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THIS is the Church choir of the London Missionary Society at Hanuabada Village, near Port Moresby. Although the male Papuans are the most dressed of all Papua - New Guinea natives (they settle for a lava-lava on the New Guinea side, while the Papuans often wear long trousers and a shirt) the young Papuan women still wear only a grass skirt. The Papuan girls have good figures, a graceful carriage and, with their pale skin, are much prettier than their New Guinea sisters who wear an unbecoming Mother Hubbard and rarely merit a second glance. Papuan girls get plenty of glances.

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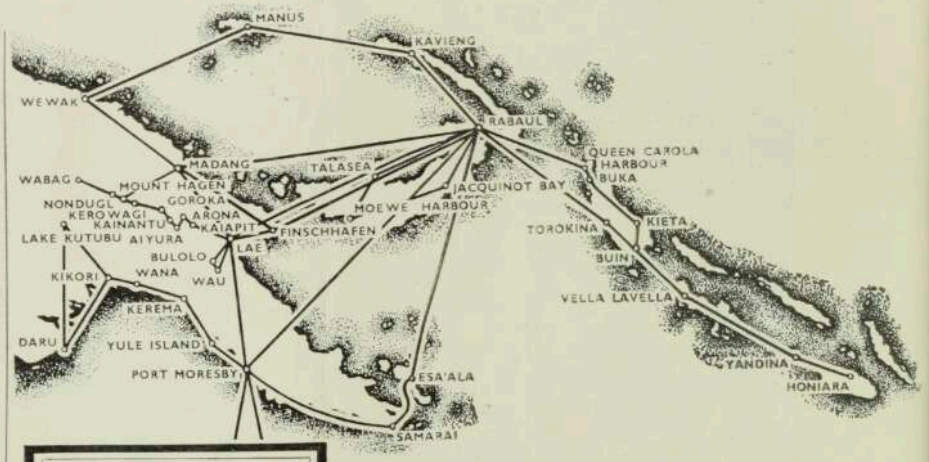

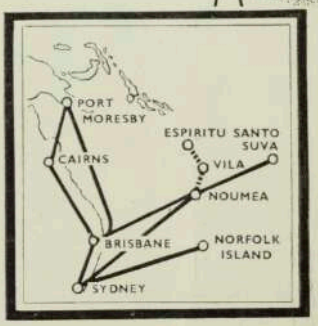

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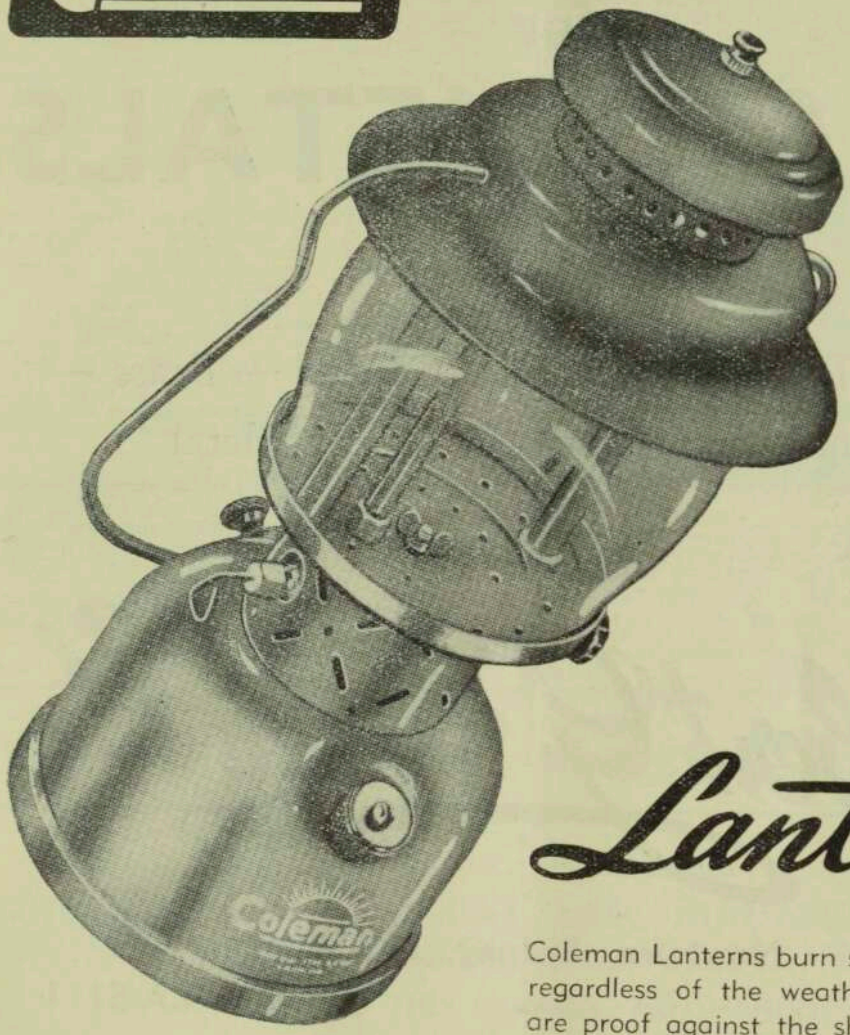

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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

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

Last departure from Sydney July 1.

Next sailing early August.

MV Malekula left Sydney on July 10 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 7,000 tons vessels, now leave every six weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby-Madang-Rabaul, Port Moresby, Sydney. Shansi sailed from Sydney in late June and after this trip, it will be withdrawn for refit, being replaced by Soochow which will sail from Sydney about July 21. Sinkiang will sail from Sydney about August 11.

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

Tofua leaves Auckland on next voyages about August 4 and September 1.

Matua will leave Auckland on her next voyage on August 22. She then withdraws for survey.

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 and will provide, for the next several months, a connection between Rarotonga and Aitutaki for the benefit of passengers travelling on TEAL Coral Route.

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.

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Lord Howe-Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides Ports - BSI ports - Bougainville - Rabaul - Samarai-Sydney.

Next sailing from Sydney early August.

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. Luxurious new liners Caledonien and Tahitien recently added to this service.

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N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc.

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

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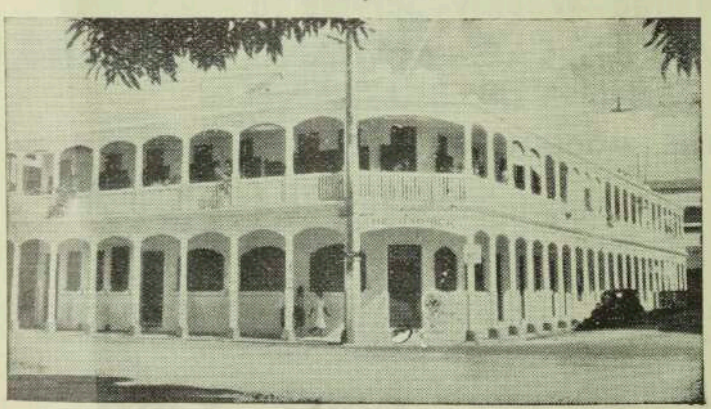

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1. Australia (or NZ)-Fiji-Hawaii-N. America

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Thur. and Mon.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Seattle-Portland.
Sun. and Thur.—Return via same route.
* Thur. and Mon.—Auckland-Nadi (Fiji).
Every Friday—Return by same route.
* Wed. and Sun.—Nadi (Fiji)-Auckland.
* Connecting with Strato Clipper at Nadi.

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)

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Every Tuesday—Sydney - Auckland - Nadi (Fiji) - Honolulu - Vancouver.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays and Saturdays (Skymasters)

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.15 pm
Brisbane, 11.40 pm	Moresby, 6.30 am (Wed., Sun.)
Moresby, 7.30 am	Lae, 8.45 am

Connecting services north of Lae by Drover.

Wednesday and Sundays (Sandringhams)

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.50 pm
Brisbane, 12.20 am (Thur., Mon.)	Cairns, 6.35 am
Cairns, 8.5 am	Moresby, 11.55 am (Night stop)
Moresby,* 8.30 am (Tue.)	Samarai, 10.30 am
Samarai, 11.30 am	Esa'ala, 12.10 pm (Alt. weeks)
Esa'ala, 12.25 pm	Rabaul, 3.25 pm

The Wednesday Sandringham from Sydney terminates at Port Moresby, connections north of there (Lae, Wau, Bulolo) being by DC3.

* The Sunday Sandringham from Sydney arrives Moresby Monday and after a night stop there goes on to Rabaul via Samarai, etc., on Tuesday.

SOUTHWARDS

Sundays and Wednesdays (Skymaster)

Depart:	Arrive:
Lae, 10.25 am	Moresby, 11.40 am
Moresby, 12.40 pm	Brisbane, 7.15 pm
Brisbane, 8.45 pm	Sydney, 11.30 pm

Thursdays (Sandringham)

Depart:	Arrive:
Rabaul, 6 am	Samarai, 9.15 am
Samarai, 9.45 am	Moresby, 11.45 am
Moresby, 1.15 pm	Cairns, 5.5 pm (Night stop)
Cairns, 9.30 am (Fri.)	Brisbane, 3.45 pm

risbane, 4.45 pm Sydney, 8.5 pm
Saturdays (Sandringham)
Depart: Arrive:
oresby, 6 am Cairns, 9.50 am
airns, 11.20 am Brisbane, 5.35 pm
risbane, 6.35 pm Sydney, 9.55 pm
A connection from Lae, etc., with a DC3, pick up Saturday Sandringham, arrives Moresby on Friday at 8.20 am.

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas

LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.
ep. Lae, 9.45 am; Finschhaven, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus (4.45 pm).
eturns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via Kavieng and Rabaul; optional call at Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.45 pm.

MORESBY-DARU (Sandringham)

a Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional), Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Friday, returning same day. (July 10, 24, August 7, 21, etc.).

RABAUL-MOEWE HARBOUR (Sandringham)

t. Wed.—Rabaul-Jacquinot Bay-Moewe Harbour-Talasea-Rabaul—July 15, 29, August 12, 26, etc.
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NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)

t. Wed.—Rabaul-Queen Carola Hbr.-Biak-Kieta-Buin—July 22, August 5, 19, etc.
. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Buka-Rabaul.

LAE-MADANG-WEWAK-MANUS-KAVIENG-RABAUL GENERAL SERVICE (High-Density DC3)

Mon., Thur. Dep. Lae 6.30 am, Madang arr. 7.35 am Wewak, Manus Is., Kavieng, Rabaul arr. 3.35 pm.
Tue. only Dep. Rabaul 8.00 am, direct Madang arr. 11.00 am, Lae arr. 12.35 am.
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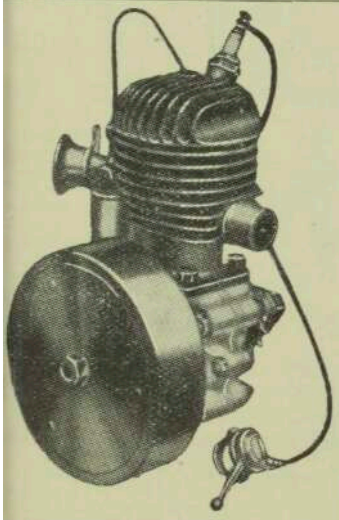

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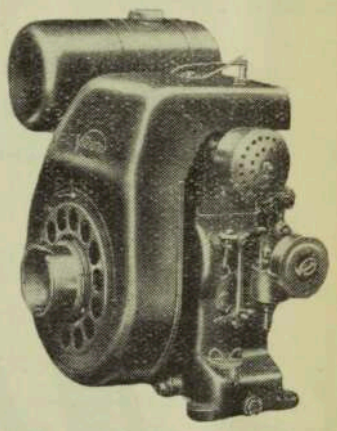

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Tue. (July 28, Aug. 4, 18, 25, etc.), Honiara (dep. 7 am)—Yandina—Vellalavella — Torokina — Rabaul — Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.15 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

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9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham Flying Boats: July 20, Aug. 3, 17, 31, etc.

Depart:	Arrive:	
Sydney, Alt. Mon.	7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.50 pm
Brisbane, 12.20 am	(Tue.)	Noumea, 7.20 am
Noumea, 9.20 am	Vila,	11.55 am
Vila, 1.25 pm	Santo,	2.40 pm (Night stop)
Santo, 6.30 am	(Wed.)	Vila, 7.45 am
Vila, 8.45 am		Noumea, 11.25 am
Noumea, 1.00 pm		Sydney, 8.40 pm

(Additional flights operate subject to approval of Governments concerned.)

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham Flying Boats—Weekly.

Depart:	Arrive:	
Sydney, Thur.	7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.50 pm
Brisbane, 12.20 am	(Fri.)	Noumea, 7.20 am
Noumea, 9.20 am	Suva,	3.50 pm
Suva, Sat. 6.30 am		Noumea, 11.00 am
Noumea, 1.00 pm		Sydney, 8.40 pm

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

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Sundays—From Auckland double service returning same day.

12. Sydney-Auckland

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
Wed., Sun.—Dept. Sydney 12 midnight arr. 8.45 am following day.
Sat.—Dept. Sydney 7.30 am, arr. 4.15 pm.
Dep. Auckland 8.30 am, arr. 1.45 pm Mon., Wed., Fri.

13. Sydney-Wellington

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
Dep. Sydney 10.30 pm Tue., Thur., Fri., Arr 7.30 am following day.
Dep Wellington 10.30 am Wed., Fri., Sat. arriving 3.45 pm.

14. Melbourne-Christchurch

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

15. New Zealand-Fiji

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.
Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents.
Dep. Auckland—July 28, August 1, 11, 25.

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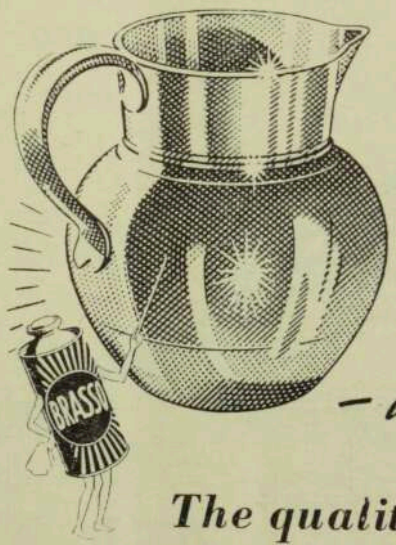

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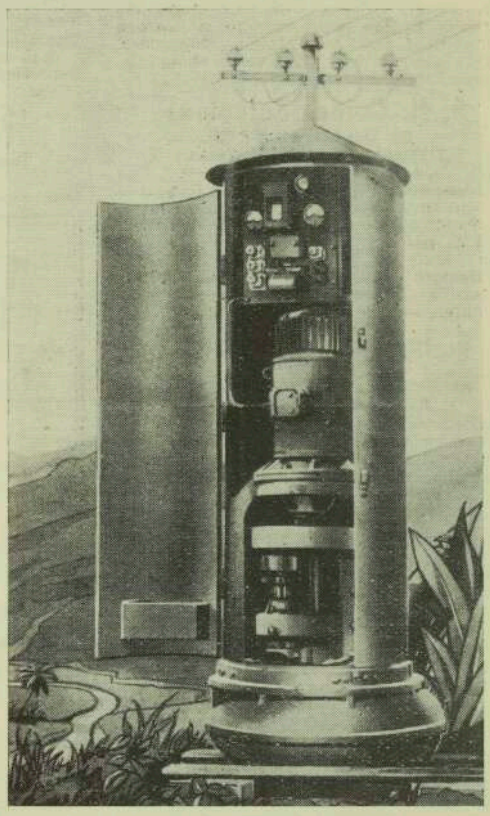

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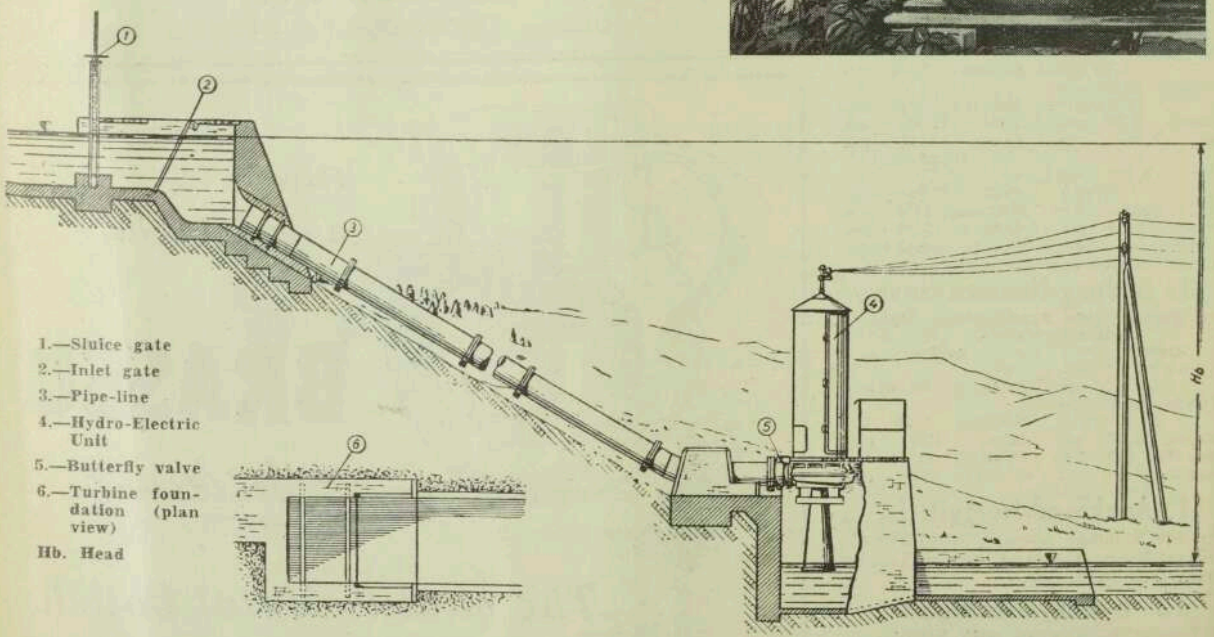

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29, September 8, 22, 26.
eturn to Auckland on July 29, August 3, 12, 26, 31, September 9, 23, 28.

Depart	Arrive
uckland, 9.30 am	Suva, 4.45 pm
uva, 9.00 am	Auckland, 4.15 pm

16. Fiji-Western Samoa

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents.

ep. Auckland, July 18, Aug. 15, Sep. 12.

Depart	Arrive
uck., 9.30 am Sat.	Suva, 4.45 pm Sat.
uva, 6.00 am Sun.	Apia, 11.05 am Sat.
pia, 1.30 pm Sat.	Suva 4.35 pm Sun.
uva, 9.00 am Mon.	Auck., 4.15 pm Mon.

18. New Zealand-Tahiti

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents

TEAL Service, Auckland-Suva-Apia-itutaki-Papeete, is operated with Solent lying-Boats once every two weeks. Dep. uckland, Tuesday, 9.30 am. Arr. Suva .00 pm. Dep. Suva (Wednesday) 9.00 m, cross International Date Line: Arr. pia 1.55 pm Tuesday. Dep. Apia 2.00 n Wednesday. Arr. Aitutaki 7.30 am. ep. Aitutaki 9.30 am. Arr. Papeete 1.30 n. Return by same route every alt. riday, leaving Papeete 7.30 am. The next flights leave Auckland ly 21, August 4, 18, September 1, 15.

20. Fiji Internal Airways

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Labasa-Suva: Daily except Sunday.
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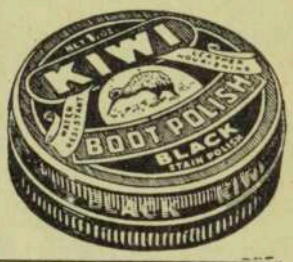

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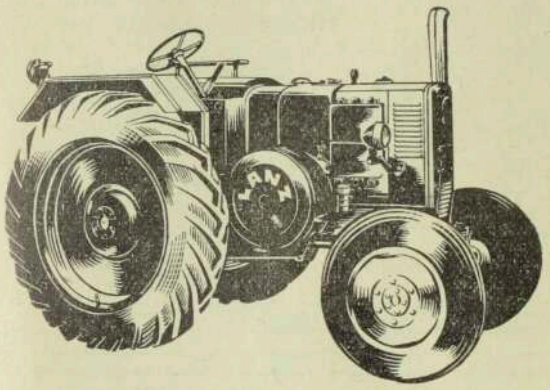

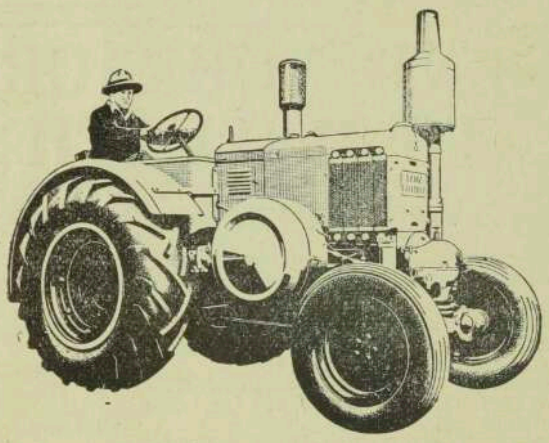

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Danger In Too Rapid Native Advancement

EN who knew the Pacific Islands well 20 or 30 years ago do not like what they see in e Pacific Islands to-day. The tive Islanders, encouraged by a ange new tribe of white sociologs, are demanding—increasingly d definitely—recognition as inpendent nations, without regard the fact that, in most cases, they e not yet fitted for self-governnt in a world dominated by the actices and culture of Europe.

At the moment of this writing, a ief Judge, in New Guinea, is aling with charges of assault, sing out of what we have called e Raluana scuffle"—a political ident wherein high officials of e Administration were attacked a certain class of New Britain tives. Evidence indicates that ne of the latter resented being led "coons" and "bigheads" by e writer of a letter to the *Pacific ands Monthly*. Yet, 20 years ago, ropeans in New Guinea referred native labourers as "coons," and gressive and insolent natives were nost always called "bigheads," d treated accordingly * It is a asure of the changes which fol-ved World War II that Melanesian mitives now are encouraged by mi-official sociologists to resent d resist any suggestion of white periority and white domination.

"Coon," while disrespectful, is not ensive. It is in the same category as ve" or "coot," as used on the Sydney terfront.

Little wonder that the "old hands"—men of the type that tamed and civilised these Islands in the past 150 years—find it difficult to get accustomed to this strange new world!

This unexpected sociological tide is flowing strongly now; it is impossible to stem it, although it may yet be controlled. The flood-gates would have been opened, sooner or later, because these Pacific Islanders have been growing up quite definitely in the past few decades; but it ought to be done gradually and skilfully. Ill-balanced post-war theorists, rushing in prematurely to do the opening, have caused much embarrassment to some Governments, especially those concerned with Melanesian administrations, who are obliged to make haste slowly.

From west to east, in the Pacific Islands, there are fourteen Territories—namely, Papua-New Guinea, Solomons, Nauru, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Fiji, Micronesia (Caroline, Marshall and Mariana archipelagoes), Gilbert and Ellice, Western Samoa, Eastern Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, French Oceania—and in nearly all of them there is a problem, at some stage of development, created by the eagerness of the indigenous or the implanted Asiatic communities, to oust the Europeans and take charge of the local administration. The exceptions are Fiji, where there is an excellent relationship between British and natives, offset by the Indians' tendency to seek a larger share in government; Micronesia, where the comparatively small native population still is grateful for its recent release from the Japanese: Tonga, which has enjoyed virtual independence for 50 years; Gilbert and Ellice, a small community which has a large measure of local self-government; and the New Hebrides, where a small and dispirited Melanesian community has not been heard from.

THE 1½ million people in Papua-New Guinea are so primitive, and split by language differences into so many separate communities, that any nationalist movement hitherto has seemed impossible. The Raluana incident, however, indicates that if these communities are encouraged by careless soldiery, or well-meaning but impractical sociologists, or deliberately plotting Reds, they can display hostility and even resistance towards the white man's government. It is very easy for the semi-educated "bigheads", spoiled by official or missionary pampering, to imagine that they are competent to throw off the European yoke and undertake self-government.

As human beings, the New Guinea natives, of course, are entitled to individual freedom and the best things of life; but they may not claim these things completely until they are capable of governing themselves and of maintaining proper relations with their neighbours in this close-knit modern world. The case of Indonesia has shown that even people with some considerable history of culture can be a tragedy to themselves, and a dangerous embarrassment to their neighbours, if permitted suddenly, and without

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preparation, to drink without restraint of the heady wine of freedom.

Only a little while ago the coastal folk of N. Guinea, some now maybe sophisticated and inclined to be insolent, were complete primitives; and two-thirds of the 1¼ millions there are still in that classification. Maybe, in two or three generations, they can be brought to a stage where they can be permitted some considerable degree of self-government. But, before it is possible even to plan anything of the sort, the Australian-New Guinea Administration must solve the problem of language. That job necessarily will begin in the village school. To-day, there are very few village schools; an even smaller supply of competent teachers; and no official agreement as yet as to what medium will be adopted for the instruction of the hundreds of thousands of primitive children who now speak an extraordinary multiplicity of languages.

What applies to New Guinea applies generally in the Solomons, where the people and the conditions are similar. The Solomon Islanders have not been subjected, like the NG natives, to the well-intentioned meddling of professional and amateur sociologists; but, during the war, they did encounter the disruptive influences of half a million white soldiers; and this produced the troublesome anti-European Masinga Rule movement.

MISCHIEF-MAKERS have been at work for a long time among the natives of New Caledonia and the Loyalties (French). In these islands there is a numerous class whose status is about halfway between the Europeans and the natives, and these people, generally Leftist, have somewhat influenced the Melanesian community against the French. The nationalist movement there now is strong; the present General Council, which is supposed to assist the Governor materially in administration, is completely dominated by Leftists, and the political future is obscure.

Farther east, the outlook improves as we advance into Polynesia. Apart from ethnological considerations, an important point is that the Polynesians have been much longer in contact with Europeans; and most of the Polynesian groups are one-language countries, where the people are largely and increasingly literate, especially in English. Fiji (nominally Melanesian, but carrying such a heavy mixture of Polynesian blood that it may rank as part of Polynesia) is tranquil, apart from the Indian problem; while the two Samoas, Gilbert and Ellice, Cook Islands and Tonga are all reaching out firmly for the increasing measure of self-government which is being accorded by the British. There is a strong national consciousness in these groups, especially in Western Samoa, but no bad feeling at all between the governors and the governed.

In the other French Territory, French Oceania (Polynesian), there is a certain political tenseness, which seems to be growing. As in New Caledonia, a party that is sharply pro-native and definitely Leftist has gained control of the General Council. It is nationalistic, but the unfriendliness of its attitude is directed as much against the Chinese (now dominant in trade and commerce there) as against the French. The position is obscure; but a "Tahiti for the Tahitians" sentiment does seem to be prevalent.

THERE is nothing alarming in the overall political picture of the South Pacific Islands; but there is no doubt at all that the increasing restlessness of subject peoples throughout Africa and Asia is finding a mild echo in Polynesia and Melanesia. This may be accepted in Polynesia as a natural and proper development; but premature attempts to create a nationalist consciousness in Melanesia are to be deplored.

The Melanesians will not reach the Polynesian stage of development for a long time; and the responsible Europeans in charge (the British in Eastern New Guinea and Solomons, the French in New Caledonia, and the Dutch in Western New Guinea) should be left alone to carry out their duties during this period of transition, without interference from the extraordinary crop of sociological nuisances and banner-waving cranks produced by World War II.

SYDNEY SERVICE FOR LOST NG MEN

MEMBERS of the NG Women's Club of Sydney, and their friends, gathered at the Cenotaph, Sydney, on June 28, for a memorial service to the men of Rabaul who lost their lives in the sinking of the *Montevideo Maru* in July, 1942.

The Rev. T. B. McCall, of the Methodist Mission, read the service, and the president of the Club, Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft, placed a wreath on the Cenotaph.

Lady Garvey's Fund to finance gift parcels to Fijian troops in Malaya had reached £2,335 at the end of June, and is now approaching the goal of £2,500 required to carry out the year's programme.

Island Travellers in June

Mr. Shankar Pratap, of Oceania Agencies Co., Suva, met Mr. A. Ottaway, a Sydney mining engineer who arrived by Qantas at Mr. Paratap's instigation to investigate the exploitation of manganese deposits in Fiji.

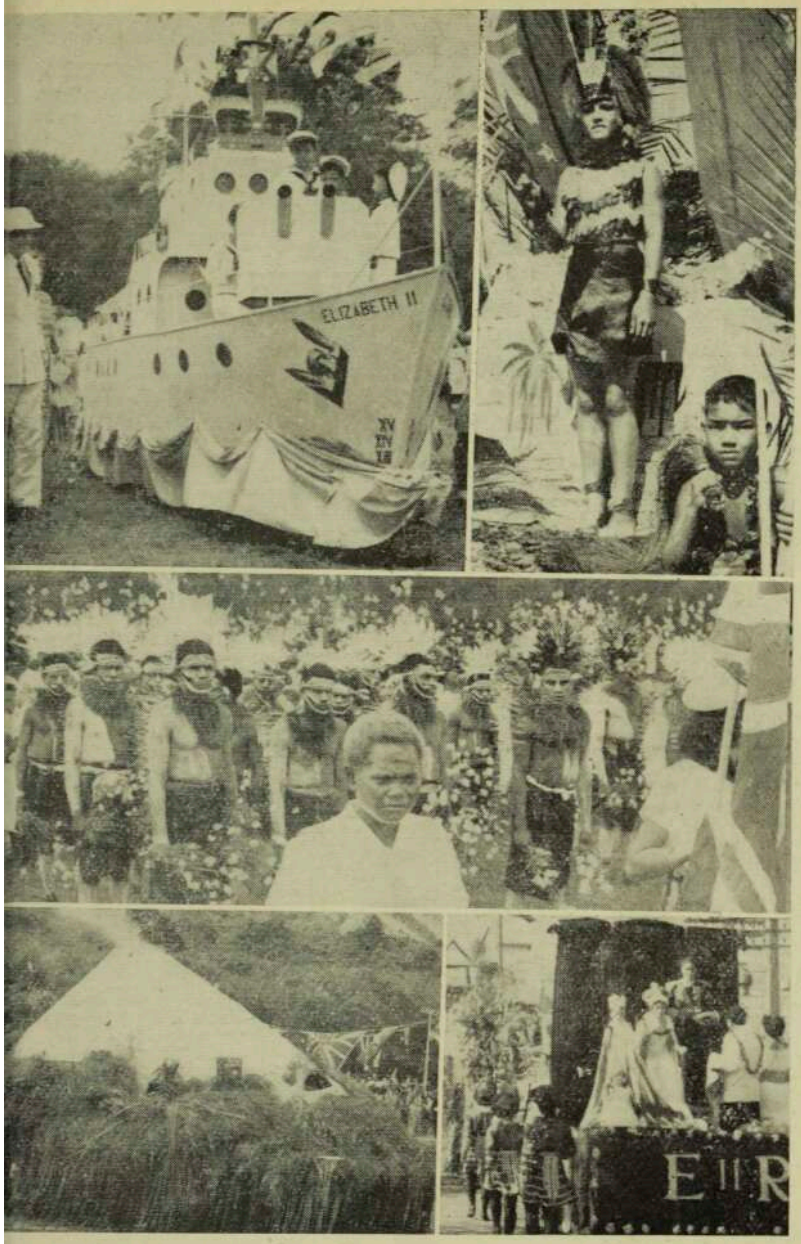
Bound for New Zealand from Aitutaki by TEAL: Mr. Teahura, Mr. John Mokotopu, Manu Mokutupu and Miss Mavai Ell

Mr. Jan W. de Stigter, of Meteorological Office, Nadi, and Mrs. de Stigter returned to Suva by Tofua after leave in New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Blakelock, of Suva, also returned by Tofua from leave in New Zealand.

Mr. R. W. Steward, of Suva, returned by Qantas from leave in Australia. He was met by his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Campbell.

Coronation Celebrations



op Left: The Chinese boys show rict Commissioner J. K. McCarthy to fire the "big guns" on one of the ning floats in the procession in Rabaul.

op Right: The traditional Village Maid, one of the Samoan floats in the streets Apia.

ntre: These compound boys marched behind parties of Native and Asiatic les, and Rangers, in Rabaul.

wer Left: The Kambiu, living in the low of a Rabaul volcano, put this r representation into the Rabaul ession, labelled "Public Enemy No. 1".

wer Right: This was a winning float the Western Samoan pageant. It esents the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and their two children, receiving fine mats from members of the Tamasese family.

Inward passengers to Honiara, BSI, by Qantas aircraft on June 22 included Mrs. T. H. Manning, Mr. N. K. Wallis, a Director of Tenaru Timbers Ltd., Mrs. H. Kerswill and Mr. J. Patullo. Outward passengers on June 23 included the Marine Superintendent, Western Pacific High Commission (Commander J. H. Deane), who is visiting Sydney and Suva in connection with WPHC shipping.

RALUANA SCUFFLE

Tuvi Gaoled: District Commissioner Vindicated

RABAUL, July 10.

CHIEF JUDGE PHILLIPS has heard the charges made by the police against the native Tuvi, that he assaulted District Commissioner McCarthy at Raluana on May 21; and the charge made by Tuvi against the District Commissioner, that he (Mr. McCarthy) assaulted Tuvi.

The evidence was taken at length, in English and in Pidgin, and proceedings were necessarily slow. The circumstances are much as outlined in June PIM; except that it was stated there that the DC sent the Luluai Nason away in his car, to avoid assault, and that the car-driver alerted the Kokopo police—whereas the evidence shows that, while Nason was given shelter in the car, he was not sent away until some time later, in a jeep.

The Chief Judge found Tuvi guilty, and sentenced him to four months' light labour. The District Commissioner (Mr. J. K. McCarthy) was vindicated at all stages of the affair. The judge's summing-up took two hours.

Gold Bricks Found at Bulolo

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, July 1.

A BULLDOZER driver turned up a lucky find at Bulolo on June 29 when his equipment accidentally unearthed two gold bricks which had been stolen from an Army Guard House early in 1942.

One brick weighs 516 ounces and the other 443, and several gold specimens were also recovered.

The gold is the property of Koranga Gold Sluicing and independent miners, and at the time of its theft from the guardhouse was valued at £15,000 (it is, of course, worth more now).

When the gold disappeared from the guardhouse an extensive search was made, and this was continued long after the war, both in Australia and NG. The find turned up by the bulldozer represents about two-thirds of the lost gold, and a search is being made for the remainder.

Mr. W. Rawson, the driver of the bulldozer, was cutting a new road in the township when his blade struck treasure trove.

It is reported unofficially that war damage compensation was paid on this gold. If that is the case, a very interesting question arises as to who actually owns the gold now.

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DUTCH AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, July 1.

A PARTY of nine Dutch agricultural and forestry scientists will make an extensive tour of Papua-New Guinea agricultural and forestry development projects and experimental stations from July 2 to July 20. The visit is being made to study development in the P-NG Territory with a view to similar development in the Dutch NG territory.

The party will fly everywhere in chartered aircraft and will be accompanied by senior officers of the Departments concerned. The party will visit New Britain, Markham Valley, Wau, Madang, all Highland experimental stations and some private properties, Sogeri in Papua and agricultural stations around Port Moresby.

FIJI BEING MAPPED FROM THE AIR

SUVA, July 4.

A LOCKHEED Hudson plane with photograph equipment arrived in Fiji on July 3, on behalf of Adastra Airways Ltd., of Australia; and, within the next three months, operating from Nadi, it will complete the photographic mapping of the colony commenced by Hunting Airways Ltd. several years ago. The firm, which has done mapping work in New Guinea, Tasmania, and on the Snowy River hydro scheme in Australia, has been engaged by the Fiji Government. The managing director is Captain "Bunny" Hammond, once well known in New Guinea aviation.

Fiji areas still to be mapped, and prevented from so being by cloud in previous efforts, are eastern Viti Levu, three-quarters of Vanua Levu, Taveuni, Koro, Ovalau, Kadavu and Kioa.

It is hoped that the cost will be covered by a Colonial Development grant from the British Government.

Fiji Coronation Celebrations On TV

MOVIE films shot in Fiji over the Coronation season by Mr. Roger Mirams of New Zealand on behalf of the BBC, were flown immediately to London to form part of a film of Coronation celebrations throughout the Commonwealth for use on television.

A copy of the film was expected to arrive in Suva for public screenings early July.

Fall in Smoke-Dried Price Was Too Sudden

RABAUL, June 29.

THE Territories Minister did not give sufficient warning that the price of smoke-dried copra would fall as from July 1. Many of the outports, unable to ship through no fault of theirs, now find themselves with heavy accumulations of copra which, in all fairness, they should have had a chance to get rid of. Strong representations have been made to High Authority, on behalf of New Ireland and Bougainville planters, and the Native Co-operatives, that another two months be allowed before the smoke-dried price falls; but, so far, there is no response.

The equipment for the Lae-Australia Radio-Telephone Service has arrived at Port Moresby where the Moresby installation link is being assembled; as soon as this is completed work will start at Lae to get the service operating. The Posts and Telegraphs Department are unable to give a completion date due to shortage of staff.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

JULY, 1933, and the Pacific in the economic doldrums. There was not even a funny story in the PIM of that month to lighten the general gloom: not even a really good catastrophe—just monotonous depression.

Here are some extracts from our issue of that month:

Copra planters, we said, had all their eggs in one basket—and the copra market had crashed in a manner without precedent in recorded history. The problem was, however, for them to have two baskets. Various planters were trying kapok, tung oil, castor oil, coffee, cocoa, etc.—but none were sure of their markets. It was believed that there was a "good market" for these products "somewhere" —what was needed, we said, was some instrumentality to create the necessary connection between these eager producers and the consumers who were believed to exist, somewhere.

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An entomologist from the Straits Settlement and FMS (Mr. H. T. Pagden) had arrived in the British Solomons to investigate nutfall which was causing heavy losses in coconut plantations.

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The continued rise in the price of gold—it had just risen to £A7/17/- per ounce was stimulating gold mining in Papua and New Guinea where prospectors were going out in every direction—Central New Guinea, Ramu River, Bismarck Ranges, into the Papuan mountains, the Yodda and Kokoda areas. (Present price of gold is about twice that amount and the P-NG prospector has become as extinct as the dodo).

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Who said Nondugl did it first? We reported that: "A successful experiment in breeding sheep suitable for New Guinea has been carried out by Mr. E. J. Wauchope, of Awar Plantation, Madang. Contrary to what the experts predicted, he has been able to cross the long-haired Macassar ewes with Shropshire and Southdown rams and has produced a large-bodied sheep suitable for NG conditions. His flock numbers 180 and produces excellent meat."

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Specially selected natives from Papua were to be sent to Sydney for six months' course at Sydney University in the "elements of medicine." On their return home they were to do medical work among their own people. The powers-that-were in Papua had decided on this course instead of sending them to Suva for the 4-year AMP course at the Central Medical School. Papua continued this scheme right up until the outbreak of war but it since has been abandoned.

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Queensland meat companies had applied to the Australian Tariff Board for the imposition of a duty on the importation of copra. Evidence was given before the Board by Queensland and NSW meat and soap companies—meat companies submitting that the free entry of copra was affecting their sales of tallow to soap manufacturers, and soap companies opposing duty on the grounds that it would merely mean an increase in the price of toilet soap that the public could not pay. Mr. J. Mullaly, New Britain planter, also gave evidence and Sir Hubert Murray, of Papua, entered a protest by radio.

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There was another scheme for growing sugar up New Guinea way—this time near Madang in the Mandated Territory. It was being promoted by Mr. Leo Horton, of Brisbane, and some successful Queensland sugar producers were on the board. (But, alas, like most other P-NG sugar-growing schemes of the period, it came to naught.)

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The death was reported of Judge Gurr in American Samoa on the eve of his return to Western Samoa from whence he was deported in 1927 by the NZ authorities for engaging in Mau (Samoan nationalist) activities. Deported with him had been Messrs. Smythe and Nelson—Mr. Smythe had returned after three years, but Judge Gurr and Mr. Nelson had been banished for five years.

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Austin Robertson, champion professional runner of Australia, while en route to the USA in the Monterey had agreed to stage a foot race in Suva against some Fiji runners. One Fijian named Jese beat him by half a yard—to the great delight of Suva residents.

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The Moratorium which the Australian government in 1931 had extended to New Guinea planters who were unable (due to the slump in copra) to keep up the payments on plantations bought from the Ex-Pro Board, was extended until June, 1934.

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CHANGES IN QANTAS NG SERVICES

(See Plane Schedules for Details)

ANTAS Empire Airways have made considerable changes in their Sydney-New Guinea ser- es and also in some in NG.

ll DC3 aircraft have been with- wn from the Sydney-Port resby service and in their place ndringhams will be operated ce-weekly—one of these services minating in Rabaul.

. Sydney spokesman for QEA said t most of the DC3's are now old l that the Sandringhams give ter passenger comfort and better ilities for providing meals.

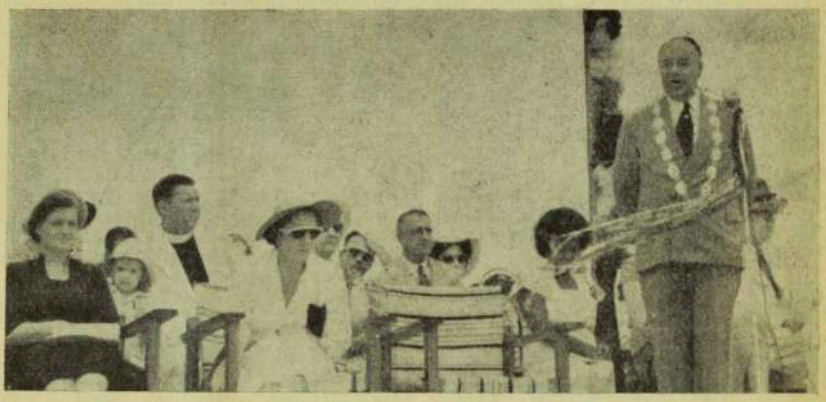
he Skymaster services have re- ined unchanged except for slight erations to departure times; both masters and Sandringhams fly n Sydney to Moresby with no r-night stop. However, on one of southbound Sandringham ser- s there is a night stop at Cairns.

Madang now will have only one tas connection—that is, on t used to be the native labour special that made the round trip, Lae - Madang - Wewak - Manus - Kavieng-Rabaul on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Sandringham service that left Moresby on alternate Mondays for Samarai and returned Tuesdays has now been cut out, Samari is included in the Moresby to Rabaul Service.

ther Coronation Festivities

CORONATION CEREMONIES IN LAUTOKA, FIJI



Mayor Hollander is addressing the gathering. On the platform, left to right, are Mrs. Hollander, the Rev. Mr. Jago, Mrs. MacAlpine (wife of the District Commissioner), Mr. Robert Evans (Town Clerk) and, partly obscured, Mr. "Barney" Rourke (manager of CSR Co.).

All communities worked hard and harmoniously to celebrate the occasion fittingly in Lautoka.

(Left to right): Decorations erected near the Triangle, Suva, during Coronation week. Small Indian boys at a flag display the C.S.R. Park, at Labasa. Pupils of the Suva Girls' Grammar School in a folk-dancing display

—Photos by Fiji Public Relations Office.

Left to right: "The Queen"—proposed by Brigadier D. M. Cleland, Administrator of P-NG, at the Coronation Ball on e 5—shown (left to right) Mrs. Cleland, Mr. E. A. James, Brigadier Cleland, Mrs. James, Bishop Surin, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. onergan. Scout and Guide Thanksgiving Service on May 31. The Administrator addressing Port Moresby children on dren's Day, June 1.

—Photos by Papuan Prints.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

More About Those Cedars

The Ecuador or South American cedar (Cedrela Odorata), which has been suggested as suitable for planting in South Pacific Islands (see PIM, April), develops a strong root system which enables it to resist fierce wind forces. Dr. Peter Holst writes from Guayaquil, Ecuador, that these trees prefer humid, tropical and sub-tropical climates, that they do not grow well in swampy or sour soil, and that they do not like night frost or prolonged spells of hot dry winds. He points out that the timber is valued the world over, and that a matured tree would yield timber valued today at 150 US dollars.

Wewak-Hollandia Service?

"There is much passing to and fro between The Netherlands and Australia, and friendly communication between Western New Guinea and the Australian Administration in Papua and Eastern New Guinea," writes a Brisbane friend, in bad-tempered strain.

"Yet it is easier to travel from Sydney to Hollandia (chief town of Dutch New Guinea), or from Sydney to Wewak (most westerly town of Australian New Guinea), than it is to travel from Wewak to Hollandia, although the towns are only a short distance apart.

"In other words, if we are to make common cause in New Guinea—as assuredly we shall—why is there no means of easy transport between the two large Territories? Why no air service between, say, Madang and Hollandia?"

Does Anyone Know?

Commander William Burrows, of Suva, whose thirst for shipping information is quenchless, has discovered that in 1885, a screw vessel of 580 tons, with some medium armament, and rigged as a three-mast schooner, was ordered in London on behalf of the Colony of Victoria. She was launched at Limehouse Dockyard; armament was supplied by Woolwich; she was named the *Victoria*—and then there is no further record of her.

Does anyone know whether this ship ever arrived in the South Pacific? And, if so, under what flag?

An Editorial Grovel

A correspondent in Suva is quite right: There rarely has been a sillier typographical error in the PIM than the caption to a photograph on page 27 of the June issue. Mr. D. R. A. Eden, of Samoa, was shown en route to Europe, with some specimens of the famous cocoa tree which he has developed in his Samoan plantations, after endless study and experiment. And the caption read, "cuttings from his famous new *coconut tree*"! The error was obvious—yet it got past five different people whose job it is to check and correct. Apologies to everyone concerned.

The Fijian View Point

An interesting note from our old friend, Ratu Tiale W. T. Vuiyasawa, who is Roko Tui Cakaudrove, at Somosomo, Fiji:

"You know that there has been a lot of talk over our soldiers being in Malaya. Some say that, as we are only a small number of people, we should not be asked to send away so many as a battalion of our young men, to fight in Asia.

"We Fijians have not joined in this talk. All we know is that our young men have gone there with our goodwill and blessing, to do a spot of work for our Queen and the British Raj. Whether the Indians go or not is not our concern. What we wish is that our lads should stay there until the job is done—nothing else matters.

"We do this as a token of our appreciation of the care and protection given us by the British Crown for well nigh a century."

That is good talk, by a man thoroughly competent to express the Fijian viewpoint.

Elbow Room for Coconuts?

CONTRARY to our paragraph on the subject in April PIM, a few people *have* sufficient faith in the future of coconuts to plant up new areas of them: Mr. R. Best of Deos Plantation, Bougainville, writing in June says that on their plantation they have recently completed the 500th acre of new coconut planting since the war.

The new plantings have been made at far wider than usual spacing—33 ft.—to permit interplanting of other crops and in order that the coconuts should not have to expend all their vigour on growing upwards.

Mr. Best says that he has yet to see any plantation palms compare favourably with the haphazard groups of native palms for production. On Deos, 2,600 palms scattered about produced 360 bags of copra during 1952—he believes that this was because they were exposed to wind and sunlight and did not have to attain excessive height in competition for the sun with their fellows.

Well, it's a new theory, and one that probably has something to it where space has not to be considered.

Still on Top!

A keen interest in Pacific affairs is still evinced by Mrs. Olive McMiles, of Wyong, NSW, despite the rude buffetings of fate. "I have had a double fracture of the right shoulder, a fracture of the spine, a snake bite and recurrent attacks of asthma," she writes. "But I am still on top of the world and herewith my sub to the PIM." Mrs. McMiles was formerly Miss Olive Leembruggen, and had charge of a hospital in Suva for some years.

Debs. at Suva's Coronation Ball

Debutantes presented by the Mayoress of Suva, Mrs. D. M. N. McFarlane, to Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey at the Coronation Ball held on the evening of June 2. At rear: Lieut.-Comm. Woods, Superintendent D. Saint. As.D.C., Misses Jacqueline Stubbs, Ann Weatherby, Judy Ragg, Janette Chalmers, Brenda Smith, Mazie Edmunds, Rosemary McFarlane. In front: Mrs. McFarlane, Sir Ronald Garvey, Lady Garvey.

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JI UNSKILLED WAGES ARE LOW

An Appeal to Governor

SUVA, July 1.

HE living standards of unskilled workers in Fiji have been receiving the personal attion of the Governor (Sir nald Garvey) since a deputation resenting the Fiji Industrial rkers Congress waited upon him eral weeks ago.

t is believed that the Governnt is anxious to improve the ition of the workers, but hesitates take any hasty action which ght tend to further raise the cost living. It is the problem of inion, which now is plaguing every ministration in the world.

The FIW Congress represents en of the nine registered labour ons in Fiji—covering mines, ar industry, public works, comrcial firms, seamen, air transt, and timber industry. The 000-odd wage-labourers in the Colony include Fijians, Indians, and other Islanders.

The deputation appealed to the Governor for a fair living wage, and for action under the following headings:

The urgent establishment of facilities for higher technical training in the Colony so that employees may qualify themselves for better positions;

Pension schemes for aged and infirm;

An extensive housing programme for working people;

An increased number of paid holidays;

Country cost-of-living bonus to be based on country cost-of-living index.

The largest employer in the Colony is the Government and most other employers follow Government practice in labour conditions.

The deputation presented figures, taken from Government statistics, to show the following:

Average cost of feeding a nurse in a Government hospital;

European	£2	14	3
Fijian	1	16	7
Indian	1	13	4

Average cost of feeding a hospital patient:

European	£2	13	0
Fijian	1	7	7
Indian	1	4	8

Since 1939, the country cost-of-living index has risen by 196 per cent., but the minimum wage has increased only from 4/- per day to 7/8 per day for sugar workers, and to 7/10 for Public Works Department labour. This represents £2/0/6 per week and £2/3/1 respectively, for the respective number of hours worked—44 and 48. The deputation pointed out that under these condotions, it is impossible to provide adequately for emergency, education of children, sickness, old age, etc.

Heading Congress in its fight for better conditions is "the father of unions" in Fiji, Pandit Ami Chandra MA, founder and principal of the DAV (Indian) College, Samabula, a cultured, mild-mannered man, respected alike by employers and labourers. Of him the Commissioner of Labour recently said: "All who have been associated with him must recognise him as a man of the highest ideals and integrity. His work for the trade union movement has been selfless, and his motives and methods are in striking contrast to those of certain demagogues whose names have figured prominently in the trade union field overseas. Pandit Ami Chandra has shown great wisdom in the guidance he has given to young unions. He has worked untiringly for the improvement of workers' conditions, and at the same time he has preferred to achieve his ends by patient negotiations and persuasion rather than by fiery oratory or direct action."

When Pandit Ami Chandra and Congress raise a matter with the employers there is invariably good ground for supposing there are strong arguments to support it; and employers react accordingly. Labour-employer relations consequently are of the best in Fiji. But, under present conditions, the landless labourer does seem to be working close to the bread line.

QUEEN SALOTE POPULAR IN EUROPE

HE titular ruler of Tonga, Queen Salote, in London for the Coronation, and engaging in various tours, continued to receive much press attention in June and July. Her simple dignity and ready smile seemed to make friends for her wherever she went.

Queen Mother chats with Queen Salote at a garden party.

The newspapers said that in Scotland she toured in the heavy rain "which seems to follow her wherever she goes."

On her arrival at Perth, rain was falling in torrents, and press photographers were waiting. A hotel porter rushed out with a big umbrella to protect the visitors from the elements; but Queen Salote, with her happy smile, waved the umbrella aside and stood in the rain while the soaked pressmen did their job with the cameras.

On another tour, Tonga's monarch got mixed up in a motor accident on the main road. But she came out of it unscathed — and still smiling.

NEW WORKS IN FRENCH OCEANIA

M. JEAN BREAUD, Paris banker, owner of the famous Atimaono estate in Tahiti, and contractor for many public works in French Oceania, will return to Tahiti in August on a business visit.

Work in hand in French Oceania under M. Breaud's contracts includes the important new airstrip on Motu Tahiri, near Papeete; the new reservoir at Paea, just completed; and concrete wharves in the Tuamotus.

¶ Captain E. W. Harness, harbourmaster at Suva, commenced six months' leave in June. He intends spending part of it in New Zealand.

STEADY TRADING BY MORRIS HEDSTROM LTD

ALTHOUGH the volume of trading was fully maintained, the net profit of £97,353, for 1952-53, of Morris Hedstrom Ltd., operating in Fiji and adjoining groups, was about £10,000 under that of the previous year—mainly due to world movements in merchandise. After providing a 6 per cent. on preferences (£219,206) and 10 per cent. on the ordinary capital of £520,407, calling for about £66,000, the company adds some £30,000 to its Profit and Loss Account carry-over, which now is no less than £351,000.

This rich company has no less than £1 million (over and above its subscribed capital and its current obligations) tucked away in various reserves; and practically the whole of it is disclosed on the balance-sheet in the shape of cash (£527,000) and its holding of stocks and shares (£300,000).

The Directors point out that a substantial part of the company's large cash balances probably will be required for the erection of the new South Seas Hotel in Suva, which is now proceeding.

Directors are Messrs. H. E. Snell, R. Crompton, R. A. Crompton, B. H. Marks, John Dowling, J. M. Hedstrom and R. C. Evetts.

Territories Talk-Talk does not appear this month because Tolala is having an enforced spell in Concord Repatriation Hospital, Sydney. We hope that he will be sufficiently recovered for this popular feature to appear again in August issue.

ANOTHER NG ERUPTION

WHEN there are no volcanic eruptions somewhere in Papua-New Guinea, that will be news.

Latest eruption occurred on June 28, south of Manus, just off Lou Island and six miles from Baluan. Lou has a native population of about 400; there are 2,000 on Baluan.

The Government Vulcanologist, Mr. J. Best, made an inspection and reported that the crest of the cone appeared to be at sea level; he made an inspection of thermal regions on Baluan Island on July 1 and reported no increased activity. He intended remaining in the Lou-Baluan area to make further observations.

When news of the eruption was received by the Administration, coastal ships were diverted to the area in case evacuation of the natives was necessary. Natives in the Admiralty Group were advised to build temporary shelters 50 feet above sea level in case more severe eruptions caused tidal waves.

CORONATION MEDALS FOR P-NG RESIDENTS

THE following residents of Papua and New Guinea were awarded Coronation Medals:

Brigadier Donald Mackinnon Cleland, CBE, Gabriel Achun, John Harold Ahearn, Leslie Kellar Allen, Fred Palmer Archer, Theodore John S. Arthur, CBE, Constable Augwi-Kemelavi, Corporal Awai, Donald Barrett, Lt. (QM) (H/Cpt.) Stanley Thomas Bendall, Judge Esme Baron Bignold, Oswell Percy Blanden, Francis Norman Boisen, MC, Mrs. Doris Regina Booth, OBE, Albert John Bretag, Sub-Inspector Peter Alfred Broman, Mrs. Ella Florence Bunting, Inspector (2nd Class) William Michael Burns, Claude Champion, Ivan Francis Champion, William Neville Chester, Sergeant-Major (1st Class) Christian-Arek, Stanley Hinton Christian, Sergeant Daemen, Constable Dau, Merari Dickson, Constable Duna-Sogaga, Rev. James Dwyer, Richard Edward Paul Dwyer, Corporal Ehau-Kainae, Pte. (T-Sgt.) Lafe Ehava, Edward James Frame, Lance Corporal Ganki, Judge Ralph Thomas Gore, Thomas Grahamslaw, OBE, Mrs. Doris Kathleen Groves, Sergeant Major (1st Class) John Douglas Guise, Herbert William Hardy, Michael James Healey, Clarence Edward Heiner, Harold Joseph Hindwood, Carl Mallesch Jacobsen, Ernest Alfred James, Dudley Fearnside Jones, John Herbert Jones, Lance Corporal Kamai, Constable Kaporis-Ikumin, Sergeant Major (2nd Class) Kari, George Kassi, Constable Katka, Sergeant Kieivi, Judge Andrew Kelly, Constable Kemai, James Knight, Constable Koisen-Ekekae, Sergeant Konimoro, James Luby Leahy, Henry Leke, The Rev. Frank George Lewis, Steven Ainsworth Lonergan, James Bannister McAdam, MM, Miss Isobel Murray McArthur, Mrs. Jean Letitia McCarthy, W. L. MacGowan, Lt. Col. Norman Peterson Maddern, MBE, Sergeant Major (1st Class) Merire, Nason, Horace Lionel R. Niall, MBE, Sergeant Major (2nd Class) Lego Pala, Chief Judge Frederick Beaumont Phillips, CBE, Constable Piwa, Mrs. Thelma May Price, Rarua-Tau, Frederick Allan Richardson, Albert Allen Roberts, Daniel John Rooney, OBE, Basil Fairfax Ross, Lt. Col. Herbert Lawson Sabin, Sergeant Major Sairere-Tamlan, Aisoli Salin, Sergeant Major (2nd Class) Saura, John Bexley Sedgers, Simogun, BEM, Inspector (1st Class) Alexander Morrison Sinclair, Edgar Clarence Skelly, Russel Gordon Smith, Sergeant Sorovi, Ernest Alfred Stanfield, Ernest Steeples, Right Reverend Philip Nigel W. Strong, George Anthony Taylor, Matron Alice Thorburn, Tolongoma, Tovin-Bainig, Harry Arthur Triggs, The Rev. David Eric Ure, John Vuia, A/Capt. John Anthony Walsh, OBE, Lance Corporal Wangu, Edward Emmanuel Washington, Thomas Elwyn Wharburton, Norman Hansen White, George Kenneth Whittaker, Sergeant Major (2nd Class) William George, Mrs. Jessie Isobel Wyatt.

P-NG TO HAVE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

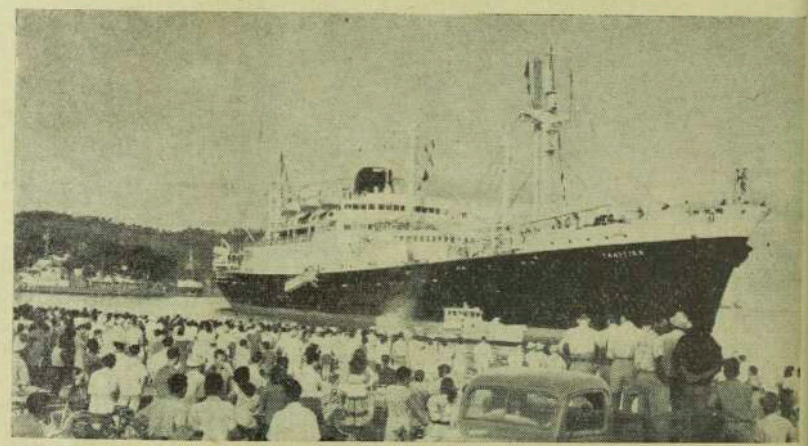
THE appointment of Miss K. Vellacott-Jones as Papua-New Guinea Public Relations Officer to be attached to the Department of the Administrator, was announced in Port Moresby, on June 16.

Miss Vellacott-Jones has been in the Territory since July, 1949, as the journalist in charge of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's 9PA News Service. Previously she was engaged in radio and newspaper work in Canada, Australia, Britain and other overseas countries.

Immediately the appointment was announced, the Public Service Association cabled a protest to the Minister for Territories on the grounds that the position had not been advertised.

The Minister later informed the PSA that he was satisfied on the advices of the Administrator and the Public Service Commissioner that the position of Public Relations Officer could not be satisfactorily filled by the transfer or promotion of an officer from within the service.

New MM Liner



A goodly proportion of the population of Papeete, Tahiti, turned out to welcome the elegant new Messageries Maritimes Liner "Tahitien" when she berthed at Papeete on June 3 on her maiden voyage. She reached Sydney later that month where she was given flattering attention by the Press.

—Photo by Frederick Simpson.

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roducing Tea in New Guinea

Many Problems to be Solved Yet

N OVERSEAS tea expert who visited Papua-New Guinea at the invitation of the Australian overnment some months ago has bmitted his report to the Min-ter for Territories.

The expert reports—as most ople in New Guinea are already ware—that many parts af the rritory are suitable for tea culti-tion.

Best quality tea could be grown Highland areas over 4,000 feet, says; but higher yields would be tained from tea planted at lower titudes.

The expert said (and this is also ll known in NG) that labour and mmunications are the two main awbacks to the successful com-ercial establishment of tea grow-g in the Territory.

At present tea is being grown ccessfully in a comparatively small ay by a few individuals in upland eas of NG. The Department of riculture has a tea experimental ation at Garaina, Eastern High-nds, at about 3,000 feet, where, art from the research side of the siness, seed is produced for future mmercial plantings—tea-seed is, course, a prohibited export from esent tea-producing countries.

Tea plantations are by o means as easy to estab-sh as coffee or cocoa. The a grows easily enough, it the factory processes nd the blending that me after are something at has taken India and eylon and other tea-roducing countries years perfect.

Trained native labour r tea picking will prob-ly never be as good as milar labour in India and eylon where generations these people have lived the tea estates. But a-picking can now be ne by mechanical means small contrivances which re slung around the neck an be worked by un-illed labour.

It is understood that here mechanical pickers re used, the tea bushes re pruned severely into sort of hedge. When the ung shoots grow out ey are all about the me length and it is com-aratively easy to run the achines, which work mething like hair-clip-rs, over them. Mech-nical picking is much icker than hand picking and this factor might do something to cancel out the scarcity of good labour in NG.

After picking, the tea leaves must be fermented, dried and rolled. Europeans who have tried NG-grown tea are divided in their opinion about it; some say they do not like the flavour (although this is probably only a matter of blending), while others are enthusiastic about it.

Transport, however will be as big a problem to overcome as labour. As yet the only roads that exist in the areas suitable for growing tea are jeep tracks and there is no road between the sea-ports and the Highlands. Even under the happiest circumstances, it is unlikely that roads capable of carrying heavy freight between tea plantations and sea-port will exist for many years. Therefore, air transport will continue to be a factor in the cost of production.

There is no doubt that tea, and good tea, can be grown in parts of the PNG Territory. However, PNG with its inefficient native labour has not yet been able to compete on a cost for cost basis with countries like Indian. Malaya, Ceylon or Indonesia in any product the latter produce. Therefore, the mere fact that tea will grow in the Territory is only the beginning of establishing it as a flourishing industry.

Australians consume 6½ pounds of tea per head per annum which puts them amongst the top-ranking tea drinkers of the world. The price paid by Australians for their imported tea is about the lowest in the world, due to the heavy subsidy paid on it by the Commonwealth Government. But there is no doubt that New Guinea *could* supply Australia with its tea—when all the problems of labour, production, transport, prejudice and price are overcome.

The Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Brigadier Cleland, cutting the Debutantes' cake at the United Services Ball in Port Moresby on June 3. The Debs are Thelma Fressard, Elizabeth Britton and Judy Ralph.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Something for NZ Exiles

NOTHING better in worth-while publicity has come out of New Zealand for years than Leo White's *Pictorial Reference of New Zealand*. He has specialised in air-photography; and this big, 300-pages volume carries a large-scale air-photograph on every page, and the total covers every city, town and hamlet in the Dominion.

Nostalgically, I hung over those pictures. There, outside of a South-land village, I saw the very valley where I was born more than six decades ago. I glimpsed the bush wherein I grew up; identified the very building in Invercargill where I suffered my first white-collar job; studied Balclutha, wherein my feet were turned on to the Inky Way; examined Dunedin, and the old *Otago Daily Times* office, where I first began to dream of real journalism; and then picked out the buildings which were scenes of my later jobs, in Christchurch, Masterton, Auckland. Perfect photography; beautiful printing.

This is a book that should be kept on the best-loved shelves of every New Zealand exile. Whites Aviation, Auckland, sell it for £4/4/-. You could not get this collection of individual photographs for less than £100.—*R. W. ROBSON.*

WINDMILLS FOR RABAUL'S WATER SUPPLY

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, June 28.

RABAUL, NG, which has only recently concluded a very wet wet-season, is already short of water; it was being carried to some Administration dwellings in June.

However, when Mr. J. Chipper proposed at a recent meeting of the Town Advisory Council that the Administration should install windmills to augment the water supply (it is all from tanks or wells) the motion failed for want of a seconder.

At present, it costs about £4,000 per annum to cart water to Administration dwellings. This amount would buy a number of windmills and running cost of same, said Mr. Chipper, amounted to the price of a few pints of oil per annum.

Population problems will be studied by Dr. Norma McArthur, who has gone to N. Caledonia to work with the SPC for 6 months.

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This is the first stage of the plan for the development of the Oro Bay region where a CSIRO natural resources survey team have just started work. (Eriama Estates have taken up 15,000 acres in this area for the purpose of growing kenaf and possibly other fibre crops).

¶ Madame Pambrun, wife of Tahiti's Chief of Land Control, journeyed to France per *Caledonien* in June.

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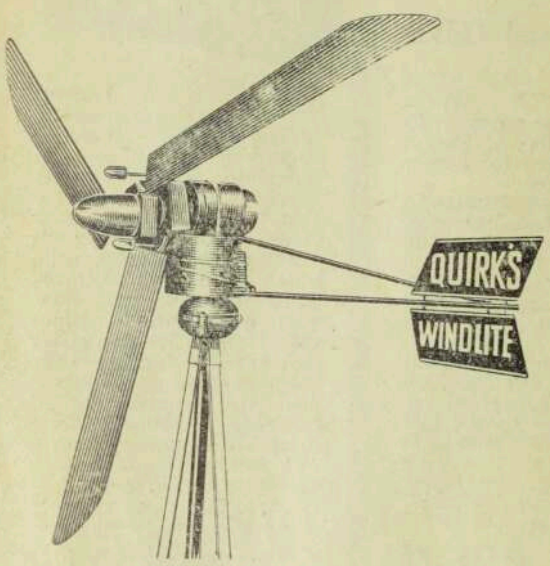

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It should be noted that there is one erious hindering factor in serving in the rmed forces which is peculiar to the reater part of the non-Christian Indians Fiji and which does not affect the ijians. This is the question of food. part, from Indian eating habits being ntirely different to those of the Fijian European, there is a religious factor. here are at least some willing Indians ho have withheld service on this score lone.

The only way in which this problem an be overcome is by the Indians olunteering in large enough numbers to form a unit of their own, with their own cooks and foodstuffs. So long as Indian servicemen are a very small minority this problem will remain, as it is clearly impossible for the Army to provide special facilities for them.

The five Indians included in reinforcements for Malaya in June and shown here with their Fijian officer, Lieutenant George (centre), are, left to right: Lance-Corporal Satlus Harigayan, Pvt. Birbal Brijpal, Pvt. Krishna Pillay, Medical-Orderly Tom Ram Narayan, and Pvt. Alfred Singh (insert).

¶ MR. DES SULLIVAN, the Official Secretary to the Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, has moved over to the Government Secretary's Department, and his work in the Department of the Administrator is being handled now by Mr. F. H. Hughes.

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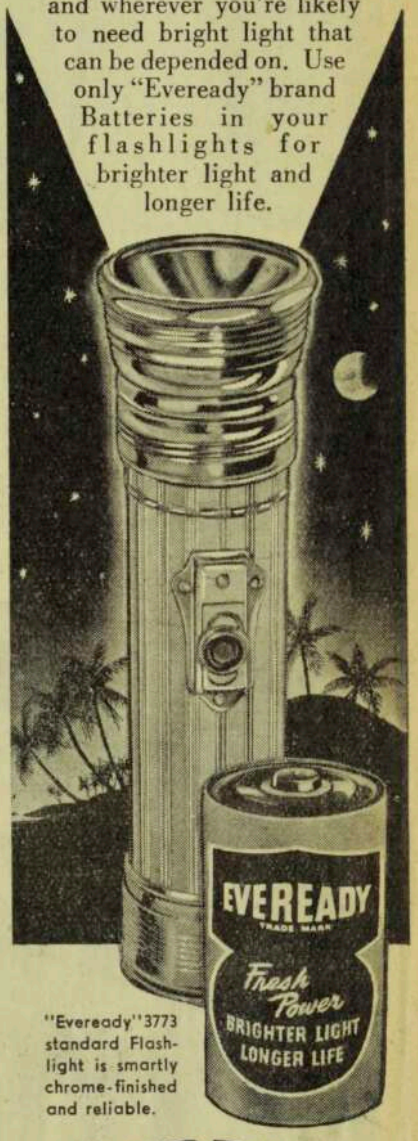

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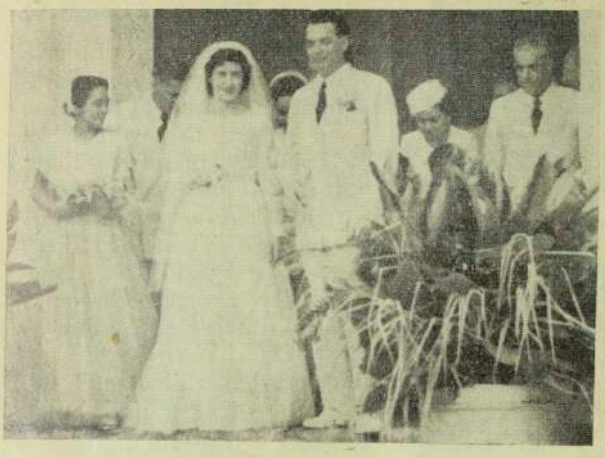

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Apia, Western Samoa, on May 19, Miss Sheila Therese Macdonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Macdonald, well-known residents of Apia, was married to Mr. P. K. Edmonds, private secretary to the High Commissioner of W. Samoa, Mr. G. R. Powles.

The Rev. Fr. E. C. Jepson officiated at the Nuptial Mass and among those present at the ceremony were the High Commissioner.

Misses Moira and Flora Macdonald, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids. (Moira Macdonald had a leading part in the film "Return to Paradise" which was made in Western Samoa last year). Mr. Ashley Levestam was bestman and Mr. Norman Paul groomsman. Several hundred guests attended the evening reception. (Photo on left).

Descendants of two pioneer families of Western Samoa, were united on June 11, with the marriage of Frieda Margaret Keil, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Keil, to Norman Samuel Paul, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Paul. Nuptial Mass was celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral.

The father of the bridegroom is the well-known businessman the Hon. E. F. Paul, MLA, while the bride's father, Mr. Hans J. Keil is owner of the White Horse Inn at Mootootua, Apia.

Misses Winona Godinet and Agnes Bartley were bridesmaids, Mr. Hans Kruse was bestman and Mr. Denby Cobcroft groomsman. (Photo on right).

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International Conference in London

REPRESENTATIVES of the sugar-producing countries of the world will meet in London in July 13.

The conference, which has been called by UNO, will attempt to establish export quotas for sugar producing countries, and to prevent glut.

Australia, which this year expects to have about 600,000 tons surplus to domestic requirements, is sending eight representatives led by the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs, Senator N. O'Sullivan.

British Commonwealth sugar producing countries (including Australia and Fiji) already have a sugar agreement with the UK in respect of their sugar exports until 1960. It is presumably some effort will be made to have this embodied within the framework of any new and broader agreement.

Before the war there was considerable world over-production of sugar. During the war and in the immediate post-war years demand was far ahead of supply, but this lopsidedness has now been made up, particularly by the West Indies and Cuba. Fiji and Australia had not been able to fill their quotas under the British Commonwealth Agreement, until, in the current season, both have produced record crops.

Last December, the UK Ministry of Food announced that the price they would pay Commonwealth producing countries in 1953 would be Stg42/6/8 per ton—a rise of Stg3/16/8 per ton on the 1952 price. This, in turn, meant that a record price would be paid to growers — including Fiji - Indian growers—for their cane.

Although "agreements" and other artificial means have cut across the old laws of supply and demand and have done a great deal to prevent the consumer reaping the benefit of glut seasons, it could be that the sugar-producing countries are now entering a buyers' market and a period that will put the accent on industrial efficiency rather than over spiralling rewards.

Sugar is still Fiji's most valuable export but officials of the CSR Co. have constantly warned growers and others in recent years that cost of production was getting out of hand.

Mr. H. Storck, lately manager for BP's, at Rotuma, transferred to a similar position on Niue Island in May.

HAWAII-TAHITI AIR SERVICE IN 1954

WHEN Captain Bryan Monkton returned to Sydney from Honolulu on June 22, he stated that South Pacific Airlines, of which he is a director, will not commence the new service between Honolulu and Tahiti via Christmas Island before the end of the year.

The new company recently bought two Solent flying boats from Trans Oceanic Airways, which has gone out of business; and Tahiti, eager to develop new tourist traffic with United States, had hoped that the new air service would have operated this year. But the promoters appear to be leaving nothing to chance, and refuse to "rush" the important work of establishing landing and fuelling stations.

Fiji-Australia Radiophone

A RADIOPHONE telephone service between Australia and Fiji, organised by Cable and Wireless Ltd. and Overseas Telecommunications Commission, will be opened in August. The service is to be available daily between 2 and 2.30 p.m., and calls cost 12/6 Australian per minute, with a three minutes' minimum.

¶ The Director of District Services and Native Affairs, Papua and New Guinea, Mr. J. H. Jones, is attending the United Nations Trusteeship Council meeting in New York as Australia's Special Representative during the discussions on the New Guinea Annual report for the year ending June, 1952. He left Australia about June 15, and will be away about a month.

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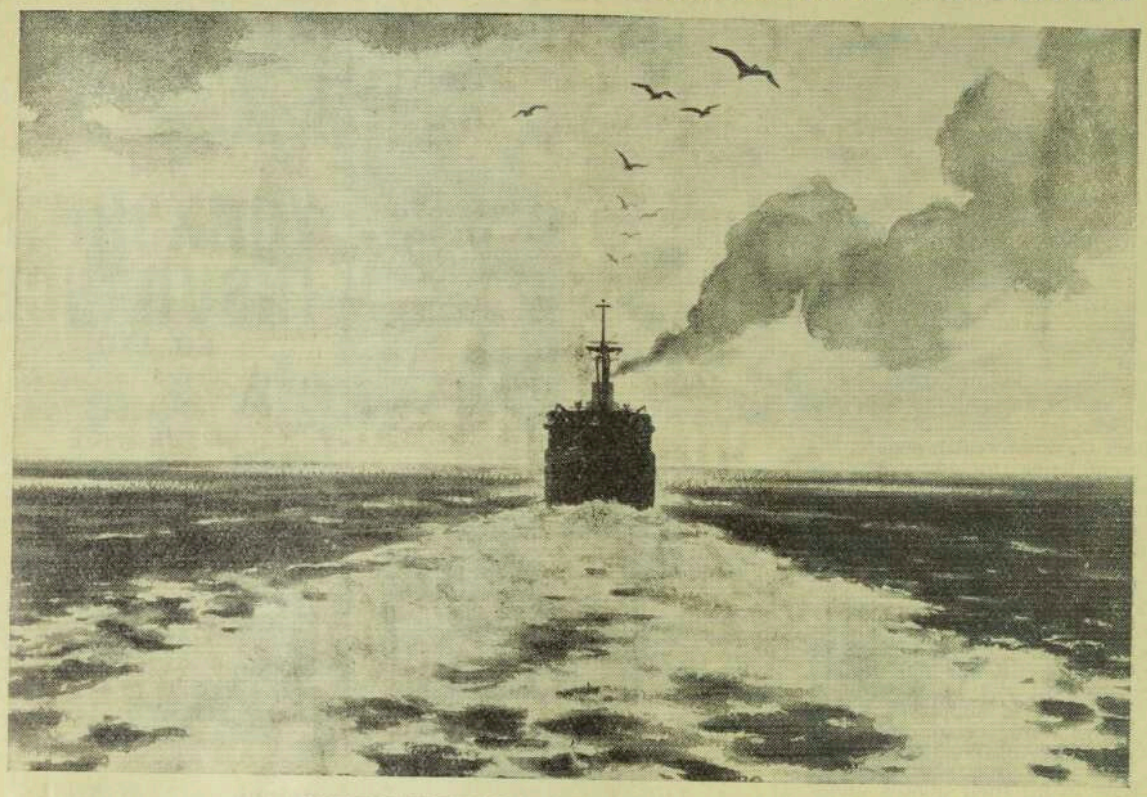

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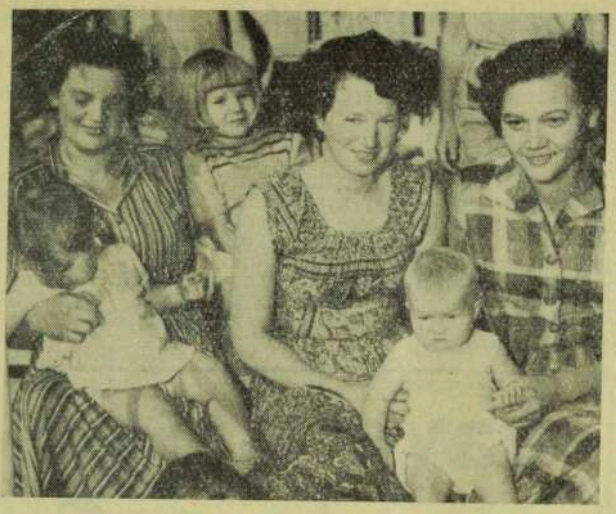

Mrs. B. Toyer (left), Mrs. J. O'Brien, and Mrs. R. Wyser (right), who, with their young families, accompanied their husbands to New Guinea to establish a cray-fishing industry. They left Brisbane on May 27, in the "C-Gull", the accommodation ship for a fleet of four vessels to engage in the cray fishing.

Mrs. Toyer had five children on board, three boys, aged 9, 8, and 7, and two girls, aged 4 and 2 months. She is a trained nurse.

Mrs. Wyser, 24, came from Austria three years ago. She had never lived in a ship before.

Mrs. O'Brien, who has an eight-months-old daughter, Deborah, had never been to sea before.

Their destination is Daru Island, near the mouth of the Fly River, in West Papua, where they plan to establish a settlement. They will live in the boat until houses are built. (Some old residents, far from encouraging new enterprise, say that there are not sufficient crayfish in the Gulf country to warrant the industry.)

FIJI-TONGA AIR SERVICE

TEAL reported in Suva early July that the planned service from Lauthala Bay to Nukualofa which it had been expected would commence in July, will not now commence before August 8, and possibly later.

It is understood that TEAL is ready to commence, but that the delay has been occasioned by the Tongan Government.

Subscriptions to the Queen Elizabeth Park Fund, in Rabaul, NG, had reached £5,000 by Coronation Day. Another £1,200 is required to establish a Town Band. The Rabaul townspeople appreciated the efforts of the native Band which had been got together with borrowed instruments and ex-bandsmen for Coronation Day and agree with Mr. D. Barrett, MLC, that the money should be found to make it permanent.

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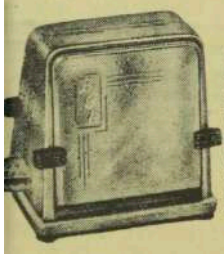

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PAPEETE'S MAYOR WELL RECEIVED IN PARIS

M. Poroi's Hurried Visit

ALTHOUGH, as reported in June PIM, the energetic Mayor of Papeete, M. Alfred Poroi, had gone off to Paris in an endeavour to secure clarification of some aspects of the political situation in Tahiti, he did not remain long abroad.

M. Poroi arrived in Sydney by air late on July 2 and, after a hurried scramble through a list of engagements there, he left on July 3 for Papeete. Reason for haste: The opening the following week of Tahiti's great Annual Fete, which lasts for a fortnight and is not missed by any Tahitian who can possibly get there.

Within the General Council or Parliament of Tahiti there now are two main parties—a majority party, of nationalist and Leftist tendencies, led by M. Pouvanaa a Oopa, and a minority party, more moderate in its views, led by M. Poroi. The larger party lately has been much more aggressive in its activities, and M. Poroi, resisting it, apparently has been handicapped by uncertainty regarding the policy of the Government of France. (No Government, apart from the Departmental heads, has functioned in France for a considerable time.)

The majority party, for example, has advocated an administrative reform under which Tahiti would become a Department of France, instead of a semi-independent Administration within the French Union. It also wishes to resist the plan for the stimulation of tourist traffic to French Oceania, preferring to keep the archipelagoes as a close preserve for the natives.

M. Poroi's decision to go to France and seek clarification of the situation was logical. But he did not go alone. One of the leaders of the rival party, M. Ceran Jerusalemy. Pouvanaa a Oopa's lieutenant, also went to Paris, to put the opposite view to the high functionaries there.

M. Poroi told the PIM in his brief visit to Sydney that he was very kindly and helpfully received in Paris, and he returned with a confident feeling that there would be no sudden changes likely to upset the administration or economy of French Oceania.

M. Poroi said that an important delegation from the French Parliament would visit New Caledonia in September, to attend that Territory's Centenary celebrations; and he had received an assurance that the delegation would try to make a formal visit to Tahiti before leaving the Pacific.

P-NG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETS AGAIN THIS MONTH

THE Papua and New Guinea Legislative Council will meet at Port Moresby on Monday, July 27, and it is expected to be in session for about a week.

The business paper includes two Bills—the Rubber Bill and the Plant Disease and Control Bill—which were referred to Select Committees at the last session in May.

Miss Eunice Taylor, of Burns Philp, Suva, has announced her engagement to Mr. Cameron Scott of the CSR Co., Fiji.

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LL the Pacific Islands are fol- lowing, with keen interest, Fiji's war against the Rhino- os Beetle, and helpful comments d suggestions have been offered. it it now is becoming better derstood that there is more than e kind of Rhino Beetle in the ands.

For example, our agent in Tahiti, . Oscar Nordman, wrote specially our correspondent in Fiji, Mr. ortall, with an interesting item. . Nordman said that his daughter the New Hebrides had been in- med by M. Graziani that he be- ved the flamboyant tree was fatal the Beetle. M. Graziani said at, almost any morning, one might e dead Beetles under the flam- yants which line the waterside Santo.

Mr. Shortall took the story to Mr. Harvey, who, as Director of Agri- lture, directs the Fiji anti-Beetle ır. Mr. Harvey produced an old port on the Beetle situation in . Samoa in 1910. The report de- ibes the planting there of flam- yants as a counter measure, it ving been reported from the lomons that these trees had been und to attract the insect pests ay from the coconut palms.

However, it is now known, Mr. arvey explained, that the Beetle Samoa and Fiji is an entirely ferent creature to that in the lomons, which seemingly does tle damage. The Samoa-Fiji riety of beetle—which has also ne great damage in the Palau ands and is reported in New inea since the Jap occupation— s not been reported from the New bridges; so it must be assumed at the insects reported by M. aziani are of the same variety as ose in the Solomons. Of all the etles so far discovered in Fiji, not e has been found on or under a mboyant tree.

Under date of June 24, our Tahiti respondent reports that Governor titbon has issued orders that all ssels arriving at Papeete from inoceros-beetle infested areas will ordered to sea before sunset each y.

Mr. John Trotter, General Man- er in Fiji for Burns Philp (South as) Co. Ltd., retired in June account of continued ill-health. the annual meeting in May the airman of Directors (Sir Henry ott, OC) paid a warm tribute to . Trotter's services to the Co. d to the Fiji community. Mr. otter has been with Burns Philp 35 years in Tonga and Fiji.

MAYOR-TROUBLE IN FIJI

SHORTLY after Mayor Mac- Farlane, of Suva, in mid-June, threatened his councillors with a Writ of Mandamus if they per- sisted in discussing a business- premises demolition order (see else- where in this issue) mutiny reared its ugly head across the island, at Lautoka.

There, Mayor S. Hollander, at a special meeting of the Town Coun- cil, found himself charged as "a would-be basketball dictator" and with "gagging the Council."

Councillor C. A. Adams, leading the assault, charged that the mayor had denied a woman's basketball team the right to use Churchill Park unless it affiliated with the Fiji Basketball Association, and accused him of withholding corre- spondence on the subject.

Following a subsequent stormy debate, a motion of no confidence in the mayor, put by Councillor Adams, was carried 6-4.

As the mayor refuses to resign and the six opposing councillors have threatened to boycott future council meetings until he does so, further lively developments are ex- pected.

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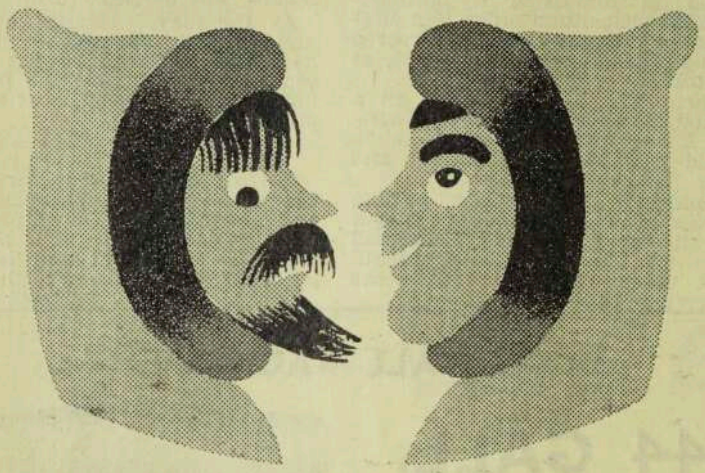

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GOOD KENAF SEED CROP HARVESTED

PORT MORESBY, June 30.

THIS year the Agricultural Department's kenaf seed crop at Laloki near Port Moresby will yield around 10 tons of quality seed.

Harvesting is now in progress and should be finished by about the middle of July.

The anticipated yield will be sufficient for government and private kenaf growers' requirements for the coming season, and will provide seed for 600 acres.

The current season's good return is in contrast to last year when an unfavourable growing season resulted in a crop failure, and new seed had to be imported from abroad.

Australian Timber for Territory

PORT MORESBY, June 30.

PORT MORESBY has eased the local timber shortage by importing Australian hardwood from Cairns. The Commonwealth Works Department took delivery of 80,000 super feet, the Administration had 215,000 s.f. in the consignment, and the balance went to private contractors.

Of the Administration shipment some was for use at Port Moresby, and the balance was obtained for projects at Rabaul and Kavieng.

Timber has been scarce in the Territory due to the wet season just ended, and although the mills are now all in production, their output goes straight out on jobs, with none remaining for the stockpile.

Pidgin—As Spoken in Adelaide

An Adelaide (SA) newspaper had this to say about the Papua-New Guinea contingent of native police when they returned from the Coronation at the end of June: " . . . They had been surprised to find the Queen longa England young fella.

"They had expected Queen Elizabeth to be an old and majestic lady. The natives, who belong to the Royal Papuan and New Guinea constabulary, arrived in Sydney by air from London yesterday.

"Sgt. Kevi (29), said: 'Me fella lookum London. Findum house longa Queen fella.

" 'Queen plenty young fella, plenty good fella.

" 'London plenty big city, longa too many people.'

"Constable Katka, 26, said:

" 'We go shops longa him London fella, buy um chocolates, see him fella picture him move. Belonga London him fella Dr. Fisher he puttum hat on longa Queen'."

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Little wonder that UNO Trusteeship Council (as reported from New York early in July) has had a fit of the horrors over Pidgin! If this is Pidgin!

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ENLARGEMENT OF THE TAHITIAN BREWERY

PAPEETE, June 20.

The old Tahiti brewery, makers the well-known Aorai Beer, is ing enlarged. The photograph Simpson) shows the old build-gs on the left and, on the right, e additions, in course of construc-n.

The owners, Etablissements E. artin, took over the original ewery from "Tahiti Joint Ven-re" in 1931. The brewery's present pacity is about 1,000 barrels a nth; under the new conditions, should produce 1,600 barrels per nth. The present brewery em-ys about 30 people, and, in addi-n to beer, it makes non-alcoholic nks and about 13 tons of ice per . The well-known brewer, Mr. b Ferman, who has been there 30 years, uses Canadian malt.

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fter a very high rainfall during wet season both Port Moresby, ua, and Rabaul, NG, are now ex-iencing trouble with grass fires. m the middle of May Fire Bri-les in both towns were kept busy tecting property and by the end the month huge black patches of nt-over grass marked the hill-s of Fort Moresby.

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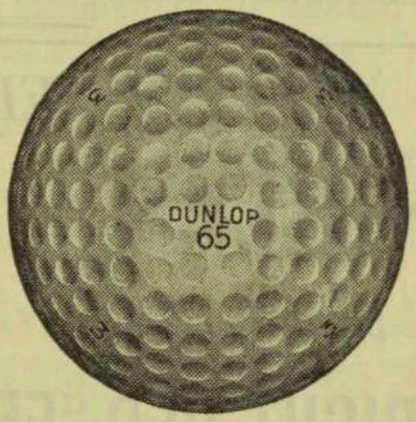

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News from the Cooks

● The new Administration school—and a 10,000 gallon water tank fed from its roof—was completed in May on Mitiaro. A big job was involved in clearing and levelling the land and laying out school grounds, planting grass and shade trees.

● The vessel "Mahurangi" delivered two diving machines and 24 Manihiki divers to Suwarrow atoll in May. Licenses have been granted to Mr. Dick Brown and Mr. Piri Moate to do some preliminary sampling of the lagoon for MOP.

● A mooring and flying-boat tender launch for TEAL at Aitutaki was partly towed and proceeded partly under its own power from Rarotonga recently. It arrived safely at Aitutaki.

● Great interest is being shown in Rarotonga in the recently opened Community Centre at Ngatangiia. Upwards of 150 people are regularly attending an English class and the Maori class for Europeans is also well attended. Regular talks by visitors and community leaders are a feature of the Centre. Not for a long time has the community spirit so manifested itself in Rarotonga where the old ways are all but dead.

● To finance the sending of crippled children to New Zealand for treatment, entertainments and raffles have been held recently in Rarotonga. Costs involved are about £150 per child and about 35 children are in need of treatment. No Government funds are allocated for this cause.

● Rarotonga celebrated the Coronation of the Queen with a combined sports meeting at Muri, about 1,700 school children participating in over 200 events. The day was the occasion of a general picnic at Muri by most of the population of the island.

● The Resident Commissioner's tree-planting programme to beautify the Rarotonga coastal road and to combat erosion was advanced recently when on one day nearly 500 trees were planted by volunteers along the waterfront from Avarua to Avatiu wharves.

¶ Mrs. Aubrey Schindler, wife of the O.C. Aiyura Experimental Station in the Eastern NG Highlands, was in Brisbane with her two young sons in July.

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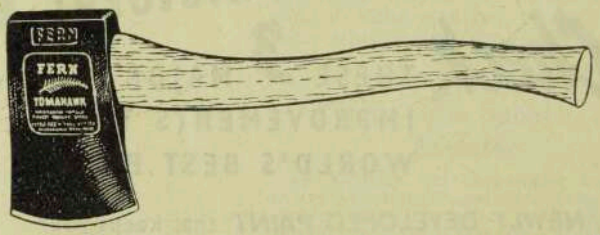

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NO UNEMPLOYMENT IN FIJI

SUVA, June 20.

OF the total estimated population of 312,000 in Fiji at the end of 1952, only about 19,000 are classified as wage earners (says the annual report of the Labour Commissioner). The figures, however, do not include domestic servants, salary earners, or casual workers, such as stevedoring labour or seasonal cane cutters.

Unemployment was non-existent in 1952, though £34,700 was voted by the Legislature for the relief of destitute aged and unemployable Europeans, part-Europeans, Indians and Solomon Islanders. Fijians in this category are cared for by their communities.

The cost of living for Indians rose very slightly during the year, but wages, with a few exceptions, remained generally at the same level as in the previous year, ranging from 11½d to 6/2 per hour.

Fijian mine workers, following a threat to strike, gained a wage increase of 6d to 6/- per day for surface workers and 7/- for underground. The strike threat was associated with a demand for money in lieu of rations. The employers maintained that, unless they had control of the rationing, the Fijian workers would waste their money and prove unable to ration themselves properly throughout the month. The settlement was made on the basis of 6d. per day wage increase, the employers to retain control of rationing.

CSR Co. mill workers, after negotiation, received an increase of /6 per week, with a sick-pay increase of 6d. per day. Relations in this industry remained good.

Seamen on inter-island vessels, whose wages were over-due for revision, received a 25 per cent. increase, average rates now varying between 8/- and 10/- per day. Only 79 men were involved in this industry—with 44 separate employers.

Fijian timber-workers, after negotiation, gained an increase in their incentive bonus, resulting in daily earning rise of about 1/-, and improvements in staff accommodation.

The largest wage-groups in the community were Indians, 2,917 of the total 9,335 earning 8/- to 10/- per day; Fijians, 2,353 of the 8,011 earning 6/- to 8/- per day; and Chinese, 123 of the 566 earning 12/- to 14/- per day. The majority of the 170 Europeans listed earned over /- per day, though 222 were earning 10/- or less.

The report emphasised the urgent need for greater facilities for training skilled workers and the heavy financial loss and wastage of materials involved in using so many 113 persons were receiving government training. No apprenticeship system exists. Due mostly to the difficulty of obtaining skilled men from overseas to accept employment in local industries, there are few qualified to train apprentices. untrained workers in industry. Only

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¶ MR. G. I. MacLENNAN has resigned from the Commonwealth Works Department at Rabaul, NG. Mr. T. Dixon, who had been second-in-charge at Rabaul, is now the Acting Regional Works Officer. Mr. MacLennan had been Regional Works Officer at Rabaul since the re-establishment of civil administration after the war, and was very well-known throughout the area.

CSIRO REGIONAL SURVEY PARTY

P. MORESBY, July 4.

A SURVEY team of CSIRO scientists arrived in the Territory in early July to make a natural resources survey in the Northern District of Papua.

This is the first stage in the long-term programme of assessing the natural resources of the whole of the Territory. The members of the party now working in the Northern District are: Mr. S. J. Patterson, Geomorphologist; Mr. H. A. Haantjens, Pedologist; Mr. B. W. Taylor, Ecologist; Dr. R. G. Hoogland, Systematic Botanist.

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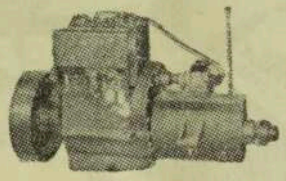

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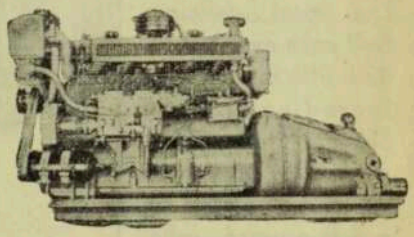

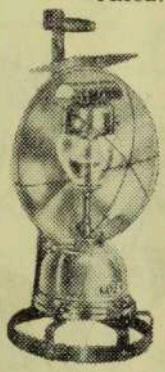

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Pakistan Cattle in Papua

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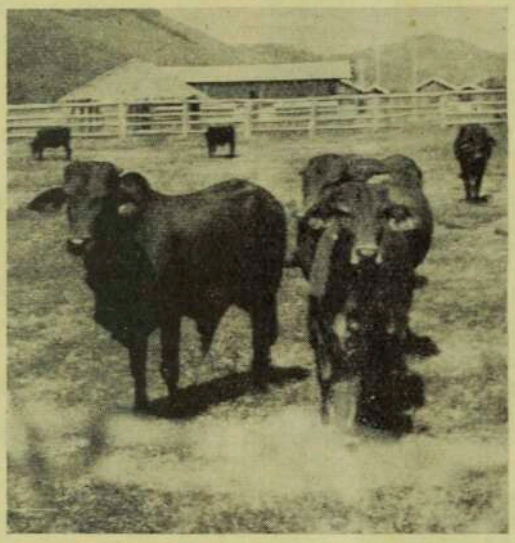
The animals have been strict quarantine since ey arrived in Moresby nd will remain so at ie pleasure of the SIRO which will later upervise experimental reeding from them.

They are unusual- oking, small, friendly nimals with shining ay coats. Their en- osure is surrounded by igh barbed-wire and ire-netting fences and flood-lit at night—in ase any village dog ould break through the ard. If a dog did get he would not get out gain alive.

Cars entering and leav- g the station drive rough a cement trough disinfectant, and those ho work with the cattle ter the cattle enclosure through a shower-room where they put on gum boots and walk through another trough of disinfectant before contact with the cattle. On the return journey, they walk through the disinfectant again, disrobe in the shower room, bathe, and put on fresh clothes before they are permitted into the outer part of the quarantine station.

The photographs show (left) some of the cattle; and (right) one of the officers of the Department of Agriculture walking into the shower-room through the bath of disinfectant.



¶ In London for the Coronation, Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna was presented with an inscribed antique silver tray by the First National Film Corporation. The tray is inscribed, "Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna — With sincere appreciation of his considerable kindness and co-operation during the filming in Fiji of Warner Bros. production *His Majesty O'Keefe—1952.*"

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BSIP's 'Kovala' is Distressingly Costly

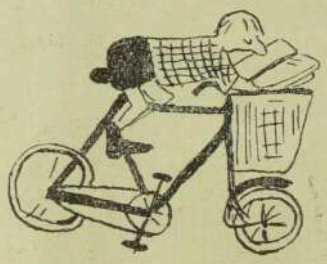
A YEAR ago Captain D. M. R. Maxwell and Mr. John Barley left Sydney with the *Kovala* for Honiara, in the Solomons. This unfortunate vessel appears to have got no further than Ballina, NSW, where recently she was being extensively rebuilt, again.

The *Kovala*, a 66ft. diesel vessel, was specially built for the British Solomon Islands Government by a Sydney firm. She was launched about four years ago and, in 1951, was undergoing trials in Sydney Harbour. It will be recalled that *Kovala* graced Sydney waterfront for some 3 years—except for one brief period when she started on her first attempt to reach Honiara, but turned back with engine trouble when some 300 miles out from Sydney.

Expert opinion is that the vessel was badly designed and that the alterations made to improve her, after her first abortive attempt to reach Honiara, have been unsatisfactory. Two naval architects had a hand in her design and the cost to date is known to be at least £70,000—probably more. *Kovala* promises to be even less useful and less economical than the former Fiji Government vessel *Viti* was in her heyday.

During June, the freighter *Rigoletto* called at Rabaul and Madang, NG, to take on a cargo of 5,500 tons of copra for shipment to Sweden. This sale, made under an agreement between the Australian Government and the British Ministry of Food, brought a return of £74 a ton sterling, at Territory ports.

¶ M. Rene Samourraud—who, until recently, was the highly-esteemed chief of the Customs Department in French Oceania for six years—has returned to France, after a visit to New Zealand and Australia, with Madame Sabourraud. M. Sabourraud's place was taken in Papeete by M. Rene Maurel.



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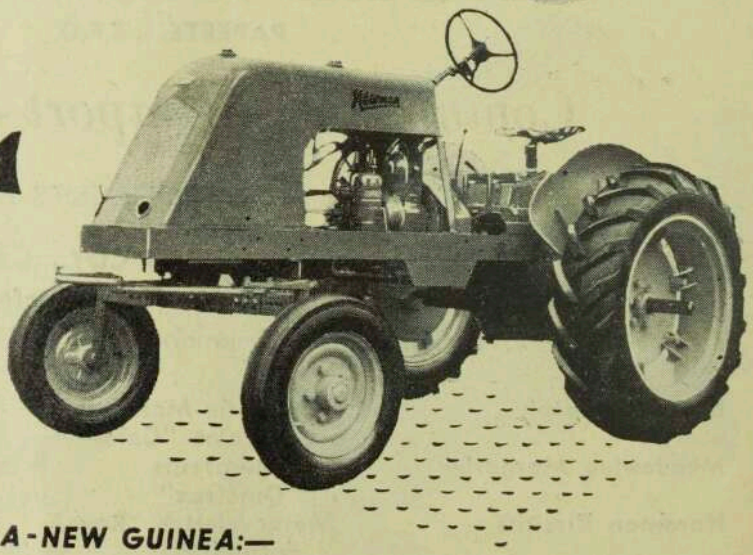

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Some Sidelights on Trusteeship

What Our Pacific Territories Have to Endure

A CONSIDERABLE section of the Europeans in New Guinea did not conceal their animosity wards the Trusteeship system, nder which New Guinea is gov- ned by Australia, said Mr. Enrique e Marchena, of the Dominican Re- ublic, in a discussion at the rusteeship Council of the United ations in New York, on July 2. r. de Marchena was a member of ne delegation from the Trusteeship ouncil which visited Micronesia, auru, New Guinea and Western amoa in April and May.

Mr. de Marchena said that he ad encountered this sentiment also Australia and, as further evid- nce, he quoted statements he had en in the *Pacific Islands Monthly.*

The English member of the dele- ation, Mr. W. A. C. Mathieson, hallenged Mr. de Marchena's pre- ntation of the position. He denied hat many Europeans shared those ews. According to the Australian ssociated Press, Mr. Mathieson aid it was not entirely fair to ortray the *Pacific Islands Monthly* the mouthpiece of thinking eople in Australia or giving the ews of the European people in the rust Territory."

(EDITORIAL NOTE: In due urse, we may receive a fuller re- ort of the discussion, and have mething to say directly to Mr. athieson. In the meantime we can sure Mr. Mathieson that 90 per nt of the people who know any- ing about New Guinea conditions and especially the people who live New Guinea—regard the trustee- ip Council control of New Guinea th derision and dislike.)

N June, a small party of members of the Australian Parliament visited New Guinea. On return- g, one of them—Mr. H. S. Rober- n—expressed the forthright inion that United Nations control er New Guinea was quite un- stified and that, in the interests development, and of native wel- re, the Territory should be an- xed by Australia. That was an nest opinion, reflecting the views practically all Europeans in New uinea who are free to express emselves.

The important point, of course, is at there is no worth-while future New Guinea unless private terprise is encouraged to go in d make use of the land, and de- lop the great Territory's un- ited natural resources. Mr. berton pointed out that this nnot be done under the present stem—even although Australia is ending over £6,000,000 per annum the country—because under usteeship there is no security, her in land tenures or in relation future control.

But, within 24 hours, three other members of the Australian Parliamentary Party—all Socialists—had rushed into print with a united howl against Mr. Roberton. They, of course, supported UNO; condemned any thought of annexation, and the "shocking" suggestion that the land of the natives should be taken from them; referred to the "Fuzzy-wuzzy angels"; and solemnly warned that New Guinea might become another Malaya or a Mau Mau area—the sort of cliches we have had, *ad nauseum*, ever since

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the Eddie Ward regime, from this type of political sociologist.

The issue is quite simple. New Guinea cannot be effectively developed under the present set-up. Apart from anything else, Australian taxpayers will not continue indefinitely to provide £6 or £7 millions annually for financing socio-anthropological dreams. If Australia does not develop New Guinea effectively, New Guinea—in the very nature of things—will be taken over and developed by Asiatics, who will not concern themselves much about native welfare.

WE do not know who Mr. Mathieson is, or with what authority he speaks. Probably, he is one of that very numerous tribe of politico-sociological theorists who cluster around the United Nations building like bees around a honey-pot, and who have become one of the most embarrassing headaches of this chaotic post-war world.

The value of his conclusions may be seen in another Trusteeship Council debate, wherein (it is reported) Mr. Mathieson (Britain) and Mr. Pignon (France) unequivocally condemned the use of Pidgin in New Guinea and "urged that every effort be made to replace Pidgin English by English in all instruction in New Guinea."

Although the NG Administration went to endless trouble and expense in April to show the well-fed and highly decorative Trusteeship Council delegation all over New Guinea, the delegates seem to have learned very little. If they had been only partially alert, they would have discovered that use or non-use of Pidgin probably is the Territory's Number One administrative problem, and the keenest men in the services there have been seeking the solution for a long time. They would most willingly discard Pidgin, if they could. But what can they do to effect reforms in this direction, when

(a) There are scores of different languages among the Territory's 1½ million people;

(b) New Guinea has not even reached the stage where it can supply enough English-speaking youths to be trained as teachers of village schools;

(c) Meanwhile, nearly all communication between Europeans and natives, in the spheres of administration, commerce and industry, is necessarily carried on in Pidgin, which is so easily learned by all classes, including the illiterate natives, and the literate and semi-literate Europeans.

If Messrs Pignon and Mathieson had made some really practical suggestions, as to *how* multi-tongued New Guinea can quickly and effectively change over to simple English, as its common tongue, they really would have helped.

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GUAM'S NEW GOVERNOR SPEAKS OUT

THE inaugural address of the new . Governor of Guam (Mr. Ford Q. Elvidge) given to the Guam egislature on June 8 was notable r its directness of approach. Mr. lvidge had been on the Island only three weeks but it was obvious that he had not wasted any time in making himself fully cognisant of the more pressing problems.

Mr. Elvidge said that before he arrived on the island he had heard ugly rumours and stories concerning the administration of the Department of Medical Services and particularly the Guam Memorial Hospital. He had made an intensive study of the medical services and hospital and found that while there were many features that were commendable, the administration of the tuberculosis branch of the hospital

Mr. Elvidge

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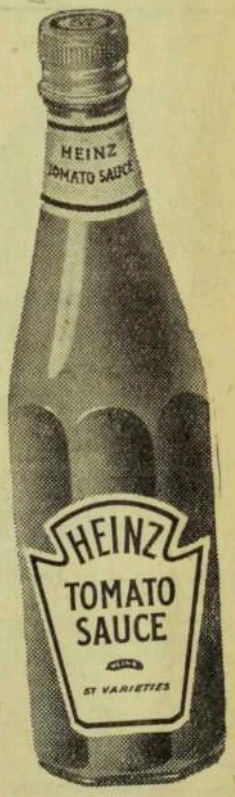

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and the care of the TB patients left much to be desired.

The Governor outlined a programme for the betterment of these services and urged the passing of legislation to tighten up the laws on gambling.

Referring to the twenty-five or more boards, commissions and agencies in the governmental set-up, the Governor said, "In a Government the size of ours here it would seem that there must be a great deal of overlapping. I would suggest that you restudy this phase.

"I hope," he continued, "that you will have a great deal of money for capital replacements and permanent construction. This island has a terrific need for sound, permanent public structures, particularly schools and hospitals. I think our Government is doing too much public work through its own public works department. More of it should be let out in competitive bidding to private contractors. In that way, you would help build up private enterprise on the Island and at the same time get the work done more cheaply, more speedily and more efficiently."

Norfolk Island recently had an unscheduled visit from Fijian soldiers when the plane on which they were travelling was diverted to Norfolk because Noumea was closed by bad weather.

Petrol Price in Apia Up 8d.

THE Price Tribunal in Apia, Western Samoa, announced that from June 12 the price of petrol will increase by 8d per gallon. This brings the local price to 5/5 per gallon. (Western Samoan currency is equal to Sterling).

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NOTES FROM THE NG GOLDFIELDS

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, June 23.

WAU ADVISORY COUNCIL has asked the Papua-New Guinea Administration to give consideration to a proposal for the installation of a hydro electric power plant for the district. Despite the falling off in gold mining activities, the district is still growing; cheap electricity could assist in agricultural development and maybe, the building of some secondary industries.

The Council is also concerned at the lack of life-saving devices on the barges operating between Labu and Lae. These barges handle the whole of the traffic from the Wau-Labu road which is now considerable owing to heavy consignments of timber and other commodities going forward, and supplies coming in to Wau. The barges are deteriorating at a rapid rate and as they are often buffeted by rough seas during the crossing, the request is worthy of urgent attention.

Another matter which concerns the Council, and the whole of the residents of the district, is the lack of aeradio communication. There is agitation to establish permanent connection with the Lulolo Control Tower, 15 miles distant. At present, this district goes into retirement at the week-end and should an aircraft be urgently needed, there is no means of contacting the air companies in time.

The Council would also be interested in learning just who are the member nations of GATT (General Agreement of Trade and Tariffs), and what effect the operations of this Association of nations is likely to have on the economy of trade and tariff in this country.

A Parliamentary Delegation visited Wau on June 19, and professed itself impressed with the Wau coffee industry and the agricultural potentialities of this valley.

The party also visited New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. installations at Golden Ridges, and was present during the pouring of the first ingots of smelted bullion since the Company re-established itself after the war.

The General-Manager of NGG, Mr. John Hohnen, explained some of the difficulties of reconstruction under present conditions. During the last few years, he said, the mine and mill which were totally destroyed, have been under reconstruction. Since the opening of the Golden Ridges Mill by Colonel Murray in 1951, mining and timber milling has sustained the Company to the point of completion of the cyanide plant which was started up in April this year. In addition to the normal throughput of mine ore, the Company will now retreat the sand tailings from the battery and hopes to mill approximately 3,000 tons per month.

Mr. Hohnen pointed out that gold mining is still the most heavily taxed industry in New Guinea and that unless some relief from the 5 per cent. royalty is provided, the industry can be expected to decline. As an example, he said, New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. has contributed more to the New Guinea revenue over the last 4 years than its accumulated profit over the same period.

Governor of Fiji at Vatukoula

THE Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, with Lady Garvey, visited the Vatukoula goldfields-area of Fiji at the end of May. At Tavua Village there was a Fijian welcome ceremony and meke, at which a tabua was presented to His Excellency.

After the Fijian ceremony, Mrs. J. Turner of the Tavua Hotel, handed a cheque for £30 to Lady Garvey. This amount had been donated to the "Gift Parcels Fund for Malaya" by the people of Tavua.

On the night of May 30, the vice-regal party attended a Coronation Ball at Vatukoula.

¶ Dr. W. H. Macdonald, Senior Medical Officer, BSI, has been appointed Medical Superintendent at Makogai leprosy hospital. Dr. F. R. T. Hollins, at present Medical Snperintendent, Tamavua Sanatorium, Fiji, succeeds Dr. Macdonald in the Solomons.

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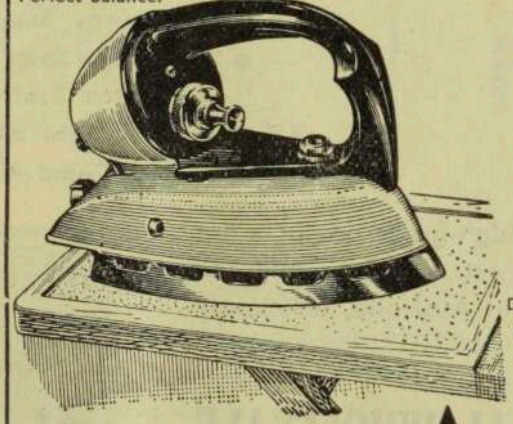

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NEW GOVERNOR OF DUTCH NG

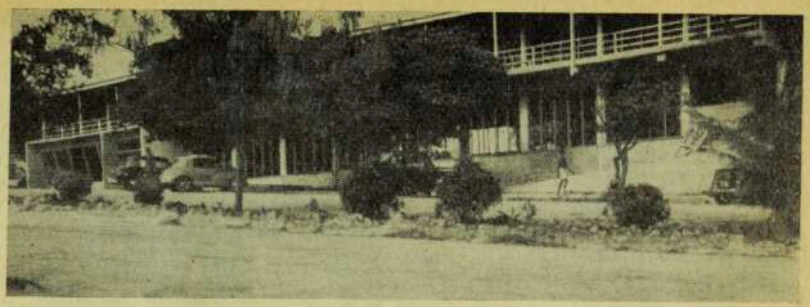
DR. J. VAN BAAL, the new Governor of Dutch New Guinea, who recently arrived in Hollandia to take up his official duties, is no stranger to peoples in South Pacific regions.

Born at Scheveningen, near the Hague, in 1909, Dr. van Baal took a degree at Leyden University in 1934, going to Merauke in Dutch NG in 1936 and Java in 1938. His native research work at Lombok in the Dutch East Indies was interrupted in 1941 by the Japanese invasion.

After the war, Dr. van Baal went to Holland, returning to the Indies in 1948 as Assistant Resident. The next year he was appointed to the control of the office for Population Affairs at Hollandia. Last year he was elected a member of the Dutch Lower House and left New Guinea to take an active part in parliamentary affairs in the Netherlands.

His appointment seems to indicate the Netherlands' Government's determination not to yield to the Indonesian claims on Dutch NG.

Mr. Brian McCook, late of Tasman Empire Airways and formerly of the RNZAF, joined Fiji Airways as a pilot in May.



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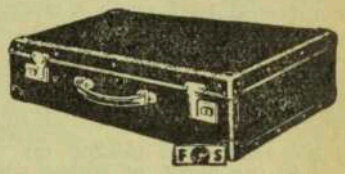

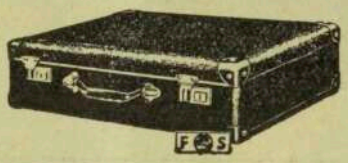

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Fiji's War Against Rhino Beetle

SUVA, June 30.

AS Rhinoceros Beetle survey teams push further out from the Suva area, it becomes increasingly evident that, contrary to earlier hopes, the infestation, though light, is widespread on Viti Levu.

When the Eradication Board met on June 12 it reported evidence of beetle damage up the Navua and Waidina Valleys, and at a point on the South Coast near Veivatuloa (about 13 miles airline from Suva).

During that week it was also demonstrated that present quarantine measures against further infestation in the Suva area are inadequate. A fantastic incident occurred on Suva wharf, which shows how the beetles arrived—and still are arriving.

A stevedore was talking on the wharf to the bosun of *Matua* when he noticed a well-developed specimen perched on the bosun's cap. The bosun had just come out of a rope locker on the ship, which had come in from Apia, en route to New Zealand.

The authorities, up to now, have been working on the assumption that all would be well if hatches that had been opened at Vavau-Apia were kept closed at Suva, and only other hatches worked. The fact, however, is that beetles may hide in any part of the ship's living accommodation, ventilators, storerooms, etc.

The Board announced at its June 12 meeting that, as the infestation on Viti Levu is widespread, no useful purpose can now be served in continuing the vehicle inspections at Nausori and Navua bridges.

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Inspections now will be confined to vessels and aircraft leaving Viti Levu for other parts of the Group.

The original plan to destroy breeding places will have to be abandoned, as being impracticable over a very wide area which includes extensive forest. A revised plan of campaign will now be considered.

The Board recommends that regulations be enacted to restrict the shipment of plants, etc., from Viti Levu to other islands, to permits only. The possibility of diverting much of the outer islands' shipping trade to Levuka instead of Suva is under consideration, as, although likely hiding-places can be examined on a vessel, there must remain many inaccessible parts where a beetle may hide. Meanwhile, an additional shipping inspector will be appointed for Suva.

Although nearly all of the 1670 predatory beetles received from Trinidad have been liberated as a counter to the Rhinoceros Beetle, it was not yet known for certain whether these will actually attack the Rhinoceros larvae, though it is probable that they will. In any case, the Trinidad beetles can do no harm.

Experiments are continuing, the Board reported, with an insecticide which is lethal at the larval stage. If successful, this presumably will be used as a spray in plantations.

Beetle survey teams found beetle damage in the Sigatoka Valley, 60 miles west of Suva, late in June.

To date, 55 adult bettles have been found in Fiji—20 in compost heaps, 3 on palms, 8 in dead coconut or sago palms, 6 on the ground, 3 in dead logs, 3 attracted to bright lights, 1 in a ship—and one on a sosun's cap on the Suva wharf.

JAP NAVY—THEN AND NOW

RECENTLY the Japanese Navy held its first post-war manoeuvres, when 15 motor launches and trawlers and an unarmed harbour vessel put out to sea from Yokohama. Normally, the little fleet spends its time lifting and laying buoys around Yokohama harbour and is officially known as the Maritime Safety Agency—a civilian organisation. Ten freighters presented by the United States, 23 landing craft, and some minesweepers complete the Japanese Imperial Fleet of 1953.

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbour on December 7, 1941, her Navy consisted of 10 battleships, 3 major aircraft carriers, 35 cruisers, 106 destroyers and 70 submarines. All were lost in the Pacific War. Now, says the Japanese Prime Minister, the cost of one battleship would wreck the economy of the nation.

¶ On June 17, Pilot W. E. Passlow, of New Guinea, flew into Cairns, Qld., with a borrowed motor in his aircraft. Passlow was forced down on the beach 80 miles north of Cooktown two weeks previously after an engine failure. He was en route to NG. The replacement engine was loaned by the North Queensland Aero Club.

¶ The Rev. Fr. J. Walter, SM, has lately been transferred from Namosi, Fiji, to Loreto, Ovalau Island, and his place has been taken by the Rev. Fr. R. McDonnell, SM. The Rev. Fr. J. Verbays, SM, formerly of Loreto, departed from Fiji recently on his first visit home to Europe since leaving there in 1936.

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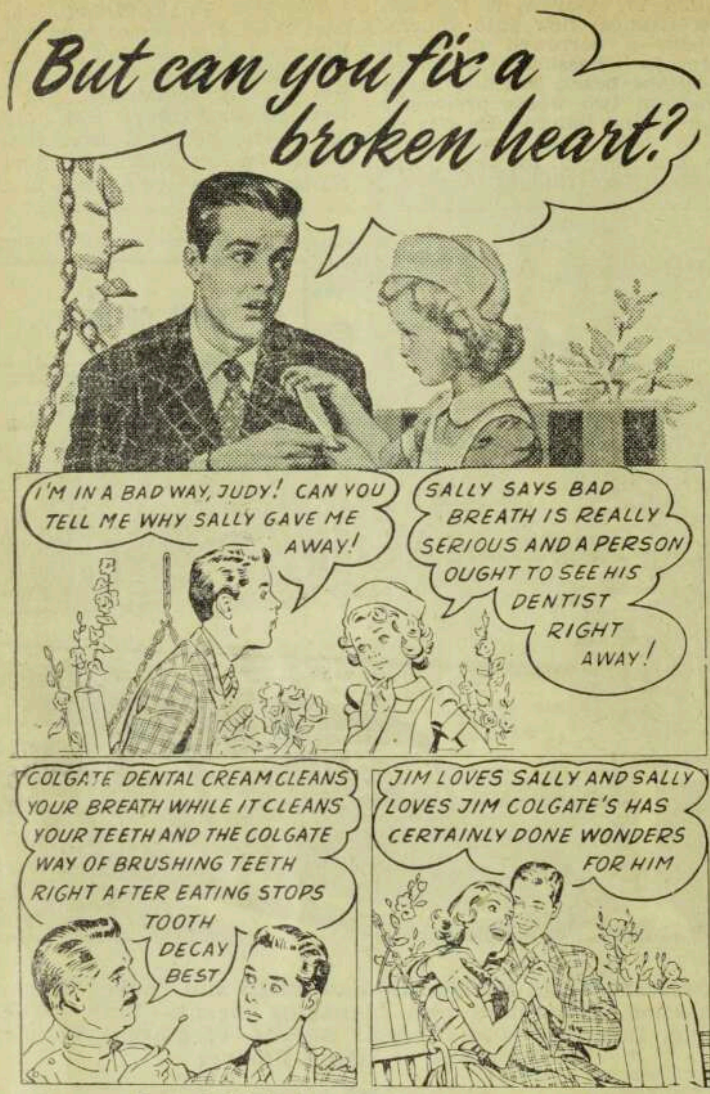

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INTERESTING TRENDS IN FIJI'S POPULATION

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OFFICIAL figures show an increase in the total population of Fiji, during 1952, of 10,719. Indians increased by 5,470 and Fijians by 2,998.

The natural increase was 28.52 per thousand—the Indian rate increasing slightly, and the Fijian rate falling.

Indian females outnumber Fijian females now by about 3,000. Of the total population, 62 per cent. is under 25 years of age, with 10,077 more Indian than Fijian females in this group, and 4,047 more Fijian than Indian females over the age of 45.

Though Fijian mortality was the fourth lowest on record, infant mortality was the highest since 1946, especially with infants of up to two years. The cause of this trend is not explained in the report.

Estimated population figures as at December 31, 1952:

Europeans	7,980
Fijians	135,877
Islanders	4,498
Chinese	3,719
Mixed	7,298
Indians	148,802
Rotumans	3,845
Others	659
Total	312,678

Fiji Fiscal Review Committee

IN implementation of the Governor's promise on opening the Budget Session of the Fiji Legislative Council last year, a Fiscal Review Committee has now been appointed.

It will consider and recommend on the general pattern of Government revenue and expenditure, having regard to the Colony's resources, the incidence and effects of taxation on the various branches of the community, on industry and on incentive to investment.

Chairman of the Committee is Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. W. Davidson, MBE) and the other members are Mr. A. R. Smith, MBE (Comptroller of Customs), Ratu K. K. T. Mara, Mr. J. N. Falvey, Mr. H. E. Snell, and Mr. Said Hasan.

The Committee invites the public to submit views on any matter which it would like considered.

¶ Miss Isabel Lowata Barrack, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Barrack, of Suva, announced her engagement in June to Mr. Trevor Charles Payne, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Payne, of Suva.

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BUREAUCRACY'S FAILURE IN THE COOK ISLANDS

The Spread of Disease :: Troubles of the Citrus Industry :: Lack of Adequate Water Supply and Shipping

By W. H. WATSON

Although a member of the Rarotongan Island Council for eight years, Mr. W. H. Watson was recently defeated in the election for the European member. He has lived in the Cook Islands for many years and is a widely respected member of the community.

He has been an unsparing critic of the Administration and it is suggested that the bureaucrats of the Cook Islands "ganged up" on Mr. Watson and openly advocated the candidatures of his two rivals. As 72 of the 134 voters on the European roll are officials or their wives, Mr. Watson evidently was at a disadvantage.

Some European residents of the Cook Islands advocate that no European have the right to vote in Council elections until he or she has lived there for 3 years (12 months is the qualifying period at present). Also that the Euronesian wives of European residents have the right to vote for European members of the Council. They believe that NZ public servants and their wives, in the Cook Islands for a short 3-year term, have an overwhelming voice in Cook Is. local affairs under the present voting arrangements.

THERE is much evidence of New Zealand's desire to do a good administrative job in the Cook Islands, but unfortunately this desire is not producing many results.

The Cook Island Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1952 (the latest available), makes fair reading but an inquiring mind will see much to arouse scepticism. For instance, on the subject of leprosy the report says: "Although endemic in the Group, there are not a great many cases, but these are detected

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by periodic survey and transferred to Makogai for treatment."

Yet, in the medical report presented to the 1952 session of the Cook Islands' Legislative Council, it is stated that 45 new cases of leprosy had recently been found in a survey at Aitutaki Island. These figures speak for themselves:

In 1948: 8 cases sent to Makogai.
In 1950: 20 cases sent to Makogai.
In 1952: 62 cases now in Aitutaki.

The Chief Medical Officer referring to the 1952 figures stated: "This immediately poses a considerable problem as to their segregation, treatment and transport. Dr. Austin, superintendent at Makogai (the central Pacific leprosarium) has expressed alarm at the figures so far reported, and has stated that he cannot accommodate such a number, particularly the children. (41 of the 62 cases were children).

Under the heading of "Tuberculosis" the report states that during the period under review considerable advances had been made, including the extension to the sanitarium buildings. Dr. T. A. R. H. Davies, Chief Medical Officer, who attends the Legislative Council as an adviser, said in 1951 that eight per cent. of the peoples of the Cook Islands were suffering from TB—that is 1,200 out of 15,000 population.

Compare those figures with those of New Zealand: 10,048 TB sufferers in a population of 1,914,120. If NZ had the same percentage as the Cook Islands there would be over 135,000 cases, and the public would want to know what was wrong.

Although the extensions to the Sanitarium allow for an increase of its beds from 36 to 64, the beds are without patients—many of us ask ourselves whether this is because there is no money available to pay the salaries of the extra staff needed?

CITRUS INDUSTRY

IN 1936, a Parliamentary delegation visited the Islands and recommended:

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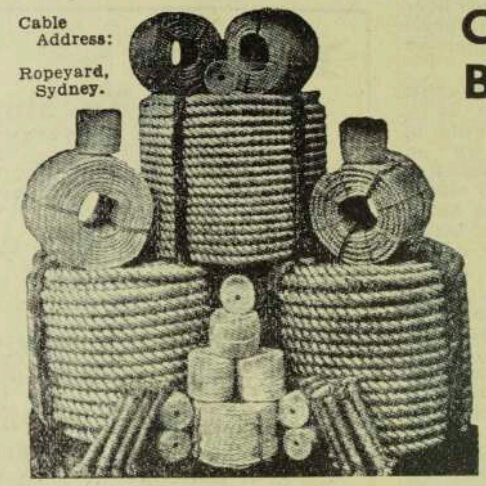

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The New Zealand Government of that day put £30,000 in the Cook Island Estimates for the packing shed and cool store. The growers are still waiting for the shed, the store and the adequate shipping. Meanwhile what has happened to the £30,000?

(PIM, for June, reported that the NZ Government had approved allocation of £11,000 for a cool store, to hold fruit brought from the local orchards and from the Outer Islands.)

The 1952 report states that "work is proceeding rapidly in clearing the sites for the shed and store so that building can commence *as soon as plans are completed* and arrangements made for a construction team to build it." The italics are ours.

Rarotongans may well wonder if it will take another 17 years for plans to be finalised, and a further lengthy period for the building to be completed.

It was not until 1947 that any real attempt was made by the Government to encourage the growers to replant citrus trees. Some 300 acres have now been planted. When this acreage comes into bearing, plus private planting, there will be over 200,000 cases of citrus fruit annually for the NZ market.

However, this represents just a small part of the land suitable for citrus growing; 4,000 acres are lying idle. If vigorous planting could be undertaken now, this additional acreage could provide a further 1,800,000 cases per annum making a total of over two million cases of oranges, mandarines and tangerines available to the NZ market.

Mr. D. M. Rae, MP, of Auckland, who recently visited the Islands, praised the efforts being made to reorganise the citrus industry, but said a reliable shipping service was essential if wastage of fruit was to be avoided, and shipping is a bigger headache than any other Cook Islands' problem.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

The 1952 Cook Islands' Report states that "in Rarotonga is a reticulated water system fed from five intakes, all of doubtful purity and volume. Considerable investigation work has been carried out, and after analyses of water intakes at present in use and projected, the programme of further reticulation and provision of purification facilities will be put into effect."

Dr. Irwin, Chief Medical Officer in 1948, had this to say about the Takuvaine intake: "The intake there is an old 44 gallon drum in the creek bed. The valley about the intake is intensively cultivated and is subject to intense pollution. For Avarua, I wish to recommend that the Takuvaine Valley intake be closed up. I consider this is medically urgent as the area above the intake is subject to gross infection and pollution."

It was recently reported that Rarotonga Public Works concentrated on improvements in the Takuvaine intake during a dry spell last February—that is just on five years after Dr. Irwin made his report.

At the 1948 session of the Legislative Council a petition signed by 1,803 people of Rarotonga was presented, asking the Government of NZ to put into operation in Rarotonga a scheme to ensure that all the inhabitants might obtain an adequate supply of clean, pure water.

An engineer was sent down to make an inspection. The 1952 Cook Islands Public Works report says that the question of the overall water supply for Rarotonga still remains with the Ministry of Works in NZ. All gauges and tests required have been completed by this department and the final report and recommendation are awaited.

On the island of Atiu lack of proper drinking and domestic water has resulted in a serious outbreak of Yaws, the figures being over 800 cases out of a population of 1,270.

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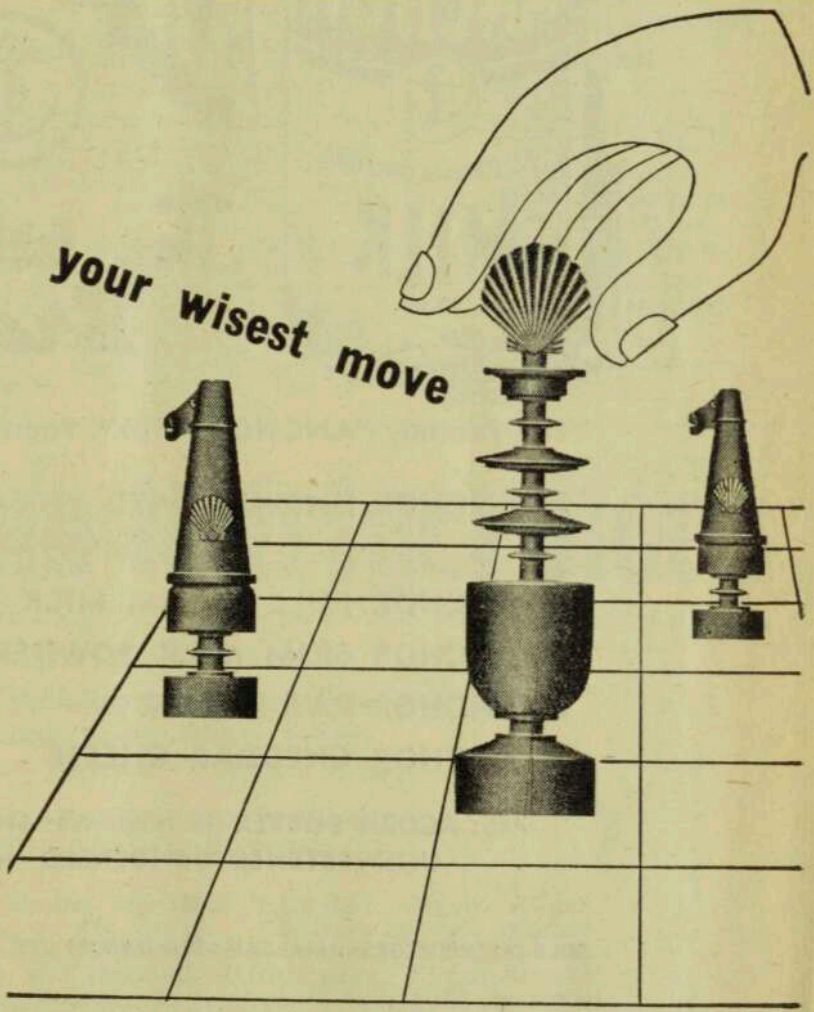

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SHIPPING

"When citrus production from the ewly replanted areas is at its eight, the need will arise for rther shipping space to cope with ncreased exports." That sentence ppears identically in both 1951 and 952 Reports, which is strikingly gnificant in itself.

The Islands have relied for many ears on the NZ Government motor essel *Maui Pomare*. In February, 952, the new *Tofua*, built for the nion Steam Ship Co. Ltd., came n to the general Pacific run and had been thought that the *Matua* ould become available to assist in oving the increased exports of the ook Islands. This has not tran-ired and the 1952 report vaguely ates that "it is hoped that the ivent of the new vessel (the ofua) will tend to make additional ipping available."

There is no doubt that shipping rvices were greatly hampered last ar by the shipping strike in NZ, nd it should be possible to improve e service this year, although rospects are far from bright with e withdrawal from service of the xiliary ketch *Ranui*.

Every year thousands of boxes of matoes are lost because of the k of shipping. To many Islanders matoes are their main crop. An-her flourishing industry—the nana trade—was killed by the r. Attempts have been made to vive it but the *Maui Pomare* has t the space to carry the fruit, so growers refuse to plant any more and a valuable trade is lost.

ECONOMIC SURVEY

Is it not time to consider whether the present bureaucratic remote-control of the Islands by the Department of Island Territories in Wellington has had its day? An economic survey of the Islands should be made and an Executive Council appointed to rationalise expenditure.

Islanders are hoping that the recent appointment of Mr. J. B. Wright as Secretary of the Island Territories Department will result in an improvement as this is the first appointment of an officer with wide experience in the Cook Islands, Western Samoa and Niue.

Papuan Spear Fishing Club (For Europeans)

THE Papuan Spear Fishing Club will be represented on the Australian Underwater Spear Fishing Association which was formed at Tweed Heads, NSW, on June 16, 1953.

When the Federal Association was formed, Mr. Douglas Garth told the meeting that Papua now had a spear fishing club of 42 members. It had been formed by Mr. Poulton, of Brisbane, a Commonwealth employee now at Port Moresby.

All members of the Papuan club at present are Europeans.

¶ Mr. R. B. Ackland, Commissioner of Inland Revenue, has retired after 36 years' service with the Fiji Government. He has now been engaged by the Fijian Affairs Board as Financial Adviser and Treasurer.

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Funafuti to Get Rarotonga's Met. Station

IT was the intention of the New Zealand Meteorological Service to establish equipment for the measurement of upper winds at Rarotonga, Cook Is. this year, but it is now learnt that this plan has been shelved for an indefinite period.

The equipment will probably be installed at Funafuti, Ellice Group.

Three Cook Islanders who underwent a training course on similar equipment at Nadi, returned home from Fiji late May. One at least of these observers was reported to be highly skilled in the use of the equipment.

The equipment measures the velocity and direction of the winds high above the earth by means of radar—a balloon with a metal reflecting device being followed by the radar through the clouds. Earlier methods using a theodolite were useless through cloud. Another device known as a radio sonde, attached to the same balloon, is a miniature radio transmitter, which automatically transmits certain signals which are governed by the temperature, humidity and barometric pressure. A receiver on the ground thus obtains a record of upper air conditions which are essential for preparation of aircraft forecasts of icing conditions at high altitudes.

The information is of great importance to jet aircraft. Recording stations are required at points off the main aircraft routes as well as those already established on the routes across the Pacific.

Their Excellencies, Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey, entertained about 1,200 guests at Government House, Suva, at a Coronation Garden Party on June 11. The grounds were still soft from heavy rains but the weather was fine and the guests, from the verandahs, enjoyed a musical programme by the Band of the Fiji Military Forces. Pleasure was added to the function by the excellent catering provided by the RNZAF.

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W. Samoa and the Tourist Business

Visitors Discouraged by Hotel Conditions

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 20.

IF W. Samoa, having finally thrashed out the pros and cons of tourism, decides that the industry is one worth cultivating, the country may find itself saddled with very bad name to live down.

Recently, travellers who have spent some time there have come away with a very bad impression. Even tourist agents who have stopped over longer than the brief period that the TEAL Solent remains are admitting that there is plenty to grouse about.

At at least two of the hotels "TEAL day" is known as "hot water day"—the only day in the week when hot water flows from the taps. On that day the management makes itself evident. For the remainder of the time the places are run by the staff according to the degree of their tropical lassitude.

In one hotel special crockery is also brought forth on "TEAL day," to be hastily replaced by the well-chipped utility ware as the Solent's motors die in the distance. Though the tariff is 28/- per day, there is no choice of food on the menu and the average person, to stave off hunger, has to supplement it by eating out.

Towels are changed once per week —less frequently if there are no complaints. Tropical fruits, according to one overseas tourist, are absent from hotel menus.

The tourist dreaming of gorging himself on the best of pineapples, bananas, oranges and other fruits are in cooler climes, finds that what is available is usually of poorer quality than the same article available back home.

Tourists who expect to find delicious fruit salads—and plenty of ice cream—as a regular item on the menu, are advised to stay at home by Americans and others who have recently been in Apia.

Laundry is another discouragement; shirts cost 2/-, trousers 3/- and other items are in proportion; the work often poorly done.

More than one tourist arriving in Suva recently has let it be known that he will certainly warn his friends off Samoa as a tourist playground; and some claim that Suva is not much better.

"Before Americans start pouring their dollars out along the Coral Route things will have to be a lot better than they are," one American tourist agent declared. "A shortage of accommodation is no excuse for the poor standard of the existing accommodation and services. The makings are there—and Americans are prepared to pay—IF they get the service.

"My impression is that though some Samoans oppose exploitation by tourists, they are all unanimous as regards exploiting the tourist."

¶ Captain W. Whitefield, who is due to retire from the Union Steam Ship Co. next year, will take command of the company's trans-Pacific freighter *Waitemata* for the remainder of his service, after delivering the old *Aorangi* to ship-breakers in the United Kingdom.

¶ Dr. Ray Dudley, a distinguished Indian Minister of the Methodist Church in New Zealand, is to conduct a mission in Fiji in August-September. Dr. Dudley is recognised in New Zealand as an outstanding preacher.

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From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 25.

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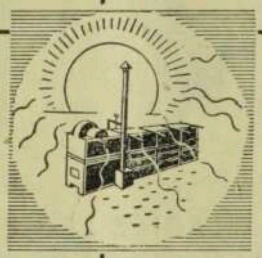

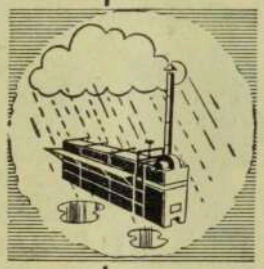

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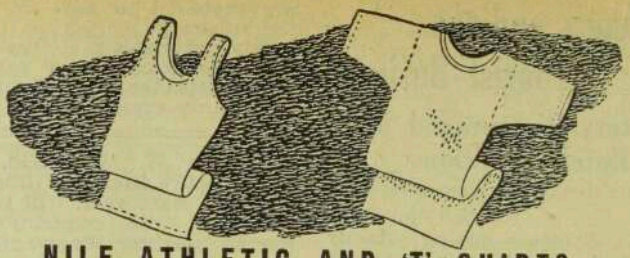

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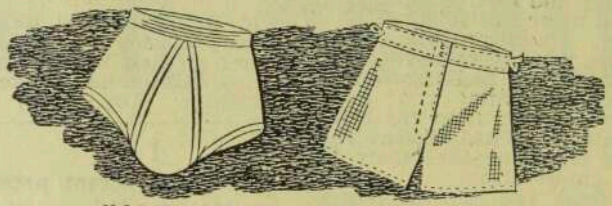

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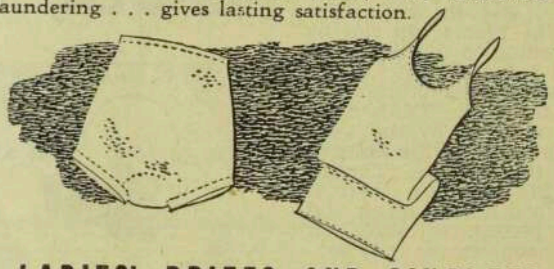

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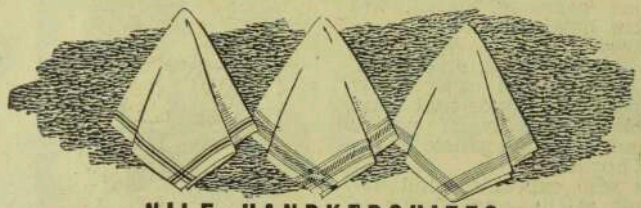

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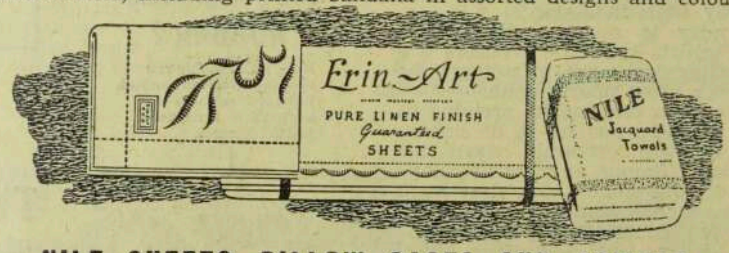

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NATIVE CO-OPERATIVES IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Growth and Character of a New Movement

ONE of the resolutions passed at the Second South Pacific Conference, held at Noumea in April, expressed awareness of the value and importance of "co-operatives" in the production, transport and marketing of copra and other commodities, and in securing fair prices to the native producers.

The South Pacific Commission was requested to intensify its efforts to encourage and develop the co-operative movement and to place specialist advisers at the disposal of Islands Administrations requesting such assistance. Specialist conferences are planned for next year on technical aspects of the co-operative movement.

Native co-operative organisation is now being strongly encouraged by most of the South Pacific Islands Governments—Fiji, Gilbert and Ellice, Solomons, Papua-New Guinea, for example. There was an important conference of Fijians in relation to Co-operatives recently.

IN view of this interest in the co-operatives in the South Pacific area, a paper entitled "The Co-operative Movement in Papua and New Guinea," prepared by the Registry of Co-operative Societies, Port Moresby, for the South Pacific Commission, is of significance.

The paper briefly describes the beginning of group economic activities and how, in the early post-war years, Native Affairs Officers began to investigate the ramifications of the Co-operative movement. It was then realised that the Administration had an unprecedented opportunity of providing the native people with a planned pattern of social and economic development through their own efforts. The *Native Economic Development Ordinance, 1951*, made it possible for the Native Societies to be registered and given adequate protection.

To-day there are 110 existing Native Societies in P-NG. It has needed patient effort to amalgamate the vast number of small Societies into the worthwhile organisations now existing. There are three main types of Co-operative activity in the Territory. They deal with consumption, production and the provision of services.

CONSUMER Societies originated in the natives' desire to own their own trading stores. There are 19 Societies which operate consumer stores solely and 72 Societies which operate consumer stores in conjunction with other activities, a total number of 91. These 91 Societies had a total store turnover of

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There are 89 Producer Societies, whose main crop is copra. These Societies are important because of their contribution to the economy of the Territory in the exportation of a commodity in world-wide demand. Their copra sales during 1951-52 yielded £65,750 (in the previous year the total was £30,347). The inadequacy of transport seriously handicapped activities and a group of native Societies amalgamated to purchase a vessel at a cost of £7,000. It is fully employed carrying copra from the Gulf Division to Port Moresby, backloading store goods for Consumer stores.

THERE are only two Service Societies—both in the Central Division of Papua. They are termed Builder Societies, and consist of groups of natives with various qualifications applicable to constructional contracting.

The members join, their ability is assessed and the Society tenders for construction work, such as building and cementing. Tools and contracting equipment are bought with the members' capital contributions. Members receive wages based on their assessed skill, and any surplus accruing is retained for later distribution.

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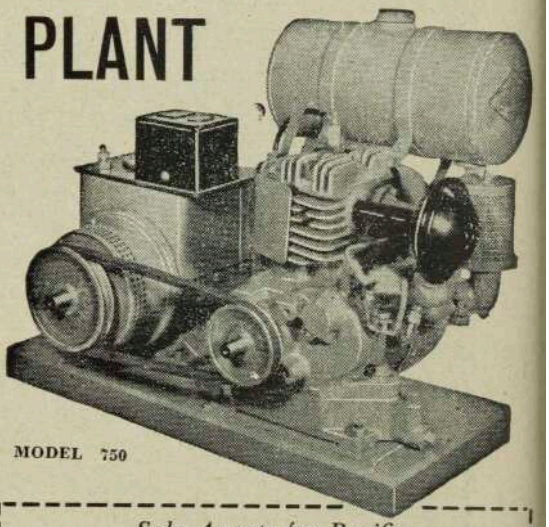

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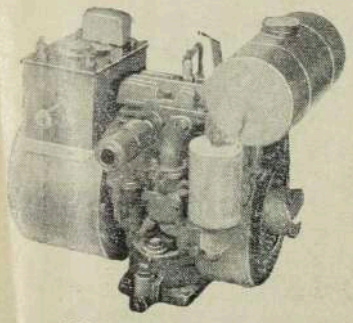

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letely illiterate. So enthusiastic re the natives for this training nat in many cases tribal differnces have been submerged.

These Co-operative schools are perating at 6 centres—Kikipi and nu (Gulf Division), Gehua (Milne ay), Sohano (Bougainville), and avieng (New Ireland). The sixth hool, at Port Moresby, as well as raining natives as store managers nd office-bearers, provides trained ative inspectors employed by the dministration to assist the work f the Co-operative Officers.

The average number of students eing trained as storemen at each o-operative School on outstations 18, and the period of instruction aries from 6 weeks to 3 months.

Specialised technical training is lso arranged and natives are at resent trained to operate saw-mills, nd in seamanship, engineering, nimal husbandry and cane furniure making.

"An examination of the future posbilities of Co-operatve developent reveals," says the report, "that ne movement has a real value both or the native people and the Tertory as a whole."

THE report instances the trend towards the formation of Societies into representative Assoations as evidenced by the three ssociations now in existence in the ulf, New Ireland and Bougainville istricts.

According to the report, the aim to extend this concept of Associaon to all groups, and the next ep in logical sequence will be the malgamation of Associations in a Wholesale Union. Such a body, it thought, would be able to affiliate ith Co-operative organisations ready existent in Australia and verseas, providing both a source f supply and a market for export.

Suitable transport will be one of ne major requirements of Societies. ative economic development has, far, been concentrated in the oastal regions, the nature of the rrain making the construction of oads difficult and costly to maintin. Shipping, therefore, is the bvious solution, and the officials ink that widespread acquisition of nall coastal vessels is a future delopment which can be confidently nticipated.

A note of warning is sounded in ne conclusion of the report: the nger of an economy based on ono-culture is stressed. Efforts to versify the production of Societies ve largely failed because the high rice of copra attracts producers the coconut field only.

Miss Ulric Cole, California-born riter and composer, passed through ydney in May, en route to Tahiti, here she plans to live. "The tempo life in Tahiti is so much more surely," she says. "No one worries, one bustles, and the people are ne happiest I have ever known."

RED GEOGRAPHY IS MIXED

THE Australian Communist organ, *Tribune*, on May 27, insisted that recent events in New Guinea provided evidence of cruel oppression of the natives by the Menzies Government, and called upon the Labour movement to agitate for the release of the unhappy men who had been arrested. The effect of it was spoiled, however, when the writer got his geography all mixed, and said that a police patrol entered a native village in the Mendi area and told the inhabitants they would have to pay a head tax and be controlled by a Government-nominated council.

Mendi is probably 800 miles from Raluana, where District Commissioner J. K. McCarthy was bashed with a crutch.

¶ Passengers departing from Papeete for France per *Caledonien* in May included Madame R. Petitbon (wife of the Governor of French Oceania) and Monsieur and Madame M. Vienne and children. M. Vienne has been manager of the Papeete branch of the Bank of Indo China for three years.

¶ Monsieur Gaston Sully, Secretary-General in Tahiti for the past two years, returned to France in mid-June. He has been in the French diplomatic service in all parts of the world for 25 years.

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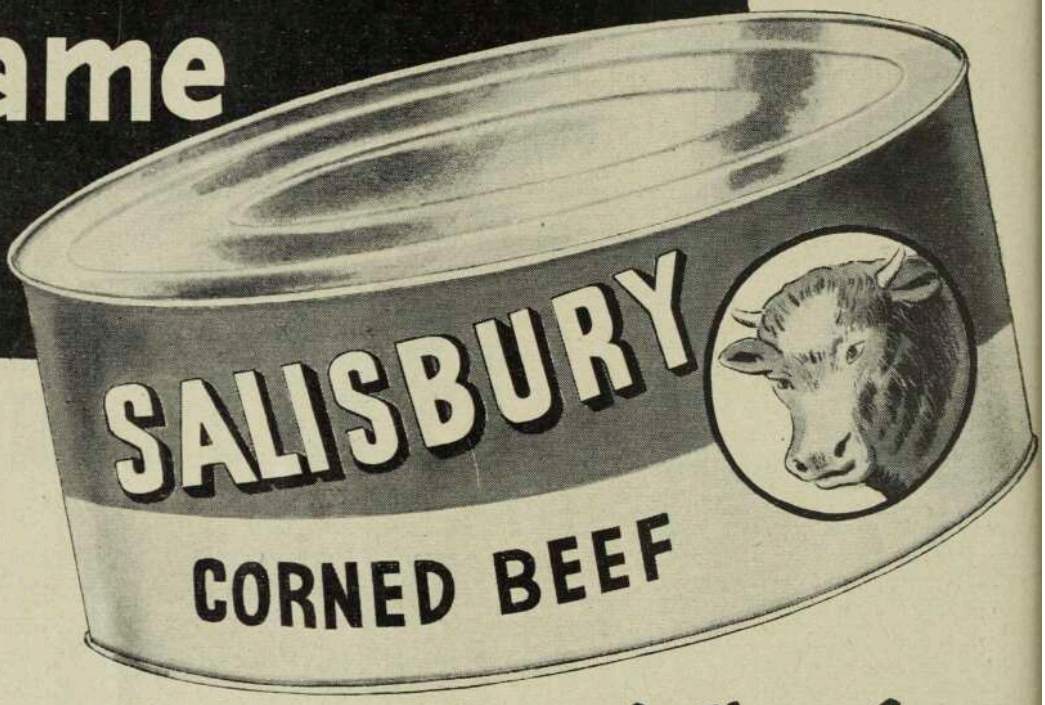

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STANDARD OF EDUCATION IN COOK ISLANDS

Letter to the Editor

IT is surprising, to say the least, that Mr. Rae, with his qualifications, should have been hoodwinked into the statement upon teacher-trainees that appears in the article in your May number, "Future of Cook Islands."

Rarely have I read such a short-sighted suggestion as that Rarotongan teacher-trainees should be trained to a standard *lower* than the NZ 'C' Certificate, but adequate, as he saw it, (I am glad of that reservation, and really must question his eyesight) for local requirements.

I should like to know if local requirements have been established and if they have been accepted at a lower than usual level, particularly in view of the intended (some day) establishment of Tereora College. I should like to know also if the lower standard suitable for local requirements would be based upon less teaching method or less subject knowledge. Such a method of training would require a special department in the NZ Training Colleges, or a Training Depot in Rarotonga, both unpractical; whereas the earlier establishment of the College, which has been pigeon-holed for so many years, might partly solve the problem.

Whichever way it is looked at, the suggestion represents something fought against for years in the interests of educational progress; and to accept it would be a retrograde step—unless a highly educated Rarotongan population that might think for itself is something not wanted.

There are some young teachers in Rarotonga with more natural ability than many (so-called) trained NZ teachers, but lack proper training and the opportunity now to acquire it. There are older teachers with little training of any sort, but with more natural ability as teachers than some NZ teachers. They realise their inefficiencies and plead for proper training, but no opportunity or legislation exists to give it.

Wherever there are Cook Island teachers capable of further training they should be given it now, irrespective of service, and a system should come into effect whereby young teachers who have the ability are trained on an equality with NZ teachers and are remunerated accordingly.

Any "difficulty" would be overcome by stipulating a number of years of teaching in NZ after training. If, upon their return to Rarotonga at the end of this period, their higher salaries still tended to upset the economic set-up in the Cook Islands, this would have to be accepted for the general benefit of the population. In view of the present policy to replace seconded NZ headmasters by Cook Island teachers, there is no question of the necessity for fully training them for such work.

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Cook Islands may be a white elephant, a drag upon the NZ taxpayers' pockets, but this is no excuse for allowing £.s.d. to be a bar to progress. In our present progress towards equal rights of races, be they coloured or white, there must be equal advantages and opportunities. Having forced a taste of European ways upon these Islands people, administrations cannot deny them a full meal—if they demand it and can digest it.

It might be argued that the cost of such official visits to the Islands might well be put towards the training of Islands teachers. Concerning the shipping services required by the Cook Islands, it might be said that the words spoken over years upon the same subject could well have been put into actions instead.

I am, etc.
EX-RARO

June 17.

WESTERN SAMOA SUFFERS A LIQUOR DROUGHT

APIA, June 25.

ALTHOUGH we have record trade figures, and the Territory shows abundant signs of great prosperity, the trading section of our community is suffering cruelly.

There is an acute shortage of beer—not a bottle can be obtained from the Government Stores at any price.

Under our liquor laws, the New Zealand administrative authority has a complete monopoly of the liquor supply, and only persons approved by officials can receive alcoholic beverages—when there are any available. The whole system is under bitter criticism.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trotter departed from Suva for New Zealand on retirement at the end of June. Mr. Trotter ends 40 years' service in the Islands, at first as founder of the Tonga Agricultural College, then, after World War I, with Burns Philp & Co. as Manager, Haapai. He remained with that company, going to Levuka in the early 1930's, thence to the Suva head office of Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd., where he eventually became General Manager and a Director. He has been a nominated member of the Fiji Legislative Council for the past 6 years and, later, Chairman of the Suva Chamber of Commerce.

£50,000 has been allotted initially for the replacement of paper-walled houses in Port Moresby. There are 23 of these temporary dwellings. The building is to be done by the Administration Works Branch with the assistance of Native Co-operative Building Societies. Six bungalows for Administration single officers at Rabaul will be built by the United Builders Company and supervised by the Administration Works Branch. The bungalows will each provide quarters for two single officers.

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HEALTHY SAMOA

Growing Population Nearing 90,000

APIA, June 25.

AN analysis of the Census taken on September 25, 1951, has just been published, and the figures are exceedingly interesting. Five censuses have been taken since 1921, when Western Samoa came under New Zealand administration, and the intercensal comparisons show a very remarkable rate of population increase:

Period	Increases	Percent. incr. on Previous census
1921-26	3,886	10.7
1926-36	15,717	39.0
1936-45	12,251	21.9
1945-51	16,712	24.5

This applies to the whole population. The rate of increase for Samoans is higher, and stands now at 28.41 per cent. on the 1945 census.

The figures for Europeans show a decrease, explained by excess of emigration, and a more rigid interpretation of status, which led many persons of European descent to declare themselves of Samoan status in 1951. Among Samoans, there was an excess of immigration over emigration, from 1945 to 1951, amounting to 2,658.

Compared with New Zealand, there is a relatively high proportion of young people in the age groups up to 29 years.

The following table shows the total population as on September 25, 1951:

	UPOLU	SAVAII	TOTAL
Europeans			
M	2,466	206	2,672
F	1,922	162	2,084
Tot.	4,388	368	4,756
Samoans			
M	29,165	11,953	41,118
F	27,795	11,240	39,035
Tot.	56,960	23,193	80,153
Total			
M	31,631	12,159	43,790
F	29,717	11,402	41,119
Tot.	61,348	23,561	84,909

At the 1945 census, the total population was:

Samoans	62,422
Europeans	5,775
Total	68,197

The 1951 census shows 13 centenarians among full Samoans—11 men and 2 women. Among full and part-Europeans none are shown above the age of 90.

A total of 13,500 Samoan women reported 59,334 children born to them—an average of 4.5 to each woman. The corresponding figures for Europeans show 3.5 children per woman.

It is noted that 81 per cent. of the Samoan population are fully literate in the vernacular, and 17.3 per cent. read English as well. The remaining 19 per cent. are not actually illiterate, but only some 14 to 15 per cent. can be classed as such—the census returns being considered inaccurate to this extent. Females show a higher percentage of literacy than males.

The villages of the Apia town area have a combined population of 11,840, while residents of European status provide an additional 4,000 persons; so the total population of Apia is about 16,000.

Of the Samoan population, 79,600 were born in Western Samoa. Of the Europeans, 3,930 were born in Western Samoa and 826 outside. The latter were born in:—New Zealand 192, Australia 53, Fiji 53, United Kingdom 37, other British countries 76, China 177, American Samoa 105, USA 51, Germany 25, France 16, other countries 32. There are 3,861 British subjects and 895 foreign subjects, divided as follows: Germany 359, USA 199, China 169, Denmark 62, Sweden 38, France 25, other countries 43.

In religion, 46,911 Samoans (or more than half) belong to the London Missionary Society. Next in strength are Roman Catholics, 15,242; followed by 13,000 Methodists, 3,275 Latter Day Saints, 842 Seventh Day Adventists, 65 Samoan

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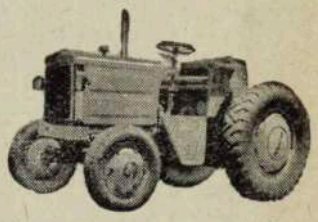

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RECORD TRADE FIGURES

IN the year ended December 31, 1952, the trade turnover in Western Samoa (total of exports and imports) was £3,465,874 Sterling, which was £549,000 more than 1951, and an all-time high. Imports were £1,687,790; exports £1,778,084. Exports in detail:

	1952	1951
Cocoa, tons ..	2,448	3,212
,, value ..	£596,262	£801,001
Copra, tons ..	17,037	14,619
,, value ..	£1,086,642	£781,172
Bananas, cases .	65,590	62,914
,, value .	£55,818	£53,376
Rubber, lbs ..	192,517	82,938
,, value .	£16,742	£14,232

Cocoa exports represented 33 per cent. of produce exported in 1952. Exported cocoa will show a considerable increase in quantity and value in 1953. United Kingdom took 43 per cent. of our cocoa, New Zealand 4 per cent., Australia 7 per cent., and USA 44 per cent.

Copra was 61 per cent. of our total produce exports—92 per cent. went to United Kingdom and remainder to New Zealand.

Produce exported in 1952 went to United Kingdom, £971,031; Canada, £161; Australia, £167,897; Fiji, £446; New Zealand, £222,168; Italy, £4,067; United States, £331,736 American Samoa, £1,071.

Imports originated in New Zealand, £309,075; United Kingdom, £252,468; USA, £141,513; Australia, £236,100; Canada, £71,264; other countries, £184,278.

Western Samoa and Its Dollars

From Our Own Correspondent.

APIA, June 12.

FOLLOWING representations by European elected members of the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa, the Government has released additional dollars to the equivalent of £Stg.42,500 for the importation of goods from hard currency areas.

£Stg.24,500 of this amount will be used for motor vehicles and spare parts and the balance for other essential goods.

Total dollar-allocations for 1953 are £152,500, or 57 per cent. of Western Samoa's dollar earnings in 1952.

In the last five years, Western Samoa has exported goods to the total of £Stg.1,286,674 to dollar countries, and has imported from dollar countries goods to the value of £Stg.1,035,064.

¶ Mrs. A. Strotter, former lessee of the Rarotonga Hotel, and more recently of New Zealand, went to Apia in May to take over the management of the "Cool Corner" Cafe.

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Fiji Anti-TB Fund

THE Trustees of the Fiji War Memorial Anti-TB Fund have issued their report on activities for 1952.

Funds were swelled during the year by donations totalling £2,739—£2,160 of which was provided by the Government from the disposal of Japanese war assets in the Colony.

Expenditure during the year amounted to £9,876, leaving a credit balance at December 31 of £63,221. Most of this sum is invested in bonds or on fixed deposit, the interest from which totalled £1,256 Savings bank deposits and ready cash amounted to about £22,000 at the end of the year.

A children's ward at Tamavua Hospital, though damaged in the early 1952 hurricane, was completed except for furnishings. It has now been decided, however, that the building is more urgently required as a transit ward for suspected cases and discharged cases in for re-examination.

A band-saw for the occupational therapy department—an important section of the Tamavua Hospital—was obtained. Dental and laboratory equipment for Tamavua and Lautoka, mobile x-ray unit, work in hand on a new TB ward at Labasa increasing the beds from 30 to 50 and the purchase of vaccine and drugs accounted for most of the expenditure.

A TB outpatients clinic was established at Lautoka and the TB ward at Wainibasi more fully organised.

SAMOAN LEADERS WILL SEE QUEEN IN NZ

APIA, June 25.

WHEN Queen Elizabeth passes through the South Pacific in December, she will be seen in Fiji and Tonga, but not in Western Samoa. So that the Samoan leaders may not feel disappointment, the NZ Government has completed arrangements under which a representative party will visit New Zealand during the Royal visit, in December-January.

The party, which has just been selected by the various political bodies, will be composed of the following:—Hon. Malietoa Tanumafili II (Council of State); Hons. Tualaulelei, To'omata and Masoe (Samoan elected members); Hon. Jacob Helg (European elected member); Peseta Ga toloai (chairman) and Talamaivao (member), of the Fono of Faipule.

¶ Mr. H. Gow (Burns Philp S S Co. Ltd.) was re-elected president of the Apia Chamber of Commerce at the annual general meeting held in June.

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INDONESIANS AND WESTERN N. GUINEA

Some Plain Logic for Australians and N. Zealanders

THE Indonesians have no economic, moral or racial rights in Dutch New Guinea, and it was time the Australian Government took firm action to prevent infiltration of Indonesians into the New Guinea area—that was the substance of a resolution by the Queensland Returned Soldiers' League in June.

Whereupon a gentleman who signed himself "W. T. Phillips, Methodist Minister, Indooroopilly," wrote to the senior Brisbane newspaper (June 17) and called upon the RSL to reconsider the matter. He said that 70 millions of Indonesians are very conscious of their new-found liberty, after being under "foreign rule" for hundreds of years; and he quoted from a report by a writer named Finkelstein, who had engaged in research on behalf of the Institute of Pacific Relations, to show that Western NG belongs to the Indonesians.

We respectfully remind Mr. Phillips (a) that the organisation he refers to is a Pink Institute, and was charged in USA not long ago with Communist associations; and (b) that the Dutch took over the East Indies archipelagoes 350 years ago, and civilised them, and created whatever national organisation exists there. If the Dutch are obliged to hand over the East Indies to the Indonesians, then unquestionably the European-Australians, who took over their continent only 150 years ago, are obliged to hand over Australia to the Aborigines; and the New Zealanders likewise should withdraw from New Zealand, which they occupied 100 years ago, and let the Maoris have it.

¶ Mr. K. H. Henderson, OBE, Commissioner of Local Government in Fiji, and Mr. George Arthur, Acting Director of Education, have been appointed provisionally as members of the Fiji Legislative Council.

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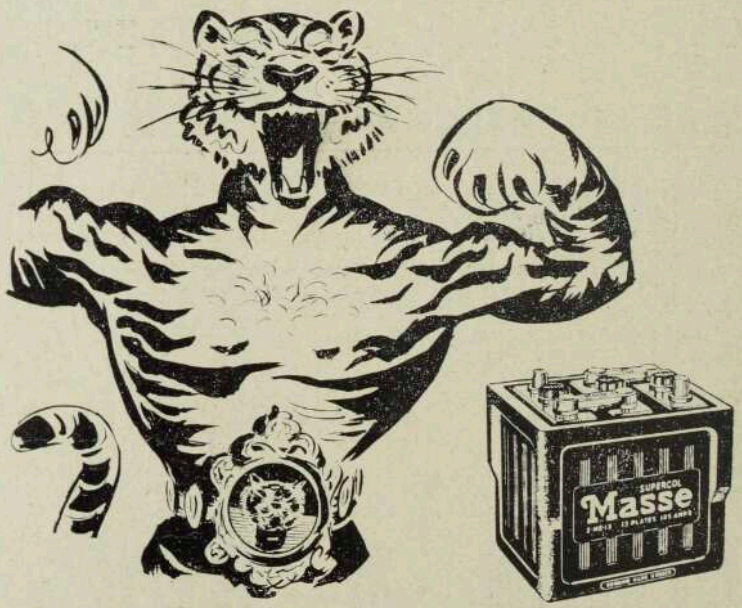

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SHOULD SUVA'S INDIANS AND EUROPEANS GO SWIMMING TOGETHER?

SUVA, June 26.

THE question of whether there is racial discrimination in the control and use of the Suva swimming baths is to the fore again.

Several months ago, when Indian members of the Town Council raised the question of Indian taxpayers being refused the use of what has come to be known as the European baths, a committee of Councillors was formed to study the matter.

At the Town Council meeting on June 23, this committee recommended that the additional small pool be put in order for the use of Indian people—at an estimated cost of £4,500.

Councillor P. Bidesi, who had raised the question originally, pointed out that this was not facing the problem at all. The sum of £4,500 could be spent on more essential matters than renovating an unnecessary pool. The facts simply were that Indian taxpayers, along with all other taxpayers, were contributing to the upkeep of the present baths and therefore there could be no possible ground for preventing the Indian community from using them.

It might be that few Indians would use the baths, said Councillor Bidesi. That was outside the point. If the European community wanted segregation, it should be prepared to establish and maintain its own separate baths. There were far more Indian than European taxpayers.

"On what grounds are the Indians kept out? Is it because we have darker skins? Is it because we are not healthy? The discrimination is not removed by opening the other bath," concluded Councillor Bidesi.

Councillor W. G. Johnson, commenting on the Committee's proposal, said: "I doubt whether the revenue earned by both pools would warrant the expense . . . . I strongly deplore racial quarrels; but the young folk who use the baths now just want to be left alone. If the baths are opened for all races the pleasure they now have will be lost."

Defence of the present situation seemed weak; but when a motion to make a change was put to the vote it was defeated 8-5. The Council is made up of six Europeans, six Indians, and two other members representing Chinese and other minority sections of the community. One of the latter was absent on this occasion.

The Very Rev. J. M. Oreve, SM, who returned to Fiji recently after visiting Europe, has been appointed Catholic chaplain at Makogai Leper Station. Rev. Fr. T. Daurewa, lately chaplain at Makogai, now goes to Nadi.

Lepers' Trust Board Report

The latest Report of the Lepers' Trust Board of New Zealand on activities at Makogai during 1952 gives the following details:

Average total patients were about 687, that level being maintained with new admissions as patients were discharged. Nearly twice as many men as women were on treatment—455 as compared with 232, at the end of the year.

Largest national group were the 224 Indians, with Fijians totalling 126, Gilbertese 102, Samoans 85, Niueans 59 and Cook Islanders only 6. Patients actually admitted during the year totalled 70. Discharges totalled 39 men and 18 women; 9 male and 4 female patients died.

No new patients arrived from the Cook Islands but this was due more to lack of transport than to lack of patients.

"Tui Cacau," currently on a voyage to bring back patients from Niue, Cook Islands and W. Samoa is expected to bring back 4, 7 and 5 patients respectively from these three areas.

HMNZS *Lachlan* arrived at Apia, Western Samoa, on June 8, for a Marine Survey of Apia harbour, the Apolima Straits and the Saleloga Harbour of Savaii. The survey is long overdue, will occupy four weeks and should obtain valuable information for mariners in Samoan waters correcting and amending existing charts. *Lachlan* is to depart on her return voyage on July 6.

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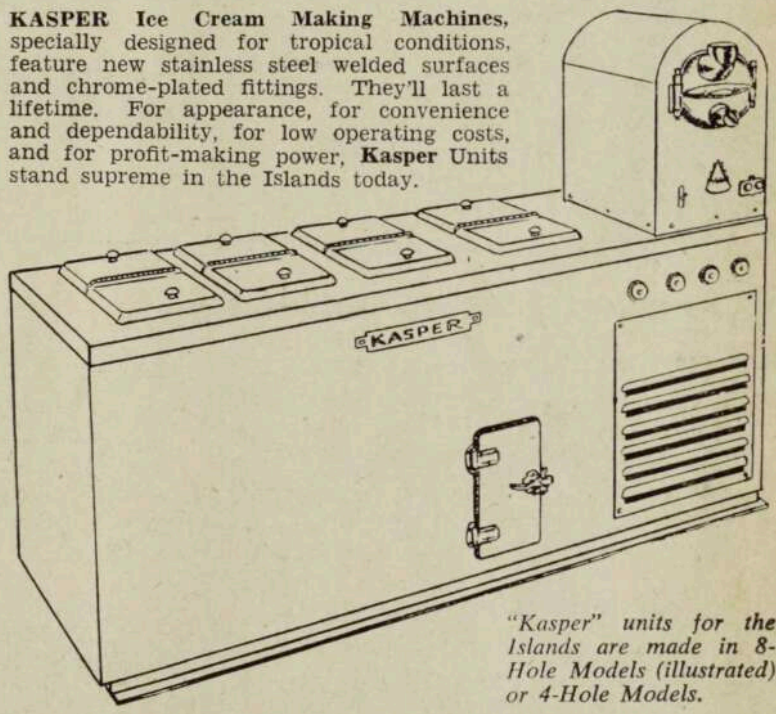

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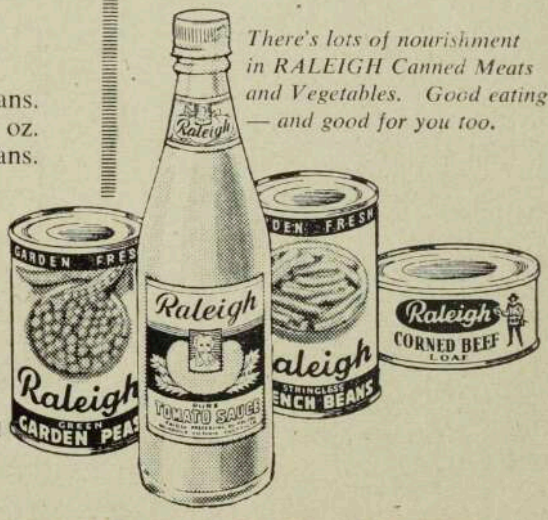

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Tropicalities

FIREWALKERS FOR AUCKLAND?

AS a result of negotiations with Fiji Government authorities and the chiefs of Beqa Island, it seems probable that the Auckland Public Relations Office will obtain the paid services of a team of about 20 firewalkers from Beqa early next year. They would be transported by air, to serve as the main drawcard in Auckland's annual Industries Fair in February.

Mr. A. W. Sands, son of the late W. A. Sands, of Samabula, who left Fiji about 60 years ago, came back from Auckland to make the arrangements. Mr. Sands recalled that a team of firewalkers was a great attraction at the Christchurch Exposition of about 1910. No team has ever appeared in New Zealand since then.

Prior to World War II, the Beqa firewalkers used to perform regularly at Albert Park, Suva for all visiting cruise-ship passengers, and at one time for passengers aboard the regular trans-Pacific vessels. Now they demand at least £100, plus transport to and from the island, with the rocks on which they perform, before the subject will even be considered.

Firewalking is also performed in Fiji by Indians on certain religious occasions, and was also formerly done by the natives of Raiatea, French Oceania, for the benefit of passengers on vessels visiting Papeete or Raiatea. They now rarely perform.

ORANGES THAT NEVER ARRIVED

THE Cook Islands official news of May 7 noted that just 100 years ago the brig *Chatham* had loaded the first cargo of oranges ever to be shipped from Aitutaki to San Francisco. Lamont, in his book, *Savage Life In the South Seas*, tells of the cargo being loaded—and how the vessel was wrecked on Penrhyn as she made her way north with it. What happened thereafter to Mr. Lamont is told in one of the best books of the Cook Islands ever to appear, and long since out of print.

SUVA WHEELBARROW RACE

MOST amusing of the Suva Coronation season's many events, was the wheelbarrow race for persons of European or part-European extraction.

Immediately after offices had closed on June 8, almost the entire population of the Fiji capital massed along Victoria Parade from Albert Park to the finishing post near the post-office. Suva's police-force was fully taxed in keeping the eager crowd back to the footpath while the 96 contestants, many in fancy dress, took up their positions at three starting lines arranged on a handicap-by-age basis, each about 30 yards apart. Along the half-mile course were three compulsory "fuelling points"—the Melbourne, Club and MacDonald hotel bars. Considerable last-minute organisation work was involved in clearing these bars and lining up the 96 glasses of fuel, "horse" and "rider" both partaking and thereupon changing roles for the next leg of the journey.

The field, though restive and taking some time to line up, finally got away to an excellent start in a cloud of cement-dust from the barrows and at remarkably high speed, preceded by a police car, police motor cycles, police on foot and course officials, and followed hotly by ambulance, more police, and a howling mob of spectators—others had taken up vantage points on buildings which they rapidly vacated to join in the pursuit as the rumbling barrows passed on.

Eight official checkers stood by at each refuelling point to see that only the correct ration was taken aboard. Top-weights Vince Costello and Flight-Lieut. Roberts were left behind at the first refuelling station, and a good many mounts temporarily lost their riders as the race swept down towards the finishing line, with, appropriately enough, Airways representatives John Wisdom (of TEAL) and Mark Wells (of BCPA) surging ahead of the field to win by many lengths.

Barrows abandoned, the field weighed-in at the Garrick lounge, where a lot of froth was blown in the next half-hour.

Prizes to the winners were two five-gallon kegs of beer, and to Messrs. Peter Wendt and R. Lobendahn, of the Government Printing Office, who were second, one five-gallon keg.

VISITATIONS

AUSTRALIAN New Guinea is not the only Territory thereabouts to suffer under political visitations. It is announced that eight members of the Netherlands Parliament will visit Western New Guinea in August, "for orientation purposes."

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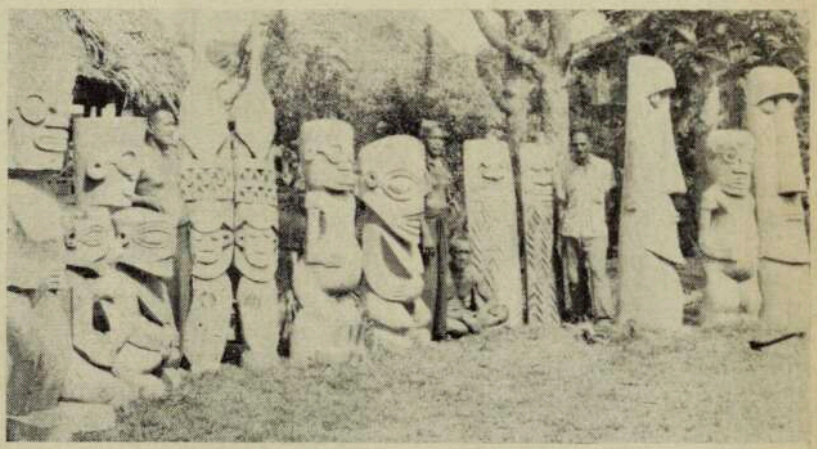
Tikis for America



One of the more unusual cargoes to leave W. Samoa was shipped out of Apia in June. It consisted of a consignment of "genuine South Seas tikis," made to order by Samoan craftsmen under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Carter, Americans resident in Fiji.

Working from drawings and photos of the real thing, the Samoans carved a series of artifacts representative of the ancient art of Easter Island, the Marquesas, and Western Pacific Groups.

The interesting order was executed for "Skipper Kent" of the well known Skipper Kent's Restaurant in San Francisco. The images will gaze with sneering contempt on diners and dancers from positions about the restaurant.

The complete works occupied several Samoan carvers for 10 weeks. They are executed in a Samoan hardwood, from green logs, which, as they dry, will give the authentic ancient, cracked appearance. Here they are lined up in Apia before they were shipped.

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DONGA?

IT would be interesting to know the origin of that now well-used New Guinea word *donga*. It is used in reference to a house—more particularly to a hut or a small dwelling, single-quarters and the like. It is not Pidgin and was never in use in TNG before the war.

Is it something that the 2nd AIF brought back from the Middle East or Borneo and presented to TNG?

The orphan word seems to fit well enough into the local scene, but from whence did it come? Collins dictionary lists a "donga" but says that it is a South African term meaning water channel or gully. New Guinea housing has been called many things in recent years but that hardly describes it.

PAP-you-a

THERE may be differences of opinion as to whether Australia's Territory of Papua is pronounced *PAH-poo-a* or *Pah-POO-a*, but surely there can be no possible justification for the pronunciation persistently used from Australia's official voice, Radio Australia, particularly by one Julian Humbledon: *PAP-you-a.—J.P.S.*

(There are plenty of residents of the Territory—particularly on the New Guinea side—who did, and do, call it *PAP-you-a*. If the Polynesian rule, that every syllable ends with a vowel, is followed then it should be *Pa-pu-a*. But does the Polynesian rule hold good in Melanesia? Kokopo, outside Rabaul, has always been pronounced Kok-o-po, not Ko-ko-po. There are many other examples.)

LIAISON LACKING

A "YOUNG BLOOD" of Rarotonga, charged with being on premises without permission at 11 p.m., pleaded with the Court that the charge was most unreasonable. The daughter had invited him in—but, as the Court had noted—it was the father who had flung him out. The "blood" broods on the matter for a month at Her Majesty's gaol.

OSCAR MAY HOOT

A FEW months ago Papeete's Tourist Bureau lodged a protest with Mayor Poroi against the noise caused by a siren, which resident Oscar Nordman uses in his self-appointed capacity as official fareweller to departing ships. Oscar apparently won that round, and the hooter continued to hoot—unpleasantly close to the favourite club of the respected Tourist Bureau chiefs.

Then, in April, there appeared in the *Journal Officiel*—the Government Gazette—a decree ousting all "useless noises," Oscar's noise included. The Chief of Police brought to Oscar on June 3—the day on which the MM liner *Tahitien* arrived from France on her maiden voyage—the sad tidings that there was to be no hooting. When the vessel departed, emitting deep-throated bellows after a happy first call at the Tahiti capital, the population was amazed that Oscar, on behalf of the city, failed to give the traditional three blasts of reply and bon voyage.

Citizens came to Oscar; and he passed them on to Acting-Mayor Pambrun (in the absence of Mayor Poroi overseas); and M. Pambrun went to the Governor to plead the good cause. Result: Oscar's siren was reinstated.

In conveying the happy tidings, Oscar recalls an event in Pago Pago, circa 1920. There, strolling along the waterfront softly whistling a tune, Oscar was hurriedly overtaken by a policeman on a bicycle, who demanded that he cease his noise immediately or be arrested. Thinking that the policeman was joking, Oscar carried right on with his tune. He was promptly arrested and dragged off to the police station, where he was told that all unnecessary noises—and especially whistling—were prohibited by the then Governor, Commander Warren J. Terhune. Oscar recalls that this Governor, some time later, committed suicide, just prior to the arrival of the cruiser *South Dakota* to investigate some troubles that were brewing on the island.

Oscar introduced his hooter on behalf of the citizens of Papeete three years ago, with the permission of former Governor Louis Girault, who personally came along to Oscar's residence — the former American consulate — on the day that the instrument was installed on the front of the building, to perform the inaugural toot.

Tahiti's Oldest Resident Came From Alaska

MEN come to the South Seas by devious routes; but probably few have been lured there by a postage stamp. Yet that was the way of it with Alexandre Michael Archangelsky, believed to be the oldest European resident of Tahiti to-day.

Oscar Nordman, our Tahiti correspondent, tells how it came about:

I was on the old brigantine *Galilee*, a vessel under charter to the Carnegie Institute to survey the Seven Seas in the interests of science.

We arrived in Sitka Harbour, Alaska, on July 14, 1907. After the boarding officer had cleared our vessel, Commander H. J. Peters, of *Galilee*, sent me ashore for the ship's mail.

When I entered the post office I was greeted by the lady postmistress, Mrs. Archangelsky, who begged from me the postage stamps on my letters from Tahiti. During the ship's stay there, the Archangelskys were our friends. Having viewed the Tahiti postage stamps, they were eager for information about that Island.

The following year I was on the old *Mariposa*—and there, as a passenger, was Mrs. Archangelsky, bound for Tahiti to join her husband, who she told me, had arrived there two months previously.

The Archangelskys lived quietly down at Vairao, on the Peninsula. Then, suddenly in 1925, after being almost forgotten, they were "in the news."

The American fleet had made a goodwill visit to Australia and New Zealand, flying the flag of Admiral Robert E. Coontz, from USS *Seattle*. When returning home, the Admiral—doubtless with the warm support of his officers and entire company—decided on a detour, so that he might visit a cousin in Tahiti.

None guessed who the cousin might be until, as the Admiral stepped ashore from his barge on the flower-decked wharf at Papeete, Mrs. Archangelsky suddenly rushed into his arms.

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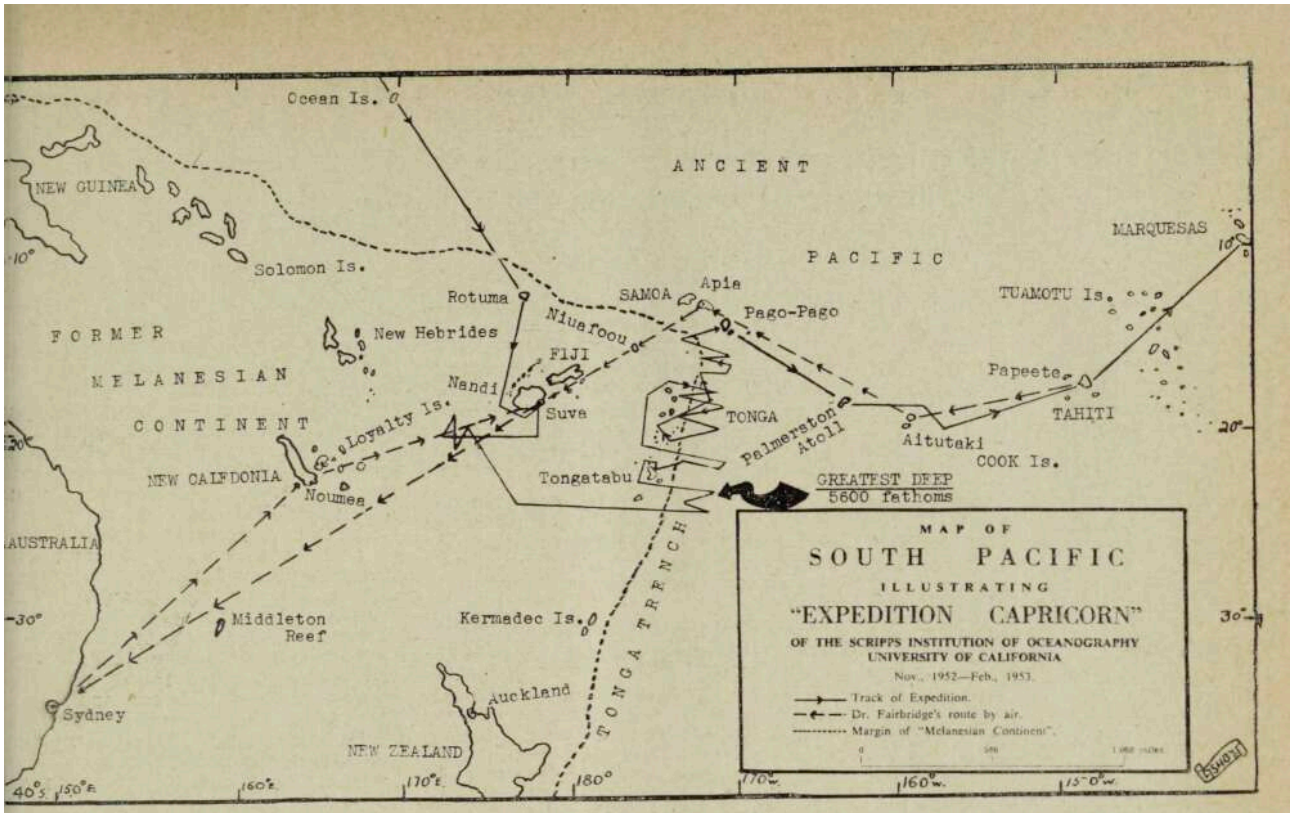
Alexandre Archangelsky, oldest European resident of Tahiti to-day.



Mapping the Floor of the Pacific Ocean

By Dr. Rhodes Fairbridge, of the University of Western Australia.

TWO little ships recently returned to San Diego, California, after completing one of the most detailed scientific voltages ever attempted in the Pacific. Some remarkable discoveries have been made.

"Expedition Capricorn" was organised by the Scripps Institution of the University of California, in co-operation with the United States Navy (Office of Naval Research).

Its primary purpose was bathymetric geological and geophysical investigations in the Central and South Pacific, and covered the period October, 1952-February, 1953.

In previous years, Scripps has carried out expeditions to the Central Pacific, the Aleutian region, and the Mexico-Central American region, but this is by far the largest and most ambitious programme yet attempted. In addition to its primary purpose, the directors also made provision for routine meteorological observations, biological trawling and hydrographic measurements.

The expedition was divided into two stages:

"LEG A": From San Diego-Hawaii-Kwajalein (Marshall Islands);

"LEG B": Kwajalein-Suva (Fiji)-Tonga-Samoa-Tahiti-San Diego.

While on "Leg A", at Kwajalein and Eniwetok, the expedition participated in the (then) top-secret operations in connection with the explosion of the first Hydrogen Bomb, which is outside the scope of this report.

Two ships were employed, the *Spencer F. Baird* and the *Horizon*, both owned now by Scripps; both were built in 1944 as sea-going rescue and salvage vessels for the US Navy. They are each of 800 tons displacement (laden), and are equipped with "A" frames at the stern, and suitably heavy winches and trawling gear appropriate to oceanographic work. In addition, they are provided with two-way (voice) radio, radar, sonic sounders, comprehensive meteorological equipment and extensive scientific laboratories. Each vessel carries a crew of 20 and a scientific personnel of 15.

The expedition was under the leadership of Dr. Roger Revelle, director of the Scripps Institution, who was accommodated on the *Baird*. The chief scientist on the *Horizon* was the South Australian geologist, William Riedel, to whom the writer was posted as assistant. The activities on both ships were co-ordinated, and frequent conferences were held by radio-telephone.

SEISMIC SURVEY

THIS was probably the most important series of investigations carried out by the expedition. It was designed to determine the underlying structure of the deep floor of the Pacific Ocean.

The survey was by seismic refraction, a method first developed on land by oil geophysicists, adapted for oceanographic work by the geophysicists of Cambridge University, and recently developed to a high pitch of efficiency in America.

Briefly, as now developed, this method involves the use of two ships. One is hove-to and trails a series of floating hydrophones, while the other is used for firing charges of TNT at regular intervals.

The usual scheme was for the *Baird* to occupy a central position on the axis of a particular submarine feature at dawn, while the *Horizon* would start 50-60 miles away on the same trend, coming up to and passing the *Baird* for 50-60 miles in the other direction. Shots up to 80 lbs, with approximately 20-minute intervals, were used for the distant signals, while these were reduced in time and size as the ships approached. Each

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Eating Our Way Across the Gulf of Papua

We Fly over the Rice Lands of Mekeo :: Refuel at Kikori :: Lunch over the Fly River :: And Uncover the Plot at Kerema

By JUDY TUDOR

THIS is the story of a happy day. Probably the happiest day of my recent wander in Papua-New Guinea—mainly because, on this occasion all I had to do was to sit and to dream and occasionally to think and to look.

This was the day on which I distinguished myself by having two afternoon teas and about seven other snacks and meals—and I am not overinterested in food at any time.

Moreover, Qantas supply on their Sandringhams, an inexhaustible supply of Penguin Who-dun-its, and Agatha Christie, Hercule Poirot and I (who had started in to solve the mystery of the murder on the Orient Express on a trip to Samarai some days before) were able to complete the job somewhere over the Gulf of Papua. Eleven hours in a plane without getting off, ten take-offs and ten landings is not everyone's dish. But I like planes and am seldom bored with flying. You can watch the clouds and speculate about them or if there are no clouds, and that is rare in New Guinea, watch the sea or the bush. Above all, in this particular Qantas service, you can always EAT.

WE arose at 4.15 a.m., the crew and another passenger and myself, on the day that we were to fly from Port Moresby to Daru and back, with a side excursion in to Lake Kutubu, and were down at the airbase at 5. Hot tea and toast was waiting in the lounge.

Some of the passengers—a group of native policeboys—had been mislaid and we waited patiently while their bus broke down, and was repaired, on the way in from the depot.

There were half a dozen of them and their wives and an occasional infant and all their household goods done up in mats, bags, baskets, buckets and string-bags. The women had laid in a good supply of loaves of bread and bottles of lolly-water against the privations of the voyage but not a smile lightened any of the dusky faces. Travel was serious business.

Each family had its goods weighed separately. "Where's the kitchen-sink?" asked a QEA official of one sad-looking corporal whose gear totted up to 156 pounds. Clank, went another sack at the feet of the official, revealing the unmistakable outline of a large enamel dish.

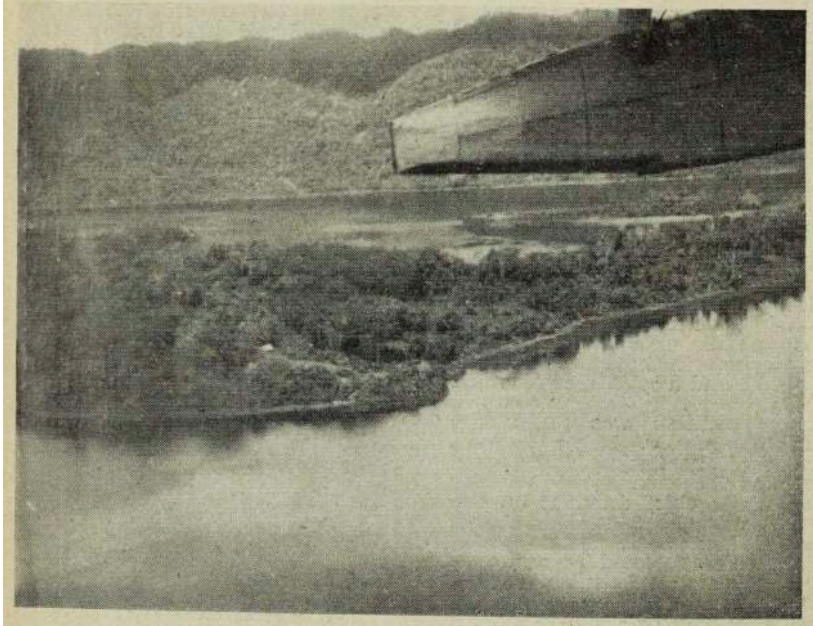
We got out to the aircraft in two launches and took off about six. Fifteen minutes out, a group of very large coconut plantations roll out from under the flying-boat like a well-patterned carpet and two energetic stewards appear leaving cups of very good coffee and biscuits behind in their wake.

Scarcely had we time to dispose of this than we are landing on glass-like sea off Yule Island. The pursers or the super-cargoes (or whatever they are called on flying-boats) come out of seclusion in the back premises where they have been conning over manifests and get busy with parcels and mailbags. We are off again within half an hour, inland again over the partly cloud-obscured rice fields of Mekeo between coast and the foothills of the Owen Stanley Ranges.

Poirot and I return briefly to the Balkans and the dastardly business on the Orient Express and back come the stewards, flapping large tablecloths to dress the tables for breakfast. Fruit and scrambled eggs and bacon, with toast and coffee.

We are flying over vast swamps of sago palms, cut by a winding

Lake Kutubu.



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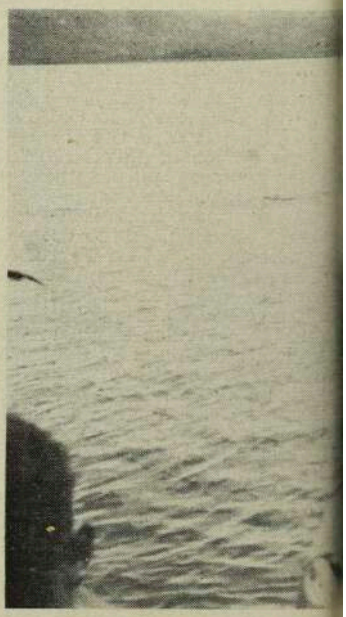

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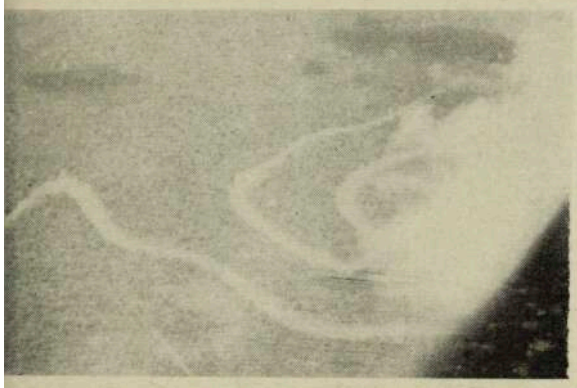
They come out balancing on double canoes—at Daru, too.



The snail-like windings of a western river.

river, to Kerema, a pretty government station at the top of Freshwater Bay.

This is evidently the equivalent of "boat day" in other parts of the Pacific and although it is still only 7.45 a.m., a lot of people, men, women and a child or two, with their native boys come out, standing and bouncing about on a double canoe. They collect their mail and freezer cargo from the flying super-c's, peer in through the cabin port-holes and apparently enjoy themselves. I wonder why, as the water which seems to be rolling in over a sand bank, is far from calm. But they keep their balance on the canoes with ease; maybe they had their early training in a country milk cart or a Sydney tram.

WE are off again within the half hour, and sustained by a glass of lemon cordial (by courtesy of Qantas) fly over rain forests of trees that stretch upwards and upwards to get their quota of sunlight from leaden Gulf skies. Some of these trees look level on top, with gigantic spreading branches. Others rise out of the jungle in smooth bulges like tremendous green cauliflowers. Flocks of white cockatoos wheel above the tree tops or mill about in the valleys and here and there is a patch of coconuts, a plantation house or a native garden. Then all this gives way to more winding rivers, more sago swamps, more mangroves until, nearing 10 o'clock, we come to Kikori, rain-sodden upon the banks of its river about 30 or 40 miles from its mouth.

Here the flying super-c's really get going, for here we take on 4,000 pounds of freight for the government station at Lake Kutubu, and petrol, hand-pumped from drums brought out in a launch.

The few passengers are firmly herded back into their seats and up come the carpets from the floor and the floor-boards from between

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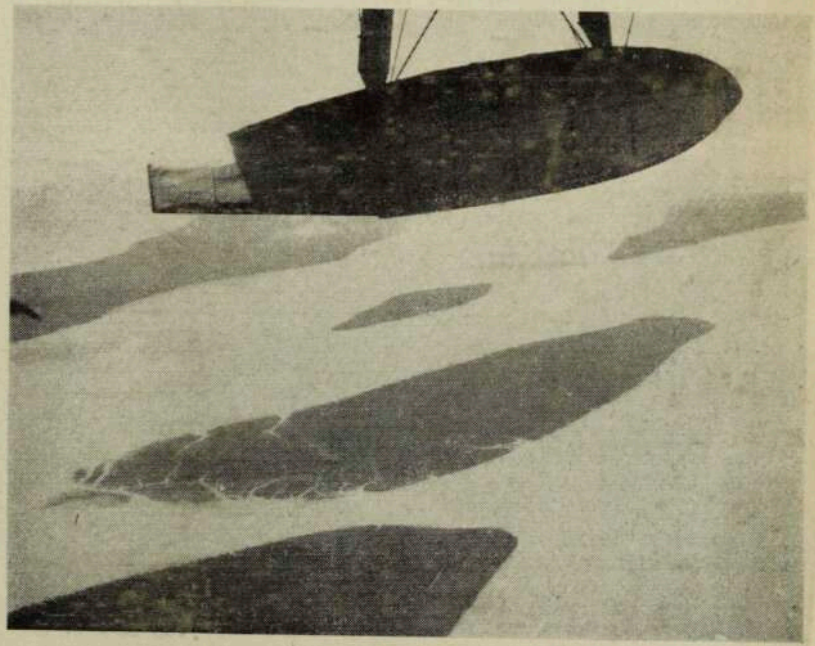
Pattern of islands in the mouth of the Fly.



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IT COULD BE A PICTURE ON A TEA-CADDY

ON a fine day, Goroka, which seems set fair now to grow into the New Guinea Highlands' first township, is like a picture on a tea-caddy. The great stretch of green valley is rimmed about by blue hills and purple mountains; only some ladies in colourful saris, with tea-picking baskets on their heads are needed to complete the scene.

But the local ladies wear only some shell ornaments and a few yards of string-mesh; and the coming crop is not tea, but coffee. According to District Office figures, present plantings alone should be producing 1,100 tons of coffee per annum in a few years.

In the meantime, European farmers—and natives too—are producing large quantities of potatoes and other European vegetables, peanuts, corn and passionfruit, even gladioli, roses and carnations for hungry markets in lowland New Guinea and Papua.

Others are interested in cattle raising, or poultry, sheep and pigs. Some day Goroka will probably have a tourist industry as well.

The rainfall is somewhere round about 80 inches a year—a lot of it concentrated into the wet season which should end about May. At almost any given moment during the rainy period, little local rain squalls can be seen at some point whirling around the hills and mountains, while the rest of the country-side is probably bathed in sunshine. Occasionally, the clouds gather thick overhead, and then it rains and rains—and rains some more—and Goroka is dismal indeed, its black soil turning into a glue-like mess that almost defies removal.

Rainy-season dawns are often clear, then, as the apricot and grey fade from the sky, the mists rise, flowing over the gap and down the valley like a pall of white smoke. Quickly it rises to the tops of the mountains and beyond into the sky until everything is blotted out as if by a cotton-wool blanket. About 8 o'clock, if it is going to be a fine day, the mists lift again.

Those 20 or 30 minutes, between the first streaks of dawn and the coming of the mists, are take-off time for local air-plane pilots. Later in the day there is always the chance that the weather will close in and that all planes will be grounded. DC3's are frequent visitors to the larger of the Highlands dromes but small planes still make most of the flights. Weaving in and out of towering Highland mountains in single-engined or match-box sized planes is a sobering sensation to even the most hardened airplane traveller.

But when the days are blue and sunny and the air is like champagne, Goroka is the promised land — without honey, for the moment, but with milk from the local livestock station at 6d per pint (half the price of the same product in the City of Sydney).

Almost without exception the men who are making Goroka and its district, are men doing their second stretch of NG pioneering. Miners and retired government officials, airplane pilots and others who helped to put New Guinea on the map way back in the 20's and 30's are back on the job again establishing coffee plantations, or spud

At left: Black Aberdeen Angus cattle, just landed by plane at Goroka for Mr. Jim Leahy. Right: Boy picking green-peas in a local garden..

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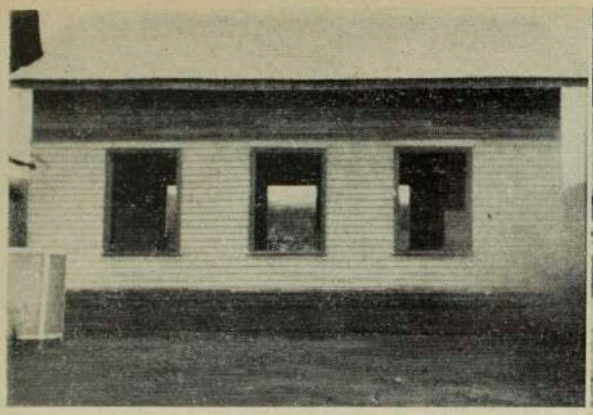
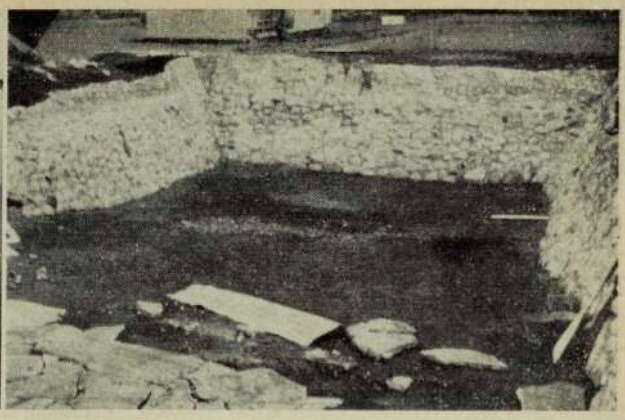
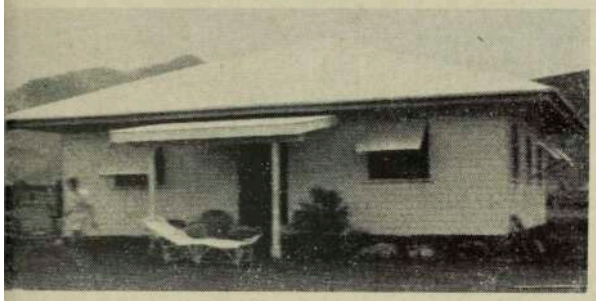




At left: The Cottee passionfruit pulping factory. Right: A swimming pool is being constructed near the District Office. It will be fed from a Highland stream.



Mrs. Pitt's boarding-house — a lot of comfort in a small space. A new bedroom block and a lounge and bar are being added and then the establishment will be given a liquor licence.

growing or cattle raising in the Highlands. The young men of New Guinea are down on the coast, in jobs with the government or the Big Firms. A lot of them await on the government to "do something" to make pioneering easy.

New Guinea's young men are not entirely to blame for their lack of urge in this direction. To-day, the whole accent of life is on security; some of the old-timers themselves are the first to throw cold water on the ventures of newcomers to the field of pioneering; and in terms of hard cash, the cost of turning dreams into reality has never been higher.

Eating Our Way Across the Gulf of Papua

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he cabin seats. In the cargo spaces hus revealed, the sweating super- 's store 500 pounds of bully-beef n case lots. As well—but stored omewhere out of sight—we take n a copper and stand complete ith stove pipe, cases of groceries, f beer and crates of glass-with- are. All the while the rain hunders down onto the metal lane, and outside my porthole the unch boys pump miserably in hining oil-skins from the bobbing rums of petrol. Kikori is almost bscured by the rain and I return the Orient Express.

We spend a frenzied hour at ikori, then through blankets of ayed cotton-wool clouds to a atch of blue far off. The stewards, ho have been champing at the bit side their small galley while the rpets were up and the super-c's w about slinging out mail and eezer and taking on cargo, are t again almost at the first whirl the propellors, dispensing morn- g tea, with biscuits and sand- iches.

We climb now for the first and st time on the trip, up over the ountains to Lake Kutubu at 2,700 feet and over the coastal belt of thick cloud to sunshine. But Beaver Falls, with a drop of over 200 feet, 45 miles from the lake, and said to be a magnificent sight, are obscured by clouds.

Two missionaries who have been in Port Moresby for three weeks, become visibly excited at their return to their promised land. They share their porthole with me and point out the landmarks.

One of the missionaries asks if the PIM is government sponsored. This is a completely new one on me. I reply, no—but that Mr. Ward calls us the mouthpiece of vested interests. The Missionary, who evidently knows little about politics and cares less, can't see the point of this one, but says "Yes?" politely and points out a village on a ridge —long-house for the men, small houses for the women—as we sweep down on Kutubu.

Kutubu is a 10 mile expanse of turquoise-green water cradled in the hills and encrusted with small islands. Ivan Champion and Jack Hides are believed to be the first Europeans to have seen it when they flew over it in 1936, and in the next three years, the brothers Champion, Claud and Ivan, led several expeditions to it on foot, and an advanced police post was established.

The post was re-established there after the war, and the few government officials and the missionaries are now supplied by the fortnightly Qantas Sandringham. Officials and missionaries all speak the local language although it serves only a small group—about 2,000 persons. The lake is a sort of half way merging place of Highland and Fly River cultures, although the natives use the simple Fly River dugout canoe and the River type of village.

WE shake the last drops of Kutubu water from our tail at 11.30 and flying in sunshine but over increasing cloud head for Daru. There is now frenzied activity on the part of the stewards, determined apparently to get lunch over before we get to Daru. Paw-paw and pineapple juice, ham and cheese salad with all the fixings, cream on our sweets, and coffee.

We fly over the snail-like windings of the increasing Fly River and out to its delta with its crazy pattern of flat islands swimming in mile upon mile of muddy water. The Fly is 30 miles across, at its mouth, and the flat swamp country between here and Daru is a trackless wilderness of water and sago palms and mangroves.

Near to one o'clock we bump

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down out of the clouds to a wind-rippled anchorage off Daru Island and after the usual half-hour's mad activity depart again, in alternate sunshine and cloud, towards Kikori still swaddled in its oppressive blanket of grey cloud.

And herewith the first afternoon-tea; Poirot reconstructs the crime and sums up.

Again to Kerema, where seemingly the same people bob out in the same double-canoe, the sun shines fitfully, and, to the evident satisfaction of Agatha (who has probably wearied of the whole darned thing) and to me, Poirot makes his *denouement*.

After Kerema, the second afternoon tea, and Yule Island. And after Yule, increasing sunshine until at 5 o'clock over Moresby, weeping, grey Gulf skies are forgotten and the sun shines brazenly down from the cloudless blue.

By Yule the stewards have washed up the last dish. They stand miserably in the galley door or mope about in the spare passenger seats with nothing to do. What else can they produce in the fodder line? Nothing. Unless Qantas, to make them really happy, permitted them to whip up a few cocktails as the Sandringham slides over the wreck of the old *Macdhui* and settles down to her anchorage, 11 more hours of worthy flight behind her.

RECIPE CORNER

READERS are invited to send in their favourite recipes using Islands ingredients or ingredients readily obtained in the Islands. Ten shillings will be paid for each one published.

BANANA NUT CAKE

2 cups sifted flour.
¼ cup cornflour.
2 teaspoons baking powder.
¼ teaspoon baking soda.
½ cup butter.
½ teaspoon salt.
1 cup sugar.
2 eggs.
½ cup chopped nuts.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
2-3 mashed ripe bananas.
2 tablespoons milk.

Beat butter and sugar and add eggs one at a time, beating until the mixture is light and fluffy. Sift flour, baking powder, soda, cornflour, and salt, and add alternately with the bananas and milk. Stir in vanilla, and cook in well-greased cake tin about eight inches square, in moderate oven, about an hour.

If cake is to be kept plain put a few extra nuts on top before baking. For a party cake, ice the top and sides with banana butter frosting.

BANANA BUTTER FROSTING

Beat together 1 large mashed banana, ½ teaspoon lemon juice, ¼ cup butter, and 3½ cups of sifted confectioners' sugar, adding the sugar a little at a time, and beating until the icing is light and fluffy.

—Arora, Niue Is.

Potato Substitutes

(Extracts from talk broadcast from ZJV, Suva, Fiji, by the Nutrition Section of the South Pacific Health Service.)

THE bad weather experienced in Australia and New Zealand last summer has affected the crops of potatoes. This means that exports to the Islands will be reduced during the coming season.

Fortunately there are many native root vegetables which may be used to replace potatoes, the most common being cassava, sweet potato, taro and several varieties of yam.

MANIOC

Manibot utillissima, commonly known as tapioca, cassava or manioc in different parts of the Pacific, is one of the most useful root vegetables. This may be grown in dry conditions and poor soils. It is the most prolific of all tropical root crops and produces seven to ten tons or more tapioca to an acre.

The cultivation is simple. Prepare holes six feet apart, at least two feet square and 12 inches or more deep. Thoroughly dig the soil and work well, then plant in the centre three or four cuttings about nine inches long and set at three to six inches apart. Take the cuttings from the youngest part of the stem rather than the old butts. The shrubs grow to a height of six to seven feet and have erect clean stems with divided leaves at the end. The nutritious roots weigh ½-1 lb each and the outer skin peels off easily leaving the white flesh.

Care must be taken in harvesting as the roots are easily bruised. These must be eaten fresh because they become "sour" and discoloured if kept for more than 2-3 days; bruised tapioca deteriorates even more quickly.

Prepare and cook tapioca in the same way as potatoes. It may be boiled or steamed, mashed with butter or margarine and pepper and salt, roasted in dripping or boiled, cut into chips and fried. Do not use the water from boiled tapioca as this may contain an acid.

TAPIOCA PATTIES

Boil the tapioca till soft and then mash while hot with a little butter, pepper and salt. Make into cakes and fry. Yam, dalo and breadfruit can be used in the same way. These patties are useful for breakfast with fried bacon and tomato or with a main dish at dinner time.

SWEET POTATO

Ipomea Batatas—commonly known as sweet potato, Kumala, Kumara or Kau-Kau, is easily grown and both the roots and the young green leaves may be eaten. The varieties of this vegetable are distinguishable by colour—red, white, pink and yellow. With these skin colours, there are two main flesh colours, the yellow and the white.

Kumala is a valuable food and supplies starch and sugar, vitamins and minerals. The yellow variety provides a rich source of vitamin A.

Kumalas can be cooked in the same way as white potatoes. It is a good idea to boil or bake in the jacket. This saves time and conserves the nutritive value.

In America, Kumala is served with pork or ham. Grilled ham or pork chops served with roast kumala and fried pineapple is a favourite dish.

The green shoots may be served as spinach. Boil till tender in a little salted water and season with butter, margarine or coconut cream.

KUMALA PUFF

1 tablespoon sugar.
Pinch salt.
2 tablespoons butter or margarine.
½ cup hot milk.
1¼ cups mashed cooked kumala.
2 eggs separated.
½ teaspoon nutmeg.

Method: Mix sugar, salt, shortening and hot milk, add to kumalas. Add beaten egg yolks and nutmeg and mix well. Beat egg whites stiff and fold into other ingredients. Pour into a greased pie dish. Bake at 350 deg. Fahr. for 45 minutes or until firm, and brown on top. Serve at once. This is enough for four people.

SOUTHERN KUMALA

1½ lb kumalas.
1 large cooking apple or 2 tablespoons dried apple.
¼ cup brown sugar.
1 teaspoon cinnamon.
3 tablespoons hot water.
3 tablespoons butter or margarine.

Peel kumalas and cut into slices ¾ inch thick. Peel, core and slice the apple, arrange a layer of kumalas and one of apple in a greased casserole, sprinkle with some of the sugar and dot with butter or margarine. Repeat until all the ingredients are used. Add hot water, cover and bake at 350 deg. Fahr. for about one hour until tender.

TARO

Taro or dalo is one of the most popular and best known of Pacific Island root crops. There are numerous varieties which have been growing in the islands for many centuries. It is believed that dalo originated in south-eastern Asia, and has spread from there to all tropical countries. This plant enabled many of the Pacific Islands to be populated because the roots of some of the coarser types will keep on sea voyages for several months. When the Pacific was first visited by Europeans, fish and dalo were found to be the main articles of diet in many of the Islands.

Dalo has large, dark brown, slightly hairy corms. These are between six and 12 inches long and they are attached to greenish, purple stems.

The young leaves are edible and may be used as a green vegetable. The famous Pacific Island dish called ROUROU in Fiji and PALUSAMI in Samoa, is made by cooking young dalo leaves in coconut cream. This has a delicious flavour and high nutritive value.

Dalo should be well cooked and never eaten raw or under-done because it contains needle like bundles of calcium

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PAWPAW SCONES

1 cup flour.
1 dessertspoon shortening.
¼ teaspoon salt.
1 teaspoon grated rind or juice of lemon.
1 teaspoon baking powder.
1 dessertspoon sugar.
½ cup mashed ripe pawpaw (NOT TOO RIPE BUT WELL MASHED).

Sift flour and salt. Add baking powder and sugar. Rub in shortening. Mix to light dough with pawpaw pulp to which lemon rind or juice has been added. Turn onto a floured board and knead lightly.

Press out to ½ inch thickness and cut with floured knife. Place close together on greased oven tray. Bake in a very hot oven (500 deg.) 12 to 15 minutes.

—Mrs. E. J. L., W. Samoa.

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oxalate. These crystals irritate the mouth and they may also sting the hands during preparation. When dalo is cooked, the crystals are broken down and rendered harmless.

The roots need to be cooked for one to three hours depending on their size and method of cooking. Dalo can be used as a substitute for potatoes in most dishes. It may be creamed, scalloped, fried, baked and boiled. To ensure thorough cooking, it is best to boil the roots before frying or baking. Dalo should be mashed hot; when it is cold it becomes sticky and difficult to handle.

DALO FRITTERS

1 cup mashed, boiled dalo.
1 egg separated.
¼ cup milk.
¼ cup flour.
1 teaspoon baking powder.
½ teaspoon salt.

Beat egg yolk, add milk and add mixture to dalo, blend well. Sift dry ingredients and add. Fold in stiffly beaten egg white. Drop by tablespoons into hot deep fat. Cook until puffy and golden brown, turning frequently.

YAMS

There are at least six known varieties of yam. Wild and cultivated yam roots may grow to six feet or more. Some of the former varieties contain a substance which makes them indigestible but those selected for cultivation are usually free from this.

Yams are cooked in much the same way as potatoes. One of the most delicious ways of cooking is to scrub the yam and bake it in its skin in the oven until soft, then cut down the centre, scoop out the inside and mash with butter, pepper and salt and return to the skin. Re-heat in the oven for about 10 minutes and serve.

YAM PUDDING

1½ lb yam (cooked and mashed).
1 large onion.
1 tomato chopped.
½ lb meat or fish (minced or chopped).
1 cup stock.
Parsley.
Mixed herbs.
Worcestershire sauce.

Grease a basin, sprinkle with flour and line with yam. Mix all the other ingredients together and place in lined basin. Cover with greaseproof paper and steam for one hour. Breadfruit can also be used in this recipe.

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MAPPING THE FLOOR OF THE PACIFIC

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ismic station occupies about 10 ours, with the ship's steaming eed at about 11 knots.

BATHYMETRIC SURVEY

Continuous echo-sounding traces ere maintained by the vessels roughout the expedition. As vast eas of the deep ocean have never een surveyed at all, this bathyetric work was of the highest imortance, and provides the basic attern into which all other deep bservations must be correlated.

Both vessels employed two sonic ounders of different types to main- in a close check on deep readings he speed of sound in water varies ightly with pressure, temperature nd salinity, and correction factors ust be applied). Both instruments nploy the system of sending out regular series of high frequency ounds (one "ping" per second), perated electronically, which go own to the ocean floor and are eflected back, to be received on a uilt-in hydrophone, and autoatically recorded in the laboratory.

The older machine, the NMC athometer, records with an audible ping," either by loudspeaker or hones, simultaneously with a light hat flashes on a large dial (for the eep section divided into 2,000 athom circles). A rotating arm ith an electronic stylus records the utgoing and incoming "ping" on a raduated role of prepared carbonised paper. The brief electrical mpulse through the stylus burns a lack streak in the paper.

The disadvantage of this machine that the stylus arm rotates, proucing a curve on the paper, thus istorting the normal appearance submarine features. Further, he paper width is only 6 inches nd the scale is relatively small.

A more modern instrument, the DO Fathometer, is provided with broader paper, 10 inches wide. urther, there are two styli mounted n a rubber belt moving in a raight line down the sensitised aper. This method has the great dvantage of indicating submarine eatures in their true shape.

The vertical scale covers only 600 thoms, and at the normal cruisg speed of the ship (11 knots), he paper moves along at about inch per mile; this provides a ertical exaggeration factor of bout 1:15, which is most helpful emphasising the bottom pography.

Fathom scale changes are effected mply down to the greatest depths, ut the sensitivity of the instruent drops off seriously at 4,000 thoms and, from 4-5½ thousand thoms, constant reference to the udible trace (by ear-phones) is quired. In shallow water, a pidly rotating foot scale is proded; this is extremely accurate.

Particular features for bathymetric investigation included the physical relationships of the Tonga Trench, and individual sea-mounts located along the line of the survey.

The detailed survey of the Tonga Trench was carried out by both vessels in a series of zig-zag traverses, intersecting the single N-S line that was mapped two years before from the *Galathea*. In spite of the *Galathea* work the Tonga Trench was still one of the least known deeps in the world.

In the southern part of the trench the *Horizon* came upon an extremely deep sector hitherto unsuspected, where depths of the order of 5,600 fathoms were recorded. In order to check these depths, a whole day was spent in the area at half-speed, using small explosive charges (a few lbs of TNT) and a trailed hydrophone for recording the precise depths.

A narrow V-shaped bottom was indicated in many places. Only locally was a narrow flat bottom recorded. The sides were so steep that no unconsolidated sediment could be expected there, a fact that was borne out by the failure to secure sediment cores here (see below), only fragments of volcanic (basalt) rock being obtained.

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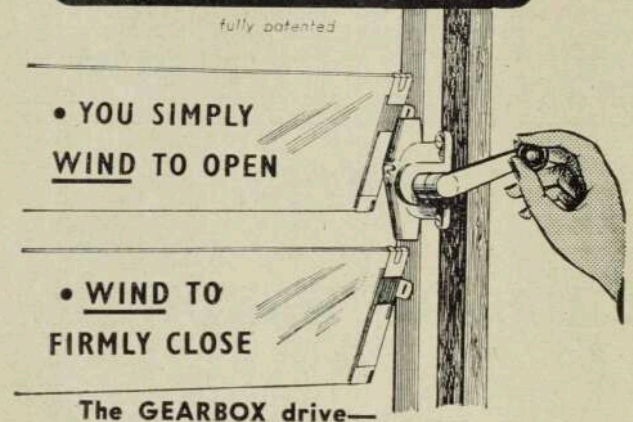

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slope on the east side, where a more gentle declivity might have been expected.

At one point—approximately east of Ha'apai—there is an extensive compound sea-mount on the east side and, falling away from this mount, there is an uninterrupted down-slope of 27,000 feet, at an average inclination of 1 in 2 (that is from 200 fm. to 4,800 fm. in 10 miles), *which is undoubtedly the steepest and longest continuous slope yet recorded on the earth.* It would make the Himalayan "front" appear mild in comparison.

Several new sea-mounts were discovered. These sea-mounts are old volcanic mountains, now submerged.

The method of surveying them generally employed was, after the initial crossing, to change course 120 degrees, until deep water was reached, then return towards the estimated peak, crossing it, and completing a Maltese cross pattern to enable generalised contouring to be carried out.

It was noted that several sea-mounts rose from the saucer-shaped depression which would apparently correspond to the subsidence of an elastic crust after the loss of erupted mass beneath (and local accumulation of the sea-mount on the surface).

An interesting feature of several sea-mounts SE of Samoa, which had peaked tops (i.e., not flat-topped guyots), was the evidence of possible land-slip scars near the crest and a small jumble of material around the foot. The occurrence of such slides may be partly responsible for some of the serious tidal waves which occur in the Pacific. The future correlation of new eruptions with such waves would be indicated.

BOTTOM TEMPERATURE GRADIENTS

A SERIES of tests were carried out from the *Baird* to measure the rate of heat flow from the Earth's interior to the surface at the bottom of the ocean. The instrument employed, the "Bottom Temperature Gradient Probe," is of the nature of a spike (about 6 feet long), which is lowered by gravity into the soft bottom sediment in the manner of a sediment corer.

The probe contains sensitive thermometers and a recording system, so that the small temperature gradient in these sediments may be measured.

The bottom temperature recorder also makes a continuous trace of temperatures from the bottom of the greatest deeps to the surface, which has never before been possible.

BOTTOM DREDGING

IN areas of rocky bottom, where the sediment corners may fail to collect material, a heavy dredge may be used. The dredge consists of a steel rectangular frame

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o which is attached a bag of hain (protecting a smaller mesh et bag within), together with two mall auxilliary bags of canvas, to atch fine sediment. The dredges ary in size for deep-water work, izes from 3 to 6 ft across being ost used.

Considerable success attended redging operations in the Fiji area, hich showed the volcanic and ash ottom of an ancient submerged Melanesian Continent." A fine redge-haul on the edge of the ongatabu Shelf produced numer- us corals, *lithothamnia* and a giant pecies of *foraminifera* (3-4 cm. cross). East of the Tonga Trench, everal dredges were lost in endeav- uring to sample interesting sea- ounts that defied other means of nvestigation.

HYDROLOGIC OBSERVATIONS

THE normal hydrologic procedure is to lower a series of Nansen bottles (for the collection of ater samples) equipped with re- ersing thermometers (also giving ressure) on a fine gauge (5/32) ire while the ship is hove-to. The sual scheme is to have the bottles paced at 0, 10, 25, 100 m, etc., in undreds, down to an average depth f 1,200 metres. Hydrologic casts ave been made exceptionally well own to 7,500 m (3,500 fathoms). he water samples are analysed for alinity, dissolved oxygen and phos- hate. Correlation of a close net- ork of results leads to the deter- mination of marine currents and mass water movements.

CORE SAMPLING

Regular sampling of the bottom sediments by means of coring tubes was carried out wherever possible in each representative sector.

For shallow and intermediate depths the short "Pfleger" corer (with either 1½" or 2" barrels) was used. It is operated simply by gravity, with a heavy lead-weight at the top.

It is lowered on a relatively fine gauge wire to depths up to 3,000 fathoms. When it hits bottom the jerk dislodges a pin which breaks a glass ball; this produces a "ping" which should be heard on the echo-sounder (if ship noises and other factors are not excessive). The core may then be withdrawn.

An appreciable number of cores apparently hit hard bottom and come up empty, but when dropped on a flat bottom (presumably sediment-full) a 95 per cent. success could be assured. The steel core barrels carry a plastic liner, which is removed and stored for the eventual laboratory examination of the sediment. The average cores with the Pfleger corer in mid-ocean was about 70-100 cm.

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sampler and heavy winch would be required. The Kulenberg is designed to bring up 20 m. core-lengths, of about 2½ inches diameter.

To carry this heavy sampler to great depths a special 21-tons winch had to be installed on the *Baird*. This winch carries 40,000 feet of steel cable, which is so heavy that it has to be tapered down from top to bottom. It is practically a whole day's operation to lower the corer and retrieve it in great depths.

In suitable localities where there are soft sediments on a horizontal floor, a number of excellent cores were secured. Attempts to use this corer in the Tonga Trench, however, were unsuccessful; but this seems to have been due to encountering a hard bottom.

MAGNETIC SURVEY

A WATER-born magnetometer ("M.A.D") was towed from the *Baird* over certain sectors. It contains a continuous recording device for measuring magnetic intensities.

The object is to measure variations in the Earth's magnetic field.

BIOLOGICAL WORK

Plankton hauls and general biological trawls were carried out at regular intervals by the *Horizon* under the direction of Dr. Martin Johnson, who also kept a general log of bird life and fish observations.

BOTTOM PHOTOGRAPHY

The problems of currents, and the nature of life on the ocean floor was studied by two cameras.

The larger of these cameras will go to any depth in the ocean. It is arranged to make a black and white photograph every minute as the camera descends, and to photograph the bottom.

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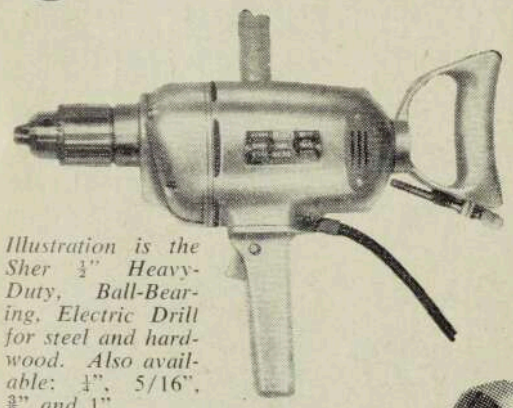

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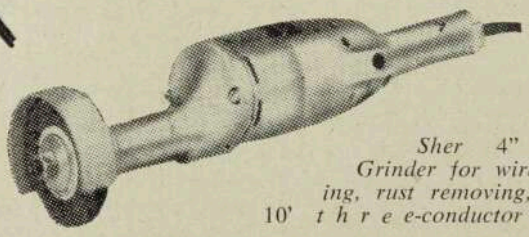

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An outstanding result of this work s an examination of the surface Falcon Island, near Tonga, which some years has been beneath e surface.

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f no new eruption occurs, a vigor- s coral reef is to be expected here hin the next half-century.

VISITS TO ISLANDS

A special, outstanding feature of e expedition, from the point of w of its members, was the warm lcome we received on every island ited. Leading members were tertained personally by the Gov- nors of Fiji, American Samoa and ench Oceania, and by the British nsul in Tonga.

For a special Christmas party at nga, Prince Tungi put on a gnificent open-air feast, on the uth Coast, where we enjoyed the l breezes and magnificent scenery the famous blow-holes. The antic spread of roast sucking s, taros, sweet potatoes, bread- it, yams, plantains, fish in coco- t juice, dumplings, and all rieties of tropical fruits and lons was indeed something to re- mber.

n return, we had the local people board at each principal port and joyed showing visitors around our le ships and their impressive ay of instruments and equip- nt.

Outstanding among our im- ssions of the Pacific was the re- sation that the Polynesian peoples d such charm, graceful manners d a form of simple but well- lered civilisation that made our stern rush, hustle and competi- n seem both rather brutal and ile in comparison. We envied m their happy existence and tunate isolation from some of the mediate consequences of wars d political strife.

Naturally, in these days of global nflict and world marketing, no can be quite aloof, and we found islanders' interest in world airs very real. Nevertheless, when- r we observed the changing lights r the beauties of atolls or vol- nic islands, and watched the ceful business of the fishermen work, or coming home from the fs, and the day-to-day activities every Polynesian village, it was d to realise that we had not n accidentally transported to e little Utopia.

THE OBJECT OF OUR WORK

eaders may well ask what value n investigations have. It is dif- ficult to point straight away, and say we are going to distil gold from the sea. Certainly, we have many utilitarian projects in hand; but nevertheless the work is primarily one of pure science. That means that we go mostly for the pure joy of discovering new things. If, as often happens, some of our dis- coveries turn out to be useful, and beneficial to man—well, that's fine.

¶ At an inquiry in Port Moresby recently into the death of Dr. Ces- lovas Kocenas, the Coroner re- turned a verdict of suicide while the balance of his mind was dis- turbed. Dr. Kocenas, aged 42, married, was found dead from bullet wounds in a house at Boroka, Port Moresby, on May 24. He had been on the staff of the Public Health Department.

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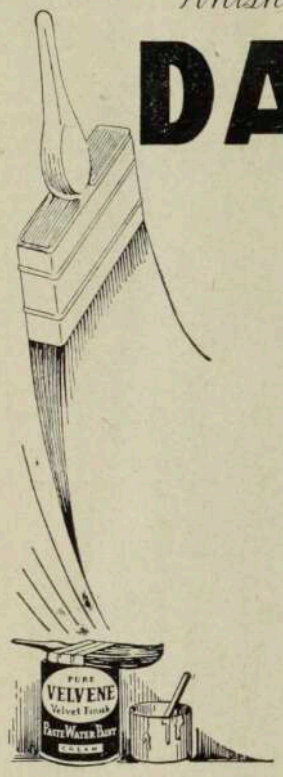

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FEDERATION OF WEST INDIAN ISLANDS

Plan Advanced a Further Step in London

AGREEMENT was reached at the Conference held in London in April on British West Indian Federation, and the next step is for the delegates from Trinidad, Barbados, Jamaica, the Windward Islands and the Leeward Islands to report back to their West Indies Territories and thresh out the various questions which have arisen. Until that has been done the future of the Federation cannot finally be known.

In opening the Conference, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton (Secretary of State for Colonies) emphasised that the decision would depend on the wishes of the individual West Indian Governments. "If a federation comes into being," he said, "it must be by the spontaneous and willing decisions of the Governments and Legislatures concerned."

The delegates, in their replies, underlined what was already known, that the principle of federation was generally accepted by the Caribbean countries, with the exception of the mainland territories of British Guiana and British Honduras, which sent observers only, and not delegates.

As a result of the conference, it is now proposed that Granada and not Trinidad shall be the federal capital, and that the number of seats in the Senate shall be 19—not 23, which allowed for British Guiana and British Honduras. The House of Representatives is to have 45 seats (Barbados 5, Jamaica 17, Antiqua 2, St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla 2, Montserrat 1, Trinidad and Tobago 10, Granada 2, St. Vincent 2, St. Lucia 2, Dominica 2).

For the first five years the Council of State would consist of a Prime Minister, 3 officials appointed by the Governor-General (Chairman), 7 members nominated by the Prime Minister, and 3 Senators appointed by the Governor-General-in-Council.

It is understood that an assurance would be forthcoming that the British Government would assist the federation financially at the outset and that Parliament would be asked to make a grant towards the cost of federal headquarters.

It has been suggested that there may be a possibility of a similar federation of British South Pacific Islands Territories. There is an important difference, however, in that the British West Indies countries are all under the British Colonial Office, whereas the British archipelagoes in the South Pacific are

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Tahiti's Oldest Resident

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N ex-resident of Tahiti tells another tale of this man from Alaska. Two of Tahiti's "Nature-n" of that day, who had come wn from the mountains on one their rare visits to Papeete, were mplaining to Mr. Archangelsky at the island was becoming too ilised altogether. As they were aking, there was the drone of engine in the distance.

"Yes," said Archangelsky, com-serating with them. "There will flying machines here next"—ver imagining for a moment that ere could be such a thing.

Suddenly a small seaplane ooped over them, and landed arby, on the lagoon. It was an craft belonging to the now de-ict PCPC (Pacific Coconut Pro-cts Co.), whose extraordinary tory was related in PIM of May, 1. The pilot had just dropped to visit Archangelsky.

The old man, now in his 80's, en relates this incident.

Mrs. Archangelsky died about ten ars ago. The old man, who never s regretted his first glimpse of se Tahiti postage stamps, lives ne on his property at Vairao.

Pitcairners 97 Years on Norfolk

(From Our Own Correspondent)

THE 97th anniversary of the landing of the Pitcairn Islanders on Norfolk Island was celebrated at Kingston, Norfolk Is., on June 8.

The celebration, locally known as Bounty Day, is a public holiday. There is a pageant at Kingston Pier, commemorating the landing, in which most of the men dress as sailors and naval officers and are inspected by the "Admiral." A wreath is placed on the cenotaph and the party is then entertained by the Administrator.

A cricket match begins about 11 and is adjourned at 1 p.m. for a community picnic luncheon—when all sorts of food are laid out on tablecloths placed for 100 yards or more on the grass.

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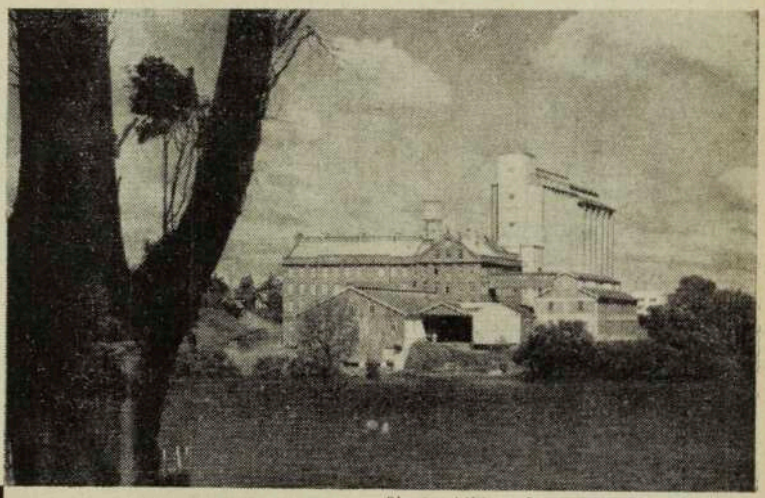

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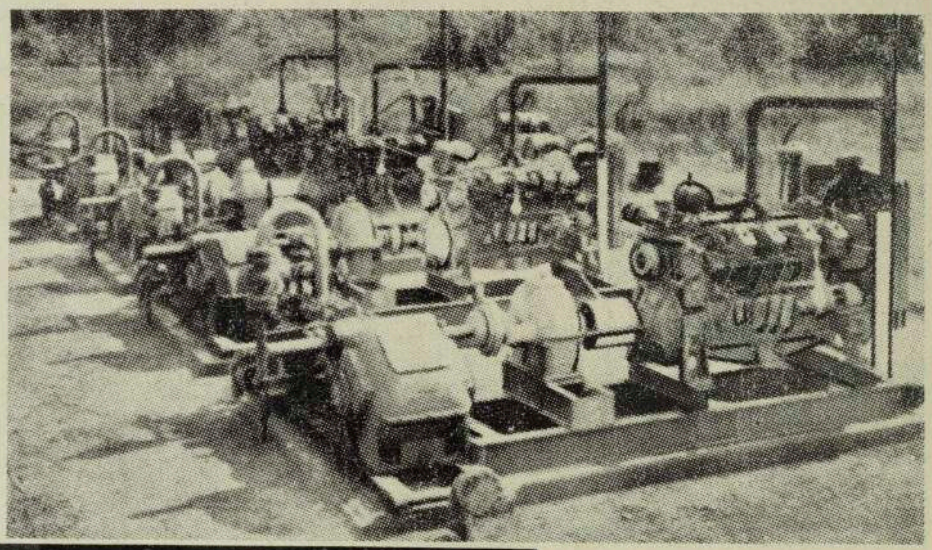

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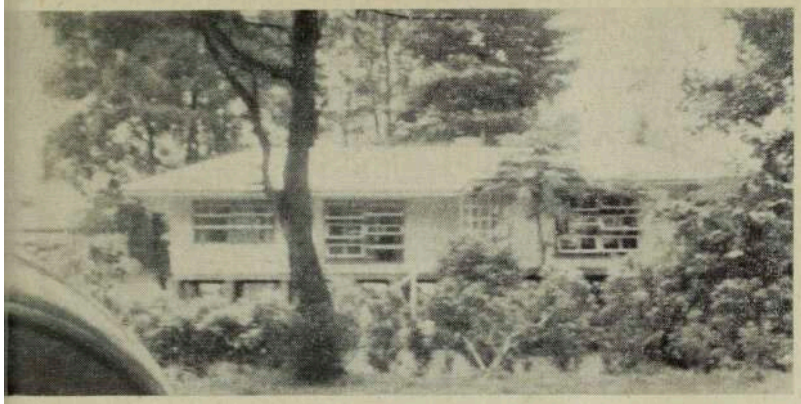
Kavieng's Permanent House



This is virtually the only new, permanent European dwelling in Kavieng, New Ireland. It belongs to the Regional Director of Commonwealth Works Dept. All other officials live in native material houses. The whole of the District Commissioner's house is built on the cement foundations of what used to be Bulominski's drawing-room way back in 1910 or 1912. (Bulominski was one of the more famous of the German administrators and was responsible for the building of New Irelands famous—and now infamous—East Coast Road. He died shortly before he was due to retire from the colonial service and was buried in Kavieng cemetary. His grave, marked with a large white cross, was undisturbed by the Japs, but Bulominski must have done some considerable rolling about in it if he is aware of the present state of his once-beautiful Kavieng.)

¶ Colonel C. L. Pleasants, Commander of the Fiji Military Forces, is to become Commander of the Northern Military District of New Zealand towards the end of the year. His successor in Fiji has not yet been announced.

¶ Ngaire Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Vipond, of Silverdale, North Auckland, NZ, announced her engagement in June to Mr. John Rae Phillips, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips, of Vunidawa, Fiji.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Rod Hart, of the Anglican Mission, Papua, arrived in Adelaide on leave early in April. Both were prominent in rescue work during the Mount Lamington disaster, and Mr. Hart was awarded an OBE for his services.

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NEWS NOTES FROM TONGA

From Our Own Correspondent

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MR. M. L. ("BEN") APON is now in charge of the Government stores in Nuku'alofa. He replaces Mr. V. Guerin who, with his wife and children, has left Tonga and gone to New Zealand.

Capt. Noel Fordham is now in charge of the Banana Board in Nuku'alofa. Captain and Mrs. Fordham, who came to Tonga some years ago and established a candlenut oil extraction factory, are well known throughout the Islands.

The Rev. Mr. Harkness with Mrs. Harkness and their baby have arrived in Ha'apai from Australia. Mr. Harkness will be in charge of the Wesleyan churches in the group. He will also supervise the activities and studies at Pilolevu College, the large Wesleyan institution for girls in Lifuka, and occupy the Lifuka pulpit.

A new hall has been opened in Neiafu, Vava'u by Mr. Paul Schaunkell, local business man and store owner. A concrete-floored, wooden structure, the hall is in great demand for dances, movies, concert parties and boxing matches.

The romantic looking cutters which used to fill Vava'u harbour are fast giving way to motorised boats which, if they are less attractive are infinitely more reliable as transportation. The villages of Kapa, Hunga, Taunga, and Ovaka have recently had engines installed in their cutters and there is a constant increase in new launches, in-board, and out-board motor boats. These new boats are concrete evidence that the Tongans, in spite of all criticisms to the contrary, are learning to spend wisely the money which the current high price of copra brings them.

Tongans are gratified with the overwhelming reception which the British public has given Queen Salote during her stay in London as a Coronation guest. Following the Coronation celebrations, Queen Salote and the members of her party (the Princess Mata'aho, Mrs. J. Windrum, wife of the British Consul to Tonga, and Miss Susana Helu, nurse-attendant) will tour Scotland and the continent before returning to Tonga in late August.

¶ Reverend Brother Lambert, Director of St. Francis Xavier High School, Suva, since it was founded in 1937, left Fiji in June to become Director of Sacred Heart College, Auckland. He will be replaced by Reverend Brother Cassian, who has been on the staff of Sacred Heart College, Auckland, for seven years. Brother Lambert leaves, as a monument to his energy and zeal, the splendid 200-pupil school in Suva, which he conceived and built.

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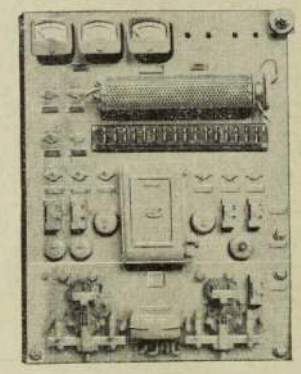
FOR the last four or five years, the hull of the famous old LMS ship *John Williams* has been a landmark on the coast of Savaii, (near Fagamalo, Western Samoa) where she was wrecked. It sat perfectly upright on the reef, as though the ship was at anchor in calm water.

But in a storm last January the heavy seas broke the back of the old schooner. Late one afternoon, it was noticed that the third mast was swaying, and an hour later it fell. Next morning, the after section of the ship appeared on the reef, about 200 yards away from the rest of the hull—it evidently had been hanging, for years, out over deep water, and the big seas shifted it away when the vessel broke in two.

The stern section now lies on the coast, like the stern section of the old German warship Adler, off Apia; but the remainder of the *John Williams* still sits primly on the reef, with the two remaining masts firmly upright.

¶ Miss Ethel Nordman returned to Tahiti from France in May, on the maiden voyage of the M.M. liner *Tahitien*.



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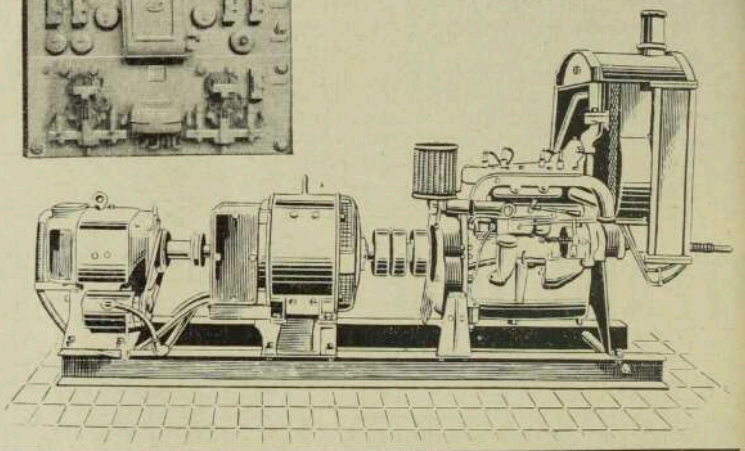

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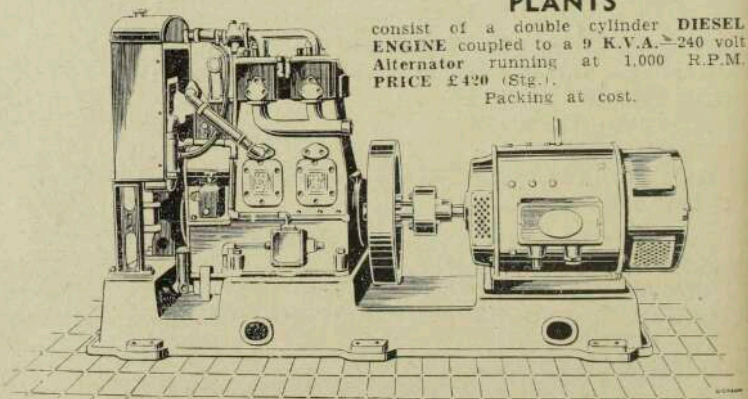

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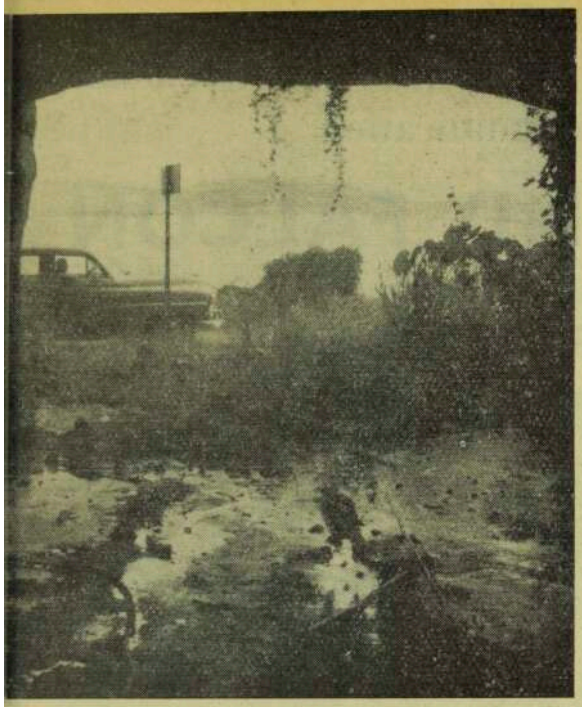

Permanent Reminder of the Japs

The Rabaul-Kokopo road for a great deal of its length is a narrow shelf between sea and hillside, and the hillside is riddled with Japanese tunnels. This photograph was taken in April, 1953, from inside one of the tunnels that look out over the harbour to Mt. Vulcan. It was used as a subterranean workshop by the Japs and was complete with electric light and lathes; barges and other small craft were hauled into it from the harbour close-by, and repaired unmolested by Allied bombers. To-day, the tunnel is just an eerie cavern oozing mud and slime.

The Tivoli Theatre in Apia, Western Samoa, was showing newsreels of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on June 10—just eight days after the event. This is something of a record for Pacific Island picture theatres which usually lag months, or even years, behind in movie picture distribution. The Coronation films attracted large and enthusiastic crowds.

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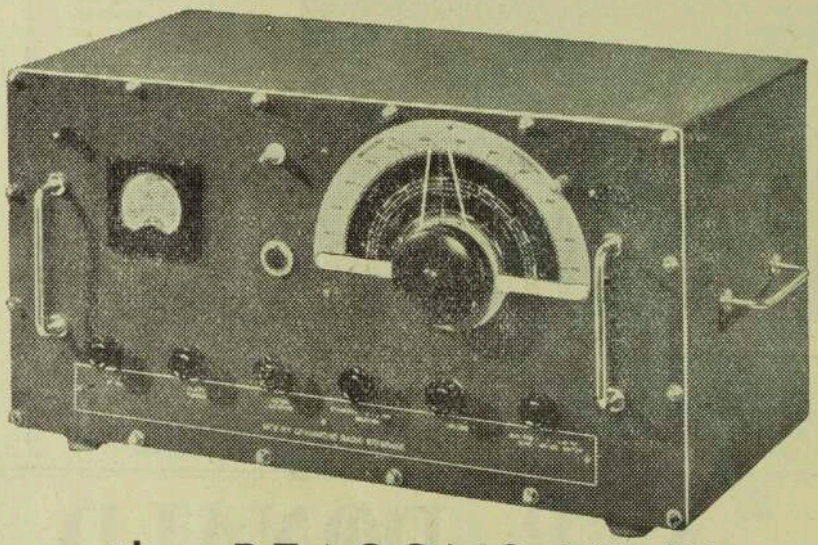

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Just too late for inclusion last month me a letter from Jean Duplat, FK8AB, Noumea, bringing us up-to-date on ents in the New Caledonia-New Hebrides ea. Jean has a nice VFO transmitter ith an 813 in the final, plate-and-screen odulated with 811's, and a Hammarlund Q-120X receiver, but is troubled with a ng, light-gauge power-line that will not rry the load from his power plant 500 rds away. However, when a new shack mes into use any day now FK8AB is kely to be heard with greater effect. an has been calling CQ's on 7 mc/s, ceiving no replies—then unaccountably ceiving, by mail, good signal reports om European listeners.

Jean says that, in FK8, conditions in orning and evening are moderately good 7 mc/s, but with heavy QRN later. ourteen mc/s has been as good as dead, so 28 mc/s, but 21 mc/s has been lively early mornings with plenty of ZL, K, W, and North Pacific sigs coming rough. He never uses 3.5 mc/s, but ans to give 50 mc/s a trial in ie course, if permission can be obtained. hat band is not available in France, ie to television, but it may be possible use it out here. So this should be good ws to the VHF men.

Other items from Jean's letter: FK8AO, FQ8AE—latest addition to the FK8's—using NBFM which "sounds like AM." ith an 807 in the final he has been ard on 7 mc/s in Fiji recently. FU8AA as finished a new transmitter and ceiver and is obtaining good results on mc/s, suppressor-modulating an 803. U8AC, still off the air, is "fighting to e death with a VFO and modulator"—th plenty of trouble getting it going. an says YJ-1 stations have not been ard for a long time.

Grounded in Suva through living in a C-wired hotel, your scribe took the Type-Mk.3 along in mid-June, when paying quick visit to Lautoka. The locals atched with interest as a temporary rial was strung along the front of the utoka hotel. A 7 mc/s sked with VR2AS ck in Suva was planned at 0700 GMT; t not a sound of each other's sigs s heard. A CQ failed to raise a VK W, of which many were heard; but ter in the evening back came FK8AN—new one—with a good signal report on e midget transmitter.

Back in Suva, we helped Stan make me alterations to his 7/14 mc/s ground-ane antenna, with seemingly good sults. Conditions are clearly far better 14 mc/s in Fiji than in Auckland.

VR2AP, waiting to get into his new me, has still not unpacked his gear ace returning from Auckland in May, t late July may see him in action. The ge is visible.

FK8AC, absent in France for some time, turned to Noumea in June per maiden yage of "Tahitien," so should be on e air again by now.

From FO8-land in June same a QSL card for one of the VR2's from Jack Wheeler, temporarily FO8AI of the yacht "GEMINI." The card depicts a rakish-looking palm-leaf shack perched high in the trunk of a very tall and slender coconut palm—with a yacht lying offshore. Maybe this is the way Jack has been operating from his QTH's in the Marquesas, Tuamotu and elswhere, though we doubt it. The card is attractive and certainly original. "Gemini" we understand is now working her way north again towards Honolulu and Seattle, using the home call of W7FNK when at sea.

Dick Northcott, VR2CM, whose gear, he thought, had escaped the effects of the hurricane of 18 months ago, followed in the footsteps of the other Suva-area Hams in June, when his main power tranny burnt out. Luckily, he was able to borrow another from VR2AS as a stand-in.

VR2CS, Keith Broadbridge—exVK5SC/VK2ASG—was preparing to split the ether late June with a 4-watt phone rig on 7058 kc/s, which works across town anyway! DC mains and a noisy location hold him temporarily from bigger things, though a 50-watt 14 mc/s VFO phone rig is being prepared. The receiver is an 8-tube home-brew super.

Latest correction to the VR2 list: strikes out VR2CN—due to depart permanently for VK2 in early July.

Laurie Price at Suva Met Office, VR2CT —ex ZL3OF—shows up on 80-metre CW with the ZC-1 on Monday evenings only—so get your QSO applications in early. He's also known to take a jab at 7 mc/s occasionally. Jack Paton, who returned to Nandi some time ago, has not yet got VR2AC on the air. August may see some action.

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at VR2AS's we heard ZM6AA calling the Cook Is. latest recruit, Doug, ZK-1-BG, on 14 mc/s; and from other sources we understand that the latter is now very active there, which should please the card huntsmen around the world.

The experts tell us that around October the sunspot minimum should occur, after which conditions should climb fairly rapidly out of the doldrums; so now's the time to start planning out those 14 and 21 mc/s beams.

No news from your area? Then send some along—we'll certainly use it.

New Masonic Lodge for Suva

From Our Auckland Correspondent.

SUVA, June 25.

MR. R. L. MUNRO, senior representative in Fiji of the United Grand Lodge of England, laid the foundation stone of a new Temple and hall for the Lodge of Fiji in Suva on June 20. Freemasons from all over Fiji were present.

A jar containing coins dated 1894 was removed from the foundation stone of the former lodge building which was nearly 60 years old.

Papers, also contained in this jar, had disintegrated. The coins and other articles bearing date of 1953 were sealed in a lead container and placed under the stone of the new building.

The first two of eight Sunderland flying-boats to be stationed at Lauthala Bay, Fiji, arrived from England on June 13, via Cairns and Noumea on the final section of the flight. One immediately took off again with His Excellency the Governor and Lady Garvey for Levuka. The Sunderlands will eventually replace the present Catalinas of No. 5 Flying Boat Squadron, RNZAF. Another eight will be stationed at Auckland with No. 6 Training Squadron.

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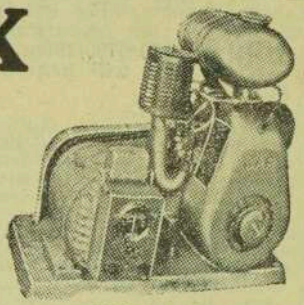

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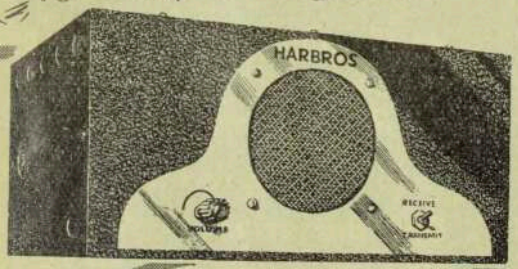

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)ODERN WHALING AS IT AFFECTS COPRA INDUSTRY

A Review by JPS

3 whale oil is one of the more important of the many factors affecting the price of copra, rief survey of that industry's ent-day methods may interest nut-growers.

here is a world of difference be- en whaling to-day and that of days of Herman Melville and Moby Dick. For a beginning, scene of operations in the main shifted from the tropics to the arctic. Yet not wholly, for iers will recall reports of "mys- ous" vessels sighted in the nity of New Ireland and the niralties in the summer of -52. These were undoubtedly vessels of the Japanese whaling t licensed during that season hunt sperm whales—the only ely sperm-hunting fleet operat- during that season.

'haling now is strictly controlled the 17-nations International aling Commission, whose head- rters are in London. Even Russia a signatory to the agreement ed in 1945, and appears to abide its terms. Whaling Commission ervers are carried aboard every ory ship to see that prohibited ding-grounds are not worked, no undersized whales or cows calves are killed, that every h is reported, and that the wed quantity is not exceeded.

June of every year the Whal- Commission fixes the opening closing dates for the coming son and the total quantity to be n by the combined fleets. The son's catch is announced in blue- le units—the blue whale being largest of all whales, averaging ut 90 feet long and yielding ut 120 barrels of oil. Thus for y blue caught the whalers may h two fin whales, two-and-a- hum cks, or six sei whales. or the past two seasons the ning date for pelagic whaling in Antarctic has been January 2, the combined catch fixed at 00 blue-whale units. The closing e has been midnight on April 7 the 16,000 units have not been n sooner.

s no catch is specified for in- dual fleets there is naturally n rivalry to take the lion's share the total allowable catch, and n increasing efficiency in equip- nt the seasons are tending to me progressively shorter. Faster hods of locating, killing and essing the catch are being dily developed.

BSERVERS aboard each factory ship radio the daily catch to the International Bureau of ale Statistics, and as the grand total of 16,000 units is approached the observers are alerted to report each individual catch, until, finally, the signal is given to close down—and another whaling season is over.

So long as the total annual oil-yield is kept at the same level, it is evident that the faster methods will react favourably on the whaling industry. The whales are in poor condition when in Spring they head south for the Antarctic to gorge themselves in the rich southern feeding-grounds. The longer they are left to feed there, the fatter they become. Therefore, if the season can open later, the same quantity of oil will be taken from fewer whales. The season's closing date is governed by the whale's migratory habits.

Since the war there have been important developments which aid speedier handling. Helicopters have been used by a British expedition to spot the whales—though the use of these is considered precarious in the quick-changing weather conditions of the Antarctic. Experiments are now being made in the use of explosive rockets fired from helicopters.

Another device is the small floating radio beacon, dropped by the helicopter in the vicinity of whales to guide the chasers to the scene by taking radio bearings on this

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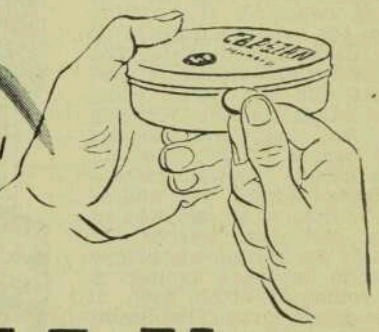

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niature transmitting station. asers use a similar device, which y attach to the whale after kill- it, to guide the factory ship to scene—the chaser meanwhile ting on with the job of locating killing other whales.

ERHAPS the most important development, still experimental, is the new electric harpoon ich not only kills instantly, but uses no internal damage to the at and by-products, and also ows the whale to remain floating er being killed. Whales killed h an explosive harpoon usually k, unless immediately inflated h compressed air by the whale- aser.

The major problem with the elec- c harpoon is the development of electric cable which will stretch en under strain, as does the lon rope used with the orthodox plosive harpoon. Such a cable is w being tried out. If it is a suc- s it is expected that most of the aling fleets will in future use e lighter, more easily handled ctric harpoon-gun, which re- ires much less skill. In the past e gunners have been the key n of the whaling industry, com- anding high salaries.

This season new devices have also en developed for locating the ale under water and following it methods similar to modern anti- bmarine location.

LAST season (1952) whale oil slumped heavily from as high as £172 per ton to £72, about 50,000 tons still remaining unsold in Norwegian hands at the opening of the 1953 season.

The decline was caused by increasing world supplies of other oils, notably coconut oil. The effect has been to reduce the whaling fleets from twenty-one to eighteen—eight Norwegian, three British, three Japanese, one Russian, one South African, one Dutch and one from Panama, the latter actually German-owned.

In the 1952 season, the British Ministry of Food contracted to buy all the British-produced oil that was offering, at £110 per ton—though the free market fluctuated from £172, at the opening of the season, to £70 by the middle of last year. What arrangements the British Ministry of Food has made for the 1953 season are unknown.

ANTARCTIC whaling is, in the main, for baleen whales whose diet is shrimps and prawns—the baleen or whalebone being a kind of strainer in the mouth of the whale which permits only these tiny crustaceans to be swallowed. These whales produce edible oil.

The sperm whale, toothed, and living on cuttle fish, is the only variety that could swallow Jonah. The giant blue has a very small throat.

Different regulations govern sperm whaling, the season opening earlier and the whaling grounds extending to the tropics. Most of the whaling fleets, en route to the Antarctic, spend a period sperm-whaling before the Antarctic season opens. Sperm oil is usable only for industrial purposes—steel-tempering, paints, etc. In the 1952 season, sperm oil was quoted on the London market at £80 per ton at a time when best grade edible whale

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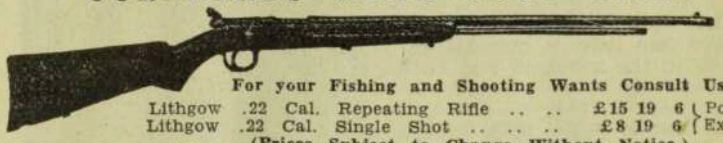

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oil was bringing £115. Sperm oil supplies do not greatly influence the edible oil market. There was a considerable glut of sperm oil at the opening of the 1953 whaling season.

Although the availability of edible whale oil on the world market must influence the price of coconut oil, whale oil production in the 1953 season is unlikely to be much higher than last, and it may be lower. Next whaling season may see a reduction imposed by the Whaling Commission on the number of whales to be killed, though improved methods could hold the oil yield at the same level. There is, however, certainly no indication of greatly increased supplies of whale oil appearing on the world market.

Any adverse influence on copra prices is more likely to come from increased world output of edible vegetable oils, including coconut oil, than from whaling, which appears to have much more to fear from the vegetable oil market than vice versa.

WHALING statistics show that there has been a marked decline in the numbers and sizes of blue and fin whales caught in post war years. In 1946-47—the first post-war season—9,302 blue whales were taken. Two seasons later the total was 6,964 blue whales. The percentage of blues declined from 40.8 per cent. to 28.5 per cent. It may be that the Commission will heavily reduce the permissible number of blue whale killings for the next seven years—the time that it takes for a blue to reach maturity. A decision on this point will be based on the results of the 1953 season's whaling. Certainly, if the price of whale oil further declines, fewer factories will go south next season.

Last season, 1951-52, the Antarctic whaling fleets took 2,328,869 barrels of oil—and the three Antarctic land stations produced 144,812 barrels. Outside the Antarctic—in New Zealand, South Africa and elsewhere—656,426 barrels were produced. (1953 season's figures opposite).

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tarctic Whale-Catch Down

UE mainly to the low price of whale oil, caused by increased world production of coco- and other vegetable oil, to a carry-over of whale oil m last season, three fewer whal- factories were engaged in the arctic in the season just ended the catch fell by 1,020 blue ale units to a total of 14,855 units the season. The permitted maxi- m catch was, as in recent years, 00 units. Thirty-eight fewer sers were engaged and the aller catch took 10 days longer obtain. The season was from uary 2 to March 16.

orwegian whale meat is re- ted to be selling readily in the ted States, marketed in attrac- cartons containing a portion icient for three persons, and ed at from 85 to 90 cents. per ton. The meat is imported deep- zen.

he Australian Trade Commis- ner's Office in New York esti- tes that there is a potential ale-meat market of about 10 lion pounds weight per annum he US.

Fiji Coconut Statistics

ESULTS of a coconut-areas survey of Fiji carried out by Mr. L. W. Harwood of the Agricultural Department and ently published show the follow-

alms in bearing on estates and ntations: 68,607 acres; on Fijian ed properties (not in organised ntations): 80,545 acres.

f these areas, 13,475 acres repre- t trees under eight years of age; 17 acres of trees from eight to years old; 34,858 acres from 21 35 years old; 41,538 from 36 to years; and 51,537 acres over 50 rs of age.

Ir. Harwood estimates that to intain the industry at its present el about 3,800 acres must be nted each year for the next nine rs.

ew appointments to the BSIP ude Mr. P. J. A. Barrett, who been appointed Chief Clerk, stern Pacific High Commission, secondment from the United gdom Civil Service; and Dr. A. lins, Acting Senior Medical cer. Both are expected to arrive Honiara in July. The present ior Medical Officer, Dr. W. H. Donald, has been transferred to to take charge of the Leper tlement at Makogai, after more n six years service in the Pro- orate. Mr. Barrett replaces Mr. J. Bernhardt, who retired re- tly after more than twenty years' vice with the Protectorate Gov- ment.

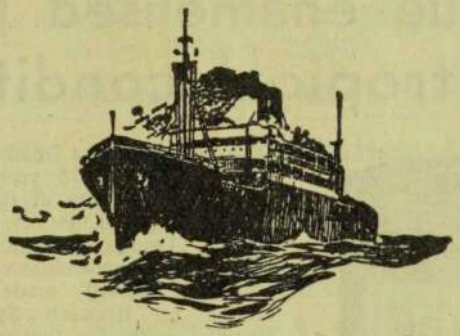
Hansen-Cobcroft Wedding

A pretty wedding was celebrated in Apia, W. Samoa on June 6, when Mr. Brian Cobcroft eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cobcroft of Vaipoto Plantation was married at the Anglican Chaplaincy, to Miss Nola April Hansen of New Zealand.

The bridegroom's father is a well-known pioneer cocoa planter. Miss Hansen has been a nursing sister on the staff of the Apia Government Hospital.

Mrs. H. Thieme was matron-of-honour and Mr. Denby Cobcroft, brother of the groom, was bestman. A reception was held at the Sisters' Home at Motootua and later in the spacious grounds of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Carruthers at Vailima, where a large gathering spent a delightful evening.

¶ Mr. R. L. Munro has been appointed Chairman of the Fiji Broadcasting Commission, which takes over responsibility for Fiji broadcasting next year. Other members are Mr. I. B. Chalmers, Mr. J. N. Falvey, Mr. G. Knapman, Pandit Ami Chandra, and the Acting Director of Education (Mr. G. Arthur).



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Native Conchologists of the Louisiades

Fourteen years' missionary work among the natives of the Louisiade Archipelago, Papua, qualifies the Rev. H. K. Bartlett to write with authority on native customs. Mr. Bartlett, who is now State secretary and clerical treasurer of the Methodist Overseas Mission, wrote the following article as the outcome of a paragraph which appeared on page 70 of the December P.I.M.

THE Misima natives who offered £2 for the "faded and chipped" shell, evidently had an eye to business. The shell was probably a *Spondylus Chama* or similar species highly valued by the Sudest and Rossel Islanders, Papua.

Broken, worm-eaten shells are prized, not for their outward appearance, but for the rich colour that appears during the grinding and polishing processes. The Misima name for such a shell is *Dapele* or *Ava*.

In 1941, when I was leaving Misima for a trip to the islands of the Calvados Chain, a native asked me to trade a *Dapele* for him on Sudest. I was to take not less than two strings of shell beads, valued at £6 each. I found, however, that the shell was neither the colour nor the thickness required by the men of Sudest and was advised to offer it to the Rossel Islanders.

On Sudest *Dapele* is traded openly but on Rossel Island the whole business is very secretive.

Rossel Islanders have an interesting monetary system. A *Ndap* "coin" is a piece of shell, highly polished and roughly triangular in shape. The 22 main values are distinguished chiefly by colour which ranges from almost white through yellow to deep red A *Nko* "coin" consists of 10 shell discs strung on a piece of cane or orchid stem. On certain ceremonial occasions several hundred of *Nko* "coins," totalling thousands of discs, are displayed as a long rope.

While on a visit to Dyndyo village I saw a single valve of a large shell, much worm-eaten and heavily encrusted. There was no outward indication of any colour, but I was informed that when these shells are ground the colours—red, yellow or green—are sometimes revealed. These shells are called *Ndyile* and are thought to have come from deep water.

According to tradition the god *Wonago* made *Ndap* from a bivalve which he found in Yonnga Bay. Some of my informants suggested that *Ndap* and *Nko* were made from the two valves of the same shell. The red *Spondylus*, commonly found at Rossel Island, has a free valve with a deep red lip, whereas

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valve attached to the rocks very little colour. Some of the ng men claimed that the "true" ll was abundant in Yonnga Bay, the old men denied any wledge of it.
here was little chance of investi- on as the waters of the bay are nly *tabu* and no local native es explore the ancient treasury he gods.

STRALIAN CIVILIANS AINING IN NUS AIR FIGHTING

GHTER aircraft with Aus- tralian civilian pilots from No. 23 (City of Brisbane) Squadron e been to Manus for 10 days exercises in co-operation with incoln heavy bombers from No. Wing, Amberley.
his was the first overseas opera- by Australian Citizen Air Force e the war. Five of the eight stang pilots engaged, and over f the ground-crew, were Citizen Force members, and their keen- s made a good impression on ior officers.
n interesting part of the train- was instruction on jungle sur- l, given by Lt.-Commander F. A. ades—who was well known in New Guinea-Solomons jungle ting of 1942-45.

Fiji Rice at £50 a Ton

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 20.

SOME locally grown rice was sell- ing in Fiji at £50 per ton in June, although world price is about £112 and the retail price in Suva of Australian rice is £F86/13/4.

Those handling rice in Fiji gave several reasons for the present low price of the local product. First, rice is in good supply, last season having been good; secondly, the quality varies considerably and rice selling at £50 may not be top quality; thirdly, some Indian farmers, pressed for cash, are selling at lower than normal rates.

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A son (Peter John) was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Weeks, of Rabaul, NG, on June 14.

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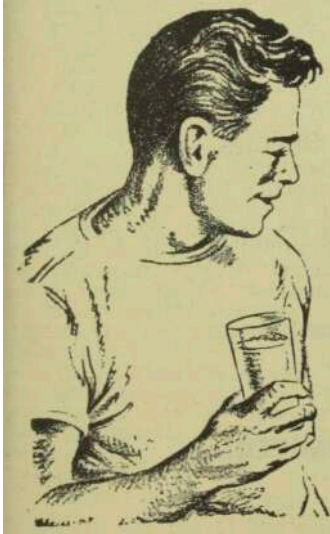

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"Era of Hope" for E. Samoa

JESSE H. BUFFUM, writing in the *Christian Science Monitor*, expresses the opinion that E. Samoa enters a new era of hope with the arrival of Governor Lawrence Judd—fourth governor in two years. Unlike his predecessors, says Buffum, Judd is a man with a considerable knowledge of Pacific Islanders and his life has, in fact, been that of an Islander himself.

Buffum predicts that Judd will place emphasis on greater educational facilities, especially the teaching of English which has hampered Samoans in filling positions in the outside world, and in placing these better educated Samoans in many local administrative positions with the object in view of eventual self government.

Judd will also place great emphasis on increasing local food production, in cutting down on imported foodstuffs, and in the establishment of economic crops such as cocoa and coffee, the writer declares.

Another industry that he considers Governor Judd will foster is the establishment of a fish cannery—the fish to be brought in from areas outside Samoa by American tuna vessels which currently operate far from their home ports in Hawaii or the Pacific Coast.

(Editorial Note: Mr. Buffum is putting it right up to Governor Judd, whose predecessors have not exactly been slackers. The establishment of economic crops depends on the availability of arable land—there are only 76 square miles of land in the whole group, and much of that is mountainous. There are 13,000 Samoans in Eastern Samoa. A fish cannery was established in Pago when South Seas Marine Products set out to catch tuna in Fiji waters. It was to be canned in Pago in order to overcome import restrictions in the US. But Fiji tuna refused to be caught and the cannery at Pago has been, up to the present, a white elephant.)

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has received a message from community leaders in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands offering to raise a force of up to 2,000 volunteers for service in Malaya. Her Majesty's Government regrets however, that it is impossible "on practical and administrative grounds" to accept the offer.

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MORESBY'S SUCCESSFUL FLOWER SHOW

From a Special Correspondent

MORESBY, June 20.

PORT MORESBY'S first Flower Show was held in the Red Cross Hall on June 13, and despite the fact that it coincided with the start of the dry season, there were 300 entries.

The South Pacific Post trophy went to Mrs. N. W. Sheedy of the 8 Mile area who scored 31 points with her entries; second place, Mrs. I. Cromie; and third award, Mrs. M. Cleland.

The show was well patronized; about 800 were present when the Administrator, Brigadier Cleland, presented the trophy to Mrs. Sheedy.

In addition to the local exhibits there was a beautiful collection of flowers from the Highlands which were flown to Moresby without charge by Qantas Empire Airways. The Highland display comprised gladioli, carnations, delphiniums, and more than a dozen other varieties of temperate climate flowers.

Mr. K. J. O'Dell, who was chairman and manager of the Flower Show, did a fine job, assisted by other enthusiastic citizens who are now planning to form a Horticultural Society.

The last meeting of the present Fiji Legislative Council takes place on June 26. Elections for unofficial European and Indian members to the new Council will probably be held in August. Fijian unofficial members will be selected by the Governor from a panel which the Council of Chiefs elected last year.

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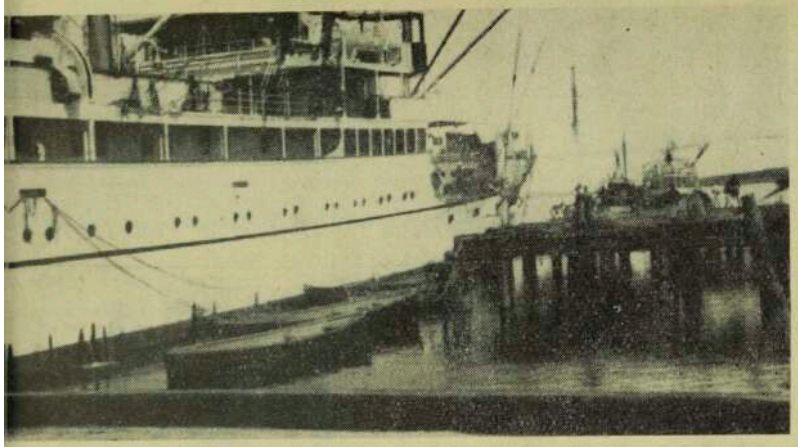

Here the Burns Philp motor-vessel Malaita is shown lying uneasily at the wharf Kavieng, New Ireland. What there is of the wharf is new, but only two legs the "U" have been built, and one leg is shorter than the other. This requires e juggling on the part of Master Mariners who are unfortunate enough to have take their ships in there. It is difficult to manoeuvre so that more than one tch at a time can be worked onto the wharf, and when this is accomplished there usually no place for the gangway.

Mr. R. L. Bain and Mrs. Bain re-rned to Fiji from the United King-m in mid-June. Mr. Bain shortly ll leave Fiji to take up a posiiton Secretary to the Government of nga.

¶ Mr. E. A. Crane, MA, Principal of Lelean Memorial School, Davuilevu, Fiji, resigned in June to become Principal of the Government College, Atele, Tonga. Mr. Crane has been in Fiji since 1946.

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Some of the new names commemorate local personalities. Frere Alain was Director of the Brothers School for many years, Edouard Ahane a lawer and late Deputy, Teriierooiterai, famous chief of Papenoo District who died July 1952, and Joseph Quesnot another late Deputy of French Oceania. Gauguin was, of course, the artist who lived and painted some of his more important works in Tahiti before dying in the Marquesas.

¶ The Rev. Fr. A. Angsthelm, SM, of W. Samoa, is at present visiting Europe. He arrived in Samoa in 1937.

¶ Fiji's representatives at the Coronation were heading for home late in May. Mr. H. Maurice Scott and Ratu George Cakobau called at Malaya to visit the Infantry Battalion before returning to Fiji. Major Oliver Edwards and the three servicemen under his command who went to London from Fiji are returning via Canada, the US, Panama and Hawaii in HMAS *Australia*. First Battalion men from Malaya under Major J. Takala, were returning there by troopship. Mr. Vishnu Deo, representing the Fiji Indian community, broke his air journey home by a three-week stay in India.

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sland Travellers in June

w Zealander George Aiton decided to rn home after a 23-years stay-over in iti. He has recently been a mechanic he Papeete brewery.

iss Ethel Nordman of Papeete (left) by her mother and friends as she ped ashore from Tahitien on its len voyage to Pacific.

r. R. Brozzetti, engineer of Papeete, passed through Suva on TEAL en route to France for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Carter returned to Suva after a business visit to Samoa and a look at Aitutaki and Papeete. (See elsewhere "Tikis for America".)

Mr. C. J. Edwards, Asst. Manager in Australia for Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, arrived in Suva by TEAL to examine the possibility of establishing a Fiji Branch under the agency of Oceania Agencies Co.

BS NOT BEING WITHHELD FROM NAURUANS

)ME rather angry charges against the Australian Government in relation to its administration of the phosphate island of iru were made on June 23 by H. E. Hurst, principal of a l-known school in Geelong, Victoria, who has taken a keen interest in the education of Nauruan s. He said there were more opeans in high positions in iru than ever before, although tralia had promised the United ions that Nauruans ultimately ld fill all administrative posts.

he Secretary of the Department Territories, Mr. Lambert, on e 24, said the appearance of e Europeans in Nauru positions due simply to the expansion of ustry and administration there. number of Nauruans in official ts had not decreased, and the hest position on the island rector of Native Affairs, and cial magistrate) now was held a Nauruan. But although every lity and encouragement were n the natives, their ambitions in king administration posts sometat outstripped their energy and l. It was deliberate policy that ference be given to the Nauruans Government appointments— n the Nauruans possessed the essary qualifications.

17-year-old Penrhyn youth liv- at Rarotonga, Cook Is., stole £15 cash, a lumber jacket and other dries from the home of a Euron, then spent some of the ney, consumed some liquor, then nd himself a quiet corner in a se where no one was at home, rest on his laurels. Unfortunately house happened to be that of ice Chief Jack Best. Result, 6 nths gaol.

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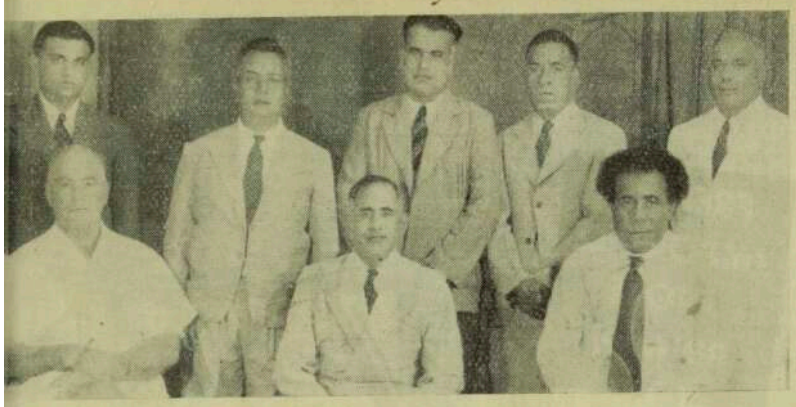

This is a recent photograph of the Union delegates of the Fiji Industrial Workers' ngress. The Congress consists of representatives of seven labour unions.
Left to right, at back: M. Ramzan (sec., P.W.D. Employees' Union); B. D. Lakman, BA, BT, (President, Fiji Airways Employees' Union); Nandkishore (President, i Sugar Industry Employees' Association); Tomasi Vunisina (President, Fiji Timber lustry Employees' Union and Sec., Industrial Worker's Congress); P. A. Singh resident, Fiji Commercial Employees' Union).
In front: Capt. J. Mullins (President, Fiji Seamen's Union); Ami Chandra, MA, .Ed., JP (President, Industrial Workers' Congress); Basilio Mata (Sec., Fijian ne Workers' Union).
—Photo by Caine's Studio

Meeting of P-NG Public Servants

T a special general meeting held in Port Moresby, Papua, on June 23, Public Service Association voted against a motion for compulsory membership.

It also rejected another motion that benefits obtained for public servants through representations of the PSA be limited to financial members.

The meeting accepted a proposal changing the composition of the PSA Council —that is, for replacement of divisional representation by departmental representatives.

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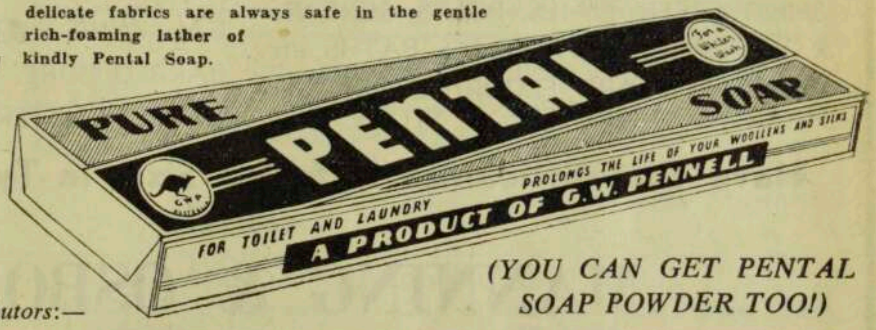

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From a Special Correspondent

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The Tokelaus probably represent the smallest administration in the Pacific—three or four small atolls, with some 3,000 Polynesians, attached for purposes of convenience to the NZ Trustee Administration of Western Samoa.

Probably, in the course of a year, the Tokelaus would not normally receive or despatch more than a few hundred letters. But NZ has designed and printed a special set of stamps for the use of the Tokelauans; and, as most stamp collectors—the world's most passionate hobbyists—cannot be happy without Tokelau stamps, the sale of the stamps is highly profitable for NZ—it more than pays the cost of governing the placid Tokelauans.

In June, a special Catalina plane from the NZ Royal Air Force flew to the Tokelaus, carrying 10,000 covers with Tokelau Coronation stamps upon them. The plane, in Apia, picked up officials of the Samoan Post Office; the officials landed upon the three Tokelau islands (Fakaofo, Nukunono and Atafu) with their equipment; there they solemnly cancelled the Coronation stamps on the 10,000 envelopes; and then the plane flew back to NZ with the envelopes, after returning the post-office officials safely to the bosom of their families in Samoa.

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Fiji Fish

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to be taken in Fiji waters on
ting equipment. Caught by Mr. James
wing (right), recently retired Governor
E. Samoa, during May.

INTEREST IN YMCA ACTIVITIES IN MORESBY

ALL sections of the Port Moresby community — the churches, business interests, government, sporting bodies as well as private citizens—were well represented at the meeting held on June 22 to discuss the possibility of YMCA work being extended to the Territory.

Many of the speakers endorsed the view that a definite need existed for a recreational and cultural centre for the young European people of the community, most of whom live away from their homes and have only the various licensed clubs to go to for recreation.

Mr. Rube Brennan, Administration Personnel Officer and President of the Public Service Association, was chairman of the meeting.

It was decided to appoint a provisional committee to make contact with the Australian YMCA National Committee. Mr. E. A. James was appointed Chairman, Mr. R. Thomson, Secretary, with Messrs. D. E. Ure, J. H. A'Hearn, and L. K. Allen as general members.

The general view was that it would be advisable to make a start on YMCA activities with a centre in Port Moresby for Europeans, and later extend this to other Territory towns, and ultimately to similar centres for the native people.

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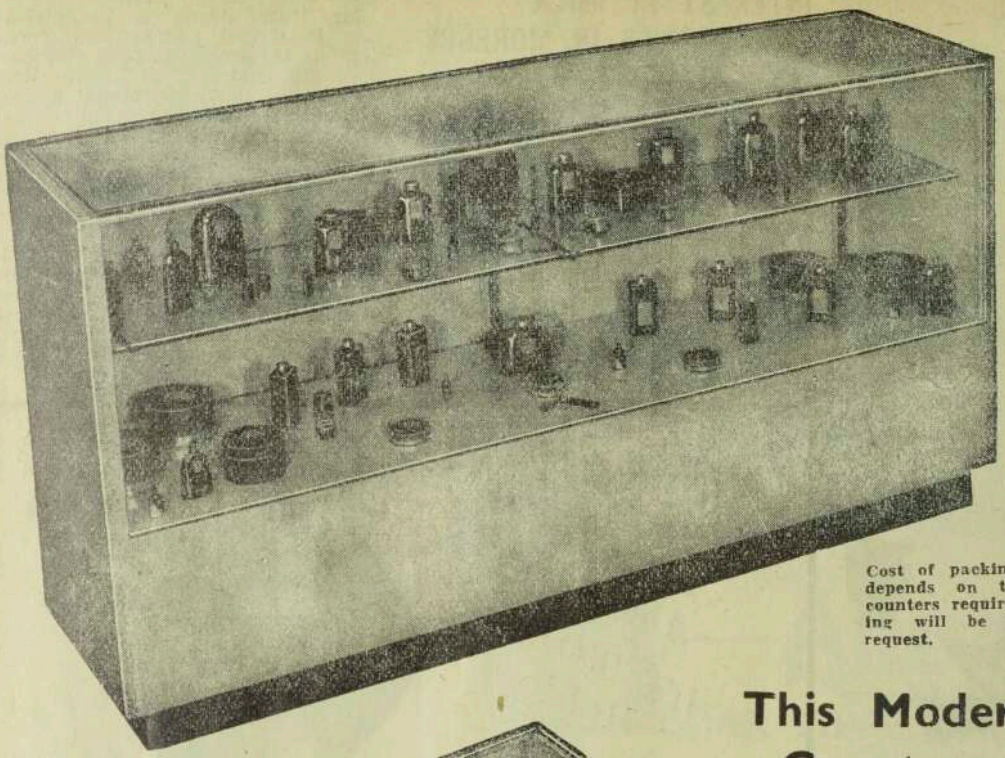

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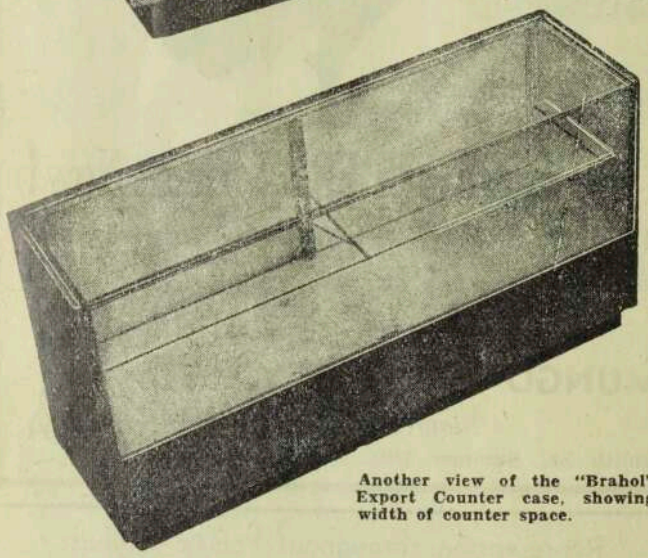

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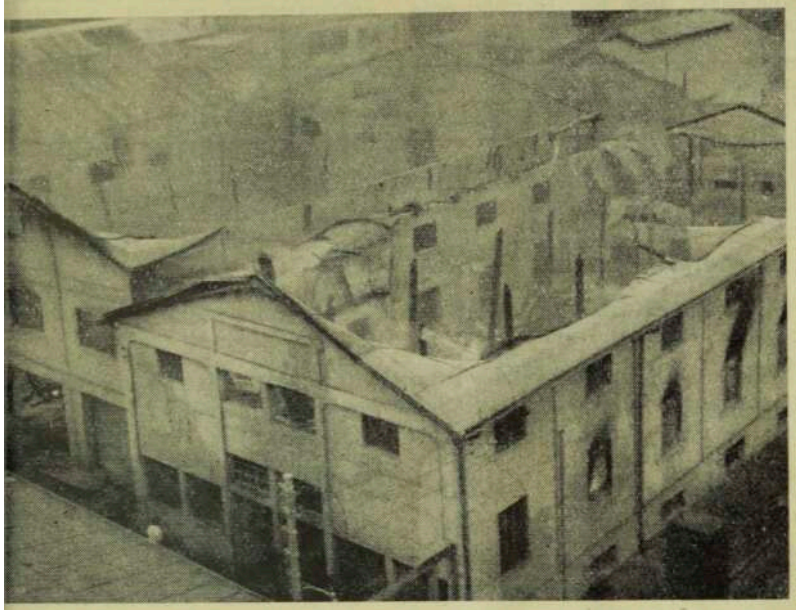
Heavy Loss in Fire in Noumea

Only the shells of two large Noumea warehouses remained after fire broke out in them on the morning of June 23. They were brick and concrete structures, recently completed, and they carried much merchandise, just discharged from the MM liner *Tahitien*. The buildings and goods were owned by Maison Barrau, and the loss is estimated in millions of francs.



Noumea's inadequate fire-fighting equipment could not control the flames which, driven by a westerly wind, threatened a large residential area. So 500 yards of fire hose was run out from the *Tahitien*, and the ship's powerful pumps assisted materially in checking the flames.

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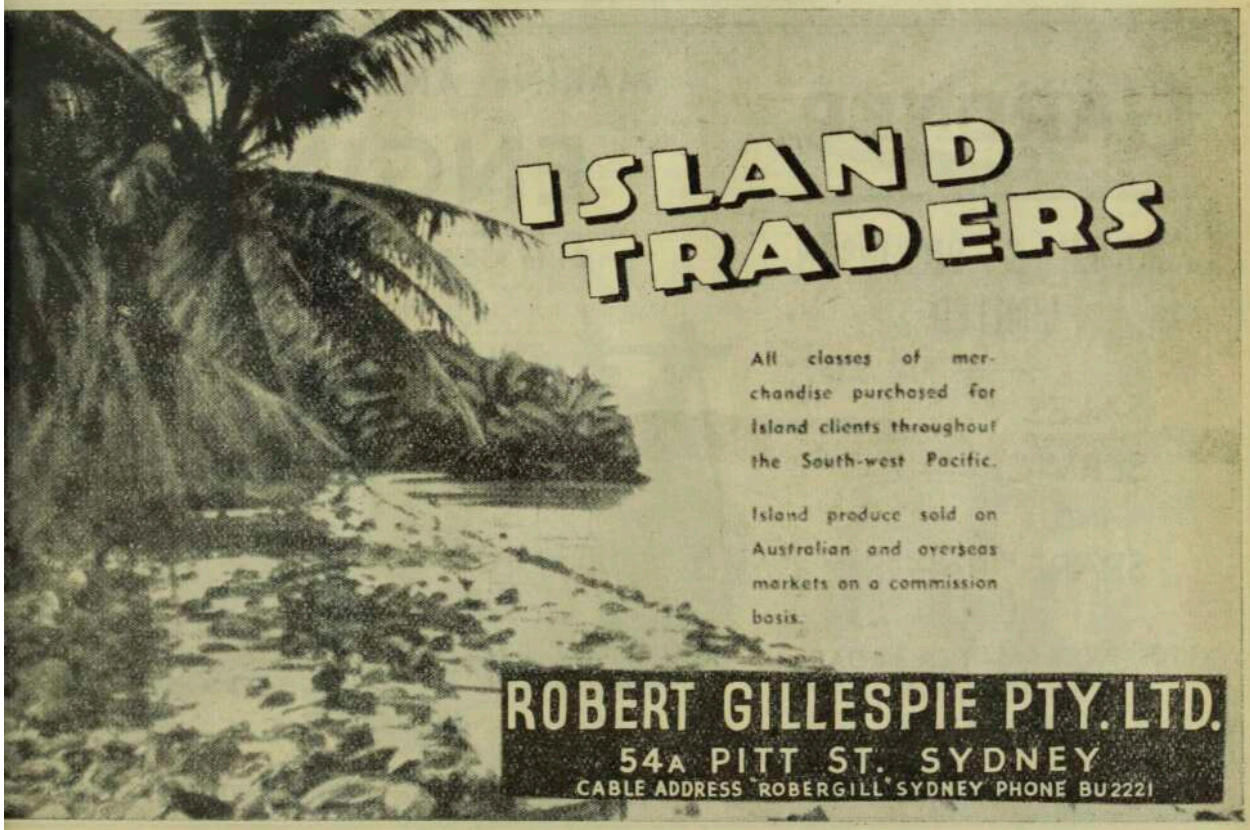

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Barrau; but it could have been worse because if the usual South-Easter had been blowing, the big firm's main stores could scarcely have escaped. (Photo by Fred Dunn.)

PECULIAR ECONOMY OF NEW CALEDONIA

NEW CALEDONIA has received much publicity lately from journalists who went to the South Pacific Conference in Noumea in April. Most of these visiting observers were impressed by the domination which the nickel and chrome interests exercise over the Territory. The following, from a leading Australian daily, is typical:

"We could make much more of our natural resources, I suppose. But our economy is dominated by the nickel company. All the profit from mining and smelting goes out of the country.

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"France makes some grants, the rest comes from import and export duties. We can develop more if some of the profits remain. Do we want that? Well, we are very comfortable as we are."

¶ Mr. J. G. Munt, a resident of Papua for 46 years, and owner of Nivani Island, Deboyne Lagoon, has retired from the active management of his plantation properties and is taking an extended holiday in England and the Continent, before settling down. His two sons are carrying on the plantations and trading interests.

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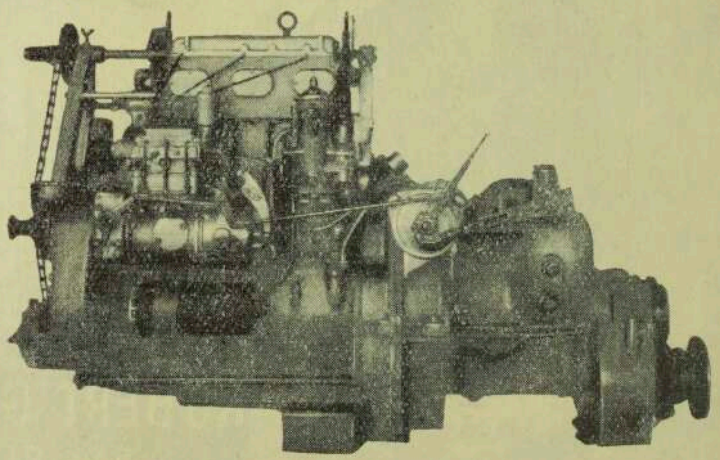

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EX-SERVICEMEN'S VENTURE

O sell, with a guarantee of service and spare parts, craft suitable for Islands trade—especiy converted war surplus craft—s the mission of Mr. Peter rockmorton, of Honolulu, who ited Suva and Noumea in June, er a period in Papeete.

As one of three ex-servicemen rtners in the Reliable Engine Reir Service, of Honolulu, Mr. rockmorton says he is confident at his company can provide a vice to present owners of warplus American vessels south of Line, as well as to traders seek- vessels.

Having just completed the regining of the well-known *Taurua* Papeete, and in anticipation of ling other vessels in that area, company may organise a South cific service depot there.

Mr. Throckmorton was recently charged from an Army hospital er service in Korea, and three rs as a repair foreman in an my yard in Japan. Another rtner Mr. W. (Red) Sholtz is an chief engineer in US submarines; d the third partner, Jack Parıs, is an ex US Navy CPO. oltz was formerly chief engineer the famous *Cheng Ho* junkht. Throckmorton was engineer the Tahiti Public Works Departnt's LCT *Porionuu*, on its dery voyage from Honolulu last r. Combining business with that , Throckmorton and Scholtz ho was by then in another hiti trading vessel) obtained a ntract to re-engine the *Taurua*. Two of the partners, using a paid w, operated what they claim to the only non-US Japanese-owned ning boat that makes money, out Honolulu. The vessel, *Sea Hawk*, neered hand-line fishing in the nch Frigate Shoal, Maro Reef, d Palmyra atoll areas, and is rating at the former locations the present time.

The partners have plenty of enprise and deserve to succeed in ir present plans, but dollars may ve an obstacle to business in ne South Pacific areas.

TUI CACAU AWAY—The *Tui cau*, normally on the Fiji interands service, cleared Suva under mmand of Captain E. Hay, early ne, on a NZ Government charter bring leper patients in to Mako—four from Niue, seven from Cooks, and five from Apia. Rening to Rarotonga as a passenger s CIMP Tou, who had been in va for some months on a special gical course. There were also ne boys who had failed to qualify the Central Medical School, rening home.

M/V. *ALTAIR*—Morris Hedm's 260 g.t. *Altair* resumed on Fiji inter-island service late June after refit. Captain George Whippy is now in command, replacing Captain J. Mc. Arnot, who is bringing the South Pacific Shipping Co's *San Michele* from Cyprus.

VUNIWAI STRANDING—That no blame was attachable to the Fijian master, as the shoal was unchartered and the topmarks missing from the beacons in the vicinity, was the official finding on the stranding of the 77-tons Medical Department's *Vuniwai* at Moturiki Passage, near Qoma, Fiji, on April 28. The vessel was slipped in Suva, and damage was slight.

WRIT ON *VILA STAR*—The New Hebrides Trading & Shipping Co's. *Vila Star*, currently operating between New Hebrides, New Zealand and Australia, got publicity in NZ in May, when Northern SS Co., of Auckland, placed a writ on the vessel at Tauranga, in respect of a claim for £5,800, in dispute between the two companies. The debt was settled within a few days, and the ship sailed for Sydney.

KAUMOANA AT PAPEETE—Mervin Bros. single-screw, war-surplus vessel *Kaumoana*, en route from France to Tahiti, broke her tail shaft 300 miles east of the Marquesas. Some members of the crew manned the boat and sailed

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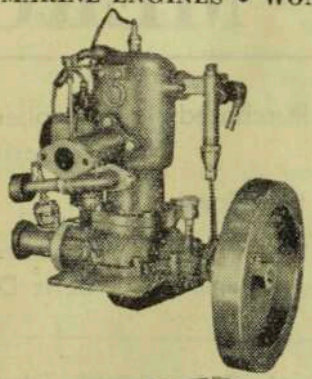

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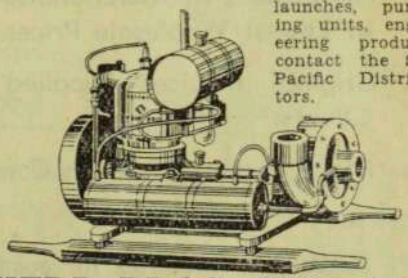

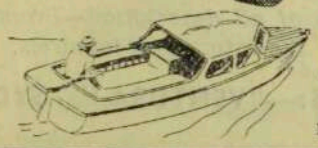

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on ahead for assistance. *Kaumoana* was then towed to Marquesas by another vessel. Repairs were effected there with the aid of the workshop aboard the French naval sloop *La Mouqueuse*, and *Kaumoana* eventually reached Papeete under her own power.

NEO HEBRIDAIS II—A Union SS Co. vessel, formerly well known on the Australian coast and sold some time ago to a Sydney buyer, has been resold to Societe Maritime et Miniere Hagen, of Noumea. Formerly *Koranui*—and before that *Cleopatra*—the vessel has been renamed *Neo Hebridais II* and will replace the *Neo Hebridais*, which has operated on the Noumea-Sydney service for 15 years. The vessel, built in Germany in 1914, is a steel steamer of 1,266 tons gross. *Neo Hebridais*, built in Holland in 1918, is a steel steamer of 793 gross tons.

ADA FOR G & E CHARTER—Tasman SS Co's recently purchased wooden motor vessel, *Ada*, went into service June 12, when she cleared Auckland for Tonga, fully laden. The 300-tons-gross craft will operate a number of charter voyages for the Colony Wholesale Society, Gilbert and Ellice Islands. First of these was expected to be a general cargo from Suva to Tarawa, and the return voyage with empty drums. Other voyages were expected to be on the New Gilbertese settlements on Phoenix Islands.

BOATS FOR TROCHUS FISHING—Brought to Auckland recently by the *Titanbank*, four lifeboats salvaged from the ill-fated *Kelvinbank* (which was wrecked on Ocean Island some months ago) were put up for auction. They were purchased by the New Hebrides Trading & Shipping Co. and loaded aboard their *Vila Star* for transport to Sydney. From there it is understood that they would go north to be used for trochus-fishing in No Queensland waters.

EL RETIRO IN TROUBLE—*Retiro* (formerly *Kapiti*, well kno in New Zealand waters) seems have ended her short and rat unhappy Islands career on a ree

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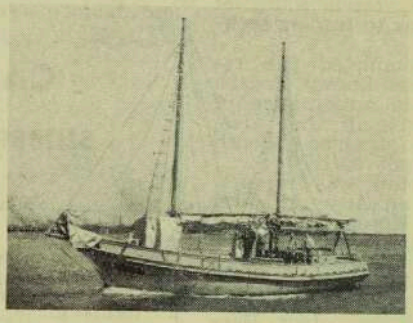

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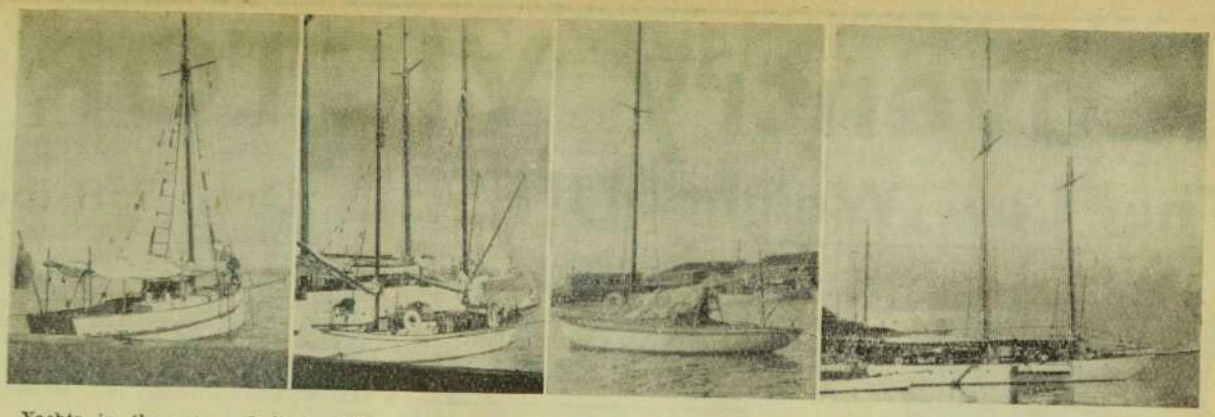


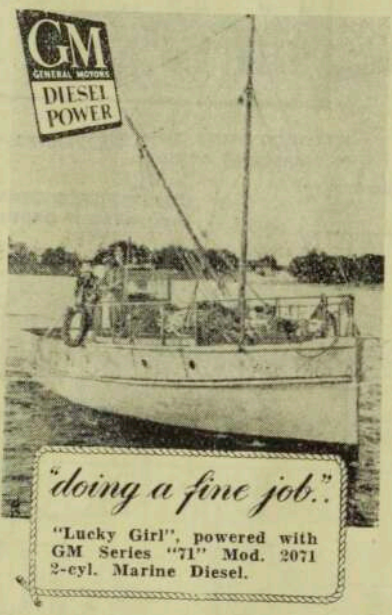
Yachts in the news. Left to right: Moonraker, Novia, Les 4 Vents, and Ramona. All taken in Papeete recently.

lew Hebrides in June. She was uilt in Paisley in 1902. At first steamer she was later given a iesel motor of a type notoriously ckle. Captain E. Savoie, of foumea, purchased the ship in uckland in 1950, used her for a hile on the Noumea-Auckland-ydney circuit, and sold her to an-ther Noumea firm when he pur-ased *Maria del Mar* (ex *Margaret-*) from the same Auckland wners.

SAN MICHELE ON WAY—South acific Shipping Co's wooden motor essel *San Michele*, mentioned last onth, was expected to clear Cyprus route to Suva, via Suez, late in ne. The newly-formed company pects the vessel to arrive late ugust.

EXIT *MAOAE*—Another of hiti's larger schooners, the *aoae*, 145 tons gross (95 net) nk at her berth in Papeete on ay 30 after having lain idle for long period. *Maoae* was one of ree large two-masted schooners rchased by the local administra-n from North American owners ring the latter part of World War The others were *Hotu* (wrecked the Tuamotu two years ago) and *rehau* (still operating). Together, y figured in a scandal during regime of Governor Orselli, it ng alleged that someone had de money on the very high price d for these aged craft. It is un-ely that *Maoae* will be salvaged, her hull is reported in very poor dition and her useful life ended. was a Bluenose-type of Grand ks schooner. Mervin Brothers the owners.

NSURANCE AND *MOANA*—It reported from Tahiti that, for time being, the insurance derwriters have refused to pay on the loss of the 161-tons iti schooner *Moana*, burnt at off Anaa several months ago. was the second vessel to be by fire in the Tuamotus within few months. The other was *emise*. Another, *Tagua*, had on fire in the same area last



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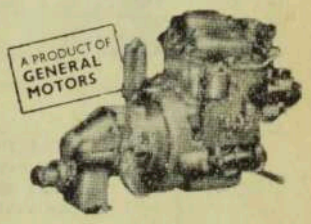

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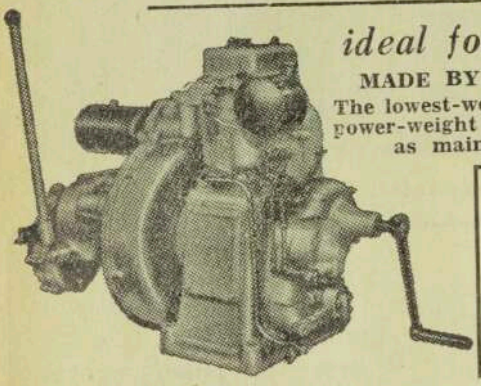

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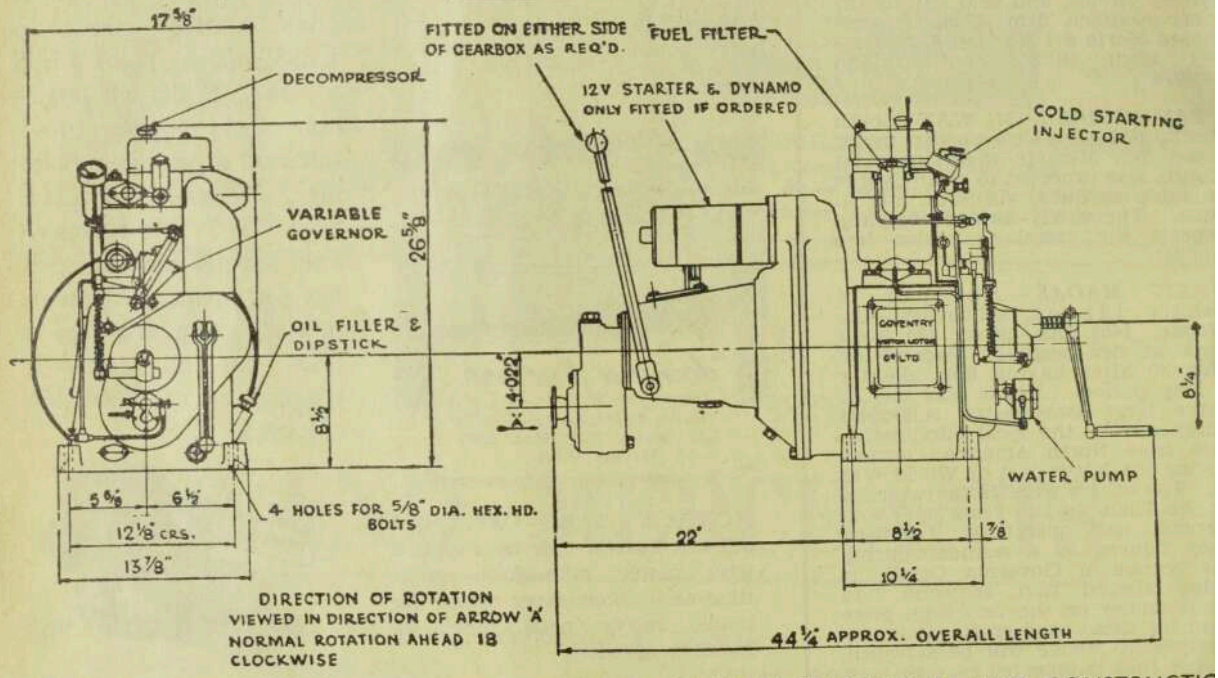

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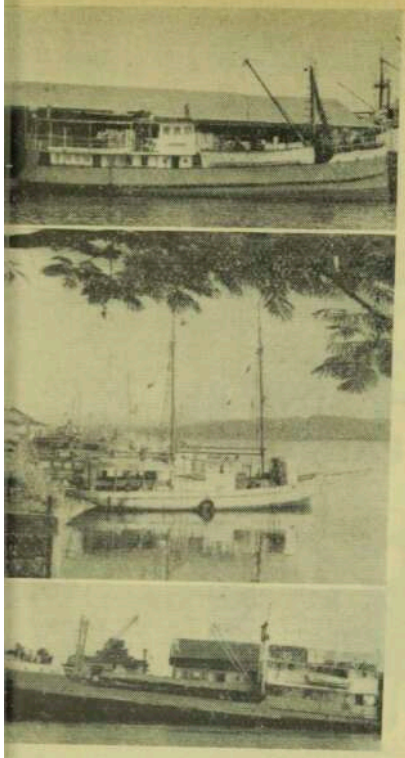

Tui Cacau left Suva for the Cooks and Samoa on a leper patient trip.

year, but was saved by her master and chief engineer. All had different owners.

KANDAVULEVU FOR SALE—The well-known little schooner *Kandavulevu*, of 32 gross tons, was for sale in Suva in June. Built in Suva by S. G. Griffin, in 1920, she is 50' x 14½' x 7', with a 35 hp Vivian diesel. Owned by the Fijian Affairs Department she has operated for the Kandavu Island people until laid up some time ago. That service is now being maintained by the *Melanesia*, which was purchased recently from Mr. Frewen.

TIARE FOR REFIT—The French naval sloop *Tiare* was expected in Suva from Noumea early July for refit. The job was expected to take about ten days.

AWA FOR NEW GUINEA—The *Awa*, a former Navy Fairmile, which has been converted into a luxurious pleasure-yacht, 112 ft long, was in North Queensland waters in June, on her way from her home port, Newcastle, to New Guinea and islands eastward. Her owner-skipper is Mr. J. T. Tillitzki, and he has three companions. The *Awa* has seven two-berth cabins, a dining saloon, kitchen, lounge, bathroom and three wash-rooms.

Schooner Kadavulevu on sale in Suva. MH's Altair resumed in the Fiji inter-island service after survey.

AWALA ARRIVES IN NG—Mr C. E. Searle, of Awala Plantation, in the Northern District, Papua, has recently returned there from Australia with a 48-ft trawler.

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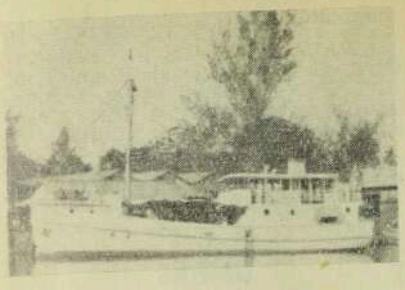

The new motor-vessel "Simbang," recently built in Brisbane for the Lutheran Mission, photographed as she lay alongside the Mission wharf in Madang, New Guinea. It was a gala day at the Mission on June 14, when Dr. Kuder, President of the Lutheran Mission, dedicated the vessel to the service of his church, in an impressive ceremony.

coast outlet for the Popondetta-Kokoda district.

He has renamed the craft *Awala*, and sailed it himself from New South Wales to the Territory.

ERICA BLOWN ON BEACH—The coastal vessel *Erica* was blown on to the beach at Wewak, NG, on the night of June 8 when a 50-mile-an-hour wind hit the area.

She was refloated early on the morning of the 12th by the Government trawler *Thetis* and the Mission ship *Fatima Star*, which had maintained towing operations for three nights.

News of Cruising Yachts

(Due to the large number of yachts now cruising in or towards the South Pacific Islands—about 50, to our knowledge—only brief movement reports can be given here, after initial details of yacht, crew and plans have been published. Details of cruising yachts, not already mentioned here, are always welcome. Write to Pacific Islands Monthly representative, Box 5179, Wellesley St. Post Office, Auckland, NZ.)

• The big 54-foot cutter *Leda*, of Tauranga, NZ (recently at Suva in the course of a cruise to the States) had a fortunate escape from serious damage at 8 p.m. on June 14.

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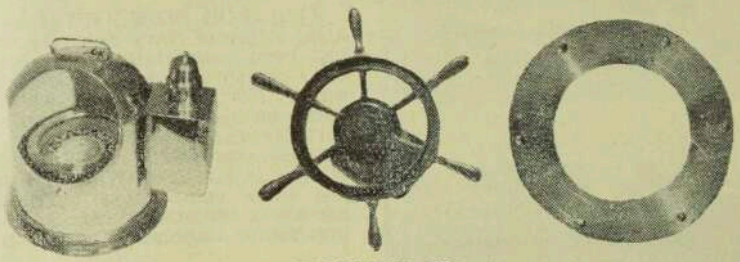

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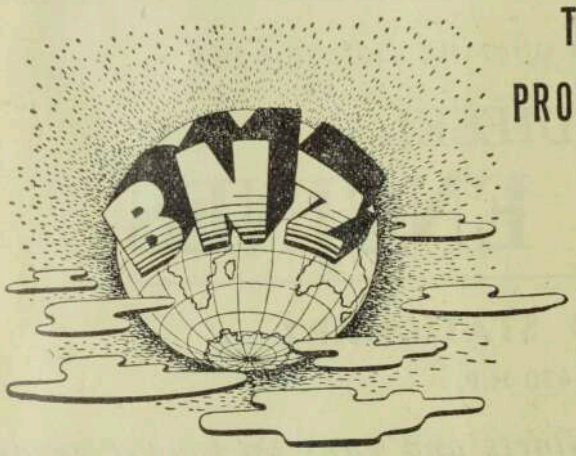

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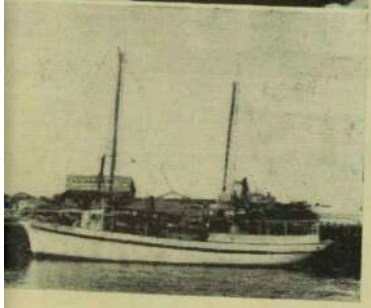
In company with other Suva yachts she had been down to Beqa Island for the week-end. Approaching too close inshore, before bringing the Suva leading lights in line, the yacht struck the southwest corner of the reef at the entrance to the pass. Fortunately, conditions were almost dead calm, with the tide not quite full. A cutter was hastily despatched from Suva wharf to render assistance, but *Leda* had been pushed off the reef by her crew by the time it arrived on the scene. Damage was insignificant.

Leda cleared Suva on June 27, bound eastward, with a first call at Ngau Island, in the central Fijis. Mrs. C. G. Wilson and her three-children remained behind; the brother owners, Mrs. W. A. Wilson, and Mr. D. Woolf continuing with the ship.

• *Skyline*, a 30 ft double-ender cutter, is the latest Auckland yacht reported preparing for a South Pacific cruise. Owner D. Ryan and a crew of three plan to head for Tahiti, possibly via other islands first, clearing NZ late June.

• Other yacht movements reported during the month included: *Blue Water*, bound Tahiti from Auckland, called at Rapa; *White Squall*, arrived Papeete direct from Auckland, after a rough passage; *Taurangi*, now at Papeete, called at Raivavae en route from Auckland; *Viking*, of Sweden, cleared Suva, June 13, for Vila and Port Moresby.

• *Viking* was wrongly reported here as heading for New Zealand. Steve and Brita Holmdahl never



ptain John Ozanne, returned to join ans-Pacific Race yacht after bringing schooner Ramona south to Papeete Mr. Wm. A. Pomeroy of San Francisco. edish yacht Viking at Suva, and, r, her owners Steve and Brita ldahl.
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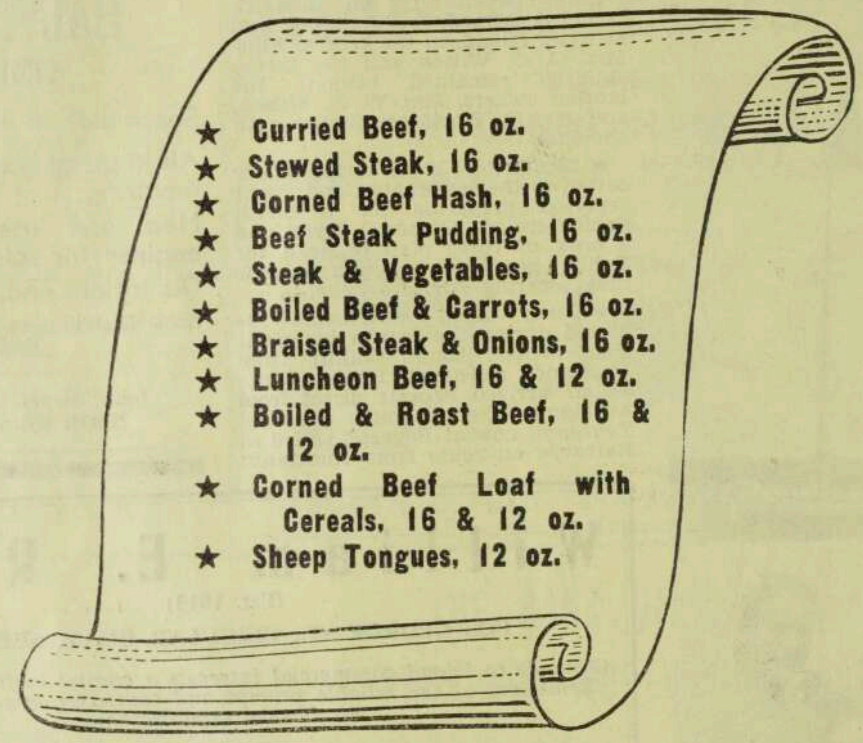

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Two other corrections must be nade. We were wrongly informed nat *Beyond*, now in French Oceania aters, is manned by Claude Worth, he well-known yachting writer. '. C. Worth is the son of Claude Vorth. Mr. Kauffman, of the acht *L'Hirondelle*, was described in nese notes as an American. He is Dane.

HONOLULU-TAHITI RACE.

Late in June disappointing news as received from Eugene Overton, os Angeles representative of the rans Pacific Yacht Club. On June , the original six or seven yachts pected to start in the Honolulu-ahiti race in July had been re-iced, through withdrawals, to only o. There was hope that others uld reconsider; but in any event e race will be sailed with the two tries. The vessels are *Chiriqui* d *Mistress*. The first is a 61' o.a. tch owned by Tucker McClure, of s Angeles and Panama; and the ner a 38' sloop, owned by Walter Johnson, Jr., of San Francisco. ough entries were to close June they will now be held open right sailing date (July 24) in the hope late entries.

Mr. Overton reported that there 35 entries for the Trans Pacific os Angeles-Honolulu) race this ar—a record. The race was eduled to start July 4.

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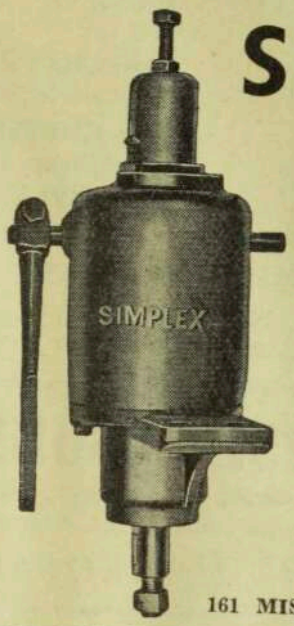

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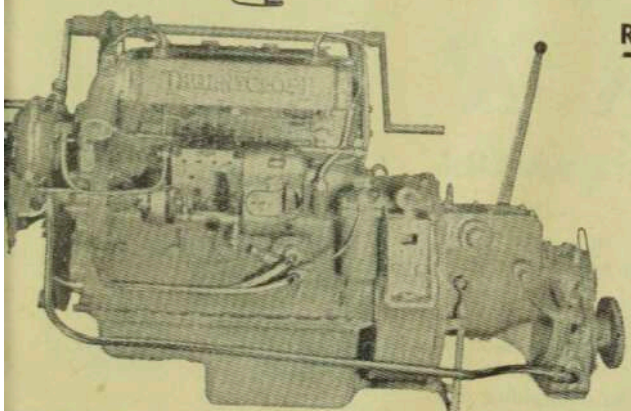

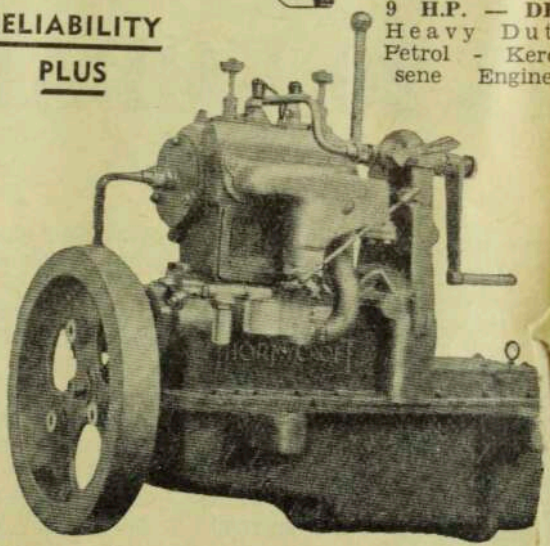

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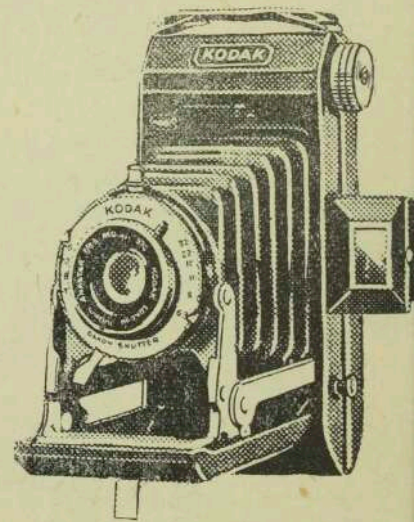

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• *Arthur Rogers* is now likely to sume her voyage to New Zealand planned (see last month) as the arter voyage from French Oceania San Francisco did not eventuate.

K-MISSIONARY'S OUTCRY GAINST ULIAMA EXPEDITION

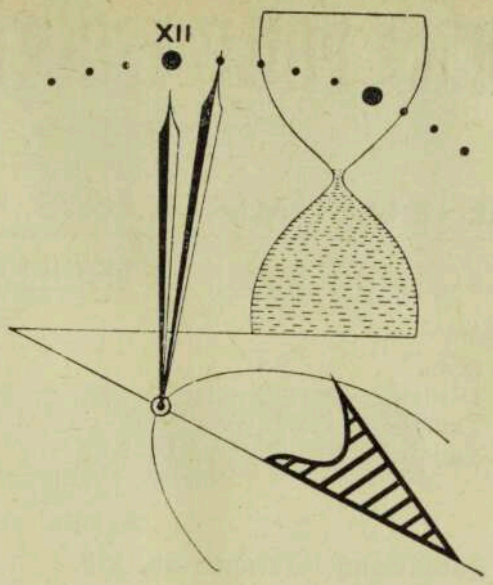
N June 12, *Sydney Morning Herald*, under a big heading, "Native Labour Recruiting Trip Islands," announced that the le Burns Philp motor vessel *liama* had gone to the Gilbert l Ellice Islands area to pick up sh parties of native labourers, l return time-expired boys to ir homes.

leaven knows why the *Herald* uld have got so excited about a ular and normal proceeding. The *liama* goes in this way every r or two to Fanning and Wash-on atolls, where there are big nut plantations but no native ulation, and carries the Gil-ese labourers back and forth. men on the overcrowded erts are very eager to engage this well-paid labour contract. atolls named are part of the nd E Colony.

it the report stirred up a former nds missionary who, signing self "(Rev. Dr.) E. E. V. Collo-Beecroft," wrote for the *Herald* tter in which he painted a dis-picture of "the basic mis-vousness of taking peasants far the securities and social re-ns of their villages, to work as urers in foreign stores and tations." He said that this ed afresh the whole disquiet-question of indentured labour."

nds people, of course, treat statements with the mixture nusement and contempt which deserve. But mainlands folk, ing nothing of the real condi-, naturally get the impression this is further evidence of the oitation of the helpless ders." Probably there is no mischievous influence in ds affairs to-day than this irre-ible element—the retired mis-ry newspaper-letter-writers.

nounced in South Australia on 30 that "New Guinea logging actor, William Winter, is ing his 15-ft canoe down the ay, from New South Wales to Australia." He was in Ren-at the end of June.



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From Fiji came Mr. Angus Sword, of Levuka; Mrs. Lily Antilla; and her brother Mr. Hugh Smith, of Suva.

A vivacious visitor from Tahiti was Mrs. Dolly Fry, daughter of Mrs. Lia Higgins, of Papeete. Also from Tahiti was Monsieur Rene Quesnot, passing through on his way to a holiday in France.

The Club drama and dance group made many appearances for charities, one spectacular effort being at the Waitara home of Mrs. K. McCauley, when over £200 was raised for the Sacred Heart Sisters War Memorial School Building at Cowral.

In June, members gave a welcome to Col. Naumu and Harold Hann, the two Hawaiian members of the American football team. A kava "Fa'a Samoa" was made under the direction of Mrs. Olga Sage, formerly of Apia, and offered to the Hawaiian guests as a token of "aloha". Lady members gave a presentation of Samoan dances, seated on mats, wearing tapa cloth and multicoloured lavalavas. Another feature at the Hawaiian evening was the "Ori Tahiti" dances presented by young Suzanne Janson, of Suva.

Island visitors often say the Club is hard to find. But the name is in the Sydney Telephone Book under Polynesian Association, number FW 4661; and Islands visitors are warmly welcomed.

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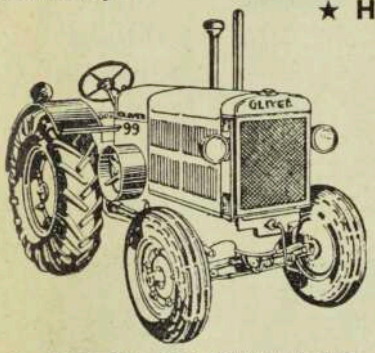

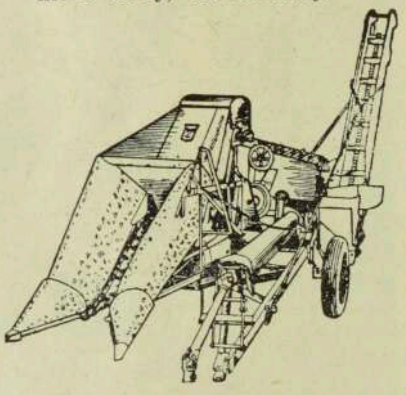

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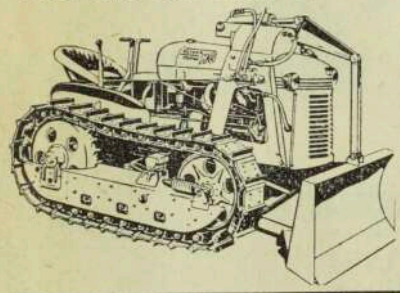

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The patrol had gone into the area as a routine measure to stop tribal fighting, and on intervening was itself attacked. A shower of arrows was loosed on the party, the native constable was fatally hit, and a native carrier wounded. As far as could be ascertained, there were no casualties among the attackers.

Subsequently 30 natives were arrested and charged with riotous behaviour. Tribal fighting ceased in the area, and the patrol withdrew from the Tagari River section. The patrol was in charge of Acting Assistant District Officer W. G. Murdock, with Patrol Officer R. T. Neville.

Tari, like Mendi, is a new Highlands region where the first government stations were set up about two years ago. Inter-tribal fighting has been in progress for centuries, and they do not see yet why it should be stopped now.

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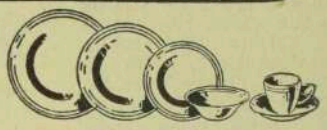

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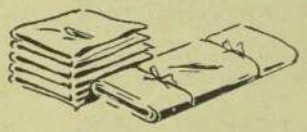

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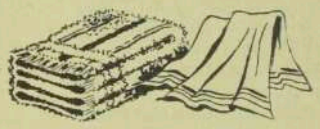

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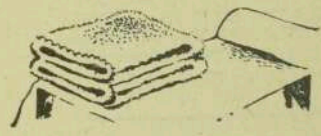

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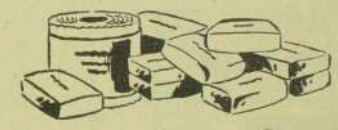

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Through various touring parties of young natives, New Guinea and Papua have been receiving a lot of publicity in recent months. The police unit of 25 men, recently taken to London by Inspector Sinclair to march in the Queen's Coronation procession, gained much attention from Australians and Australian newspapers. They returned by air in June.

The above photograph is typical. It shows Papua-New Guinea's four native delegates to the South Pacific Conference in Noumea being interviewed, on behalf of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, by Mr. Joseph Post, of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. They had heard a symphony orchestra for the first time.

Historical Society Proposed For Moresby

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, June 30.

AT the June meeting of the Port Moresby Advisory Council the Chairman, Mr. E. A. James, referred to a suggestion made some time ago by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, that a Historical Society be formed.

The desirability and need for gathering and preserving the history of the Territory was brought before the Council by the Minister on his first visit to Port Moresby. It has been a matter of keen regret to many responsible residents of the Territory that so much of the history of the Territory is in danger of being lost.

A great deal of it is unrecorded, and already the steadily thinning ranks of the original pioneers has narrowed down the field from which information could have been gathered.

However, there are still many who have valuable knowledge of the early days of European settlement, and the formation of a Historical Society would be an important first-step towards preserving these disappearing records.

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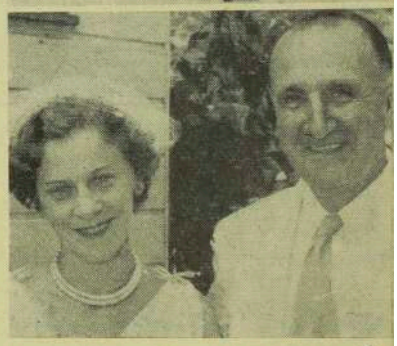

From top to bottom: Mr. and Mrs. H F. Harvey (bride was formerly Miss Zo Randall, daughter of the Rev. Mr Randall) who were married at St. John' Church, Port Moresby, on May 30. Th flowergirls shown in the photograph ar Meeghan and Gwyneth Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles (bride wa formerly Miss McGilvary of Samarai after their wedding at the Ela Beach Church, Port Moresby, on May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Bruce after thei marriage at Ela Beach Church, Por Moresby, on May 30. The bride wa formerly Miss Ruby Hardy. They wil make their home at Obu Estate, Papua.

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New Installation in Fiji

A 1,700,000-gallons bulk terminal for jet fuel and aviation gasolines is being completed at uda Point, Fiji, by the Vacuum il Co. Pty. Ltd., although the omet jet air service between ydney and Honolulu will not now mmence this year. Sir Ronald arvey (Governor of Fiji) will ficially open the new installation 1 July 23.

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Mr. A. S. Tetzner, who died in ne on his station in New Zealand, d a remarkable career. He was illiantly successful in the Russian blic service, and was a provincial vernor when the Bolshevik revolu- n in 1917 forced him to flee ross Siberia. He started life ain in the insurance business, d had much success in China and New Zealand. Finally, with his fe, a Russian Baroness, he settled wn on his own large property in w Zealand, and again attained ccess and prominence. He is sur- ved by his wife, and his son—Mr. rgius A. Tetzner, a well-known sident of Suva.

MRS. E. T. HART

The death occurred on June of Mrs. Ellen Terese Hart, aged years, at her home, 128 Correy's enue, North Strathfield, Sydney. s. Hart was the mother of Dr. slie Bruce Hart, who practised a dentist in Suva for 30 years, ior to his death at Suva in tober, 1951. Mrs. Hart, senior, ed for some years in Suva with r son, and was well-known ere.

MR. EDWARD ANDERSON

Mr. Edward Anderson, Chairman Directors of Henderson & Mac- lane Ltd., died in Auckland on ne 16, aged 84. He had been ociated with the Polynesian ands trade since 1918, when he ame Managing Director of the mer S. R. Maxwell & Co., which ned the lease of a number of lated islands and had an import- branch in Papeete until the 0's. Mr. Anderson travelled lely in the Islands between 1918 1 1928. He bought into Hender- & Macfarlane in 1920. This firm merly had vessels trading in the ific.

MR. A. W. JAMES

Mr. Algernon Willie James, a y old resident of Suva, died there e 26, aged 67. Born in England, James went to Australia when y young and from there enlisted he Australian force which occu- l New Guinea in World War I. the following year he joined the public service, and then trans- ed to the Second Fiji Contin- t and served in France, where was wounded, and twice de- ted for gallantry, earning the itary Medal and Bar. Back in he joined the Customs Depart- t and remained there until his rement in 1946. Since then he been official film censor. Mr. es was formerly a keen soccer er, and did much to establish game in Fiji. In later years he been a keen bowler.

Mr. James married Miss Jane Cuthbert in 1920. He is survived by his wife and three sons—one in the Suva Customs office, one with NAC in Auckland, and the third with the RNZAF at Lauthala Bay, Fiji.

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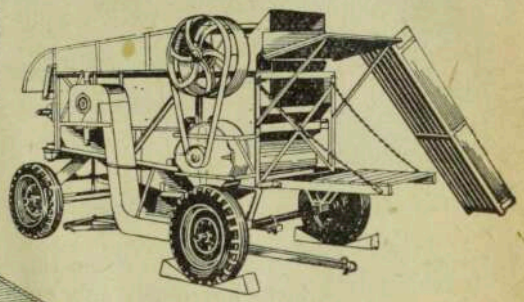

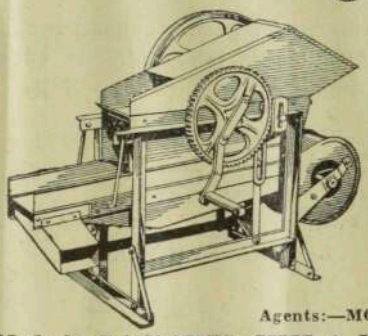

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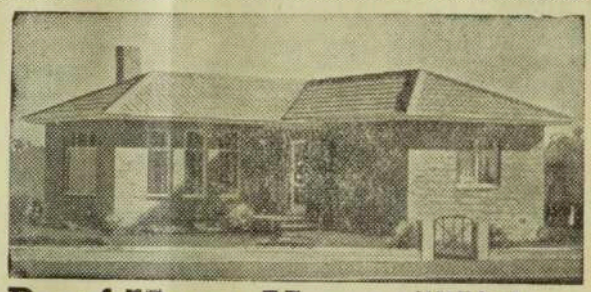

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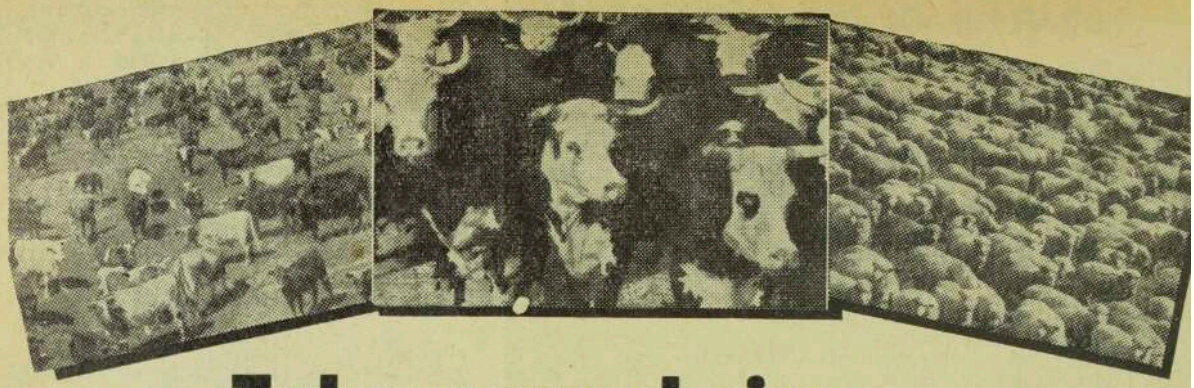

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Captain J. M. McKenzie, formerly ssistant Harbour Master in Suva, nd well known in the Western acific, died in Suva War Memorial Hospital late in May. He had been n poor health for some time.

MR. WILLIAM TARR

Mr. William Tarr, 78, died at pia, W. Samoa, at the end of June, fter a long illness. He was well nown in the printing trade in iji, Tonga and W. Samoa; and or some years he was Government rinter at Nukualofa. He was later n charge of the *Samoan Guardian*, nd more recently was on the staff f the *Samoan Bulletin*. Mr. Tarr arried Miss Jessie Skeen, daughter f the late Chief Justice Skeen, of onga. One of his three daughters Mrs. Rob Wright, of Suva.

MISS BEATRICE GRIMSHAW

The death occurred in Bathurst, SW, at the end of June of Miss eatrice Grimshaw. She was 82.

Miss Grimshaw was a well-known nd prolific novelist and short- tory writer, particularly in the first ree decades of this century.

She lived for a considerable time n Papua, near Port Moresby not ar from where the present Rouna alls Hotel stands, and most of her ovels had a Pacific Islands back- round.

She was born in Ireland and in he early years of the century was ommissioned by the London *Daily raphic* to travel round the world nd write her experiences. She did ot complete the journey but settled n Papua and later in NSW where er brother had a property.

Her novels and stories were of the ighly coloured variety, all with a ve interest centring around some eautiful white woman. Her first ovel, *When the Red Gods Call* was ublished in 1910. Others (and she ublished 40) included *From Fiji o The Cannibal Islands, In The trange South Seas, New New uinea, Guinea Gold, The Sor- cerer's Stone, The Kris Girl, Red Bob of the Bismarcks, Conn of the Coral Islands, etc.*

PARUA ARIKI OF ATIU

Parua Ariki, a woman of outstanding character, a chiefess of Atiu Island, Cook Group, and a member of the Island Council since 1934, died at Atiu early in June. Parua Ariki, who was 67, married Maka Kea Ariki in 1903, and traced her ancestry back to Parua Nui Ariki, the leading chief of the island at the time of the coming of the Gospel to Atiu. She exercised a strong influence on Atiu affairs after she was appointed to the Council.

MR. GEORGE CRUMMER, SNR.

Mr. George Crummer, Snr., aged 86, died at Rarotonga on May 17, following a road accident—he collided with a stray horse while riding his bicycle.

Mr. Crummer arrived in Rarotonga in 1800 aboard the schooner *George Nicholas*, in which he had a share, and he became associated with many activities and events in the Cook Islands. A keen photographer, he owned a wonderful collection of old photographs, many of historical interest, and probably the only ones in existence covering many early events in Rarotonga. He was associated with the first cinema to come to the Cooks, and

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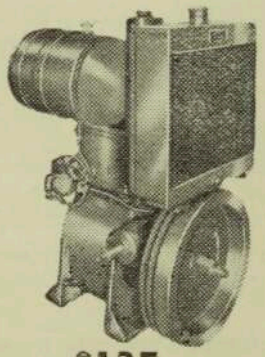

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t one time he operated a bus service, helped build the old Rarotonga hotel, and was interested in he first sawmill (for manufacture f fruit cases). He leaves three sons nd three daughters.

MR. T. F. CODY

Mr. T. F. Cody died recently in Melbourne. He had been associated with gold-mining in Fiji since the Emperor and Loloma mines were opened—he was an original member f the syndicate, with the late Mr. Theodore, which financed the proving of the field.

SIR GUY PILLING

Sir Guy Pilling, KC, MC, died at Nairobi on June 13 after a short illness. He was well known in Fiji, having gone to the Colony as a cadet in 1907. By 1921, he was Assistant Colonial Secretary. In 1926 he was appointed Secretary of the Western Pacific High Commission, and in 1929 he became Assistant to the High Commissioner. His Fiji service ended when he was transferred to British Honduras. Since 1949, he has been Speaker of the East African Central Legislative Assembly. He was awarded CMG in 1932 and became KCMG in 1941. Sir Guy Pilling married Miss Gladys Neville, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Garrick, of Suva, in 1912, and is survived by his wife, and a married daughter, Mrs. Douglas Duncan, of Kenya. A son was killed in action in 1941.

EMILE ROBERT STEIN

Aged 52, and for many years past a clerk in the Papeete courthouse, Emile Robert Stein died at his home at Mamao, Tahiti, after a long illness, leaving a widow and eight children. He was born in Tahiti.

MADAME PIERRE HERAULT

Madame Pierre Herault (nee Eugenie Labourre), member of one of Tahiti's best known families, died there on June 8, aged 49, following an operation.

Only Fijians Wanted on Forestry Board

DURING the debate on the Fiji Forestry Bill in Suva late June, the second Fijian member, Ravuama Vunivalu, strongly opposed a clause which seems to permit non-Fijians or non-Europeans to become members of the Forestry Board. The Board will have considerable powers, and the lands mainly involved will be Fijian-owned.

The Fijian member, noting that the door appeared to be thrown open for the first time to members of other races (i.e., Indian) to become seated on a Board which will deal principally with Fijian lands, appealed to the Governor to give most serious consideration to the constitution of the Forestry Board.

The inclusion of other races on the board, he said, would not be in keeping with the Deed of Cession or with the present wishes of the Fijian people.

Mr. H. Maurice Scott, MLC, of Suva, was in Sydney in early July en route to Fiji. He was one of Fiji's representatives at the Coronation and visited the Fiji Battalion in Malaya on his way home.

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PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.—Copra Market-ng Board rates: Main ports, Hot air, 270 per ton; FMS, £69/5/-; Smoked, 266/10/-—at main ports (except Kokopo, here rates are 17/6 less). Sydney rushers pay: Plantation Hot-air; £91; MS, £90/15/-; Smoked, £90/2/6.

FIJI.—At Suva and Levuka, 1953: lantation grade (60 points and over) F66/5/6 per ton; FMS (45-57½ points) F66; other grades £F64/15/- - £F62/15/-.

W. SAMOA.—MOF contract is £Stg.65 er ton, f.o.b., Western Samoa; producers eceive about £10 less.

BSI.—Prices based on MOF contract of Stg.65, per ton, f.o.b. Rates to pro-ucers are: £A62/3/4 per ton, delivered oniara; £A63/3/4, delivered Tulagi or andina; £A62/18/4, delivered Gizo.

NEW HEBRIDES.—Recent quotation: 93 etrop. francs per kilo in store, Marseilles £A120 approx. per long ton).

FRENCH OCEANIA.—Tahiti: 10.25 francs er kilo (£A74/6/- per long ton); uamotu 10.80 francs per kilo (£A74/6/- er long ton).

COCOA.—Islands prices are usually ased on rate for Accra cocoa (W. frica), quotation (from Colyer Watson td., Sydney) for which on July 1 was Stg.245 (£A307/5/- approx.) c.i.f. ton, ont. ports.

N.G.—£A290 approx. per ton, in store, ydney.

New Hebrides.—Sales to France recently rought: 255-260 Metrop. francs per kilo £A329-£A332 approx. per long ton) for uperior grades; average grades, 240 etrop. francs per kilo. (£A309 approx. er long ton); all in bond Marseilles.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in July quoted amoan cocoa at £Stg.260 (£A325 pprox.) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. Samoan currency equals Stg.)

COFFEE.—Islands prices ruling in July ere: **Papua-N.G.**—Few sales in Sydney ately; first of new season's crop expected o arrive shortly. Most recent price was nominal) 6/- per lb. (£672 per ton).

New Caledonia.—Crop mainly ex-orted to France. Recent quotation was 98 Metrop. francs per kilo (£A513 pprox. per long ton).

RUBBER. Papua-New Guinea.—Market luctuates from day to day, based on price uling in Singapore. Quotation on July 7 as: 31d Aust. lb. **Singapore** rate uly 8 No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 5c. lb. c.i.f. (approx. 28¼d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotation (by ictor Karp, Tulk & Co.): **Tahiti:** White abel, 25/9; Yellow, 25/9; Green, 24/9; ll per lb. c.i.f. Sydney. Market quiet t moment owing to between seasons lull; ew crop due July-August.

RICE.—New season's (1953-1954) price: **apua-N.G.**—Dry brown £90 per ton; ressed £96 per ton. Other Pacific Is., xcept NZ dependancies, £96 per ton.

DESICCATED COCONUT. — Sydney gents quote Ceylon, 1/6 Stg. per lb. pot, delivered to store, Sydney (1/10½ ust. per lb.). **New Guinea:** 2/5½ lb. pot, delivered in store, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between **orres Strait** producers and Otto Gerdau o. (USA) for 1953: AA/A/B grades 5 cents lb. (£A850 approx. per long on); C, 80c. lb. (£A800); D, 55c. lb. £A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); EE, 30c. b. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York. New rices expected shortly. **Cook Is.**—Manihiki Blacklip: American market firm at 35 cents US per lb., f.o.b., Rarotonga. Producers currently receiving 1/8 lb. Aust. (approx. £A187 per long ton). **Tuamotu** blacklip: Divers receive 47 Pac. fr. per kilo (£A336 per long ton) on beach.

TROCHUS SHELL.—No interest been shown in shell in Sydney lately—last quotations were: **B.S.I.**, £A135 per ton; **New Hebrides**, £A180 approx. per ton; **N.G.**, £A205-£A210 per ton. **Fiji**, reported Japs. recently offered £F180 per long ton.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Sydney agents recently quoted: **N.G.**—£210 per ton. **N.H.**—1st grade, £220 per ton; 2nd grade, £185 per ton. **B.S.I.**—£200 per ton.

PEANUTS.—Papua-N.G: Still no sales in Sydney owing to competition from Northern Rivers (NSW) crop which should be on the market for about another two months. Last price was 2/- per lb.

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Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, ton.—
New Hebrides, May-June 91,500 Metrop. fr. (£A118 approx.)
Tahiti, May-June . .. 94,000 Metrop. fr. (£A121/10/- approx.)
FM Straits, June-July .. .. .. £Stg.85 (£A106/5/- approx.)
Ceylon, FMS .. .. Nominal
Philippines, bulk, June-July .. US$207½ (£A88/17/- approx.)

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton.—
FM Straits, 3½% drums .. .. £Stg.125 (£A159/5/- approx.)
Ceylon, bulk .. .. £Stg.121 (£A151/5/- approx.)

Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. Continental Ports.—
Accra, May-July, ... £Stg.13/2/6 (£A287/10/- approx. per long ton.)

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PAPUA-NG.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branches Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and **BANK OF NSW** (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £100.

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Coronation Medal Omissio —and Heart Burnings

From Our Own Correspondent

CRITICISM was being voiced many quarters in Fiji duri June following publication the names of 133 persons award the Queen's Coronation Medal.

Many who had worked exceptio ally hard in connection with t Coronation celebrations were n included. Government Department heads who, it was said, had h little or nothing to do with t work involved, were mentioned.

Some considered that the ma who had devoted considerable tir and energy to Red Cross and oth voluntary work after the 1952 hu ricane might also have be included. About 100 of the awar were made to civil servants.

The Public Relations Office, reply to some newspaper corre pondents, said that the medal w primarily a service medal, and personal souvenir from Her Majes to persons in the Crown Servic and others in the United Kingdo and other parts of the Commo wealth and Empire."

Coronation Celebrated in Papeete

MANY business houses in Papee were gaily decorated on th Coronation Day of Quee Elizabeth II.

An elaborate reception was he at the British Consulate by Cons F. Devenish, His Excellency Gove nor Petitbon, representatives of th French Navy and Army, govern ment departmental heads and lead ing citizens attending. The part in typical Tahitian style, laste throughout the night.

¶ Mr. George Hanson, formerl well known in New Guinea as on of the owners of Samo plantatio in Namatanai, New Ireland, an now a resident of the Gosford dis trict, NSW, has undergone a delicat operation to one eye, in St. Vincent' Hospital, Sydney. He has spen some weeks in complete darknes but the specialists appear confiden of success.

¶ Major Ratu Edward Cakobau MC, who took over command o the First Battalion, Fiji Infantr Regiment in Malaya on June 1 has been promoted to Lieutenan Colonel. Second-in-command Major H. J. G. Low, MC. Lieutenan Col. R. A. Tinker, whom Lieutenant Col. Cakobau succeeds, is spend ing a short time in Fiji before re turning to his new appointmen in New Zealand.

¶ Mr. Sultan Ali, headmaster of a Indian high school in Ba, Fiji, wa the preacher in a Methodist Church in Queanbeyan, NSW, in June. The local newspaper described him as a "gifted speaker."

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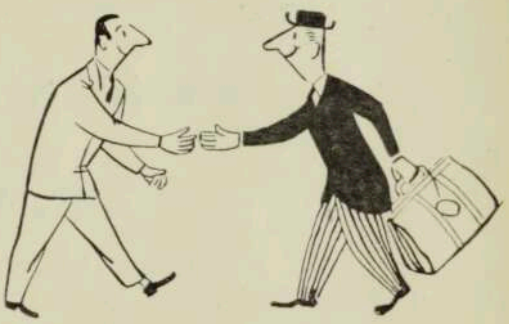

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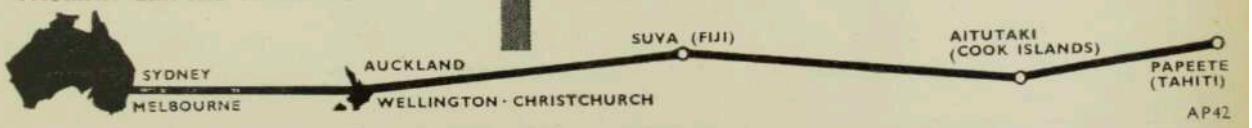

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