in March.

DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MRS. A. T. DAVIDSON

Mrs. A. T. Davidson, 55, died at Port Moresby on January 13, just a week or two before she was to have left with her husband for a visit to Australia and Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were settling their Territory affairs prior to Mr. Davidson's retirement from the Burns Philp (New Guinea) Co. Ltd. Mrs. Davidson had suffered from a heart condition for some years, but her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Davidson was born in Holland and was married in Java where her husband was employed at that time with the Burns Philp interests. Their twin daughters, Miss Margaret Davidson and Miss Mary Davidson, reside in Sydney, and there is one son, Mr. Colin Davidson, with the Burns Philp Co. in Port Moresby. A short service was held in Port Moresby before the body of the late Mrs. Davidson was sent to Australia for burial.

MR. RALPH HART

Mr. Ralph Hart, long-time resident of French Oceania, and of British stock, died at Papeete on February 14, after a lengthy illness. His father, John Hart, was American Vice-Consul in Papeete in 1891. Ralph Hart, who had extensive property on Raiatea, is survived by his wife, Miriama, and a large number of children and grandchildren.

MR. TIMOTHY DENIS RYAN

A definite link with Papua's past was broken on January 31, when Mr. Timothy Denis Ryan, well-known hotelkeeper in Port Moresby in the years between the Wars, died

in Brisbane at the age of 72.

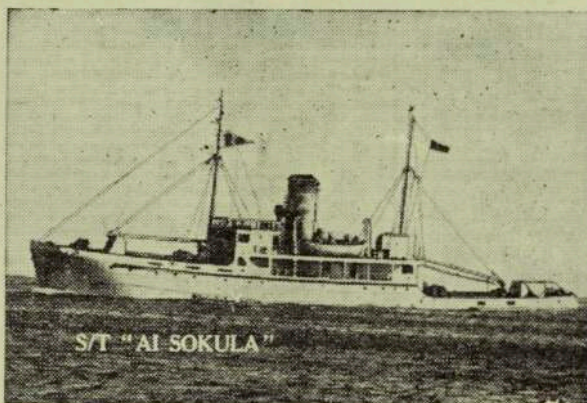
"Tim" Ryan sold his hotel interests in North Queensland and transferred to Port Moresby soon after World War I; and, in the long years during which he owned and managed the two hotels in the Papuan capital, he became known to all travellers in the South Pacific.

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HON. TOFA TOMASI

The death occurred unexpectedly on February 9 of the Hon. Tofa Tomasi, aged 43. He was an outstanding leader of the Western Samoans, a valued adviser of the Government, and a successful business man.

He was the son of a German resident of Samoa, and was christened Thomas George Nauer, and well educated at the Marist School. As a German national, he was interned in New Zealand during World War II, and during that time he studied accountancy and commercial law. In 1946-47 he assumed Samoan status, and established himself as a merchant at Faleasiu; he was elected by the Samoans to the Assembly; and he soon assumed leadership, through his natural ability, his oratory and his sound knowledge of finance. He advocated an independent Samoan currency, and favoured the establishment of

co-operative societies.

All classes, including the High Commissioner and the New Zealand Government, expressed their sorrow at his untimely death.

SIR CECIL HUNTER RODWELL

The death occurred in February, in Holbrook, Suffolk, England, at

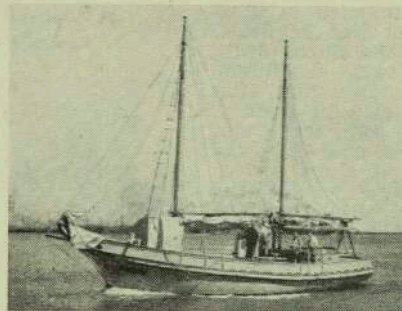
the age of 78, of Sir Cecil Hunter Rodwell, who was Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific between 1918 and 1925. He held a high administrative post in South Africa for many years before being appointed to Fiji.

(See also on Page 117)

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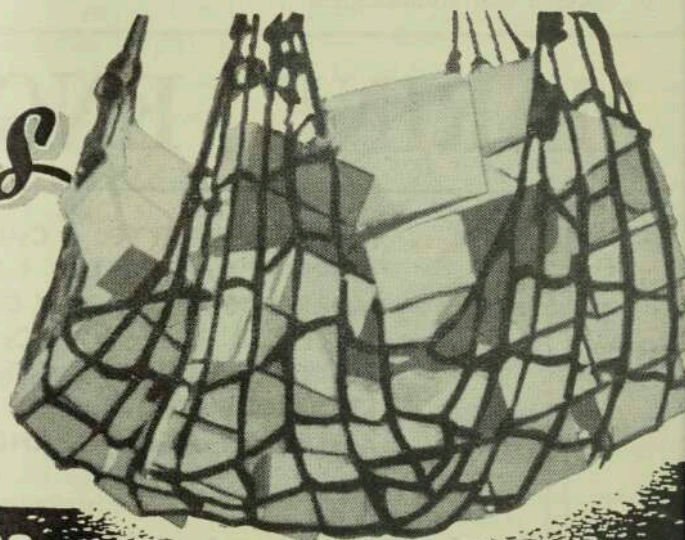
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The ARRL program from VOA stations is now being transmitted the following times on Sundays MT: 1045z, 1145z, 1915z.

The American FCC band-change proposals mentioned in January have been firmly rejected by ARRL and will not be pursued, according to latest word. They called for Ham bands to be divided into calling and working sectors.

Another ZK-I change: Mr. N. J. Mitchell of the ionosphere station ZK-I-BF—whom we believe was very active, will return to ZL in March. His replacement has not yet been announced.

Replacing Thor, ZK-I-AZ in the "Mauli" is Ken Windsor, already well known in the Cook Islands. He arrived in Sydney this month per yacht "Corsair"—in time to collect the job.

He will be active under his present call, ZL-1-OM—probably on CW and on 7 mc/s mainly. He has decided whether he will apply for ZK call, but in any case will not be dissatisfied as a DX Hound.

Doug. Cunnold, ZK-I-AB, expected to return in March after vacation in ZL. CW is his main stamping ground, believe.

Lugh Hickling, formerly ZK-I-AT, returned to Rarotonga (not Manua this time) has not yet been heard in Auckland, so has probably not taken under the XYL's guard as yet. (Feb.).

Here's a new call registered in Fiji—Broadbridge, VR2CS. The previous one, mentioned briefly last month, were CP, Brian Duff, and VR2CR, Angus Chell, both with the RNZAF at Laua Bay. Stan, VR2AS, is now on leave ZL.

BREAK IN gives the following current list of Canton boys: KB6AO, Bill; 6AQ, Takeo Sato; 6AW, Bill; afuchi; 6AY, Fred Carpenter; and Fumio Serikawa. The British element seems not to be represented at present.

AMATEUR RADIO lists VK-9-MT in deletions. No new calls reported from that area. We hope to have a current list for next issue. By all reports 50 mc. boys there have been very active this summer, with frequent contacts to VK2. VK's 9FM and 9DB appear as the ring leaders.

Hawaii, KH6, is causing speculation amongst the card-hunters. With President Eisenhower promising Statehood to the Territory they're wondering whether the Islands will join the mainland as a single country from the Ham radio point of view. Best get that KH6 card quickly—if you haven't already got one!

North Pacific announcement: Saipan calls will be issued from the group KG6SA-SZ, Tinian KG6TA-TZ, Carolines KC6AA-ZZ and Marshalls KX6NA-XX, according to "Radio & Hobbies."

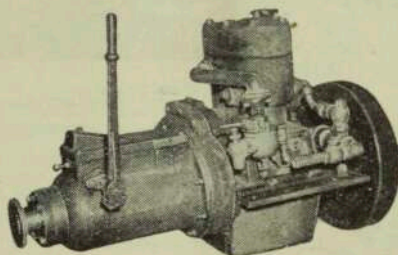
Nauru, in the news last year when

VR7AB caused some consternation (see Sept. notes), appears to be unrepresented at present. Stan Mayne, down from Suva, reports that VR7AB's life, though sweet, was short. His cards must be as rare as any.

BERS-195, noting VK2ATT, T. Thatcher, Cable Station, Norfolk Is. listed in the latest American Call Book Magazine (now 39/6 per copy in Australia!!) asks: Why not VK9? We await the answer to that one from Mr. Thatcher!

The yacht, "Corsair," bound Auckland from Sydney, with ZL-1-OM and a 1082 transmitter aboard, was listened for diligently on 7 mc/s. in Sydney, Auckland and the Islands, without success. Ken says there was plenty of what it takes in the antennae—and can only suppose the 40-odd foot vertical was

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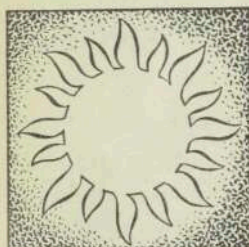
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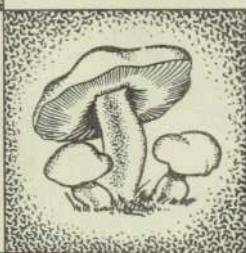
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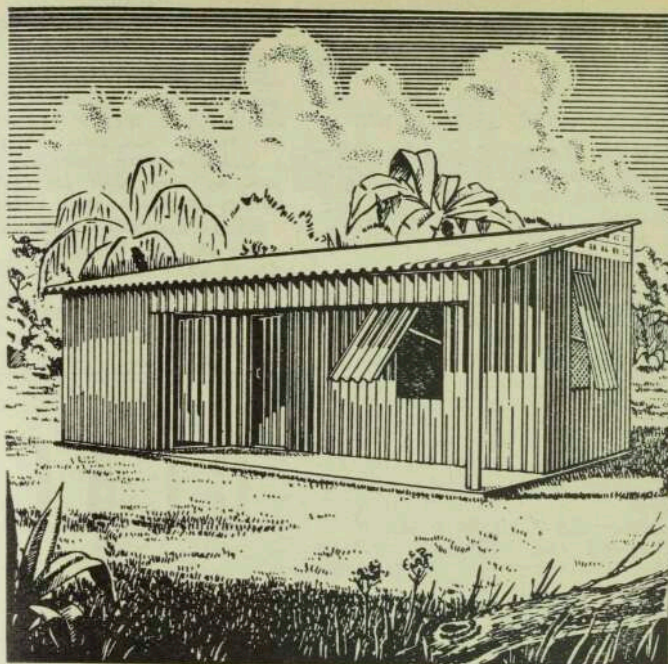
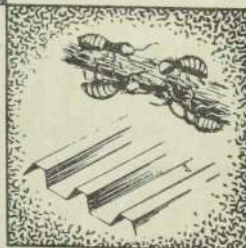
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ooting it somewhere else—probably into the rigging. He worked ZLB on 8280 commercially OK. "Corsair"—and the 82—go on Islandwards minus a Ham, with ZL-I-OM shifting to "Maui Mare."

"Australian DX-ers Calling" lately had change of schedule and now is heard 0400Z and 0530Z Sundays on 15.2 es, at 0800Z on 9.58/11.67/17.48 mcs., and at 1340Z on 11.84 mcs. The programme carries stray items of interest to us.

Guam boys heard working February 21 reported that the edge of a typhoon had passed that island, giving 7 to 9 inches rain on the previous day.

Our listening was restricted during the month, but conditions generally seemed very poor on 20 m., though may—they're only resting, for a W-VE contact early in the month brought plenty signs. Island stations heard were 6ADZ/AGE/FAB/GX/HL/QI, W6INQ/IL (the first Midway station heard since typhoon last year), KR6HW/JL, 6GAV, VKIRG, VK9GM (Norfolk) on 7 s CW, ZM6AA.

Latest news of departures or arrivals and general Ham items from all Islands readers will be appreciated, as also will suggestions for improving this column.

NOTES FROM TONGA

From Our Own Correspondent.

VAVA'U, TONGA.

AFTER 21 years at the convent of the Sacred Heart in Neiafu, Vava'u, Sister Mary Gemma of the Marist Order, has been transferred to the convent at Ho'uma in Tongatapu. She has been in charge of the convent school and will be greatly missed for her fine work and her never-failing kindness and helpfulness.

Among the new local residents is Mr. Henke van der Moelen, originally of The Netherlands, who has come to Vava'u to be in charge of the Tongan government experimental farm near 'Utui.

During the absence of the governor, the Hon. 'Ahome'e, who with his wife is enjoying a leave in New Zealand, his place will be filled by Judge Fello'akitau.

TMP Sateki Tupou and his bride have been visiting relatives in Vava'u. TMP Sateki has only recently returned to the island after an absence of some years, during which time he worked as medical officer at Niue Island. Last year, after leaving Niue, he was at Central Medical School in Suva, where he took a post-graduate course in laboratory procedure. It was there he met his wife, Talahiva, who was a popular member of the Suva Tongan colony. The couple will make their home in Nuku'alofa where TMP Sateki will be stationed at the Vailola Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. David Wolffgram of Villa, Vava'u, recently became the parents of a daughter, Salote Tatakiama.

While her husband, Dr. Russell Raitt of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, was busy

on the expedition ship, "Baird," which explored the Tongan deep in December, Mrs. Helen Raitt visited Vava'u, where she made a comprehensive study of Tongan customs and crafts. She is the head of a Californian purse and handbag company and was particularly interested in Tongan weaving techniques and made an interesting collection of Tongan mats and purses.

Mr. Kenneth Grove, minister in charge of the Wesleyan church of Vava'u, holidayed during December and January in Ha'apai and Nuku'a-lofa. In his absence, the church was in charge of the Rev. Kalivai Heimuli.

Michael McKay, young son of President Fred. McKay of the Wesleyan church in Nuku'alofa, spent the school holidays in Vava'u as the guest of Dale and Allen Grove, sons of the Rev. K. D. Grove.

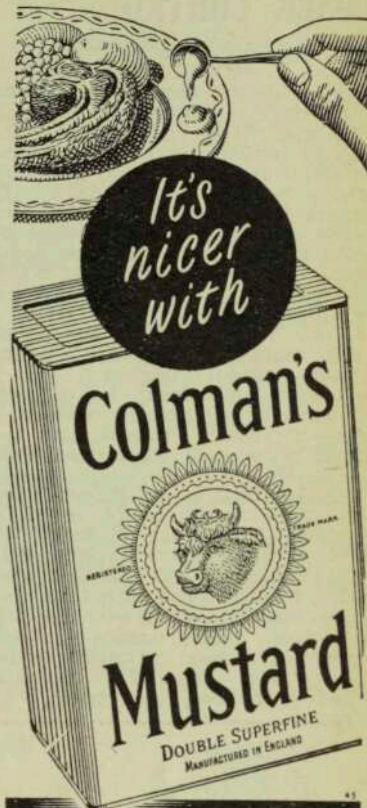
The Rev. Tamahori, newly-appointed Church of England minister to Tonga, has been in Vava'u for some weeks studying local conditions. With the departure of the Rev. Fred Bastian, present Anglican minister, for Samoa in March, Mr. Tamahori will be in charge of the Church of England church and school in Nuku'alofa and will have control of all Anglican congregations in Tonga.

TMP Lutui Fonua, who is in charge of Gnu Hospital in Neiafu, Vava'u, is enjoying six months' leave in Fiji.

Medical services in Vava'u have been extended recently by the addition of three nurses to the staff of the Gnu Hospital. All from Nuku'alofa, they are Vaila Iluaia, theatre nurse, Male Fuka, ward nurse, and Luisa Manu, child welfare nurse.

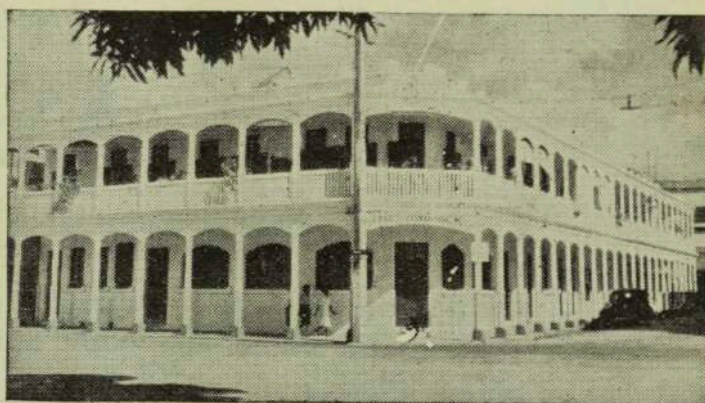
Dr. Garland Hallman, who has been CMO in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, for 18 months leaves Tonga in March. He and Mrs. Hallman and their three young children will sail for England. After attending the Cor-

onation, the Hallmans will spend a year touring England and the Continent before they return to their permanent home in British Columbia.



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TRANSIENT NATIVES UNDER CLOSER CONTROL

From Our Own Correspondent.

P. MORESBY, March 2.
THE Administrator lost no time in dealing with the situation created in recent weeks by attacks by natives upon white women and children. He said that, although nothing had happened to justify panic measures—such as the formation of vigilance committees of civilians—there was need for some special action. New measures would include:

- More European police.
- New laws to enable the police to deal more effectively with migrant (or non-resident) natives.
- Closer supervision—by compelling them to use certain residential areas—of visiting natives, and the prompt removal of those considered undesirable.

The Administrator outlined these and other measures in a radio broadcast from Port Moresby on March 1. He made some important points. Too many white women were careless in their deportment and behaviour in the sight and hearing of natives. The conduct of too many white men towards native women was unsatisfactory, and tended to reduce the respect with

which the natives should regard Europeans. Those who associated with natives were only a small minority, but they were doing great harm—and they actually encouraged native men to attack white women. He gave a clear warning that the relations between white men and native women will be under closer police check in future.

OLD "PIM" COPIES

To complete my reference file of "PIM" from Vol. 1, No. 1 to the present, I wish to purchase three early copies: Dec., 1930 & Mar., 1931 (Vol. 1, Nos. 5 & 8), and Sept., 1931 (Vol. 2, No. 2). I am prepared to pay a good premium for these issues. Write: "Bibliophile", C/- Box 3408, G.P.O. Sydney.

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The Administrator gave the following figures to show native offences against European women in the Port Moresby area only:

Year	Offences reported	Convicted
1946	6	2
1947	10	4
1948	14	9
1949	13	10
1950	11	8
1951	26	18
1952	17	12
1953 (to Feb. 21)	4	3
	101	66

Steps are to be taken at once to examine the housing accommodation of the native population in Port Moresby. The natives will be grouped in various categories, ranging from those fully employed and housed, to those who are not employed and inadequately housed. It is suspected that most of the trouble is caused by "transients."

A Native Transit Depot for visiting natives will be provided immediately alongside the Native Labour Compound at Konebada; there will be a canoe ferry service from Ela Beach to this Depot, so there will be no excuse for transients to remain in the town unnecessarily; and land will be sought for larger native labour lines for those employers whose present accommodation is inadequate.

Native labourers in the town must carry written authority showing identity and place of residence. Natives from outlying districts must get a pass from their District Office before leaving, and must report to the District Office on arrival in town; and there will be increased telephone equipment, etc., for the police.

Mr. Elliott Smith, at present District Commissioner, Northern Division, will be stationed in Port Moresby to be District Inspector and to implement the foregoing plan so far as it affects District services.

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From a Special Correspondent

THE situation here is not as bad as has been suggested. But it definitely needs action; and the measures now taken seem to meet quite well. Things are no worse here than in any other community of careless white and primitive black.

New people here do not understand, and do silly things. For example, there was trouble with a Kerema garden-boy. I wouldn't have a Kerema or a Mekeo if I was paid £5 a week to keep him on, without wages: Western Papuans have never been safe house-boys, and before the war they were never in houses where there were European women.

The Administrator could not have made a better choice than Elliott Smith for the job of bringing

the situation under control. He is a first-class chap on Papuans—he is known and respected and feared by every Papuan contemplating mischief in the Northern District, and his reputation has travelled far beyond Northern.

ANOTHER DOCUMENTARY

THE producers of a recent New Zealand film, *Broken Barrier*, Roger Mirams and John O'Shea, left Auckland on March 3 by TEAL to shoot scenes for a film on how the people of the Pacific live. They went first to Tahiti, where a cross-section of life in Papeete and on the outer islands will be filmed. On the return flight, further scenes will be shot in Fiji.

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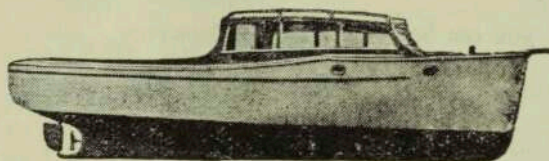
MORESBY, Feb. 25.

PORT MORESBY'S new base hospital is to be built on Taurama Road, instead of on the Three-Mile hill site, as in the original plans.

The Lae Advisory Council, again urging the need for a new hospital, says that the present conditions for both patients and hospital staff are "intolerable."

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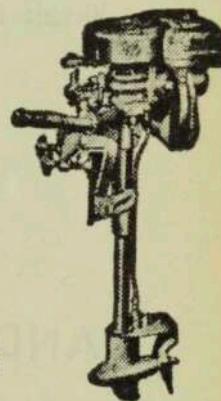
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FIJI-OWNED LAND AND ITS USES

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Feb. 23.

THE indigenous Fijian people own about 3,500,000 acres of land. About 2,000,000 acres is forested and practically all of this is rough steep mountain country. About half of what remains—that is, approximately 750,000 acres—consists of poor land, and of the remaining 750,000 acres about 300,000 acres are leased almost entirely to non-Fijians.

These figures, given in the annual report of the Secretary for Fijian Affairs (Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna) go a long way towards disposing of the legend, based largely on ignorance, that the Fijian people are sitting on enormous areas which ought to be thrown open to alien cultivators, regardless of whether the aliens ruin the land in the same way as they have ruined so much by all-out exploitation in the past.

The reference to the forested mountain country is of special interest in view of the warning given by the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) against the reckless destruction of forest and its sequel of soil erosion and ultimately of critically-reduced water supplies.

Sooner or later, the idea that in the larger islands of Fiji there are almost unlimited acres for "development" will have to be abandoned.

Ratu Sir Lala states that the Fijian income from leased land is only about £60,000, or about £5 an acre for good land; but the Fijian income from the reserves is very much more.

Regarding the Fijians' use of their land, the report states that:

(1) The Fijians are practically the only banana-growers, with production valued at £130,000 a year, and they are anxious to raise their output to the capacity of the New Zealand market. (Lack of shipping and shortages of banana-cases are two of the factors which have hampered the banana export industry. In 1953 the shipping situation has improved but the case-shortage is still serious).

(2) The Fijians' sugarcane crop in 1951 reached 22,000 tons, valued at £66,000. Fijian growers have already planned to double or treble this tonnage.

(3) Fijian-produced copra in 1951 totalled 20,000 tons, worth more than £1,000,000. This was owned by slightly more than 50,000 people in the copra-producing areas. The Fijians, the report adds, are enlarging and rejuvenating their coconut groves with the help and guidance of the Agriculture Department.

(4) In the home market some

Fijians made a fair amount of money out of the sale of root crops and laqona (kava), fish and logs. The report states: "The middleman, for example, is glad to buy an acre of three-year-old yaqina for £123, which is equivalent to a crop annual value of £41 an acre, compared with about £15 an acre for copra at the present prices."

The report reiterates the call for Fijian thrift: "The Fijian cannot see any necessity to save. He loves enjoyment, and why should he be deprived, he asks, of the pleasure of spending?"

Then enters the overriding factor of the economic competition of the immigrant races: "Many Fijians are now beginning to realise that the Indians have forged well ahead in many fields, and, to protect their interests, numbers of them are forming working parties or unregistered co-operatives with the aim of breeding cattle, cultivating more land and marketing their produce. Many now believe that there is something to be said for growing crops and saving. But this changing and promising outlook requires guidance and a plan based not on fear but on a scheme of proper development."

Fiji, a British Crown Colony, gave liberally to the fund for the relief of British flood victims. First donors were a Fijian native and his wife. Indians have given generously. The fund on February 25 was over £600 the bulk of it from Europeans.

When Mr. F. H. Ferguson went to relieve Mr. G. H. Leopard as manager for the Union Steam Ship Co. in Rarotonga last January, one of the first persons he met on arrival was Mr. Bill Howden, former Resident Agent, Manihiki, and well-known resident of the Cooks. Comparing notes, they discovered that their last meeting had been aboard the trans-Pacific liner *Tahiti* back in August, 1930, when that ship went to the bottom 500

miles south of Rarotonga. Mr. Ferguson was purser of the ill-fated vessel and Mr. Howden a first-class passenger.

Mr. Robert Roberts, District Administrator of Funafuti, Ellice Islands, arrived in Auckland early February on two months' leave. Mr. Roberts has been in the Colonial Service in the Ellice Islands for the past nine years.

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SOME RABAUl NOTES

THE new Administration Sports Club got off to a good start. Its cricket team, under the leadership of District Officer J. J. Murphy, has an occasional win, and its three tennis teams look like holding their own in the 1953 competition. Social Organiser Miss Bruce and her Committee did such a grand job with the Cabaret on January 24 that a repeat performance is scheduled for Easter.

The engagement is announced of Rosemary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Wildsmith, of Brisbane, to Alan, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. O. C. McKie, of Sydney.

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Blackford, a small party gathered at the Kamarere Restaurant for a farewell dinner to Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, who are about to transfer to Port Moresby, where Dr. Wilson will be in charge of the Territory's Surgical unit. Guests included the District Commissioner and Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. N. Nisbett, Mr. M. Orken, Matron Hanlon and Sisters Jones and Richardson.

Rabaul Anglicans now look forward to a new St. George's Church and Parish Hall. There is £2,000 in the Building Fund and more promised. An architect is busy with plans.

Mr. Hawnt has gone South for an extended holiday, to be spent mostly in Sydney and Melbourne.

Mrs. McKenzie, wife of Buka's well-known planter, has gone South to Sydney, for a few weeks' holiday.

NEW IRELAND NEWS

From Our Own Correspondent

KAVIENG, Feb. 9

The New Ireland District Advisory Council met in Kavieng on February 7, to discuss, among other matters, the official delivery of mail to plantations along the East Coast Road.

Mr. W. Dolby of Kavieng, astounded

residents and a Government Department by completing the erection of his attractive small bungalow in seven days. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby have now moved in.

Planters will be sorry to lose Mr. MacKellar of the Copra Marketing Board. He leaves Kavieng shortly to take up another appointment with the Board.

Work on re-surfacing the East Coast Road is proceeding very slowly, due to heavy Northwest rain over the last month.

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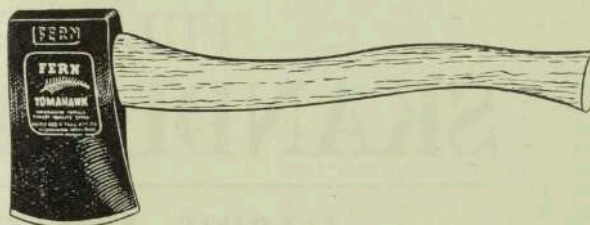
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Deaths of Islands People

(Continued from Page 108)

MR. ROBERT L. DICK

Mr. R. L. Dick, who was for many years in the public service of Papua, died in Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 18. He went originally to Papua as a plumber. He enlisted in the AIF in 1914, gave distinguished service, was wounded, and won his commission. When he returned to Papua, Sir Hubert Murray recognised his outstanding ability and took him into the service. He was a very efficient officer and was Resident Magistrate in charge at Ioma, when he retired in the Thirties. He invested shrewdly in Sydney, and made money on the stock Exchange, before he was struck by diabetes; and after that he returned to his people in Scotland.

MR. JOSEPH BRAY

A famous "old-timer", Mr. Joe Bray, died in the Kairuku (Yule Island) district of Papua in January. He came originally from Moonta, South Australia, and he arrived in Papua about 1912. He was a handy man, and engaged in various pursuits, from collecting mangrove bark to sawmilling, and copper-mining at Bootless Inlet. Many will remember him as a good horseman. In 1934, when Lieut. Governor and Lady Murray were spectators, he won the Moresby Cup and Samarai Handicap on Mr. Fred Rodson's Lady Eclipse; while he rode his own Black Bess to victory in the Papua Stakes.

MRS. GEORGE

Mrs. George, the oldest European woman on Rarotonga, and a resident there longer than any other European, died on January 22.

TOPOU ISAIA

Topou Isaia, aged 79, died at Penrhyn on January 31. He was the principal promoter of the recent LMS centenary celebrations, and was noted for his remarkable memory. During the celebrations he named for the Resident Commissioner every missionary resident at Penrhyn from 1852 to the present day. His passing was widely mourned in the Northern Cooks.

MR. TUAINÉ NICHOLAS

Mr. Tuaine Nicholas, a very well known and respected resident of Rarotonga, died there after a period of illness on February 3. He was married at Ngatangia. He was, until recently, an employee of the Cook Islands Trading Co.

MRS. DUNCAN CAMPBELL

One of the oldest residents of Samarai, Papua, Mrs. Duncan Campbell, died on February 3, aged 83. She went to the Territory 38 years ago, and divided her time between Kuaro (where her husband conducted a shipbuilding business)

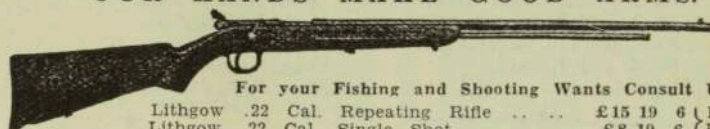
and Samarai, with her four daughters. She was a trained nurse, and often relieved at the Samarai Hospital when it was short-staffed. At the time of her death she was living with her daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Burrow) at Sariba Island, near Samarai. She is survived by her husband and four daughters—Nancye (Port Moresby), Grace (Mrs. F. L. Burrow), Kath (Mrs. P. Walke, of Samarai) and Alice (Mrs. A. H. Simpson, of Sydney).

Mr. Ralph Albrecht, who has represented Mackay Kerry Pty., Ltd. in Papua, New Guinea, and the Solomons, will shortly settle down in Lae, New Guinea, as manager of the firm's new branch there. Mr. Keith C. Watkins, who was with Burns Philp & Co. at Salamaua, N.G., pre-war, has joined the staff of Mackay Kerry in their new Sydney office as commercial manager and accountant.

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of another "blow," the situation would become very serious.

The island was barely adequate in area to support the existing population under normal conditions, and plans for the resettlement of a number of families are under consideration.

QUALITY OF COPRA

The quality of much of the copra produced in the Protectorate was far from high by world standards, and the problem of its improvement should seriously concern all persons associated with the industry, although some large producers had already commenced the introduction of hot-air driers.

There had been no new outbreaks of pests or diseases of coconuts. Fields in the formerly heavily infested *Amblyopelta* nut-fall areas of Guadalcanal had remained good. Provision from Colonial Development and Welfare funds for the appointment and working expenses of an Entomologist for three years have been approved. This is augmented by a proposed contribution from the Copra Board's funds. Dr. S. Phillips had accepted the appointment of Entomologist and commenced duty in the Protectorate last July.

BUILDINGS NEEDED

The Commissioner referred to the Honiara Hospital as a "serious reproach and a dismal reminder of the ineffectiveness of past effort."

He said that a heavy building programme lay ahead of the Protectorate government in the next couple of years. In addition to reconstructing the hospital (cost £A106,000) 39 houses for Government staff and nursing sisters quarters were desperately needed and were, in fact, delaying the recruitment of staff needed for development schemes.

Buildings were required also for the air-radio installation at Henderson Field. In all, the building programme of the next two years was expected to cost some £A265,000, a large proportion of which would be met from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.

HONIARA V. TULAGI

He was well aware of the feeling among the mercantile community that it had been a mistake to abandon Tulagi in favour of Honiara. The natural superiority of Tulagi over Honiara as a harbour was obvious; but he believed that in the long-term view Honiara had the advantage. However, whatever

the demerits and merits of Honiara, the capital had been established there, money had been spent there, and there the capital must remain. He thought that all that could be

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said on the Tulagi-Honiara controversy had been said.

A considerable amount of cargo destined for Honiara is at present landed at Tulagi and ferried across to Honiara. Steps should be taken to alter this and money that should soon have had to be spent on Tulagi wharf—which is in an advanced state of disrepair—would be better spent in providing an efficient lighter service at Point Cruz so that all cargo for Honiara could be landed directly there.

At present, for financial reasons, there seemed no prospect of building a wharf at Honiara capable of accommodating large ocean-going vessels; but this was the goal to be aimed at ultimately.

MINERAL PROSPECTS

Some goldmining interests have investigated possibilities in BSIP in recent years but nothing has come of it. It was understood that the reluctance of these companies to commit themselves to enterprises in the Protectorate was not because of lack of promise in mineral area but rather because of the regulations and restrictions imposed by the mining laws of the country. All that, apparently, is now to be changed.

Mr. Stanley said that the Senior Geologist who has been engaged for the last three years in making an interim geological survey of the Protectorate for the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund had produced a comprehensive report. "It is important that prospecting, both by individual prospectors and the larger mining concerns, should be encouraged and the fullest available information will be furnished by the Mining Board to inquirers. Aerial photographs are now available covering all islands of the Protectorate other than the Santa Cruz Group."

OTHER MATTERS

He recommended a Standing Committee of the Advisory Council which he could consult from time to time, as problems of administration arose.

It was hoped that the introduction of over 40 Hereford heifers and one Zebu bull from Fiji, and two Hereford bulls from New Zealand, would form the basis of a beef-raising project at Ilu.

Co-operative Officer J. D. Davies who returned from a study of co-operatives in the G and E Company, hoped to encourage cocoa production on a co-operative basis by the natives of Malaita.

DEPARTMENTAL HEADS

Important statements on BSI matters of general interest were made by the Financial Secretary, (Mr. A. M. MacLeod Smith), Attorney-General (Mr. P. N. Dalton), Senior Medical Officer, (Dr. W. H. McDonald) and Chief Secretary (Mr. R. J. Minnitt).

These have been summarised and will be published in an early issue of the PIM.

Some Helpful Comment

THE Council debated a wide variety of subjects.

Mr. L. F. Gill, trader and planter from the Western Solomons, warmly supported the Standing Committee proposal.

Mr. Gill sought information about the prospects of rice-growing in the Protectorate, the method of selection of members of the proposed Native Councils in the Districts, and any action being taken to check cargo pillaging. He advocated a saxonation system which would spread the incidence of taxation as evenly as possible, and the need to encourage investment of new capital.

Mr. S. Sitai (Native Member, Eastern Solomons) asked for an experienced Administrative Officer for Vanikoro, and to look after the people in the remote eastern islands.

Ven. Archdeacon H. V. C. Reynolds (Melanesian Mission) was glad to know that Central Hospital, Honiara, was among the first of the projected buildings.

He praised the Education Regulation, and hoped that a Teacher Training College, which was of

prime importance, might soon be run in conjunction with the King George VI School for natives at Auki, Malaita. He spoke of the value of a training establishment for agricultural cadets.

Mr. W. G. Paia, B.E.M., Native

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ember (Western Solomons) asked for more Government training of Native Council members in the districts and suggested that special courses should be held for the Presidents of Native Councils. Could a school, similar to the King George VI School at Auki, be set up in the Western District?

Mr. G. H. Kuper, trader and planter, Honiara, suggested legislation to enforce compulsory planting by everybody of at least one acre of cocoa. This would be harsh, but for everyone's good.

Mr. K. H. Dalrymple Hay said that the most important plans in mind were the provision of port facilities at Honiara and the breeding of cattle at Ilu.

Mr. Dethridge (manager, Tenaru Timber Company Ltd., Honiara) referred to the Government's building plans and to the urgent need for the new Central Hospital. He viewed with dismay the proposed exorbitant levy of 3/- per 100 super feet of timber exported. Solomons timber entered a most competitive market overseas, and prices must be kept low. Production costs in the Protectorate left very small margin.

On March 6, in Namanula Hospital, Rabaul, N.G., a daughter (Leborah Louise) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kent, of Rabaul.

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION

ACCORDING to semi-official estimates, the population of Australia at the end of 1952 was about 8,650,000—an increase of about 1½ millions since the Thirties. The population seems to be increasing by a little more than 2½ per cent. per annum, or about 225,000 p.a. The following table, showing the approximate population of States

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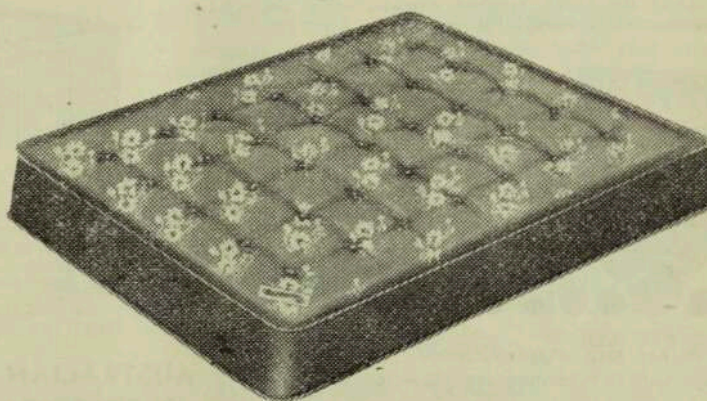
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LAUTOKA (FIJI) NOTES

Interest in being shown, particularly by the Indian community, in the forthcoming Town Council elections. It is understood that over a dozen Indians will contest the four seats. The European nominees are not yet known, but it is expected that the present Chairman of the Town Board, Mr. E. F. Corbet, will be Lautoka's first elected mayor.

Preliminary borings for the new Lautoka wharf have gone down about 60 feet without reaching solid. But it is known that the adjacent wharf (belonging to the CSR Co.) is sitting on 70 feet piles. The Northwestern people are looking forward to the completion of this new wharf, which will make a considerable difference in the tonnage handled in Lautoka, and contribute to the expansion of the township.

One or two interested citizens are trying to compile a list of Indian blood donors. The response has been small, only about a dozen responding; and these volunteers have already been called upon at least twice each. There has been for some time a European blood donor group on call, and members have always responded, in many cases to give blood to Fijian and Indian emergency cases. The plan of getting Indian donors on a voluntary basis is not proving easy to explain; but a systematic campaign by several of their leaders, it is hoped, will educate the Indians to the idea.

Fijian Coach Boosts Promising Tongan Boxers

SUVA, Mar. 8.

FIJI made a mistake by exporting a Fijian boxing coach to Tonga in 1947. Yesterday, a Tongan became the first non-Fijian to win the South Pacific heavyweight boxing championship.

In 1947, a high Tongan chief, Sivai Tupou, depressed at the constant failure of Tongan boxers whenever they came up against

Fijians, invited the unbeaten but retired Fijian heavyweight champion, Daunibau, to Tonga as coach and trainer.

On March 7, 1953, Kitone Lav from Vavau, Tonga, knocked out the formidable Millano, of Ba, Fiji, in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-round title fight at Ba. Lave, one of Daunibau's star pupils.

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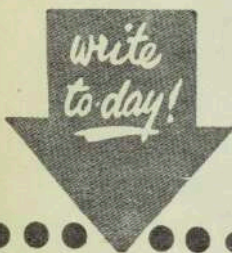
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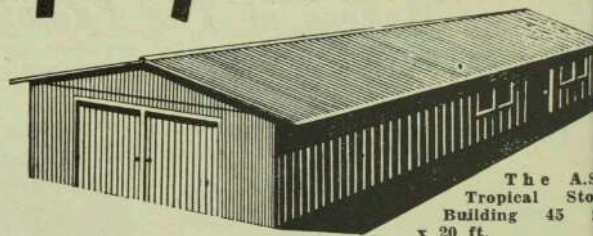
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ON MEN OF THE PACIFIC

KEEN student of things Pacific, Mr. A. J. Sheat of Auckland, N.Z., tells us of a book he has covered in the Auckland Public Library.

It was published last year in London by Robert Hale Ltd. and is titled "Whale Hunt: A Narrative of a Voyage—By Nelson Cole Harpooner in the ship Charles Morgan."

Mr. Sheat writes:—"Nelson Cole voyaged between New Zealand and the Equator in the years 1850-53. He was only 17 when he harpooned his first whale off the coast of N.Z. His New Bedford sailing ship was away from port for four years—and that was his last voyage, as he had run away to sea at the age of 12. He made more voyages and finally settled in the Hawaiian Islands in 1864 where he became a pioneer of the fur business. He died in Alaska in 1900.

Anyone who understands seamanship or enjoys tales of the era of wooden ships and iron men will read and re-read his tales of near-wreck in the Tonga Group; of air-breadth escape from drifting before when becalmed near a canal island in the Gilberts; of time spent ashore among friendly people of Rotuma; of efforts to get provisions in the Fiji Group at a time when boat crews were likely to figure on the Fiji menu. For his four years of voyage and living his life in numerous encounters with whales and other hazards, young 'Nelt' Harvey received \$200 when the ship reached Bedford.

The ship Charles W. Morgan is in existence 50 years after all her crew have passed on. She was built up in 1921 after 80 years of service and was berthed near Bedford.

In 1941, she was taken to the old whaling port of Mystic, Connecticut by the Marine Historical Association. There she lies in the river beside the Marine Museum. The visitor to Mystic can see there the original manuscript of 'Whale Hunt' written in longhand by Nelson Cole Harvey some years after his voyage in the Charles W. Morgan.

Captain Harvey's heirs presented the original manuscript to the museum in 1944. It is remarkable that it should remain intact all these years to be published 50 years after his death.

Perhaps some of the old ships of the Pacific might have been kept in a marine museum at ports in the South Pacific. The whalers played a part in the Pacific Islands, to be followed by traders, missionaries and flag-hoisters of all kinds. They had courage, even if they had their faults."

Native Bosun Goes To Gaol For Assault

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, February 10.

BOKATAR, a native of Aitape and formerly bosun of the *MV Marova*, has been found guilty of assaulting Captain Thomas, master of the vessel, while on a voyage between Madang and Bogia. He was sentenced to nine months in Lae gaol.

Captain Thomas, in January, laid charges against six members of his native crew, of which Bokatar was one. Four of the natives were sentenced to six weeks gaol by a District Magistrate, one was discharged and Bokatar was committed for trial at a higher court.

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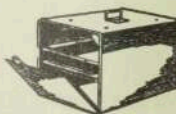


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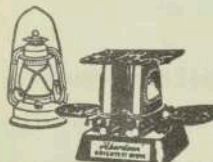
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HAFFLING CHARACTER OF FIJI-INDIAN PROBLEM

Mr. A. A. Ragg Appeals to British Parliament

MR. AMIE A. RAGG, that indomitable fighter for what he believes is the correct solution of the Fiji-Indian problem—namely, repatriation—has prepared a monograph on the subject of the Fijians, and is submitting copies to members of the British Parliament, and the highest British officials.

Many people dismiss Mr. Ragg's plan with the remarks "impracticable," "absurd"; but Mr. Ragg comes back with the simple proposition: "If you allow the Indians to remain in Fiji, what are you going to do with the native Fijians, whom you are in honour bound to protect, under the Deed of Cession?"

It is a poser, to which no one has found even the semblance of an answer.

Mr. Ragg's proposal is that all permanent immigration from India and China should cease forthwith, and that Indians and Chinese should be repatriated respectively at the rate of 12,000 and 200 annually. His plan provides that the

Up to mid-March, there had been no official response to the formal plea made by the Fiji Legislative Council on December 16, that the British Government be asked to appoint a Commission, to inquire into the population problem in Fiji and advise the steps to be taken to ensure that the Colony will not suffer the effects of over-population.

atriates should be sent away on system of ballot, arranged according to age groups (16 for males and for females) and families, and that they should be compensated for property left behind. He argues that adequate safeguards could be provided against the economic collapse of the Colony; and that, under new conditions now ruling in India, the repatriated Indians would not be at any serious disadvantage.

According to Mr. Ragg's calculations, the crisis in Fiji cannot be long delayed. The Indians, at 100,000, are now 15,000 in excess of Fijians; both the Fijian and Chinese communities also are increasing rapidly; and there is only about a million acres of productive land in Fiji. He points out that the Fijians are a warrior race, and even now are showing the impatience at the possibility that they, the indigenous people of the archipelago, are in danger of being sacrificed to political expediency. Because the problem is apparently so complex and any simple solution, and of-

ficialdom would be very glad to put it away and forget it, the stubborn Mr. Ragg is fulfilling a useful purpose.

His plan may or may not be a solution; but while he remains on the job we may not ignore the fact that, if a great racial tragedy is to be avoided, some solution must be found.

Moreover, Mr. Ragg's monograph contains a useful history of the problem, from the time that the CSR Co. began to bring in the Indian labourers to establish the sugar industry. Its sequence of events places the blame squarely upon the shoulders of past Governors, who must have seen the thing developing, and who neglected or failed to make the British Government appreciate the danger.

Another Plan: Indians Should Forget India

A FORMER resident of Southeast Asia, who has much experience of Indians and Indonesians, and who has lived in Fiji for a year, had a good deal of association with Indians and Fijians in Fiji, has made the following observations on our recent article: "Fiji's Population Problems Handed to Britain" (Dec. PIM).

If the Indian people of Fiji wish to make a future happy home in Fiji they should:—

- (a) Abandon the Indian flag, hoisted on every occasion possible, and mostly without the British flag—thus ignoring international rules.

- (b) Abandon their ties with India, beginning by sending home the representative of the Indian Government and his staff.
- (c) Pay a proportionate income tax.

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ould be checked by permitting the
Fijians a fixed quota of legal
marriages yearly. From statistics
it is of course known how many
Indian marriages take place every
year, and how many are dissolved
at death. The average number of
children in Fijian families is
down. On this basis it should be
possible to grant the Indian com-
munity a reasonable quota. If
more Indians wished to marry they
could have to (a) wait or (b) leave
the country. Many Indians can
only wait a couple of years. I get
the impression that Indians marry
at a younger age than the Fijians,
and I do not think this is based
on religion. I think it is more a
result of an old age unprovided for
the lack of old age securities. The
younger one marries the greater
chances of having a great num-
ber of children to take care of
the old parents.

In securing the land to the
Indians, one should not forget these
points:

(a) The Indian is a good worker,
earning money and spending it in a
wise way, generally by putting it
back into his property.

(b) If land occupied by Indians
is handed back to the Fijian com-
munity, is there a guarantee that
it will be used immediately and in
the best way possible.

(c) If the land of an Indian is
handed back to the Fijians, this
Indian and his family would have
to move. In general, they would go
to a town, because there should be
employment there, higher wages and a
shorter day's work. If the Indian
is not a labourer, he will try to get
into business, either commercial or
transport. Most of the road trans-
port in Viti Levu is already con-
trolled by Indians. The same will
open in commercial business, im-
port and export. And what then,
the Fijian population is still de-
pendent upon the Indians for its
needs? The Indian population now
grows its own rice. All rice would
have to be imported in future, as
Indians will use the land for cattle,
etc. Will Fiji be better off
then?

I do not think that Fijians and
Indians mix now, or will do so in
the future. I never heard of a Fijian
married to an Indian woman.
There are Indians married to
Fijian women.

I do not think Britain now is in
a position to handle impartially the
problems created by Indian settle-
ment in Fiji and elsewhere. I
have to mention the weakness
shown in negotiations with Persia
and Egypt, in the Middle East, to
show that Britain cannot afford to
get into trouble with India. As I
think, the only way out is a de-
termined action by the people in
themselves.

The Mayor of Suva's fund for
relief of distress caused by the
Flood disaster now exceeds
£100.

Millaud-Teissier Wedding

AN interesting wedding took place
at the Church of St. Michael,
Papara, Tahiti, on January 31,
when Mademoiselle Daniele Teissier,
eldest daughter of Madame and
Monsieur Raoul Teissier, of Faava, was
married to Monsieur Sylvain
Millaud, third son of Madame and
Monsieur Jules Millaud, of Ati-
maono.

Both bride and groom are from
well-known Tahiti families.

The Fiji Scholarship for 1953 has
been awarded to Miss Ruth Del-
bridge, a former pupil of the Suva
Girls' Grammar School. Miss Del-
bridge will take an Arts course at
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FIJI STAMP DESIGN WINNERS

The winners of the competition
for the design of the Colony's new
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and Miss Inez Stinson, both of
Suva. Mr. J. K. Payne was runner-
up. Each winner gets £50.

Mr. Smith's design, which fea-
tures the Cross of Lorraine against
a background of Fijian matting,
with a border of tapa pattern, will
be used for a 2½d stamp.

Miss Stinson's design, which
shows a Fiji river scene, with a
banana tree prominent in the fore-
ground, will be a 1½d stamp. As
shown elsewhere, Miss Stinson has
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HARD JUNGLE TRAINING

JUNGLE training is being undergone in New Guinea by CMF members of the Papua-New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. The first exercise was carried out early in February by the Port Moresby unit in heavy jungle country around the Laloki River, about 12 miles from the town. Regular Army men of headquarters staff took over the role of bandits, and all eight were "killed" by the time the patrol ended. "Bandit" Colonel Maddern was just congratulating himself on getting clear away after a single-handed surprise attack on the patrol post, when he discovered too late that he was being stalked by a CMF lad. But just then the stalker was stalked by another bandit, and "Bandit" Maddern had a further short spell of freedom.

The Laloki country and the wet season did their share in making the jungle exercise realistic, and certain houseboys had a lot of hard scrubbing and scrubbing on Monday morning when boots and uniforms were turned in for cleaning.

Lae's "A" Company was next in action, carrying out their exercise

the following week-end. Twenty five of Lae's PNGVR stalwarts duly rounded up three elusive enemy customers' and came through the patrol with a tactics record as good as that of Port Moresby.

Rabaul is next on the list. These jungle exercises are based on the training given British Army troops in Malaya for action against bandits.

Mr. C. D. Bates has returned to his old command at Madang, NG after a spell at District Service Headquarters in Moresby as First Assistant Director. He is again District Commissioner for Madang.

Mr. John Paul McGrath, aged 56 of Townsville, died from injuries he received early in March, when he fell from a job on which he was employed as a carpenter, 30 feet onto a concrete floor. Mr. McGrath discharged from the AIF after World War I, went to New Guinea in 1921, and managed a copra plantation. He was there until 1943, when the family was driven out by the Jap invasion. He survived by his widow, one daughter (Mrs. F. Snell) and a son (Brian McGrath).

FUTURE PRODUCTION IN P-NG

IT is noted in Australian Commonwealth records that the Australian Agricultural Council, meeting in Canberra in April, 1952, "Considered that Papua and New Guinea could contribute significantly to export income"; and it set the following targets:

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OME NOTES FROM RABAU

First Shipment of Coconut Oil

RABAU, Mar. 2.
The "Ernebank", which arrived at Rabaul early in February, took away the first shipment of coconut oil ever to leave the Territory. She loaded 1,094 tons of copra, 500 tons of copra and 320 tons of coconut meal for the United Kingdom.

Rabaul Medical Officer R. K. Wilson has been agreeably surprised at the remarkably quick recovery made by the native patients who have recently undergone the Thoracoplasty operation for Tuberculosis. Mr. Wilson says the thoracoplasty operation is a cure, and not undertaken merely to give relief.

During the two days that Dr. Ojala, of the South Pacific Commission, was in Rabaul, he saw a good deal of the work of the village councils. He attended a meeting of the Rabaul Village Council, and followed the Vunamami cocoa project from the tree plantings to the newly built fermentary at Ngatur. Later, he visited the Administration officers and the natives who had made such a good thing out of what looks like becoming an important commercial venture.

Rabaul Town Advisory Council has elected the District Commissioner, Mr. J.

K. McCarthy, to arrange for an early visit from the Papua-New Guinea Town Planning Board to confer with the TAC and Chamber of Commerce with a view to preparing a Town Plan for Rabaul.

The value of Rabaul's exports in the year ended June 30, 1952, was nearly £3,000,000. Imports were just over £3,500,000. About 60 per cent. of the trade of the Territory flows through Rabaul.

We are told that cocoa exports will be making themselves felt presently. Some people are asking, why export? Why not make the confections here? It would mean the importation of skilled

labour as well as machinery; but is it not vital to the defence of Australia that more Australians should be stationed here?

The building contractors, garage proprietors and shop-owners who, to date, have always been able to find a job for the Asiatic or half-caste, must soon be putting out the "House Full" sign. What is going to happen then? The Chinese certainly did not rush the suggestion that they be given 50 Hectares and left to it. Asked what was the Chinese reaction to the offer, Mr. C. H. Meen, member of New Britain's District Council, said they were keen enough, but lacked capital.

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NEW FIJI CHURCH COMPLETED BY VOLUNTEERS

SUVA, Mar. 9.

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The picturesque and beautifully finished little church, built of limestone, strikes an essentially English note in its tropical setting. It has been built by the parishioners themselves in 2½ years of voluntary spare-time work.

Rev. Dr. G. R. Hemming, who has been the principal force behind the job, conducted the first service, which was broadcast. Previously he had built a church in the Solomons, and carried his enthusiasm back to Fiji, where he enlisted the services of Anglicans at Laucala Bay and of several parishioners of the Holy Trinity Cathedral at Suva.

Examples of the voluntary work which has gone into the furnishing of the new church are the laying of 900 blocks of native woods for the parquet floor of the sanctuary; the panelling of the east wall with yaka wood, donated by Mr. W. E. Goodsir, by Mr. C. Stinson, who also made the first stained-glass window ever produced in Fiji; the altar, made and presented by Mr. K. Garnett in memory of his father; the altar covering made by Mrs. H. S. Sabben and altar cloths presented by Mrs. J. A. Garnett and Misses G. Morrison and D. Mune; the altar furnishings (book-rest, candlesticks and Cross) made by Dr. Hemming of dilo wood inlaid with mother-of-pearl.

Women members of the church made the sanctuary carpet (8 ft. by 6 ft.) in 1 ft. squares which were formed into the complete carpet by Mrs. Hemming. The timber for the pews was provided by Mr. L. C. Bentley, and Mr. S. Beeby paid for their construction, together with the lectern, prayer-desk and hymn-board. The lectern and prayer-desk were completed in time for their consecration by the Archbishop of York during his visit to Fiji in 1951.

The church roof, 70 years old, came from the demolished pro-cathedral, and the framework was built by Mr. A. E. Kennard. French-polishing of the panelling was done by Mr. E. S. Hales, and Mr. G. Larsen was the architect who supervised the building.

Until now Anglican services at Laucala Bay have been held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Moyes, who also put many hours of work into the building of the church.

The foundation-stone was laid by

the Bishop in Polynesia (Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne) in 1951, and the church will be dedicated on May 2 and 3.

RALEIGH OUT-DONE

THEY seem to be looking after their bridegrooms in the Northern Cooks these days, if Manihiki's most fashionable February wedding is correctly reported in the Cook Islands official press.

The report says that when Miss Mania Teokotai, daughter of a leading resident, was married to John Kaitara, over 100 yards of dress material was laid along the roadway from the bride's residence to the church for the bridegroom to walk on!

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The Plight of the Solomon Islanders

Letter to the Editor

BITTER letters from old friends in the Solomons make me glad that I finally withdrew my interests and activities from that enighted British Protectorate some years ago. I should say that, in 1931 under to-day's conditions, private enterprise is more heavily plugged than in any other Pacific Territory.

Distributing trade is a Government monopoly. It started right after the war, when the Government began buying curios from the natives with American trade goods, and selling the curios to the Americans at a profit of from 100 to 200 per cent. Now it has become the Government Trade Scheme. "Scheme" is right. It is reported that the Scheme makes a profit of £60,000 per annum for the Government; but still the Government is reaching out for more and more money, to finance an Administration that is so top-heavy it is fantastic.

Let me recount the taxes to-day, compared with pre-war, when conditions in the Solomons were at least tolerable.

Income Taxation—Pre-war: none. To-day, very heavy.

Residential Tax—Pre-war, £1. To-day, £2.

Copra Export Tax—Pre-war, 5/- to 7/6 per ton. To-day, about £6 per ton.

Shell—30/- per ton. To-day, from £6 to £18 per ton, according to market price.

Timber—Now a high export tax.

My friends describe the waste in many places. Pre-war, small ships, Government and private, were usually repaired at Tulagi. Now there are no facilities at Tulagi, and the ships are sent to Suva or Sydney. Why?

The Government takes all and gives nothing. It is sheer exploitation.

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In addition, New Zealand will have a set of five values with a total face of 2/11, and the four Dependencies (Cook Is., Niue, Samoa and Tokelau Is.) will have theirs, with a total face value of 2/5. Doubtless most if not all of the other British Countries will also have their special stamps.

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tion of private people, who have no real voice in the Administration.

It is claimed that there is also exploitation of the natives. Take the case of Vanikoro. An Australian Company has the concession to cut the valuable kauri pine there, and it pays the Government royalty on same. It always was clearly understood that a portion of this revenue would be passed on to the Vanikoro natives, as is done in other Territories. But the Government has collected very many thousands of pounds from the Co., and has paid to the natives only £35 Aus per family per year—or did up to 1951.

One reads a great deal here in Australia about what the South Pacific Commission is doing for the Islanders. Perhaps it could justify some of its heavy cost in examining the plight of the white Islanders in the Solomons—and those unfortunate black Islanders in Vanikoro.

I am, etc.,
EX-SOLOMONITE.

Sydney.

EDITOR'S NOTE—We believe that all our correspondent says is true. But maybe it would be wise to exercise patience a little longer. What with the Cinderella conditions of pre-1940: the Japanese invasion; and the queer policies imposed by the British Socialist administration in 1946-51, the Solomons have had a real hiding, in both an administrative and economic sense. But a new set-up, with a new policy and a new team, has just taken over. We are encouraged to hope for changes.

HIGHER BSI POSTAGE

HONIARA, March 10.

AIR mail postage rates to and from the British Solomon Islands Protectorate have been increased. Rates from Australian territories (including P-NG) to the Protectorate are now 1/1 letter mail (per half oz) and 8d for Air Letter forms.

A heavy surcharge is levied on BSI residents receiving insufficiently stamped mail.

The refusal of the New Guinea Administration to provide two barges to carry traffic between Lae and Labu on Sundays has caused much inconvenience to the Morobe residents. Wau Advisory Council has asked Lae and Bulolo communities to take common action with Wau in again asking for the week-end barge service.

The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, CMG), with Mrs. Stanley and Miss Stanley, left Honiara in the Solomons on MV Kurimaru on February 27 for Vila, New Hebrides. After carrying out a tour of the Southern New Hebrides the party was expected to return to Honiara about March 17.

MINOR RIOT ON TIMBER ISLAND

44 Natives Sent to Gaol

ON the Southern Solomons island of Vanikoro, at the kauri timber settlement, on Christmas Day, there was a serious disturbance, when a large party of Santa Cruz labourers attacked two European bush-bosses. The white men were dragged from their huts and killed on the ground, but not seriously injured.

The District Commissioner, Eastern Solomons, arrived in January, held an inquiry lasting three days, and then sentenced 44 Santa Cruz labourers to terms in gaol ranging from 3 to 9 months. They were put onto the Government ship *Kaurimarau*, and taken to the Government station at Kiriiri.

There was a disturbance on Vanikoro some two years ago, when 16 Reef Islands natives went on strike for higher wages. After two weeks without pay or rations, they resumed work.

The Vanikoro Timber Co. have been working the kauri forests on the island for about 27 years, mostly with Santa Cruz and Reef Islands labour. Until three years ago, theselanders had an excellent reputa-

tion for good conduct and industry.

The removal of the Santa Cruz natives caused a labour crisis. A plane from Santo in January took six Fijians to Vanikoro—one assistant engineer, one carpenter, and four truck and tractor drivers.

Mr. A. Hayling went to the Reef

Islands and recruited 25 natives. On his way back his boat ran onto a reef at Utupua. It got off eventually, but when it was tied up at Vanikoro, it was found that the engine was very badly damaged. A native attendant had used benzine instead of diesel oil.

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Rarotonga's expected isolation during the absence on survey of the Maui image, has been relieved by two visits of a NZ Civil Aviation aircraft. It took explosives to Aitutaki, for deepening the lagoon area, on its first flight, then carried out a survey of the radio navigational aids. It carried passengers, mails and urgent cargo to Rarotonga.

The Cooks had an influenza epidemic in January. Over 800 cases were reported with pneumonia.

Messrs. A. B. Donald & Co. have generously donated a suitable radio receiver and the necessary extension loudspeaker and cables to the Rarotonga auditorium.

Because the Charlotte Donald, en route Papeete for her annual survey, was delayed, by bad weather, to overcarry kahanga cargo to Penrhyn, several small, open sailing craft went from Rarotonga across the 25-miles open-sea passage to collect the goods.

Dr. T. T. Romans, has been appointed Chief Medical Officer in the Cook Islands. He has been on the staff of a public hospital in NZ.

There has been considerable road-making activity on Atiu Island, access roads being built by the population from orchards to the alternative landings Totiko and Konaikonako.

Twenty thousand trees in the Government nursery, Atiu, mainly Australian eucalypts and acacias, brought from NZ late in 1951, are now 15 feet in height and will be planted out in the reforestation scheme on Atiu as soon as the present spell of very dry weather ends. Fowls, ducks, and turkeys, imported to improve local strains, and add to the island's poultry resources, are doing well at the hatchery, which is operated in conjunction with the experimental farm.

Rarotonga Public Works concentrated improvements to the Takuvaine water supply (in the mountains at the back of Avarua) during a dry spell in January. Water supply on Rarotonga has become a serious problem. Fines are being imposed on persons who leave taps running.

The position of Resident Agent, Rarotonga, is vacant—advertised at £NZ400-500. An official interpreter (salary £250-400) for Rarotonga is also sought.

In February, the Rarotonga Land Court began a re-investigation of the Title of Putapuatea, under direction from the Supreme Appellate Court. The land concerned is the compound of the Makea ki in Avarua, on which the Makea's place is situated. The block extends to the sea inland to the LMS Church compound. The first palace was built on the land by Makea Pori in the 1830's. There is much interest in the case.

Mr. Marama Nicholas has been selected to lead the small Cook Islands military contingent to the Coronation. He held the rank of Flight Sergeant in the RNZAF at the end of the war.

Mr. Stewart Kingan, commercial photographer of Rarotonga, recently made a series of photographic slides of erosion on Rarotonga, for projection in the local theatres, to instruct the people in the effects of de-forestation.

Pukapuka people have built a flat-bottomed surf boat to carry three tons of copra and are taking it to Nassau Island for use in loading the inter-island vessels.

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COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on March 6 was £Stg.226 (£A282/10/-) c.i.f. ton, Cont. ports.

N.G.—£A270 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

New Hebrides.—Recent sales in Sydney brought £A250 per ton, in store.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in March quoted Samoan cocoa at £Stg.245 (£A306/5/-) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.).

COFFEE.—Islands prices ruling in March were: Papua-N.G.—No shipments received in Sydney lately. Last price was at 7/6 approx. per lb. (approx. £840 per ton), which was abnormally high. Price is expected to level off at about 5/- per lb. (approx. £560 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 March shipment.—Papua-N.G.: 21-27/64d Stg. per lb. c.i.f. Sydney (approx. 26-7/10d 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), March 6: No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 74½c lb., c.i.f. (approx. 30d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 24/-; 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-N.G. approx. £100.) New season's (1953-1954) price expected early May.

DESICCATED COCONUT.—Sydney agents quote Ceylon, 1/6-4/5 Stg. per lb. spot, delivered to store, Sydney (1/11½ Aust. per lb.). New Guinea: 2/5½ lb. spot, delivered in store, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between Torres Strait producers and Otto Gerdat Co. (USA) for 1952-53: AA/A/B grade, 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, £A200 per ton; 2nd grade, £A140 per ton for B.S.I. shell.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Feb. 20.

Copra, c.i.f., Continental ports, ton:—New Hebrides . . . 86,000 Metrop. francs (£A110/18/- approx. per ton), Tahiti . . . 90,000 Metrop. francs (£116/2/6 approx. per ton), FM Straits, Feb.-Mch. . . £Stg.86 (£A168 per ton).

Ceylon, FMS . . . Nominal Philippines, bulk . . . US\$230 (£A98/11/6 approx. per ton).

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton:—FM Straits, 3½% drums . . . £Stg.119 (£A150 approx. per ton).

Ceylon, bulk, resellers . . . £Stg.121 (£A150/10/- approx. per ton).

Philippines, affos . . . Nominal Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. Continental ports.—Accra, February-April, £Stg.11/10/- (£A287/10/- approx. per long ton).

ISLANDS MINING SHARES

	FIJI		
	Aug., 1939,	Feb. 2	March 2,
Emperor . .	b9/11	s8/-	s7/3
Loloma . .	s25/6	b28/-	s27/6
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA			
Bulolo G.D. .	b124/-	b67/-	b60/-
Mandated All.	b3/8	b3d	b9d
N.G.G. Ltd. .	b1/10	b1/9	b1/10½
Oil Search . .	s3/11	b2/6	s2/6
Orion Oil . .	b5/-	b3d	b9d
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b7d	b3d
Placer Dev. .	b68/6	b395/-	b400/-
Sandy Creek .	b1/5	b6d	b3d

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-N.G.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branches Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and BANK OF NSW (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-N.G.: 10/- per £100.

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia-BSI: 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs, most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania. FRENCH BANK (Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris) in Sydney quotes (nominally): 140 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 175 Pac. fr. to £stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US \$.

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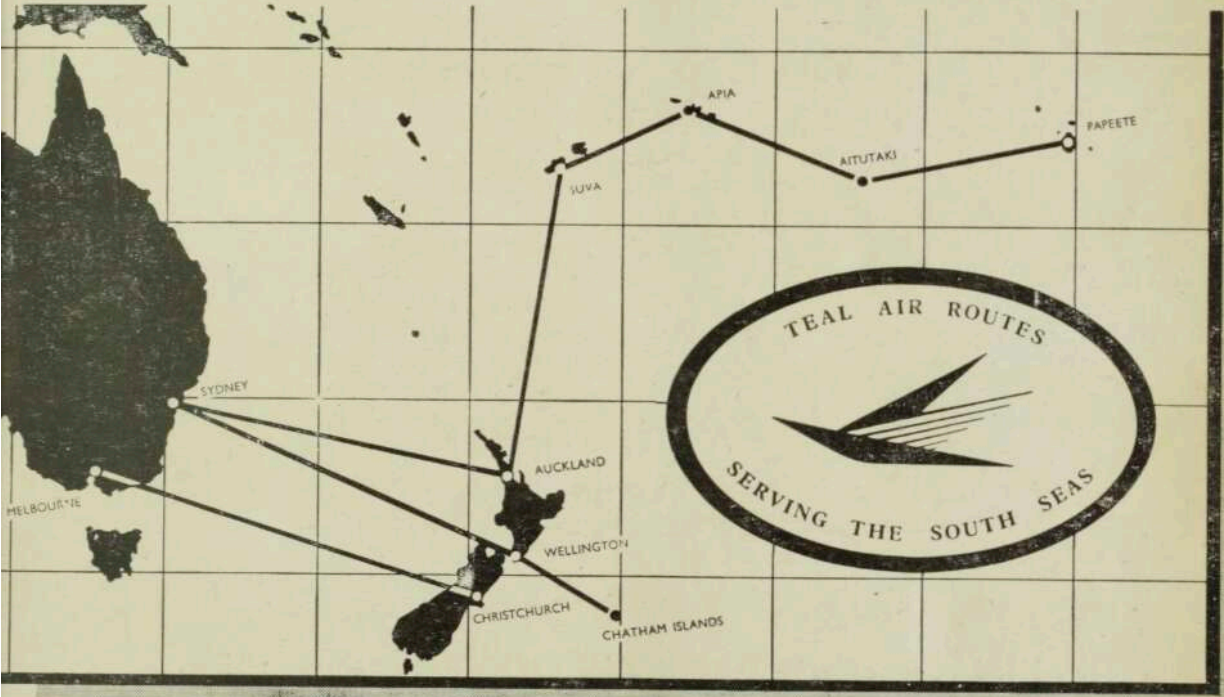


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