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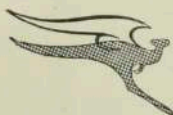
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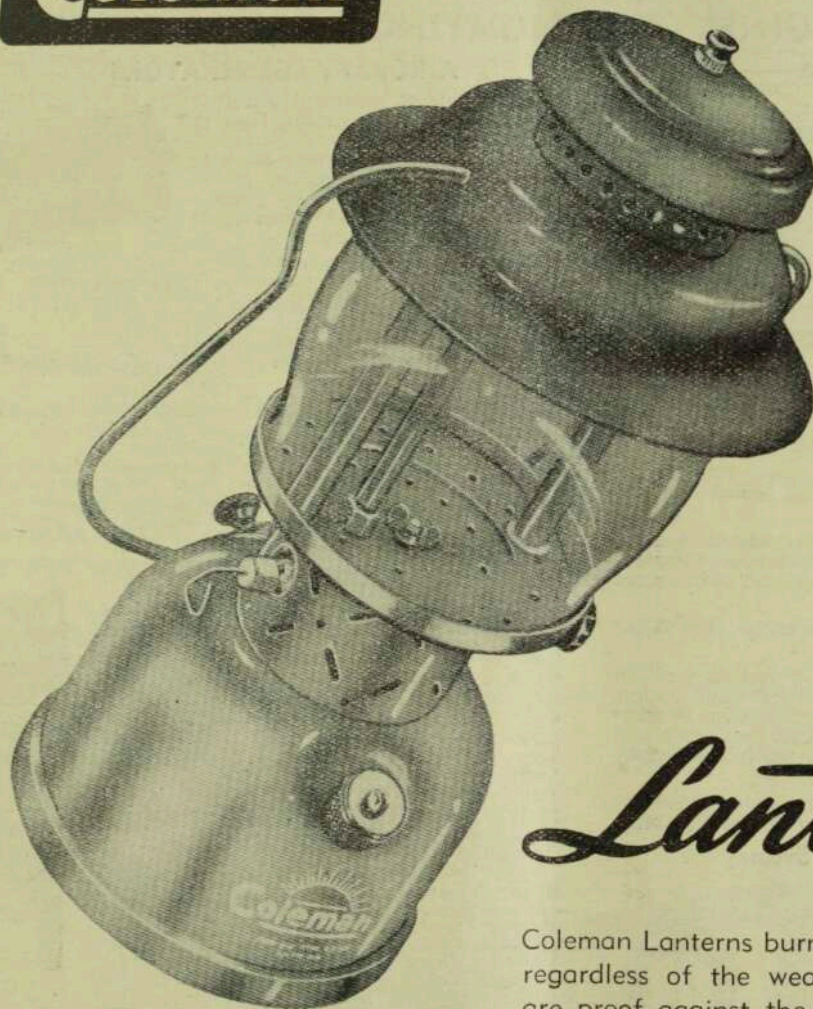


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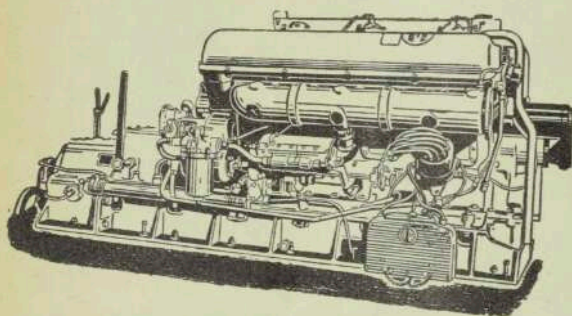
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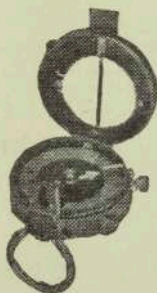
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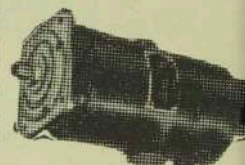


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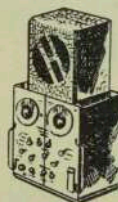


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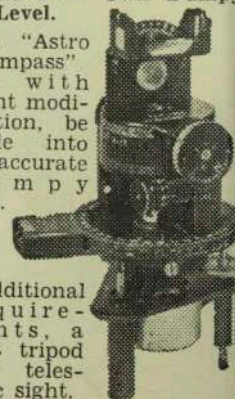
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There now are comparatively few shipping lines running on regular time-tables to the Pacific Islands. The following time-tables are only approximately correct—they are subject to much alteration at short notice:—

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Marai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Marai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next sailing latter half of December. MV Malekula sailed from Sydney on December 4 for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Newak, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return Sydney. Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

MV Soochow and MV Shansi, modern 3000 tons vessels, leave every six weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby - Madang - Rabaul - Pt. Moresby, Sydney. Last sailing Shansi, December 18. Next sailing Soochow, about December 18. Details from New Guinea Australia Line, S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents, 6 Bridge Street, Sydney.

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from New Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukunua and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any one 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 has been on annual survey. Resumed from Auckland November 24. Next sailing from Auckland, December 23. Matua will leave Auckland on her next voyage on January 9.

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; her next departures from Auckland are Nov. 13, Dec. 10, and Jan. 7. On her return to Auckland after January voyage will withdraw for annual survey, expected to take about 2 months.

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.

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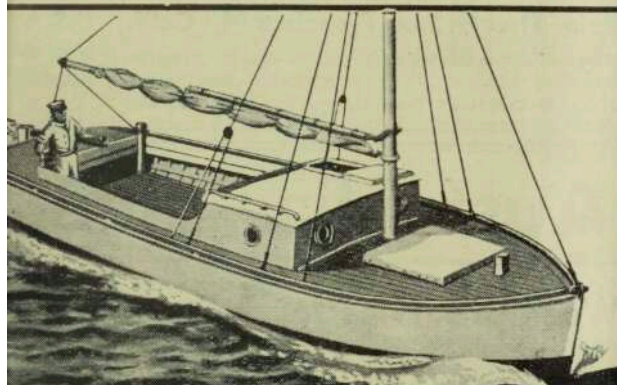
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PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY—DECEMBER, 1953

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Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI- Rabaul, Etc.

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

Last sailing from Sydney December 9. 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.

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

N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc.

Norwegian motor vessel Thorsisle, carrying cargo and passengers maintains a regular service between North American ports and French Oceania, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

Next sailing from San Francisco Jan. 8, Papeete, Jan. 21, Apia, Jan. 30, Suva, Feb. 6, Noumea, Feb. 16. (Dates approx. only).

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

AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

With Strato Clippers, using Sleeperettes and Berths

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

Thur. and Mon.—Return via same route.

* Thur. and Sun.—Auckland-Nadi (Fiji).

* Wed. and Sat.—Nadi (Fiji)-Auckland.

* Connecting with Strato Clipper at Nadi.

BY BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES (BCPA)
(DC-6 All-Sleeper Service)

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 Francisco.

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

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

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

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2. Sydney-New Guinea

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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 to Bulolo and Wau.

Wednesdays and Sundays (Sandringhams)
Depart: Arrive:

Sydney, 7.30 pm Brisbane, 10.50 pm
Brisbane, 12.50 am Cairns, 7.05 am
(Thur., Mon.)
Cairns, 8.35 am Moresby, 12.25 am
(Night stop)
Moresby, 8.30 am Samarai, 10.30 am
(Tue.)
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, a
connection north to Lae on the following
day at 9.00 am being by D.C.3.

* 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:

Esa'ala, 10.25 am Moresby, 11.40 am
Moresby, 12.40 pm Brisbane, 7.15 pm
Brisbane, 8.45 pm Sydney, 11.30 pm
Connecting service from Wau by Drover,
arrives Lae 9.35 am Saturday.

Thursdays (Sandringham)

Depart: Arrive:
Rabaul, 5.30 am Samarai, 8.45 am
Samarai, 9.15 am Moresby, 11.15 am
Moresby, 12.15 pm Cairns, 4.5 pm
(Night stop)
Cairns, 9.30 am Brisbane, 3.45 pm
(Fri.)
Brisbane, 4.45 pm Sydney, 8.5 pm

Saturdays (Sandringham)

Depart: Arrive:
Moresby, 6 am Cairns, 9.50 am
Cairns, 11.20 am Brisbane, 5.35 pm
Brisbane, 6.35 pm Sydney, 9.55 pm
Connection from Lae, with a D.C.3,
pick up Saturday Sandringham, arrives
Moresby on Friday at 8.20 am.

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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Every 4th Monday (Dec. 28, Jan. 25, etc.)
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pm. Every 4th Tuesday (Dec. 29, Jan.
26, etc.), departs Hollandia at 9 am,
and, with calls at Wewak and Madang,
arrives Lae at 3.5 pm.

LAE-MANUS (D.C.3)

Every Wednesday.
Lae, 10.45 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul,
Kavieng, Manus (5.45 pm)
Returns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via
Kavieng and Rabaul; optional call at
Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.45 pm.

MORESBY-DARU (Sandringham)

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NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)

lt. Wed.—Rabaul - Buka - Kieta - Buin —(Dec. 23, Jan. 6, 20).

lt. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Buka-Rabaul.

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Dep. Lae.—Tues. 3 pm.—Mon. & Sat. 7.30 am.

Dep. Wau.—Tues. 4.30 pm.—Mon. 9.00 am —Wed. 12.35 pm. Direct to Lae in 35 minutes.

LAE-FINSCHHAFEN (Drover)

Every 4th Tuesday, leaving Lae 1 pm, returning same day. (Dec. 29, Jan. 26, etc.).

MADANG-GOROKA (DC3)

Fridays.—Depart Madang 8.25 am, arrive Goroka 9.00 am, returning same day; depart Goroka 9.30 am, arrive Madang 10.5 am.

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Tue. (Dec. 15, 22, Jan. 5, 12, 19, etc.), Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vellalavella — Buka — Rabaul — Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.30 pm).

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(Tue.)	Vila, 11.05 am
Noumea, 8.30 am	Santo, 1.50 pm
Vila, 12.35 pm	(Night stop)
Santo, 6.00 am	Vila, 7.15 am
(Wed.)	Noumea, 10.55 am
Vila, 8.15 am	Sydney, 8.40 pm
Noumea, 1.00 pm	

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	Noumea, 7.00 am
(Fri.)	Suva, 3.00 pm
Noumea, 8.30 am	Noumea, 11.00 am
Suva, Sat. 6.30 am	Sydney, 8.40 pm
Noumea, 1.00 pm	

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

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12. Sydney-Auckland

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13. Sydney-Wellington

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
Dep. Sydney 10.30 pm Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri. Arr. 7.30 am following day.
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14. Melbourne-Christchurch

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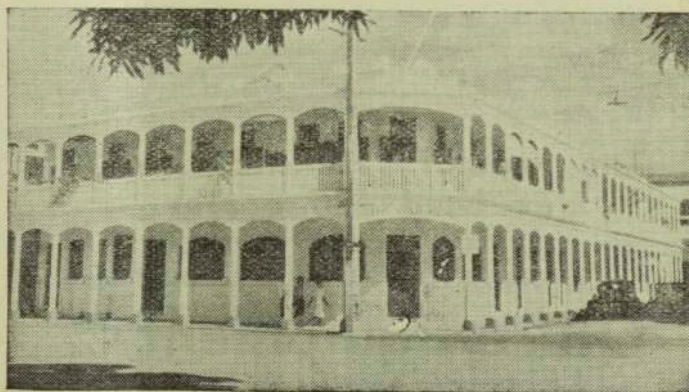
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Workers Congress Meets in Suva

REPRESENTATIVES of the seven unions associated with the Fiji Industrial Worker's Congress met at their second annual conference at Suva recently. Unions represented were Fiji Airport Employees', P.W.D. Employees', Seamen's, Sugar Workers', Mine Workers', Commercial Employees', and Timber Workers'.

Pandit Ami Chandra, principal of the DAV College, presided.

The emphasis of the meeting was unity amongst all sections of workers in the Colony. Various speakers urged all workers to join their respective unions.

Fijian and Indian representatives expressed the aims of the conference as striving for higher standards of living and better conditions of work by means of peaceful negotiation with employers.

¶ Mr. W. E. Donnelly, who was headmaster of the Toorak Boy's School in Suva, Fiji, for 11 years until 1947, has been appointed headmaster of the new intermediate school at Remuera, Auckland, NZ, which opens next year. He is at present headmaster of the Gisborne Central School, NZ.

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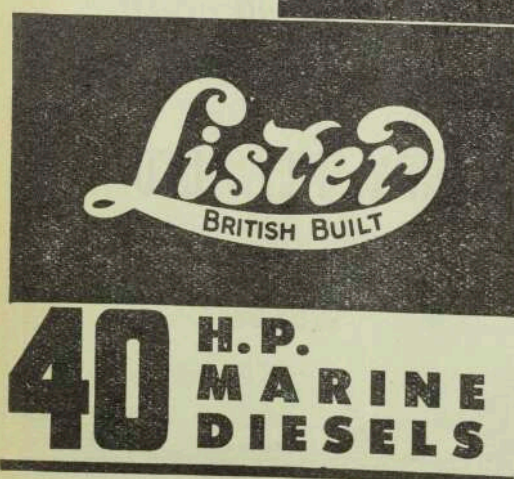
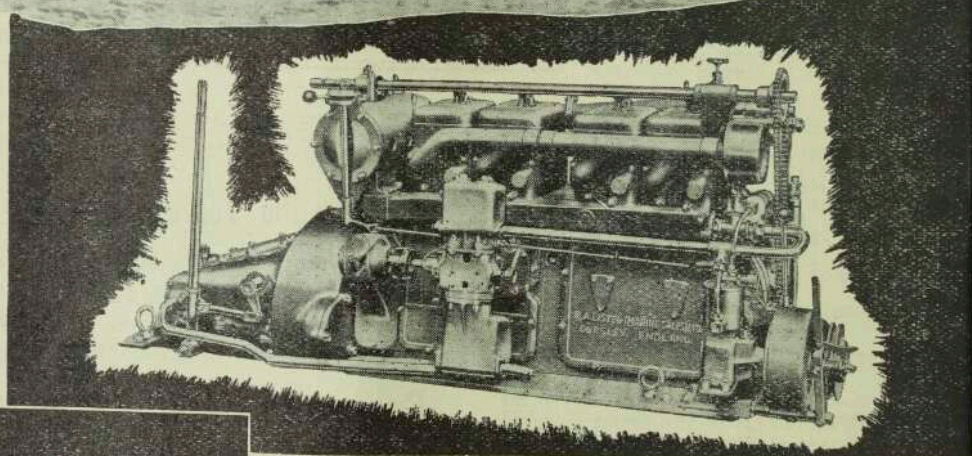
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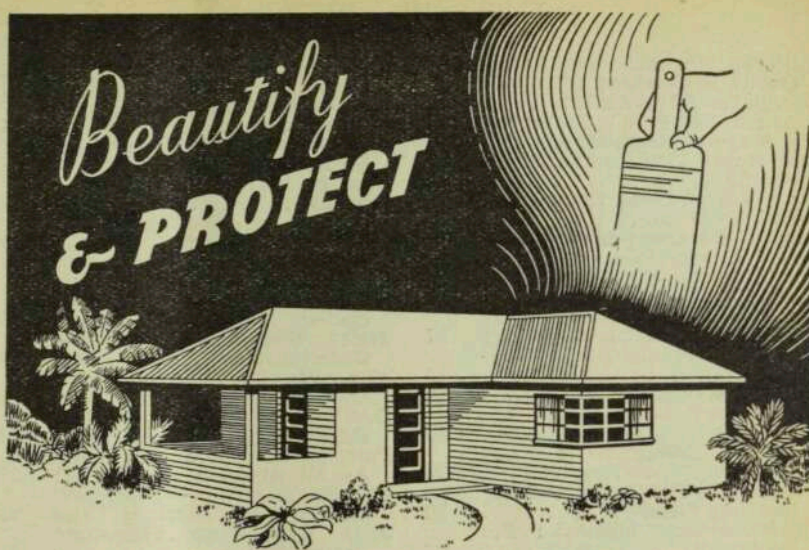
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Towards Men'!

AS I apply myself to the writing of this, our first article for the Christmas issue, the newsboys in Pitt Street are selling newspapers which sensationally report (a) President Eisenhower's frank warning that, if this A-bomb race does not stop, much of the life on this globe soon may be destroyed; (b) the snarling hatred of Asians and Africans for all Europeans, and specially Anglo-Saxons; (c) the arrival in the mid-Pacific of Britain's beautiful young Queen, on her way to visit her Antipodean territories—the one bright gleam in a world of extreme ugliness; (d) statistics which show the overwhelming and increasing interference of the white races towards the Christian Church; (e) the growing penetration of France and Italy by Communists, and a horrible upsurge of homosexuality in England; and (f) in Australia, evidence that, while Socialist politicians are permitting wholesale corruption and nepotism, non-socialist classes are abandoning themselves to an orgy of gambling on the discovery of oil in West Australia, and all classes are spending incredible sums on "State" lotteries.

One tries to take a sane and balanced view of world affairs; but the pictures presented every day, now, as the result of intense news-

gathering and instantaneous communication are, to say the least, extremely ugly and very alarming. Many sober people believe that Western Civilisation is "on the skids." There is no doubt about what would follow the collapse of our Western world. Our countries would be torn apart by the Communist nations, and our peoples overwhelmed by the rampant masses of Asia and Africa. The world's shrewdest observers expect that 1954-55 will be the year of international crisis.

TO-DAY, the appeal is to Russia; but the issue really lies with the United States. If the gang of political adventurers in control in Moscow will align the Soviet bloc with United States and Britain, it may be possible to outlaw the atom bomb, and restore some sanity and calm to the human race. But United States, while sincerely trying for agreement, is without hope.

It is known that Russia now is claiming equality with us in the A-bomb and H-bomb, and it was authoritatively stated in London on December 1 that Russia now has the secret of the C-bomb (based on cobalt, and capable of the complete destruction of life over wide areas of the earth), and plans to get superiority over us with this by 1955.

The appeal is being made. If, presently, it appears that it has failed, it is very likely that United States will go to war forthwith, as the only way of putting an end to current terrors and saving Western civilisation from collapse. There is evidence that Eisenhower, and the men immediately behind him, wish to force the issue, now, even if it means World War III; and that Churchill, knowing in his great wisdom that, even if World War III breaks the Soviet power, it will mean the utter destruction of the United Kingdom, is trying to restrain the Americans, so as to make a supreme effort to secure some agreement with the Muscovites.

The Americans are confident that, if the thing is put to the hazard now, they can defeat Russia, and put an end to the wave of Communism that is surging across a frightened and resentful world. The British want to delay action, while the Anglo-Americans re-build and re-arm Germany and Japan, to stand beside them and hold off the Slavonic bloc. But that is the British strategy of grandfather's day. In America's view, to-day's strategy is dominated wholly by the atomic bomb.

In a world of horrors, the most disconcerting thing is the behaviour of the masses in the Western nations. Refusing to consider either the terrifying threats from without, or the corruption and inefficiency within, they are abandoning themselves to various uninhibited pleasures that are re-

garded as the negation of good citizenship.

Maybe, it is a reaction from long years of strain imposed by international uncertainties. Maybe, it will pass. Many bands of good citizens, like the promoters of Moral Rearmament, are making a fight against the trend. Maybe, if the crisis comes soon, all the qualities of gallantry and courage, which carried our race through two great wars, will be displayed again, again to save us.

Yes, in the belief of our now weakening Christian Church, this is a time of peace on earth, and goodwill towards men. But, to-day, there is scarcely one "civilised" country on earth where there really is peace; and as for goodwill towards men . . . —RWR.

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¶ A daughter was born recently at Namanula Hospital, Rabaul, to Mr. and Mrs. A. McKee of Burns Philp (NG), Ltd.

Pacific Administration Graduates

TWO interesting speeches—one by the Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Hasluck) and one by the Principal of the School (Mr. Rowley)—were made on December 7, during the Ceremony of handing their Diplomas to the 26 young men of the Papua and New Guinea District Services who have just graduated from the South Pacific School of Pacific Administration, at the end of 2 years of study. The Secretary of the Territories Department (Mr. Lambert) presided and Mr. Hasluck presented the Diplomas.

The Minister, especially, made some significant statements about Australian policy in relation to New Guinea. These will be published in the January issue of the PIM.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large gathering of persons interested in the future of Papua and New Guinea—they included Administration officials, scientists, missionaries, commercial leaders and representatives of other countries.

The following is the list of graduates, most of whom are Patrol Officers:—

ALLEN, W. W.: 1, 2, 3, 4.
ASHTON, D.
BORN, E.
BRIGHTWELL, M.: 4.
BUNTING, B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
CHESTER, K.
CLANCY, D.
CLIFTON-BASSETT, D.: 3.
CRELLIN, W.: 4.
DENEHY, M.: 2, 3, 4, 5.
FLEAY, C.: 1, 4.
FOLEY, S. M.
GALLOWAY, R.: 2, 3, 4, 5.
GOW, A. F.
HICKS, E. G.: 1, 2, 5.
HOLMES, I. A.: 1, 2, 3, 4.
JONES, F. D.
KAAD, F. P.: 2, 3, 4, 5.
LINSLEY, G.: 2, 3, 4.
PAGE, J. B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
ROBINSON, J.: 4.
SIPPO, W. G.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
SMITH, S. S.
WILLIAMS, J.: 2, 3.
WAKEFORD, J.
ZWECK, A.: 1, 3.

1, Credit in Law; 2, Credit in Government; 3, Credit in Anthropology; 4, Credit in History; 5, Credit in Geography.

¶ Mr. J. P. Bayly, well-known Fiji businessman, has joined the Board of Directors of Messrs. Morris Hedstrom Ltd. of Fiji.

¶ Miss Marie Reay, an anthropologist, left Sydney by air in mid-December for Minj in the New Guinea Highlands where she will, for the next few months, study the local natives.

FINANCE FOR P-NG ENTERPRISE

New Section of Commonwealth Bank

AN unofficial but reliable report indicates that from January 1, 1954, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia will establish, in Papua-New Guinea, a new trading section of the Bank, the purpose of which will be to finance agricultural and industrial enterprise in the Territories, and implement a hire-purchase system.

There has been a demand for such an instrumentality for a considerable time. Private enterprise is quite ready to attempt the development of the Territories' resources; the Administration is favourable; but commentators have emphasised that three more factors are needed—land, money and labour.

The Administration insists that it can make land available. It also argues that, other factors being present, there will be enough labour to carry development—but that remains to be seen.

The Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, with a large staff, in August visited several areas of Papua and New Guinea. It is presumed that the decision to provide financial machinery, in the way outlined, is the result. The success or otherwise of the plan will depend, of course, on the conditions imposed by the Bank.

FIJI MAYORAL ELECTIONS

DURING November, mayoral elections were held in Fiji.

Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane and Mr. W. E. Goodsir were re-elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Suva. This is Mr. McFarlane's third consecutive term as Mayor.

In Lautoka, Mr. C. A. Adams was elected Mayor, and Mr. M. B. Nityanand, Deputy Mayor.

The former Mayor, Mr. S. Hollander, has resigned from the Council.

The new officials will meet the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh during their visit.

NG GROUNDNUT INDUSTRY

SOUTH Pacific Traders of Lae, NG, are making inquiries in Melbourne for machinery necessary to obtain extraction of oil from ground-nuts. This company has been given valuable information on this subject by the CSIRO. As this is something new in the Territory, the local officers of the Dept. of Agriculture advise seeking more information, on a wider basis.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Fiji, Tonga, Australian and NZ Territories Share in Festivities

BEFORE this issue of the PIM reaches the public, Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will have concluded their visits to Fiji and Tonga and be on their way to New Zealand and Australia where they will meet representatives of other Pacific territories which they will not be able to visit personally.

In Fiji and Tonga, in mid-December, finishing touches were being made to the preparations for the welcome of the Royal Party which was then steaming across the Pacific in the Royal Yacht *Gothic* after some memorable days spent in Bermuda, Jamaica and Panama.

In Fiji, rehearsals for the Royal visit on December 17 and 18 have been the order of the day. The last street decorations have been going up and the last arrangements being made for two days of celebrations which will long be remembered in the Colony, and, it is hoped, also by the Queen and the Duke.

In Tonga, Queen Salote and her household, turned out of the Palace at Nukualofa in order that it should be entirely painted and refurbished for the stay of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on December 19 and 20.

IN CHARGE OF TONGAN STAFF

Queen Salote announced in November that she had appointed Mr. Moli Ilolahia, of Auckland, to take charge of the palace staff at Nukualofa during the Royal visit. He was on the staff of the British Residency in Tonga for four years ending 1942.

About 60 newspaper reporters and press photographers representing papers from all parts of the globe, are converging on Fiji, and are making arrangements to then go on to Tonga so that the world may read and see just what the Royal visits to Fiji and Tonga were like. In addition, film units from the UK, NZ and USA will be there to make colour films for movie screen and television.

PITCAIRN ISLAND

REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. John Fletcher Christian, Chief Magistrate of Pitcairn Is., with his wife, journeyed to Suva via Auckland in December and will represent the Island there during the celebrations. They took with them some typical examples of Pitcairn handicraft to present to the Queen and the Duke.

FIJI HAS SPECIAL STAMP

To be on sale for on week only as from 3 p.m. on December 17—the day on which the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arrive at Suva—a

special Royal Visit stamp is being issued. It is the current 8d stamp but with an overprint.

Island Leaders in NZ for Royal Visit

From New Zealand's territories of Western Samoa, Cook Islands and Niue, 17 Chiefs and other leaders will go to the Dominion to be

SUVA, December 15. Thirty journalists and Mr. L. G. Usher, who is in charge of arrangements for Fiji's Royal Visit, were stranded at Tonga when the aircraft on which they were making a one-day check visit broke down. A special plane from NZ is on its way to their rescue but it is not expected that they will get back to Suva until the evening before the Royal party arrives.

present during the Royal visit to that Dominion in December and January.

The Islands party includes, from the Cook Islands: Makea Nui Teremoana Ariki, Piri Maoate, Tui Mose, Tangi Trego Ariki, Mrs. Jane Tararoa Ariki, Tihau Napara.

From Niue: Mrs. Malama Head, Sergeant Tohovaka.

From Samoa: Malietoa Tanumafili II, Mata'afa Mulinu'u, Matai'a Europa, Tulele Masoe, Jacob Helg, Lilomaiaava To'omata, Gatoloai Peseta, Talamaivao; and from the Tokelaus: Peato.

Australian Territories Representatives to Canberra

The Administrator of Papua and New Guinea, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, accompanied by Mrs. Cleland, will lead a party of representatives from Papua-New Guinea during the Royal visit to Canberra between February 13 and 20.

Four European representatives from Papua will be in the party; and four from New Guinea. Mr. Gabriel Achun will represent the Chinese community.

They are, from Papua: The Anglican Bishop of New Guinea, The Rt. Rev. P. N. W. Strong; Mr. E. A. James, M.L.C., who is also chairman of the Port Moresby Town Advisory Council and secretary of the Papuan Planters' Association; Mr. E. J. Frame, general manager of Burns Philp (NG), Ltd., and Mrs. Myra Humphries, the widow of Mr. D. W. R. Humphries, who was killed during the Mount Lamington disaster in 1951.

From New Guinea: Mr. D.

Barrett, M.L.C., well-known planter; Mrs. Doris Booth, OBE, who is one of the pioneer gold-miners of Morobe district and a nominated member of the P-NG Legislative Council; Mr. James Leahy, one of the three pioneer Leahy brothers, now of Goroka; and Mr. Paul Mason, Bougainville planter, who had an outstanding war record with the Coast-watchers.

Also in Canberra at the same time will be two officers and 20 native seamen from Manus; one officer and 12 O.R.'s from the PNGVR; three officers, 100 O.R.'s and the Pipe Band of 28 from the PIR; one officer, 20 native Police and the Police Band from the RPNC.

In early December there was a move to send also, some of the

Some of Papua-N. Guinea Representatives



Mrs. Humphries.

Mr. Frame.



Mr. James.

Bishop Strong.

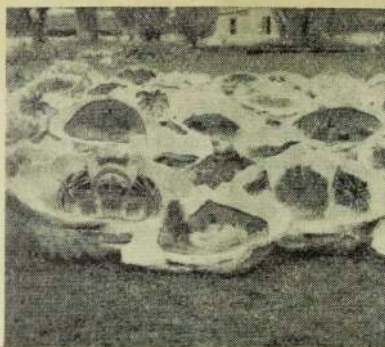


Mr. Mason.

Mrs. Booth.



Tongan artists painting large clam shells which will be used as decorations in the Palace grounds, Nukualofa, during the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.



—Photo by Hettig.

native leaders of P-NG to meet the Queen.

NORFOLK ISLAND REPRESENTATION

Norfolk Island will also be represented there by two residents whose names have not been announced.

ROYAL PROGRAMME

Dates of interest to the Islands

during the Queen's visit to the South Pacific are:—

December 17-18, in Fiji.

December 19-20, in Tonga.

Late December-early January, NZ Islands Territories' representatives meet Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in New Zealand.

February 13-20, representatives of Australia's Islands territories meet the Royal party in Canberra.

Suva Wharf Costs Have Risen 10/- NZ

OUR statement, in the November issue (p.57), that the Suva port authority had levied 5/- per ton on cargo, to pay for wharf earthquake damage, was not correct. A Suva merchant writes:

The 5/- was an increase made by the shipowners carrying overseas freight to and from Fiji, and was declared to be for the purpose of recompensing them for the additional cost involved in handling cargo, owing to the tidal wave and hurricane damage to the Suva wharf.

There is considerable delay, and congestion, and cargo has to be taken much greater distances before it can be put down or stored in the wharf area. It is the shipowners' responsibility, in Suva, to land the cargo and put it into its place of storage in the wharf area. This is, of course, included in the freight which the shipowners charge.

You quote a rate of 106/6 as ruling to-day. This, also, is not quite correct. It is 106/6 per ton, *New Zealand Currency*. This includes a rise of 5/-, effective from December 1, to cover increased charges, etc., applicable to overseas vessels. That is a rise over and above the 5/- put on for wharf delays in Suva. That 5/- was also based in *New Zealand currency*.

In the last few months the total rises have been from 97/6 *New Zealand*

land currency to the present rate of 107/6, NZ currency, for Auckland/Suva.

In Fiji currency, 106/6 NZ is 119/8.

US Rubber Decision

THE United States Government has withdrawn a control-order issued in April, 1952, which forced US rubber consumers to use a minimum of 450,000 long tons of general purpose synthetic rubber and 60,000 tons of butyl annually, in order to protect the synthetic rubber industry. Our report says nothing, however, of any removal of the subsidy which keeps US synthetic at a price below cost of production of natural rubber. (See page 53, this issue).

Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Limited

ADVICE has been received that during the month of October, 1953, approximately 63 ounces 16 dwts of gold were recovered from approximately 12,000 cubic yards of material treated at the Sandy Creek leases, New Guinea.

Miss Margaret O'Sullivan and Mr. John Brown, both of Port Moresby, were married in Brisbane, Queensland, in November.

Indian Workmen May Go To N. Caledonia

CONSIDERABLE interest has been aroused in Fiji and elsewhere by the proposal, recently made by the New Caledonia Government to the Governor of Fiji Sir Ronald Garvey, that Indian workmen should go to New Caledonia for a term of three years to work plantations and nickel mines.

On one hand the scheme offers a solution to New Caledonia's acute post-war labour shortage; and on the other, may be a temporary solution to Fiji's growing Indian population problem.

The Governor told the Fiji Legislative Council in November that the conditions of employment appear favourable and that Indians going there would probably earn more than they would in Fiji and be able, therefore, to accumulate funds with which to set themselves up on their return to the Colony. Accommodation would be supplied and in the case of agricultural workers, they probably could take their wives although workers in the nickel mines could not.

On the termination of their engagement they would be permitted to take back all the money which they had saved. Fares would be paid both ways.

By mid-December, although there had been a great deal of discussion about the proposal in Fiji, there was no clear indication as to how the Indians would react.

There is no suggestion, in the details so far released, that the Indians would be permitted to remain in New Caledonia, and like the Indo-Chinese of the New Hebrides, ultimately be accepted as French citizens and allowed to acquire property. They evidently would have to return to Fiji after three years and, if as indicated, they returned with a considerable amount of cash, the basic problem of the Indians in Fiji—that is, their inability to acquire land which is all permanently secured to the Fijians—is likely to be aggravated rather than solved.

Response to the offer will indicate just how large is the pool of surplus labour (if any) in Fiji. If there are few takers, it will mean that the ambition of the Fijian Indian is still tied to the acquisition of a personal stake in the country and that economic pressure is not yet such that it drives men away from the Colony simply as a means of earning a livelihood.

Extraordinary Australian Reaction

A YEAR ago when New Caledonia proposed introducing Japanese as labourers there was an out-

ery from Australia on the grounds that it was morally wrong to plant an Asiatic pocket so close to her sacred shores.

To a much lesser degree there has been similar comment on the latest proposal. Douglas Wilkie, writing in the *Sun News Pictorial*, of Melbourne, sees it as an unworthy deal between London and Paris and calls it the creation of a gully-trap of rancor, right at the door of an Australia whose national survival depends on reconciling a homogeneous racial and cultural society to friendship with Asia."

He goes on to say that it is no solution of India's over-population problem to have a new colony of weated labour planted in Noumea, any more than France's chronic financial crisis can be solved by re-issuing obsolete colonial forms on a Pacific Island, where the inhabitants have much more in common with Australia than with France.

He overlooks the fact that the Indians are apparently not to be permitted to stay in New Caledonia. And even if they were, it could be hard to see what greater anger there would be for Australia in a small colony of Fiji-Indians in New Caledonia than there is in the same Fiji-Indians, with a great many more, already established in Fiji. Wilkie confuses Indians with Fiji-Indians.

How long New Caledonia is going to tolerate Australia's interference by her means of settling her labour problems remains to be seen, but as is solution to the whole problem Mr. Wilkie suggests that Australia buy New Caledonia "before it goes the way of Fiji."

Australia already seems to have her fair share of problems in running New Guinea to the satisfaction of the Australian newspapers and the United Nations Trusteeship Council without adding further responsibilities to the Department of Territories—even supposing that the land-loving French could be persuaded to part with this piece of Territory.

SUVA'S NEW HOTEL WILL BE SMALLER

MODIFICATIONS have been made in the plans for the new South Seas Hotel in Suva, construction of which was commenced early this year by Messrs. Morris Hedstrom Ltd., of Fiji.

The original plan provided for a much taller building than previously had been undertaken in Suva. A few months ago, just when the work was giving some thought to its new burden of steadily rising building costs, the earthquake of September 14 occurred. Suva had not hitherto been regarded as in an earthquake belt. This event made necessary a drastic revision of the plans, so that precautions against

earthquakes could be embodied in the construction.

The Co. has now decided that the rising costs experienced in the two storeys already constructed, plus the extra cost involved in providing against earthquakes, calls for a sum so much in excess of the amount originally provided that a review is necessary; and a formal announcement on behalf of the board at the end of November said: "We have decided to revise our

plans, with a view to building in more stages than we had originally contemplated; and we have called for altered designs for a two, or at the most a three-storey building, in the first stage. We hope in these designs to provide for foundations capable of carrying the seven or eight storey building originally contemplated."

It is not now expected that the building will go beyond two or at most three storeys.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of
20 Years ago.

THE Highlands of New Guinea—which someone has called the "Glamour" District of the Territory—had only just been discovered 20 years ago. Few people were allowed as much as a glimpse of this "second Kenya" until very recent years. Firstly, the area was closed for many years to all but District Services men and the Leahy brothers (this following the murder of some Europeans by the natives); and after the war, the Edwardian tendency was to keep it as a human zoo for all but the most select and approved visitors.

In our issue of November, 1933, we published the first description of the Highlands. Other extracts from that issue follow:

The Australian Commonwealth Government thought again over the matter of lopping £6,000 off Papua's annual grant of £40,000; as a result, there was a reprieve from the threatened 10 per cent. reduction in the wages of Papuan Public Servants.

Eight Samoan chiefs, a secretary of the Mau movement, and Mr. O. F. Nelson, who was not long back in Apia after some years of banishment to New Zealand, had been arrested and were in process of being tried for "taking part in unlawful activities." NZ, we said editorially, had finally decided to break up the 7-years old Mau, or Nationalist Movement.

"Some New Guinea planters, faced with the ruinous price of copra, have been able to keep the wolf at bay with cocoa. At the end of 1932, 2,000 acres have been planted and about 750 acres are in bearing. The yield last year was 92 tons and as the price has held up well until recently, and there is a Commonwealth bounty of £11 per ton on cocoa, some NG planters have been able to gather in a considerable supplementary income."

Burns Philp (S.S.), Ltd's. new building in Apia, Western Samoa, was opened by General Hart, the Administrator.

Sir Hubert Murray completed 25 years service as Lieutenant-Governor of Papua. (How coy the Australian government has always been in the matter of titles for its Territory chiefs. Lieut.-Governorships and Administratorships are the devices designed to dodge around the straight-out title of Governor—evidently on the theory that that title might detract from the prestige of the politician who was

currently responsible for the Territories Department). In the same month, the London Missionary Society was celebrating the 50th anniversary of its arrival in Papua.

"One of the most interesting geographical discoveries in recent years has been recorded recently in New Guinea, but has been announced with such modesty by the New Guinea Administration that neither the newspapers nor the general public have awakened to its importance." Thus we introduced the story of the Leahy-Taylor expedition that discovered the fertile, well-populated Wahgi-Bena-Bena-Mt. Hagen, highlands area of NG. ADO J. L. Taylor and Messrs. M. J. and D. J. Leahy had come straight from their expedition to Sydney where they were induced to lecture before the Anthropological Society of NSW. Sydney newspapers representatives were present, yet dismissed the explorers' story in a few words. Australia was not New Guinea minded in 1933 and PIM had the honour of publishing the first photographs that had been taken in the area.

It was rumoured that investigations at Bulolo, NG, had shown that a new stratum of gold-bearing material underneath that already being worked had been discovered on the BGD leases. There was speculation as to whether large dredges, suitable for working the deep ground, could be transported by air, as had been the original dredges, or whether it would mean constructing a road in from the coast at the "enormous capital cost of £250,000." (They flew the dredges in; and Army engineers constructed the road in the later stages of the Pacific war.)

Burns Philp's motor-vessel "Malaita" had arrived in Sydney from her makers on the Clyde and went onto the Solomons-NG-Sydney service, replacing the ancient "Mataram."

After being missing for many weeks, news was received that the trading schooner "Pro Patria" had been wrecked on a small uninhabited island near Mangareva. It had been on a voyage to Pitcairn and one of its passengers was James Norman Hall, seeking background material for the last of a trilogy which included "Mutiny" and "Men Against the Sea" and which he had written in collaboration with Charles B. Nordhoff. The book was eventually written and called "Pitcairn's Island."

The price of trochus in Sydney was £86 per ton for first-grade. Cocoa was £A25-£A32 per ton, fob, Sydney. Copra was £Stg.8/12/6 per ton, cif, London; rubber was 4½d per lb, cif, London.

COPRA PRICE IN 1954

United Representations To MOF

ALL the British countries in the South Pacific which dispose of their copra under the British Ministry of Food nine-years' contract (made in 1949 and due to expire at the end of 1957) are now making representations to London that, under the section of the contract which allows a 10 per cent. rise or fall in any one year, the price for 1954 shall be 10 per cent. higher than in 1953.

The countries concerned are Fiji, Papua - New Guinea, British Solomon Islands, Tonga, Western Samoa, Cook Islands and Gilbert and Ellice.

The price paid by the MOF in 1953 has been approximately £65 per ton Sterling, f.o.b. Pacific ports—equal to about £73 Fijian and £80 Australian—but the price actually received by planters has varied a good deal in individual Territories. The contract in every case is handled by the Administration concerned, and in each case the Administration makes various kinds of deductions. The average received by the South Pacific shippers in 1953 has been around £70 Australian.

The 1953 world price of copra has been consistently above the MOF price, and South Pacific planters have good grounds for expecting a 10 per cent. rise in 1954. If the planters, in 1953, produced 100,000 tons (it is a good deal more) they received approximately £7,000,000 Australian. A 10 per cent. rise means another £700,000.

"The copra market in London has been strengthening steadily for some time," said a leading South Pacific merchant to the PIM early in December. In the last week in November, there were sales of Straits FMS at £87/15/- c.i.f. Forward quotations were, December/January, £87/10/-, January/February, £87/5/- which indicates a strong future market. (£88 Stg., c.i.f., would be equal to about £95 Australian or £85/10/- Fijian, f.o.b., South Pacific port).

"The Ministry of Food is a long way up on the profit side and the contract has now run for almost five years. Producers have paid very dearly for the security which the contract has given them. It seems only reasonable that the Ministry should pay the fullest price from now on, as they have already received more than an ample premium for the security they have given to producers.

"If the Ministry should lose money in 1954, under a 10 per cent. rise, it could only be a fraction of the gain they have in hand; and the price could then be re-adjusted

in 1955 to save further substantial losses to the Ministry—although they would have to lose a very large sum indeed to repay anything like the gain they have taken from the South West Pacific copra suppliers under the contract."

Sale of P-NG Copra To Sweden

The Australian Government has completed a sale of 5,000 tons of copra to Sweden at £75 Stg. f.o.b. per ton. The sale is on behalf of the Papua and New Guinea Copra Marketing Board and the price compares more than favourably with the British Ministry of Food contract price of £65 Stg. f.o.b.

The sale was made with the agreement of the Ministry of Food, which, under a long-term contract, has first call on all Territory copra surplus to Australian requirements.

Papua and New Guinea planters will benefit to the extent of about £A50,000 as a result of the sale.

Mr. Vijay R. Singh, of Ba, Fiji, has passed his final examinations in Law in London.

AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS OF P-NG COPRA

ABOUT 27,000 tons of copra was imported into Australia from Australian territories during 1952-53.

The Minister for Territories (Mr. Hasluck) gave the House of Representatives this information in reply to a question asked in November.

About one-third of the 17,000 or 18,000 tons of coconut oil obtained from the copra was used for margarine manufacture.

About 7,000 or 8,000 tons of poultry feed and stock meal were also obtained from the copra.

Smaller Profit of WRC (Fiji) Ltd.

W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji), Ltd., merchants, made £21,197 net profit for the year ended June 30, compared with £29,014 the previous year.

Steady 12½ per cent. ordinary and 7 per cent. preference dividends absorbed £9,017.

More Buildings for Moresby

Top to bottom: The new freezer being erected in Douglas St. for Steamships Trading Co. It is on the site of the old Government Printery. The new freezer will open for business about March.

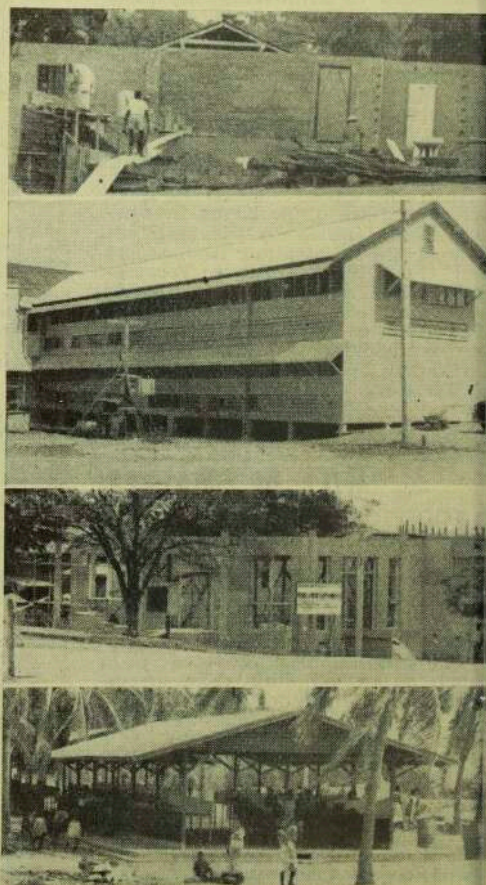
The new wing which has recently been added to the comparatively new Commonwealth Works building in Port Road.

The new and modern Bank of New South Wales building, takes shape on the corner of Douglas and Musgrave Streets. It will take the place of the old corrugated-iron structure in which the bank has conducted its business since the war.

This new Native Market opened for business on November 14, at Koki, Port Moresby. With concrete floors, iron roof and sides, with wooden fixtures, it should become an attractive market for Europeans as well as natives provided the natives manage to get the necessary supplies of fresh vegetables, fruit and fish. Local residents tip that after the novelty wears off the natives will once again be squatting with their wares beneath the coconut palms of Koki beach.

—Photos by Papuan Prints.

Twenty native Scouts from Papua-New Guinea will visit Brisbane next year during the stay there of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.



THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Too Many Statistics?

Why does the ABC, Port Moresby, burden listeners and waste valuable time by broadcasting yards of useless and boring weather statistics? Asks "Bored Listener" (who is a New Guinea coconut planter).

"Who is interested? Why should someone in Rabaul be interested in the news that Misima had 15 points of rain before 9 a.m. yesterday, or that the relative humidity in Port Moresby was a certain percentage the day before? I am sure the aircraft companies don't want the information, for they can get it through Air Radio."

Logical Deductions From Dairymen's Squawks

Political agitation against the sale of margarine is growing in Australia, although, in December the Federal Government refused, for the moment, anyway, to impose a duty on copra and coconut oil.

Under the fantastic economic structure imposed by the 40-hours-week, and other accepted methods of systematised loafing, the costs of living in Australia continue to increase. Now, despite bounties, the cost of butter is so high that people are turning, more and more, to margarine—the quality of which has improved greatly in recent years.

Butter sales have fallen considerably, and dairy farmers generally are howling. Because they are putting pressure on their representatives, there have been loud protests lately in some of the State Parliaments, and in Canberra. "Why should our decent white farmers suffer like this, while people eat margarine made from copra produced by cheap black labour in the lands?" shouted one demagogue.

Mr. S. Briant, writing from a hospital in Cairns, sends us a collection of newspaper cuttings. Some people are always squawking for free enterprise and competition," he says. "But when the effect of enterprise hits them, they are the first to demand tariffs and protection."

And then he proceeds to give the prices which planters in the islands east of Papua have to pay for the rice, tobacco, matches, sugar, sacks, canned beef, etc. — prices exorbitantly high because the Australians insist on short hours and high wages.

There is a great deal more to it than "cheap native labour". If the Australians want to sell their products overseas, they must act rationally. If not, it will not be long before Mr. Briant quite correctly re-

marks) before Australia will be overwhelmed by masses of people from other countries less happily placed.

A Rising Market

Well known Pacific planter, C. J. T. Krone, writing from St. Helier, Jersey Channel Islands (where he and Mrs. Krone are residing temporarily) encloses a cutting from *The Financial Times* of November 3. It showed Straits copra at £86/10/- Stg., and rising. "This should reassure planters," he says. "Copra is one of the few raw materials now in constant and steady demand."

To Attack Missionaries

"Be on the watch for a book by me, to be entitled *The Gods are White*. It deals with the primitives of the South Seas, and will be somewhat startling in content. In it I call the missionaries 'The Great Curse.' Pretty daring; and I may have to get my Gladstone all packed and passport and visas in order when the book comes out."

This is from 72-years-old Jesse H. Buffum, who was briefly in Australia in 1947, getting lecture material; and again in 1949, when he went with the Elkin Expedition into Arnhem Land to make the official film of the Abos for the University of Sydney. He says he is "an amateur anthropologist, and a very inquiring newspaperman of long experience who tries to dig out the truth and make sure of the facts."

Why Ban Alsations?

Among the dogs that have coats suitable for life in the tropics is the Alsatian—a noble, intelligent, beautiful and safe animal which is a fine watchdog for outstations (writes a NG planter).

In 1932, the powers-that-be banned the entry of Alsations to Australia, Papua and New Guinea. There may have been good reasons in Australia, but why the ban in NG?

I have owned Alsations for some time, and have them still. They were born here—should any testy bureaucrat be thinking of taking action. I also have three children. None of the Alsations has ever offered harm to the children, although they have been pulled around, ridden on, and rolled about, and even had their new puppies picked up by the children.

They are wonderful watch-dogs—no fear of peeping-toms and thieves at night. It seems a shame to ban their import to this country. There are plenty of the breed in the Territory, but their blood needs freshening; and as things stand

they are doomed to extinction through constant inter-breeding.

This business of keeping out a 3-weeks-old Alsatian puppy, as recently happened in Port Moresby, smacks of bigotry, and shows a complete lack of knowledge of one of the finest breeds in the dog-world.

Lost!

To "Y", who contributed a set of verses published on page 80 of October PIM: Would you be good enough to forward your name and address? Our accountant has something for you, and has lost your address.

Wanted—Shirley Baker's Diversions

Mr. I. F. MacGregor, writing from Palm Beach, Queensland, asks if anyone could sell him a book called *The Diversions of a Prime Minister*, by Basil Thompson, which told the history of the Tongan Free Church during the regime of Shirley Baker.

Mr. MacGregor spent three years in Tonga, and thoroughly enjoyed it. He, therefore, was interested in the remarks of Mr. K. Pawson, who wrote about the Kingdom in a spirit of disillusionment, in a recent issue of PIM.

Profit and Loss Across the Tasman

It was reported in Australian papers in November that British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, in the 12 months to March 31, 1953, lost £A283,035; but that Qantas Empire Airways and Tasman Empire Airways made profits—of £A211,932 and £A39,782 respectively.

In October, we reported that TEAL had lost £100,000 Stg. on the trans-Tasman route during that year; and £80,000 Stg. on the Coral route.

We have not been able to discover why this company has been credited with a profit in Australia and, at the same time, with a loss in New Zealand.

A TEAL spokesman could give our New Zealand representative no explanation. It seems possible that Australia is referring to 1951-52, when TEAL made a profit of £NZ31,812, which is £A39,765. We previously recorded this, in error, as a loss.

In respect of the loss on the Coral Route:—This is apparently £40,000 Stg for 1952-53 as this route is the sole responsibility of New Zealand and is not, as is usually believed, shared by the other partners in TEAL—Australia and UK. Therefore, NZ's share of £40,000 Stg is, in fact, the whole loss and not just half of it, as we indicated in our October article.

Threat of Detergents to Copra Market

A NOTE of warning to producers of all but first-class copra, was sounded at the October meeting of the British Solomon Islands Advisory Council at Honiara, on October 16.

An official member of the Council said that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had informed the BSIP Government of the difficulties that might be experienced in the copra market once the MOF contract ended in 1957. And one factor that had been little considered was the rise in popularity, in the last few years, of synthetic detergents which contained no oils or fats, and which were taking the place of soaps.

These detergents had forced soap manufacturers to concentrate only on high quality soaps which required high quality fats for their manufacture. There was a danger that these soap manufacturers might not be able to afford to purchase smoke-dried copra because of the extra cost of refining it. (At present most smoke-dried copra is used in soap manufacture, while the hot-air and sun-dried varieties are used for foods).

Other countries were placing great emphasis on the improvement in the quality of oils and fats they produced in order to compete in the world markets. The Protectorate must follow, or run the serious risk of losing its markets and facing the ruin of its one vital industry.

This warning given to BSIP producers should be of equal significance in other parts of the Pacific where the standard of copra production is, generally, by no means as high as it might be.

£500,000 for BSI But Nothing for War-Blitzed Planters

THE British Government has allotted £500,000 to British Solomons Islands Protectorate, from amounts received from Japanese reparations.

Plantation-owners in BSI (who suffered a "wipe-out" in the war, received no rehabilitation help, and are now forced to pay heavy income taxation) asked that at least a part of the £500,000 be allotted to them.

The BSI Government has announced bluntly that no war damage compensation will be paid, and the £500,000 retained for special purposes.

Mr. Ronald Ricketts, of Koro Island, Fiji, journeyed to New Zealand on vacation in November. He expected to return to Fiji in January.

DISPOSAL OF P-NG COPRA STABILISATION FUND

Australian Government Submits A Plan

AFTER seven years of nagging by planting interests, the Australian Government at last has decided upon how it will dispose of the fund—nearly £2,000,000—accumulated by an arbitrary deduction from the payments made to Papua-New Guinea planters for their exported copra. It is to be held intact, under the control of yet another Board, and it is to be used for the "stabilisation" of the copra industry.

The Copra Industry Stabilisation Bill was brought before the P-NG Legislative Council on November 18 by the Treasurer (Mr. Reeve), briefly discussed, and then adjourned to next Council meeting. In the interim, it will be considered by the planters' associations.

The plan, a fund for the stabilisation of the copra industry, was put into operation by Socialist Minister E. J. Ward, at the end of the war. With a 20 years' record of terrific fluctuations in the world copra market before them, Mr. Ward and his advisers felt justified in taking from the planters' high post-war receipts from copra a certain regular sum per ton, wherewith to create a fund which would provide a subsidy to keep planters afloat in time of slump.

Despite its origin, none seriously challenged the plan—it was fundamentally sound.

But the whole situation changed at the end of 1949. The British Ministry of Food entered into a nine-years' contract with British copra-producing countries, under which all their copra was to be purchased at a price which would ensure the prosperity of the planters.

The planters thereupon claimed, with reason, that the industry now was stabilised for at least a decade, and there was no good reason why the deduction should continue. This view was placed before a non-Socialist Australian Government, which about this time replaced the Socialist Administration. A section of the planters argued strongly that the £780,000 accumulated up to then by arbitrary deductions from their cheques should now be distributed to the planters who had produced the copra.

But the Government dodged and shilly-shallied, and avoided any pronouncement until November, 1952, when Minister Hasluck announced that the Fund would not be distributed, and that some plan of stabilisation would be maintained.

That, of course, was to be expected. In the history of modern government, few instances are known where such funds, created by arbitrary deductions from

primary producers, are ultimately released to the men whose industry and enterprise brought them into being. Bureaucrats now control most governmental activities; and the commonest nightmare suffered by the average bureaucrat is the occasion when he is compelled to surrender to private enterprise the funds which, on some administrative pretext or other, he has taken from the incomes of people who earned them.

It is disclosed that the Copra Stabilisation Fund (the Minister now calls it that, but for years Canberra coyly refused to give the accumulation a name) has been built up in this way:—

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Deductions from 1946 to Dec. 31, 1949	780,000
Deductions under Customs Export Tariff Ord. 1951/2, held by Commonwealth ..	672,000
Similar deductions, now held by Administration, up to Sept. 30, 1953	277,000
Similar deductions, Sept. to Nov. about	50,000
Total, approximately ..	1,779,000

Right up until now, the Planters' Association of New Guinea, with its headquarters in Rabaul, has fought against this tax on the industry. The highest legal advice has indicated that, if it appealed to the High Court, the Association might force the Government to release at least the £780,000 collected before 1950. The Planters' Association of Papua, on the other hand, has taken the view that the Fund should be established (much in the manner now proposed) for the future protection of the industry.

The deduction from the planters' receipts per ton has varied. At one time, in the Ward regime, it was as high as £8 per ton. In the last couple of years, it has been £2 deducted as part of the export tax at present between £7 and £8 per ton.

The following are the essentials of the Government plan, as described to the Legislative Council by Mr. Reeve:—

1.—The whole of the £1,800,000 goes into the Fund, plus current deductions, which are at the rate of some £500,000 per annum, and which apparently are to continue.

COMMENT: The price of copra under the MOF purchase contract is fixed every year. The Government has given no indication whether the Fund deduction, per ton, will continue at the same rate as in the past. If so, there will be a Fund of some £4,000,000 in £5,000,000 when the MOF contract

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The Telefomin Affair

Hysterical Newspaper Comment In Australia

IT is officially believed that the attacks by natives of the Telefomin area of New Guinea, which in November resulted in the deaths of Cadet Patrol Officer G. B. Harris and Patrol Officer Gerald L. Szarka and two native policeboys, came from the Teraptavip group which numbers less than 200.

The District Commissioner of the Sepik District of New Guinea, Mr. Alan Timperley, who has been investigating the murders and the circumstances surrounding them, believes that the attacks were pre-meditated and were made by young men. It seems to him probable that an initiation ceremony for young men of the Teraptavip group was to take place in the near future and that an aged man of the group had allegedly been advocating that the station at Telefomin should be removed so that tribal practices could be resumed. The District Commissioner discounts the theory that the attacks were made as "pay back" for the loss of five native carriers who were drowned when accompanying a patrol in an adjoining area earlier this year.

No one seems to know why the two young men split their forces and patrolled in different directions; or why they took so few policeboys with them.

News of the tragedy was followed by a spate of newspaper speculation and theory—most of it uninformed and designed purely as a political weapon. In Sydney, in November, most of the big daily newspapers were "shopping around" for comment from anyone who had ever been in the Territory, to prove that the murders were due to Australian Government policy; or to the fact that the young men who met their deaths had been forced to take unnecessary risks.

The Administrator of Papua and New Guinea, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, said, in regard to some of these statements, that they were irresponsible, impertinent and not in accordance with fact.

In Australia, the peak of uninformed comment came from the Melbourne *Argus*—in politics decidedly Pink—which had this to say in a leading article:—

"Australians will be deceiving nobody but themselves if they pretend that the Telefomin affair is symptomatic of anything but a failure of colonial administration.

"If we do fail—and Telefomin is a disquieting danger-signal—then we need blame nobody but ourselves. It is not the natives' business to show us how to win their good will; it is our business to win

their good will in our own interests."

This comment simply shows that, in spite of all the publicity New Guinea has had since the war, the problems of administering that primitive country are a closed book to the majority of Australians.

DISTRICT SERVICES 37 PERMANENT ABSENTEES

ALTHOUGH much of the hysteria that followed the Telefomin affair can be dismissed as merely mischievous, the fact does emerge, however, that District Services field staff is much too small to do the gigantic job of bringing government to the New Guinea natives and that, as a consequence, some of the outposts are not always as fully staffed as they should be.

One of the greatest contributing causes of this staff shortage is, doubtless, the fact that at least 37 of its patrol-officers, and even Assistant District Officers, are away in Sydney spending up to two years learning the theory of Pacific administration. (See page 49 this issue).

There seems no reason at all why this Australian School of Pacific Administration should not function somewhere in the Territory where the students who are attending it could get to grips with what is actually happening there, and be available for much more practical work in the field.

The School is a post-war growth and at the beginning the course extended over a few months. Now the School course covers two years.

Before the war, Papuan officials got along without any formal instruction in tropical administration; and in New Guinea, cadet patrol officers were given six months at Sydney University after a preliminary two years in the field in New Guinea.

It is quite fruitless to be always comparing the "good old days" with the present. It has yet to be proven, however, that the present system which includes some years at the ASOPA in Sydney makes better patrol-officers or District Commissioners than the old pre-war system.

(See also article, *Magazine Section*, this issue.)

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cam Turner of Wellington, NZ, during October. Mrs. Turner was formerly Miss Pele Grey, daughter of popular Apia hotel hostess, Mrs. Aggie Grey.

A party headed by Mr. L. J. Davis, Tokelau Officer, made an official flight to the Tokelau Islands late November per RNZAF Sunderland aircraft. Official visits are made from Apia every three or four months.

INDONESIAN CHAOS

Threat to West N. Guinea

THE politico-economic situation in Indonesia shows progressive deterioration. Month by month, during 1953, this journal has reported events which lead us to believe that, as the threat of complete collapse grows, there is growing danger that the gang of political adventurers in power at Djakarta will try to force the populace to support them by making some sort of armed demonstration against the Dutch in West New Guinea. That, of course, would immediately involve Australia and Australian New Guinea.

In mid-November, we reported that organisations (some of them Islamic in character) which had revolted against the Government were in control of areas in North Sumatra, Western Java and the Celebes; and that Communists with strong Chinese affiliations were steadily infiltrating the archipelagoes.

It was reported on December 1 that Mr. Sunarjo, "Foreign Minister of Indonesia," told the Aneta News Agency in Djakarta that the Cabinet is making preparations for the rapid abolition of the Union under which Indonesia is linked with the Netherlands, and "for the speedy incorporation of West New Guinea into the republic."

No very early or dangerous armed attack is likely; but the writing is on the wall.

Governor Lowe Arrives At Pago Pago

MR. RICHARD B. LOWE, fifth post-war Governor of American Samoa, arrived at Pago Pago and was officially inaugurated as Governor in ceremonies performed there on November 12. He was sworn in by Chief Judge Morrow and was greeted by the High Chiefs of American Samoa with a kava ceremony, the speech of welcome being delivered by High Chief Sotoa, chairman of the Council of Paramount Chiefs.

Governor Lowe, in his inaugural speech, said that the purpose of the E. Samoan Government is to help Samoans help themselves, and the first way that they can do this is by increasing agricultural production. He reported that an arrangement has been reached with the Van Camp organisation of America to open the fish cannery at Pago Pago and that recruiting for the United States Armed Forces would also be resumed in Samoa. A Naval recruiting team would shortly arrive to interview applicants.

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

THE Telefomin tragedy was a sorry business and makes one realise that in New Guinea stone-age instincts still prevail. In the past, provocation has invariably centred around pigs or women—both top-level subjects of tribal significance and both holding certain attractions for itinerant carriers and police-boys attached to patrols.

Various reasons have been suggested for the outbreak of stone-age tactics on this occasion: crowning of local natives; non-payment of promised compensation; ban on tribal rites and inexperienced officers; but it is doubtful if the true cause will ever be published.

It was somewhere in this area that attacks were made on the Hagen-Sepik patrol in 1938-39 and Taylor, in referring to the local tribe, quoted Black as saying, "They do not encourage visitors."

I cannot see that the position in the P-NG Legislative Council has changed much since pre-war days when non-official members were little more than a token force, or powerless symbol of that Democracy which is alleged to be the fundamental principal of all our legislation, and Bills were "rail-roaded" through the Chamber at Canberra's command.

The Territory was justified in seeking autonomy and less bureaucratic rule in pre-war days when it was self-supporting; but now Canberra, whence come millions of pounds to subsidise P-NG's development, may think itself entitled to major voice in legislation.

Anyway, in these days, what Parliamentary Opposition is capable of achieving much with voting on purely party lines? Solution: secret ballots in our Legislative halls.

A measure causing expressions of divergent opinion in the Legislative Council of P-NG is that of sending natives to Australia for Secondary Education. It is more evidence of the Administration rushing its paces in the Native Advancement stakes and one, in my opinion, filled with dangerous possibilities.

Don Barrett, MLC, sounded a logical note of warning during the debate regarding the risk of disruptive elements. And what country has more potential disruptive elements than Australia? Especially here such fertile ground as un-sophisticated natives offer. It might be only a matter of time before one will hear of a Makolkol student returning from Sydney with the daughter of some Australian

politician as his bride and taking her to his home in the centre of New Britain!

A local Secondary school is ostensibly the solution if the Administration feels that UNO pressure is so great that secondary education must be provided.

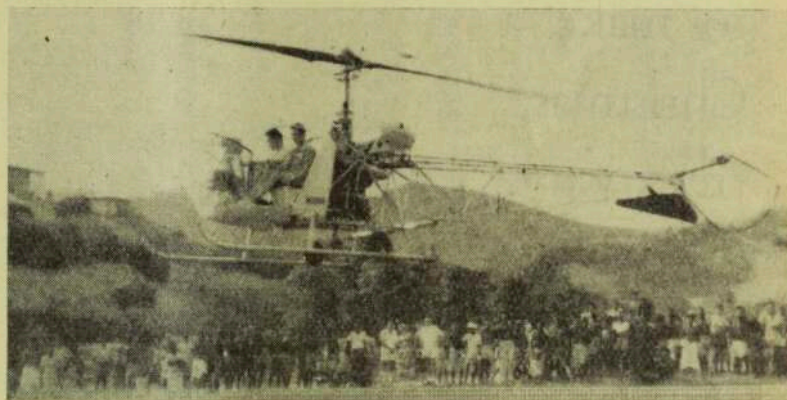
And New Guinea is where the

School of Pacific Administration should be, too.

The release of P-NG production figures for 1952-53 has caused favourable official comment. An analysis shows, however, that high prices and not the production, are responsible for the increased revenue. Copra exports in 1952-53 are shown as 76,392 tons. TNG alone, in 1936-37, exported 76,409 tons and Papua 13,600 tons, totalling over 90,000 tons.

And while we're talking about

'Copters Over Moresby

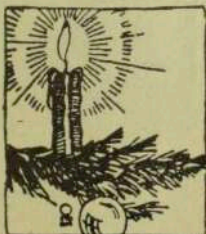


This is the first helicopter seen in Port Moresby—on November 26 it flew over the town and landed and took off from Ela Beach. Its pilot was "Sandy" Wheeler, of California, USA.

Four of these machines are to be used by Australasian Petroleum Company in their oil-search surveys in Western Papua, mainly for carrying supplies, equipment and technicians in dense jungle and swamp country—or so the report goes. It is hard to see where any of these things are to be carried in this skeletonised machine. Although not clear in this reproduction, the pilot and passenger are sitting in a sort of perspex sphere.

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comparative figures and the pride shown in present statistics at the expense of the past, what about sheep? Much has been heard of the work done since the war in this industry. In November PIM (p. 143) one reads that total sheep at end of 1952 was 2,100, then follows an apt remark concerning E. J. Wauchope's work on Awar plantation. It is interesting to note that in 1937-38: in TNG alone there were 1,602 sheep, from which one concludes that the increase in 16 years, in both Territories, has been about 500.

I see where Archbishop Duhig has been on a visit to the Territory. This is his first trip, so far as I can remember, though he is credited with having had an interest in the Kupei goldfield down in Bougainville, which was discovered in 1930 and run for some time by Jack Comb. I haven't heard much about this field lately, but it will not surprise me if one of these days Bougainville is well and truly on the mining map.

Assays made in the German days gave very promising prospects of tin.

In October Talk-Talk I mentioned the first recruiting trip up the Sepik, and in this connection an Old-Timer writes: "I think, if checked, you will find the first team consisted of Dick Glasson, skipper of the *Wunatali*, Blue Ireland and Latham Hamilton. . . . He was on Garua when the Nips came in. I remember in April, '23 going back to Kelaua on that ship, with the McKells, a bridal couple. Cliff Judd did a lot, too, later on with Bob Palmer and Bluey Ireland, but really came into his own, recruiting up the Sepik for the Melco on the old *Ralum*."

The same writer had something to say about coconut planting and production, to which I referred in October. Says he: "I guess Geoff Bliss—now of Dylup—and myself have 'lined' more coconuts than most in New Guinea. Unfortunately, though, for other people. We always 'lined' 32 ft. on the triangle, giving approximately 127 palms to the hectare. I 'lined' one place 35 ft. between the rows and 30 ft. distance in the rows. That gave about the same number of palms per hectare as the 32 ft. triangle and at the same time allowed greater space for cocoa planted between the rows. As for production: Any of the plantations on Karkar, in full bearing, average output of not less than 40 cwt. per hectare, which in the case of the old German planting, averaging about 115 palms to the hectare, gives a yearly output of approximately 45 tons for every 2,600 palms."

To this I would merely add that Karkar Island was the highest producing area, per hectare, in the Territory. In German times a ton to the hectare was reckoned an average return.

The eight people selected to represent the Territory for the Queen's Visit next year comprise a good cross section of the white population and should meet with general approval—more or less. They have all *done* something for their adopted country and that is the main thing. I was particularly pleased to see Paul Mason and Jim Leahy included, for they are a couple who do not seek the lime-light and it is reassuring to see their work thus appreciated by the Powers That Be.

I noticed the *South Pacific Post*, in its short biographical sketch of

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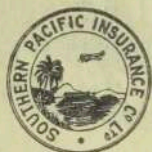
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those selected, mentions that Mrs. Doris Booth received her OBE "for her work among natives when typhoid broke out during the War." That, of course, is incorrect. She



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received the award 10 years before World War II broke out, in 1929, and for the fine work she did during the dysentery epidemic which broke out on the Morobe goldfields in 1926. Her work was widely appreciated when it was mentioned in the evidence which came out during the Royal Commission held in 1927 and given publicity in the Press. The Commissioner, Peter McGregor from Queensland, was appointed as a result of representations made by the Morobe Miners Assn. for the cancellation of the big mining leases held by the Big Six after the discovery of Edie Creek in 1926. Counsel for the Miners was the present Mr. Justice Simpson, of Canberra, while the Big Six briefed the late Mr. (after Judge) Boyce. The Big Six won.

It's good to see that a historical society has, at long last, been started in P-NG. We wish it every success. Director of Education Bill Groves, the newly-elected president, arrived in Rabaul in 1922 and was appointed Supervisor of Native Education, and has been getting around extensively ever since. The vice-president, G. A. V. Stanley, has also been in the Territory some 30 years, connected mostly with oil research, and is a well-known bibliographer. The Society has a vast field for its activities. The proposed Bill to establish a museum, art gallery and

library should be of assistance to it. P-NG can do with some cultural interests other than those launched by starry-eyed theorists.

Ted Monk's enquiries in "Editors Mailbag" (PIM, Nov.) will conjure up nostalgic memories for many readers, not the least of them those who knew Ethel at Usher's. "Yorkie" Booth I last heard of at Salamaua: Eric Weine (not Wayne) was somewhere inland in NSW when last heard of; while Jackson Banks and Frank Pryke have both passed to their well-earned rest. Bill Cash I cannot place.

A propos of old-timers: A Brisbane correspondent writes that he often sees Percy Miller around the city and they exchange reminiscences of Manus in the good old days. Percy, who is an ex-RN man, was cruising around the Admiralties early in '14 when that area was fairly primitive. During World War I he returned to England and, in World War II, was with the American Red Cross in Brisbane. Now retired, he is nursing his indifferently health.

Complaints from philatelists (PIM Nov. p. 49) also include the use, by the smaller post-offices in the Pacific, of red and purple stamping inks when stamps are being cancelled instead of the orthodox black PO ink. There used to be quite good tea-money made in some Islands' offices by saving TNG stamps for which dealers paid half face value for cancelled issues, plus 20 per cent. for covers.

And so drinking intoxicating liquor by natives may now be legally permitted. I don't know whether it will make much difference to existing conditions. Natives who have a taste for liquor will still get it, with or without a permit, as they have done in the past. I saw some unpleasant incidents during the Jap occupation as a result of native drinking.

Coral Blocks Harbour Entrance

THE Marine Superintendent, WPHC., has issued a notice to mariners about the growth of live coral in the entrance to Onepusu Harbour, Malaita, BSIP, in position 9 deg. 17 minutes 50 seconds South, 161 deg. 2 minutes 30 seconds East, which reads as follows:

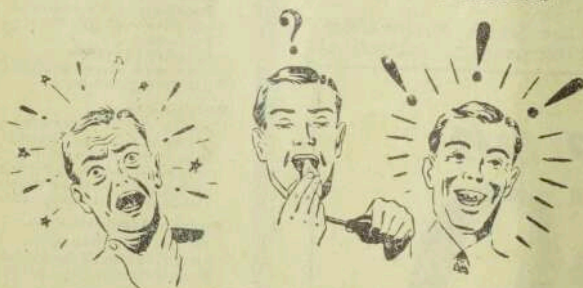
Information has been received from the District Commissioner, Malaita, to the effect that the growth of live coral in the narrow entrance to this harbour has made it dangerous to navigation. Vessels with a draft exceeding eight feet are advised not to use this harbour. The chart affected is BA1469.

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**Present Position Absurd—
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ALTHOUGH Papua-New Guinea outstrips most other Islands territories of the Pacific as to size, population, potential wealth and strategic importance, the head of its Administration is still His Honour the Administrator, while the heads of other, less important, Islands territories are either Governors, High Commissioners or the like.

Mr. E. A. James, elected Member for Papua in the P-NG Legislative Council, believes that it is high time this ridiculous position was remedied—and many people will agree with him. The matter was first discussed in an article in PIM in August, where it was said that if Brigadier Cleland should have much to do with his neighbours and colleagues in other Territories the set-up could be embarrassing for him as a mere Administrator and bad for Australian prestige.

It is a fact that since the death in 1940 of Sir Hubert Murray, who was Lieutenant-Governor of Papua and entitled to be addressed as His Excellency, Australia has kept her chief executive officers in Papua and New Guinea as "Administrator" and therefore ranking after Governors, High Commissioners, Commonwealth Ministers and even Australian State Ministers. No reason has ever been given for this absurd policy and it is variously attributed to a hang-over from Wardist socialism or a jealous preservation of Canberra bureaucracy.

Mr. James, during the November session of the PNG Legislative Council, said that steps should be taken immediately to have the head of the P-NG Administration given a title befitting his position, and suggested that he should become His Excellency, The High Commissioner for Papua and New Guinea.

Diffidence, belittlement and self-abasement were not attributes that had any merit in the field of international affairs, he said, and if the present Administrator of P-NG ever found himself in conference with the leaders of other South Pacific territories—such as the Governor of Fiji, the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, the Governor-General of Netherlands New Guinea and the Governor of American Samoa, to name but a few—he would find himself down at the end of the table, last in order of precedence.



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P-NG Treasurer Presents His Budget

CHIEF points from the Budget speech made by the Papua-New Guinea Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Teeve, and presented at the November meeting of the P-NG Legislative Council were:

- Revenue will be: £5,500,000 Commonwealth grant (£30,000 more than last year); plus about £2,500,000 revenue raised in the Territory mostly from Customs collections.

- The Administration was not proposing, at present, to open up new fields of revenue. (*This is taken to mean that there is no immediate intention to impose direct income taxation on the residents of the Territory*).

- New P-NG postage stamps issued in October, 1952, boosted revenue by about £35,000.

- This year, the territory will spend £850,000 more than last year—£187,000 more for salaries, half a million more for capital works and maintenance.

- £750,000 is still owing for native war-damage—but payments this year will be limited to £250,000 "in order not to endanger native economy." (*This is an extraordinary state of affairs eight years after the end of hostilities. The compensation is to be paid in respect of events which took place in 1942-45 and is presumably for loss of pigs, gardens, houses and possibly for loss of bread-winners, etc. Just how much moral basis there ever was for war-damage compensation to P-NG natives, on the lavish scale devised by the Australian government, is doubtful; and the good effect it might have had—in showing the natives how scrupulously fair we are in compensating them for damage caused while we drove the Japs out of their country—is surely dissipated by the long time-lag in paying it. Money paid now to the natives will certainly be looked upon as just another hand-out from the uncomprehensible Europeans who run the country*).

- A start will be made on the new General Hospital at Lae, and this, with the proposed new base hospital at Moresby, will absorb £500,000.

- The P-NG Administration has established its own Works Branch and has taken over many of the activities of the Commonwealth Works Department; £400,000 will be spent on housing this year as against £250,000 last year; and while the Commonwealth Works Dept. last year was changing over from day-labour to a system of outside

contracts, £488,000 less than the estimated amount for capital works was spent.

IN the debate that followed the Treasurer's speech, Mr. E. A. James, elected member for Papua, said that on his calculations revenue worked out at a contribution of £1,292,000 from the European and Asian communities, as against £676,000 from the natives. This was a tax of over £100 per head for every man, woman and child of the European and Asian population—an increase of £10 per head since the previous year. In return, the estimates of expenditure for the coming year showed £885,000 for purely European and Asian purposes and an expenditure of £3½ millions for native services. He did not suggest

that the natives were receiving too much—but that there was not sufficient spent on essential amenities for the European and Asian populations.

Mr. James attacked also the copra export tax. He said that copra producers in the Territory were contributing 40 per cent. of the total internal revenue of P-NG. He believed that sectional taxation on the gross earnings of the primary producer was wrong and that a full inquiry should be held into the Territory's financial structure.

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untouched wealth of P-NG, Territorians would do well to keep their feet on the earth and realise that for the present it was a poor country which could not even feed itself. The natives were naturally indolent and in spite of the example of European planting, extending back half a century, native planting of export crops had so far been insignificant.

There was, he said, need for guaranteed markets in Australia for Territory produce. At the same time, there should be greater economy in labour in the Territory through increased mechanisation of primary industry.

Fiji's 1954 Expenditure Lower at £4,140,000

THE following are highlights from the Budget Session of the Fiji Legislative Council held in Suva during November.

• **TAXATION**—No new or increased taxation will be introduced in 1954, pending receipt of a report awaited from the Fiscal Committee giving a comprehensive review of the Colony's finances. Estimated expenditure for 1954, somewhat lower than in the two preceding years, is expected to be £4,140,000. Only Government Departments in which expenditure will increase are

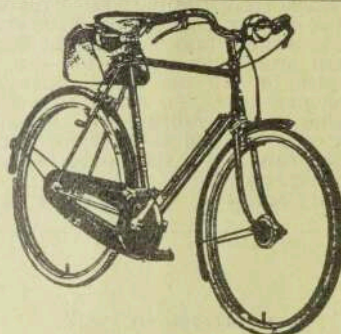
Agriculture, by nearly 30%, as part of the economic development policy; Posts and Telegraphs, 20% in revenue-earning expenditure; Establishment Head of Works, 12½%, to secure better supervision; Education, 12%.

• **DEVELOPMENT** — Nearly £898,000 will be spent on development projects in 1954, as compared

with £840,000 this year. Work in hand or completed this year includes geological, soil, aerial, and hydro-electric surveys which will prove of value for the future.

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welfare programme during the coming year. These were conditioned by earning power of the Colony.

The ten-year development plan will, during 1954, be financed largely by the Fiji Development Loan which was floated in 1952 and had realised £1,305,000. This fund should carry the plan on into the first few months of 1955.

BSIP Finds It Difficult To Spend Its Money

£600,000 Budget for 1953

THE Advisory Council of the British Solomon Islands met in Honiara in October. Here are some points made during discussions:—

- Accounts for 1952 have not yet been finalised. It is, however, estimated that the deficit for that year will be only £58,800 instead of the £148,000 that had been contemplated.

- It seemed that in respect of 1953, revenue would be about £534,000 and expenditure £586,000, leaving a deficit of £52,000 instead of the £300,000 that had been expected. The under-spending in both years was due to inability to carry out construction programmes as planned.

- Due to a hardening of the copra market lately, it is expected that there will be no reduction in the MOF price for copra in 1954—or at the outside, one of not more than 5 per cent.

- The Right Reverend S. G. Daulton, Bishop of Melanesia, spoke of the diligence with which His Excellency the High Commissioner and Mrs. Stanley had devoted themselves, often with no little discomfort, to the important duty of visiting as many localities as possible within the Protectorate. Members had taken note of this with gratification.

- Mr. L. F. Gill, Mr. G. Kuper and Mr. K. H. D. Hay all spoke of the difficulty of procuring sufficient or efficient labour. Mr. Kuper advocated a system of indentured labour; Mr. Hay suggested that labour be introduced from outside the Protectorate.

- In referring to the proposals for an indentured labour system, Mr. P. N. Dalton, BSIP Attorney-General, said that if the reason for the suggestion of such a system lay in the desire to introduce penal sanctions for breach of contract, he was afraid they would be in for some difficulty because of the International Labour Convention agreement adopted in 1948.

¶ The Most Rev. Dr. Lehman, Vicar Apostolic in the Cook Islands, returning by air from a visit to Rome, broke his journey in Fiji in mid-November to visit Cook Island patients at the Central Leper Hospital, Makogai, and students at St. Johns College, Cawaci. He continued on to Auckland: from there he was to return to Rarotonga by sea.

¶ The Rev. Father J. J. O'Loughlin, one of a group of Irish Columban Fathers who came to Fiji last February, has been a patient at the Tamavua Sanatorium, Suva, for the past three months. In mid-November he journeyed to Sydney for further treatment.

Modern Hotel in Dutch New Guinea

K.L.M. ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES has officially opened its new up-to-date hotel at Biak, Netherlands New Guinea. Biak is the first port of call for K.L.M. planes on the weekly Sydney-Amsterdam service.

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From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, November 30.

THE news that Morris Hedstrom Ltd. have finally decided to trim down the plans for the South Seas Hotel, at Suva, Fiji, is not unexpected. (See on other page).

But it is now clear that the new hotel will do comparatively little to relieve Suva's chronic accommodation shortage.

Meanwhile the expanded Korolevu Beach Hotel, 70 miles west of Suva, has been opened with a lavish display of hospitality.

At the opening on November 28 were the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) and Lady Garvey, plus more than 100 invited guests of Northern Hotels, Ltd.

The Governor and other speakers congratulated Sir Hugh Ragg on the greatly enlarged Korolevu link in the Northern Hotels chain round Viti Levu and praised the picturesque scheme at Korolevu, which has been built on the characteristic Islands plan popular in Tahiti and Hawaii.

The presence of a party of 15 travel-agency men from New Zealand possibly indicated that the promoters of the tourist trade in Fiji expect that the Dominion will continue to supply a very substantial proportion of Fiji's tourists.

This traffic, as Sir Ronald Garvey pointed out, is by no means entirely one-way. Many of those who can afford it go to New Zealand to escape the hot months in Fiji just as an increasing number of New Zealanders come to the Islands to dodge the southern winter.

The Korolevu Hotel on the south coast of Viti Levu, 45 miles from Suva, complete with modern equipment, will accommodate 60 guests. Twenty well-built Fijian-style cottages are placed along a perfect beach shaded by coconut palms.

NG £1½ Million Plywood Project

THE Australian Minister for Territories introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, Canberra, in mid-November to provide an additional £250,000 for the joint Commonwealth Government-Bulolo Gold Dredging timber and plywood project in the Bulolo Valley, NG.

This amount is in addition to the initial £500,001 contribution by the Commonwealth. The company agreement provides for a nominal capital of £2,000,000. Shares are held in the proportion of 51 Commonwealth to 49 BGD.

The plant at Bulolo to produce plywood sheets will be ready for the official opening by Mr. Hasluck late in January.



Yacht Club Function

A happy moment at a recent function at the Royal Yacht Club, Suva, Fiji, when Lady Garvey, wife of Fiji's Governor, presented the season's trophies. Mr. C. Stinson is shown at the microphone; Mr. Vernon Hawkesley, who has just received his trophy, is standing next to Mr. Heath-Hemphill, Vice-Commodore of the Club.

NG Village Council Has to Pay £430

IN the Supreme Court held at Rabaul, New Guinea, on November 23, 1953, before Mr. Justice Kelly, the New Britain Taxi and Carrying Co. Ltd. was awarded £30 damages against the Vunamami Village Council in respect of an accident between trucks owned by the parties.

This is the first time that a native

Village Council has been sued.

Mr. Dudley Jones appeared for the plaintiff company, and Mr. Harold James for the Native Council.

¶ Mr. Mohammed Yusuff, Bsc., of Tavua, Fiji, who is studying for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in New Zealand, has been credited a pass in Medical Jurisprudence and Preventive Medicine.

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WIDE ACTIVITIES OF SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

SURVEY OF EYE DISEASES

BRIEF surveys of eye diseases prevalent in Niue, American Samoa and Western Samoa are being made for the South Pacific Commission by Dr. J. J. Loschdorfer, ophthalmologist, of the Administration of Papua and New Guinea. His main tasks will include advices to local hospital staffs on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of eye diseases, and operative treatment of advanced cataract cases. He left Noumea in November for Niue, where he will assist in setting up a service to provide glasses for people needing them.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

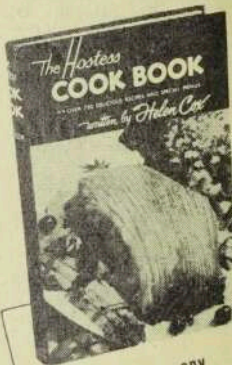
DR. M. O. T. IYENGAR recently has taken up his appointment as specialist on mosquito-borne diseases (mainly malaria and filariasis). He will expand the work being carried on, to give effect to the recommendations of the conference on filariasis and elephantiasis, held under Commission auspices in Tahiti two years ago.

In recent years, Dr. Iyengar has carried out surveys for WHO, mainly on malaria and *Anopheles* in Afghanistan, and on the

epidemiology of filariasis in Siam, the Maldives and Ceylon. He has been an entomologist and malariologist in Bengal and Travancore, and the results of his work appear in more than sixty publications.

TECHNICAL OFFICERS AT SCIENCE CONGRESS IN MANILA

THE principal technical officers of the Commission attended the Eighth Pacific Science Congress held in Manila from November 10 to 26, under the auspices of the Pacific Science Association. Present were leading scientific workers on



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COCONUT EXPERT IN NEW GUINEA

THE Commission's coconut expert, Mr. W. V. D. Pieris, returned to headquarters on November 27 after spending ten weeks on a survey of the coconut industry in Papua, New Guinea, and the British Solomon Islands.

EXPERT TO MAKE RICE SURVEY

THE possibilities of expanding rice production in certain South Pacific territories will shortly be examined by Mr. R. Watson, a rice expert with many years' experience in rice production and marketing in the Far East. His services have been made available to the Commission for the purpose by the Food and Agriculture Organisation. Mr. Watson will arrive at Noumea early in December to begin his survey with an investigation of rice-growing possibilities in New Caledonia. Early in 1954 he will visit Fiji, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands.

SPC QUARTERLY BULLETIN
PUBLICATION of the Commission's *Quarterly Bulletin* for October completes the third year of issue of this magazine, which is devoted to the interests and activities of Pacific Islanders. A wide range of articles on subjects of the Commission's three main fields of activity (economic development, health, and social development) has been published—such as the industrial development of Pacific territories; rhinoceros beetle control; copra production; cattle feeds for tropical conditions; fish farming; tropical pastures and disorders; malaria and leprosy research; infant nutrition; health education; welfare centres; co-operatives; adult education and community development projects. The *Bulletin* is available from the Commission's Sydney office (GPO Box 5254). Annual subscription is 1 Stg. (or \$1.15) post-free by surface mail.

Etablissements Donald Increase Capital

THE old established firm of Etablissements Donald, Tahiti, of Papeete, has increased its capital from 22,700,000 francs to 25,000,000 francs (£ Stg. 143,000). Certain alterations in the management have also been announced, due to the death of two directors in recent years.

Two Native Priests Ordained in Rabaul

HISTORY was made on Sunday, November 15, when the first two New Britain natives ever to be raised to the priesthood were ordained.

The Rev. Herman Paivu of Tapo village was ordained by Bishop Scharmach at Vunapope; and the Rev. George Bata, of Malaguna Village, was ordained by Bishop Vesters at Vuvu Teachers' Training College.

Both priests passed through mission primary and secondary schools as part of their training, and later concentrated on philosophy, scrip-

ture, theology under guidance from Australian and American priests in the Solomon Islands under the direction of His Lordship, Bishop Wade.

Both priests speak fluent English.

Following furlough in New Zealand during which they made an extensive motoring trip through the North Island, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Protheroe returned to Nukualofa per *Tofua* late in November. On his return to Tonga, where Mr. Protheroe is manager for Morris Hedstrom & Co., Mr. W. J. L. Philpott, of the company's Suva office, relieving at Nukualofa, was to return to Fiji.

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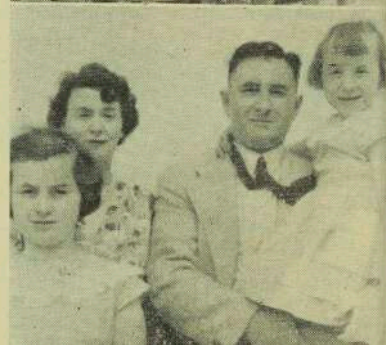
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New Zealanders for the Cooks CI Maoris for NZ

BITTER resentment of New Zealand policy in the Cook Islands has been expressed recently by C.I. residents arriving in NZ.

According to these critics, Rarotonga is New Zealand's "cushiest reservation for Public Servants."

Chief target of their abuse is the impressive Public Works Depot constructed miles round the coast from the main settlement, which, they say, is out of all proportion to the requirements of the Cook Islands at the present stage of economic development. While money is poured into this great installation, the roads of the island are allowed to deteriorate into their worst condition for many years.

It is alleged that vast sums of money are being poured into magnificent houses for the flood of well-paid public servants who come from New Zealand. Most of the funds set aside for the administration of the group are now going towards the housing and maintenance of this "flock of excursionists," half of whom could be replaced by far less expensive, local men.

The critics point out that the pick

of the local native artisans—or at least those with ambition—are leaving the Group for New Zealand, there to rapidly fit themselves into jobs calling for greater skill and responsibility than many jobs in the Cooks which are currently being filled by technicians brought at great expense from New Zealand.

While money is lavished on the CI Public Works Department, the Education Department, which is the key to many of the Cook Islands manpower problems, is made to

suffer financially, local residents point out. A year ago there was post-primary education up to the fourth year, and senior students were reaching a reasonably high standard; to-day there are but two years of post-primary education.

Little wonder, the critics say, that every Islander with any gumption—for the sake of his children and for his own sake—is getting out of the islands fast and abandoning it to its flock of New Zealand public servants.

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NIUE ISLAND MURDER VERDICT CONFIRMED

THE New Zealand Full Court on November 18 dismissed the appeals by three Niue Islanders against their convictions for the murder of the Resident Commissioner, Mr. C. H. W. Larsen on August 16.

The appeals were heard in Auckland at the end of October.

The Full Court did not admit any of the points on which the appeals were based. (See PIM for October, 1953).

TO BE RETURNED TO NIUE

Although the New Zealand Executive Council had not, to the end of November, considered the case of the convicted men, on whose behalf the Howard League for Penal Reform and other organisations have appealed for remission of the sentence to life imprisonment, the Minister of Justice (and Island Territories), Mr. Webb, announced on November 28 that the prisoners would be returned to Niue immediately.

The Minister's statement read, in part, as follows: "... The Law states that if they are to die, then the execution must be carried out on Niue Island." Mr. Webb said that, to avoid delay, the prisoners would be flown from Auckland to Tonga by RNZAF aircraft on December 1, there to connect with the

Tofua which would, in the course of her normal voyage, take them on to Niue.

If the death sentence is carried out, an executioner will have to be sent from New Zealand.

AUCKLAND, Dec. 14: The Governor-General of NZ has halted

Niue executions. The case will go before Privy Council.

GRANT TO MRS. LARSEN

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Members of Papua-N. Guinea's LegCo State Their Views

While most of the major measures dealt with at the recent session of the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council are reported elsewhere in this issue, the following brief highlights on debates on subjects which ranged from the temporarily defunct desiccated coconut industry to drinking permits for natives, are currently of interest to, or are being discussed by, residents of the two Territories:

TELL AUSTRALIA ABOUT THE TERRITORY

FULL marks went to Mr. Don Barrett, elected member for NG Islands for his suggestion that the Administration establish Territory publicity and liaison bureau in Sydney to tell Australian people about the Territory.

(There is a tremendous amount of Australian interest in New Guinea at present; but most of it is ill-informed and, short of press censorship, the problem is how to persuade Australian newspapers to present the facts about New Guinea without twisting them to produce "reader-interest"—in other words, sensationalism.)

DISCOURTESY TO OUR AMERICAN ALIENS

FATHER DWYER, commenting upon the recent Aliens Registration Ordinance said that it carried a danger of unnecessary discourtesy, particularly to American residents, most of whom were engaged on missionary, medical and educational work. Thousands of Americans had died in P-NG during the war, he pointed out — and suggested that for certain non-British persons whose bona fides were beyond doubt some provision should be made for exemption from registration.

HALLSTROM TRUST AND NATIVES COME INTO LINE

IN future neither the native residents of New Guinea nor the Hallstrom Live-stock Trust will have unrestricted right to take native birds as has been the case in the past.

Certain birds (notably the Birds of Paradise) have been protected from Europeans but it has been an "open go" as far as natives were concerned. Greater movement of natives and an increased native trade in plumes, and consequent roads into the bird population, are the reasons given for the new legislation which will restrict the natives to their own traditional hunting grounds for these purposes.

In future the Hallstrom Trust will have to obtain a Collector's licence to cover its operations—which will bring it into line with other collectors. In the past the Hallstrom Trust has collected a great many birds, etc., from New Guinea, for the Taronga Zoo in Sydney, for exchange between Taronga Zoo and other overseas zoos, and sometimes as straight out gifts to overseas dignitaries or institutions. Presumably there was some clause in the agreement under which the Hallstrom Trust was set up to permit this. In the ordinary way it is difficult to send either local fauna or artifacts out of the country,

BUT MORE EFFICIENT WEAPONS FOR THE JOB

AT the same time that this added protection is given to New Guinea birds, however, there was introduced a new

ordinance which will provide for the issuing of shot-gun licences to natives, on the New Guinea side of the Territory where these permits have hitherto been unknown. A European has always been able to acquire a shooting licence for his "shoot-boy," but in Papua, natives themselves have been able, for the last 50 years, to obtain licences to own shot-guns and hunt with them on their own account.

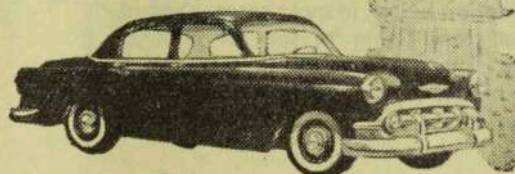
At present there are 1,775 shotgun licences held by natives in Papua—and eight permits for .22 rifles.

The new legislation was (for once in a while) "designed to bring New Guinea into line with Papua" — instead of the other way about — but several Legco members from NG expressed concern, either because they felt that the natives

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would be thus encouraged to do some private feuding; or because they might do damage to themselves by not properly caring for the firearms.

Mr. Ivan Champion, of Papua, in supporting the bill, said that in half a century in that Territory there had been only one attempted murder by the holder of a permit and not more than three accidents. The Director of District Services (Mr. A. A. Roberts) said that permits would be granted only to natives who knew how to use guns. He made light of the argument that the permits might lead to the indiscriminate destruction of native fauna—natives had been hunting with other weapons for centuries and had always been aware of the need for conservation of fauna, he said.

HIGH COST OF A HEALTHY NG

A PART from Dutch New Guinea, Papua-New Guinea was spending less per head of population on health than any other Pacific territory, said Dr. J. T. Gunther, Director of Health. Malaria, tuberculosis, yaws and other diseases could be controlled but it would take large sums of money—and control of any one of these diseases would be a capital investment that was well worth while. TB, he believed, could be controlled within 15 years—if sufficient money were available. And the expenditure of £150,000 could eradicate yaws—by injecting every individual in the country with penicillin. Malaria could also be controlled but not with the amount of money available in the present budget. (Expenditure by the Department of Health in the coming year is estimated at £1,350,000).

BETTER BE BRITISH

NATIVE Member Simogen would like to see New Guinea brought within the British Commonwealth of Nations. (Although Papua is an Australian territory, and so British, the New Guinea part of the Territory is a UN Trusteeship Territory; Simogen's plea is, therefore, tantamount to a plea for Australian annexation).

Simogen doubted very much whether United Nations missions which visited the country understood what was being done there. On the other hand, Australians who had settled down in the country really knew the native way of life in a way that strangers—although they were always giving their views on the country—could not understand. "It would be a good thing," said Simogen, "if we were British; our children, who should have a greater understanding than we have, should be British."

DRINKING NATIVES—WITH OR WITHOUT PERMITS

DURING the debate on the Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to natives, another native member, A. J. Salin, said that in practically every district in P-NG Europeans were supplying liquor to the natives. In his opinion, if half-castes were to be permitted to drink, he saw no reason why selected, intelligent natives, such as members of the Natives Constabulary, could not be allowed to drink as well.

GETTING DESICCATED COCONUT BACK ON THE MARKET

THE Assistant Director of Public Health of the University of Melbourne, Dr. M. Wilson, was in the Territory on a second visit, said Dr. Gunther during the second reading of the Pure Food Ordinance amendment bill; and a bacteriologist had also arrived from Australia and would remain in the Territory until February.

Both specialists are working on the desiccated coconut industry and trying to pin-point the source of contamination of P-NG coconut which was suspected of causing a typhoid outbreak in Australia.

It was thought at the time of Dr. Wilson's first visit some weeks ago that bush rats might be the cause of contamination in local desiccated coconut and that the purity of the product could be controlled by sterilisation at the packing stage. However, according to Dr. Gunther's remarks to the Legislative Council, it appears now that the solution is not so simple and that investigations will have to extend back to the processing and control of the persons employed.

No Price War

WE have been informed that there were inaccuracies in the title of a block which we published on page 37 of November PIM. We inferred that Mr. R. Beim, of the New Hebrides Trading and Shipping Co. was cutting freight rates between Sydney and the New Hebrides. This is not so; his freight rates are the same as other Australian shippers; where he has the advantage, however, is that his "Vila Star" can tie up in places where larger freighters cannot. Consequently, there is no charge for lightering which means an advantage of about £1/5/- per ton.

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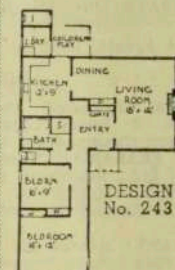
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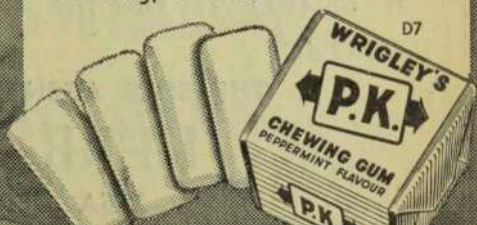
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Pilot Walks Out



Pilot Frank Goosens, above, suffered only slight injuries when, en route to Kokoda and Popendetta from Port Moresby, his plane crashed in the dried-up lake bed of Lake Myola. He decided to try and walk in search of aid from natives but got lost and would probably have remained so had he not found a disused telephone cable which led him back to the scene of the crash. The

crash occurred on November 17 and on the 19th some native police-boys, the advance guard of the rescue party, found him. The following day Mr. Sebire, ADO, Kokoda, and Mr. Ben Hale reached him—thence began the long trek back to civilisation. The Fox Moth plane belonging to Papuan Air Transport, which he was flying, is a total loss.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

§ Mr. H. T. Duane, formerly well known at Niue, returned to Auckland in November after several months in Tahiti. Mr. Duane is planning to establish a country hotel in the Punaavia District of Tahiti to cater for New Zealand and Australian tourists. He will return to Tahiti in February.

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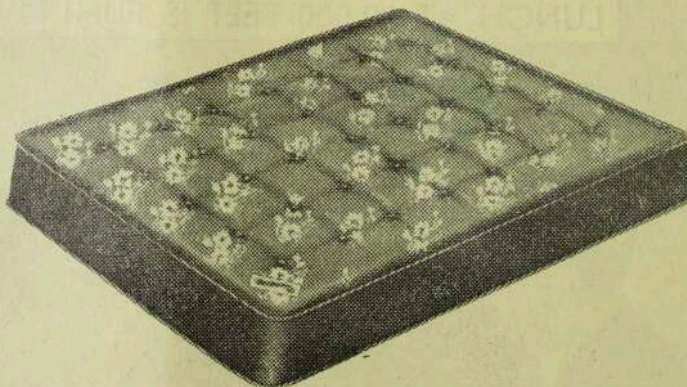
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Fiji Has Rice Surplus And a Bumper Season for Other Crops

IN his address to the Legislative Council in Suva during November, the Governor said that Fiji has had a prosperous year in the agricultural sphere, with record crops of sugarcane, bananas and rice. Only copra was below average—output was reduced by drought and other circumstances.

The estimated quantity of sugarcane to be harvested this year is 1,482,000 tons—largest amount ever produced in Fiji in one year. That amount will yield between 180,000 and 190,000 tons of sugar—a little below the average for the quantity of cane, but well in excess of Fiji's quota of 170,000 tons for export.

Not since 1920 have exports of bananas reached this year's level. Total for the year is expected to be 80,000 cases, valued at £342,000. The crate problem is being overcome by the establishment of local box-making mills and the output is now filling the two ships engaged in the export trade. The acreage under bananas increased by 2,000 this year to 37,000, and arrangements have been made for an extension of commercial plantings to Ovalau and Kadavu. Dispersal of the crop is desirable in the event of a hurricane which might otherwise wipe out the entire crop as it virtually did after the blow of January, 1952.

The Colony has produced its entire needs in rice this year, the Governor reported. There has, in fact, been a small surplus on Vanua Levu. The price of padi has fluctuated during the year from £50 down to £30 per ton, then up again, with the retail price ranging from 6d to 1/- per pound.

There should be good prospects for an export trade in rice, if mechanised methods of production can be introduced. Large areas of idle swamp land are available and are being surveyed. An application for 83,000 Sterling as a grant under the Colonial Welfare and Development Act has been made by the Colony to carry out this rice survey.

It is estimated that 19,500 acres of land are suitable, over and above the acreage at present in rice production. This land could yield an additional 22,000 tons of rice each year, and, on present requirements, could allow an export of at least 5,000 tons, to satisfy what looked to be a permanent world-shortage of this staple food.

King Ueg of Ulithi, Western Carolines, died there on September 25. He was a senior high chief of Micronesia. Paralysed since a child, he was wheeled about in recent years in a war-surplus bomb-carrier.

Promotion for Mr. A. A. Roberts

IT was announced in Port Moresby in mid-November that Mr. A. A. Roberts had been appointed Director of District Services and Native Affairs in succession to Mr. J. H. Jones, who is now an officer of the Department of Territories in Canberra.

Mr. Roberts joined the New Guinea Administration as a cadet patrol-officer in 1925 and is the sole remaining member of that 1925 group now remaining in the Public Service of Papua-New Guinea. He is also the first man who, having entered the service as a cadet has

reached the top as Director of his department.

Mr. Roberts was sworn in as a new member at the Legislative Council meeting in Moresby in November.

Mr. Jones visited the Territory in November for discussions with various representative organisations in relation to the new native labour ordinance.

Prince Tugi, Premier of Tonga, paid a two week's visit to Auckland in November, travelling by PAA and TEAL aircraft. While in Auckland he resided at Atalanga, Queen Salote's Auckland home.

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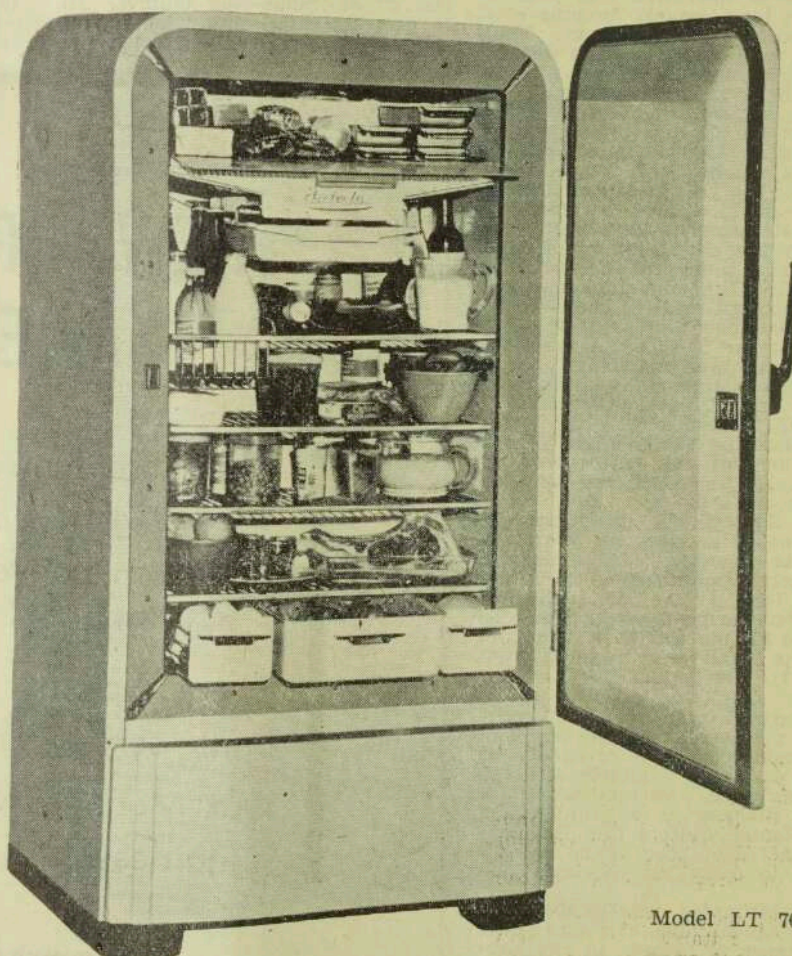
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Committee to Report on Set-Up for 1954 Elections

SOMETIME between now and November 10, 1954, the life of the present—and first—Legislative Council of Papua and New Guinea will end and be followed by election and nomination of unofficial members.

Before the recent session of Council ended on November 23, a select committee was appointed to review the composition of the present council and to make recommendations as to how the next Council could be improved in its composition and functions. The Select Committee consists of Mr. D. Barrett, Father J. Dwyer, Mr. Ivan Champion, Mr. C. M. Jacobsen and Mr. A. A. Roberts. (Three unofficial members and two official).

Their report is to be placed before the Administrator by the end of January, 1954.

Composition of the Legislative Council, both before and after its formation, received wide criticism mainly because of its preponderance of official members who, almost without exception, introduce all the

legislation and force it through the Council. Provision is made in the ordinance which sets up the Council for legislation to be introduced by un-official members; but this is rarely attempted.

Nonetheless, public opinion appears to be that they have received better value from the Council than was expected at the time of its inception.

Through elected and nominated members, whose role is that of a permanent Opposition, the public can at least let its voice be heard

and pertinent questions can be asked of heads of departments. And, instead of being governed by decrees and regulations, legislation is now introduced and given a public airing through the Council.

One of the severest critics of the set-up within the Council is elected Member for Papua, Mr. E. A. James. At the November session he said that they appeared to just tinker with legislation, and that he was concerned at the number of Ordinances which had been disallowed by the Governor-General, or from which his assent had been withheld. He was also concerned about the high percentage of Bills brought down to amend legislation previously passed by the Council.

"More and more as time goes on," he said, "I regret to say that I am

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convinced that the role of the non-official member of this Council is not that of a legislator, but merely a critic of pre-determined Administration policy. In fact I am forced to the conclusion that non-official members of the Council as at present constituted, cannot achieve, on behalf of the Territory, any more than they could as members of a Government-supported debating society. I can think of no amendment of legislation proposed by a non-official member of this Council, other than of a very minor nature, accepted by the Government, or, if it was accepted, not disallowed by the Minister."

Mr. James agreed with other Members, however, that until such time as the Territory could pay for governing itself there had to be a Government majority—although he thought the proportions of the present representation seriously restricted debates and therefore the conclusions of the Council.

He thought there should be an increase in elected members—he, personally, had been seriously embarrassed at times as the sole elected representative of the European population of Papua.

NEXT MEETING

The November session ended on the 23rd. The next meeting will take place early next year, at a date yet to be fixed.

¶ Mr. H. H. Hickling, a prominent Administrative official in the Cook Islands territory, is reported to be suffering a severe illness, and has gone to Suva for special treatment.

In connection with the annual Cession Day celebrations in Fiji, Mr. R. A. Derrick, curator of the Suva Museum, prepared an interesting

display of Fiji historical documents and Fiji artifacts during October. The display was viewed by many hundreds of interested visitors.

¶ Mr. C. R. Christoffersen, Collector of Customs, Suva, has accepted a transfer to a similar position in Cyprus. He joined the Fiji Customs in 1934.

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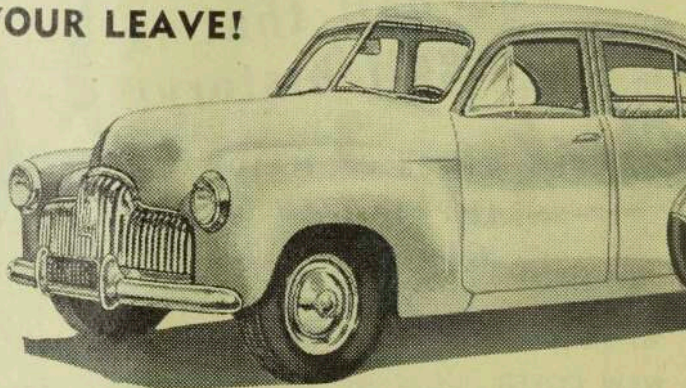
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Governor's Pointed Remarks to Fijians

THE Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, addressing the Fiji Legislative Council in Suva in November, emphasised the urgent need for the economic development of Fiji, and for a changed attitude towards land utilisation on the part of the Fijians.

"In a mixed community such as ours," he said, "with three major races living cheek by jowl but having few social contacts, the economic development of any one of them must not be allowed so to lag behind as to retard the progress of the whole."

Although much progress had been made by the Fijians since Cession, and their present contribution to the economy was considerable—especially in the banana and gold industries, and increasingly in the sugar industry of which they now produce 6 per cent. of the crop—it remains true that the Fijian economy has narrow foundations and is largely at a subsistence level based on primitive and unscientific methods of cultivation.

"I regard it as a matter of urgency," said the Governor, "that the Fijian people themselves, and especially their leaders, should adopt every means available to broaden the basis of their agricultural production . . . to ensure a more efficient use of their lands."

"It should be remembered that land in itself is of no value. It is the use to which it is put that gives it value. And this, of course, applies to Fijian reserves."

"The demarcation of these reserves, I am glad to say, is now approaching completion; but it will be a mistake for the owners to regard them as a guarantee of future economic security. To achieve this objective the land must be developed to the fullest extent."

"It is the duty of all to assist in this development. It may be that, in some ways, full land usage will conflict with the social structure and communal organisation at present applicable to the Fijian people. If this is found to be the case, adaptations may be necessary since some traditions may conflict with full economic development."

The Governor considered that the best way of putting this work into full effect was by the appointment of Development Officers and the amendment of the Social Services Regulation so as to make the growing and maintenance of economic crops a communal service.

THE TEMPTATION OF THE PACIFIC'S IDLE LAND

THE latest Cook Islands annual report shows that of the 57,000 acres of land in the Group, 35,000 acres are suitable for cultivation of some kind, yet over 15,000 acres of this lies idle.

Reasons why this land is idle are lack of any economic pressure forcing the occupiers to make use of it and legal difficulties preventing others from leasing it.

The native Land Court in the Cooks is gradually dealing with such land as it is surveyed, but at the present rate it will be many years before the titles are settled.

With Pacific Islands populations increasing at a great rate it is obvious that the day is not far off when there will have to be an answer to the question of whether the occupiers of such land are entitled to hold it merely because their ancestors possessed it. Clearly they are eventually going to have to use it for themselves for producing food for others, or have it taken away from them by force of numbers by some alien people.

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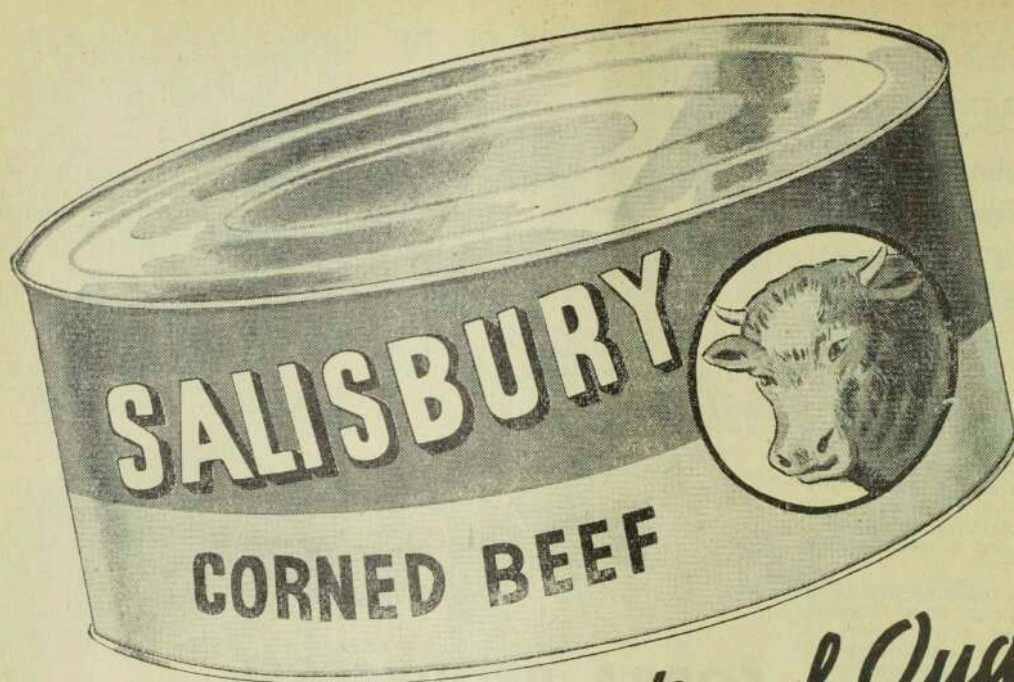
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These Were The Answers:

DURING the November session of the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council in Port Moresby, official members supplied some revealing answers in reply to questions put by non-official members. Here are some of the gleanings from official replies which are of general interest to Territories residents:

A MILLION ACRES OF LAND ON OFFER

Replying to a series of questions put by Mr. D. Barrett, elected member for the New Guinea Islands, and Missionary Member Father J. Dwyer, Secretary for Lands McInnes said that there were 1,150,000 acres of Crown or Administration land of varying quality in Papua and New Guinea for which no applications had been received. Location of the land was:

CENTRAL DISTRICT, PAPUA: 184,000 acres in the Mekeo area; 326,000 in the Brown River; 23,000 at Subitana and Jawarere; 100,000 acres from Marshall's Lagoon to Abau, and 34,000 in other localities of the Central District.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT: 71,000 acres on Woodlark Island; 4,000 on Goodenough Island; 26,000 acres scattered along the coast.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: 93,000 acres in the Kokoda-Yodda Valley; 27,000 at Sangara; 34,000 in the Wanigela area, and an additional 7,000 acres located throughout the district.

GULF DISTRICT: Kerema, 6,000 acres; Kikori, 2,000; Upoia, 2,500; miscellaneous, 1,500 acres.

WESTERN DISTRICT: Oriomo River, 23,000 acres; Islands between the Fly River and Daru, 15,000 acres; miscellaneous, 1,000 acres.

NEW GUINEA: Angoram, 62,500 acres at present covered by timber permits; Lae, 5,000 acres; Morobe district, 50,000 acres, most of this being very mountainous, and proclaimed under the Mining Ordinance; Eastern, Western and Central Highlands, 3,300 acres—about 1,500 acres agricultural and 1,800 acres pastoral land which will be put up for tender shortly.

No Administration land is available in Bougainville or New Ireland, but in the Madang District the Administration owns land between Bogadjim and Madang, and a check is being made to ascertain its area. There are about 50,000 acres of land in the New Britain district held

mainly for reforestation; there are some other smaller areas on which a check is now being made.

In addition to above there are 24,000 acres in the Markham Valley and 25,000 at Gusap (the meeting place of the proposed Highlands-Lae and Highlands-Madang roads), and applications for this land will be heard by the Land Board at Lae on December 7. Land designed for tender in the Eastern Highlands will be made available by end of 1953.

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of land from the Custodian of Expropriated Property—some of it a large area in the Gogol Valley in the Madang District.

WARANGOI VALLEY LAND

Replying to a question by Father Dwyer as to the ownership of land in the Warangoi Valley in the Gazelle Peninsula, Mr. McInnes said the particular area referred to by Father Dwyer totalled about 37,000 acres which was native-owned. Timber rights had already been let on this land, and investigation was now being made by the District Commissioner to ascertain whether any of it was surplus to native requirements.

Mr. McInnes said there had been a speed-up in the handling of applications for land, and in most cases a decision could now be given on applications within a month.

43 NEW COMPANIES IN 1953

IN 1953 there were 199 local companies operating in Papua-New Guinea, with a total nominal capital of about £19,750,000. This is an increase over 1952 of 30 companies and £4,000,000 of capital. In 1953 there were 99 foreign companies with nominal capital of £179,000,000, and \$6,000,000 (there were 86 foreign companies in 1952).

(Question by Father Dwyer; answered by Treasurer Reeves).

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£2,000. The ordinance does not limit the home-building scheme to town-areas—applications for a loan will be considered on individual merits although some emphasis must be given to providing assistance where the need is greatest. To date, 21 Europeans have made application for housing loan. Five people of mixed blood had made verbal applications.

(Question by Mr. Barrett; answered by Treasurer Reeve).

37 DS OFFICERS "PERMANENTLY" AWAY FROM P-NG.

AT the end of 1953 there are 37 District Services officers attending the School of Pacific Administration in Sydney; 26 will complete their course this year and return to the Territory. The remainder will complete their course at the end of 1954; 26 new officers will attend the ASOPA next year.

(Question by Mr. Barrett to Director of District Services Roberts).

NATIVE STANDARD OF EDUCATION

THERE are at least 150 native students in Administration and Mission Schools in P-NG who have reached Standard 8 level of education. So far 102 native students have applied for secondary education in Australia.

(Director of Education Groves in reply to Mrs. Doris Booth, nominated member for NG).

Native scholarship winners will cost the Administration about £250 each when they are sent to school in Australia next year. The Administration does not propose to make similar scholarships available for European, Asian or half-caste children.

(Mr. Groves in answer to Mr. Fairfax-Ross, nominated member for Papua).

GRADUATES AND NON-GRADUATES FROM SUVA

OUT of the seven or eight P-NG natives sent to the Suva Medical School some years ago, three have graduated and one has finished the course but failed to satisfy the examiners. One graduate is

now Assistant Medical Practitioner at Tabar Island (off New Ireland); another is at Misima Is.; the third is AMP in charge of the Hansen's Disease colony near Samarai. The native who had failed to graduate is now a Senior Medical Orderly at the Hansen's Disease centre at Wabag, in the NG Highlands.

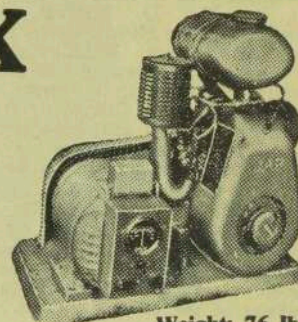
(Question asked by Mr. Barrett; answered by Director of Health Gunther).

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P*ROSPECTIVE* land-holders in Papua-New Guinea in the future would be wise to see that their holdings border only "trunk" roads. If their roads (presupposing, of course, that they have any roads at all) come within the secondary or minor category they are likely to find themselves responsible for the maintenance of that portion of it which passes through or alongside their property.

There was long and involved debate on all aspects of roads and their maintenance during the November session of the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council, but few members appeared to emerge any clearer in mind as to how the roads were to be classified or who was to maintain them.

Declared trunk roads, and presumably roads within town limits, are to be the responsibility of Administration. Secondary roads and minor roads are to be the responsibility of those who have property along them. It is not clear who maintains the sections where no property-owners—or native villages—exist, and it is likely that this method of divided responsibility of road maintenance, which has been tried out in other parts of the world, and found wanting, will be as thoroughly unsatisfactory in P-NG. However, failing a heavy road tax, it is hard to see what other means can be taken for spreading road maintenance costs more or less equitably.

T*HE* increase in size and number of vehicles seems not to have been sufficiently taken into account by framers of the new P-NG road ordinance. Increased road tonnage in Australia imposed great problems of maintenance in the immediate post-war years but this has been got over, in part, by heavy taxation in the form of motor vehicle registration on the motorist generally and, in particular, in extra taxation on a ton-mile basis on hauliers.

It is patently impossible, however, to finance the maintenance of P-NG roads by taxing the users who are comparatively few in number, although it is, at the same time, unfair to owners of property on these secondary and minor roads to be held responsible for repairs that are caused by heavy motor traffic, timber-jinkers, lorries carrying scrap metal and heavy-duty vehicles overlaid with natives.

Mr. H. Niall, District Commissioner for Morobe said the proposed ordinance would be difficult to administer in some districts where there were large areas held under mining leases, timber leases and permits. He asked that, in these cases, the Crown Law officer give a definition of the distinction between "owner" and "occupier."

ROADS AND MALARIA

T*HE* Director of Health, Dr. J. T. Gunther, has a new angle on road building. He said that experience had shown that malaria invariably followed construction of roads. In Milne Bay, during the war, one-third of the troops went down with fever as each stretch of road went in. In the early road-building programme in the Wahgi Valley of the Highlands malaria spread through every village located along the road. He said there was no better breeding place for mosquitoes than a roadside drain and suggested that road maintenance should take into consideration the absolute necessity of controlling malaria.

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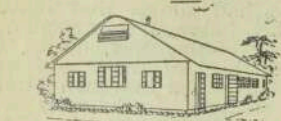
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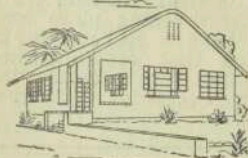
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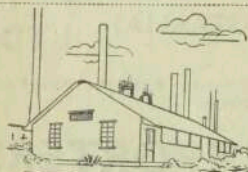
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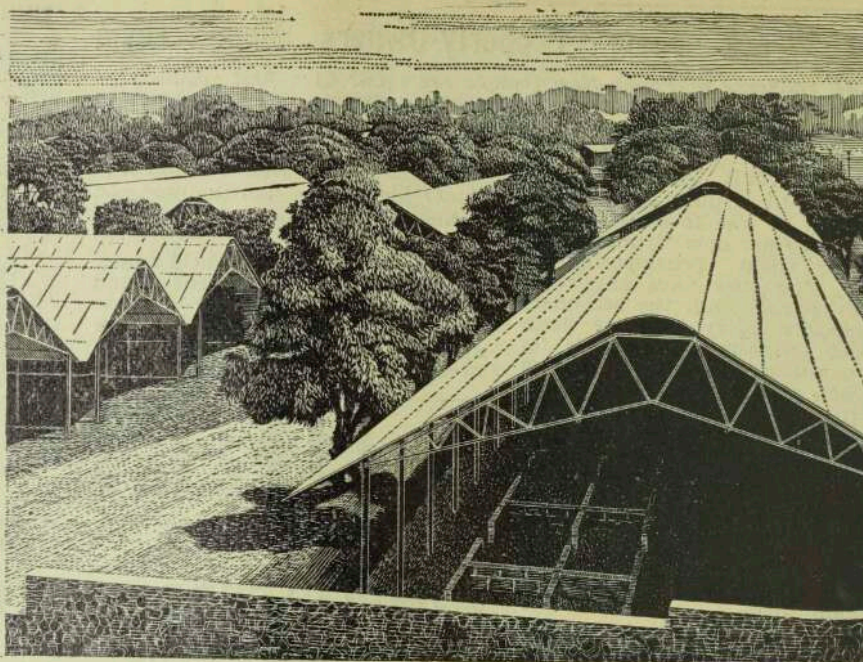
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GATT'S 2d-a-Pound Will Not Be Enough

WHEN Papua's rubber industry began sinking into another period of doldrums about two years ago, it was understood that the main obstacle to Australia's easing the burden by remitting Australian import duty, was that somewhat mysterious organisation called, for short, GATT (or General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs).

GATT is one of those post-war international organisations to which Australia gives its support—its purpose being, theoretically, to assist in boosting world trade. As this post-war period has been a time of the most restricted world trade, it can scarcely be said to have achieved that object. Nevertheless, Australia had to go through the form of asking permission of the organisation to waive, if it wished, import duty on primary products from Papua-New Guinea. In relation to rubber—which comes from Australia's own Territory of Papua, which is as much a part of the Commonwealth as the Northern Territory or Thursday Island—this seems quite unrealistic. But at the end of this October, GATT graciously gave Australia the required waiver in order to allow the "economic development of P-NG."

A Survey of Papua's Rubber Industry

So far, so good; and presumably there was considerable rejoicing among rubber planters in Papua. But before any real benefit can be gained by this GATT decision it appears that planters now have to jump through another hoop. In recent letters to interested parties, and in answer to a question in the House in November, Mr. Hasluck, Minister for Territories, has stated that "any additional assistance for the Papuan rubber industry can only be granted after inquiry by the Commonwealth Tariff Board."

The Planters' Association of Papua doubtless has the matter in hand. When they do apply to the Board, however, the inquiry will be open to all shades of opinion and it is certain that Australian rubber manufacturers will present their views.

These views are believed to be that the duty—at present 2d per pound—and all primage (10 per cent. *ad valorem*, which is already waived in the case of Papuan rubber) should be removed on all rubber entering Australia, no matter what its source, in the interests of Australian consumers. If this view should prevail, then there would be

no advantage in it for Papuan rubber interests—to the contrary.

Just what advantage Australian consumers have gained from the fall in price of raw rubber from the high levels reached just after the commencement of the Korean war—up to 6/- and 7/- per pound—is doubtful. There has recently been

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Back in the Depression days of the early Thirties, when the Papuan rubber industry was on the brink of disaster, the then Lieut.-Governor, Sir Hubert Murray, was instrumental of having a duty of 4d. put on Papuan rubber entering Australia—the money then being paid back to the rubber planters in the Territory as a bounty. Some months later this benefit was cut to 2d. per pound and it appears that when the industry had sufficiently recovered, sometime towards the end of the decade, the bounty was discontinued altogether.

Something of the same scheme is envisioned now; the money collected by the Commonwealth Customs Department on Papuan rubber entering Australia would be paid back to the producers. Even this aid would do no more than keep rubber planters financially afloat until better times come.

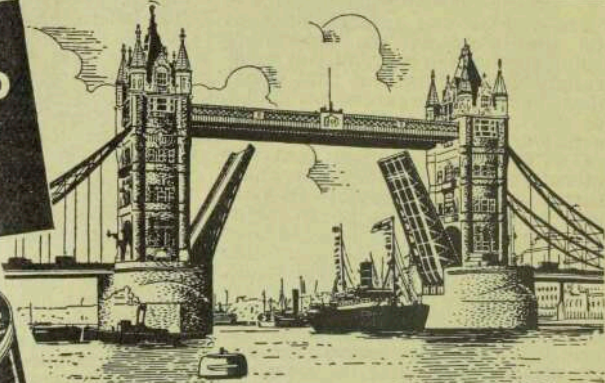
COST of production varies in the Territory according to the location and age of the plantation and probably is somewhere between 1/9 and 2/- per pound. Present selling price is 1/10 for Number 1 sheet—but Australian manufacturers generally will not pay Number 1 sheet price, and the

Papuan producer must take a lesser grade price, no matter what kind of rubber he supplies.

It is calculated that to-day it costs £200 per acre to bring rubber into bearing—a figure that is probably four times higher than planting-up costs of 20 years ago. To

plant up 500 acres and wait until they are producing in eight or 10 years, would therefore mean an outlay of £100,000. An investor who was prepared to wait this time for a return, no doubt is deserving of 10 per cent. return on his money—on that capital outlay, a profit of

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£10,000 per annum. To achieve this (supposing an acre of rubber will produce 400 pounds of raw rubber per annum) it would require a return of 1/- per pound above cost of production, that is, on present rates, a return of from 2/9 to 3/- per pound. As we have said, the Papuan planter to-day is lucky to get 1/10 per lb. for his rubber.

Against this background of hard economic facts, it is hard to see why the Australian government continues to plug the "grow more rubber" line in Papua. Yet it does; scarcely a week goes by without some reference in press or radio to the vast potentialities of the Territory; that it can, amongst other things, supply all Australia's requirements of rubber, instead of, as at present, less than one-tenth of her annual requirements.

Even on those modest proportions, however, for one period of six months last year, Australian manufacturers would not take any Papuan rubber at all; they had, they said, all their requirements for the time being, and stopped buying.

But apart from brave words, the Australian Government has done virtually nothing practical to help the rubber industry. They say that they cannot force Australian manufacturers to buy Papuan in preference to other rubber; nor is it their policy to bolster industries with subsidies and bounties.

And most people will agree with this, in principle. The ideal is a world of free trade where each industry must stand upon its own feet or go under. But so many restrictions have been now placed on the free flow of trade, in Australia and overseas, that it is impossible any longer to subscribe entirely to that theory of "an open go for everyone, and devil take the hindmost."

The slump in the rubber industry is not, of course, peculiar to Papua. In proportion to its total production, Papua is very small beer compared with the enormous losses being sustained by rubber producers in Malaya. But Papua is Australia's concern and apart from the economic angle, a rubber industry there is of strategic importance as was discovered during the Pacific war, when supplies from Malaya were entirely cut off. During the darkest days of that period, rubber tapping continued around Sogeri even when the Japs were only a few miles away.

THE price of rubber is a world price and that price is dictated by the United States of America. The synthetic rubber factories which were set up in the States during the Pacific war when supplies of natural rubber were cut off have been carried on into the peace and, in order to preserve them, all rubber goods manufactured in the US must contain a certain proportion of their products. As synthetic rubber cannot be produced as

cheaply as natural rubber, the Federal Government subsidises the production of synthetic and, as a result of lobbying by powerful consumer interests, it is at present being kept at a very low level—so low that it is impossible for natural rubber to compete on a price basis.

When the Republicans came to office in the United States, it was expected that these government-owned synthetic rubber factories would be disposed of to private enterprise. But, not unnaturally, private enterprise has not been interested in taking over industries which function profitably only with a subsidy that could be withdrawn on the whim of the particular government in office.

At the same time as this artificial

low price level is maintained, the United States has urged upon its Allies the prohibition of the sale of natural rubber to Communist China and other countries behind the Iron Curtain. It was the embargo on this sale which first started the decline in the price of rubber. Should, on the other hand, there be free trade with Russia and satellite countries, then it is obvious that there would not be sufficient natural rubber to meet the demand.

What America is doing, in effect, is to keep the world rubber price at an artificial, low level by subsidising her own synthetic plants, and forcing manufacturers to use this product; and, at the same time, seeking to close the only other pro-

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fitable market—the Communist countries—to producers of natural rubber.

Ceylon, which is the only rubber-producing country not in economic difficulties over the industry, was regarded as somewhat of a traitor when she undertook to supply Red China with rubber at a price far above the present ruling rate.

It is academically interesting to speculate on how long the US will continue to have things both ways—but maddening to planters who are human and must live. No one denies the US the right to maintain her synthetic factories as an insurance against being cut off again from supplies of natural rubber in the event of war. The grudge comes when it is realised that the present price of rubber is not the true one, but has been forced down to that level at the instigation of domestic consumers in the United States.

It is obvious that matters cannot continue indefinitely as they are at present. People do not go in for such long term investments as rubber planting represents for purely patriotic reasons; and until such time as there is some secure future for the industry, the oft-repeated phrase that Papua should produce all the rubber requirements of Australia, is mere beating of the air.

In summary it can be said:

- The repayment of the 2d per pound duty, now being collected on Papuan rubber by Australia, to Papuan rubber planters would afford a certain measure of immediate relief but in most cases would bring planters' returns only up to price of production.
- No certain future is possible for the industry until such time as American permits the world price to find its true level, or alternately,
- If Australia subscribes to what the US is trying to do in relation to restricting trade with Communist countries, Australia-itself follows the domestic policy of the United States and provides a buffer for its rubber industry in Papua by guaranteeing for, say, the next 10 years, a return above cost of production sufficiently encouraging to keep present producers in business and bring new producers into the field.

† The Rev. D. N. McDiarmid, MBE, BA, formerly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Suva, was elected Moderator-Designate of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand at a recent Church Conference at Christchurch, N.Z. He will assume office in a year's time.

Fiji Government figures covering motor vehicles registered in the Colony last year show that one in every six cars on the road is a taxi. There are no less than 376 taxis, as compared with 1,712 private cars, and 155 of the taxis are concentrated in Suva.

Palmyra Instead of Christmas Is. For Airline Base

PALMYRA atoll, 960 miles south of Honolulu, may become a tourist resort.

During September, Mr. Richard K. Kimball, owner of the well-known Halekulani Hotel, Honolulu, and other interested persons flew to the island from Hawaii to examine the possibilities of establishing a hotel there for fishermen and vacationists.

It is understood that the Fullard-Leo family, which owns the atoll, is agreeable to the plan. The Fullard-Leo property is at present in charge of a caretaker, who, with an assistant, represents the sole population of the atoll, whose 50 islets cover the area of about 250 acres surrounding an extensive system of shallow lagoons with land and water aircraft landing areas.

It is possible that the tourist promoters plan to work in with the proposed Honolulu-Papeete airline, which will require fueling facilities in this region. Christmas Island, 360 miles further south, had been tipped as the most probable island for this purpose. Both atolls were wartime staging points for aircraft

bound from the States to the southwest Pacific.

There appears to be some hitch over providing facilities for the new airline on Christmas Is. Its European population is about the same as that of Palmyra; the Gilbert and Ellice Is. Colony maintains there a Government agent-cum-plantation manager, and copra is being worked. There is no indigenous population and, in the past, at periods when copra was valueless, there was no population at all. At present the G & E Colony is pro-

fitting from the copra cut there, but, in the broad view, Christmas Is. is of small economic worth. It has a rainfall of about 30 inches a year, is composed entirely of white coral sand in which only coconuts will grow, and one visitor has gone on record as saying that even the milk in the coconuts tasted brackish!

But Britain evidently attaches great strategic importance to Christmas. Hence the hitch in negotiations with the new airline promoters.

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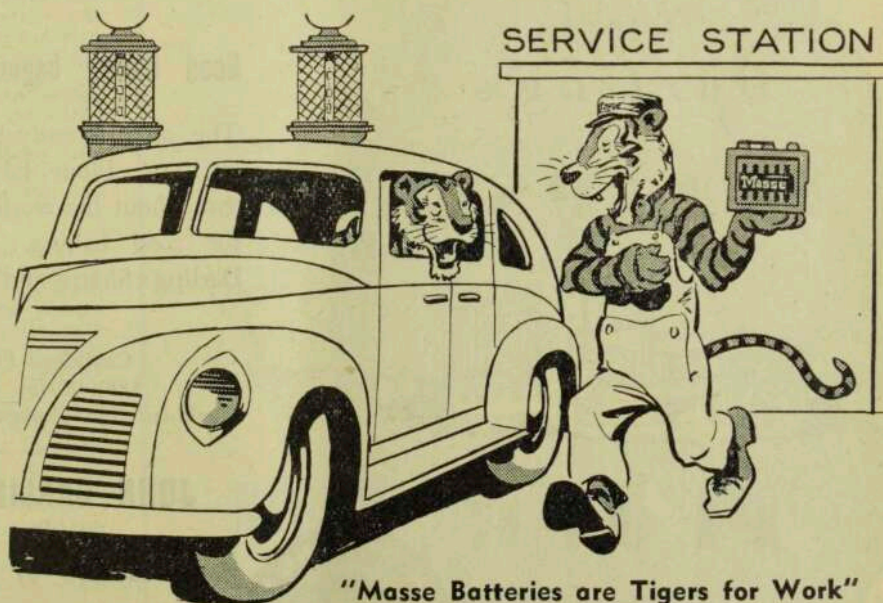
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wonder what harm an airline fueling base could do, even if the island is the most strategically important hunk of coral land in the whole Pacific. Unless, of course, the G & E. Colony itself contemplates setting up one of these non-paying airlines in which the British specialise.

CONTROL OF PALMYRA

Palmyra atoll, 960 miles south of Honolulu, may cease to be controlled from Honolulu if Hawaii gains Statehood. This was urged in Congress recently when Hawaiian Statehood was being debated.

Although Palmyra is densely planted with coconuts, the island lies completely unused, the two men there at present acting as caretakers for the Fullard-Leo family and another family which owns two of the islets. Occasional tuna boats from Honolulu are about the only callers.

At present copra prices it would seem that the 250-acre atoll might be profitably worked in conjunction with the neighbouring British islands of Fanning, Washington and Christmas which employ Gilbertese labour.

None of these islands have an indigenous population. One difficulty that would apparently arise under such an arrangement would be that whereas the British-owned islands ship their copra to Europe under contract to the British Ministry of

Food, the Palmyra copra might have to go to the States.

Shipment of copra from the atoll is said to be the principle obstacle to economic operation of the plantations at present. Labour costs under Hawaiian conditions are excessive.

Mr. G. W. Johns, of Suva, Fiji, has had the honour of having two of his watercolours of the Rotorua district in New Zealand accepted for hanging in a suite of rooms to be occupied by the Queen during her New Zealand tour.

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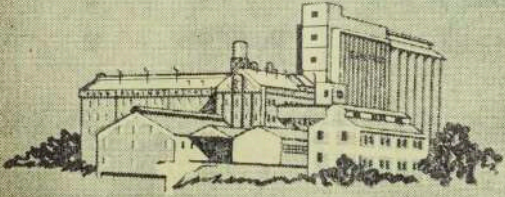
New Roads for Fiji

Fiji roading projects for 1954 include two important stretches on Vanua Levu. One of these is a 25-mile road from Namawa to Loa at Buca Bay, which will open up some valuable country and link a number of copra-growing areas which have poor anchorages, thus permitting shipment of copra by road to more suitable ship-loading points.

A new road will be commenced from Dreketi to Tabia in the Macuata district. On Viti Levu preliminary work will commence on the Sewani-Seria road.

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TOO MANY HOLIDAYS; NOT ENOUGH LAND Laymen Examine the Public Service of P-NG

THERE are 12 unofficial members in the Legislative Council of Papua and New Guinea; and there are 16 official members. The unofficial members, as spokesmen for the non-government section of the community, are more than ordinarily interested in the activities of the Public Service. The official members generally consider it their duty to defend the PS as a whole. In discussions between the two factions we learn that:

- According to Mr. B. E. Fairfax-Ross the percentage of the Public Service on furlough at any given time is 23.16 per cent. as against 8 per cent. in the commercial field. He suggests that this is excessive and that it is a legacy from the days when tropical service was more exhausting and tropical diseases took greater toll. Under to-day's conditions present leave provisions are no longer necessary—and he asks whether the country can continue to afford the cost of such extended periods of furlough.

- Probably by way of a small beginning, he proposed that the Tuesday after Easter should be eliminated as a PS holiday (Easter Tuesday was eliminated as a general public holiday by the Legislative Council last May).

- Evidently the higher elements of the PS feel that the country can still afford them — Mr. Fairfax-Ross' proposal was outvoted. The Government Secretary said that, since the early days, there had been a reduction in PS recreation and long-service leave.

- Mr. Don Barrett is of the opinion that the powers conferred on the Public Service Commissioner are greater than those held by the Administrator and heads of various departments and would like to see some curtailment in the very sweeping powers held by the Commissioner.

- The whole matter of Public Servants holding land (other than land on which to build a home) is under consideration by the Administration. Under current regulations no Public Servant can hold shares in any company in the Territory or acquire land except for housing purposes.

- Mr. Barrett believes that public servants should be permitted to acquire and develop land and continue as useful citizens of the Territory after their retirement, rather than that they should leave the country.

- He would like also to see the status of the PS raised to something comparable with the British Colonial Service and, as with the Colonial Service, he would like to see that before a person can serve in the Territories Department at headquarters in Canberra he must, at some time, have served in one of the Territories. At the present time men in the Department in Canberra are completely inexperienced in Territory matters because they have not lived or worked there, he said.

- The axe will not fall on a number of temporary Public Servants who, for lack of educational qualifications, are unable to be appointed to permanent positions. Although these cannot be admitted to the "Second Division" (presumably adult male appointments) they will be admitted to the "Third Division" as Clerical Assistants and given an opportunity of passing examinations for the Second Division.

- But when new recruits are found for the PS (200 next year, it is hoped) some temporary employees whose work and conduct has "not been as satisfactory as desired" will be replaced.

- Mr. J. S. Kean has taken up an appointment as representative in the South West Pacific for Shell Oil Company, with his headquarters in Suva. He was formerly stationed at Head Office, Melbourne.

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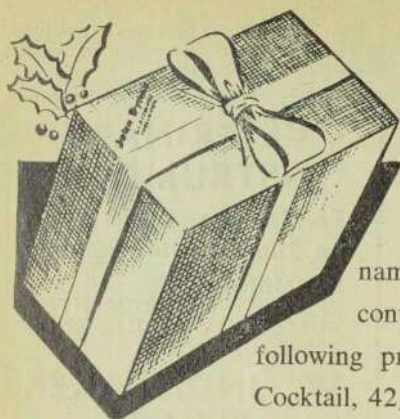
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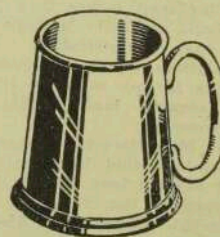


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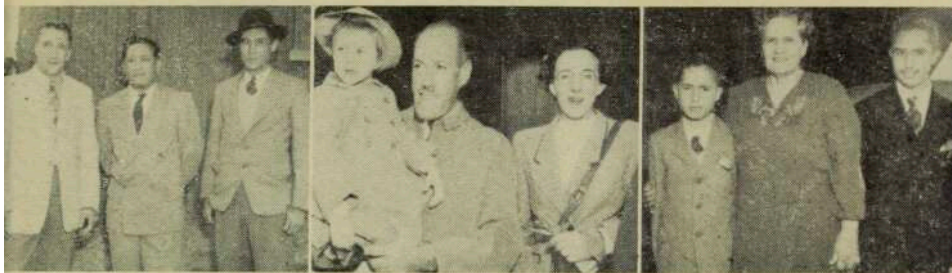
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Islands residents in NZ. in October: Mr. J. O'Dwyer, Mr. C. Hickey and Mr. S. G. Young, on leave from Public Works Department, W. Samoa. Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Stace and child returned from W. Samoa, where Mr. Stace has completed preliminary work on an economic survey of the Territory for the South Pacific Commission. Mrs. Papalii Ulu and grandsons Eddie and John Ryan, from W. Samoa.

APS GET MORE PHOSPHATE FROM ANGAUR

UNDER a recent agreement between the American Trust Territory Administration, the people of Angaur, Palau Islands, and the Japanese-owned Phosphate Mining Company, an additional 2,000 tons of phosphate has been made available for export.

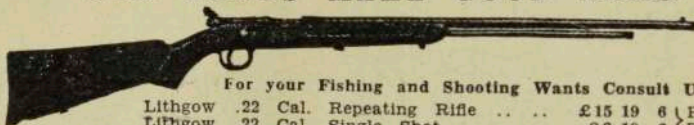
In 1951 it was reported that 600,000 tons of phosphate then remained in the parts of the island which the people had agreed to make available for exploitation. This was being removed at the rate of 100,000 tons per annum by the 400 Japanese labourers employed on Angaur. Cer-

tain other unwanted lands have now been surveyed and made available. The Angaur islanders received 25 cents per ton for all phosphate exported from recommencement of operations after the War to 1951, but a new agreement under which a considerably higher royalty was

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Rarotonga Wants a Local Broadcasting Station

THE question of establishing a small broadcasting station in the Cook Islands was discussed at the October session of the Legislative Council at Rarotonga.

Although privately-owned stations are no longer licensed in New Zealand, such a station in the Cooks could function until such time as the Administration is in a position to establish one of its own. The station would be staffed by qualified technical members of the Administration radio department in their spare time—they have already indicated their willingness to co-operate in this way.

The Cook Islands and Tonga are now the only Group in the South Pacific not served by some local broadcasting service—the New Hebrides being served from Noumea.

At the present time a very limited amount of information is distributed throughout the Cook Islands by means of a half-hour, week-day broadcast in morse. This is copied on all islands and published in the form of a single sheet of foolscap posted outside the local post office. It contains about two minutes of reading matter. For the same amount of broadcast-time, spoken broadcasts could cover a wider field and stimulate the interest of the people in local affairs.

The technical equipment for an interim station would not be costly; most of it would probably be contributed by in-

terested parties if the necessary permission is granted by the New Zealand Government and the necessary co-operation received from the Radio Superintendent in Rarotonga who is reported as not altogether agreeable to the proposed plan.

One or two village receivers, as in W. Samoa, would meet requirements.

† Mr. Indar Jit Singh Walia recently arrived in Suva from India to teach at the Deenbandhoo High School. He is a graduate in science and mathematics at the Punjab University, and recently studied educational procedures in India under a UNESCO scholarship. He is a hockey player and athlete.

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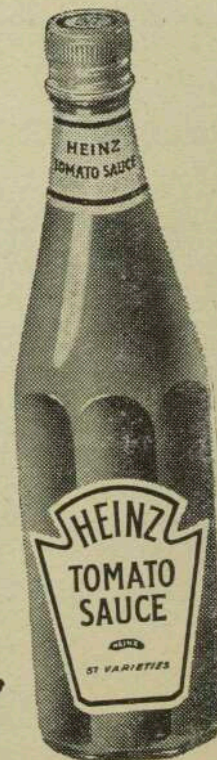
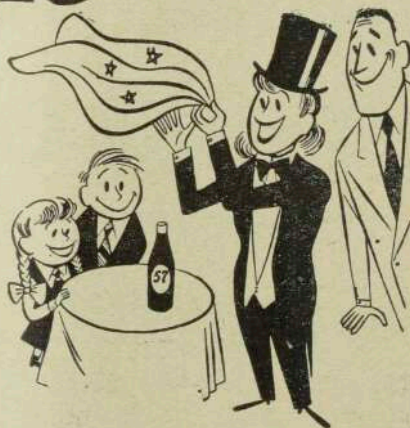
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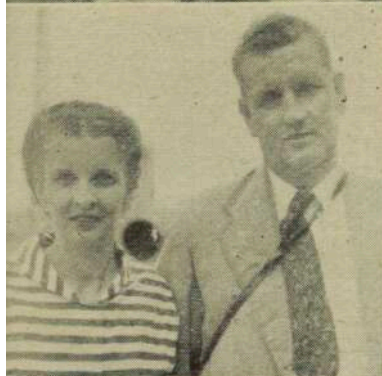
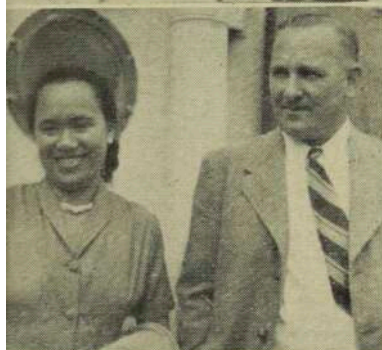


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¶ A son (Donald Gustav) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Miller, at Wagga, NSW, on November 14. Mrs. Miller, before her marriage, was Miss Mara Hennings, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hennings, of Naitamba, Lau Islands, Fiji. Mr. Miller is on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales and for some years was in Fiji with the Lautoka branch of the Bank.



In New Zealand from the Cook Islands:—

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. A. Ingram. Mr. Ingram is manager of United Island traders, Rarotonga, and an active member of various public bodies on the island.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bryan from Rarotonga. Mr. Bryan is wharf superintendent

¶ A section of the new road on the north coast of New Guinea, near Madang, is being constructed by Roadmaster John W. Cox, who has been in Bougainville in recent years. He is putting in entirely new construction between the existing Rempi road and the Bukawa River bridge, recently constructed. The section includes two bridges and four concrete culverts.

¶ Police Inspector J. Suguturaga and Sub-Inspector Walli Mohammed returned to Fiji per *Matua* in November after attending a special police course at Hendon police college, England. Inspector Suguturaga's splendid head of Fijian hair was much photographed during his trip overseas.

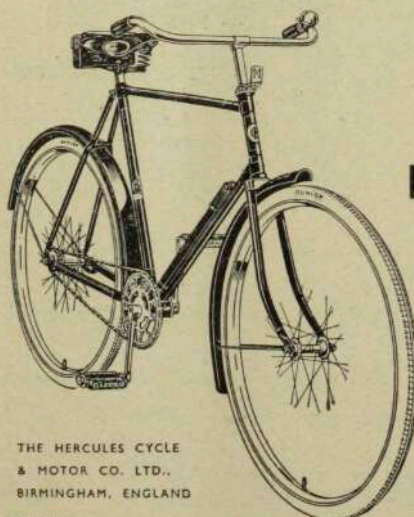
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1938, three years later he joined the staff of the Poyer Junior High School. He was one of the original members of the faculty of the High School of American Samoa

when the High School was founded in 1946. He has been assistant principal since 1949. He is 37, married with seven children.

Western Samoans Visit New Zealand



Two groups of Western Samoa people snapped at a recent arrival of the Island vessel Matua in Auckland, NZ. The left group includes Miss Winona Godinet, Miss Ingrid Johansson and Miss Ramona Helg, who had just arrived and were met by friends, and the right group Masters Amona and Vave Leauanae (centre) who were met by relatives.

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From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Nov. 7.

PEANUT growing is interesting a number of agriculturalists in the Morobe District of New Guinea, and although the chances of establishing a substantial and economically sound industry are favourable, there is much to learn and some probable hardships to be endured by the pioneers before income from sales exceeds expenditure to a sufficient degree to provide that security necessary to the general stability of the enterprise.

The growers themselves may be unduly optimistic, but at least they are triers. They have backed their faith with their own cash and labour and from the point of view of general development, the Government would be wise to take an active interest in their welfare.

Fortunately for all concerned, there appears to be a feeling of satisfaction and confidence in the local Department and its officers, and hopes for the future are high. Growers cannot keep on producing ground nuts without crop rotation to balance soil fertility and the Agricultural Department is in for a busy time investigating the commercial as well as the agricultural value of the rotation crops to be grown.

Rice is also becoming a first-

favourite with local farmers and if a suitable mill could be erected at Lae, production of this commodity would be of considerable volume in a very short time. Many of them are ready to plant rice now if milling facilities are made available.

† Mr. Alpha F. Ward, son of Mrs. A. E. Ward and the late Mr. Ward, of Fiji, has been appointed Comptroller of Customs, Trinidad, which position he will assume next June following furlough. Mr. Ward has been stationed at Mauritius since leaving Fiji in 1950.

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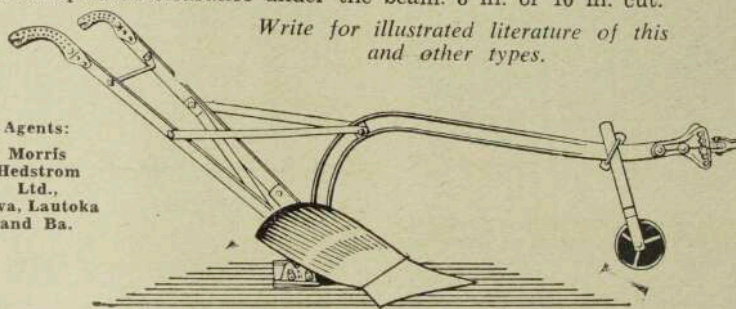
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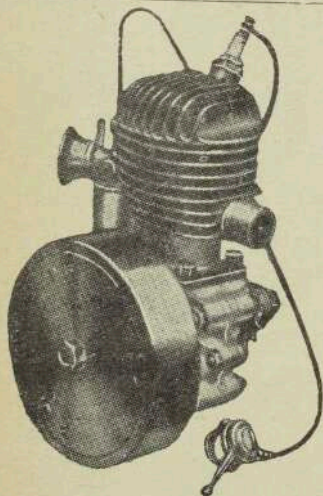
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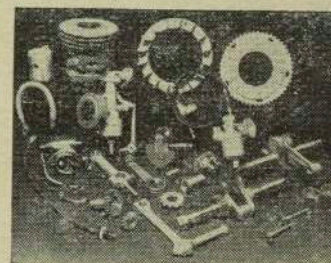
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Returning Home in November



These Island residents left Auckland for their homes in November:—

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Burke, who returned to Tonga where Mr. Burke is Building Inspector for the Tongan Government.

Mr. Satiu Leasuas, formerly of the W. Samoan Police, and now with E. A. Coxon & Co., Apia, returned after leave in New Zealand, and (right) Pastor T. Ioelu of the LMS Church, W. Samoa, returned after attending the Assembly of the Congregational Union at Palmerston North, NZ, and visiting Samoan people in various parts of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Harwood and Miss C. M. Harwood returned to Fiji after a year at Trinidad and in England. Mr. Harwood had taken a post-graduate course at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad.

Fiji Society Officers

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Fiji Society in November: Patron, His Excellency the Governor; president, Mr. B. E. V. Parham; members of council, Mr. J. M. Hedstrom (immediate past president), Miss S. Holmes, Messrs. J. N. Falvey, J. P. Angus, A. R. Browning, R. A. Derrick, H. Gatty, G. J. Larsen and J. N. Mason.

¶ Mr. G. Nevill, Resident Commissioner, Cook Islands, accompanied by Mrs. Nevill, paid a visit to Tahiti and Makatea during November as guest of the Compagnie Francaise des Phosphates de l'Océanie aboard their vessel *Oiseau des Iles*, which made two visits to the Cooks exchanging labour gangs for the Makatea phosphate workings.

¶ Sir Walter and Lady Carpenter, Mr. R. B. Carpenter and Mrs. Long, daughter of Sir Walter and Lady Carpenter, arrived in Sydney by air from Vancouver in October.

¶ Mr. V. Ambler, who has been manager for A. B. Donald & Co. at Atiu Island, for the past five years, will leave the Cook Islands and return to Europe.

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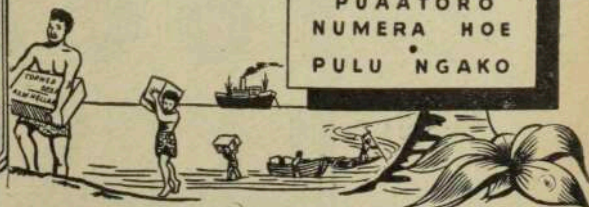
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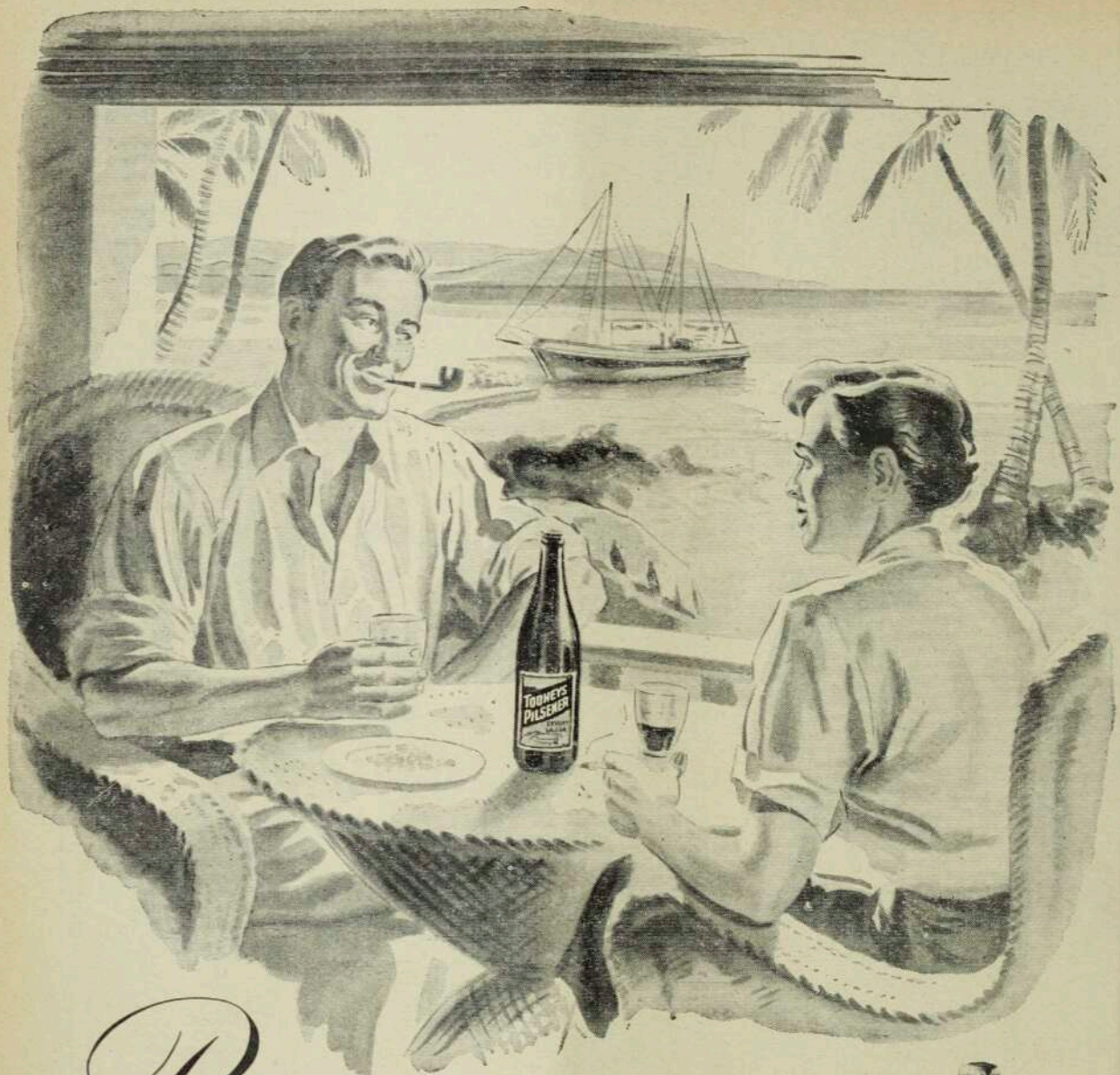
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After a period of service at Rarotonga Radio, Mr. Dan Maher and his family (left) transferred to Wallington Radio in November. Their places were taken at Rarotonga by Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Ashwell (right). Mr. Ashwell has recently been on the staff of Musick Point Radio, Auckland.

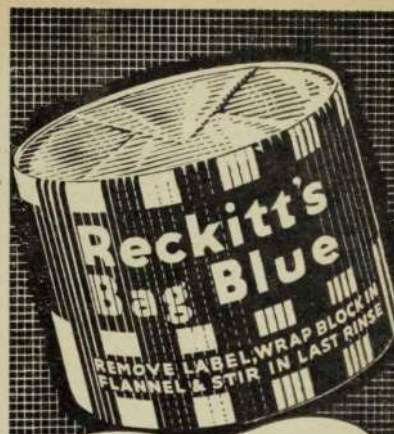


¶ When Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Harwood and daughter, Miss C. M. Harwood, returned to Fiji in November they had news of other ex-Islands residents. Mr. Harwood had been attending the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture at Trinidad and had gained a post-graduate diploma during the year spent at the College. He reported that Mr. J. C. Lamrock, of New Guinea, was also studying there, and that Mr. W. J. Badcock, former Senior Agricultural Officer, BSIP, is now Reader in Agriculture there. Dr. J. S.

Cramer, formerly of Fiji, is now in private practice in Trinidad. The Harwood family spent three months in England also.

¶ The Rev. J. H. Hoadley, of the LMS Church, with his wife and family, returned to Western Samoa in November, after vacationing in England.

¶ A daughter was born on October 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitta, who recently transferred to Niue Island from Rarotonga.



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At present, the bulk of the Islands export of bananas is handled by the passenger-freighter vessels *Matua* and *Tofua*. The new vessel, which could not be available for three years, would have no passenger accommodation and would be used on the Islands service only at the height of the season.

Meanwhile, the freighter *Katui*, which has been operating on the banana trade between Fiji and Auckland during the past Winter, will now be replaced by the larger 2,500 tons freighter *Karamu*.

Fiji banana plantations have now fully recovered from the hurricane of January, 1952, and 1953 is likely to be an all-time record export year.

Nonetheless, if an extra ship is provided for the banana trade there is likely to be heartburnings in the Cook Islands where lack of shipping connections with New Zealand is crippling the fruit industry.

When the new *Tofua* entered the Pacific Islands service at the end of 1951, the Cook Islands expected to be serviced by the *Matua*. This hope was not realised and the

Group still makes do with the inadequate service provided by *Maui Pomare*.

The second camp meeting of the Eastern Solomon Islands Mission of Seventh Day Adventists on Guadalcanal began on October 9 and was attended by over 1000 native people as well as SDA Pastors from Australia and New Guinea. Four other camp meetings of a similar nature will be held in BSI this year.

Mr. John Hancock, who was in Tonga in 1944 as agricultural adviser to the Tongan Government, has been appointed livestock consultant to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development at Washington, DC. Mr. Hancock was born and educated in Finland and has recently been chief animal geneticist, Ruakura animal research station, Hamilton, NZ; the twin calf experiments carried out in Fiji and New Zealand and reported previously in PIM were under his supervision.

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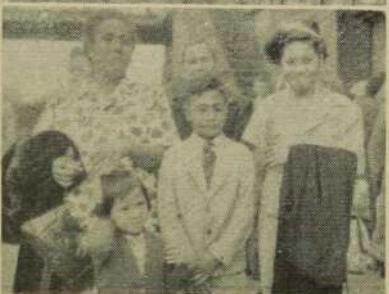
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Islanders Now In NZ



Islands residents recently arriving in Auckland included:—

Mr. One Lino (left), Government draughtsman, W. Samoa, on transfer to Wellington, who was met by his sister Mrs. Sooula, Mr. Sooula (left back) and Mr. T. Ai.

Mr. B. J. Gill and Mr. D. L. Church who were returning to Sydney after a period of service at the Suva Branch of the Bank of New South Wales.

Mrs. M. Boyer, Mrs. Holloway and Miss F. Boyer from Suva.

Mrs. Selina Tu'ua and children from W. Samoa.

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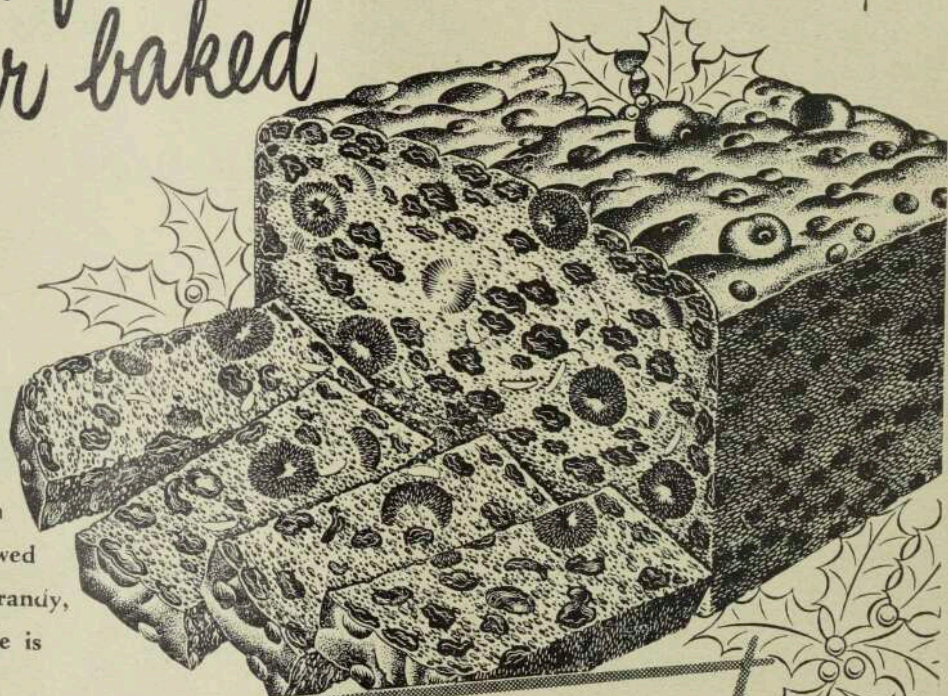
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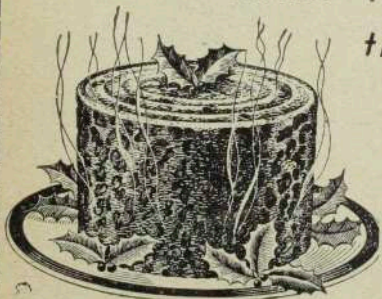
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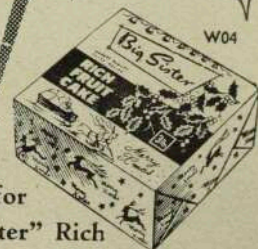
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MAGAZINE SECTION

The Pacific Now Has Another Nature-Man

By JACK THORNTON

AFTER planning and working for seven years with the object of setting himself completely apart from civilised society—surely one of the most sustained efforts ever made by a believer in the simple life—a 30-years-old civil engineer from Denmark recently made final contact with society at Nukualofa, and is now living alone on a hitherto uninhabited islet in Tonga. He intends to remain there for the rest of his life.

The appearance of this blue-eyed, bearded Dane aroused considerable interest during his voyages in search of a home in the Islands. He says he has arrived to stay, and looks like becoming another legend in the Pacific.

He has already replaced his Nordic Christian name, which he regards as an unnecessary reminder of Western civilisation, with the Polynesian "Tavi," conferred upon him when he was looking for an island where he could live without paying land tax. In Polynesian mythology, Tavi is the brother of Maui, who fished up several islands from the depths of the sea.

Kauffmann made up his mind in 1945 to renounce civilisation and revert to the Stone Age. He began to put a plan of operations into effect immediately he had graduated, in science, from Copenhagen University; the following year he

moved to Sweden and worked for two years to save enough money to enter the USA; there he lived and worked in San Francisco for 2½ years.

"Frisco offered the apex of what most people strive to achieve," Tavi, who speaks excellent English, told me recently in Fiji. "I studied navigation and was lucky enough to buy cheaply from a Marine Corps officer a 26-foot sloop in which I and a friend sailed to the Marquesas and Tahiti. My friend, who had already had ten years' experience of living close to Nature in North America, had found it necessary to search for a warmer climate where he could live without wearing wool clothes and be an unwilling party to the control of flocks and the killing of sheep. He became discouraged during our search for a Pacific island, and left the ship at Tahiti. He and his wife are now living the natural life in Costa Rica, where the climate doesn't interfere with their principles.

"From Tahiti I sailed alone to the Cook Islands, Tonga and Fiji—where I arrived last year—looking for somewhere to settle. During these voyages I fished only once to pass the time; and saw only one shark. I lived on coconuts—we had taken a stock aboard at Frisco—fruit and vegetables.

"In Suva I received word that the Government of Tonga required the services of a consulting engineer, so I sailed back to Tonga and worked in that capacity for ten months. I gave away my sloop (it now belongs to the Royal Family of Tonga) and now I have been given this islet rent free, with an assurance that

There seldom are nature-women (unless there is a nature-man somewhere in the picture) but nature-men, going solo, are not new. In recent issues of PIM we have learned a lot about Tahiti's nature-man who migrated to Fiji and died there in 1918. Now, here is news of another, right up to date in 1953, who believes that the world can be saved only if everyone returns to the Stone Age. The story is told by Jack Thornton.

It is interesting to reflect that, at the same time, politicians, theorists and the gentlemen who belong to the UN Trusteeship Council, beat their collective chest and demand that the primitives of the S-W Pacific be rescued from the Stone Age forthwith and hurried into the Atom Age. We wonder, therefore, if Mr. Kauffmann might not be serving his convictions better by staying around to convert the politicians, theorists, etc., instead of hiding himself away on a tiny island.

I can stay on it undisturbed for the rest of my life.

"My new home is called Hunga, is about a mile long, a third of a mile wide at its widest, and rises to four hundred feet. It is 40 miles from Nukualofa, and there is no proper landing place. I have

AT LEFT: Close-up of a man on his way back to the Stone Age.
BELOW: Kauffmann, an object of interest in a Suva Street.



visited Hunga with a Tongan Government official to plant fruit trees, and we had to haul things up the cliffs by rope. There is no fresh water except that which drips from roofs of caves, but this doesn't matter as I shall drink coconut milk and bathe in the sea. If there are hurricanes I shall shelter in the caves. There is a submerged volcano about 1½ miles offshore. It is due to erupt in 1962—it should be a wonderful spectacle. Hunga itself is a volcanic island."

KAUFFMANN has no illusions about leading an idle life in his new home. And he does not run away from reality. During his recent visit to Suva, undertaken to have himself made dentally fit for the remainder of his life ("To repair the ravages of a civilised diet in early life") he stuck to his principles of natural living by refusing anaesthetics.

In addition to his religious beliefs, based on personal and somewhat unusual interpretations of the Bible, Kauffmann is convinced of the bankruptcy of the atomic age.

"From the viewpoint of a dentist, or a doctor, or a psychologist or from any informed viewpoint at all, civilisation is all wrong, and the simple life is the one to be desired," he informed me.

"I believe that personal example is the only way of converting others so that they will realise the futility of ordinary life. People should strive to achieve an affinity with all things in Nature. I'm not sure whether the discovery of fire or meat-eating came first; whichever it was, it marked the beginning of mankind's divorce from Nature, with the frightful effects to be seen in the world to-day. The discovery of steel was another backward step.

"Man is a product of Nature, yet he is trying to set himself apart. I am trying to get into unison. Civilised life is a make-believe built on appearances. To the superficial observer it appears to possess tremendous power, but it is a giant on clay feet. It is well to remember that this globe is a cemetery of dead civilisations.

"I realise the futility of intellectualism. Knowledge is a tool through which we can pursue evil, or good up to a point. Love is far greater than knowledge. For me the simple Stone Age life is the only life in which I can expend all my love on the contemplation of Creation.

"I don't expect or intend to spend all my days doing next to nothing in the sunshine. My island hasn't had the advantage of inheriting centuries of Stone Age culture, so I shall have to use steel tools for the time it takes me to bring things under control. Money is the biggest whip ever invented, and so my first big job will be to cut down all palms except sufficient to supply my needs. They have commercial value,

and dead fronds attract mosquitoes, so I'll chop them down and replace them with fruit trees. After that's done I'll throw my steel tools into the sea and live like a Stone Age man—I may even do it before I've achieved a final productive balance with Nature.

"My change into the Stone Age will be a big transition in Time, and I shall do some reading during the initial period of adjustment. I'm taking about 30 books with me, including a Bible and Spengler's *Decline Of The West*. I may eventually stop reading altogether."

J. Arthur Rank Puts Back the Clock 2,000 Years

IN preparation for the filming of a romantic story of the old days in New Zealand, the J. Arthur Rank organisation some time ago sent a team of talent scouts to the Dominion to select their heroine. In mid-October they announced their selection—a Dutch-Javanese girl who had never set eyes on the Land of the Long Daylight. In all of New Zealand, Mr. Rank could not discover one Maori girl up to his box-office specifications. What the Maori girls think about the decision is better left unsaid, but there may be trouble when glamorous Miss Laya Raka and the film team arrives to film "The Seekers."

Guide Rangī, of Rotorua, who looked over the script, however, was

not at all perturbed. The heroine, she said, was a chief's wife who was supposed to flirt with a pakeha sailor. As a chief's wife, said Rangī, it would have been as much as her life was worth to so much as raise her eyes to another man.

Several photographs of Miss Raka have appeared in Australian papers. She is shown in a reed skirt and what looks to be a brassiere of feathers. She is executing what appears to be a hula, and shows a great deal of shapely bare leg, from about the waist down.

But back in your boxes, you ethnological critics—the Polynesianans are supposed to have come originally from Indonesia, anyhow.

PIM CROSSQUIZ NO. 46

Solution on
Page 82.

ACROSS

- 1.—Who was the author of "The Jungle"?
- 8.—What was the type of man-of-war, the first British one of which was the "Warrior", launched in 1860?
- 9.—What tidal strait separates Manhattan and the Bronx from Queens and Brooklyn?
- 10.—What is the term for a rocky height?
- 11.—What kind of vehicle is mounted on runners and can be used as a hammer?
- 13.—What extinct bird is a symbol of the irrevocable past?
- 14.—Which element has the heaviest atomic weight?
- 17.—Who was the 13th century Persian poet whose name has survived from his work "The Garden of Roses"?
- 19.—Which is the chief river of Germany?
- 20.—Which early English historian was given the name of "The Venerable"?
- 21.—What is the chief component of wood pulp?

DOWN

- 1.—What is the largest federated republic of the world?
- 2.—What is the term for a bride's outfit?
- 3.—Of which country is Managua the capital?
- 4.—What is the first name of a popular actress turned director?
- 5.—Besides the name

barrack, what other name is applied to a lodging for troops in a town?

6.—What unit in spectroscopy was named after a Swedish natural philosopher?

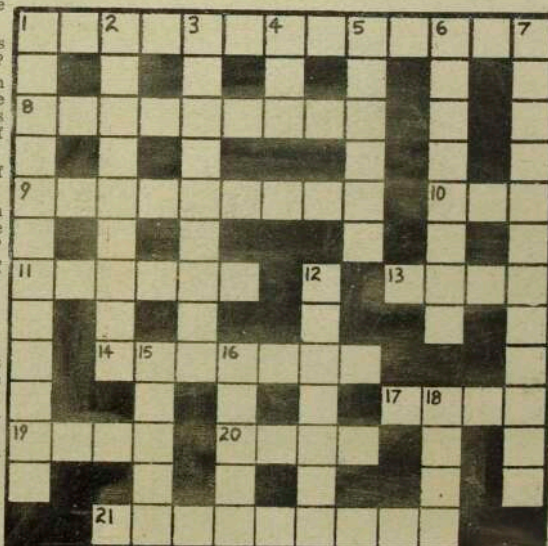
7.—Where is the Domesday Book kept?

12.—Which famous collection of inscribed marbles was presented to the Oxford University by the Duke of Norfolk?

15.—In old England, who was the chief magistrate of a town or a district?

16.—Who invented dynamite?

18.—Who composed "Rule Britannia"?



Tropicalities

THE NG WOMEN WITH THE ANSWER

IF you just keep reading the Sunday papers it is amazing what you will learn about quite familiar places.

Some weeks back, the Sydney Sunday *Sun-Herald* reported (from South Africa, no less) the existence of a "primitive and uncivilised" tribe somewhere in New Guinea that was ruled by a Queen. If the rest of the women did not exactly wear the pants (they are alleged not to have had as much as a grass skirt amongst the lot of them) they certainly had the men where they wanted them: They kept them in caves and brought them out as required.

Well, what's so primitive and uncivilised about that?—J.T.

ALL SPIT AND POLLIGE

MR. ATHOL MELLARS, of Turner's Supply Company, back in Auckland from one of his periodic Island circuits reported this incident while a guest at the Labasa Hotel, Fiji, recently.

In bed very early one morning, half-awake and dreaming of a tasty breakfast, he was surprised when the head of an Indian appeared around the door and inquired "Youse want pollige?"

Puzzled that he should be asked whether he wanted porridge at this early hour, and before arriving at the table, the guest's surprise evidently appeared on his face.

"Pollige, pollige," the boy repeated—pointing to the guest's shoes beside his bed.

Then it dawned. Yes, yes, his shoes did want polishing!

SULUS AND TOP-HATS AT FLEMINGTON

LIEUT.-COL. Ratu Edward Cakobau, who has been spending a holiday in Australia on his way back to Fiji from Malaya had a great deal of public and press attention. He is shown here speaking to Australia's Governor-General, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim. The place? Flemington, on Melbourne Cup Day. It was a "first Cup" for both Sir William and the Colonel.

The stories about Ratu Edward are now legion. "I suppose that is a sort of a kilt?" someone is supposed to have asked him—with regard to his *sulu*.

"Sure thing," he is alleged to have replied, "I'm what might be described as a South Sea Highlander."

(Photograph at left by courtesy of Melbourne "Sun Pictorial.")

THE US HAS THEM, TOO

WE poor benighted non-Americans usually believe that our Yankee cousins have a way of getting things done, regardless. But that there is the usual amount of buck-passing in US government de-

partments seems to be indicated by the following extract from *Micronesian Monthly* (a small journal circulated in the US Trust Territory) giving practical definitions of terms used by Pacific Administrators:

Adequate: A term used to describe a leaky dwelling.

Consultant: A man who recommends that a problem he was hired to study should be studied.

Cultural factors: A universal reason to be used when a project fails.

Cultural synthesis: Confusion.

Is being studied: We had forgotten about that.

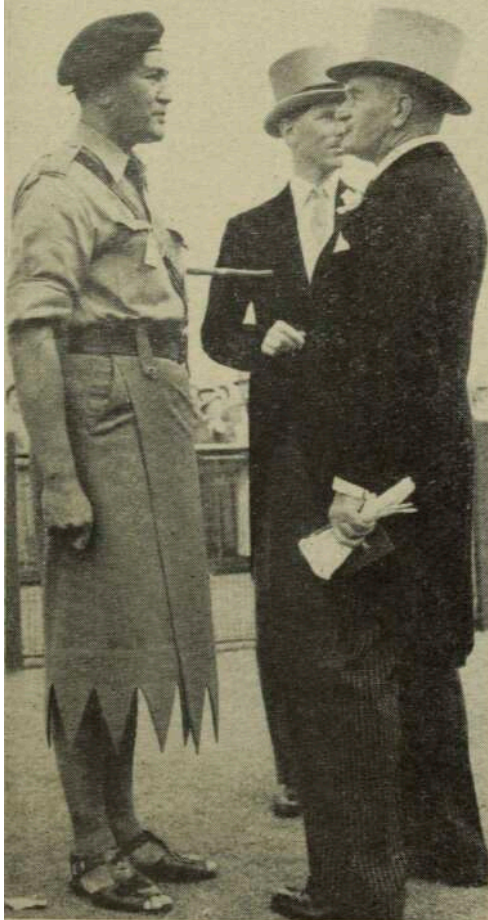
Learning by doing: Previously called working.

Operation: Moving a paper from one desk to another.

Programme: A stack of papers stapled together telling about something that probably won't be done.

MORE O'KEEFE HISTORY

ANOTHER paragraph in the O'Keefe saga: This is Miss Daisy O'Keefe, His Majesty's youngest daughter, photographed with friends some months ago in Macassar, Celebes.



Miss O'Keefe was interned by the Japs with her sisters, Mrs. Brown O'Keefe and Mrs. Scott, during the war but when they returned to Hollandia about the end of 1945, she stayed in Macassar where she is now conducting a ballet and dancing school and teaching English at a Chinese school.

From having a great deal, the O'Keefes now have very little; but have made the best of that little, and with great courage.

It is believed that Mrs. Brown has now returned to the family plantations on Mapia. The homesteads were bombed out of existence

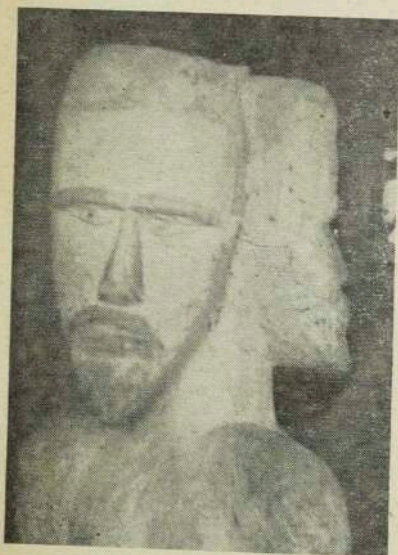
during the war and no compensation was forthcoming from the United States or the Dutch. It is understood that she now has outside backing to clean up the plantations and get back into copra production.

Miss Daisy O'Keefe was sent to England as a small child and was educated there. She always was fond of dancing and was trained in this art. Before the war she had a very successful dancing academy in Hongkong. News of Miss O'Keefe was recently brought back to Sydney by an Australian girl, Miss D. Gover, who spent two years in Macassar.

Nothing further has been heard of the O'Keefe film since the actors packed up and left Fiji towards the end of last year. It was said, at the time, that the film would be ready for exhibition about Coronation time. Its release is awaited with great interest in the South Pacific.

MORE WATER—LESS ODOUR
THE MV *Charlotte Donald* called at Pukapuka, Northern Cook Islands, at the end of August and landed a quantity of concrete

Fiji's Three-Headed Statue



Carved from a solid block of wood about three feet in girth and four feet high, this three-headed statue, housed in the Fiji Museum, Suva, evokes inquiries from many visitors.

A four-line entry in the Museum's records merely states that the statue was acquired in 1912. There is no record of its date or origin, but it is said to be the work of a Fijian seer of old who had a vision of the coming of (1) Europeans, (2) Christianity, and (3) Law—hence the three heads of the statue.

The heads are obviously not representations of Fijians or other Islanders, and this perhaps is its strangest aspect.—**JACK THORNTON.**

slabs for making water tanks.

Pukapuka, is the most isolated of the Northern Cooks and has become widely known to readers of South Seas books through the writings of Robert Dean Frisbie, who lived there for many years, and also from the scientific treatises of several anthropologists who stayed there to study the customs of a people as yet almost unspoiled by contact with "civilisation."

The Northern Cooks have experienced a lot of dry weather in recent years, so the C. I. administration is taking steps to increase the water supply of the islanders.

These sandy islands, only ten degrees below the equator, have no water except what falls from the skies. A feature of Pukapuka for many years has been the church with corrugated iron roof which serves as a catchment area, and the tankage into which the roof drains.

There are also plans for digging more wells. The water is hard but it is all right for bathing, and thanks to the influence of teachers and medical practitioners, the people of the Northern Cooks are using more water for bathing than they did a few years back.

In earlier times the people of Pukapuka had to do the best they could; there was little water for washing their hands, even after eating with their fingers. Visitors noted that the men would clean their hands by rubbing them on their chests or over their pants (if they were wearing pants). The women used their long hair as a handy hand-towel. It used to be said that to be surrounded by a group of Pukapukans was "a bit of an ordeal." Such an odour!

Those days are now gone, and there is a general air of tidiness and cleanliness about Pukapuka's villages, as recent visitors have been quick to notice.—**A.J.S.**

THE BISHOP

BISHOP WADE, of the Marist Mission in the Northern Solomons, was born in the city of Providence, Rhode Island, USA, in 1893. He was ordained in 1922, and arrived in Bougainville the following year.

After seven years' service in this mission field he went to Sydney to be consecrated at St. Patrick's College at Manly as Vicar Apostolic of the Northern Solomons and titular Bishop of Barbalissos. His Lordship's mission is concentrated on Buka and Bougainville, but also includes Nissan and the Carterets, and Choiseul and the Shortlands in the British Solomons.

During the Japanese Invasion, Bishop Wade at first tried to carry on the mission but found it impossible; the Japanese interned him at Kieta. Some months later he regained his freedom, and appealed to Admiral Halsey to rescue the American nuns from Bougainville, and this was done by submarine. On April 30, 1943, a second rescue



was arranged from the beach at Teopasino, Bougainville, when Bishop Wade and some Coast-watchers escaped in another Yankee submarine. The Bishop was then appointed Vicar-Delegate to the Catholics in the US Forces in the Sou'-West Pacific until the end of the war. Since then he has been rebuilding the devastated mission stations, helped by War Damage Compensation. A share of this money has been invested by the Bishop in large properties in the district, and the development of these may enable the mission to become self-supporting in the future.

The Right Reverend Thomas Wade often fails to hide the boyish, young American priest who was affectionately known as Tommy Wade to his old friends in Bougainville.—**Brett Hilder.**

SUVA'S THRIVING FINE ARTS CLUB

WHEN Suva held its second Fine Arts exhibition in November, no less than 20 local artists displayed their work. In all, about 80 paintings were presented—all works which had never previously been displayed. Oils and water-colours were included, and the subject matter was by no means confined to Fiji. One artist also displayed bronze casts and plaques.

Of interest in the oils were two works by Alfred Stone painted during his recent visit to Tahiti. One was a waterfront scene at Papeete, and the other, entitled "Maison Nordman," depicting Mr. Oscar Nordman's home in the country.

Some of Mr. Stone's students have shown a marked improvement in their work since last year's display.

OLD STORY RE-READ:

Telefomin Has a Long History—for N. Guinea

SOME of the most interesting books about Papua and New Guinea are those now out of print and, therefore, not generally available to the present generation which tends to believe that the discovery of these Territories occurred somewhere around 1942.

The publication recently of Colin Simpson's *Adam With Arrows* was scarcely complete when natives of the country about which he wrote killed two young P-NG District Services patrol-officers. The murders seemed to give point to the whole tenor of Simpson's narrative—that life for these men of the remotest outposts is about as comfortable as living inside a minefield; that nerves should have been—even if they were not—stretched to near breaking-point. Although it might be a country fit only for heroes to live in, few District Services men will admit to their heroic role and it is as well to get the whole thing back into its correct perspective. For this I recommend a course of Ivan F. Champion.

Over 20 years ago he wrote a book called *Across New Guinea From the Fly To the Sepik*. In it, he tells how he accompanied the late Charles H. Karius on two attempts to do just what the title indicates—the first attempt lasting from December, 1926, to July, 1927, and being unsuccessful; the second lasting from September, 1927, to January, 1928, and being successful.

I read this book years ago, and, after *Adam With Arrows* and the recent *Telefomin* trouble, dipped into it again; I remembered that the second patrol had spent some time around Telefomin (which they called Kelefomin). Having dipped, I began to read. And, having begun, I sat up all night and finished the job. Here are no journalistic tricks or angles; no attempt to "catch the interest of the reader." It is a plain story of a year of unremitting effort, and if it has one fault it is probably that it makes the task look too easy. Simpson made it look too hard.

It was Karius and Champion who were the first Europeans to stand on the 9,000-ft. divide in the Victor Emanuel Range and see that the Fly River (which flowed south-westward hundreds of miles through Papua) and the Sepik (which flowed north-westward into Dutch New Guinea before it turned eastward to empty itself into the sea between Madang and Wewak) rose within a few miles of each other.

The local, native name for the

upper Sepik was Takin; for the Fly, at its source, Feneng. This is how Champion describes their first sight, from an elevation of 7,000 ft., of the Sepik basin:

We were standing on a small grass plateau looking at what I thought was the most beautiful sight that one could ever wish to see. Several thousands of feet below us was a great basin, surrounded by mountains and through this basin, bordered by casuarina trees, meandered a slow-flowing stream.

It was the Promised Land. We saw where the Takin started its flow in a narrow ravine to the east, formed by two spurs of the Victor Emanuel. For a distance of perhaps 15 miles it was flanked by a grass plain about eight miles broad and stretching north to the base of the mountains. Spaced at regular intervals along it, narrow lines of dark forest ran down to the river. Numerous fires denoted the presence of many villages. What a contrast this was to the rugged gorge-like valleys of the upper Fly and Palmer, with their small and scattered population.

They dropped down to the banks of the Takin and camped. Less than a day's walk brought them to Telefomin territory. Champion describes it:

The Takin was no longer a placidly flowing stream. Dropping quickly, it was running strongly towards the west-south-west at an altitude of 4,200 feet. We left it and clambered up the steep bank on a native track which took us over some grassy hills to the edge of an immense grass plain. Mile upon mile it stretched to the base of the mountain to the north, seemingly as flat as a billiard table. On the native track that led in a north-westerly direction, our progress was fast and within half an hour we heard voices from the near-by scrub. We went on to reach a large village which we were able to walk right into before our presence was discovered.

An old photograph of Black, Taylor and Walsh on the 1938-39 patrol.

There followed the usual shrieks of surprise and fear as the natives saw Europeans for the first time, the usual flight for cover; the overtures of peace from the patrol party; the slow exchange of gifts and the establishment of good relations. Then:

There being no food available we moved off across the plain, men and boys following. Suddenly we heard the peculiar croaking of frogs, a variety of low and high notes from behind and then from our left and front. It was the assembly call of the Kelefomin.

Village after village was passed, prettily situated on the sides of the forest ravine and all of them surrounded with crotons and other gaily coloured shrubs. The smallest contained 10 houses, the others from 16 to 20. Throughout the whole of our journey this Kelefomin plateau, at an altitude of 4,877 ft., was the only place we saw where an aeroplane could land, and it is ideal although after heavy rains it would no doubt be a morass.

Those were the days before field radio and before planes had been called in to ease the burden of exploration in Papua or New Guinea. Planes had already solved the transport problem between the new gold-fields at Wau, and the coast at Lae and Salamaua but once they got away from navigable rivers patrolling was still a matter of foot-slogging. From the time that Karius and Champion, their police-boys and their carriers, left the *Elevala* on the Fly below Palmer junction, until they met up with her again, 500 miles up the Sepik River, they were entirely on their own, as far from contact with their own people as if the earth had opened and swallowed them. They had only their own resource, courage and en-



durance to carry them through. Their food was the meagre supplies of rice that they carried with them, or what they could buy from the natives—very little on the second expedition as it was a time of hunger between two harvests.

For real exploration work Champion, however, saw planes only as an auxiliary to work on the ground. "Last year," he wrote, "I had an opportunity of seeing the Fly river from the air. We flew as far as our old camp on Surprise Creek. The country stretched out below us as a vast, forest plain; my companions, who had not traversed it, noted it as such, but I knew that it was a mass of steep broken gullies, muddy creeks and dense undergrowth, not apparent from the air."

By the second week in January, 1928, they had reached a point on the Sepik river where it was possible to take to the water. Five days were spent cutting trees and making rafts, and on January 18 they were able to push off into the swiftly-flowing river. It was 580 miles from the mouth of the Sepik; 300 miles from Ambunti, the Government station highest up the river.

But the party had only one full day of rafting. On the second morning the five rafts came rapidly round a bend in the river to find the *Elevala*, "her white sides gleaming in the sun, her blue ensign floating from the mizzen and her able commander, Richie, frantically waving his white shirt from the fore-castle."

The island of New Guinea had been crossed at its widest part. As Sir Hubert Murray had said when setting these men the task—it had to be done some day; it was unthinkable that it should be done by anyone but men of the Papuan service.

AFTER Champion and Karius has passed on, on their journey down the Sepik, the people of Telefomin probably saw no other white men for more than ten years—not until the arrival of J. L. Taylor and John Black, of the New Guinea District Services Department, with Medical Assistant C. B. Walsh, on their remarkable patrol from Mt. Hagen to the Sepik between March, 1938, and June, 1939. Some Europeans had been in the headwaters area of the great rivers between the visits of Karius and Champion and the Taylor and Black patrol—the Leahy brothers from New Guinea, the Fox brothers from Papua, the Ward Williams mining expedition—but they probably did not visit Telefomin.

In 1942, Europeans again visited Telefomin—they were a party of civilians from the Wewak District who took that way out to escape from the Japs. They crossed the centre of New Guinea from the Sepik to the Fly, via Telefomin, and finally made their way out to Daru

after about eight months.

Because, as Champion had remarked in 1927, the Telefomin plateau was the only place thereabouts possible for landing aircraft, the Americans had an emergency strip built there in the early years of the war. But once the strip was down, the party which built it was withdrawn. Telefomin did not become a Government patrol-post until 1948, when D. Clifton-Bassett, one patrol-officer and a small detachment of native police were flown in to bring peace and good Government to the Stone-age inhabitants.

IN none of these operations, from the visit of Karius and Champion in 1927 until recently, was there trouble to the degree that resulted in the murders of the young patrol officers Harris and Szarka in this November.

But this fact, of itself, means very little. Trouble had always been an ever-present possibility. The only certain thing that can be said of these natives is their unpredictability; and that there has been no major trouble in the past, can be attributed to the courage, experience and intelligence of the men who made contact with them—and also to a certain amount of luck.

In March, April, May and June of 1940 we published in the PIM, Taylor's report of his 1938-39 patrol. This, too, makes excellent reading for those who are apt to be carried away by the events of last month. The patrol—or parts of the patrol—were attacked on several occasions and conflict with the natives was always a possibility. The operation, however, was carried through to a successful conclusion.

The operations of District Services in taking Government to the primitive peoples of the New Guinea interior has and always will have a certain degree of hazard. It is, however, a well-calculated risk and so long as nothing goes wrong, is generally approved by the residents of the rest of the Territory, the majority of whom are not backward in urging the Administration to "open up the country."

But no sooner had the murders of these two young patrol-officers become known than there began a public witch-hunt: In the Territory, the Department of District Services was castigated for sending "young and inexperienced men out into isolated patrol posts."

In Australia, it was used as a political weapon to beat the Government, particularly the Minister for Territories, who was accused of bowing to United Nations pressure in his decision to open up the whole of Papua-New Guinea within a certain time.

According to Opposition inferences, the killing of the men was the result of a native uprising of the proportions of Kenya Mau Mauism, caused entirely by the present Territories Minister's mis-

guided policy, as well as to generations of oppressive rule by exploiting Europeans.

Possibly Australia's desire to bring our civilisation to these people of the mid-New Guinea mountains is much too hasty—although it is interesting to note in reading back over Taylor's report, that he remarks that in the mid-thirties the Commonwealth Government had promised the League of Nations that they would take steps to bring the whole of New Guinea under control with all possible speed.

Possibly, too, the District Services Department is due for some soul-searching. Nonetheless it is only fair to say that many of the people who now so enthusiastically are putting the blame on Authority, have, until recently, been loudest in proclaiming that patrolling was a lost art. All District Services personnel, it was said, sat at the District Offices doing paper-work. No one ever patrolled any more—unless it could be done comfortably by jeep.

Maybe it all boils down to the old New Guinea business of measuring "experience." Experience is a word more bandied about in NG than anywhere else in the world and, generally, it is built on the theory that a man who has lived in the country 10 years must necessarily be more knowledgeable than one who has been there only four years. Frequently, the theory is correct. Sometimes it is not.

Territorians being as they are, opinion will probably continue to be divided as to whether the risk Harris and Szarka were forced to take was a legitimate one, or whether the dice were too heavily loaded against them when they confidently undertook a short patrol from Telefomin station in November, 1953.

—JUDY TUDOR.

St. Augustine's Church of England Annual Ball, Wau, New Guinea, was held on November 7, and was attended by the Administrator, Brigadier Cleland and Mrs. Cleland, and many other visitors who were in Wau during the week-end for the 4th District Show.

An interesting visitor to Sydney has been the French Marist priest Pere O'Reilly (pronounced O'Relly), who was formerly stationed in Bougainville, the New Hebrides and New Caledonia, and who is now a prominent writer on the French Pacific attached to the Musée de l'Homme in Paris. An important book of his which has just appeared gives the biographies of early colonists and others who have played a part in the making of New Caledonia—as a source book it should be of value to the Pacific historian of the future. He was in New Caledonia for the centenary celebrations.

THE STORY OF WM. REIHER—II

BY WILLIAM SCHUTZ

SOMETIME in 1928 the *Mauno* was due again for overhaul, and William went over to the *Makoa*, a sister ship, under command of Captain Colgahoun, which vessel was to replace the *Mauno*. Under this master, William learned navigating, by stars. Old Colgahoun had served on destroyers in World War I, and he told William that aboard those craft in the Channel and North Sea, they had to depend on star sights mostly. Hence he believed only in star navigation.

Joining the *Mauno* again on her return from overhaul, William served on her until about the end of 1929, when he resigned to go and build the church on Arorae. While on Betio, awaiting transport to Arorae, about February, 1930, the old *Mauno* developed engine trouble which the engineer, this time a Norwegian, could not fix.

The engineer was dismissed and William given the job to repair and run it, until a new engineer was found. The trouble, he found, was exactly the same as in Jaluit nearly ten years before—with the difference that this time a new key had to be manufactured with hacksaw and files. That fly-wheel key lasted until *Mauno* was put on the scrap heap five or six years later.

All the money he made out of church-building, William invested in land on Abemama for his wife. By buying available land in different places and, after preliminary clearings, exchanging it with land-owners adjacent to his holdings, he was able to form a block around and near his dwelling. While building his house, and clearing and planting his lands, he started building a 28-feet decked-in boat which, on completion, he named *Minoris* and used for bringing in supplies from outer islands.

About 1935, the Catholic Mission decided to build a ship for its own use around the group, and William got the commission to draft out plans and lists of materials required. The *Minoris* was handy for hauling in Teitai (in Fijian, Dilo) logs and bends needed for stanchions, ribs and knees. The actual building started in 1937, and the launching with masts in place was in 1938.

Santa Teretia, the new ship, sailed to Betio to meet the loading ship, so as to have the engine (a 54 hp Gardner) placed on the bed from the ship's sling, as the makers of the engine were not willing to send the engine in parts. She was towed back to Abemama and the engine room, cabin and deck fit-

Last month, Mr. William Schutz, a well-known resident of the Gilbert Islands, began his story of William Reiher, who died at Abemama in August. Reiher was of mixed German-Marshall Islands descent, and a member of a family noted for having produced men who were masters of many trades. In telling the story of William Reiher, Mr. Schutz tells also a great deal of the history of the Marshalls (German, then Japanese and now under UN Trusteeship to USA) and of the Gilbert and Ellice Island Colony. This instalment completes his story.

tings were completed there. William skippered the ship for nearly a year, until a Mission Brother took over.

Minoris was acquired by the Mission. She was sold to the Tangi-tang Co-operative Society later, and was destroyed by the Japanese in their raid on Betio on December 10, 1941, when they also burned the *Nimanoa*, the Government flagship.

Santa Teretia escaped to Suva, under command of Father Klipfel, and was used by the Government during the war. After a thorough refit at the end of the war, the vessel was returned to the Mission, and did useful work for her owners until the middle of 1950. While in Suva for overhaul she was put up

for sale. No buyers; so she returned to Tarawa, and the Tangi-tang Co-operative Society bought her and named her *Aratoba* (meaning "Our adopted child"). The Mission bought *Halgard* in Sydney, and renamed her *Santa Teretia*.

When the Americans attacked Abemama in World War II, a stick of fire bombs fell near William Reiher's dwelling, and every house there was burned down. William placed his most valuable tools on Bike (Entrance Island), locked away in his house there. The American troops posted a detachment of coast-watchers there. After these left, everything of value was gone, too. He lodged a claim with the American Island Commander in charge at that time, and was told the claim would be forwarded to Washington.

WHEN the fleet, with transports, arrived at Abemama, all the large ships anchored off the NW side of the island, necessitating ferrying of cargo, materials and ammunition from 6 to 12 miles, according to where the dumps were.

Going out one day with the Island Commander on an LCT, William inquired the reason; and was told that the ships were too large to come in. When told the draft of the ships, he assured the Americans that they could go in. That day he piloted 5 or 6 Liberty ships in, in a row—the ships following the LCT, on which were he and the Island Commander.

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New Stamps for Nauru

Four of the nine new stamps that will be issued for Nauru on February 6, 1954. The other five are 1d, 1d, 6d, 9d, and 2/6.

The current issue contains 14 stamps; the denominations not covered by next year's issue will be retained. This issue dates back to 1924, was the first for Nauru and each of the 14 stamps had the same design.

Cost of the complete set of next year's issue will be 10/6. Stamps and first-day covers will be obtainable from the Postmaster, Nauru. Applications should be made as soon as possible as all communications are by sea. In addition, stamps in mint condition will be obtainable from the Philatelic Bureaux of the GPOs in Australian capital cities.



William did not keep account of the numbers of Liberty and Victory ships he piloted into Abemama, but it must have been hundreds; and for that service he got \$150 per month from the mighty USA. Yet, as wages, it was high—William never got that much from Burns Philp—but, figured on pilotage, it was poor pay. Prewar, the rate for pilotage at Tarawa, for vessels the size of Liberty and Victory ships, was at least £10 in and £10 out.

William never complained. His reasoning was that it was war, and everyone had to do his best. William's feat in taking those large ships into Abemama, and showing them how to enter, was never mentioned in any report—he never even received a letter of thanks or appreciation from the American Navy authorities.

THE breadwinner for a large family is now dead. Perhaps someone with a kind heart, who reads this, may take action and try to find out what happened to his claim. If his claim for houses destroyed through war action cannot be entertained, surely his claim for stolen tools and other valuable personal property should be recognised. If the claim never reached Washington, then USA owes William's family the difference between the pay he collected, and the fees he should have received for piloting each ship in and out of Abemama.

Before the war, William applied for British naturalisation, and at the end of the war the application was granted.

From 1939 until 1950 he acted as a sort of stand-by, relieving Government masters going on holiday, doing recruiting, piloting ships in and out of Tarawa, and stevedoring.

When commanding the Government ship *Kia Kia*, towards the end of 1940, one of the worst westerly seasons broke on small shipping in the group. The *Kia Kia* was right in it. A certain Government Official, if he reads this, may be willing to write something about his experience of that memorable trip to the Ellice.

William's command was the *Maureen*, for a Phoenix Group trip. When he was again offered a relieving command on the *Kia Kia* he declined, and went home to Abemama.

Many thought that his illness was imaginary. He always complained of heart trouble, but the doctors could find no fault with his heart. When at last he lay on his deathbed, Dr. Rees was sent to Abemama to see him, and he diagnosed cancer of the liver. It was then too late, and he died a few days later.

With the passing of William, the first generation of male descendants of Captain and Mrs. Reiher, of Jaluit, are gone. William's sister, Elizabeth, married an old sea captain named Schmidt, by whom she

had three or four children. They settled in San Francisco; since the war, nothing has been heard of her. Fritz was taken by a sea-monster while out fishing in a canoe, at Abaiang, just a few months before the arrival of the Americans in 1943. Proof of his being taken by a fish was that a week after his disappearance, his skull and shoulder blade, polished of all flesh and hair, were found on the reef of an islet off where he fished that night. Heinrich, the youngest of the Reiher, died on Ailinglaplap, Marshall Islands, in October, 1952.

The second generation are all well established in the Marshalls, in the Gilberts and in Suva, rearing large families. The third generation is going to school now and is worth watching; the Reiher are an outstandingly clever and talented family.

William is dead but his name will always be remembered when the talk is about the churches of Arorae or Tamana, or the *Santa Teretia (Aratoba)*.

"La Belam" (which is William) he was in the Marshalls; he was "William" to all Europeans; and "Uriam" to all the natives in the Colony of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. The Reiher can be proud of him.

RECIPE CORNER

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

BANANA CHUTNEY

- 6 bananas.
- 1 breakfast cup raisins.
- 1 breakfast cup sugar.
- 1 dessertspoon salt.
- 1 large onion.
- 1 tablespoon garlic (chopped).
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger.
- 1 tablespoon turmeric.
- Chillies.

Vinegar to cover.
Chop all ingredients fine and boil with vinegar until cooked, then add sugar, salt, ginger and turmeric, boil up again for 10 minutes, then bottle. Keep for a week before using.

—Mrs. L. C. (Suva).

COFFEE FUDGE PUDDING

- 1 cup of flour.
 - 2 teaspoons of baking powder.
 - Pinch of salt.
 - 4 tablespoons of cocoa.
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk.
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of sugar.
 - 2 tablespoons melted butter.
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla.
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar.
 - 1 cup of hot strong coffee.
- Sift the flour, salt and baking powder into a bowl, and add the sugar and two tablespoons of cocoa. Stir in the milk, butter and vanilla. Mix well. Pour mixture into a round, greased cake tin. Mix the remaining cocoa and brown sugar together and sprinkle over the mixture. Slowly pour the coffee over the top of that. Bake in a moderate oven for 30-45 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for five minutes. Invert onto serving dish and spoon the fudge sauce which will have formed, over it. Decorate with pieces of pineapple or shredded coconut. Serve warm. Eight servings.

—Mrs. N. L. P. (Apia).

SOME PARTY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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

THE festive season is with us and many of us are searching for new ideas and variations on our recipes. It doesn't matter whether it is a children's party, a bridge party or a Christmas party, it is an opportunity for you, the housewife, to show your skill. It is rather different preparing a party in the tropics to preparing one in a more temperate climate. As most of the food served will be cold and refreshing, it means that parties are easier to prepare, as many dishes can be made ready in advance.

Here are a few ideas for adding finishing touches to some of the recipes you already have. Finishing touches make all the difference to any meal, no matter when it is served, but most people are in such a rush these days, that by the time a good wholesome meal for the family has been prepared there is little time for decorations and trimmings. It is a pity; the odd finishing touch makes all the difference between a very attractive dish and a dull one.

Here are several vegetable garnishes for salads and savoury dishes. **RADISH LILIES** are made quite easily. Choose round radishes, trim them carefully, wash and dry, make a vandyke (VVVV) round the middle of each with a small, sharp, pointed knife. Cut in two crosswise and use the lilies for decorating hors d'oeuvres and green salads. To make **RADISH ROSES**, trim and wash and dry, then cut the coloured skin down in five sections almost to the stem end. Place in ice cold water and as they chill the petals will unfold and open out. **TOMATO ROSES** can be made in the same way but there is no need to chill them.

To garnish creamed fish, cold meats and meat loaves, make **PICKLE FANS** by using small gherkins. Cut into thin slices almost through to the other side and spread out carefully like a fan. **RADISH FANS** can be made in the same way.

CUCUMBER CONES are always fascinating and are easy to make. Peel the cucumber and slice very thinly. Make a cut from the edge of each slice to the centre and draw the one cut edge over the other to form the cucumber slice into a cone.

To make attractive **CARROT CURLS**, take young carrots, clean and trim them and cut in half lengthwise with a sharp knife, shave into long thin slices. Roll each into a pinwheel. Pack them closely together in a shallow dish of ice cold water. Leave until they stay curled when lifted out of the water. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and use for garnishing any cold savoury dish.

When **CELERY** is available, it always proves popular with the family and can be used to garnish so many dishes. It curls easily if very thin strips are placed in cold water for a short time.

AS Christmas is approaching, many people are thinking of Christmas puddings. The children always remember plum puddings which blaze with fire. If you set fire to your pudding, remember to turn out the lights or draw the curtains for the ceremonial entrance, otherwise the flames will be almost invisible.

To fire the pudding, put it into a very hot dish, turn the brandy, rum or whisky into a hot metal spoon before pouring it over the pudding, then set a

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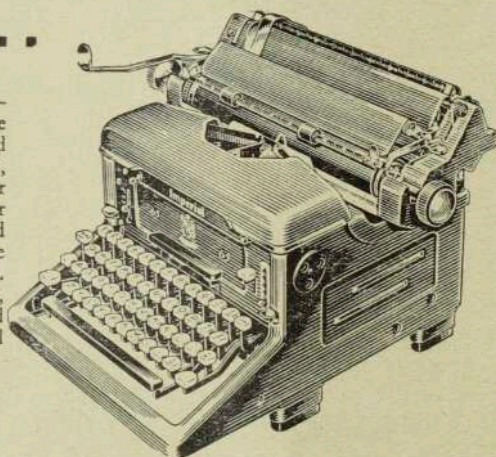
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match to it. If you want a very superior flame, hollow out a shallow cup in the top of the pudding and pour two tablespoons of spirit into it. Some will run down the pudding on to the dish. Light it and the flames will spread.

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CHICKEN CHOW MEIN

1 cup celery strips.
1 small onion sliced.
1 green pepper finely chopped.
2 cups chicken stock.
Pinch salt.
2 teaspoons soy sauce or substitute.
1½ cup sliced mushrooms (if available).
2 cups finely chopped cooked chicken.
1 teaspoon cornflour.
2 tablespoons water.
2 cups noodles (cooked).
Cook celery, onion and green pepper in stock for 20 minutes; add salt, soy sauce or substitute, mushrooms, chicken and cornflour mixed with water and cook for 10 minutes, stirring until thickened. Serve on a bed of noodles.
This is sufficient for about six people.

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Little more than ½ tin of evaporated milk.
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Decorate with cherries or grated chocolate.

† Dr. Simon Cotton, recently appointed Chief Medical Officer in Tonga, told of the acute shortage of trained medical staff there when he came to Auckland in September with Mrs. Cotton, who has undergone an operation. He said he was the only fully-trained medical practitioner in Nukualofa. There is one other at Vavau. There are some very able Tongan medical practitioners, graduates of the Central Medical School, Suva, but their capabilities are limited to the level of training which they have received. More trained medical staff is most urgently required in Tonga.

Solution to Crossquiz
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BOOK REVIEWS:

It Happened in the Deep South of France

ONE of the most flamboyant products of Australasian journalism in recent years has been Mr. Eric Baume—born in New Zealand and of Jewish descent, but having served most of his literary life in the cause of Australia's big city dailies. During the recent war he was a war correspondent in Europe and the UK for the *Sydney Daily Mirror* and *Truth* interests; and after the war remained on as foreign correspondent.

More recently there was some rift in the lute of his happiness with the *DM* and he is now devoting himself to broadcasting from one of Sydney's commercial stations—one of those very personal sessions which is said to be followed avidly by a listening-audience of middle-aged women.

All this being so, one scarcely expects Baume to have written *The Mortal Sin of Father Grossard*, a delicately written, but gay story of southern France, recently at hand from Angus and Robertson, Sydney publishers.

It tells the story of a middle-aged American spinster who adopts the identity of her dead friend and

sets off to visit her dead friend's son's grave in the Dordogne district of France. Thereat begin the complications, because Byron (the son) becomes, in death, a much greater personage than he ever was in life: to the simple people of La Perige, where his plane was reported to have been shot down, a tangible reminder of the Gallant Allies who had died to help France, and, indeed, of all Youth that had died for France.

The story is light, amusing and exceedingly well done. Excellent holiday reading material; and worthy of a place on your Christmas gift list. (Australian price, 13/6).

Something About The Navy

Also from A & R recently: *Fighting Ships of Australia and New Zealand*, by Lieut.-Commander Frank Norton, RANVR. Probably a very suitable gift for a lad who contemplates making the sea his career; of interest, too, to lads of all ages who have served at sea or who are interested in ships. Lavishly illustrated by drawings and diagrams. Australian price 15/-.

¶ Mr. D. M. Freegard arrived at Tarawa in July on transfer from the New Hebrides administration, and has assumed duties as Assistant Secretary to Government, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.



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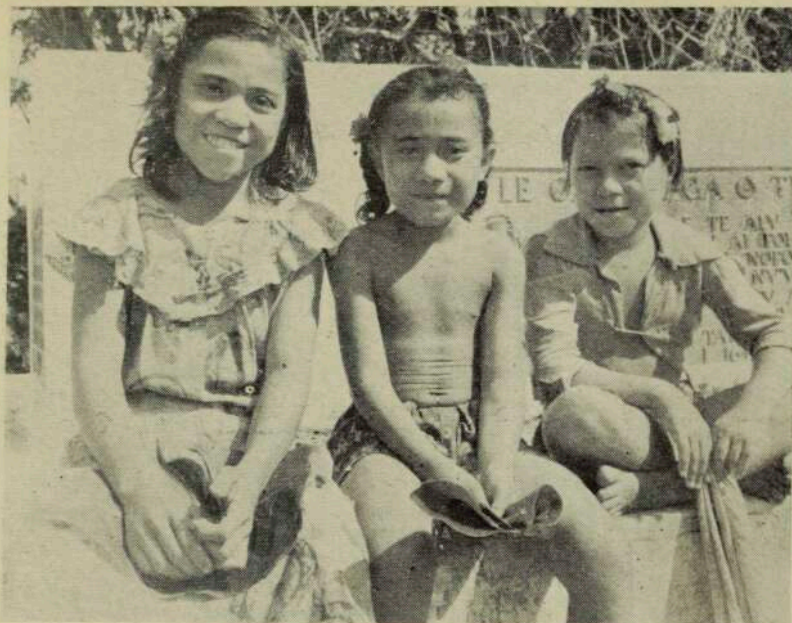
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Road of the Loving Heart that leads to the tomb of R.L.S., are always alert to the possibility of earning an honest coin from tourists and newcomers who make the pilgrimage.

When a PIM representative and a com-

panion made the climb in September, these three took them in charge. The youngest one managed the show, leading the advance, with the others—equipped with banana leaves—bringing up the rear. At regular intervals, when the pace seemed a little hot, Fiamama signalled a halt, while the other two busily employed the big leaves to fan the strangers.

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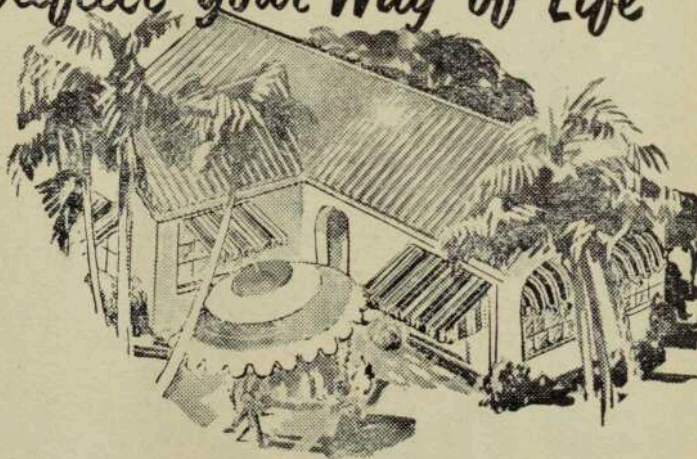
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Following on this record crop, the independent planters' organisations have asked for an increase in price for the 1954 season from \$1.09 per ton of cane to \$1.10 per ton. The millers, contesting this request, claimed that during the past three years their net return per ton of sugar, before income tax deduction, amounted to only \$2.69 on cane purchased from independent growers, as compared with a net return of \$15.80 per ton of sugar from cane produced on their own plantations.

One milling company representative produced figures to show that it costs an independent planter only \$40.31 to grow, harvest and deliver sufficient cane to produce one ton of 96 degree sugar, and that it then costs the millers \$27.09 per ton to do the actual processing.

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up to 25 cents per ton of cane to the millers, under an agreement with the Department of Agriculture, to cover cost of research and other services performed by the millers and not otherwise charged. The independent planters are claiming that this charge is excessive, and

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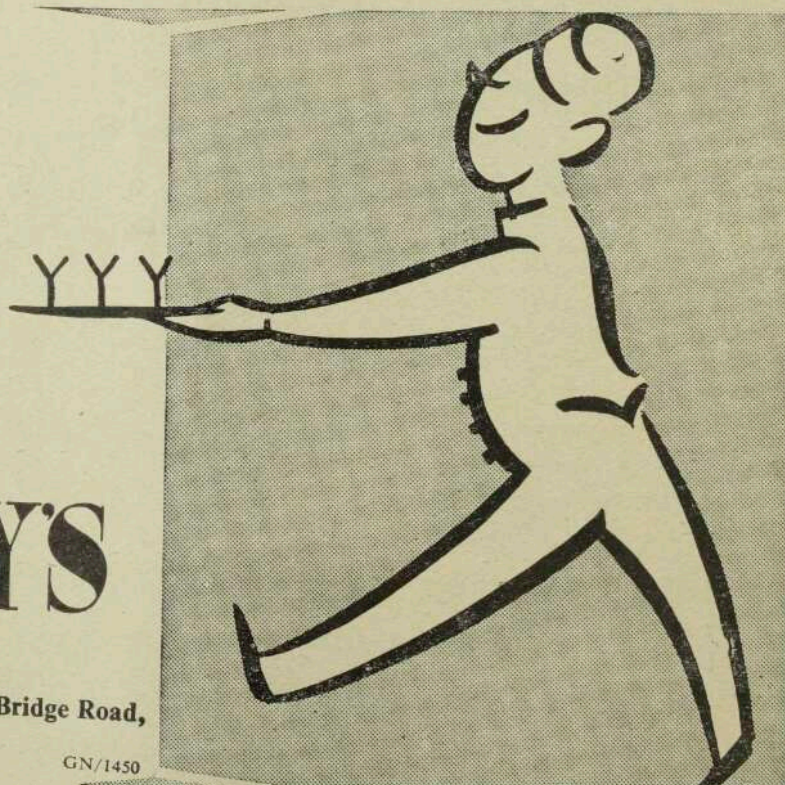
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WHEN the Japanese made their sneak attack on Pearl Harbour, in the dawn of December 7, 1941—exactly 12 years ago—the Americans were taken completely by surprise, and suffered appalling naval losses.

An American serviceman reported, during the night, that he had picked up by radio the sounds of a large air fleet out over the Pacific: but his superiors did not take him seriously.

The Americans recovered from the disaster; but the two commanding officers in Hawaii, Admiral Kimmel and General Short, disappeared forever from the ranks of officialdom.

Early in 1942, James Norman Hall, of Tahiti, famous American author, wrote these bitter verses. His famous collaborator, Charles Nordhoff, soon afterwards placed a copy in the hands of the Editor of *Pacific Islands Monthly*. A couple of years later, when the Americans were on top in the Pacific, the PIM Editor proposed to publish the verses, and submitted same accordingly to the Australian censors. The latter gentlemen nearly had a fit, and insisted that the frightful composition be destroyed forthwith.

Hall died in July, 1951, but he left a copy of the verses with a friend in Tahiti, and this copy has just reached us. It is worth publishing now, because "Pearl Harbour" brought the United States into World War II, angry and united as never before, and so changed the history of the world.

TWAS some nights before Christmas—a fateful nineteen—
At the great island fortress, and all was serene.

Destroyers, battleships, cruisers and subs
Were as safe at their berths as their men in their pubs
Of the popular naval and movie resort,
Protected by Kimmel, defended by Short.

In the hangars the bombers were safe, and the fighters
As snug and as tight as the Saturday-nighters
Who crowded the restaurants, beach-clubs and bars
To dine and to dance to Hawaiian guitars.
Each high naval rating was safe at his post
On (or at, to be truthful) the bridge he loved most.
Oh, the battles were grim and the rubbers hard-fought,
And quarter was neither expected nor sought.
But the young personnel were all over the port

Defended by Kimmel, protected by Short.

But it seems that one sergeant was still on the job,
And it seems that he heard from his post the faint throb
As of motors of bombers, some scores at the least.
'What's this!' he exclaimed, as the chiming increased;

'Who dares fly at night off the pleasure resort
Protected by Kimmel, defended by Short?'

'Lieutenant,' said he, (for a loot was in charge;
The Service requires it, to see that a sarge
Makes no silly mistakes or conjectures) 'I hear
The throbbing of engines, and coming more near,
I can't have mistook. Shall we send the report
To Admiral Kimmel or General Short?'

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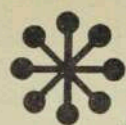
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'Engines? Whose engines?' the loot made reply,
Looking up from his 'Look' with a lack-lustre eye.
'It might be the Japs, sir,' the sergeant put in.
'Or a squadron of Huns coming round from Berlin?'
The other riposted, with withering scorn;
'Or Italians attacking by way of Cape Horn!
Would you make us a laughing-stock all round the port
Defended by Kimmel, protected by Short?'

'But I swear I can hear them', the sergeant insisted.
'And I swear we should honour the day you enlisted
With banners and joy-bells and rousing salutes!' Said the loot, as he eyed him from forehead to boots.
'The British are coming! . . . I mean to say, Japs!
Comrades, to arms! . . . You greatest of saps!
Fly to Washington! Hurry! Put on your silk socks!
Take a word-of-mouth message to Stimson and Knox!
Farewell, Paul Revere! And return to this port
Intelligence Chief for both Kimmel and Short!'

The Sergeant was silent. What more could he say?
The other lieutenants were off for

the day
And the night, and to-morrow was 'hang-over Sunday' . . .
Pearl Harbour would open for duty on Monday.
He couldn't go paging all over the port
Calling 'Admiral Kimmel' or 'General Short!'
Meanwhile, Honolulu was joy unconfined.
And so was the 'licker.' They danced and they dined.
'Aloha, aloha!' sing wailing guitars.
'All heaven is spangled with Hollywood stars.'

What else it was spangled with none of them guessed,
For the East, it can never, no never meet West!
'Aloha, aloha!' the saxophones cry.
'Aloha, aloha!' . . . response from the sky—
But none of them heard, in that pearl of a port
Protected by Kimmel, defended by Short.

Now heads without brains are beginning to spin,
And the shank of the evening is wearing quite thin;
So it's hey, for the pleasure of hitting the hay
And peacefully snoring through hang-over day;
For what is so safe as an island resort
Defended by Kimmel, protected by Short?

Hang-over it was—but what hung overhead
Cost six hundred wounded and three thousand dead.
Battleships, cruisers, destroyers sunk;
Bombers and fighters a mass of old junk.
But junk has its uses. Enquire of the Jap
The buyer, for years, of our mountains of scrap.
He will take and return it with joy to the port
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Hongkong and Singapore left to their fate;

The stout-hearted Dutch forced to battle alone,
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*And gallant MacArthur! There
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For what hung in the balance, so
huge a defeat.
Duty neglected . . . and ashes to eat!
Sing, Hey for the popular pleasure
resort
Protected by Kimmel, defended by
Short.*

*And while singing 'Hey!' let us sing
very small
For ourselves as a Nation. We've
had a great fall
Deserved and ordained; for who
furnished the Jap
With the oil and the steel and the
mountains of scrap
For the planes and the bombs that
returned to the port
Protected by Kimmel, defended by
Short?*

*Sing, Hey, for the heads of the
Nation! Sing, Hey
For Congress and Public, as guilty
as they!
Indict Uncle Sam and arraign him
in court
With Admiral Kimmel and General
Short.*

—JNH, 1942.

Tenders have been invited locally by the British Solomon Islands Government for the construction of the Central Hospital, Honiara. It is to be built on the site of the existing temporary hospital — a relic of the US Army — between the Matanikau River and Kukum.

¶ Mr. B. Brake, a N.Z. National Film Unit cameraman, visited Fiji and Tonga in October making colour-film tests in preparation for the Unit's coverage of the Royal Visit in December. Such tests are necessary with colour film which is subject to changes in colour sensitivity under varying conditions of humidity and temperature. The 400 feet of film

exposed during October have been flown to London.

¶ Mr. G. Sims, Deputy Director of Education in Fiji, has been appointed Rector of Royal College, Mauritius. He went to Suva in 1948 after having served previously at Hongkong and Cyprus.

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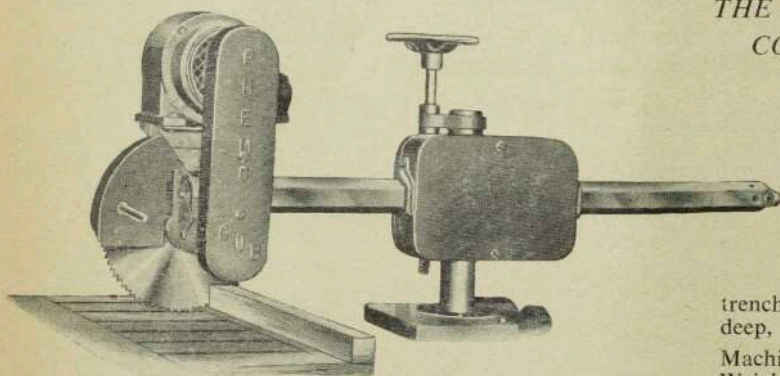
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 Papua, who returned
 to her plantation
 after leave in Aus-
 tralia. Mr. and Mrs.
 E. C. Skelly, of
 Samarai, Papua, who
 were returning after
 Australian leave.
 (Shortly after his
 return, Mr. Skelly
 died suddenly. See "Deaths of Islands
 People," elsewhere this issue).



Mr. S. Bennett and Mr. W. Donald, of A. B. Donald & Co., Auckland, paid a business visit by air to their Tahiti branch in November.

Bishop Elect



A photograph, by Hettig, of the Bishop elect of Tonga, the Rev. Father John Rogers. He is a New Zealander and will be consecrated in December. He succeeds Bishop Blanc who retired this year.

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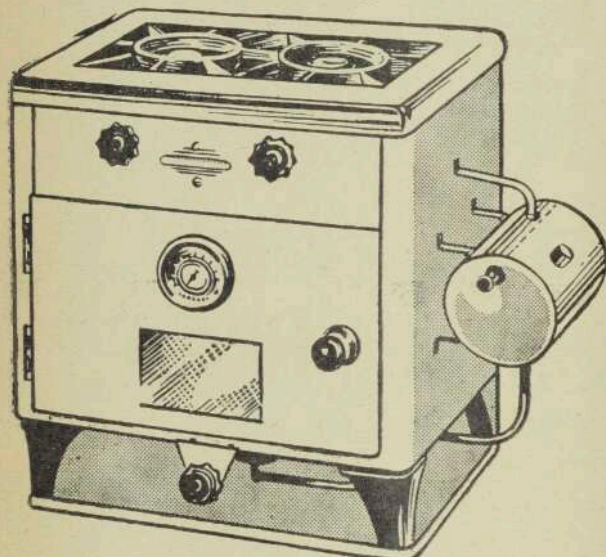
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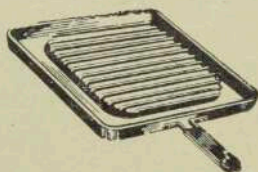


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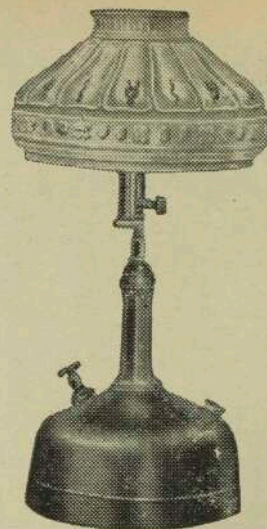
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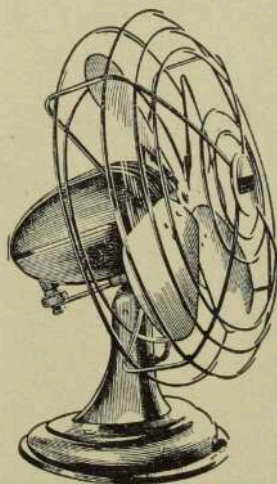


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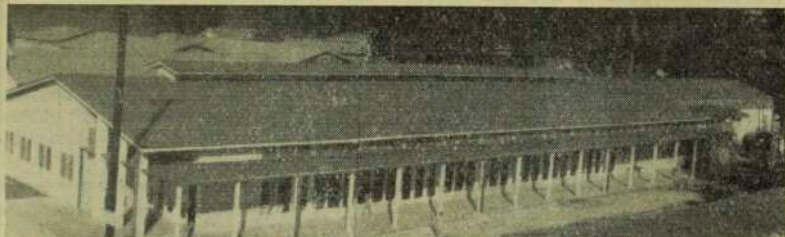


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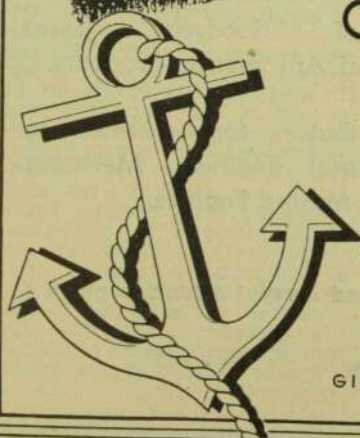
Gabriel and his staff. The guests included Bishop Strong of the Anglican Mission, the District Commissioner and Mrs. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Abel from Kwato Mission and many other visitors from outlying districts.

Mr. Tom Craig, a very old resident of Samarai, who was one of the speakers, said he could remember when the late Captain James Inman of the schooner "Myrtle," pioneered the island trade for Burns Philp way back in the 1890's. The names of Burns and Philp would remain for ever associated with the Pacific.

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MOP shell which has been a valuable export since the war, declined slightly, both quantity and price falling (from 459 tons and £115,000 in 1951 to 301 tons and £70,000). Average prices for the two years were £250 and £232 per ton respectively. MOP shell continues to be the Territory's only dollar earner.

Copra accounted for £87,000, proceeds rising by £15,000 due to an increase in price under the 1949 9-year contract with British Ministry of Food, though the quantity of copra shipped — 1,336 tons, was only 16 tons greater than in 1951.

Subsidies and grants from the New Zealand Government rose in proportion to the rise in income, amounting to £276,000 as compared to £181,000 in 1951. Expenditure on health, education and public works rose last year by £9,000.

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Though costs will rise as public

facilities continue to be extended, especially on Rarotonga, given satisfactory shipping connections the proceeds from exports of citrus should substantially increase year by year as the planned plantings of recent years come into bearing. Though serious efforts to extend the pearling beds to Rakahanga, Puka Puka and Suvarrow might

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well be worth the small costs involved, agriculture is the main hope for the Group, and, as always, in the Cooks, that is completely dependent upon satisfactory shipping connections and cool-store accommodation, present weakest link in the Cook Island economy.

Though a grant has been made for a cool store at Avarua, Rarotonga, since the annual report under review was compiled, there has been little progress with the project which has been at the talking stage for 20 years or more.

TITLES TO LAND

Good progress, the report indicates, is being made by the native and court in settling titles to land, the main work during last year being done on Mauke to facilitate the replanting scheme. Work of the court has been retarded by a shortage of survey staff in the Lands Department.

About 1,000 acres of land is now planted with citrus in the Cooks, 72 acres having been established since the 1945 scheme came into operation. Under the Replanting scheme, about £95,000 has now been loaned to growers, in the form of trees, fertilisers, etc. Loans are paid off by a deduction from the proceeds of the sale of fruit, the deduction being raised last year by unanimous vote of the Legislative Assembly from two-thirds to three-quarters of the proceeds.

The measure of increased prosperity in the Cooks is shown by the Post Office Bank savings. The number of Maori depositors rose by 100 and the amount banked by £1,000. The number of Maori depositors has risen year by year since the war from 4,700 to 6,400, and the sum from £60,000 to £79,000.

PENRHYN AIRSTRIP PAID FOR

The report shows that the long outstanding claims by the people of Penrhyn in respect of the war time airstrip that was built there, was finally settled during the year, some 1,000 being paid to individuals as compensation for palms cut down and for rent of the land taken up for the now abandoned airstrip. The late James Norman Hall wrote a novel based on war time invasion (Penrhyn).

Other points from the report: The number of Cook Islanders employed on the French phosphate island of Makatea rose from 239 to 255; a forestry scheme was commenced on Mauke with a view to producing timber suitable for fruit cases; educational facilities for children, and adult education schemes were extended; electric power and telephone facilities on Rarotonga were expanded; malaria and pneumonia continued to count for by far the greatest number of deaths in the Territory, though sanatorium accommodation was expanded on Rarotonga; a complete leper survey revealed 45 active cases.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bateson and Miss Bateson were in Auckland on vacation from Rarotonga in early November. Mr. Bateson, in addition to being Manager in the Cook Islands for A. B. Donald & Co., is also a noted astronomer whose work on variable stars has appeared in scientific journals in many parts of the world.

¶ Miss Anne Passey, an attractive 20-years-old schoolteacher from NSW, was the only passenger aboard *MV Muliana* when it left Sydney in November for the British Solomon Islands. Miss Passey will marry Mr. Rex Campbell, Lever Bros. plantation inspector at Lingatu, in the Russell Islands, on December 12.

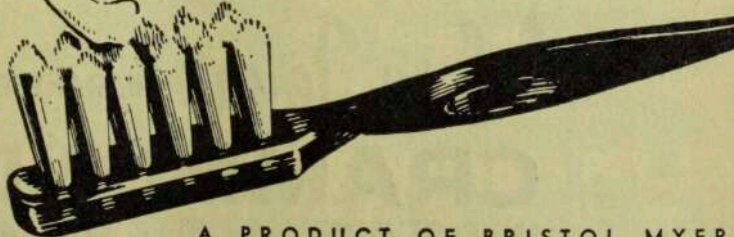
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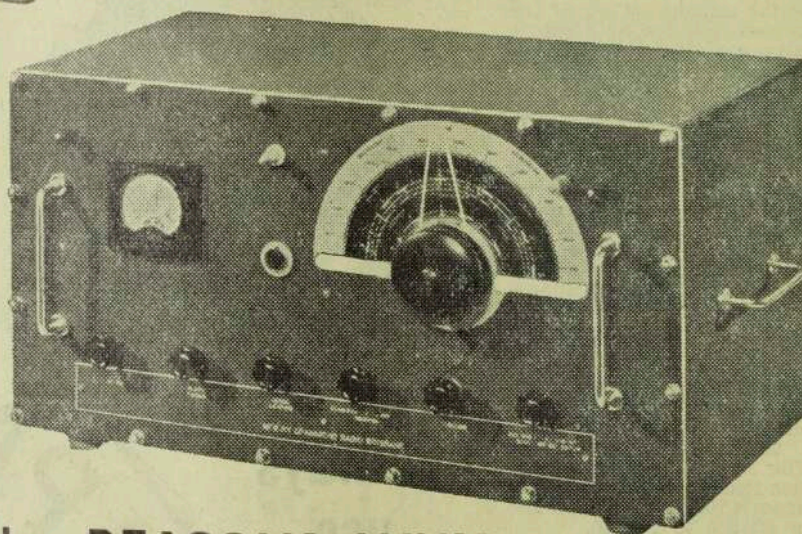


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Bound for Niue on November 24 per IOFUA from Auckland was Mr. E. Hickford, lately of Wellington Radio, to take over the duties of Bill Scarborough, who returned to New Zealand by the same vessel. Mr. Hickford, though not a ZL Ham, plans to be on the air with a ZK2 call on 3.5/7/14 Mc/s, CW and phone, so by the time these notes appear he should already have made himself known to Hamdom with the 35-watt rig which he took with him from Auckland. We assume the call will be ZK2AC, though his was indefinite.

Claude Wight, ZL-1-CI, one of ZL's most active Hams, reported in November that Roland d'Assignies, FO8AD, on Rapa has been putting an excellent 80-metre phone and CW signal into ZL in recent weeks. Doug, ZK-1-BG, contacted Roland to make his 80-metre tally up to 14 countries worked. Two powerful Japanese signals, giving QTH's as Tokyo—but possibly operating mobile maritime from shipping or other Japanese vessels in the South Pacific, have also been recently heard on 80-metres in ZL.

Claude had a rumour that VR3C on Lanning, unheard on the air for a long time, had been hit by a heavy storm, but here seems to be no other evidence to substantiate the story. It has been recently reported that another VR3 signal may shortly show up—none other than old friend W7FNK/FO8AI wearing another false moustache as he cruises the Pacific on his yacht GEMINI—at least we assume that Jack and his yacht are both to be at VR3-land. Possibly he is heading south again for French Oceania. GEMINI was last reported at Honolulu north-bound some months ago.

Mobile maritimers are not so popular with the DXers but it could be that Jack will set up station ashore. We have written to a contact man in Honolulu for further details so there may be more to report next month.

Another ZK-1 signal should soon appear. N. R. Ashwell, lately of Auckland Radio, NZ, carries out his announced plans. Though not a ZL Ham, his intentions were, on leaving Auckland per LAUI POMARE November 14, to become one on arrival at Rarotonga. Friends at Auckland Radio said he would use 3.5/7/14 Mc/s CW. Mr. Ashwell replaces Ian Maher, not a Ham, who returned to New Zealand after several years at Rarotonga Radio, during which period he was instrumental in inaugurating the local radio press sheet for distribution to the public on Rarotonga.

Willie Schutz, formerly ZK-1-AL, and recently skipper of the GEIC Government vessel KIA KIA in the Gilberts, is expected in Auckland (without his ship)

in December to attend navigation school. While there an attempt will be made to reconvert him to the ranks so that more might be heard of VR-1 in future, even if only a mobile station. Willie had the unnerving experience of having a Japanese bayonet slammed through the dial of his receiver as he transmitted the news of the Japanese wartime landing in the Gilberts. By playing the simple little boy—he wasn't much more than that at the time—he somehow escaped a fate that met other civilian radio men there at the time.

No reports of VR-1 signals have been seen for a long time, though the American Call Book of a year ago lists eight licensed stations in the Gilberts and Phoenix Groups. News from the area is hard to come by—despite letters to likely quarters.

From "Micronesia Monthly" of August, just to hand, we quote the following despatch from Yap, Western Carolines: "The Radio Amateurs' Club of Yap is now in session. If any of you visit us and see someone coming down the road jerking his head from side to side erratically, or mumbling to himself, he isn't nuts, he's just practising his CW. . . . We have Hatch (Dick Hatcher, in charge of the local communications station) to teach us and we shall have about six people tak-

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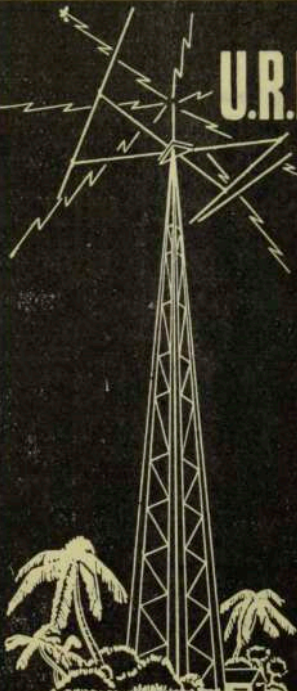
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it seems that there soon may be some more KC6 signals on the beginner bands ere long. The call KC6KU has recently been reported on 7 Mc/s.

Late November a report reached Auckland (see Smallships Notes) that Tom Davis—formerly ZK-1-AN and last heard on the air from his yacht MIRU as she battered her way eastward from Wellington in June 1952—has lost his yacht, adrift from her moorings at Boston in a violent storm. Tom and family were reported planning to sail back to their home island of Rarotonga.

A recent announcement by the Post Office in New Zealand that they are now accepting commercial traffic for Pitcairn Island seems to suggest that at long last Floyd McCoy has got something on the air. It seems just possible that he may also now appear on the Ham bands, as forecast a year ago when he departed from Auckland, under his callsign VR6AC. A VR6 will be good news for the DX men—and another possible country for that keen 80-metre huntsman ZK-1-BG, who is almost a neighbour. We have written to Floyd for the latest news.

With the world's DX men apparently keener that ever, it is surprising that they have not got together to finance the sending of an operator to the more outlandish spots for a month or two to satisfy their QSL requirements. Volunteers for the job should not be hard to find. Many a W would gladly pay a dollar or two for a VR6, CE-O, or even a VR5 confirmed QSO. It's just a thought!

¶ Mr. R. R. C. Caten, Assistant Public Relations Officer in Fiji, resigned from the position and left the Colony in November to settle in W. Australia. Mr. Caten had been in Fiji Government service since 1924, in the Supreme Court Registry, Supply and Production Board as Secretary and, since 1948, in the Public Relations Office. His

place in Fiji has been taken by Mr. J. S. Thomson, recently in the Department of District Administration.

¶ Miss Hilda Billings, of Labasa, Fiji, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Billings, has announced her engagement to Mr. W. B. Davis, of Napier, NZ.



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The Samoans and Democracy

Self Government "by the End of 1954"

WESTERN Samoa's so-called Development Plan, under which Samoans will eventually take over the complete government of their country, was given a lengthy airing during a debate in the Legislative Assembly during October.

From the views expressed by the majority of Samoan members, it is clear that a wide difference of opinion exists between the Samoans and the New Zealand Government as to what democratic government is and how it should function. The Hon. Tamasese and the Hon. Malietoa, in particular, made it clear that they are strongly opposed to any other form of government than that in force at present. They differed sharply with the New Zealand interpretation of democracy as defined in the UN Declaration of Human Rights and as outlined by the High Commissioner, Mr. Powles, and by some other Members.

Most outspoken in favour of a continuation of the present Matai system of representation, was the Hon. Mr. Moors. "Samoa does not fear Democracy. She has it, she lives it, she loves it, she practises it," he said. "That universal suffrage is enjoyed by the Samoan people to-day cannot be denied, despite many expert reports to the contrary. Every man and woman takes part in the election of a matai, in a ballot by open, oral expression."

Replying to an implied suggestion by the Hon. Malietoa that New Zealand might be trying to divide the Samoans against themselves, the High Commissioner said, "I want to express my very deep regret that any responsible member of this Assembly or any Samoan leader should think that under the present circumstances, because nothing is further from the truth." The very reverse was the desire of Europeans in the Territory and of the New Zealand Government, said Mr. Powles.

The debate was eventually postponed until the next session of the Assembly in March, 1954.

Earlier it was made evident that the Samoan leaders could see no grounds on which self-government might be delayed beyond the original target date—the end of 1954. The Samoans themselves might not be educationally equipped to take over all phases of the administration, but where experts and skilled personnel from overseas were required they could be hired by the Samoan Government, said the Hon. Tamasese.

Some other speakers took the view that economic independence must come before political independence. Most members seemed ready to admit that there is slight prospect of economic independence by the end of next year.

The debate was useful in that it made clearer to the general public the difficulties that lie ahead.

The Samoa Legislative Assembly adjourned the present session on October 21. The next will be in March, 1954.

Returning to Papua on the November *Soochow* were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Healy. Mr. Healy is District Commissioner at Samarai, and he and Mrs. Healy have had four months' leave in Australia, where they toured Queensland, NSW, and part of Victoria by car. Mrs. Healy is President of the recently formed CWA branch at Samarai and is a very active worker. Already this Association has raised a considerable sum of money towards building a CWA Hall.

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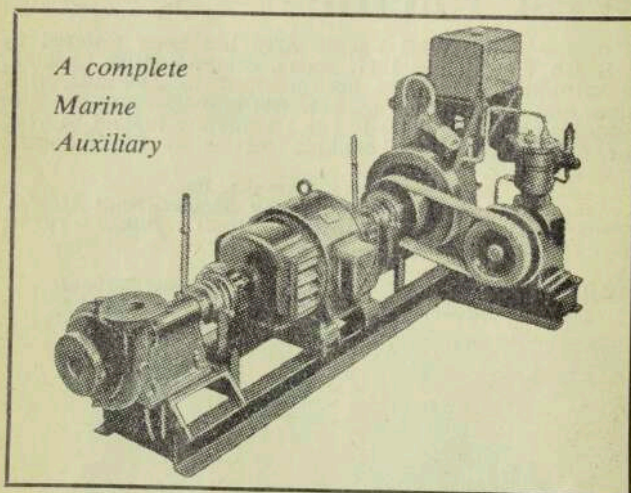
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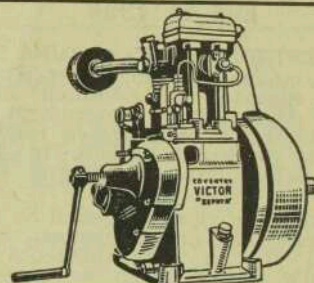
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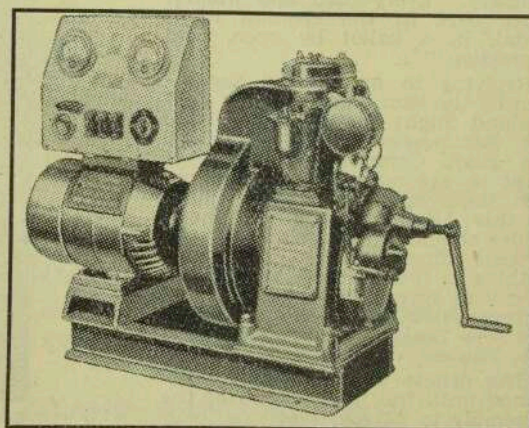


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By a strange coincidence, *O Le Aeto*, on December 2, was also lost—totally destroyed by fire in Apia Harbour, and the three-masted schooner *Samoa*, a German Government recruiting vessel, also narrowly escaped destruction when cases of blazing gasoline, floating about the harbour, set her alight. She was saved by the prompt action of a boat's crew from the German warship *Condor*. Only man to suffer injury in these various events was a Rotuman who was slightly burned before diving overboard from the *O Le Aeto*; he was the only person aboard at the time.

JAP PEARLERS:—The Japanese pearling fleet of 25 luggers, another-ship and a Japanese Fisheries Department patrol vessel, after five months of operations in the Arafura Sea, headed north for Japan on November 11.

The harvest of MOP taken by the fleet was reported as "very satisfactory"—the value being estimated by £1 million, Australian currency.

MAGNETIC SURVEY PLANNED:—A nautical adventure that seems to have the blessing of the British Admiralty and various scientific bodies has just commenced from Southampton, England. Dr. Bohdon Cwilong (pronounced Sweelong), a 35-year-old Polish physicist, will lead a small expedition which will conduct a lengthy magnetic survey of the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans, taking in all about seven years to complete.

Backed by the University of British Columbia, where he has been a lecturer, Dr. Cwilong designed, and is now having built at Vancouver, a small non-magnetic vessel to be named *Non-Magnetic III*. The first non-magnetic survey ship was the *Carnegie*, which was destroyed by fire at Apia. The second was the British vessel *Research*, which was never completed due to the cost. The latest vessel is very much smaller—too small to live aboard for a lengthy period. For use as a base-ship, Dr. Cwilong has purchased the English yacht *Celia*, a

60-foot wooden yawl with a beam of 14 feet and a draft of 10 feet 3 inches, built in 1909. He has renamed her *Princess Waimai*—"after a Maori Princess whom he met whilst employed as a lecturer at Victoria University College, Wellington, shortly after the war."

Aboard *Princess Waimai*, which has now sailed from England for Honolulu, is Dr. Cwilong and his wife (who is English), an Irishman, two Poles and a 16-year-old London boy, and it is possible that the French scientist, Dr. Alain Bombard, who made a drift voyage across the Atlantic in a rubber dinghy recently, may join the party at Lisbon.

From Honolulu, Dr. Cwilong and one other will fly to Vancouver to bring the non-magnetic yacht south to Honolulu from where the survey will commence. However, while in the Atlantic Dr. Cwilong will carry out research work in the doldrums in connection with waterspouts and

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thunder-clouds for the British Meteorological Office who are supplying certain equipment. Magnetic research equipment for the *Non-Magnetic III* is being provided by the National Research Council of Canada. The base-yacht is flying the triangular blue burgee with white cross of the Oxford University Yacht Club, of which Dr. Cwiling is a member.

If all goes according to plan, Dr. Cwiling and his two vessels will be seen in various Pacific Groups during the next year or two. The work that he will do is regarded as of great importance to mariners.

LONG VOYAGE FOR VASU:—Tasman Steamship's 300-ton tramp *Vasu* had a long voyage ahead of her when she left Auckland late November on her third Islands sortie from that port. Captain Ross was to load building materials and a construction gang for Whan Construction Co. at Suva, then head north for Tarawa to take aboard Gilbertese labourers for Fanning Island. At Fanning, Whan's team will rebuild the cable station buildings which are now in poor condition. *Vasu* will also make a call at Christmas Island before returning to Tarawa and Suva.

MASTERS CHANGE SHIPS:—

Captain H. Simpson, who has been Master of the Fiji trader *Ai Sokula* since she was put into service by her present owners in 1952, handed over the command to Cap-

tain N. W. Macdonald, late of the BSIP vessel *Kurimarau*, recently.

Captain Simpson went to Auckland on leave, was offered a voyage as Second Officer in the Cook Islands vessel *Rannah* and left for the Cooks in that capacity November 4.

BROWN LINE:—Mr. D. C. Brown, of Rarotonga, reported early No-

vember that his *Rannah*, 304 GT cannot carry a payable load of tomatoes or pineapples from the Cooks to Auckland at ruling freight rates. She is capable of lifting about 12,000 cases of tomatoes or 4,000 cases of pineapples in her cooler space. *Rannah* will be disposed of and replaced by a 600-tonner currently building in Hol-

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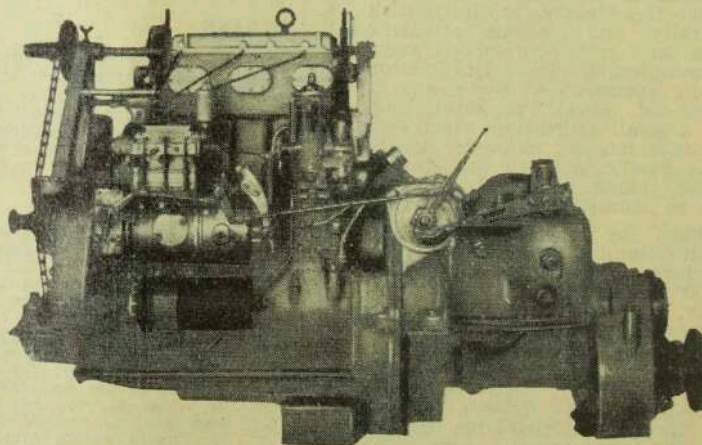
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land, according to Mr. Brown's present plans. *Rannah* was purchased by her present owner last August.

RANNAH IN TROUBLE:—Mr. D. C. Brown's 300-tonner *Rannah* experienced engine trouble soon after clearing Auckland on her November voyage to the Cooks. She was to have picked up a cargo of 4,000 cases of pineapples at Mangaia to connect with the *Waitemata* at Rarotonga bound for Auckland, then to return to Mangaia to bring a further cargo of pineapples to New Zealand. *Waitemata* was unable to wait and *Maui Pomare*, instead of doing a South Island run from the Cooks, as scheduled, loaded the pineapples at Mangaia for Auckland. *Rannah* meanwhile limped north, days late in reaching Rarotonga where she was under repair late in November.

PML RETRENCHMENT:—Pacific Micronesian Lines, of Guam, which provides the inter-Island and some of the overseas communications in the American Trust Territory, is in the process of disposing of some of its present tonnage and in changing over to the auxiliary schooner type of vessel, which has proved far more economical and suitable for the Islands trade than the war-built motor vessels in use. The change-over has been forced by heavy Government budget cuts this year. Auxiliaries in use by the Line include the 140-ton ketch *Mileeta* and the 30-ton ketch *Freylla*, both formerly of Tasmania. Six 500-tonners similar to *Camano*, which came to Australia in 1951, are for disposal.

NEW FIJI CHART:—A chart of the Natewa Bay area of Vanua Levu, Fiji, has just been issued by the Lands Department, Suva. With a scale of one inch to the mile and based on a recent aerial survey, the chart should be of considerable value to local mariners.

STANLEY ANGWIN DRAGS—AND DRAGS:—The cable ship *Stanley Angwin* brought from Singapore to repair submarine telegraph cables damaged in Fiji's September earthquake, has had plenty of trouble with the Norfolk Island cable. Four cables connect Suva with the outside world, two—to Auckland and Fanning Island respectively—pass through the Nukula Passage to the east of Suva. These were easily located and repaired. The other two pass through the main Suva Harbour entrance passage. One of these also goes to Fanning, heading abruptly north-east as it clears the land. It, too, was readily located and repaired. But the cable heading south-west towards Norfolk has obviously passed through an area of considerable undersea disturbance. As *Stanley Angwin* has dragged back and forth across the line she has either failed to locate the cable, or has brought up tangled and twisted spans. Not till she had made 57 separate "drives" and

reached a point nearly 70 miles from Suva and 1,200 fathoms deep was an unsevered end picked up. Late in November the ship returned to Suva to load that length of new cable from the Walu Bay cable tanks.

The indications are that if the disturbance that occurred on the sea bottom southwest of Suva had been centred a little further northeast, Suva might have suffered very severely.

US ARMY CLOSING PORT:—

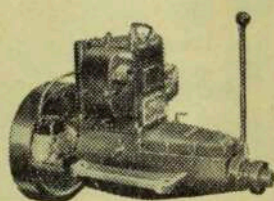
The US Army, as an economy measure, is closing down its \$5,000,000 port at Honolulu. Construction of the cargo and passenger terminal at Kapalama was commenced in

1942. Last year the port handled 327,600 tons of military cargo. It is understood that the Navy will take over Army cargo handling operations, at Pearl Harbour.

SUVA HARBOUR MASTER:—

Captain E. Harness returned to Suva in November after leave spent partly on a voyage to the Gilberts in Tasman Steamship's *Vasu* (then named *Ada*) and partly in New Zealand.

CANOE FLEET AT SUVA:—Six sailing canoes from Fulaga, Lau, sailed into Suva harbour on November 19, first of a fleet of similar craft that will welcome the Royal visitors in the *Gothic* in December. A further eleven sailing canoes were due from Kadavu early in December.



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The builders have other Islands craft on order.

US NAVAL RADIO STATION:—On November 18, the US Navy put into operation the world's most powerful long-wave (low frequency) morse transmitter. Located at Jim Creek, Washington State, the transmitter has a power of 1½ million watts and is designed to provide communication with naval shipping in any part of the world, at any time of day or night, regardless of ionospheric disturbances which disrupt high-frequency communications. The 14 million dollar station was commenced in 1947 and has an enormous aerial system extending across a valley between two mountains. Ordinary radio receivers do not cover the very low frequency in use.

LOSS OF NORA:—A preliminary inquiry into the loss of the 11-ton, 35-foot cutter *Nora*, of Levuka, Fiji, on October 21, held in Suva during November showed that the disaster which accounted for the loss of nine lives, was "due largely to adverse weather conditions, but was probably caused, in part, by the gross overloading of the vessel with passengers—a total of 43 persons (including crew) compared with the

19 persons authorised by the vessel's certificate." A formal inquiry will be held.

News of Cruising Yachts

● **KONA** (Bob Houtz and Paul Blackford) of Honolulu, cleared that port during the first week in October bound for Tahiti via ports.

● **MOONBEAM**, 36-foot ketch of New-

port Harbour, Cal., a participant in the July trans-Pacific yacht race to Honolulu, returning to the States with a full crew, went ashore at Point Vicente, Cal. during a fog and became a total loss October 9. The \$18,000 yacht was owned by Orin Thorkildsen.

● **IDALIA**, once luxurious 75-ft schooner-yacht, formerly English-owned, was to be put up for auction at Honolulu to satisfy debts incurred, according

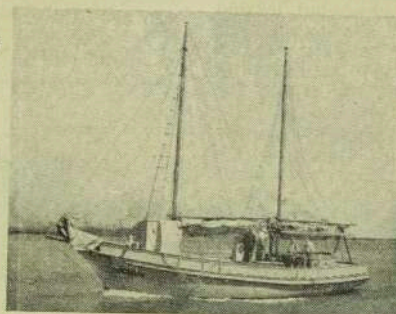
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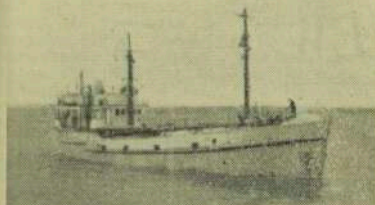
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RANNAH clearing Auckland on her November voyage to the Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hepworth of ARTHUR ROGERS, and Manase of Tonga, who joined the yacht at Nukualofa. Manase is one of two men holding an unrestricted Tonga Mate's certificate.

ARTHUR ROGERS, slipped and for sale in Auckland.

to a report from Hawaii dated October. The yacht went to Honolulu in 1949 after having been involved in an arms-muggling exploit from Los Angeles to

Mexico. The then owner, freed from that charge when he proved to a Los Angeles court that he had been forced at gun-point by four members of his crew to join in the venture, had his yacht impounded by the Honolulu Customs for infringement of navigation laws. Owner Lewis freed the vessel in 1951 by paying \$442 in Customs charges. She has since accumulated charges and debts amounting to \$1,135 and is being sold by order of a Court to satisfy claims. IDALIA is said now to be so badly neglected that she is beyond repair.

● LEDA, Wilson family of Tauranga, NZ, arrived at San Francisco November 20, having called en route at Tonga, Fiji, Tahiti, the Tuamotu, Marquesas and Hawaii. It is understood that the 54-foot cutter will be offered for sale there.

● LADY STERLING, the motor-sailer of

Whangarei, NZ, which we reported last month as having been sold in Auckland, has been purchased by a group of young Dutch immigrants, whose plans are understood to include an appearance in the Islands next year.

● FLAMINGO, W. McCarthy, of Auckland, a 32-foot home-built Bermudan sloop, was expected to clear Auckland late November for Australia. This yacht was reported last May as probably heading for Polynesia, but owner McCarthy and his three companions, B. Heerdegen, W. Pledger and A. Petrie are now heading westward on a probable round-the-world cruise via the Queensland coast and Torres Strait. If all goes well, in a year or two, the yacht should again enter the Pacific via Panama.

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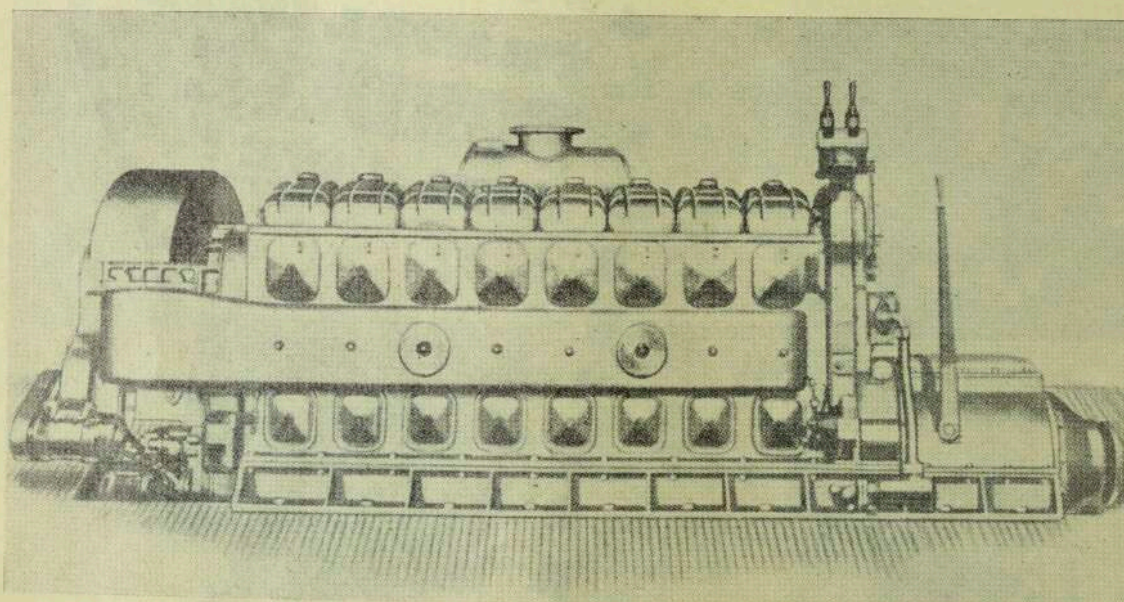
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cruise in the Islands last winter, never did get away. En route from Paremata to Auckland she went aground at Waiarere on the west coast of the North Island. She was to have entered the Honolulu-Tahiti race. Perhaps next winter the 28-foot cutter will head north. She was built in Wellington in 1939.

● GEMINI of Portland, Oregon, with her radio-ham owner Jack Wheeler and wife Leah, may be heading south again as there are reports circulating amongst radio hams that Jack will soon be on the air from the Fanning Islands area. The 38-foot double-ender cruised down from Honolulu through the Marquesas and Tuamotus to Tahiti last summer.

● There still are persistent rumours that LA CORRIGAN, perhaps to be renamed, is preparing in Tahiti for an extensive cruise. Monsieur F. Faye, retired French naval officer, has been working on the vessel at Fareute for a year or more. He is a man who insists on everything being 100 per cent. right and the yacht has practically been rebuilt since he acquired her. It would seem unlikely, however, that the cruise would commence at this time of the year.

● Though there has been no news of RIES, Mr. R. J. Reynolds' beautiful new 2-foot English-built ketch, the yacht and her owner are expected in Tahiti in January from Panama. The American tobacco magnate has acquired a property here with private jetty.

● FITHEACH BAN, Captain Alexander Patchlin's beautiful 83-ft., o.s. 52 GT ketch, which called at Papeete, Suva, and other ports en route to Auckland, was in trouble on November 17. On a cruise around the North Island the yacht piled

up on rocks at Young Nick's Head, at the southern side of Poverty Bay at 3 a.m. The owner, his niece and an Italian boy who is a permanent crew member, were forced to abandon ship, landing later in an exhausted condition. The Gisborne harbour-master succeeded, later in the day, in towing the vessel off and into that port, where she now lies awaiting a full survey. It appears, however, that she may not be as badly damaged as was at first thought. The retired Auckland master mariner purchased the yacht in England several years ago and has since made her his home.

● TERN II, Lieutenant Benjamin Pester, RNZN, with sailing companion Peter Fox, bound for Auckland from Plymouth, was reported at Trinidad, West Indies, early November.

● BEATRIX, a 26-foot yacht of extraordinary design and appearance arrived at Papeete October 24 from Holland, having sailed from Amsterdam August 24, 1952.

Of welded steel construction and shaped like a whale, with raised rounded deck forward, sloping away aft, the yacht has a beam of 10 feet and a draught of only 4 feet 6 inches, but with 9 feet of headroom.

The vessel is owned and manned by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Leyen and two others, Mr. M. K. Keetman and Mr. J. Bogers. The owner was a professional photographer, his wife a professional pianist and teacher of music and the crew members are motor mechanics.

The yacht has had an uneventful voyage out, having called at Galapagos and Marquesas since clearing Panama. Probable calls are planned at the Cook Islands, Tonga and Suva, from whence

the yacht will head for Sydney—possibly via Auckland, as the owner is considering entering the Tasman Race next January.

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Dr. Davis and family of Rarotonga plugged their way across the South Pacific from Wellington to Peru and then on through Panama to Boston, is a total loss. The yacht broke adrift from her moorings at Marblehead, 20 miles north of Boston, on November 7—apparently while no one was aboard, and in a severe storm. She went ashore on the only patch of rocks along a stretch of sandy beach. Unable to sell the yacht in Boston, the Davis family was considering sailing back to Rarotonga at the conclusion of Dr. Tom's period of study at Harvard.

● **YANKEE**, Irving and Electra Johnson's 96-foot brigantine of Gloucester, Mass., USA, is off again on another circumnavigation of the world with a fresh volunteer crew. She will appear in the Islands again next year, but her exact itinerary is not yet known.

● **MARINER**, Seattle 34-footer, bound for Australia, is now in Lower California or Mexican waters.

● **DWYN WEN** (wrongly spelt DWEN WEN in a recent issue) 110-foot Coronado staysail schooner, seems now unlikely to get south of Honolulu. Returning to that port after taking a charter party of Mainland college students to the outer Hawaiian islands, she found herself in a legal tangle that may hold her indefinitely. She will probably return to the States.

● **ANNA ELIZABETH**, reported elsewhere this issue, arrived back in Papeete October 17, with owner E. W. Lamberty and Miss Rebecca Frebault aboard. The 38-footer had come back from the Marquesas via the Tuamotu.

● **SKYLINE**, New Zealand yacht, which has been in Papeete for some time, left there October 28 for Honolulu in continuation of cruise. A call was planned at the Marquesas.

● **MANDALAY**, 40-foot American ketch owned by J. Rockefeller of Greenwich, Conn., arrived at Papeete October 15 from the Galapagos and Panama. The owner, who is accompanied by one companion, Anthony Richardson, plans to remain two years in French Oceania and gives the Tuamotu island of Ahe as his destination for the time being. Built in 1938, the yacht cleared the home port on her present cruise in 1951.

● **MISTRESS, SILHOUETTE II** and

CHIRIQUEI, contestants in the recent Honolulu-Tahiti race, all cleared Honolulu late September northbound for the States.

● In the words of the advertisement, Ronald Johnson who has been involved in a series of nautical adventures in recent years, appears to be a toger for punishment. Most publicised was his unplanned drift from near Hawaii to Fiji in a war-surplus sub-chaser, SC-671—now named **TOVATA**—several years ago. In recent months we reported Johnson's

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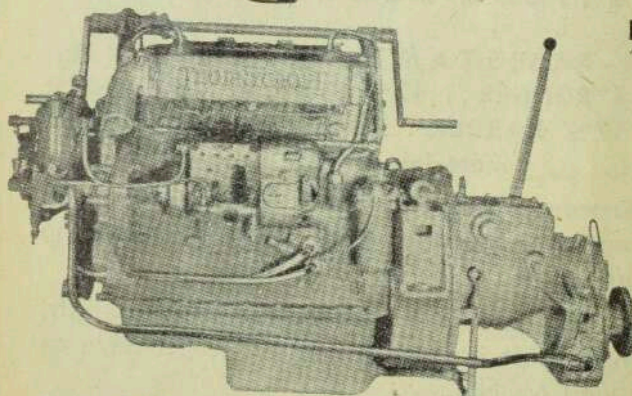
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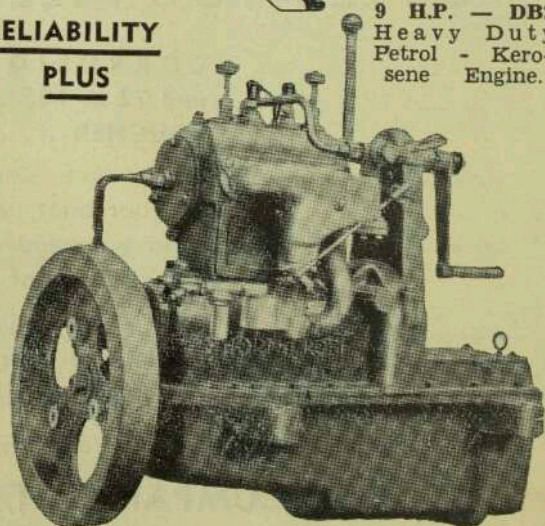
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eventful voyage with a French female companion in the yacht **PURPLE SEA** from Sydney to the Solomons, where the yacht was sold in August. Following that adventure, Johnson swore an end to female companions. Early November, however, the intrepid mariner reported from Sydney that he was on point of sailing in the yacht **PAMPERO**, which he had just purchased, for Honiara. Signed on before the mast was a crew of two female university students!

Only details of **PAMPERO** available are that she is copper sheathed, has a petrol motor, and appears to be a sizeable vessel with plenty of room. It seems just possible that the latter feature may prove important before the peaks of Guadalcanal rise out of the blue. Interesting developments are expected. As a blue-water adventurer he will have the blessing of most our nautical readers.

LATER (end of November): A late and reliable report indicates that Ronald Johnson has just completed another interesting manoeuvre. We have reported above that he recently sailed from Sydney with a crew of two female University students, heading Solomonwards. The office seagull now reports that the good ship **PAMPERO**, 400 miles on her way, about-turned—but only to land two University students. The cruise continues single-handed.

• Anyone seeking a stout 70-foot Brixham trawler that has proved her seaworthiness in six years of sailing the oceans? There is one available in Auckland where **ARTHUR ROGERS** arrived from Tonga November 3, probably ending her wanderings under the ownership of Tom and Diana Hepworth of England. The yacht, which would be an ideal workboat for many Islands purposes, with her broad decks and 200-horsepower diesel motor, is now on sale for £8,500. If unsold in Auckland, there is a possibility that the Hepworths may return to Tonga or carry on to the New Hebrides or the Solomons.

From Tonga to Russell the owners were accompanied by American Kim Fletcher, who had been a crew member in the last Trans-Pacific racer **GOODWILL**. A Tongan sailor also joined the yacht at Nukualofa.

• **LITTLE BEAR**, Buzz and June Champion of San Diego, reported from Balboa, C.Z. in mid-September that they would clear that port directly for Hilo, Hawaii—a 5,000 mile non-stop hop—instead of calling first at the Galapagos. Planning to sail early October, they hoped to be in Honolulu for Christmas.

• **CALIFORNIA**, which we reported in the Mediterranean some months ago, cleared Balboa for Los Angeles in mid-September on the last leg of her circumnavigation which began 3½ years ago. Many in the Islands will remember the 3-ft., 3-masted schooner.

• **MOONRAKER**, Peter and Anne Pye of Fowey, England, now lies snug at Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, at the end of her 16,700-mile cruise from England to Canada via Panama and Tahiti. The owners are now living ashore with friends.

• **WANDERER III**, Eric and Susan Hiscock of England, slipped into Auckland during November, made the unpleasant discovery that a good many sheets of copper required replacing. Cause of the rather rapid corrosion is unknown but assumed to be poor quality copper as here seems no possibility of electrolytic action. Copper replaced, **Wanderer III** will do a little coastwise cruising in New Zealand northern waters before pressing westward for Sydney in January.

• **BOUNTY**, Ken Furley's Auckland yacht, re-rigged as a cutter, resumed her voyage from Suva on November 6, heading for Anelityum, New Hebrides. From there, unless sold, the yacht will continue via ports for Brisbane on present plans.

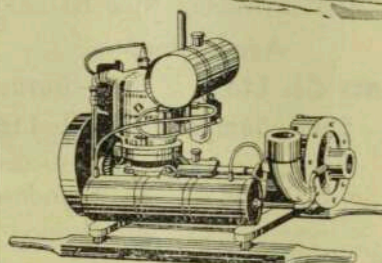
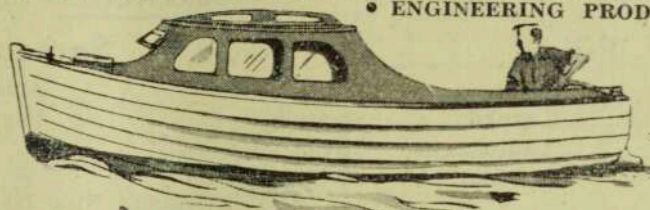
• There has been no news of **NELLIE BRUSH**, Tahiti ketch from Florida, which was last reported due Balboa from the Bahamas in April. This yacht was then bound for Tahiti.

¶ A daughter was born recently at Namanula Hospital, Rabaul, to Mr. and Mrs. U. Gesling, of the Methodist Mission, Rabaul.

¶ The engagement has been announced of Miss Carol Brennan of Burns Philp (NG), Ltd., Rabaul, New Guinea, to Mr. Graeme Blake of Qantas Empire Airways.

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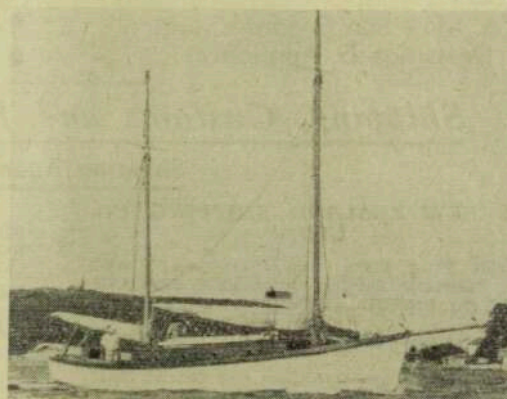
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improvements to the Church. The winner of the contest, Miss Winifred Bywater, at extreme right, holding silver trophy and

£100 prize, was first, having raised £664; she was "Miss Steamships". Second was "Miss Comworks", Mrs. Nancy Andrews, who raised £400. (In centre of picture holding silver dish and £50). Third, "Miss R.S.L.", Mrs. E. Young, at left, raised £192/2/- (she is holding large wooden tray and cheque for £25).

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

† Mr. Ralph Dyer, head of the New Zealand Meteorological Service, which also operates the meteorological services from Fiji eastward to the Cooks and northwards to the Gilberts, visited stations as far east as Aitutaki during November.

NATIVE LANGUAGES

Translators are required urgently for the following languages:—

Aneityum.	Manus Island.
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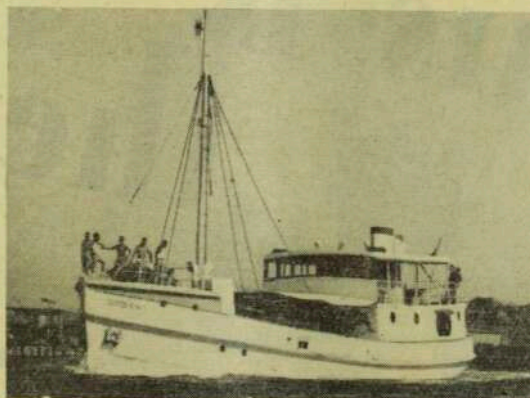
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Mr. E. J. Wauchope	3	3	0
Mrs. M. Symington	1	0	0
TOTAL	£45	9	4

† In Brisbane on furlough in November were Mr. and Mrs. Theo Hoel and their four children, of the Unevangelised Fields Mission, Fly River, Papua. It is their first holiday for four years and although they live among the mud and mangroves of Papua's Big River, they say the children are quite healthy.

Fagan—Orken Wedding

The wedding of Miss Sheila Josephine Fagan to Mr. Marcus Benjamin (Max) Orken, took place on November 7, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Rabaul.

The bride was given away by District Commissioner J. K. McCarthy.

She wore a pale-blue satin brocade ballerina-length frock, a blue Mary-

Queen-of-Scots hat, and carried a sheaf of pink roses, frangipanni and orchids. The bridesmaid was Miss Noreen Byrne. Mr. L. J. Kent was best-man. Masses of bougainvillea, frangipanni, red roses with bamboo fronds decorated the church. The bride was formerly Sister-in-charge at the Native Hospital. Miss J. Jones was hostess at the reception for the 40 guests at the Sisters' Quarters. Mr. and Mrs. Orken will live at Kokopo, where Mr. Orken is ADD



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**HURRICANES PREDICTED;
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From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 29.
A NUMBER of older people in Fiji are confidently predicting a hurricane in the current season. This sort of thing is usually predicted after the event by people who say that all along they had had a feeling that something was on the way.

The main reason for the present prediction is the prolonged drought and the absence of thunderstorms. (It is a widespread belief that thunder somehow prevents hurricanes).

Suva's first big thunderstorm of the season occurred on the last day of November. Torrents of rain fell for nearly an hour and went a long way towards ending the semi-drought which started at the end of July and by October had become a full drought.

Some rain fell in the western districts of Viti Levu towards the end of the month, but not enough. In parts of the western area, the unprecedented dry spell has been much more than serious, threatening the production of sugarcane and rice and creating water shortages.

Meanwhile, November is going out with a series of earth tremors sharper than anything felt since the period immediately following the big shake on September 14. A double tremor on the morning of November 28 was accompanied by a slight "earthquake rumble" and was sufficient to send a good many Suva people scurrying into the streets.

However, nothing has occurred to alter the experts' view that another major quake in the Suva area is extremely unlikely, and no official notice is taken of the tremors.

Certainly there is nothing to warrant an Australian broadcast statement bracketing the latest Suva tremors with the fact that the Queen will arrive on December 17—the implication being that Fiji might be a good place to be avoided.

As far as that goes, Suva is probably a safer place than some parts of New Zealand where earthquakes are frequent.

Australians seem to have lost their sense of proportion over the Suva shake, and it is rumoured that there is some difficulty in filling the two Orient cruise liners scheduled to come to Suva this summer. This sort of thing makes the average New Zealander in Fiji assume an air of haughty superiority.

† Lieutenant Hollins Crompton, of Suva, has returned on leave after two years with the Fiji Forces in Malaya.

**Half Island Suffers From
Leprosy**

DR. E. H. BRIDGMEN, of Rotorua, NZ, reporting to the Leper's Trust Board following a recent visit to French Oceania as a representative of the Board, said that over half the 170 people of Reao atoll in the Tuamotu, is suffering from leprosy. As a result, the French Oceania medical authorities had decided to leave these people on Reao rather than to transfer them to the Orafara leper settlement on Tahiti.

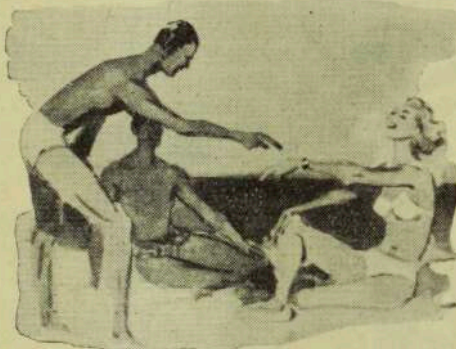
The islanders, said Dr. Bridgmen, are being cared for from a medical point of view by the local priest

who goes to Tahiti about once a year to obtain supplies. The island has long been recognised as heavily infected with leprosy and few trading vessels call there.

Jap Boats—But U.S. Capital

IT is reported that those Japanese fishing boats—and also possibly pearling boats—seen in the South Pacific this year are, in some cases, American owned.

Hawaiian Tuna Packers, for example, are operating out of Japan and have a large cannery there. It is believed that American capital in Japan is being expanded in this direction.



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FISHING WITH DYNAMITE: NO HANDS

From a Special Correspondent
NUKUALOFA, Nov. 14.

A YOUNG Tongan named Sione To'a, from a village on Tonga-tabu, was admitted to the Vaiola Hospital, Nukualofa to-day suffering from extensive injuries to hands, chest and face. The injuries had been caused by a stick of gelignite which exploded prematurely when Sione was dynamiting fish on the reef near his village. Both his hands had to be amputated and it is feared that he will lose his left eye.

Dynamiting fish is prohibited in Tonga but this method is considered an easy and profitable one and many are prepared to risk the consequences.

Fourth Archbold Expedition to New Guinea Completed

THE fourth Archbold Expedition of the American Museum of Natural History has completed its 1953 survey of the natural history of Cape Vogel, Mt. Dayman and Goodenough Island areas of Eastern Papua.

Under the leadership of Leonard J. Brass, Botanist and a member of the three previous Archbold Expeditions, the work of the party was conducted on the plant and mammal life of the region. Hobart M. Van Deusen, of the American Museum of Natural History, was in charge of the mammal studies, and Geoffrey M. Tate conducted the general zoological collecting.

Interviewed en route to Sydney, Mr. Van Deusen said that by reason of its long geological isolation, many plants and animals are found only in New Guinea.

"Any resident in doubt as to the identity of any animal found in the area," said Mr. Van Deusen, "need only forward its head, preserved in methylated spirits, to Messrs. A. H. Bunting, Samarai, who will immediately forward the specimen to our Museum for identification."

The Department of Agriculture's Herbarium at Port Moresby will receive a complete set of the plant specimens collected by the expedition.

Loloma Profit Slows Up

TO June 30, 1953, results from Loloma Gold Mines were lower than in the previous year; but its companion, Emperor Gold Mining Co., improved.

Profit of Loloma fell by £12,405 to £176,687, while Emperor earned £91,903 against £89,820 last year.

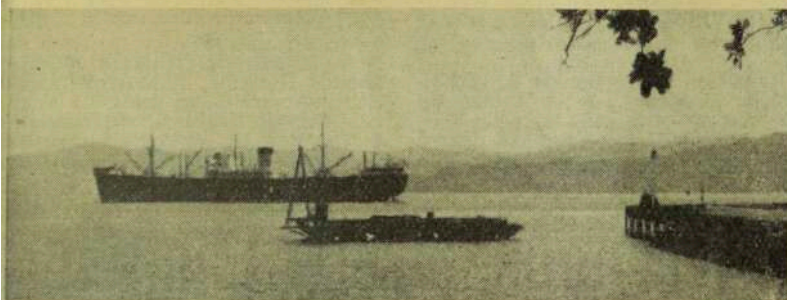
Loloma paid dividends totalling 1/9 a share, absorbed only £72,188, during the year, compared with a payout of 2/- in 1951-52. A further 1/- has been declared since the close of accounts.

High grade sections of ore in the Loloma mine, worked in recent years, are almost depleted, directors report.

In future they will not be available to improve the yield from low grade ore which will now form the major part of production.

Emperor ore reserves are almost unchanged at 850,000 tons, averaging 7.9 dwf. a ton.

Developing Outports in Fiji



The photo shows a recent scene at Savusavu, Vanua Levu, Fiji. Lying at anchor is one of the Bank Line vessels, taking on a load of copra by lighter as no deepwater berth is available. These vessels call perhaps four times a year. In the right foreground is part of the government wharf built only a few years ago, and currently catering for the needs of inter-island vessels such as the "Yanawai", "Al Sokula" and so on. It is already in such a bad state that the whole structure sways with the movement of the vessels tied up there. Repairs are planned. To take this photo the photographer stood on one of a number of cement piles which have been cast this year and now lie waiting on the beach for the next step.

In the centre of the picture is a P.W.D. barge from which soundings were being taken for the piles for a big extension of the wharf-head. When completed, the

wharf will be 100 ft. long with adequate depth for the copra ships, and capable of handling two holds at a time. Lightering will then no longer be needed.

There are some critics who point out that the copra mill in Suva, operated by Island Industries, is capable of handling all the copra produced in the Colony. It is said to have never yet worked at full capacity. If it is to do so, then the copra now being shipped direct to the UK from Savusavu will have to be diverted to Suva, so that overseas vessels will not need to call here, and so the bigger wharf will not be needed. Meanwhile, local people just take it all in and await developments.

† The Rev. Father Connolly, Superior-General of the Columban Fathers, visited Fiji in December.

† Passengers leaving Auckland by *Maui Pomare* for the Cook Islands in November included Mr. K. M. Davidson to take up an appointment as electrician, Public Works Department, Rarotonga; and Mr. J. R. Underhill, who will join the Customs Department.

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The men are C. R. Hibbert, who has been awarded the George Medal; and T. P. Drury, who has been awarded a civil commendation for valuable services in the air.

In April, 1952, Hibbert, senior examiner for the P-NG Dept. of Civil Aviation, was piloting a Drover plane from Wewak across the Bismarck Sea to Momote, Manus Island. In the plane were Drury and another passenger.

When 100 mile on their journey, part of the port engine propeller broke away, penetrated the cockpit and injured Hibbert's foot. Although in severe pain, Hibbert got the plane under control and sent out a distress signal. He then was forced, because of his injured foot, to hand over to Drury who, although he had not handled a Drover before, successfully ditched it in the sea. Although weak from loss of blood, Hibbert continued to discharge his responsibilities as captain, organised the escape of the party to a rubber dinghy and the assembly of an emergency radio transmitter which helped in subsequent rescue operations.

The party spent many hours in the dinghy before a rescue craft from Manus reached them.

New Education Chief for Fiji

MR. W. W. LEWIS-JONES has been appointed Director of Education in Fiji.

At present he is Senior Education Officer in Kenya; he will take up his new appointment early in 1954. Mr. Jones is 44; took his MA degree

at Cambridge University and holds a Diploma of Education of London University.

Mr. Francis Vivian Dunstan, of Nausori, Fiji, was married to Mrs. Guelda Rankine, of Murray Bridge South Australia, at the CSR Anglican Church, Nausori, on November 5. The Rev. H. W. Figgess officiated.

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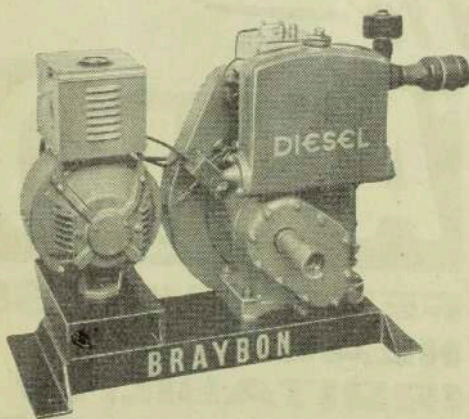
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Priest From Honduras Tells Fiji About Credit Unions

Something New in Co-operative Movements

AN event of considerable interest to Fiji was the arrival during November of the Rev. Father Marion Ganey, S.J., Credit Union expert from British Honduras. He was there at the invitation of Bishop Foley, and on the recommendation of the Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, who came in contact with Father Ganey's work during his recent term as Governor of British Honduras.

In a broadcast from ZJV, on November 21, Father Ganey explained the object and operation of Credit Unions in British Honduras, and how their establishment in Fiji can aid economic development, particularly for the Fijian people.

British Honduras, where Father Ganey has been working for the past 16 years, is about twice the size and has about one quarter the population of Fiji. There is a considerable racial admixture, the principal groups being Creole, Carib, American Indian and European of Spanish and English extraction. Local industries, in order, forestry, citrus, chicle (basis of chewing gum), and a small sugar industry with one mill.

The first Credit Union was established in 1943 with a membership of 35 Carib fishermen and assets of \$17.50. To-day there are 23 Credit Unions with assets of over \$300,000 and a record of loans to members of over \$750,000. Losses through death or failure to repay have been less than one-tenth of one per cent.

Father Ganey described the Credit Union as a co-operative society of people with a common bond of employment, association or residence, with the purpose of encouraging thrift in regular amounts, and from the savings thus made, to offer loans to members for provident or productive purposes at reasonable rates of interest.

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annual legal audit, and by bonding the treasurer and all others who handle money.

Loans from the fund are made only to members, and the Union's earnings are from interest paid on these loans, at the rate of 1% per month on the unpaid balance. Interest is paid on shares up to a maximum of 6%.

The Credit Union, Father Ganey pointed out, has intangible values more important than its function as a banking institution: it is constructive and engenders a spirit of mutual help and trust, giving the people an ideal they have long needed.

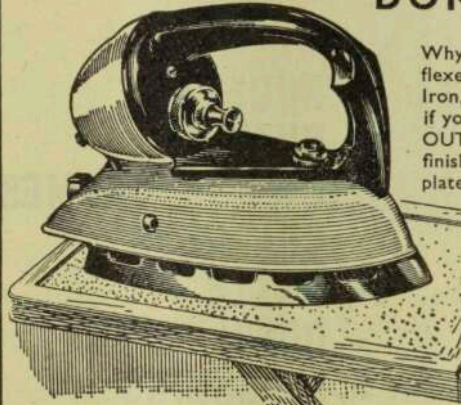
Father Ganey was a guest at Government House for several days after his arrival in Fiji. He will

remain in the Colony for about six months, before returning to British Honduras.

The new Judicial Commissioner of the BSIF, Mr. G. J. Horsfall, took his seat on the Bench in Honiara for the first time on November 5, when the November sittings of the Judicial Commissioner's Court was formally opened. The Attorney-General, Mr. P. N. Dalton, welcomed Mr. Horsfall to the Protectorate in a brief speech. Cases (all native) listed for hearing at the November sittings included burglary, larceny, incest, demanding money with menaces, murder and rape.

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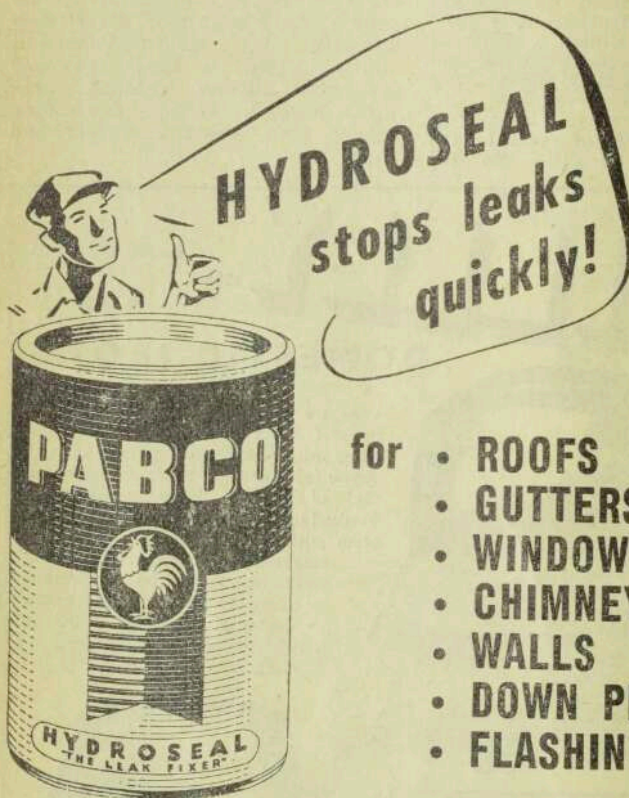
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Fiji Now Has Plenty Of Whales' Teeth

From Our Own Correspondent
SUVA, Nov. 30.

WHEN a Government official from Fiji (Mr. W. J. Eason) went about New Zealand asking museums if they happened to have any spare whales' teeth, it was an event regarded as unlikely to be of world-wide interest.

Yet when the New Zealand press, and news agencies in both the Dominion and Fiji, took the matter up seriously, the shortage of whales' teeth (as *tabua* for essential Fijian ceremonial purposes) suddenly became featured in innumerable newspapers in the most extraordinary places.

Some New Zealand papers, particularly in the South Island, have given *tabua* stories three-column headlines on front pages.

In Norway, the stories inspired the A/S Thor Dahl shipping company of Sandefjord (whose Thor ships have long been welcome callers at Suva) to ship 500 whales' teeth as a goodwill gift to the Fijian people.

On November 27 the *Thorsisle* arrived at Suva and the Fijian office was informed of the gift. Immediately a Fijian official party was despatched to the ship to thank Captain Olaf Niemann with traditional ceremony, but at this point a minor hitch occurred: Everything was there except the three big cases containing the 500 teeth, and it was discovered that the gift had been accidentally off-loaded at Noumea.

Another ship will bring the cases to Suva, but, Captain Niemann said, his company was determined that the gift should reach Fiji before the Royal visit, and if a ship had not been available the cases would have been air-freighted from Noumea to Suva.

The Norwegian gift, together with a large consignment of *tabua* bought by Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna in Scotland, and gifts made by New Zealand museums, will ease the Fijian crisis considerably.

During her two days in Fiji, the Queen will receive dozens of the finest specimens of *tabua*, presented to her in accordance with the strict ancient ritual without which the gift of a whale's tooth means nothing.

The Queen received her first *tabua* early in 1952 after a gathering of Fijian chiefs had presented a noble specimen to the then acting Governor for forwarding to the new Sovereign as a token of unchanging loyalty.

Mr. Harold Gatty, of Fiji Airways, Suva, paid a visit to Honolulu during November.

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When SSMP closed down, the cannery was in process of being dismantled when word came to build it up again. There was a waterfront rumour that tuna boats operating out of Honolulu would discharge their catches there for canning by another American concern. This plan never eventuated and the cannery continued to lie idle.

It is now reported that a plan is afoot for American tuna boats to fish from a base stationed on Christmas Island, central Pacific—if permission can be obtained from the Western Pacific High Commissioner—and to run the fish in a freezer mother-ship to the cannery at Pago Pago. It is believed that following the November visit of high Trust Territory officials to Eastern Samoa from Honolulu, something definite will be attempted in the way of establishing a fish canning industry in Eastern Samoa which is urgently seeking new industries. (See new Governor's statement, page 20).

Presumably fish could be canned at a lower price in Pago Pago than in Hawaii, but whether the price would still be lower after cost of transporting the fish 1,300 miles from Christmas, then presumably all the way back to Honolulu or the States, seems doubtful.

Miss Joan Dexter, of the Agricultural Department, Port Moresby, was in Brisbane on leave in November, but was making plans for a trip in the *Nellie* to Japan, Hongkong and Indonesia.

Pastor and Mrs. Gustav Bergmann, of the Lutheran Mission, Boana, near Lae, New Guinea, are on their way back to the Territory after 12 months' leave in Germany. With them is their 4-years-old daughter Hedwig; their seven other children have been left in Germany for their education. Mr. Bergmann

has given 23 years of his life to mission work in New Guinea.

The Assistant Purser of the M.V. *Malaita* (Mr. D. Lilly) sustained a fractured skull when he fell into the vessel's hold at Honiara on October 31. Mr. Lilly was admitted to the Central Hospital, Matanikau.



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Norfolk Island Notes

From Our Own Correspondent
MR. WARD PRICE, the celebrated English journalist and war correspondent, paid a short visit to Norfolk Island recently. He didn't get around much as his health is not good, but he collected a lot of data about the Island and its early history from the Administration, and some articles or a story will probably be forthcoming.

Another Federal Government financial expert is with us, and it looks as though one of his chores is to find out whether there is enough talent or craftsmen on the Island to do essential building and constructional work without the aid of the Commonwealth Works and Housing Department.

The Administrator evidently thinks so, as renovation work on Government House is being done by local tradesmen and tenders are being called locally for repairs to the gaol, etc.

It is years since the gaol had a tenant, but now that we have a retired detective-inspector as our police officer, it is probable that a few malefactors will experience duration ville (or a pleasant holiday at the seaside).

The Governor-General, Sir William Slim, paid a five-day visit to us in early December.

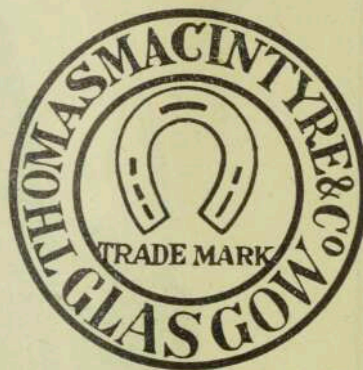
Although we were overawed at the pages of instructions, issued beforehand, telling us what to wear and what to do on the occasion, the visit has been happily informal and we are all pleased at His Excellency's lack of starchiness.

On December 2, Norfolk folk put on one of their famous and lavish picnic luncheons, spread on tarpaulins on the

grass at Government House. Later, Miss Kitty Quintal made a presentation to Sir William who, in a brief speech, replied mentioning the warmth of his welcome, he said that he felt very happy—despite the fact that he had eaten too much lunch.

¶ Mr. Maynard Hedstrom, of Suva, accompanied by Mrs. Hedstrom, is on holiday in New Zealand recuperating from a recent illness.

Outward passengers for Australia by the MV *Malaita* which sailed from Honiara on November 7, were Miss Milling, Mrs. R. Johnson and child, Mrs. R. Westbrook, Mrs. J. J. C. Sucklind and two children, Mrs. Harper, the Rev. Father D. J. Moore, the Rev. A. T. Hill, and Mrs. Muller and two daughters, from Yandina.



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Islands Bound

Homeward bound to the Islands from Auckland, NZ, in November:

Lance-Cpl. Samuel Fuimaono, of W. Samoa, returned on leave after two years' service with the NZ Army in Korea. The Hon. M. Tualaulelei, after two months' hospitalisation in Auckland, returned to V. Samoa with Mrs. Tualaulelei. Miss Sheila Heenan and Miss Kate Cowley bound for Tonga, where Miss Cowley is to marry Mr. Carl Riechelmann. Sgt. L. Hennings, after two years in Korea with the NZ Army, returned to Levuka on leave.

¶ A daughter was born at Namanula Hospital, Rabaul, recently to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dowling of Toma Plantation.

¶ A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. K. Desborough of Gavit Plantation, the Baining, New Britain.

Taveuni Airstrip in Use

THE new Matei airstrip on Taveuni, Fiji, came into operation on October 31 when a Fiji Airways aircraft piloted by Mr. Tom French inaugurated a regular service. About 400 local residents made sight-seeing flights over the surrounding area.

A Government rest-house has also been opened at a point some 12 miles from the airfield. Linen, crockery and cutlery and the services of a cook-caretaker are available. The accommodation charge is 5/- per person per night and the house can accommodate four persons.

PRAISE FOR FIJI AIRWAYS

The Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Harvey, addressing the Legislative Council in Suva during November, commended Mr. Harold Gatty and his enterprising Fiji Airways.

The Governor recalled that when the Government explored means of establishing an internal air service after the war there seemed to be no solution within the financial means of the Colony. Mr. Gatty then made an offer to run a service. For two years the Colony has now enjoyed a regular service between Suva, Nadi and Vanua Levu, which had removed the sense of isolation of many of the people living on the other island. No doubt it will now be the same for Taveuni.

Many difficulties that confronted Fiji Airways had been surmounted by Mr. Gatty who had amply filled his contract with the Government.

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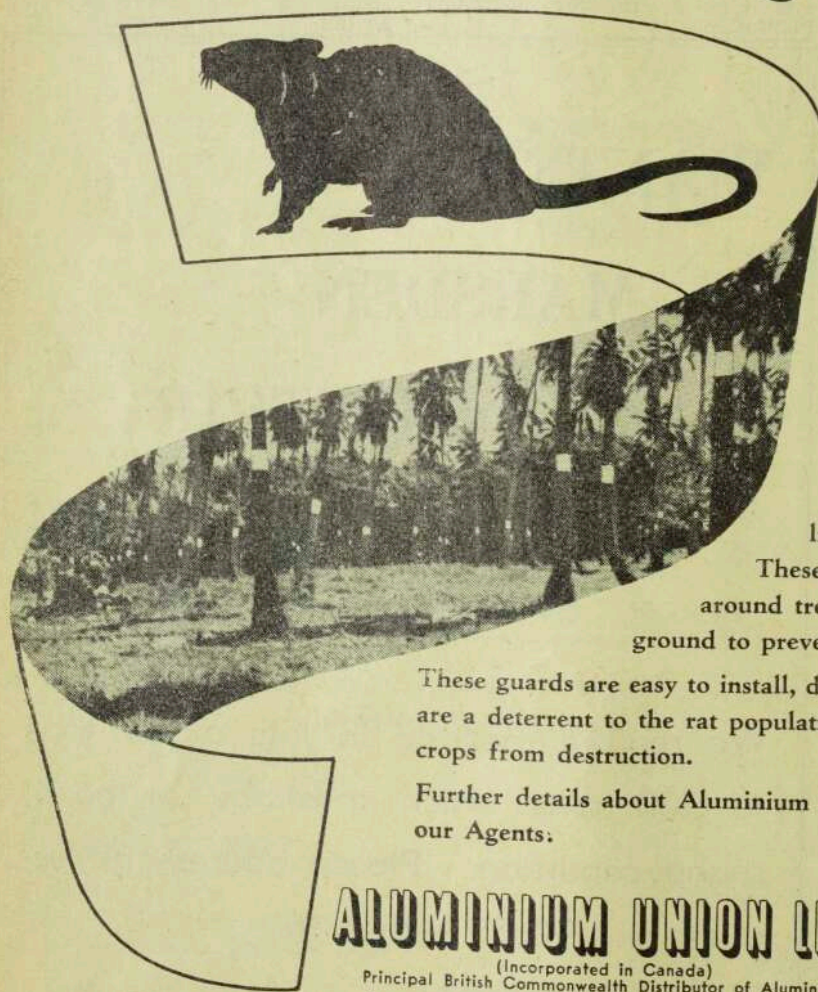
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MORE TAHITI ON CELLULOID

AT present screening in New Zealand is a film, *The Link*, made by Messrs Roger Mirams and John O'Shea for Tasman Empire Airways. The film gives shots of Samoa, Aitutaki, Tahiti and Moorea and the photography would be difficult to fault. But it seems badly put together. It does not depict the Coral Route flight—the "link" between Sydney and Tahiti—as a traveller would see it. There is constant chopping from one island to another. This may be unnoticed by the would-be tourist, but for those who have travelled the route the mixture of shots seems confusing.

A recent New York newspaper gives a lengthy review of another Tahiti film, *Tanga Tika*, produced, directed, and photographed by the well-known circumnavigating yachtsman Dwight Long, who will be remembered by many in his yacht *Idle Hour* twenty years ago.

After that cruise, Long joined the American explorer Martin Johnson as a cameraman during an expedition to the hinterland of Malaya. Later, Long wrote another book, *Seven Seas on a Shoe String*—a follow-up on his earlier book *Sailing All Seas in the Idle Hour*. That led to an extensive lecture tour in the States, until World War II. Long then became a cameraman in the US Navy—eventually directing the film, *The Fighting Lady*, the life

of an aircraft carrier, which won an Academy Award, and prompted Mr. Roosevelt to decorate Long, who then had the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

The war over, Long was in Hollywood as a cameraman. Then, unable to obtain financial support for a film of Tahiti which he had long wanted to make, he went to Tahiti in 1949 with his own equipment and an original story. Helped by the late James Norman Hall and by Mrs. Hall, he commenced work. The male lead was played by Paul Meoe, and the female lead by Adeline Tetahamaue, both of Tahiti. To sign the girl, Long says, he had to pay her father a bonus of a set of tyres for a 1926 Buick and a short-wave radio—in addition, of course, to the girl's salary. After a year, his funds were exhausted and the film only half complete. He returned to the States, showed what he had taken to some likely backers, and was able to return in 1951 for another year.

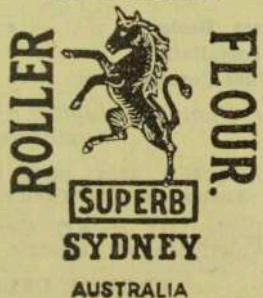
The final result had its preview in September this year, and will be keenly awaited in the Islands. The characters in the story are all played by local people.

Our Tahiti correspondent also reports that film star Jon Hall, whose uncle, Emile Martin, is one of Tahiti's most wealthy business men, will be going to Tahiti in January with a group of actors to film yet another "nature in the raw" film to be entitled, *Storm Over Tahiti*.

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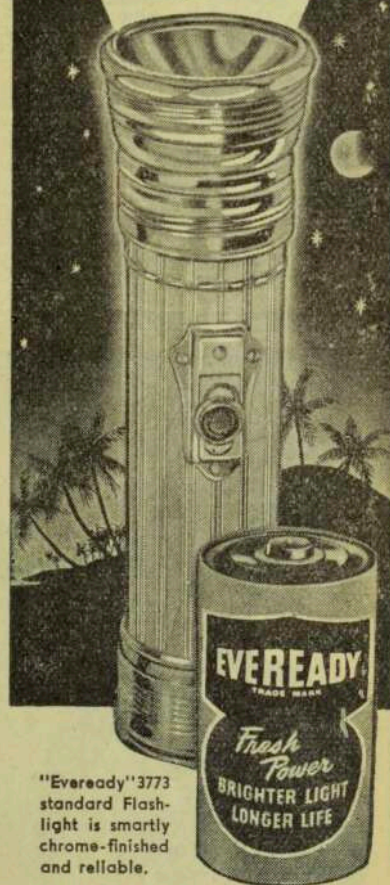
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Jon seems to have been through more Hollywood hurricanes in his career than a South Seas skipper would see in several life-times. His mother, born in Tahiti, was a daughter of the famous Lovaina Chapman who operated the long-demolished Tiare Hotel publicised in Frederick O'Brien's books.

This film is likely to be more in the Hollywood tradition than Dwight Long's effort.

SYDNEY AND SUVA GET TOGETHER OVER MAYORAL CHAIN

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 30.
DESIGNED by Suva artists (Messrs. K. Payne, E. Were and H. Furrer) and beautifully made by Sydney craftsmen, the Suva City Council's new mayoral chain is strikingly original.

The mayoral panels consist of gold-plated silver mounted on turtleshell (commonly mis-called tortoiseshell in Fiji). The hand-painted enamel medallion bears the City Council's new Fijian motto, "Valataka na ka dina" (roughly, "Fight for the truth" — although purists may disagree with that translation), and above the medallion is a Fijian head in silver with black hair and with the details

hand-engraved. The head is set in conjunction with a coconut palm in gold.

The medallion bears the dates 1882-1953—1882 being the year in which Suva was proclaimed capital of Fiji and 1953 the year in which

the town became a city. The only name on the panel so far is that of last Mayor of Suva Town and the first Mayor of Suva City—Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane.

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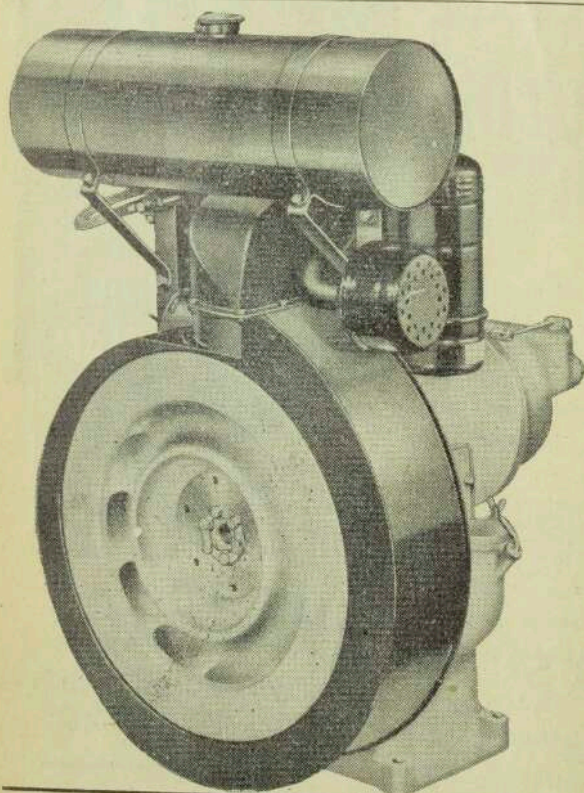
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. E. C. SKELLY

The death occurred in Samarai, Papua, on November 18, of Mr. E. C. Skelly.

He went to the Territory as a young man over 40 years ago, working at first as a trader along the coast, then as a Government Patrol officer. Later he went recruiting with the late Mr. Tom Powell, another old identity, in their schooner *Hamrock*. They were well-known figures in Territory waters in the days when BNG Co. first set up in business.

At the time of his marriage, Mr. Skelly owned two boats and was recruiting in a big way; however, shortly after he joined Burns Philp & Co. and was transferred to Samarai. Here the Skellys purchased a hotel which was capably run by Mrs. Skelly.

They were evacuated along with the other residents during World War II, but returned as soon as it was possible to do so.

Mr. Skelly was still with Burns Philp when he died. He and Mrs. Skelly had recently returned to Samarai after leave in Australia.

ARCHBISHOP DE BOISMENU

The Most Rev. Alain Marie Guynot de Boismenu, MSC, former Vicar-Apostolic of the former Vicariate Apostolic of Papua, has died at Kabuna, a mission station in the mountains of the Vicariate of Port Moresby (as it is now called), where he had been living since his retirement in 1945.

Archbishop de Boismenu was consecrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Montmartre, Paris, in March, 1900.

Born at St. Malo, of a noble Breton family, he joined the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and was professed in 1888, and ordained in 1895.

After two years he was appointed to the Papuan Mission and arrived at Yule Island Mission headquarters early in 1898.

As a young missionary, Father de Boismenu launched an attack on the wild and almost inaccessible mountains to take the faith to the hostile and warlike tribesmen.

It was while recuperating from his exhausting expedition that Father de Boismenu learnt that the Holy See had nominated him Co-adjutor to Bishop Navarre.

He succeeded as Vicar Apostolic when Bishop Navarre retired in 1908.

When, in 1945, he himself retired, after almost half a century

of mission work, the Holy See raised him to the dignity of Archbishop.

In 1950, his episcopal jubilee was marked by celebrations at Yule Island, attended by thousands of native Catholics, and by Bishops Wade, SM (North Solomons) and Arkfeld, SVD (Central New Guinea), and many visitors from Australia.

MR. HENRY GEORGE SCHUSTER

Mr. Henry George Schuster, of Moata'a, W. Samoa, died suddenly there on November 6. Mr. Schuster, of a very well-known family, was a keen sportsman and an employee of Morris Hedstrom, Ltd.

MR. FRANK HOMES

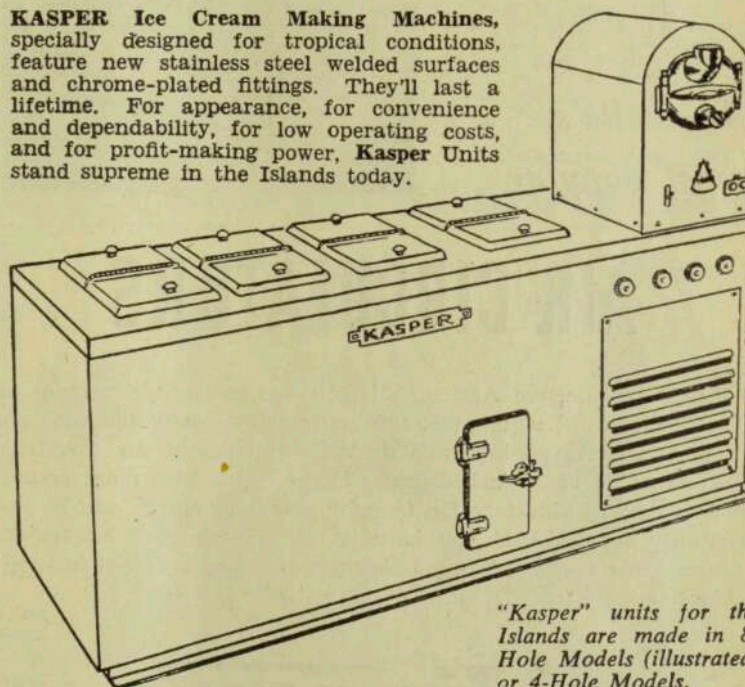
Mr. Frank Homes, a well-known English resident of Tahiti, died there on October 8, at the age of 85.

He went to Tahiti at the age of 20, in 1888, setting himself up in a jewellery business. He married Madame Spitz, widow of the late George Spitz, Senior, and after her death married Miss Alice Gooding, an English girl born in Tahiti of a well-known family.

Mr. Homes formerly owned Tupai island, which he sold in 1951. He leaves a considerable fortune, half of which goes to Dr. Barnardo's Homes in England. (Next Page)

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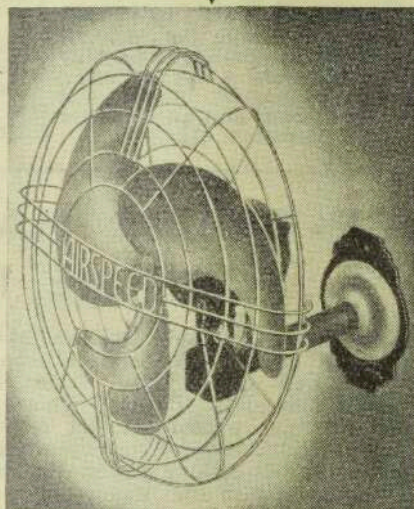
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MRS. TUNGANE SAVAGE

Mrs. Tungane Tavita Savage, wife of the late Stephen Savage, notable student of the Cook Island language, died at Rarotonga on September 24.

She had been ill for several months.

MR. ARTHUR WILLIAMS

An old and respected member of the European community of Apia, Mr. Arthur Williams, died on October 3 at Apia Government Hospital. He arrived in Samoa from Australia many years ago and established himself in business as a master plumber. He took an active part in political and social activities and was elected a member of the old Legislative Council now replaced by the Legislative Assembly.

He was also a foundation member of Masonic Lodge "Calliope," which he was a Master and officer of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. He leaves a wife and five sons and three daughters.

THE HON. TUALA TULO

A well-known and highly respected Samoan leader, the Hon. Tuala Tulo, died at his home, Leauvaa, on Sunday, October 19, 1953, after a protracted illness. Tuala Tulo represented a Savai district in the Legislative Assembly and the Secretary to the Samoa Government, Mr. F. J. H. Grattan, paid a tribute to him during the recent session of the Assembly. A motion expressing the sympathy of the House was carried and members stood in silence for one minute to signify their respect.

Tuala Tulo had served as a member of the Samoan legislature since its first constitution in 1936. The High Commissioner, Mr. R. O. Powles, and the Hon. Fautua attended the funeral which took place at Leauvaa.

MR. AH KUOI

One of the oldest and most respected Chinese resident of Apia, Mr. Ah Kuoi, died on October 15 in his 75th year.

Mr. Ah Kuoi conducted a tailoring business for many years, but most recently had taken up painting. He left six sons and several daughters.

MRS ANN OELRICHS

One of the last of the few surviving links of the British New Guinea (later Papua) of the days of C. A. W. Monckton (he of "Some Experiences" fame) was severed when Mrs. Ann (Nancy) Oelrichs (69) died in Brisbane in early November. The deceased, who is survived by a son and daughter, lived at Buna before the outbreak of World War I and readers of Monckton's books will recall that the late Mr. "Ted" Oelrichs was a RM serving with Monckton. Mrs. Oelrichs died in the 20's.

M. HENRI SPITZ

Mr. Henri Spitz died in Papeete, Tahiti, on November 2, aged 67.

Of a very well-known French Oceania family, he is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Lena Brothers, of Raiatea, and a daughter in the United States.

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The Assemblies of God First Church in Suva was beautifully decorated for the wedding, on November 14, of Miss Colleen Loloma Bish, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bish of Lami, and Mr. Edward Keith Broadbridge, who is on the staff of the Fiji Broadcasting Co.

The bride wore a gown of white lace over white taffeta and net. Her bridesmaid was Miss Pat Ladd; flower girl, Claire Smith.

The bridegroom was attended by a fellow ZJV announcer, Mr. Ray Williams.



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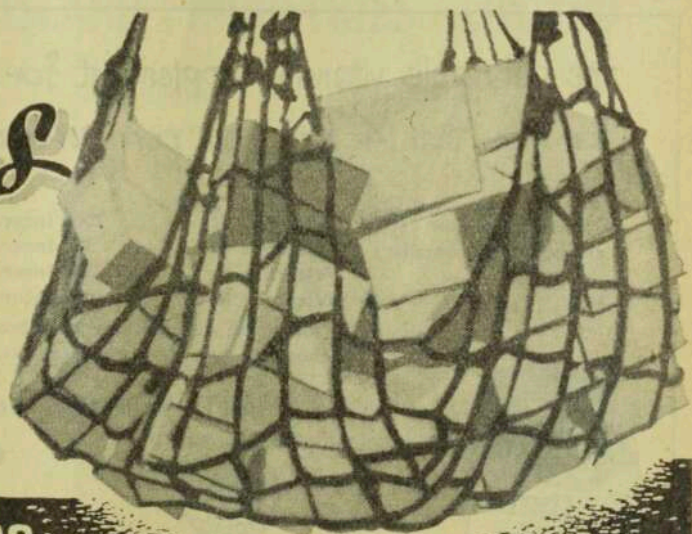
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Fine Halapua was dedicated a son of the Anglican Church in Tonga in December. He is the first Tongan to be so ordained. The ordination was to be carried out by the Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, Bishop of Polynesia. Fine Halapua, who has for many years been a teacher at St. Andrew's School, Apia, has recently been studying at Wailoku, Fiji, under the Rev. Leonard Greensides.

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THOUGH entries for the Auckland-Hobart Race, which commences January 30, at 10.30 a.m., closed on November 30, there are likely to be some changes.

This was the situation early December:—Probable starters—*Black Rose*, a new 29-ft ketch; *Hope*, 30-ft ketch; *Ghost*, 28-ft sloop; *Taihoa*, 45-ft ketch; *Snow Goose*, cutter of Sydney.

Other possible starters: *Nina*, 33-ft ketch still building in Auckland; *Wraith of Odin*, 57-ft Sydney ketch, entered subject to satisfactory performance in the Sydney-Hobart Race, which precedes the Trans-Tasman; *Te Rapunga*, domiciled at Tasmania, but registered in California; and *Beatrice*, of Holland, lately in Tahiti.

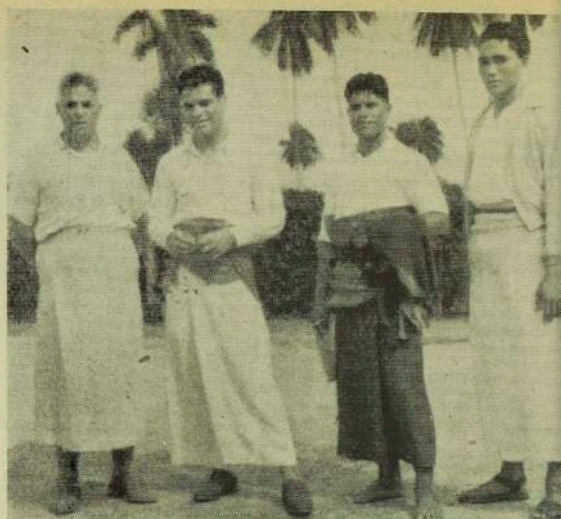
Snow Goose and *Wraith of Odin* are Australian boats, others unspecified are all New Zealand. *Taihoa*, of Lyttelton, is skippered by Neil Arrow, who sailed with the Davis family, of Rarotonga from Wellington to Boston in the recently-wrecked *Miru*. Crews of other boats will include men who cruised the Islands in New Zealand yachts last winter.

Radio communications during the race may be heard on 2182/6280 kc/s.

Tongan Boxer

Kitione Lave, Tonga's champion boxer (second from left) returned to Tonga from NZ on the November Matua for a short visit to his parents who live in the Vavau Group. He flew back to NZ in early December. In the next few months he will fight Ken Brady, Crevic, Don Mullet and a number of others. His plans include a visit to England, as soon as possible, to try for the British Empire heavyweight title, and after that, America. He is shown here with Hale Vete, his Tongan agent (left) and two relatives.

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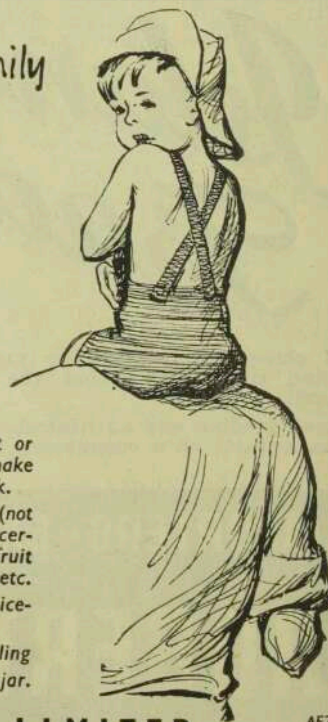
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News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

P-NG HAS AN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT a public meeting held at the Red Cross Hall on November 2, 1953, a body to be known as the Historical Society of Papua and New Guinea came into being. Its object is to encourage study of the history of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, to promote the compilation of historical records, to acquire and preserve books, manuscripts, newspapers, coins, stamps, prints, pictures, relics and any material which may have a bearing on the history of the Territory, and to use its influence to preserve places of historic interest.

It is hoped that members of the community will lend their support to the Society. Inquiries should be made to the Secretary, Miss R. Carter, at the Public Library, Port Moresby.

GOILALAS ON TRIAL

The tribal flare-up among Goilala natives in Papua in October had its sequel in the Supreme Court on November 24, when ten Goilalas were found guilty of murder.

They were sentenced to gaol terms of four and five years each. Seventeen others were found not guilty and were discharged. One other native who had been charged with murder was found guilty of manslaughter and given 12 months' gaol.

The trouble occurred on October 4, in a village near the Government station at Tapini, in the Central District, when a pig was stolen after a tribal dance and feast in which the village groups had taken part.

Cadet patrol officer J. G. Maclellan, who was in charge at Tapini in the absence of his senior set off for the trouble area with a patrol as soon as news of the fighting came through. He arrived back at Tapini with some of the bodies of the victims, and a large number of natives from the villages concerned.

The Central District Commissioner, Mr. F. A. Bensted, commended Maclellan's courage and initiative. He said he had undertaken a difficult, and what might have been a dangerous task, in a manner which would have been a credit to an officer of much more experience.

BOY SCOUTS' BRANCH FOR TERRITORY

A move is to be made to form a branch of the Boy Scouts in Papua and New Guinea instead of having the Territory as a district of Queensland.

Commissioner J. Jackson, who was in Port Moresby recently, said there had been such a remarkable growth in the Scout movement in the Territory that the move was warranted.

BUSINESS INTEREST ACROSS THE DUTCH BORDER

The managing director of the Sentani Trading Company in Hollandia, Netherlands NG, Mr. P. N. Groot, arrived in Port Moresby recently to investigate the possibilities of trade between the Dutch and Australian territories. He said that one of the biggest difficulties to be overcome was shipping as there was no direct link between the two Territories; air-freight may be the answer.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PILGRIMAGE

Remembrance Day services were held in most churches in the Territory on Sunday, November 8.

A pilgrimage of twenty-two men and women made the journey from Cairns by special chartered ANA aircraft to visit the Bomana war cemetery. All were ex-servicemen or relatives of ex-servicemen.

They attended a service at the cemetery in the morning and later visited the Kokoda memorial. More than 4,000 poppies were scattered over the Bomana war cemetery from the plane as the party passed over the cemetery on its way South. (Next Page)

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NEW WHARVES FOR P-NG

The advancement of the Territory has been marked lately by the completion of new wharves at Samarai, Lae and Madang, and the letting of a £228,000 contract for the new Rabaul wharf.

The new method of cathodic protection against corrosion has been installed on the Lae wharf.

The main wharf and small ships wharves at Madang have been completed, and work on the cargo and copra sheds is going ahead. A water supply is also being installed.

The Rabaul wharf contract for more than £228,000, has been let to Dayal Singh Constructions Ltd., of Lismore, NSW.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Import restrictions have been lifted in the Territory of Papua New Guinea in respect of goods imported from non-dollar and non-Japanese countries. For some good reason best known to the bureaucrats, it is still necessary to obtain a licence to import—although merchants have been informed that these will be issued freely.

Greatly increased overseas buying is anticipated as a result and this in turn will bring more customs revenue to the Territory.

EDUCATING THE NG NATIVES

Miss Marie Egan, who for the past five years has been teaching Chinese and native children in the Rabaul area, left Sydney in November in the *Citros* for a round-trip to Hong-kong and Japan. When she returns to Rabaul in the new year, she will take charge of a new departure in native education in the Territory—a boarding school for native girls which is sponsored by native village councils in the Rabaul district.

It is expected that 20 girls will attend the school. Miss Egan said in Sydney that the school would equip the girls for a better life in their native villages but any who showed promise would be encouraged to go as far as possible academically.

In November, a secondary school for native boys was opened in the Madang district. The boys will grow their own food and do their own domestic chores and study academic subjects with what is left of their time.

French Oceania Inter-Island Air Services

THE Journal Officiel of French Oceania announced on November 13, that the following air services would in future be operated by the Government to these outer islands:—

Papeete - Huahine - Raiatea - Bora Bora twice weekly. One flight will operate every Wednesday, and the other flight will operate alternately on Friday and Saturday. (Thus, on one week flights will take place Wednesday and Friday, and the following week Wednesday and Saturday, then Wednesday and Friday, etc.).

WESTERN SAMOA MAY ADJUST EXCHANGE RATE

HORRID" was the description one Opposition member gave to a clause of the Western Samoa Amendment Bill passed by the New Zealand Parliament during November.

The offensive clause gives the Samoan Government the power to alter the rate of exchange of Samoan currency as compared with New Zealand currency. The Hon. I. G. P. Mason said that the clause adds another division to an over-divided world and will lead to uncertainty in the legal world.

Mr. Webb, Minister of Island Territories, said that the provision met the request of the Samoan Legislative Assembly. Restoration of the New Zealand pound to a parity with Sterling in 1949 had, he was informed, caused distress in Samoa. A Select Committee set up by the V. Samoan Government had recommended an independent currency for Samoa.

Another clause in the Bill will empower Western Samoan Judges to impose terms of imprisonment and deal with cases involving persons other than Samoans.

CARNEGIE GRANT FOR SURVEY OF SAMOAS

THE Department of Geography at Auckland University College, N.Z., has recently been made a grant by the Carnegie Social Science Research Grant Committee for the purpose of appraising the nature and extent of the resources of Samoa, presumably, Western and American.

The project will involve, among other things, a field survey of the resources, population, economy and contemporary land-use practices both indigenous and introduced. A detailed investigation will be made of some of the more serious problems of commercial agriculture undertaken in tropical conditions and other social, economic and political problems arising from the transition from traditional subsistence to a modern commercial economy.

An attempt will be made to find solutions for these problems and to make proposals for the most efficient long-term use and conservation of Samoan resources.

The Auckland University College Department of Geography Samoan survey, as the research organisation will be called, will be headed by Professor Kenneth B. Cumberland, MA (London), DSc, who is already well known for his interest in Pacific affairs. Members of the survey team have specialised in land use survey, resource evaluation, economic climatology and physical geography. The present staff of AUCDGSS, other than the Director, will be James W. Fox, BA

(Lond), Leslie Curry, BA (Dunelm), MA (Johns Hopkins), Bryan H. Farrell, BA, MA (Washington) and William J. Brockie, MA (Edin.).

The research programme is planned to commence in December, 1953, when Mr. Leslie Curry will undertake a preliminary survey of the physical geography of the islands. In the summer of 1954, a concerted effort will be made to carry out detailed mapping and interpretation and for this work it is expected that four members of the Survey will be in Samoa.

¶ Miss Mackie McCown, BA, BSc, of Levuka, returned to Fiji recently after graduating Bachelor of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University, USA.

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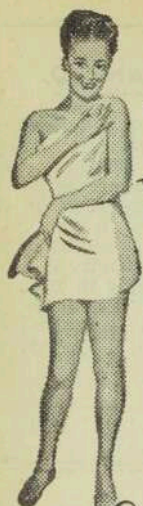
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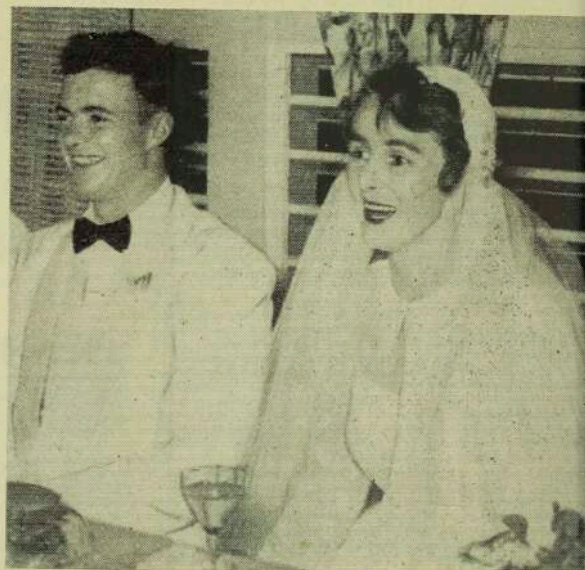
SIR Edward Hallstrom arrived in Pt. Moresby en route to the Hallstrom Trust Property at Nondugl in early November. It was his first visit to Moresby since Brigadier D. M. Cleland took office as Administrator. With them he attended the Moresby Arts Theatre to see the local production of "Captain Carvallo" that night, and left early next morning in a chartered Drover for Nondugl. The Administrator and Mrs. Cleland accompanied him.

The party returned to Port Moresby two days later and the following morning Sir Edward left for Australia. He said that his sheep were thriving and hoped to send more up by air shortly.

He assured us there was no chance of Nondugl closing down, even though rumour had it otherwise. "Nondugl is here to stay," he said.

Cropp-Laide Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cropp (bride formerly Miss June Laide) who were married at St. John's Church, Port Moresby, on November 21.



BEM to Indian Sugar-Work

QUEEN ELIZABETH has approved the immediate award of the British Empire Medal to Rasul Bux, an employee at the Colonial Sugar Refining Company's Nausori Mill, for his courage and devotion to duty at the time of the earthquake in Fiji, on September 14.

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SATAN GOES TO REPROVE SIN IN NEW GUINEA!

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA can expect another politico-economic visitation. This time, it is a committee of the executive of the NSW Labour Party which has been instructed to investigate reports of ill-treatment of natives.

It appears that some former public servants of NSW, of pronounced Socialist views, were engaged as members of the public service in P-NG. When, in the course of their duties, they came into direct contact with the natives, they tried to apply the "Brown Brother" technique which made the P-NG service notorious during the Ward-Murray regime, after the war. Their superior officers tried to explain to them the differences between administration in Australia and New Guinea; but they became argumentative and hostile—and were promptly shown the meaning of discipline, and shipped back to Australia.

So far as we can ascertain, there were only two or three such cases. But, of course, the gentlemen concerned went howling to the Trades Hall politicians, with the result stated.

WE do not know the names of the "committee of investigation."

But to-day, before the committee gets into action, we could describe the procedure which it will adopt, the attitude of the investigators in P-NG, and the nature of the report which they will give to the Trades Hall. The pattern never varies.

Nothing will convince the Australian Socialists that Brown Brother is not being exploited by greedy Capitalism, in the shape of planters, traders, miners, etc. Nothing will persuade Trades Hall economists that it is not possible to pay to native workers in New Guinea the wage rates paid to white workers in Australia. We have heard the silly arguments going on, in all the Pacific Islands countries, for a quarter-century; and, presumably, they will go on interminably.

Meanwhile, P-NG residents will derive some grim amusement from the "investigations" of the Sydney Trades Hall committee.

TERRITORIANS should remember the investigators' background. The Socialists have had control of the New South Wales State and local administrations for many years; and, year by year, living conditions in the State have become more intolerable. All public transport is increasingly inefficient, and its deficits are now monumental.

The laziness and inefficiency of much of the huge public service have poisoned the whole industrial and social structure. This is most plainly seen in the building industry, where costs now are so high that every kind of building is away behind public demand, so that the form of black-marketing called "key money" now has become established practice.

Every public inquiry made under Royal Commission has disclosed commercial or political corruption, or both. Government of the State by Trades Hall puppets, directed from their hidden places by a Socialist junta, has exposed a series of scandals which have rocked public life in Australia, and shaken the people's confidence in the so-called Parliamentary system.

The gentlemen who are generally responsible for this chaos and corruption in NSW are the very same gentlemen who are sending a committee of "investigators" to New Guinea!

Four Fijian athletes are to tour the Southland Province of New Zealand in January, at the invitation of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association.

† Miss Greta Lennartz and Mr. Gordon Ashwood, both of Rabaul, New Guinea, are to be married in Sydney, NSW, in December.

A group of American Trust Territories officials visited Eastern and Western Samoa during November. The party included William C. Strand, Chief of the Office of Territories; Delbert H. Nucker, executive officer, Office of Territories; Senator Guy Cordon, of Oregon, and his administrative assistant, Robert B. Darkman; Senator Milton R. Young, of North Dakota; and Riley H. Allen, editor of the Honolulu *Star-Bulletin*. The party intended also to visit the Trust Territory of Micronesia.

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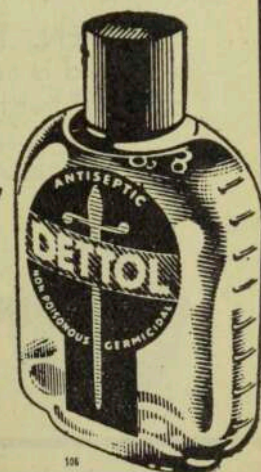
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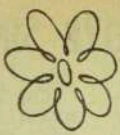
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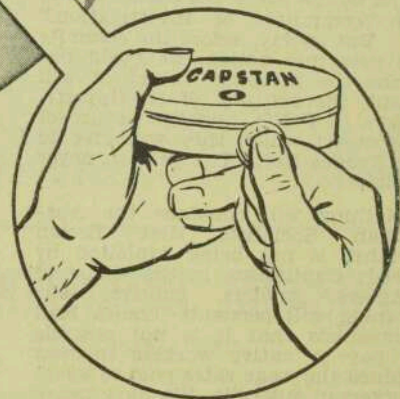


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Extraordinary Discourtesy By NZ Government

ALTHOUGH the New Zealand Government was instrumental in bringing about the abolition of the British Preferential Tariff on its application to Western Samoa, and although an official announcement to that effect was made in New York on July 8 by Mr. L. K. Munro (NZ's representative at UNO), no formal announcement of the change was made by NZ.

Until the NZ Government was interrogated, and a belated statement made late in October, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australian trading interests were completely unaware of what had been done.

The latter consider they have been treated with indifference and discourtesy by the NZ Government, and are making a protest accordingly.

The NZ Government says abolition of the Tariff came about because a Select Committee, which examined the proposal, found that it was wanted by the Samoan people and it made the recommendation accordingly. Western Samoa trade is now open to all countries.

The merchants concerned say that NZ might at least have consulted them before making the change, and that a very short-sighted view has been taken. They say that the British countries, which purchase most of Samoa's exports, and provide Samoa's sea and air communications, deserve greater consideration. They point to the UK copra contract and the NZ banana market, and point out that the removal of the Tariff may now cause a serious disturbance of the balance of trade. They wonder whether Samoa has given consideration to the effects of a trade recession, which may now develop.

Samoan traders (they say) in their anxiety to enjoy the quick profits that foreign markets may for a time provide, might find themselves cut off from these foreign connections—and their old established British connections destroyed. They might also find, with their encouragement of outside shipping lines, that the line that has served them best for many years may be forced to further reduce its services through shortage of cargoes.

Latest Samoan Trade figures show the following trade situation in 1952:—

Imports from:		Exports to:	
£		£	
336,755	NZ	190,459	
378,862	Aust.	41,046	

54,162	Canada	429
59,764	Fiji	3,100
21,914	India	—
410,411	UK	1,267,454
224,315	USA	268,301
201,607	Others	7,295
1,687,790	Total	1,778,084

The Preferential Tariff is scheduled to come to an end next March. It is hoped that before then the Samoan Administration and the New Zealand Government

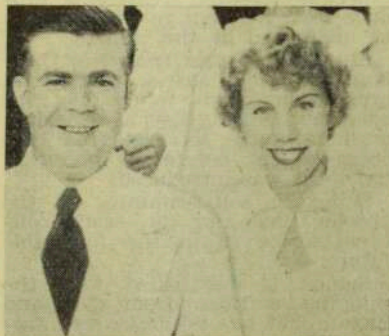
will have given the subject some more sober thought.

Why Samoa Wants Freer Trade

APIA, Nov. 30.

COMMENTING on protests from New Zealand and elsewhere, against the abolition of the British Preferential Tariff in Western Samoa a spokesman for

Law—Lucas Wedding

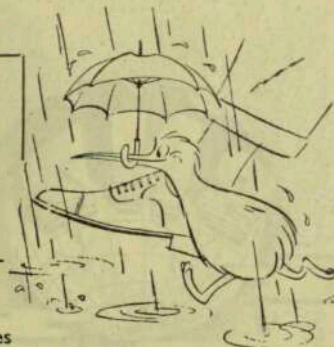


Mr. and Mrs. Rex Law (bride formerly Miss Daphne Lucas) who were married at St. John's Anglican Church, Port Moresby, on November 14. Both work at Steamships Trading Co. and are keen supporters of the Port Moresby Golf Club.
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business interests in Samoa had, in summary, this to say:—

It was the general wish of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations that this action be taken.

The decision was arrived at by leaders of the Samoan advisory body after consultation with a wide cross-section of the population and business interests there.

Removal of preference will have little or no effect on British exporters, as customers are reluctant to abandon produce which they have used over a long period and with which they are familiar.

It would be unfair to continue discrimination against the United States, which is a very large and consistent buyer of Samoan cocoa.

The opinion is widely held in Samoa that the present high cost of living in Samoa could be reduced by obtaining Samoa's requirements

from the cheapest possible sources.

Samoa has for years sold its copra at less than world prices to Britain under contract, and New Zealand also has been supplied with all her copra needs at those same low prices. It is not Samoa's fault or responsibility that British sources cannot offer many lines at prices comparable with the goods supplied from USA, Hong Kong, India, Germany, etc.

New Zealand's imports from Samoa last year totalled £190,000, which is only a small part of the total value of Samoan exports (£1,778,000); so why should NZ expect preferential treatment? Produce from NZ (not re-exports) will be unaffected by the change.

Shipping services from New Zealand to Samoa are a commercial proposition, and would not be operating unless they are yielding profits. Such services from NZ operated long before the preferential tariff was introduced.

Samoa is self-sustaining at the present time and can easily continue to be so in the foreseeable future.

Samoa is dissatisfied with the shipping services from NZ and Britain, but has no desire to introduce outside competition if the existing services are improved.

It is not considered that trade with Japan will increase, after abolition of the tariff, to an extent that would warrant the Japanese

providing a direct shipping connection to Samoa.

THE BRITISH CONSULATE IN TAHITI

THE British Consul in Tahiti, Mr Fred Devenish, left Papeete on November 4 for Europe, per *Caledonien*, on three months' vacation. His many friends in Tahiti expect him to return; but there are semi-official rumours that opportunity may be taken to review the British Consular post in French Oceania.

Britain and United States established minor Consulates in Tahiti a long time ago. Gradually, as much of the non-French traffic was taken over by the growing and independent British nations of Australia and New Zealand, the need for direct London and Washington representation declined. The USA Consulate was closed some years ago, and the American Consul in Noumea pays regular visits to Papeete.

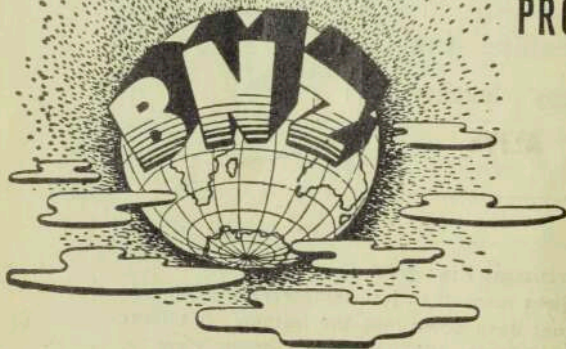
The British Consul in Tahiti has acted, on occasion, for New Zealand and Australian interests; but there has been for some time a growing feeling that either Australia, or New Zealand, should have an official representative there now. The matter has been discussed at Governmental level during the past year.

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WAR GRAVES CEREMONIES IN PAPUA-N-GUINEA

Composition of Official Party

The PIM criticism (Nov., p.18) of the composition of the official Australian party which went to Papua-New Guinea in October to witness the unveiling of War Memorials by the Governor-General of Australia about 50 officials and their women-folk, and 23 next-of-kin of the married servicemen) has brought to the following letter from the Hon. W. S. Kent Hughes, Minister for the Interior:

YOUR statements re the official guests at the unveiling ceremonies at the War Cemeteries are apparently based on a misunderstanding of the facts.

The original arrangement was to charter one plane, a DC4, which was mistaken by someone for a C3, which caused the original misunderstanding. There were 18 outside the Governor-General and his staff, not "40 or more," as stated in your November issue, and 23 relatives.

Of these, there were two representing the Air Force Association and Ex-Navalmen's League — the SL representative being the President of the Territories RSL. Two were the High Commissioners for India and Pakistan, with no staff but representing their respective countries.

The rest of the official party were composed of seven Service representatives (one of them being General Morris, whose return to the area receives an honourable mention in another part of your issue) six Parliamentarians (all of whom were returned servicemen) and Brigadier Brown (the Secretary-General of the Imperial War Graves Commission — Anzac Agency).

There were three Ministers—the Minister for the Territories (Mr. Masluck, whom you rightly report as taking an important part in the proceedings) the Minister for the Interior (who is the head of the Imperial War Graves Commission—Anzac Agency), and the Minister for Defence. The only "attendant womenfolk" were their wives. The Ministers and their wives travelled by the ordinary Qantas Services, as they are entitled to do at any time.

Owing to the excellent organisation and kind hospitality of the Administrator, his staff and private citizens, the whole of the official party were present at all three ceremonies.

Your comment about the delay that occurred in the unveiling ceremonies is, I submit, hardly fair to Brigadier Brown and my predecessor. The Anzac Agency of the Imperial War Graves Com-

mission has had a tremendous task covering the whole Pacific area, and has, I feel, done a difficult job very well indeed. The lateness in the issuing of the invitations was due to a desire that the Governor-General should unveil the Crosses of Sacrifice, and the ceremonies were arranged so that he could be present.

I am etc.,
W. S. KENT HUGHES.
Canberra.

LUCKY ESCAPE FROM FATAL BCPA CRASH

BY a lucky chance, Dr. John J. Valentine, who had been engaged in leprosy research work in the South Pacific, escaped from the BCPA plane disaster at San Francisco on October 29. Dr. Valentine was in New Zealand, and his passport visa stipulated that, when he joined a trans-Pacific plane, he must proceed directly to his home in Alberta, Canada. He wanted to stop over in some places, so he wrote to Canada for an extended visa. This did not arrive, so he arranged to join the fatal BCPA plane in Nadi, Fiji.

Two hours before he left NZ, the visa arrived. So, at Nadi, he caught a plane which gave a full day at Canton Island; and at Canton he joined the BCPA plane, which

crashed, but which, under the new visa, he left at Honolulu. Had the visa not arrived in NZ, he must have lost his life.

It was Dr. Valentine who wrote to us recently about Islands shell-money — see page 95 of October PIM.

Mrs. Bepe Gauta, and her two children, who joined the BCPA plane at Nadi, Fiji, also left the plane at Honolulu.

¶ The Hon. Havea Tu'iaha'teiho, Deputy Premier and Minister of Public Works in Tonga, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Auckland in late November on furlough.

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Disposal of P-NG Copra Fund

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expires. The Fund is invested and is bearing interest.

2.—The Treasurer said the "scheme would be administered by a Board" of five members, three of whom shall be representatives of copra producers. But the Fund itself will be under the immediate control of the Administrative Treasurer.

COMMENT: Mr. Fairfax Rose who is chairman of the Papua Planters' Association, immediately challenged this proposal. Why create another Board, he asked, with secretarial staff and all the other trimmings, when the Copra Marketing Board, in constitution and purpose, and with specialised local knowledge, is quite capable of directing the administration of the Fund. Why, indeed! This is typical of the haste and eagerness of bureaucracy in creating new and expensive governmental instrumentalities. So far, the plan is plain enough. But the next stage bristles with difficulties:

3.—To ensure stabilisation, the Board will decide when the time has come to declare a bounty, and a bounty shall be declared accordingly, and the Treasurer shall pay it out. Then come provisions "to ensure that the bounty payment reaches the producer."

COMMENT: This is where the Government's plan begins to assume the earmarks of unworkableness. The plan apparently envisages the payment of bounty at the point of shipment, or thereabouts; and the planners are most anxious that the full amount of the bounty shall go back to the actual producer, even to the native village cutter who may have handed over to the small trader, cruising along his coast, a couple of baskets of copra.

Anyone who knows anything about the conditions of copra production and collection in P-NG will realise the difficulties of administering a bounty plan in the manner proposed. No wonder the Government proposes to set up a special Board and staff—a large staff would be needed to trace the origin of all copra, if the actual producer is to become entitled to a bounty declared some time after the copra has been cut and sent away.

The Council should insist that some practical body, like the Copra Marketing Board, shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund, and especially that it assumes the task of providing a simple and easy method of distributing the bounty. Otherwise officialdom, in its eagerness to protect the native copra-cutter against exploitation by the greedy and

unless trader, will create some elaborate and expensive machinery which, under the heading of "administrative costs", will eat deeply into the Fund itself.

ONLY two members, Mr. Fairfax Ross and Mr. Don Barrett, discussed the Bill before—the motion of Mr. Barrett—the debate was adjourned to the next council meeting. Mr. Barrett said his Association stood fast by its aim that the money should be paid back to those who had contributed it: and if it was desired to have a Stabilisation Fund for the copra industry, then a new fund should be started with the agreement of all members of the industry, whether they were Papua or New Guinea.

The president (Administrator of the Island) said that any proposed amendments of the Bill, from either Papua or New Guinea, should be in his hands by the end of December.

This gives very little time for adequate discussion of so important a matter. The NG planters must decide whether they will (a) continue their fight for distribution of at least a portion of the accumulated funds; or (b) accept the plan for the establishment of a formal fund; or (c) accept the Fund, but insist the proposal that a special board and machinery be set up to administer it.

NO FURTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR FIJI AT PRESENT

THE proposal to extend local government in Fiji by creating Rural Councils appears to have been dropped—at least for the time being.

The idea was conceived by government officials but was left to the unofficial members of the Fiji Legislative Council to decide whether the scheme should be proceeded with, or not.

The scheme mostly affected Fijians living in rural areas and was not a popular idea amongst them—mainly because they were asked to pay rates to finance projects sponsored by the councils.

When Queen Salote of Tonga recently visited Britain her journeys included a trip to the Hebrides where she showed great interest in the manufacture of Harris tweed. The Queen has now been advised at a length of Harris tweed, hand-oven by a crofter's daughter in Orkney, in the Queen's favourite colour of "ice blue," is on its way to Tonga as a gift from the Hebrides.

What Happened to the Threatened Raluana Proclamation?

IT is now seven months since the Raluana affair, at a native village near Kokopo, New Britain, resulted in a native school-teacher, Tuvi, assaulting the District Commissioner, Mr. J. K. McCarthy.

It will be remembered that what led up to the assault was the announcement by Mr. McCarthy to the 1,400 people assembled in the Raluana school-grounds, that there was shortly to be a proclamation whereby the Raluana Village group would become part of the area under the Vunamami Village Council.

Most of the Tolais (the natives of the Eastern end of New Britain) have accepted the village-council system which has always been described as voluntary, but the natives of Raluana held aloof, levied their own taxes and did what they liked with them. This caused discontent amongst the other Tolais who had conformed to the system.

Tuvi got four months' gaol for his assault on McCarthy but completed his sentence some time ago. It was remarked that during the visit of the Governor-General of Australia to New Britain recently he plugged the advantages of the village-council system when addressing the natives, and that Tuvi listened

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Are the Raluana natives still outside the village-council system? And what happened to the proclamation which Mr. McCarthy, on May 21, told the Raluana natives would soon be made in order to gather them into the fold?

¶ Mr. N. H. Taylor, Director of New Zealand Soils Bureau, is at present visiting Fiji in connection with the Colony's soil survey.

QANTAS WILL FLY QUEEN IN AUSTRALIA

ALTHOUGH the RAAF will provide a special DC3 aircraft for the Queen's use during her stay in Australia, Qantas Empire Airways have also been asked to carry the Queen and her party on four of her longest Australian flights—from Melbourne to Brisbane, from Brisbane to Townsville, Brisbane-Broken Hill-Adelaide, and Adelaide-Kalgoorlie-Perth.

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Bank of NZ Expands in Fiji

THE Bank of New Zealand opened a new receiving agency at Nadi, Fiji, during November. In addition, the Bank now has two Suva offices and one each at Lautoka, Labasa, and Nausori.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM THE COOKS

● American recording companies are showing a keen interest in songs of the Cook Islands and of other Cook Islands material. One company recently wrote to the Further Education Officer asking for recordings of musical games, chants, the Polynesian flute, and an old person telling a legend or folk-tale. The interest has been aroused by recordings recently made by Mr. Ronald Syme, a writer and present resident in the Cooks.

● About 3,000 cases of tomatoes loaded at Atiu Island in October by the inter-island vessel "Mahurangi" were lost when, due to engine trouble, the cargo failed to connect with the "Wairuna" for Auckland. "Mahurangi" was towed to port by "Ranah."

● Four new concrete water tanks, with a total capacity of 60,000 gallons, were completed on Puka Puka atoll in October. The Public Works construction team under Mr. Tai Nicholas, completed the task in one month. They had earlier erected similar tanks at Manihiki and Rakahanga.

● Pastor Tariu Teia, who went to New Zealand nine years ago to care for the welfare of Cook Islanders in Auckland, was recently granted the status of a Minister of the Congregational Church and will be transferring his headquarters to Wellington at the end of the year. He and the Rev. Mr. Chalmers are invariably present at the arrival in Auckland of every aircraft and passenger vessel from the Islands.

● TUMU KORERO, a new publication of, by and for Cook Islanders, published by the Further Education Office, issued its first copy in September and has been favourably commented upon.

● Mr. John Webb, of Rarotonga, is Acting Resident Agent, Mauke, in the absence of Mr. Stanaway on furlough.

● Palmerston Island, which until now has been leased by the Government to the Masters family, has been given to them as Native Customary Land. Mrs. Ned Masters has been recognised as the representative head of the family.

● Miss Maria Tuau, of Aitutaki, was married to Mr. Percy Henderson, Further Education Officer, at Rarotonga on September 3. The wedding was attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

About 80 per cent. of Fijian soldiers who have spent their two-year-term in Malaya are volunteering for a second term after leave spent in Fiji. This is officially described as "gratifying." Other interested onlookers express concern that the interminable military situation in Malaya should take the best of Fiji's young men away from their country for so long.

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P-NG Education — From the Top, Down

20 Natives for Australian Secondary Schools

EARLY in November it was announced in Port Moresby that up to 20 scholarships will be made available in the Territory of Papua-New Guinea next year to enable natives to receive secondary education in Australia. Applications for the scholarships closed on November 17—which gave absurdly short time for anyone to study the scheme, although the P-NG Director of Education said during the November meeting of the P-NG Legislative Council that over 100 applications had been received.

Other points in the scholarship scheme are:

- It originated at the inaugural meeting of the Education Advisory Board in Port Moresby in October;
- It is designed to operate only pending the establishment of native secondary schools in P-NG;
- Candidates for selection may be nominated by virtually anyone in the Territory.
- Natives already attending school in Australia (if any) are eligible;
- Scholarship winners will be enrolled in North Queensland boarding schools;
- Normally, students should not be over 14 years of age, and have the required standards of English, arithmetic and mental and social adaptability.

ILL-ADVISED AND UNREALISTIC

THE whole plan appears to be precipitate, ill-advised, unrealistic and to be completely worthless the general policy of taking education to the great mass of illiterate natives of the Territory. It has any virtue, it is only so far as it can be regarded as a smart piece of window-dressing for the ears of members of the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

The plan has already caused misgivings, not only amongst the European residents of Papua-New Guinea, but among native leaders. European critics will doubtless be accused of bias by the originators of the scheme, but a down-to-earth, realistic survey of what education means in Papua and New Guinea is overdue: From the flood of correspondence we have received on the subject, it seems very much open to doubt whether the authorities could produce from New Guinea (and in this we exclude Papua where education in English is not so new) any child of 14 or younger who could, in Australia, measure up, in general knowledge, to a 5th Grade child. In the above connection, the wording of the scholarship announcement, that "normally" can-

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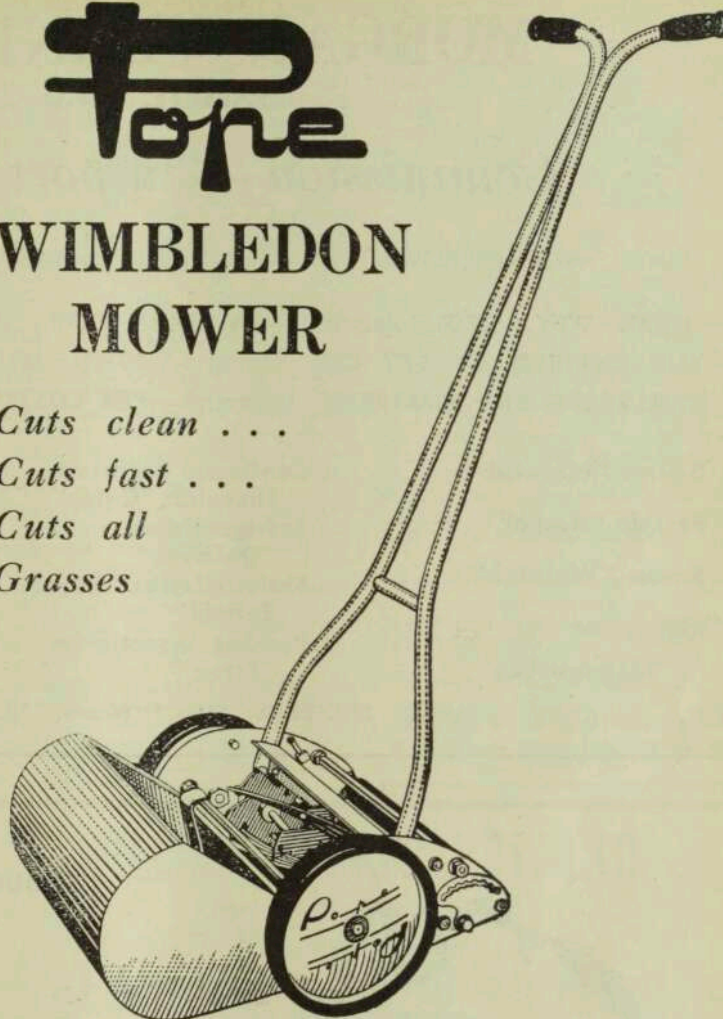
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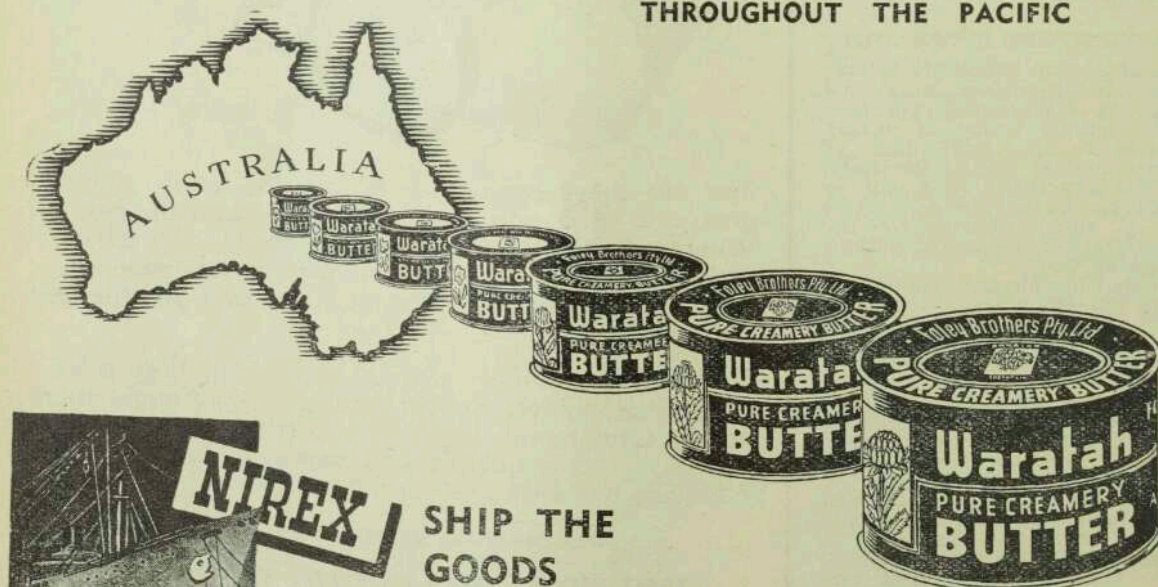
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andidates should not be more than 14, seems ominous. From the point of view of educational qualifications, the most promising candidates from New Guinea appear to be the "teacher-boys"—that is, young men who are already, according to the very elastic standards of P-NG, qualified to teach their own people to read and to write and to do very simple arithmetic.

Many of these young men are married, or live as married men. Are these the scholarship holders who are to go South and live with 12 and 13-year-olds in Australian boarding schools?

It is now an accepted principle that education should be made available to the natives of the Territory. And, implicit in that accepted principle, is the rider that when they have reached the same social and cultural level as ourselves, they should be accepted by us in the full social sense. If this is not implicit, then it would be better that the unsophisticated savage of New Guinea is left precisely where he is, without European education with its benefits and penalties; otherwise we will soon have on our hands a discontented group of people caught mid-way between our world and theirs—prospective recruits to the first brand of Mau-Mauism that catches their fancy.

If there should emerge some village genius, then by all means, let him be afforded all the educational advantages which are ours in command—as has been the case in Fiji for years. But this could not be accomplished without the ballyhoo of 20 suddenly-offered scholarships whereby 20 insufficiently prepared native youths are to be forced through the process of our secondary education—for no good reason that can be discovered except in that it brings some doubtful odds to Papua-New Guinea Education Department and makes plain to the world that Australia is doing her bit in providing secondary education for her dependent people in the Territory.

ON the Director of Education's own figures, there are no more than 150 children in NG fit for secondary education. It seems extraordinary then that provision cannot be made immediately in the Territory to provide them with a higher grade of education than that now available in native primary schools already established.

The more sophisticated natives of Papua and New Guinea ardently desire education in so far as it teaches them to read and understand English, for in our ability to read and to write they believe lies their power. But their own part in acquiring "education" is a purely negative one: They believe that the purpose of the teacher is simply to pour the requisite knowledge into them, as water from a jug.

If education has any purpose at all, it is to raise man above the level of the beast; to provide him

with reasoning ability and help him to look ahead and to plan. But so far as can be ascertained, education, as it exists in P-NG to-day, provides for none of these things.

The children have excellent memories, they copy blackboard notes diligently and with care, and upon these two points the whole education system seems to be suspended. They rarely ask questions and any departure from routine is apt to throw the delicate machine of acquiring ready-cut knowledge completely out of gear.

An example was given us in the method of writing a composition. On the first day, words connected with the proposed subject are written on the blackboard and probably copied into note-books. On a second day, sentences using the words are discussed and probably written into note-books. On yet a third day, the composition is written—and is usually turned out in the precise order in which the words and sentences were used by the teacher. Six months later they would probably be incapable of writing the same composition.

Teacher-boys in the lower-grades also teach according to a set plan that allows for no innovations. And to illustrate this we have been told this story:

A mission inspector visited a school which was in charge of a teacher-boy. The teacher-boy immediately prepared to go through all the motions according to set lesson number so-and-so.

"All right, class," he said, "get out your slates."

There was a pause. "Now get out your pencils." Another pause. "Now take this down." The teacher-boy then went to the blackboard and started to write.

"That's fine," said the inspector. "Yes, sir," wailed the teacher, putting the teaching routine behind him for a moment. "It would be—but you see, they have no slates!"

IT is inevitable that in a country like Papua-New Guinea, where all but a very few of the large native population have had small contact with Europeans, education in order that they might take their place in the complicated world of to-day will be a problem of extraordinary complexity. The sympathy of all who know New Guinea must be with the people whose task it is to do this. But sympathisers are merely irritated at gestures like the scholarship scheme, introduced with flourish of trumpets, when they realise that the foundations of the

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educational structure in the Territory are as yet scarcely begun.

New Guinea, with its thousands of languages, its backwardness, is an educationalist's nightmare. Children are between 11 and 13 when they emerge from the village schools to a level where they are taught in English, and even at this late stage there are virtually no points of contact between the cultural background of the pupils and the medium—English—in which they are to be taught.

The very nursery jingles, the fairy stories, the small traditional bits and pieces of knowledge which our own children learn before school age, and which lead naturally to our own system of education, are nothing to these children who are forced to learn in a strange language and against a cultural background that is entirely foreign to them.

Papua-New Guinea is about 50 years behind other Pacific territories in education; and, whatever is done to remedy the situation in the coming generations, it is inevitable that some natives, more intelligent than the rest, will suffer in the general plan to raise the educational level of the whole. This has happened throughout all our own history and surely is no more a tragedy in Papua-New Guinea than it has been with us.

Put in the foundations now, teach the children English, if that is to

be the general plan, as early in their lives as possible; leave the fancy scroll-work, in the form of secondary school scholarships, to time and to future generations. The leeway that has to be made up in education for New Guinea natives is not going to be accomplished in two years, or 10—no matter how ardently Australian departmental window-dressers may wish it.

In the meantime, the P-NG natives probably have a great more of worth to be learned from their Pacific neighbours than from Australia and, in this regard, the Rev. F. G. Lewis, a Missionary member of the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council, has made a valuable contribution to the solution of the problem. He believes that it would be a major blunder to send isolated groups of native children to Australia where they will forget their own culture, only partially digest ours and become more or less outcasts among their own people. If, he says, they went to more advanced Pacific Islands where the people had a similar culture to their own, it would be a much more valuable experience for them than going to Australia where houses, schools, transport and civic matters were in no way akin to those in their own country.

If the Queen Victoria School in Fiji could be persuaded to accept 20 New Guinea scholars it might

be a very good thing—notwithstanding the fact that the experimenter of sending students from P-NG to the Suva Medical School has not been an unqualified success, due to the fact that the lads had not had a sufficient grounding in English.

Such a sane course is not, however, likely to commend itself to Australia which is apt to believe that its problems are unique in the field of native administration, and prefers to make its mistakes on the home front rather than to seek assistance from other countries who have solved these particular problems and left them, years ago like milestones, way back along the road of progress.

¶ Mr. Sultan Ali, an Indian teacher at the Methodist Mission school in Ba, Fiji, returned to Fiji recently after seven months' deputation work in Australia.

¶ Three new Methodist Mission recruits sailed for Papua and New Guinea from Sydney on the November *Bulolo*. They were Sister Jean Sinclair, who proceeds to Vunairima in New Britain. Miss Beryl Wilson who will go to Misima, Papua, as teacher, and Mrs. R. Imms, who was the only woman passenger on the *Muroro* when she became a total wreck 50 miles from Rockhampton who now proceeds to Salamo to join her husband there.

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Book Review:

PERIL AT EASTER ISLAND

Taylor's Exciting Story of S. American Flight

MOST people know that Captain P. G. Taylor ("Bill" to his thousand friends) in 1951 pioneered the South Pacific air-route between Sydney (Australia) and Valparaiso (South America), just as he pioneered the trans-Pacific route to Central America, via Clipperton Island, and the trans-Indian Ocean route, between Australia and South Africa; but how many know that, both going and coming from South America, he escaped from disaster at Easter Island by a combination of skill, Taylor tenacity, and Providence? Going west, Taylor's Catalina airplane was caught by darkness and a southerly storm while re-elling on the ocean alongside Easter Island and could not take . It rode out the wild night at anchor; began to zigzag slowly over mountainous waves at dawn; was us, during the 10 hours, gradually worked through fearful seas around the lee side of the island; and, aided by rockets, got into the air again 24 hours after the storm broke.

Coming east, 10 days later, the men had an almost exactly similar experience, except that they managed to get air-borne offing seas as the tempest and the night were closing down upon them.

THESE are only two of scores of dramatic incidents described by Taylor in his new book, titled *Frigate Bird*, just published by Angus & Robertson, Sydney. In this full story of the flight from Sydney back to Sydney, he meets scores of old friends in Papeete, Suva, Apia, Aitutaki and Tahiti. "Bill" Taylor and some of his four companions were already well known in South Pacific air transportation — and they were greeted and feted as heroes in South America.

Captain Taylor has done some perilous flying in the last 35 years. Older folk will remember that it was he who climbed out on a winged Kingsford Smith's plane during the trans-Tasman pioneer flight a quarter-century ago, in order to deal with an oil-failure crisis — a feat seldom equalled in aviation. But he was never closer to death than he was on at least three occasions in 1951, out over those 100 miles of un-beaconed, rather-torn, virtually landless sea between French Oceania and the east of Chile. (Next Page)

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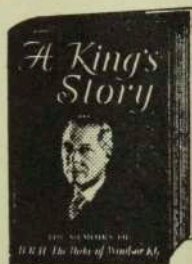
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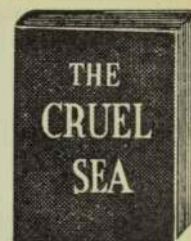
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He tells the story very modestly but the flight, from Tahiti to Chile and back to Tahiti, is so packed with risk and adventure, and the thrilling gamble of expert navigation pitted against terrifying and uncharted storms, that the book probably will go into the aviation records as one of the most exciting ever written. I could not put down until I had gone with Taylor clear across to Valparaiso and go back through those storms to warm and hospitable Papeete.

TAYLOR is sure that, presently there will be a regular air service from Australia across the South Pacific to South America—and he is right, of course. But his own experiences make it clear beyond all doubt, that it is a route for land-planes; and such a service cannot be contemplated until there are, at Easter Island, not only a first-class airfield, but also even modern aid to trans-ocean flying. Tropical islands provide calm water enclosed by coral reefs; and, as there are warm-water archipelagoes right across from Australia to French Oceania, there are also countless refuges for flying-boats. But, beyond French Oceania, there are no coral-reef islands, and no sheltered water at all for more than 4,000 miles.

P. G. Taylor not only rival Kingsford Smith as Australia's most skilful and successful pioneer aviator; he also has shown great initiative and courage in establishing and developing new air transport lines. At the present moment he is associated with Messrs. Monkton and Barnes in the inauguration of South Pacific Airlines, which plans to start the Honolulu-Tahiti service, with seaplanes, in 1954.

It is strange that, while knight-hoods are handed out *ad lib* to vociferous politicians and money-conscious traders for "public service", the remarkable record of Captain Taylor is consistently ignored. However, Canberra's indifference to achievement does not alter the fact that Taylor's *Frigate Bird* is the most readable book published south of the Equator in 1953.—RWR.

Happy Thought!

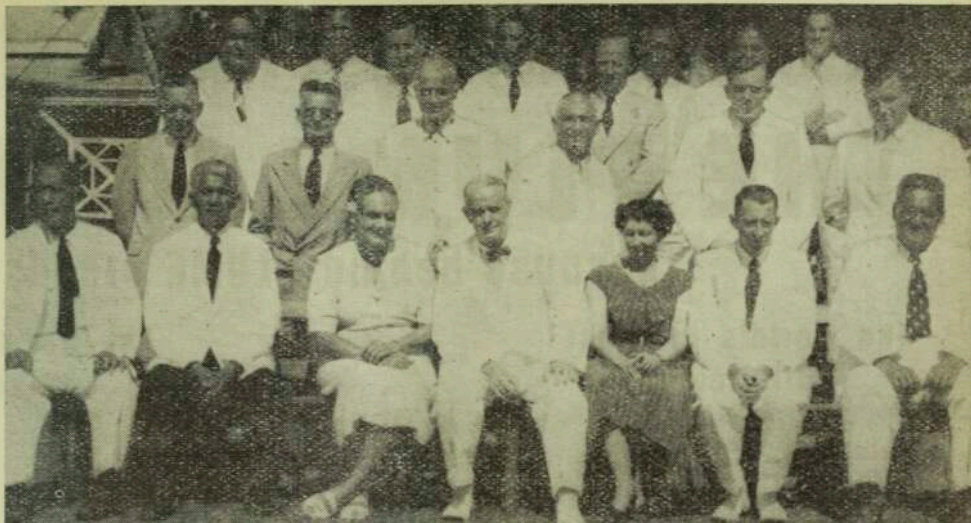
AT the recent meeting of the Papua and New Guinea Legislative Council, District Commissioner J. K. McCarthy, of Rabaul, suggested that elected members should receive a salary.

"He said: 'I cannot see how an elected Member can possibly devote the time to the job, unless he is prepared to involve himself in heavy financial loss.'"

¶ Mr. D. Walkden Brown, principal of the Navuso Agricultural School, Fiji, was in NSW on three months' vacation in November.

The Legislative Council of the Cook Islands

The Cook Islands Legislative Council photographed during the October sitting. Absent from the photo are Dr. T. Romans, Chief Medical Officer, Mr. E. Thorby, Resident Agent at Atiu, and Mr. Bela Williams, Member for Manihiki. Left to right, front row: Akava Toki (Atiu), Tamaiva (Rarotonga), Akava Nui Teremoana (Rarotonga), Mr. J. Nevill (Resident Commissioner), Miss P. P. P. (official stenographer), Mr. R. F. Wakefield (official secretary), Rangai Noorua (Mangaia); middle row: J. W. W. Graham (Resident Agent, Mangaia), W. N. A. Allison (Acting Education Officer), R. M. L. Gladstone (Resident Agent, Aitutaki), G. Crummer (official interpreter), H. McKegg (European Member, Rarotonga), M. L. Baker (Director of Agriculture); back row: Piri Maoate (Rarotonga), Hareti (Penrhyn), N. B. Manaway (Resident Agent, Mauke), Mataarua (Mauke), L. K. Pitt (Treasurer), Aiaivi Mose (Aitutaki), Takao Tinirau (Manihiki), M. L. Hegan (Clerk of Council).



¶ Mr. and Mrs. Phil Chapman, of Rabaul, New Guinea, have been busy with a round of farewell parties. They will settle permanently in Australia.

¶ Mr. G. K. Roth has been appointed a member of the Fiji Executive Council for the period ending December 31, 1954. He is Deputy Secretary of Fijian Affairs.

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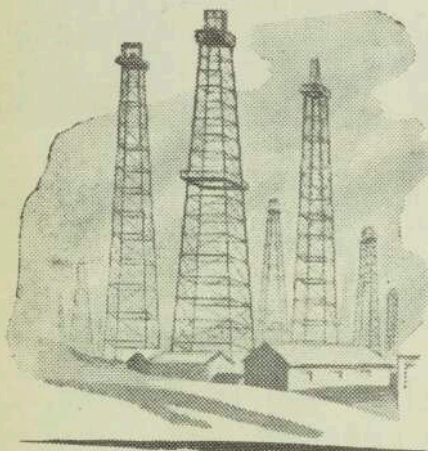
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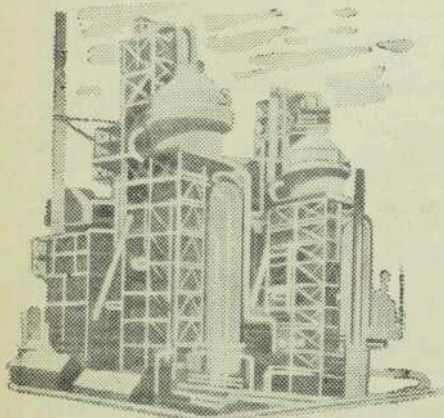
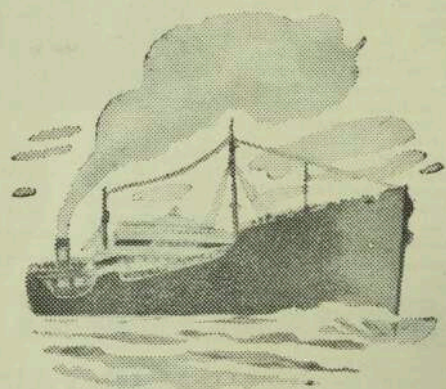
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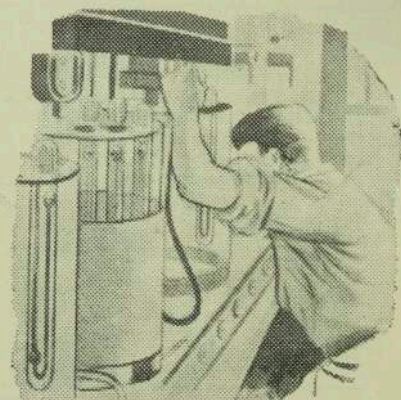
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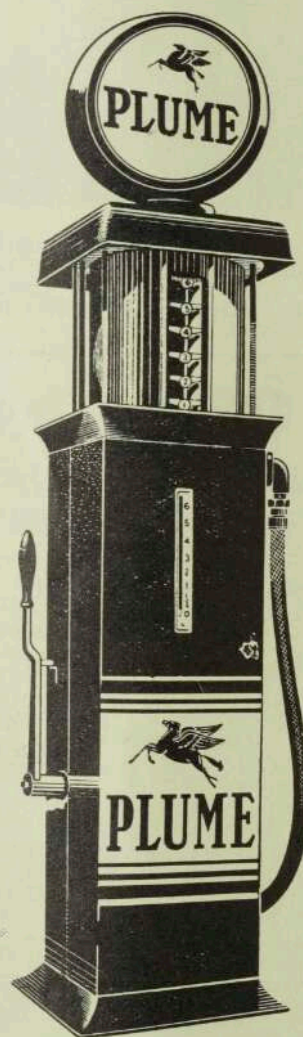
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NATURE NOTES

By Raimanu

BALOLO FOR LUNCH: At Lakeba, Fiji, the balolo rose on November 1, in 1951. I had heard in the village the previous day and had been warned to be ready for an early start. So just after daybreak I was down on the beach, to find that two or three canoes and punts were ready near the passage, away to the west of the village. The last punt to go out had just left the sand, and I was lucky to get a lift.

We poled and paddled quickly out across the lagoon. Clouds covered the sky, and a cool wind was blowing, but the water felt warm.

Just at this point there is a small break in the reef, and on the inner side a small, but deep pool. Here, just out of reach of the big rollers which were breaking outside, we caught the balolo.

They came wriggling up out of

the depths, thousands of them. Just thin, threadlike worms, varying in colour from dark green to brown. They were not unpleasant to handle; just a bit slimy to the touch.

Fishing was done with long-handled scoops made specially for the occasion. The business end was formed from a strip of green sapling bent around, with its ends lashed to a forked stick. Across this snow-shoe-shaped loop, strips of hibiscus bark had been laced. The net thus formed was almost flat, and it was really surprising to see how many of the worms stayed on it.

Like all true fishermen, my Fijian friends assured me that this was not a good year for balolo. They had seen many better rises. You should just have seen what a haul they got in such and such a year! At all events, within an hour the numbers wriggling up from the depths had become too small to be worth staying for. So we headed

home again, and later in the day enjoyed a snack of fried balolo on toast. Not bad, either.

NEW DOCK AREA FOR SUVA

THE Suva dock area, centre of the busiest port in the South Seas, is to be moved to nearby Walu Bay, the Fiji Government announced on November 24.

The wharves, long due for replacement, were wrecked in the 1952 hurricane and serious new subsidences occurred in the earthquake this year.

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The balolo harvest.

Another Tongan Boxer For NZ

TELAKISITEKEI NAUFAHA, said to be almost as good a boxer as Kitione Lave, arrived in NZ, together with Lave, from Tonga at the beginning of December. In more than 20 bouts in the islands, Naufaha has been defeated twice by points and each time to Lave, and now Zealand boxing-fans were looking forward to his first appearance against "lucy" Allen. An outdoor fight may be arranged between the two Tongans.

While holidaying in Tonga, Lave received an offer from former English flyweight champion to train Lave and arrange fights for him in the British Isles. Lave's New Zealand manager said the matter would be considered at the end of summer when Lave completed his schedule of local commitments.

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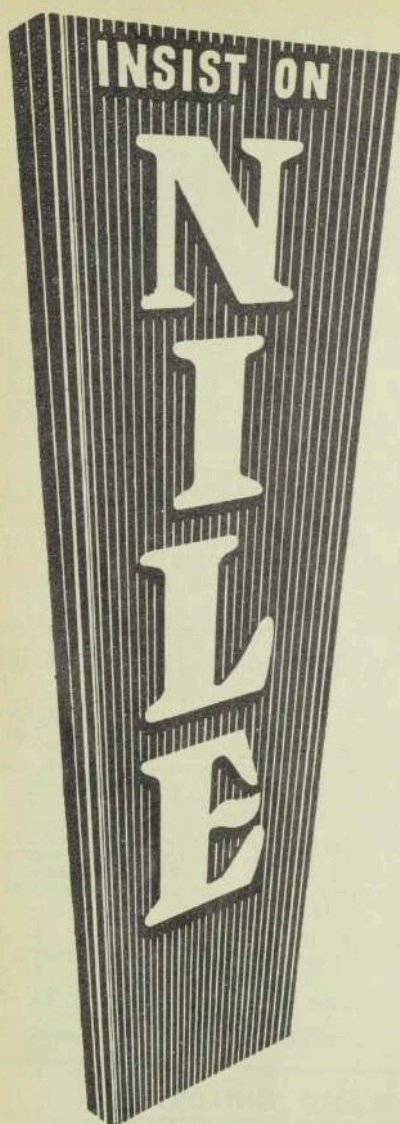
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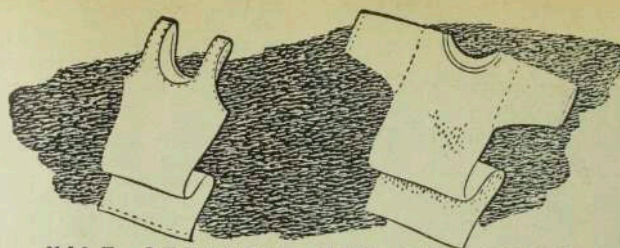
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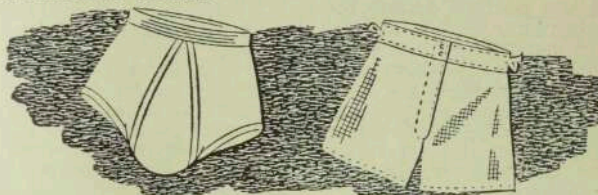
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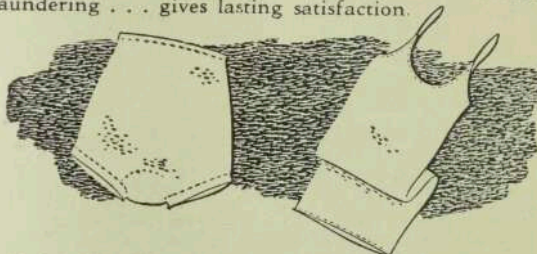
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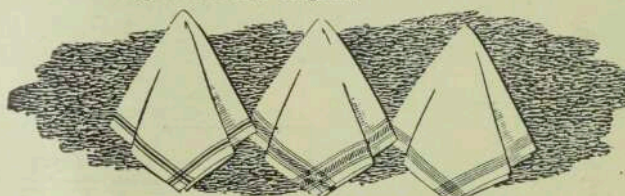
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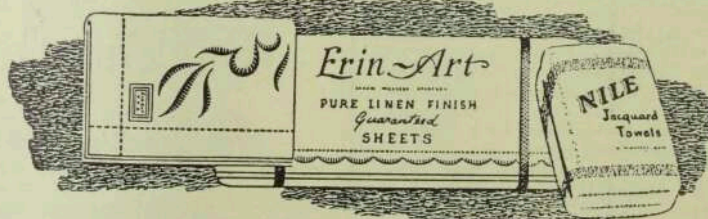
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Another Paradise Gone

There is a chapter on Tonga on a new book, *Magical Mission*, by George Sandwith, which is now in the press. He spent some time in the South Pacific in the years after the war. Mr. and Mrs. Sandwith at present are residents of the Scilly Islands, a small paradise south-east of England, where the temperature seldom goes below 60. But the pent is approaching: the British Government has just announced that, henceforth, residents of the Illies will pay income tax. Presumably, this horror will extend also to the Channel Islands.

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COPRA

(The following are based on the MOF contract prices for 1953 in the Territories named.)

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.—Copra Market-Board rates: Main ports, Hot air, £70 per ton; FMS, £69/5/-; Smoked, £66/10/- at main ports (except Kokopo, where rates are 17/6 less). Sydney crushers pay: Plantation Hot-air, £91; FMS, £91; Smoked, £90.

FIJI.—At Suva and Levuka, 1953: Plantation 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 per ton, f.o.b., Western Samoa; producers receive about £10 less.

BSI.—Prices based on MOF contract of £Stg.65, per ton, f.o.b. Rates to producers are: £A62/3/4 per ton, delivered Honiara; £A63/3/4, delivered Tulagi or Yandina; £A62/18/4, delivered Gizo.

COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on December 3 was £Stg.300 (£A375 approx.) c.i.f., ton, Cont. ports.

N.G.—£350 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in December quoted Samoan cocoa at £Stg.290 (£A362/10/- approx.) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.).

COFFEE.—P.-N.G. remains firm at 5/3 per lb. Price is expected to ease owing to overseas competition now that coffee is no longer a restricted import into Australia.

New Caledonia.—Crop mainly exported to France. Recent quotation was 398 Metrop. francs per kilo (£A513 approx. per long ton).

RUBBER.—This market has firmed over the past month. **Papua-New Guinea.**—price based on Singapore figure which fluctuates from day to day. Quotation on December 4 was 29-4/5d Aust. lb. Singapore rate December 4 No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 60½c. lb c.i.f. (approx. 26½d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney nominal quotations (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): Tahiti: White Label 49/-, Yellow, 49/-, all per lb. c.i.f. Sydney. No Green available at present.

RICE.—Price for 1953-1954: **Papua-N.G.**—Dry brown £90 per ton; Dressed £96 per ton. Other Pacific Is., except NZ dependencies, £96 per ton.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between Torres Strait producers and Otto Gerdau Co. (USA) for 1953-1954: AA/A/B grades, 85c lb. (£A850 approx. per long ton); C, 80c lb. (£A800); D, 55c lb. (£A550); E, 40c lb. (£A400); EE, 30c lb. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York. No change from

last season. **Manihiki blacklip.**—America market firm at 35-37 cents U.S. per lb. f.o.b., Rarotonga; producers currently receive 1/9 lb. Aust. (approx. £A196 long ton). **Tuamotu blacklip.**—£A500 f.o.b. New York; divers receive 47 Pac. francs per kilo. (£A336 per long ton) on beach.

TROCHUS SHELL.—Market brisk Sydney at present. **NG.** £250-£280 (highest post war price) per ton ex wharf, less rejects. **Fiji**, £165 per ton f.o.b., Suva.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Little interest in Sydney lately. **NG.** £210 per ton ex wharf, less rejects. **NH.** £205 per ton f.o.b. **BSI**, No. 1 grade £170-£180, No. 2 £80 per ton, both ex-wharf.

PEANUTS.—P.-N.G. Owing to inferior quality of P.-N.G. nuts sales in Sydney were as low as 1/- per lb on December

LONDON PRICES

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Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, ton: New Hebrides . . . 88,000 Metrop. francs (approx. £A111) Tahiti . . . 89,000 Metrop. francs (approx. £A111) FM Straits, Nov.-Dec. . . £Stg.87/10 (approx. £A109/7/6) Philippines, bulk, Nov.-Dec. . . US\$23 (approx. £A111)

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton:— FM Straits, 3½% drums . . £Stg.11 (approx. £A161/5/6) Ceylon, bulk . . . £Stg.11 (approx. £A161/5/6)

Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., North Continental Ports:— Accra, Nov.-Jan. . . £Stg.13/10 (£A270 approx. per long ton)

ISLANDS MINING SHARE

FIJI

	Aug., 1939	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
Emperor . .	b9/11	b17/3	b14/6
Loloma . .	s25/6	s28/3	b28/-

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Bulolo G.D. .	b124/-	s54/6	b54/-
Mandated All.	b3/8	s6d	s1/9
N.G.G. Ltd. .	b1/10	b2/-	b1/10
Oil Search . .	s3/11	b6/6	b6/3
Oriomo Oil . .	b5/-	s3/-	b3/-
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b1/-	b6d
Placer Dev. .	b68/6	s315/-	b260/-
Sandy Creek .	b1/5	b1d	b3d

EXCHANGE RATES

FIJI.—Through **BANK OF NSW, AUSTRALIA** and **BANK OF NZ, Australia** on Fiji basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A113. **FIJI-London**, basis £100 London: B. £110/12/6; S. £112. **NZ-Fiji**, basis £100 NZ: B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through **BANK OF NSW, Australia** on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa: B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. **Samoa-London**, basis £100 London: £100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. **Samoa-NZ**, basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/6. **Samoa-Fiji**, basis £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

PAPUA-NG.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kavieng, Madang), **BANK OF NSW** (branches: Port Moresby, Lae, Bulolo, Rabaul, Madang, agency: Wau) and **ANZ BANK** (Port Moresby) quote exchange rate Australia: Papua-NG: 10/- per £100.

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia: BSI: 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania. **FRENCH BANK** (Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris) in Sydney quotes (nominally): 140 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 1 Pac. fr. to £stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US \$.

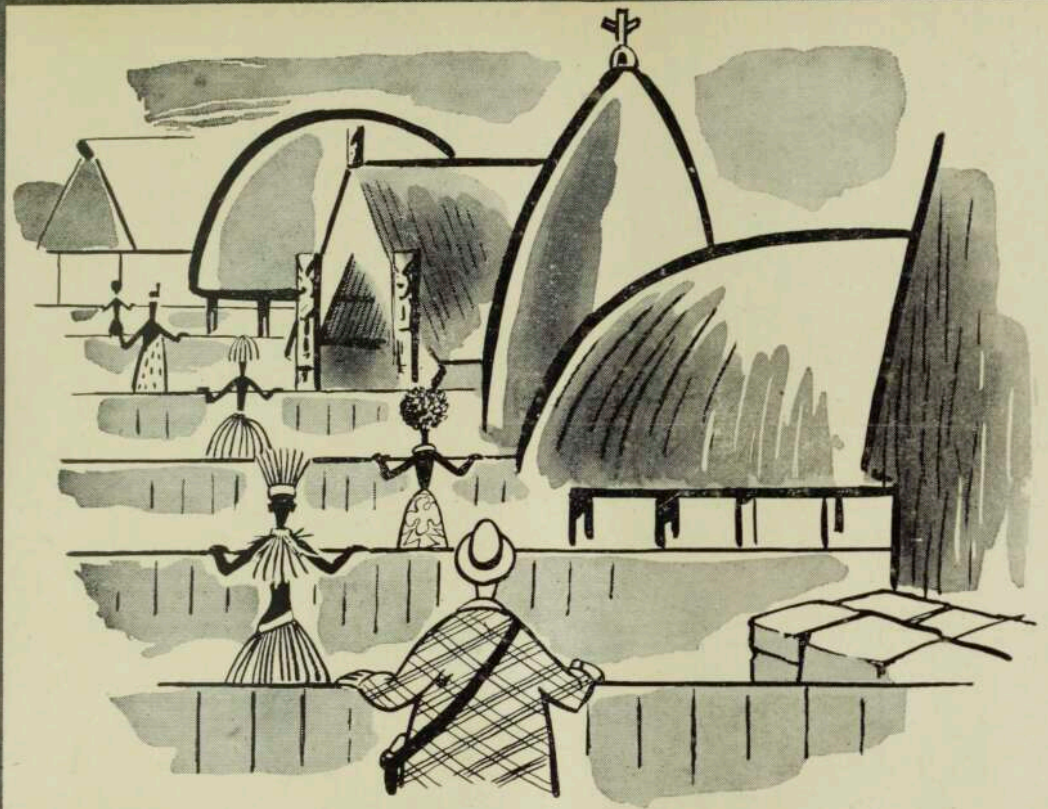
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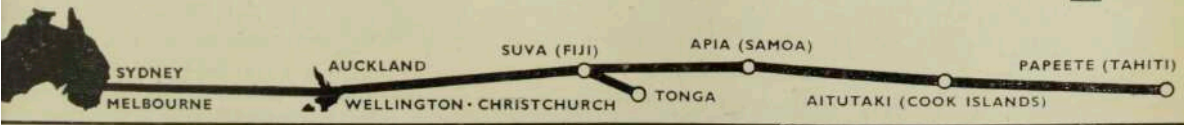
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