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OUR QUEEN IN SUVA: When Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Government House, Suva, for luncheon on December 17, every member of the household staff was drawn up at the entrance to welcome them. Lady Garvey, wife of Fiji's Governor, is seen on the right.

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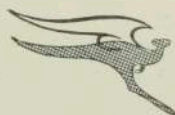
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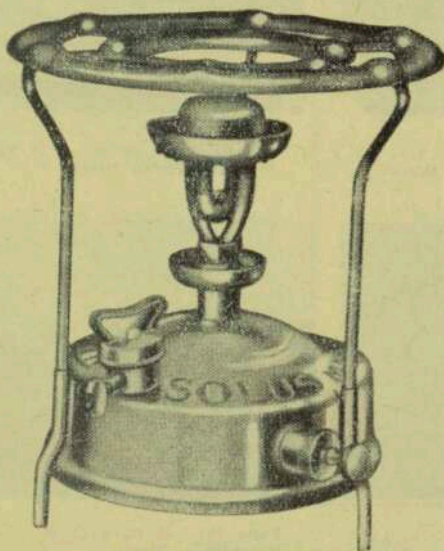
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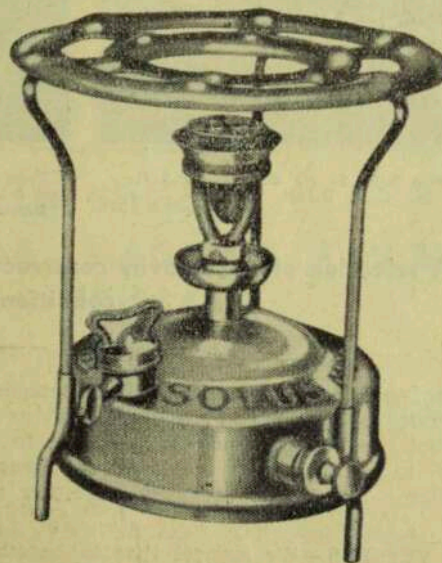
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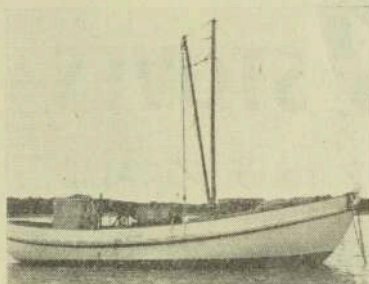
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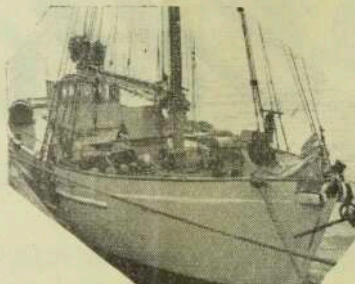
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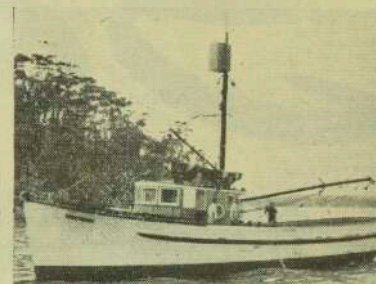
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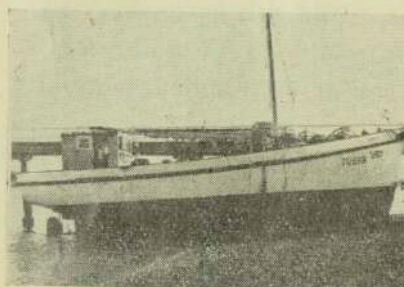
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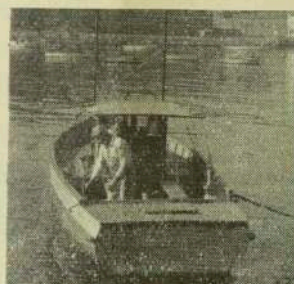
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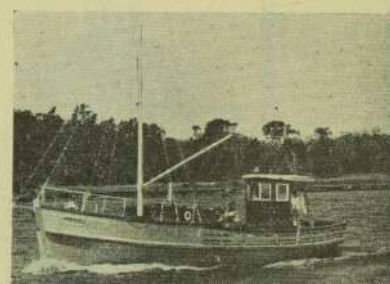
Folio 749. 66 ft. x 16 ft. x 11 ft. Vivian Diesel.



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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Samarai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next sailing approximately February 6. MV Malekula will sail from Sydney on January 26 for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Lae, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return Sydney. Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

MV Soochow and MV Shansi, modern 100 tons vessels, leave every six weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby - Madang - Rabaul - Pt. Moresby, New Guinea. Next sailing Shansi, February 6. At end of March, Sinkiang which was withdrawn for refit some months ago, resumes in this service. Sinkiang will include Melbourne in her itinerary. Details from New Guinea Australia Line (S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents), 6 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from New Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukunono, and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any one 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's next voyages are scheduled to leave Auckland January 18 and February 15.

Matua will leave Auckland on her next voyage February 6.

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.

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

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Next sailing from Sydney approximately February 5.

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 Polynesian (Messa-

geries Maritimes) and Neo Hebrides (H. C. Steigh, 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. 23, Nukualofa, Jan. 29, Suva, Feb. 5, Lutoka, Feb. 9, Vila, Feb. 12, Noumea, Feb. 16, Apia, Feb. 22. (Dates approx. only).

Details from General Steamships Cor-

poration Ltd., 432 California St., S. Francisco, U.S.A.

AIRWAYS TIME-TABLE

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

With Strato Clippers, using Sleeperette and Berths

Tues. and Fri.—Sydney - Nadi (Fiji) Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Seatt Portland.

Tues. and Sat.—Return via same route

* Tues. and Fri.—Auckland - Nadi (Fiji)

* Thurs. and Mon.—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. southward same route. On second or alternate Thursday, flight commences at

San Francisco.

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

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

Auckland.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

(With Super DC-6B Aircraft)

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

Every Friday return by same route

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays and Saturdays (Skymasters)

Depart: Sydney, 7.30 pm

Arrive: Brisbane, 10.15

Brisbane, 11.40 pm

Moresby, 6.30

(Wed., Sun.)

Moresby, 7.30 am

Lae, 8.45

Connecting services north of Lae

Drover to Bulolo and Wau.

Sundays and alt. Wednesdays

(Sandringhams)

Depart: Sydney, 7.30 pm

Arrive: Brisbane, 10.50

Brisbane, 12.20 am

Cairns, 6.35

(Thur., Mon.)

Cairns, 8.05 am

Moresby, 11.55

(Night stop)

Moresby, 8.30 am

Samarai, 10.30

(Tue.)

Samarai, 11.00 am

Esa'ala, 11.40

Alt. weeks

Esa'ala, 11.55 pm

Rabaul, 2.55

The alt. Wednesday Sandringham fr

Sydney terminates at Port Moresby,

connection north to Lae on the followi

lay at 9.00 am being by D.C.3.

* The Sunday Sandringham from Sydn

arrives Moresby Monday and after a nigh

stop then goes on to Rabaul via Samarai

etc., on Tuesday.

SOUTHWARDS

Sundays and Wednesdays (Skymasters)

Depart: Sydney, 7.30 pm

Arrive: Brisbane, 10.15

Brisbane, 11.40 pm

Moresby, 6.30

(Wed., Sun.)

Moresby, 7.30 am

Lae, 8.45

Connecting service from Wau by Drover

Arrives Lae 9.35 am Saturday.

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PAPEETE—Etablissements Donald Tahiti

APIA—Morris Hedstrom Ltd.

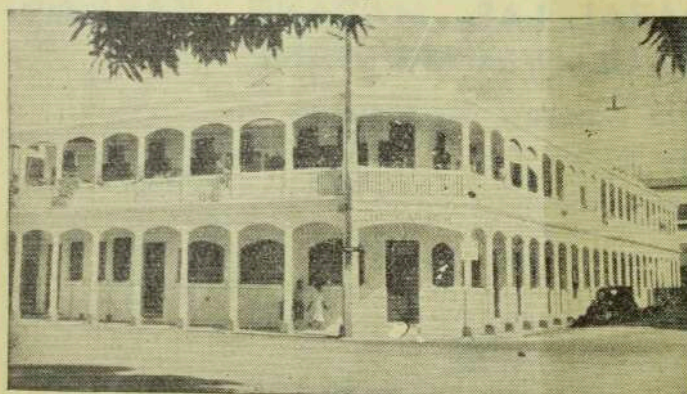
SUVA—Morris Hedstrom Ltd.

NOUMEA—Etablissements Ballande

PORT VILA—Comptoirs Francais des Nouvelles Hebrides

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Thursdays (Sandringham)
Depart: Rabaul, 5.30 am
Arrive: Samarai, 8.45 am
 Samarai, 9.15 am Moresby, 11.15 am
 Moresby, 12.15 pm Cairns, 3.40 pm
 Cairns, 8.30 am Brisbane, 2.15 pm
 (Fri.)
 Brisbane, 3.45 pm Sydney, 7.0 pm

Alt. Saturdays (Sandringham)
Depart: Moresby, 6 am
Arrive: Cairns, 9.25 am
 Cairns, 10.55 am Brisbane, 4.40 pm
 Brisbane, 6.10 pm Sydney, 9.30 pm
 A connection from Lae, with a DC3, to pick up Saturday Sandringham, arrives at Moresby on Friday at 8.20 am.

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas

AE—HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea) (DC3)

Every 4th Monday (Jan. 25, Feb. 22, etc.)
 departs Lae 8 am, calls at Madang and Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia 1.5 pm. Every 4th Tuesday (Jan. 26, Feb. 23, etc.), departs Hollandia at 9 am, and, with calls at Wewak and Madang, arrives Lae at 3.5 pm.

LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.
 dep. 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)

via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional), Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Friday, returning same day. (Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 19, etc.).

RABAU-MOEWE HARBOUR (Sandringham)

tu. Wed.—Rabaul-Jacquinet Bay-Moewe Harbour-Talasea-Rabaul—Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 24, etc.

N.B.—The direction of operation changes with each service, i.e., each alternate service operates Rabaul-Talasea-Moewe Harbour-Jacquinet Bay-Rabaul.

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)

tu. Wed.—Rabaul - Buka - Kieta - Buin—Jan. 20, Feb. 3, 17, etc.).
 tu. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Buka-Rabaul.

LAE-MADANG-WEWAK-MANUS-KAVIENG-RABAU GENERAL SERVICE (DC3)

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

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DC3)

days.—Lae (8.30 am) to Wabag, calling at any of: Nadzab, Kialpit, Arona, Kainantu, Bena Bena, Goroka, Nondugl, Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Baiyer R., Wabag. Return to Lae arriving 6 pm.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (Drover)

o. Lae.—Tues. 3 pm.—Mon. & Sat. 7.30 am.
 o. Wau.—Tues. 4.30 pm.—Mon. 9.00 am—Wed. 12.35 pm. Direct to Lae in 35 minutes.

LAE-FINSCHHAFFEN (Drover)

ery 4th Tuesday, leaving Lae 1 pm, returning same day. (Jan. 26, Feb. 23, etc.).

MADANG-GOROKA (DC3)

days.—Depart Madang 8.25 am, arrive

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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

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on. (Jan. 18, Feb. 1, 8, 15, etc.),
Lae (dep. 6 am) — Finschhafen —
Rabaul — Buka — Vellalavella —
Yandina — Honiara, BSI (arriving 4.30 pm).
on. (Jan. 19, Feb. 2, 9, 16, etc.),
Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina —
Vellalavella — Buka — Rabaul —
Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.30 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

By Air France, Monthly.
Constellation aircraft dep. Saigon, Jan. 9 and every 28 days thereafter for Darwin-Brisbane-Noumea, and return. Australian agents: Messageries Maritimes.

7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymasters.
Alternate Thursdays (Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25, etc.), returning same day.

9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham (Weekly Flying Boat Service)
part: Arrive:
Sydney, Mon. 7.30 pm
Brisbane, 12.20 am
Noumea, 8.30 am
Vila, 12.35 pm
Santo, 6.00 am
Vila, 7.15 am
Noumea, 8.15 am
Noumea, 1.00 pm
Sydney, 8.40 pm

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham Flying Boats—Weekly.
Depart: Arrive:
Sydney, Thur. 7.30 pm
Brisbane, 12.20 am
Noumea, 8.30 am
Suva, 6.30 am
Suva, 1.00 pm
Brisbane, 10.50 pm
Noumea, 7.00 am
Suva, 3.00 pm
Noumea, 11.00 am
Sydney, 8.40 pm

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

By NZ National Airways, with DC3's
5 days—From Auckland double service returning same day.

12. Sydney-Auckland

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents
Tue., Sun.—Dept. Sydney 12 midnight
arr. 8.30 am following day.
Thur., Sat., Sun.—Dept. Sydney 7.30 am,
arr. 4 pm.
Dep. Auckland 8.30 am, arr. 1.30 pm
Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri.

13. Sydney-Wellington

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

14. Melbourne-Christchurch

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

15. New Zealand-Fiji

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents.
Dep. Auckland—January 26, 30, February
2, 9, 16, 23, 27.
Return to Auckland on January 25, 28,
February 1, 8, 11, 22, 24.

Depart Arrive
Auckland, 9.30 am Suva, 4.30 pm
Suva, 9.00 am Auckland, 4.15 pm

16. Fiji-Western Samoa

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents.
Dep. Auckland, Jan. 30, Feb. 2, 16, 27.

Depart

Auck., 9.30 am Sat. Suva, 4.45 pm Sat.
Suva, 6.00 am Sun. Apia, 11.05 am Sat.
Apia, 1.30 pm Sat. Suva 4.35 pm Sun.
Suva, 9.00 am Mon. Auck., 4.15 pm Mon.

Arrive

17. New Zealand-Chatham Is.

In the 1953-54 season, Solents will make flights to the Chatham Is. as follows:
January 27, March 11, April 8. Departure from Auckland 3.30 am, dep. Wellington 7.30 am, arr. Chathams 10.30 am. Dep. 2.30 pm, same day for Auckland.

18. New Zealand-Tahiti

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents

TEAL Service, Auckland-Suva-Apia-Aitutaki-Papeete, is operated with Solent Flying-Boats once every two weeks. Dep. Auckland, Tuesday, 9.30 am. Arr. Suva 4.30 pm. Dep. Suva (Wednesday) 9.00 am, cross International Date Line: Arr. Apia 1.55 pm Tuesday. Dep. Apia 2.00 am Wednesday. Arr. Aitutaki 7.30 am. Dep. Aitutaki 8.30 am. Arr. Papeete 1 pm. Return by same route every alt. Friday, leaving Papeete 7.30 am.

The next flights leave Auckland January 19, February 2, 16.

19. Fiji-Tonga

Tasman E. Airways with Solents.
Dep. Suva January 27, February 10.

Depart Arrive
Auckland, 9.30 am Suva, 4.45 pm
(Tuesday) (Tuesday)
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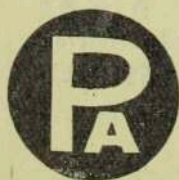


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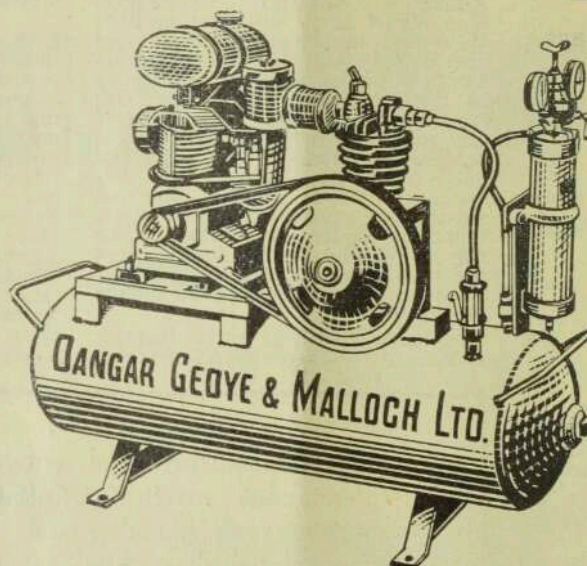
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Native Education in P-NG: Australia Talks and Boasts and Does Nothing

HISTORY has told of the earnest person who erected a steam-hammer wherewith to crack nut. You can find his counterpart in the South Pacific, in the Australian Administration which is ending at least six million pounds per annum of Australian taxpayers' money in Papua-New Guinea.

In Papua-New Guinea to-day there are platoons, companies and battalions of earnest and sincere people (administrators, medical officials, co-operative advisers, labour inspectors, missionaries, school teachers) very busy on a colossal job—and wasting much of their effort because they are misdirected, and working at the wrong end.

Here are 1½ million native people. A small minority, having been in contact with Europeans for a few decades, have improved their man status; but the great majority, including many who have grown and observed Europeans for long time, live very close to the earth, just a few degrees above the living standards of superior animals.

These native people are primitive, but not unintelligent. Here is what Margaret Mead, writing in *Sydney Daily Telegraph* on January 7, said of them:

As an anthropologist, the most important result which I will bring back on this return to New Guinea is that

we have underestimated the speed with which very simple people can grasp the important ideas of our world.

"Because their technology was so simple, because they had bones through their noses and no way of getting more than 500 people to agree on anything, we overestimated the time it would take to turn them into money-using, tax-paying, school-going, medicine-using, responsible citizens."

But Dr. Mead has lost the chief point. *How* are we going to turn them from primitive savages into responsible citizens? The crux of the problem is in the answer to the next question. Europeans have been in charge of these countries for 65 years—Australia has been responsible for them since 1914. Why, then, are the Papua-New Guinea natives, in the mass, still so ignorant and backward?

The answer is very simple. These are multiple-language countries—there is a different tongue in every valley system. Probably, nowhere in the world, in an area similar to Papua-New Guinea, is there such a Babel. Because of the absence of a common means of communication, it is impossible for even the best-intentioned Administration to deal with these people as a whole, to instruct them in the simplest forms of good citizenship.

TO-DAY, in Papua-New Guinea, there is an Administration almost painfully eager to do something noticeable in raising the

standard of native life. But to-day—after nearly 40 years of Australian control—in the realm of native affairs, the Administration can accomplish little more than vast, heavy, unco-ordinated movements, at startling cost, which accomplish very little in native advancement, simply because the Administration cannot reach the minds of the mass of natives. There is no common tongue, except the deplorable, utilitarian Pidgin—fatally easy to use, but practically valueless as a medium of worthwhile instruction in technology and self-government.

If, as Minister Hasluck says (see his address to graduates of the School of Pacific Administration) Australia's major consideration in Papua-New Guinea is the advancement of the natives and the winning of their loyalty and friendship, surely the Administration's primary job is the earliest possible establishment of a common means of communication and instruction. These natives cannot be treated as one united people until they can talk to each other. They cannot be taught the simple rules of orderly and decent citizenship until they can talk to us. At present, after 65 years of European contact, and 40 years of Australian administration, they can do neither.

It would be easy to rake over the Between-Wars records, and find out why little or nothing was done then to introduce simple English to these 1½ million primitive natives. There would be several reasons, some of them ugly. But why waste time on the errors of the

past, except to seek guidance for the future!

HOWEVER, it is reasonable to ask why so little has been done since 1945, when peace came to these Islands, to cope with the Territories' major problem—the lack of a common tongue, for communication and instruction. To-day, one may go from one end of the Territories to the other and, unless he is facile with the bastard Pidgin, he can talk only to a few groups of semi-literate natives in the coastal towns.

The official figures on native education are baffling. They say that less than 100,000 children (out of an estimated 418,000) are under some form of instruction; but from 80 to 90 per cent. of these are receiving simple tuition from the Christian Mission organisation—the total being taught in the schools of the Administration, which Australia subsidises to the extent of £6-7 millions per annum, is very small.

No one can have anything but praise for the Missions' effort; but the man taking the over-all view is a little dismayed to find that, in the matter of establishing a common tongue, each Mission goes its own way—some use a native language, some instil simple English, many have officially adopted Pidgin. Missions' education is administratively of little value.

An examination of the Territories' annual reports on native education is enough to bring tears to the eyes of the people who, like Dr. Mead, believe these natives are capable of a quick lift in human status, and who know that no advance worthy of the name can be made until the mass of natives can be reached through a common language.

We have heard that a score of native scholarship winners are to be sent each year to Australia for instruction; that impressive school buildings are going up in some of the bigger towns. Those things may have their place in the ultimate plan; but, at this stage, they indicate faulty thinking and official fumbling.

THE Territories' outstanding need, apparent for years, is a carefully-designed plan—which must be persisted in with patience and confidence—under which selected natives will be trained as teachers in sufficient numbers to allow them to go out to the village schools, and begin tuition of the children, including the inculcation of a knowledge of simple English, at a very early age. Eight years have passed since 1945, and if Australia had been really doing its job in Papua-New Guinea, there now would be in those Territories a number of large training schools, from which hundreds and maybe thousands of young native teachers would now be going out into the

villages, to commence their important task as close to the ground as possible. Instead, so far as we know, there are no such institutions, on any worthwhile scale. There is not even machinery for the planned training of teachers (presumably European) to undertake the task of training the natives to be teachers.

The Papua-New Guinea Administration learned, long ago, that it cannot seek guidance in its native education problem from other South Pacific countries, like Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti. Those are one-language countries. It is a simple task to train selected natives to take charge of the village schools, and to begin the inculcation of a European language as early as possible. But that is not necessary, anyhow. In those countries, most of the trained officials learn the native language, and can communicate directly with the natives.

It is quite different in Papua-New Guinea. It is impossible for the officials to learn the multitude of primitive tongues. It is impossible to train, entirely as one body, the native teachers who ultimately must go out to introduce simple English among the village children—the native teachers themselves must first be selected according to a system which will provide for each lingual district a trained teacher familiar with that language and, after that, he himself must be taught to teach simple English—a truly colossal task.

IT is sheer waste of time and exuberance for Australia to give all these public assurances about raising the standard of native life, and training the natives to become good citizens, while the major problem of how to communicate with the natives—and especially the young natives in a formative state—has not only not been solved, but has not been seriously tackled. Apart from the earnest, but unco-ordinated Mission work in village schools, there is no native education system worthy of the name. Native scholarships, a few technical schools, the training of a couple of scores of native teachers at Sogeri and elsewhere—these may be worthy in themselves, but they can be of real value only if they supplement a broad-based scheme of native education. Of that, there is no sign. Until there is something of the sort, there is little justification for the expenditure in Papua-New Guinea of Australian subsidies at the rate of six or seven millions per annum.

† Lieut-Colonel A. O. Baldwin, MC, a distinguished Australian Regular Army officer, has arrived in Papua-New Guinea to take command of the Pacific Islands Regiment, which has been licked into good shape in the last couple of years. His wife and two children will reside in Port Moresby.

FRANCE MAY GET NEW HEBRIDES

Effect of Secret Talks Now Going On

SECRET discussions between the highest British and French officials in the Southwest Pacific, now in progress, indicate that Britain is likely to withdraw from the Condominium, leaving the New Hebrides entirely to France.

In the latter half of last century, when Western European countries were eagerly seeking colonies, both Britain and France laid claim to the New Hebrides (80 islands, 5,700 square miles, about 45,000 natives). They ruled the group jointly by means of a naval commission from 1887 until 1906, when the present Condominium was established. It has been called "Pandemonium."

British interests there (represented mostly by Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., and the Presbyterian Mission—both Australian) have merely held on during the last 50 years. Most of the group's settlement and industry is French. Most of the normal French trade (perhaps 50 per cent. of the total trade) is with Australia.

After the war, a plan that Australia should take over the Solomon and Britain's share of the New Hebrides from Britain, was discussed in London and Paris. Britain, tired of paying out endlessly on these two unprofitable territories, was agreeable; but the Australian Government turned down the plan—they said Australia had all the Islands' expense and bother should be wanted in Papua-New Guinea.

When Sir Robert Stanley became High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, in 1952, he applied himself to a solution of the economic problem. (Solomons, New Hebrides and Gilberts are in his charge.) Evidently logic and hard facts have led him, step by step, to the present proposal. Australia does not want the New Hebrides; Britain has failed completely to do anything with them, and is weary of the expense; so let France have them. He has had several talks with the French. Just recently he sent British Treasurer Ian Mackay to Vila to "a highly secret mission."

It has been arranged that the French High Commissioner for the High Pacific, whose headquarters are in Noumea; the British and French Resident Commissioners for the New Hebrides, from Vila; and certain other high officials, shall meet Sir Robert Stanley at the latter's headquarters in Honiara (BSI) early in March. They will make certain recommendations.

Australian interests are closely affected. Half NH trade is with Australia. Australian shipping and air lines run to NH ports. Australia owns at least 100,000 acres of first-class land there—a gift from the late Sir James Burns.

HIGHER COPRA PRICE EXPECTED

ALTHOUGH no official announcement had been made at mid-January, the expectation was general throughout the British territories of the South Pacific at the British Ministry of Food contract price of copra would be increased by 10 per cent. as from January 1.

The 9-years contract provides at the price shall not rise or fall by more than 10 per cent. in any one year. As the open market price of copra during most of 1953 and especially at the latter end was more than 10 per cent. above the contract price, a general rise is confidently anticipated.

In mid-December, the market quotation in London for FM Straits was around £90 Stg., c.i.f. European port. The report said: "The demand still appears to exceed supply, and there seems to be no slackness in prices."

PRICE OF WHALE OIL

Norway's nine whaling fleets which are operating in the Antarctic this autumn have already sold most of their anticipated catch of whale oil at prices ranging from £67/10/- per ton to £71 per ton. The average price of £68/5/- Stg. this season shows a fall of £3/5/- on the average price of last season's whale oil. The Norwegian fleets' catch of whale oil—which this year will be about 160,000 tons—is now an important factor in the vegetable oil market.

MV KURIMARAU

THE 300-ton motor vessel, *Kurimarau* (from Solomon Islands and Fiji), has been berthed at Ballina Slipway and Engineering Company's wharf (NSW, North East) since October 25. It is believed that the *Kurimarau* will remain at Ballina until she is sold.

NEW IMPETUS IN P-NG OIL SEARCH

AFTER a hold-up extending over several months, operations should soon be resumed at the Australasian Petroleum Co.'s Omati No. 1 bore in Central Papua, where a drill collapsed and jammed just after the bore had reached a depth of about 2½ miles, and reported extreme pressure of gas.

New equipment from America is now arriving at Omati and the Co. reports it "expects to change the well-head early in February to enable resumption of operations for recovery of the stuck drill pipe."

A road has been built to another Omati location (No. 2) and a site for drilling another bore is being prepared.

The discovery of oil in West Australia has sharply re-awakened interest in the Papua bores. Although nothing much has happened in Papua for months—except of course an important extension of surveys by air operations—the shares of Oil Search Ltd. (one of the APC partners) have risen quickly in value; and even the shares of the once little-thought-of Papuan Apinaipi Co. have come in for flattering attention.

COFFEE IN SAMOA?

APIA, Dec. 31.

IT is suggested that coffee-growing be expanded here. Coffee of excellent quality is grown in Samoa, and there is a large and growing demand for this product in New Zealand and Australia. Our present production is barely sufficient to supply the local demand.

Miss Leone Skelly, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. C. Skelly, of Samarai, has announced her engagement to a young Brisbaneite, Mr. Collingwood Row.

INDIAN MISSION IN FIJI

A Formal Welcome

THE new Commissioner, who has been sent to Fiji by the Government of India to maintain contact with the Indian community in Fiji, Dr. N. V. Rajkumar, was formally welcomed in Suva on December 28 by the Indian Association of Fiji. He holds the degrees of MA, LLB, and PhD.

The vice-president of the Association, Mr. A. I. N. Deoki (who was chairman) and the general secretary, Mr. Shankar Pratap, and Messrs. Bakshish Singh, Bhukhan Jagjeevan and Hari Charan delivered formal speeches of welcome.

Dr. Rajkumar, addressing the gathering, described the remarkable progress made by India since she attained independence 6½ years ago; and he then made the following references to conditions in Fiji:

"This is not the occasion to harp upon the difficulties you have here and on your needs and requirements. That, primarily, is a matter for the Government of Fiji and I am confident that the authorities here have your interests at heart and will do all that is possible to redress your grievances.

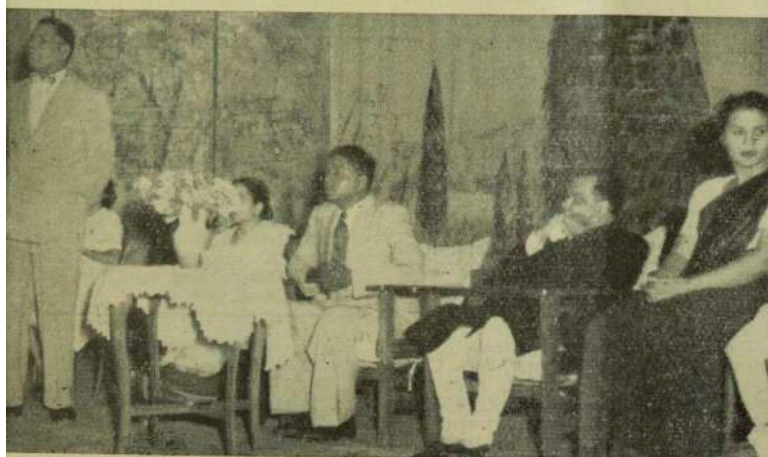
"A great majority of you are Fijian-born and are British subjects. You have no interest or interests in India except in a cultural sense or by way of trade or business. Your future is tied up with the people of local origin; and let me tell you they are a fine people. In no field of activity do your interests conflict with theirs.

"All of us are Asians and we have a common way of life. Let us therefore help each other and work with each other—not for the sake of opposing any other group, not for the purpose of encouraging racial separation, but to strive unitedly with others for the establishment of human solidarity and world peace.

"The Indian Mission is here to help you in all ways open to it as a diplomatic centre and we expect your support and co-operation in the task we have undertaken. You are always welcome in our office.

"We shall be glad to render you any service or assistance we can and we hope you will avail yourselves fully of the library and other cultural facilities that we have provided for you and hope to develop for you in future."

Photograph at welcome in Suva to New Indian Commissioner. Mr. Shankar Pratap is speaking; and beside him, from right, are: Mrs. Deoki, Dr. Rajkumar, Mr. Deoki and Mrs. Rajkumar.



Internal Air Service For New Caledonia

MR. SYLVESTRE LECONTE, described by Sydney newspapers as a rich mine-owner and planter from Noumea, was in Sydney in mid-January seeking the purchase of a 12-passenger Avro Anson, with which he proposed to establish an airways service within New Caledonia.

He said that the new service would use the various district airfields built by the Americans in New Caledonia during the war, and that he anticipated the plan would be financially successful because "most of the passengers will be natives and they have plenty of money these days."

He was seeking an Australian pilot.

("Editors' Mailbag" appears this issue on page 141)

JANUARY 23 CEREMONIES IN AUSTRALIA

MEMBERS of the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney and the Ex-Servicemen's Club and friends will meet in Martin Place, Sydney, at 8 a.m. on January 23, to place wreaths on the Cenotaph. This is an annual ceremony in remembrance of the men who lost their lives as a result of the invasion of Rabaul, New Guinea, by the Japanese on January 23, 1942.

Arrangements are in the hands of the Ex-Servicemen's Club whose headquarters are at the Hunter Club, George Street.

MELBOURNE CEREMONY

Members of the New Guinea Women's Association of Melbourne will join, on January 24, with members of the 2/22nd Battalion, AIF, in a service at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, in memory of New Guinea fallen.

The 22nd Battalion, which was the garrison battalion in Rabaul at the time of the invasion, lost heavily of its men on January 23, 1942, and subsequently.

The well-known 6,000 tons liner *Merkur* was taken over by a Japanese crew in Singapore in December. She goes to Japan to be broken up. She was built by the Germans in 1924, bought by Burns Philp in 1935 and—except for war service in 1941-45—she has been mostly on the Australia-Malaya run.

Islands Delegations To Meet Queen In Austral'n Capital

THE whole of the delegations from Papua-New Guinea, Nauru, Northern Territory and Norfolk Island, at the invitation of the Australian Government, will meet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the following functions in Canberra:

Sat., Feb. 13—Official welcome on arrival in Canberra.

Mon., Feb. 15—11.30 a.m.: Reception of Territories Delegations at Government House.

2.30 p.m.: Opening of Parliament.

Wed., February 17—11.30 a.m.: Presentation of colours at Duntroon Military College.

4 p.m.: Garden Party, Government House.

The Administrators only will attend some other functions, such as the State banquet and the State Ball; but, if accommodation permits, the whole of the Delegations will be invited to the State Ball on the evening of the 17th.

Names of delegations have been published. Two natives have been added to the P-NG delegation. A special plane will take 20 native police to Canberra on January 31.

Nauru will be represented by the secretary of Nauru Local Government Council, Head Chief Gadabu and a party of Boy Scouts.

Hurricane Close to Fiji

A HURRICANE which passed close to Fiji in mid-January then passed off down towards the New Hebrides and New Caledonia without causing more than normal storm damage to Viti Levu. The Yasawas were near the centre of the storm. Fijian and Indian fishermen have been reported missing.

Strong winds and rain, at the edge of the hurricane caused widespread flooding in Viti Levu and other parts of Fiji. Road and air transport was held up.

Rush of Indians to New Caledonia Not Expected

AS a first move in the possible employment of Fiji Indians in New Caledonia mines and plantations, a Labour delegation visited the French Territory from Suva in December. (See also December PIM and page 53, this issue).

The delegation consisted of the Commissioner of Labour, Mr. C. S. Reay, Mr. Ami Chandra, president of the Fiji Industrial Workers' Congress, and Mr. B. Raghvanand.

Delegates found cost of living to be much higher than in Fiji, thus

Royal Visit to Fiji and Tonga in Outline

Dec. 17 (Thurs.)—*Gothic* anchored at 8 a.m. in Suva Harbour. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh went ashore an hour later and entered upon a very full programme (see details in November PIM), which kept them engaged until 11.30 p.m. They slept aboard *Gothic*.

Dec. 18—After a ceremony in the Legislative Council, the Royal couple went by flyingboat to Lautoka, where they spent another full day of ceremonies and entertainment. They slept again aboard *Gothic*.

(At this stage, the original programme was altered. It had provided that, on the morning of Saturday, December 19, the *Gothic* should leave for Tonga, where the Royal couple would disembark on Sunday morning, to spend a few hours ashore with the Queen of Tonga. But, in October, when Queen Elizabeth learned that her arrival on Sunday morning would embarrass the Tongans—who wished to celebrate the Royal couple's arrival with traditional feasting and dancing, but were reluctant to engage in such merry-making on the Sabbath—she requested that the itinerary be altered. Accordingly, on Saturday morning the Queen and the Duke left the *Gothic* and went by flyingboat to Nukualofa, to which port the *Gothic* followed them.)

Dec 19 (Sat.)—The Royal couple arrived by flyingboat in Nukualofa at noon, and were greeted at the wharf by Queen Salote and the Tongan leaders. There was a colourful programme of ceremonies and entertainment in the afternoon when the Royal couple was entertained at huge native style feast on *malae*, alongside the palace; later, from a dais, they watched dances, songs, welcome ceremonies, presentations. Afterwards, Queen Elizabeth rested in the palace, while Duke swam in the lagoon. In the evening there was a dinner party and dance at the home of the British Consul (Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Windrum). Queen Elizabeth's party spent the night in the Royal Palace at Nukualofa, especially prepared for the occasion.

Dec. 20—There were some further ceremonies, but the Royal couple spent a quiet and restful day with Queen Salote. In mid-afternoon they embarked on the *Gothic* at Auckland, NZ.

offsetting the seemingly attractive rates of pay.

It is believed that a small group of labourers might accept employment in New Caledonia on a trial basis before there is likely to be any major transfer of labour.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROYAL VISIT TO FIJI AND TONGA

For five successive days, Fiji and Tonga held the front pages of Australian newspapers, with tens of thousands of words from special correspondents, press associations, feature writers and sob-sisters. The following are some of the highlights culled from this very mixed mass of reports.

HER MAJESTY'S SMILE

"In the first day of her Suva visit the Queen won the hearts of all. Those who saw or met Her Majesty for the first time to-day found all their expectations more than realised. 'She is a lovely woman,' one said. 'And she has more than beauty—she has grace and charm.' But she will be best remembered in Suva for her smile—a smile that lights up her whole face, adds a wrinkle to her eye and sets everyone smiling in return."—*Sydney Morning Herald*.

THE BAMBOO CURTAIN

"Organisers in Suva have gone out of their way to please the Queen. They have used 30,000 bamboo poles up to 30 ft long in palisades to hide the city's eyesores, which were caused by the disastrous September earthquake. They thought the Queen might be sick and tired of red, white and blueunting flags everywhere, and so have tried to keep the decorations typical of Fiji life and customs."—*Sunday Sun*.

FIJI'S DISTINGUISHED CHIEF

"In a Legislative Council ceremony, leading Fijian chief, Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, who was educated in England, formally welcomed the Queen to Fiji. The Queen paid close attention as Sir Lala—of striking appearance, with grey hair and bushy eyebrows—read his address in a cultured English accent."—*Sydney Daily Mirror*.

In the recorded version of the royal visit, broadcast in Australia a few days later, the most impressive feature, next to Her Majesty's speech, was Sir Lala Sukuna's delivery of this address. His voice was strong and resonant, his emphases just right, and his accent perfect.

HULA GIRLS IN TEARS

"Hula Girls Unhappy At Royal Tour Upset—Their dance, to be a highlight of the State Ball, was cancelled. The dancers were in tears... Maurice Scott, DFC, goodlooking arrister, who trained the girls, bought 'stiff shirts' to have the hula dance put on the programme... Mr. D. A. Butler, one of the committee, agreed that when the *Gothic* arrived and the programme was omitted, someone blue-pencilled the hula girls' dance, which was only entertainment of the evening... The hula girls' appearance

had been hotly debated for two months... Lady Garvey, who personally met the girls, said: 'I think the idea is very imaginative, and the dance is very nice.'—*Sydney Daily Telegraph*.

The girls were Polynesians—mostly Samoans. The hula is interesting and even exciting for casual tourists, but probably is not sufficiently decorous for a State ball, with Royalty present. However, most of the visitors—including some of very high rank—did see the dance, though not in the GPH ballroom.

BEARERS OF FLOWERS

"First to greet Her Majesty (at Lautoka wharf) was 9-years-old Subadhara, a pupil of Drasa Indian School, who was chosen by a system of intelligence tests and knowledge of English to present a bouquet to the Queen."—*Sydney Daily Telegraph*. . . . When the Queen stepped onto Suva wharf, 4-years-old Mei Kainona Ganilau, daughter of Major

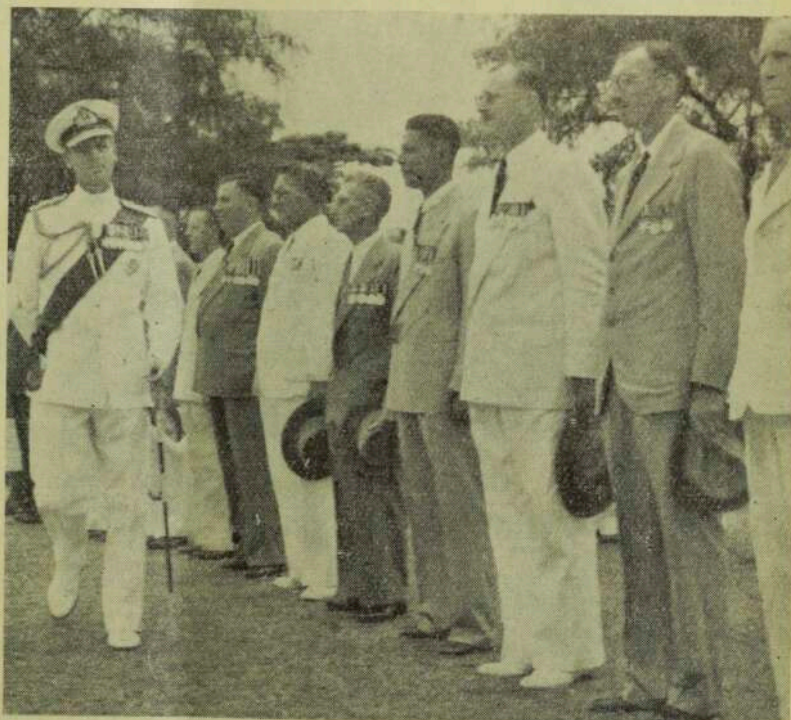
Ratu Penaia Ganilau, second-in-command of the Fiji Battalion in Malaya, was waiting. Slowly the little girl, her eyes fixed unblinkingly on the Queen, came forward carrying a bouquet almost as big as herself. She presented the flowers . . . and stepped back three slow deliberate paces, sank to the ground and clapped her small, cupped hands three times, to show the traditional form of respect. The Queen turned to the Governor and said, 'How lovely!'—*Sydney Daily Telegraph*.

"While the band played the British National Anthem, Queen Salote's tiny grand-daughter came forward to greet Queen Elizabeth. Curtseying, she presented the Queen with a shell basket, brimming with tropical flowers."—*Sydney Sunday Sun-Herald*.

HER MAJESTY'S FIRST KAVA

"The Queen and the Duke watched the preparation (of kava) intently, and the Queen frequently turned to Sir Ronald Garvey . . . obviously asking for information about the ceremony; and some of the Governor's replies made her laugh. . . . When all was ready, they poured some into a coconut bowl, and this was taken with great ceremony to the Queen. Her Majesty held out a smaller bowl and, when it was filled, she drained it—upon which another great sigh came from all over the ground. . . . The Duke

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In Nukualofa, the Duke of Edinburgh inspected Tonga's returned servicemen.

—Photo by Hettig.



The Queen in Tonga (Above) and Fiji (Right)

The photographs on this page were taken in Tonga on December 19 and 20.

Top left shows an informal group at the private picnic luncheon given to Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh by Queen Salote, at her country home out of Nukualofa, on Sunday, December 20. Princess Mata'aho, wife of Crown Prince Tugi, is fastening a Tongan lei around the neck of Queen Elizabeth; and Princess Melainaiti, wife of Prince Tuipelohake, performs a similar service for the Duke.

Top right shows the two Queens entering the Wesleyan Church, Nukualofa, for morning service on December 20.

Lower left—Some of the Tongans who

waited in the Public Park at Nukualofa, on December 19, to welcome the Royal Visitors.

Lower right — Farewell to Tonga. Princess Mata'aho makes her curtsy to Queen Elizabeth. It was noted that, although Queen Salote had been laughing and gay throughout the two days' visit, as the Royal barge pulled away from Nukualofa wharf she looked very sad, and close to tears.

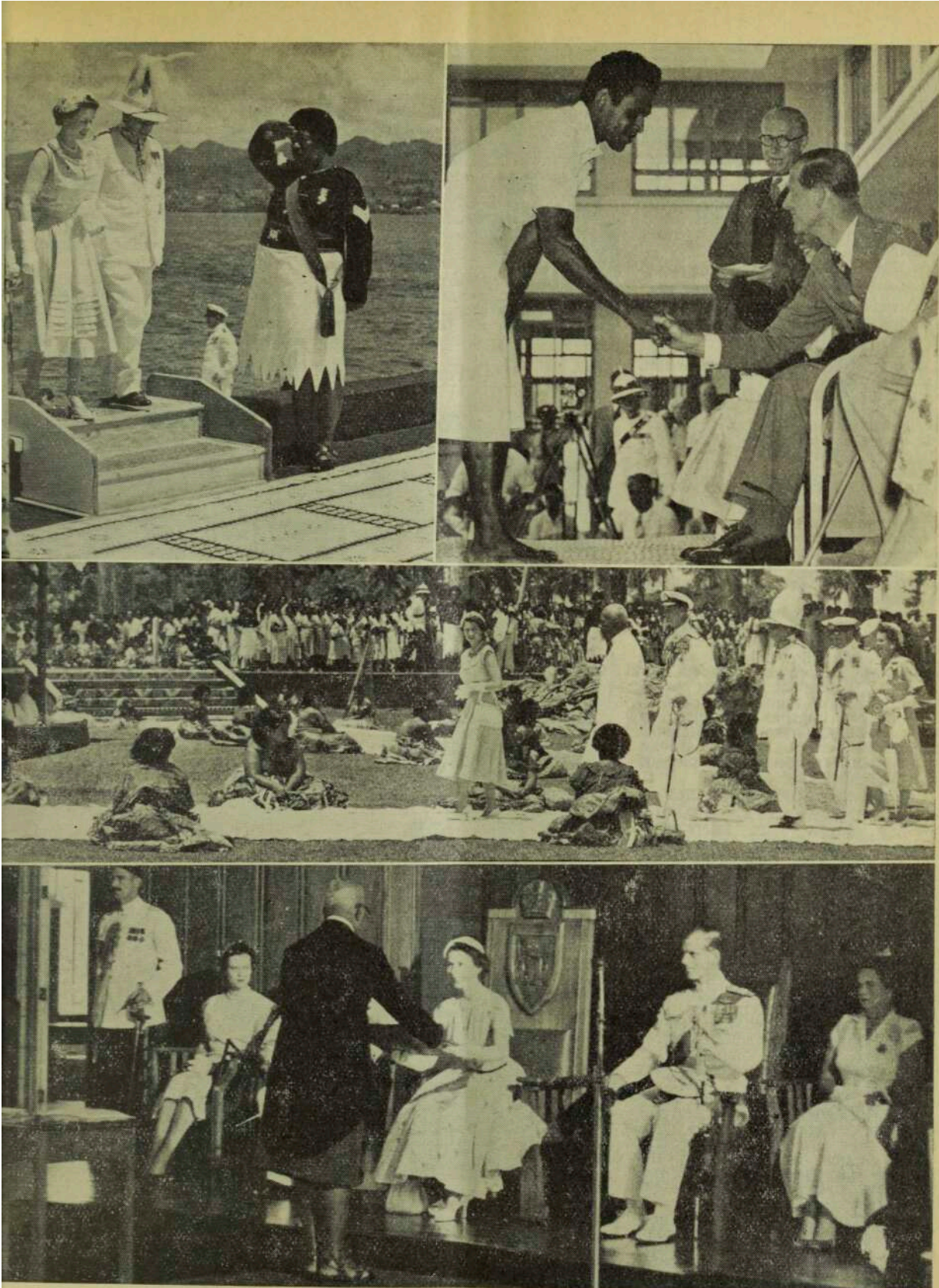
THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON PAGE 15 ARE: Top row: The Queen, accompanied by the Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, steps ashore at Suva. At right, the Duke shakes hands with one of the students at the Central Medical School,

Suva, shortly after the Queen had opened the new building, on the afternoon of December 17.

Centre—The Royal Party arriving at Albert Park, Suva, for the Fijian ceremonies. The Queen is followed by Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, the Duke, Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey.

Lower—In morning coat and sulu, Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, Secretary for Fijian Affairs, presents to Her Majesty the Colony's address of welcome. The ceremony took place in Fiji's Legislative Council Chambers on the morning of December 18.

—All these photographs by Rob Wright of Fiji Public Relations Office.



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drained the shell, amid further cries of approval."—*Sydney Morning Herald*.

The Royal visitors had been warned that, while Europeans can in time become quite fond of this famous Polynesian beverage, the first taste is somewhat shocking; but that the kava bowl, like the *tabua*, is interwoven deeply with Fijian tradition and ceremony, and must on no account be treated lightly.

WHENCE CAME THIS ANCIENT GENT?

"Greatest attraction for the Royal visitors to Tonga probably is the tortoise presented to the King of Tonga in the 1770's by Captain Cook. It ranks with Tongan nobles, and is by far the oldest inhabitant of the kingdom, as well as the only one of its kind in the Pacific."—*Melbourne News Pictorial*. Interesting query not answered: Where did Captain Cook get the famous tortoise?

THEY SAID IT WITH FLOWERS

"Tens of thousands of Fijian and Indian people, from the canelands of northern Viti Levu and the rich goldmines of the Tavua field, pouring into Lautoka to welcome the Royal visitors, brought with them flowers by the truckload and greenery by the ton. The whole of the Royal path was decorated, so that the Queen and the Duke passed under flower-laden arches, alongside suspended baskets of crimson flamboyant blooms, placed every few yards along the roads. . . Orchids of all types were used in decorations. One group of 50 choice blooms was sent by air to Lautoka as a gift from the people of Hawaii."—*Reuter*.

OVER-COLOURED REPORT

"Royal Ball Was a Dismal Failure—Tired Queen Left Early—The Costly State Ball at the Grand Pacific Hotel was a dismal flop. The tired Queen didn't enjoy herself, nor did anybody else. Her first day in Fiji had been too long and too hard—a typical example of an over-full programme. . . She didn't have one dance and took a quick look at the sumptuous supper, but didn't eat. At 11.15 p.m., well before schedule, she left the ball by slipping through a side entrance. This is always a sure sign that the Queen is not enjoying herself."—*Sydney Sun*. The *Sun* also published an editorial headed, "Strain on the Queen."

None of the reports in other newspapers, however, suggested that the ball was a "dismal flop" or that the Queen was unhappy or resentful. Their reports indicated that Her Majesty was tired, at the end of a long and strenuous day. She did not dance; but she chatted, with obvious interest, with the many prominent people of the four communities—European, Fijian, Indian and Chinese—who were presented to her at the GPH ballroom.

QUICK BROOM-WORK

"The Queen and the Duke then visited the new Anglican Cathedral in Suva. They were met by the Bishop in Polynesia, the Right Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, whom a few minutes previously the Queen had invested with the CBE.

"There was some consternation when, within a minute of the Queen's approach, it was noticed that a watertable near the pathway, where the Queen and the Duke would alight from their car, was full of leaves.

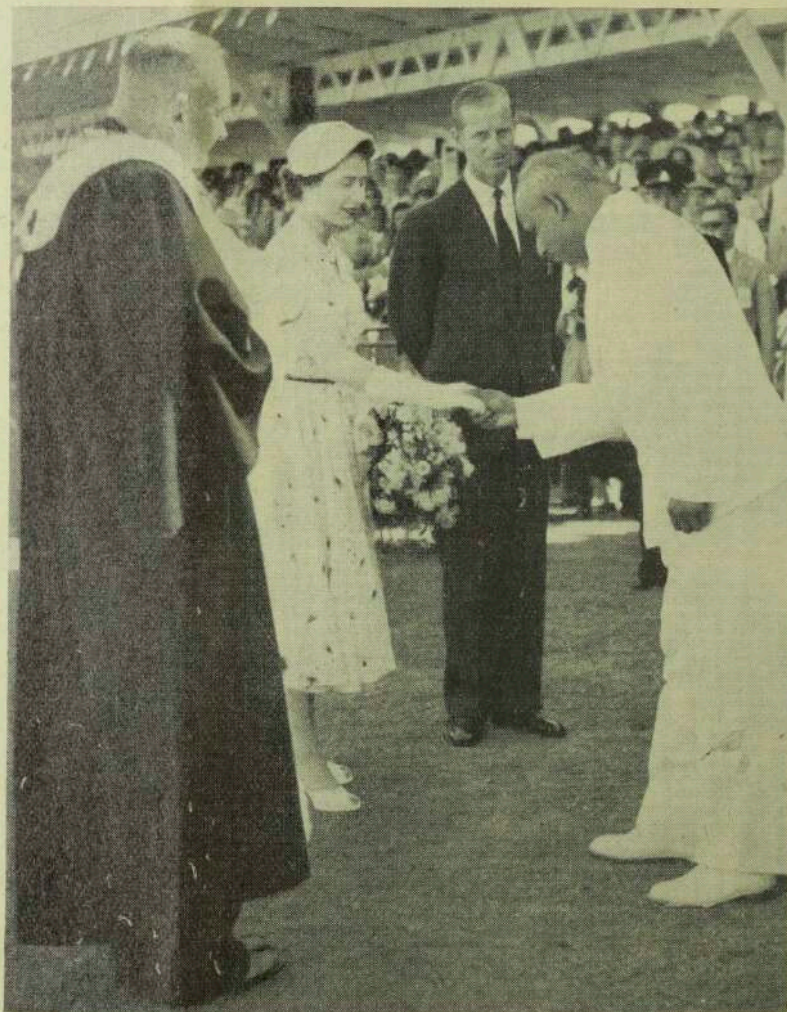
"Hurriedly, an immaculately white-clad missionary dashed into the cathedral, found a broom, and did some fast sweeping up. He returned the broom and then took his

place in the line of clergy assembled to meet the Queen. It was touch and go as a few seconds later the Queen's car stopped and she alighted."—*Sydney Morning Herald*.

THRILL FOR THE HENNINGS

"This evening (Dec. 16), while the ships lay in the lee of Naitamba Island, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, from the *Gothic*, visited the escorting NZ cruiser, *Black Prince*. Maori members of the *Black Prince's* crew gave a haka."—*Melbourne Age*. This appears to have been a bright incident in the history of Naitamba, which is the family home of veteran planter Mr. Gus Hennings.

Queen's "Lovely Day" at Lautoka



The Queen and Royal Party flew across Viti Levu to Lautoka, the sugar-cane capital of Fiji, on December 18. There, there was much more informality than there had been in Suva. The Queen said, on leaving, that she had had "a lovely day." Photograph shows Her Majesty shaking hands with Cr. A. M. Prasad, of Lautoka. The Duke and the Mayor of Lautoka, Mr. C. A. Adams, look on.

—Photo by Prasad's Studios (Lautoka).

REDS IN FIJI?

"Fiji—an Isle of Beauty with a Problem"—*Melbourne Age*. A fair review of the very familiar racial problem. This paragraph is interesting: "That there is violent anti-British, pro-Communist agitation in Fiji no one can or would deny; but there is little agreement on whether the Communists constitute any potentially serious menace to the Colony." We should have thought that there was general agreement that they do not.

ON NUKUALOFA WHARF

"An historic meeting between two Queens—petite Elizabeth II of England, and tall Salote of Tonga—took place in steamy heat at Nukualofa wharf at noon to-day (December 19). Queen Salote, 6 ft 1 in. and weighing 18 stone, ruler of the world's smallest monarchy, towered over the delicate figure of Queen Elizabeth, 5 ft 4 in., ruler of the world's largest monarchy. . . The wharf, 400 yards along, was covered on both sides with tapa, beads, skirting and woven bags—precious possessions of the Tongans, readily loaned for this important occasion."—*Sydney Daily Mirror*.

(The newspapers subsequently reported that a large portion of the precious Tongan decorations, along the wharf, were "souvenired" by the crews of the *Gothic* and *Black Prince*. The latter, presumably, did not realise the value, actual and sentimental, of the artifacts).

FROM PITCAIRN

A large basket, made specially for Princess Anne by the women of Pitcairn Island, was presented to the Queen in Suva by Mr. and Mrs. John Christian, who were special guests of the Fiji Government during the Royal visit. The Queen was interested to meet a direct descendant of Fletcher Christian, leader of the *Bounty* mutineers, 150 years ago.

SALOTE AS ROYAL HOSTESS

"The Queen of the Friendly Islands has taken charge personally of the whole programme of Queen Elizabeth's two-days' visit. Well-known to her people as a poet and long writer, she has composed a song of welcome called a *lakalaka*, for the men and women of Tonga to sing to Queen Elizabeth on Saturday. She has designed the tapa cloth decorations for the wharf, had the whole palace repainted (she has herself moved into a nearby *ungalow*), she has lined the garden beds with huge clam shells vividly painted with the British Royal arms, and local fish and flower designs, and has supervised rehearsals of the dancing. . . She has taken particular care over the Queen's personal likes and dislikes—no wired flowers, no magenta colouring, and bouquets to be presented by children, and not by adults."—*Sydney Morning Herald*.

AT NUKUALOFA PARTY

"The Royal party stayed at the dance (in Nukualofa) until about 1.30 p.m. The Queen received all

the guests, but she did not dance. She sat out as a gesture of courtesy to Queen Salote, who does not dance. The Duke danced with his hostess (Mrs. Windrum) and the Princesses Mataaho and Malenaite, who are the wives of Queen Salote's two sons."—*Sydney Daily Telegraph*.

J. ARTHUR RANK COLOUR FILM

Newsreels covering the Royal Visit to Fiji and Tonga were showing in New Zealand and Australia—and doubtless all over the world—by Christmas. The camera work could not be faulted—but there were some glaring errors. Most obvious was a splendid series of shots of singers entertaining the Queen and Duke at Nukualofa—but the music, apparently dubbed in, in the studio, was Fiji's national song, *Isa Lei*.

Tongans and Fijians might well feel disgusted with the musical error in this film.

The J. Arthur Rank colour film (made in Association with NZ National Film Unit), shown in Australia in the New Year, was excellent. It gave intimate close-ups of the Royal Party's progress through Fiji and Tonga—and made it quite obvious that the general public will see much more of the Queen and Duke through the medium of the film, than by standing in packed crowds in the street.

THOSE CANCELLED DANCES

NO word of official explanation has ever been given about the removal of Polynesian dancing from the programme of the State ball at Suva on December 17, after it had been approved.

It was originally announced that dances would be given by girls from Islands groups not included in the Royal tour. Criticism of that plan was based on the fact that during the limited time the Queen and the Duke would be at the ball they would be on the Grand Pacific Hotel balcony for 15 minutes, during which massed Fijian choirs would sing outside; and that hula-dancing in any form would not fit into the Fijian pattern, or, for that matter, into the formal pattern of a State ball.

It was also argued that, if anything of the kind were attempted, the first non-Fijian claimants should be from the Western Pacific territories, leaving out Western Samoa and the Cook Group, which are New Zealand's concern anyway.

There was a strong European feeling that the Fijians had more than earned the right to first place during the Royal visit to Fiji, and when it was rumoured that the proposed floor-show was strongly tinged with Hawaiian-American ideas, with possibly a flavour of Tahiti, opposition hardened.

A Sydney paper has alleged that official Suva rejected at least some of the proposed dances as "too erotic"—and, for once, Sydney allegations about Fiji may be right.

Night Guard for Elizabeth II Around Tongan Palace

IN order to avoid transgression of the Tongan Sabbath, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on Saturday, December 19, flew directly to Nukualofa from Suva (instead of going on by the *Gothic*, arriving Sunday morning, as originally

Queen I Kamap

THE Pidgin newspaper *Rabaul News* of December 19, announced the arrival of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in Fiji and Tonga in this fashion:

DISPELA wik Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II i kamap Fiji na Tonga.

This is how later Fiji proceedings were described:

Bihain tupela igo malolo na kaikai long Government House. Long avinun oli presentim Queen long wanpela ring pearl. Duke long sitik bilong wokabaut, Prince Charles long wanpela liklik kanu na Princess Ann long wanpela doll. Long nait Queen na man bilong em tupela i kamap long bigpela danis long Suva.

The first sentence means that: This week the Queen arrived (came up) at Fiji and Tonga. The rest says that: Later the Queen and the Duke (tupela or two-fella) rested and ate at Government House, then, in the afternoon, the Queen was presented with a pearl ring, the Duke with a "stick-walk-about," Prince Charles with a model canoe and Princess Ann with a doll. At night, the Queen and her husband (man bilong em) went to a big dance in Suva.

As others have pointed out—if they ever intend to teach the natives of New Guinea straight English, feeding them the peculiar lingo that written Pidgin has now become seems a strange way to go about it.

planned). Thus, the Royal Party had to spend one night (Saturday) in Nukualofa.

For their accommodation, Queen Salote vacated her famous old wooden palace in Nukualofa, and it was specially refurbished and decorated for the great occasion. The palace, while it housed the world's greatest monarch, was placed under an all-night guard; and this is how the Fiji Public Relations Officer described the remarkable scene:

WHEN the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had retired, Tongan men sat in groups all night round little fires, to guard them. Dry coconut leaves had been bound in long bundles to form torches, and four men sat round each fire, keeping each torch alight

at the fire. As one torch burnt out another was taken up and lit.

The scene just before dawn was one of utter peace. An enormous full moon was just setting beyond the Norfolk pines and casuarinas around the palace. The guards sat in silent vigil round the building where their Queen's guests were sleeping.

The cocks began to crow and then church bells rang briefly; and, just as the sky began to glow in the east, a chorus of crickets broke the silence.

Then, blended with these sounds, came the plaintive tones of four nose flutes, blown by Tongan men seated on the verandah below the Royal bedrooms.

As day came more fully, suddenly the fires were put out and the night guards disappeared and the ordinary palace guards in white uniforms took their place. Garden boys appeared and began to pick up leaves. There was a general air of stirring.

The second day of the Royal Visit had begun.

After breakfast, Queen Elizabeth spent some time in the palace grounds photographing the ancient tortoise, Tui Malila, which Captain Cook left in Tonga. Then the two Royal families drove to service at the enormous Methodist Church in Nukualofa.

There was little feasting or ceremonial on the Sunday.

After the church service, the Royal Party went 12 miles out to Queen Salote's country estate, at Kauvai, where a leisurely picnic luncheon was taken before they returned to Nukualofa, and embarkation on the now waiting *Gothic*. The *Gothic* sailed soon after 3 p.m., amid remarkable demonstrations of affection and farewell.

The bonds created on two notable occasions in 1953, between the Royal Houses of Windsor, of England, and Tubou, of Tonga—the largest and the smallest monarchies—will never be forgotten. The occasions were the Coronation, and the Pacific Tour of Queen Elizabeth II; and the incidents were inspired by the goodwill and sincerity of Queen Salote herself—generously recognised and responded to with equal sincerity by Elizabeth II.

(More About Royal Visit on pages 133, 137, etc.)

Two prominent Christian leaders are expected to make separate visits to Fiji next year:—Dr. Rajah Manikam, Secretary for Asia for the World Council of Churches in mid-June, en route to America after visiting Australia and New Zealand; then in July, the Rev. Dr. W. E. Sangster, prominent Methodist minister of England, will spend a week in the Colony.

ROYAL VISIT HONOURS

WHILE in Fiji, Queen Elizabeth conferred honours upon the following persons:

Knight Commander Victorian Order—The Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, KCMG.

Commander Victorian Order—Mr. J. W. Sykes, Tour Manager.

Member Victorian Order—Messrs. E. K. Laws (Police Commissioner) and H. G. R. McAlpine (Western District Commissioner); and Captain J. McGrane (pilot of the Royal aircraft).

Royal Victorian Medal—Usaia Tiko (Queen's chauffeur), Mr. D. Wright (Lautoka Public Works), Ratu Rusiata Tauriwaia (Queen's *Matanivanua*—ceremonial spokesman for the Queen).

IN TONGA

Knight Grand Cross of Royal Victorian Order—Queen Salote.

Member Victorian Order—Mr. J. E. Windrum, British Consul.

SPECIAL HONOUR FOR SIR LALA SUKUNA

Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George—Sir Lala Sukuna, KBE, leader of the Fijian community.

MEDALLIONS

Commemorative medallions for services in connection with the Royal Visit to Fiji were awarded to the following:—

Mrs. A. Koster (housekeeper, Government House); Mr. E. Raddock (gardener, Government House); Mr. N. Prasad (chauffeur, Government House).

Lieut. Commander G. R. Woods (hon. ADC); Captain W. G. Cox (hon. ADC); Flt.-Lieut. G. C. Benesman (hon. ADC). Mr. F. H. Beckett, Mr. D. A. Butler, Miss F. Charlton, Mrs. R. Collingwood, Dr. T. A. Doran, Mr. A. J. Elphick, Supt. H. Halstead, Miss N. J. Hunt, Mr. W. G. Johnson, Mr. W. G. Knapman, Mr. A. L. Lambourne, Mrs. D. M. Lonngren, Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane, Mr. H. A. Mitchell, Mr. H. M. Scott, Supt. H. S. Sell, Mr. L. G. Usher, Mr. R. Whidborne.

A replica of the Coronation Bible will be placed in the Anglican Cathedral at Dogura, Papua, in memory of a missionary and his family who perished in the Mount Lamington volcanic disaster of January, 1951. The copy (only 25 were printed) was bought by Samarai business man, Mr. R. S. Bunting, who presented it to the Secretary of the New Guinea Mission, Rev. E. L. Francis, in London, in November.

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF NAURU

IT appears that the Australian Government has no intention at present of filling the position of Administrator of the Trust Territory of Nauru, which became vacant in 1952 through the retirement of Mr. Richards.

When Mr. Richards departed, Mr. J. K. Lawrence, a Commonwealth public servant, was in Nauru engaged on some special task connected with the Territory's accounts; and, as he knew a good deal about the official organisation there, and it was desirable, in view of a pending Trusteeship Council delegation visit, that the head position be filled, Mr. Lawrence was appointed Acting Administrator.

Subsequently, Mr. Lawrence's term was extended to June 30, 1954. It is not known whether he now is Administrator or Acting Administrator—no official announcement has been made by the Minister.

Mr. Lawrence arrived in Sydney at the end of December, from Nauru. Mr. K. A. Read, Official Secretary, is acting as Administrator in his absence.

Assistant Administrator, P-NG

ALTHOUGH, in response to an advertisement, a large number of applications for the post of Assistant Administrator in Papua-New Guinea has been received by the Australian Department of Territories, an early appointment is not very likely. The present Administrator, Brigadier Cleland, is heavily over-worked, and in need of assistance; but, in the opinion of those considered most competent to judge, the calibre of the applicants for the position of Assistant Administrator is not what was expected or desired.

To Fight TB at Pago Pago

THE ladies of the Welfare Organisation of American Samoa have launched an ambitious project. They plan to raise \$25,000 to instal a new wing in the Pago Pago Hospital, due to the alarming increase in people afflicted with tuberculosis. When the Navy left Samoa in 1951 there were 54 bed patients; now they total about 100. In a drive for funds, a public dance was given (in which several Government employees personally volunteered their musical talents) and a starting sum of \$460 was raised. Mrs. B. F. Knuebuhl is President; Mrs. Mary Hunkin, Vice President; Mrs. Mary Pritchard, Treasurer; and Mrs. E. W. Johnson, Secretary.

Sugar Down £1/6/8 Stg. First Post-War Fall

FOLLOWING recent negotiations in London between the UK Ministry of Food and representatives of British Commonwealth sugar-producing countries, the price of sugar for 1954 was fixed at £41 t/g. c.i.f. London.

This is a drop of £1/6/8 from the 1953 price—the first fall since the British Commonwealth sugar agreement began operating.

The price to be paid to millers of sugar in Fiji—and the price paid for sugar-cane which varies with the price received for raw sugar—is not yet known. The price of cane will most likely fall a few shillings. In 1953 when the price rose by £3/16/8 per ton over the 1952 price, Fijian cane farmers obtained about 9/- more per ton for their cane.

FIJI STABILISATION FUND

Fiji's sugar stabilisation fund is around £1,500,000 now. The Fund was started in 1946 with the intention of providing an economic buffer to millers and growers alike should the price of sugar fall below a certain level. The price will, of course, have to fall a great deal further than at present, before the fund is called upon to fill the gap. The fund is made up of the 35/- (Fijian) Government deduction on each ton of sugar exported from Fiji. The accumulated funds are held in London where they are invested.

There has been a certain amount in Fiji for a redistribution of the fund. However sensible they are in theory, stabilisation funds are looked upon with a certain amount of suspicion by producers everywhere.

Both New Guinea and Fiji are covered by stabilisation funds for their main exports—respectively copra and sugar. But in neither country is this insurance regarded with total approval by those most concerned.

Wau-Labu Road Open Again

The Wau-Labu Road was open for traffic again on January 5, after being closed for several weeks. The road was blocked by washaways which undermined it at the Edie Creek junction. (See page 66, this issue.)

After the road was re-opened, Commonwealth Works Department officials said they would investigate the possibility of the Edie Creek weakness being permanently rectified by detouring around the section, if they cannot strengthen the section itself.

Any detour is likely to be a major operation, however, as the road in this section is a narrow ledge running around the foot of a deep gorge.

THE QUEEN'S THANKS TO FIJI

In conveying to the Governor of Fiji (Sir Ronald Garvey) and Lady Garvey the Queen's warm thanks for Fiji's welcome and hospitality, the Queen's private secretary wrote:

"IT was indeed a most absorbing two days; and it was certainly a *tour de force* on your part and on that of your Committee to compress so much variety and interest into such a short time without making the visit the least exhausting.

"I can assure you that not only the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, but every other member of the party, wish they could have stayed very much longer in Fiji."

† Judge and Mrs. R. T. Gore, of Port Moresby, Papua, left there by air on December 2 for leave in Australia. In Canberra, in February, they will join the official party of Territorians who will be gathered there to meet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of
20 Years ago.

A LOT of worthy people in the Pacific Islands—and particularly the planting fraternity—said that they were glad to see the end of 1933 which had been one of the most unhappy years in the economic history of the Islands. Although 1934 did not look any more promising, they felt that it could not be any worse. If conditions did become so, then they would have to go native and live off the country in the approved style of Hollywood fiction. These are some extracts from our issue of January, 1934:

Rabaul's famous Chinese hotel-keeper, Ah Chee, died. We said that men all over the Pacific would remember the help given them by this big-hearted man—usually at a time when they were down on their luck, and spurned by other Europeans. Twenty years later, Ah Chee and his hotel—which later became the Cosmopolitan—are remembered by New Guinea old-timers.

We reported, once again, that the copra market had crashed. In mid-January of that year it had reached an all-time low in London of £7/12/6—and further falls were expected. A Sydney merchant was confidently predicting that the next two years would be "the blackest in the industry's history." Blame was attributed mostly to over-production of whale-oil, peanut oil, and soya-bean oil—and cheap butter which was taking the place of margarine. This is one picture that has changed a lot in 20 years.

Price for copra, assessed in Rabaul for export purposes, was £4/13/1 per ton. The NG Administration graciously decided that from November 1, 1933, no export duty would be levied on copra, when the price fell below £10 per ton in London.

The export tax had already been

NG-Australia Line to Add Third Ship

FROM the end of March, the New Guinea Australia Line will have three vessels on the New Guinea service: *Sinkiang*, which was withdrawn some time ago when *Soochow* came onto the run, will by then have returned from refitting in Hong Kong. While *Soochow* and *Shansi* will continue to terminate their runs in Sydney, *Sinkiang* will terminate in Melbourne. This should be popular with Territories folk whose allegiance is with the Southern State rather than with NSW and Queensland.

Since entering the Australia-PNG trade a couple of years ago, these ships have become very popular with PNG travellers. Although they are only 3,000-tonners, the standard of service from their Chinese crews is something that passengers on ships on the Australian register have forgotten about.

gradually lowered from 25/- to 2/6 per ton.

Loud groans and moans were coming from Samoan cocoa producers also. They were being offered £12/10/- per ton for their cocoa beans by some merchants, although we carefully pointed out that Sydney quotations were still £25 to £30 per ton.

But at the other end of the scale—our Rabaul Correspondent reported that the NG Administration had recently purchased rice by tender at £8/8/9 per ton; and canned meat at 4/4½ per dozen tins.

"A new government station is being started on the Sepik River (NG) about 40 miles from the mouth. This will do away with the old Marienberg station. The new site is Angoram and was used during the German days as a depot."

A letter from the Second officer of the S.S. Montoro ("Bill" Wilding, who is now skipper of BP's Bulolo) said that two-fifths of the steamships subscriptions to the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of NSW came from passengers who had travelled on the island ships Montoro, Macdhni, Mataram, and Morinda. The donations were made up of small percentages on race game winnings, daily runs and deck sports.

The Governor of Fiji, Sir Murchison Fletcher, planned a visit to New Zealand and Australia to discuss trade with Fiji—particularly the entry of bananas into Australia.

The trial of Mr. O. F. Nelson for his part in Western Samoan Mau activities, was suspended when he became ill and the Judge was taken to hospital with blood-poisoning.

COCOA AT £400 STG. PER TON

More Revenue for the South Pacific

AS the result of persistent adverse reports about the West African cocoa crop—it is either short, or again affected by disease—the cocoa quotation in London on January 5 reached the all-time high of £400 Stg. per ton, cif. This is a rise of about £100 per ton in less than a month.

Western Samoa is the chief South Pacific country producing cocoa—and that Territory already is passing rich on the prices which have ruled in recent years. If the new price holds, cocoa could return Western Samoa about £1,500,000 per annum, compared with a third of that sum six or seven years ago.

There has been a good deal of cocoa-planting in New Guinea since the war, and the export is steadily increasing. This industry is being actively encouraged by the Administration. About 500 tons were exported from New Guinea in 1952. If the export is now 1,000 tons per annum, the net return to New Guinea, with the exchange advantage, could be close to £500,000 per annum, putting cocoa into third place, after copra and gold, among the Territories' exports.

New Hebrides has been growing cocoa (up to 2,000 tons per annum) for a long time but, in recent years, production has tended to fall because of the difficulty of getting suitable labour. If any planting interest could solve the labour problem, it could start a profitable industry in the New Hebrides, because land is available there, a good quality can be produced, and there are few if any of the harassing restrictions imposed by the Administrations of other Territories—in fact, the New Hebrides Government probably would be glad to encourage white enterprise in every possible way.

GOOD OUTLOOK IN SAMOA

Mr. D. R. A. Eden, general manager of NZ Reparation Estates, in W. Samoa, just back from the Cocoa Conference in London, says that the outlook for Samoan cocoa producers is bright. World demand is likely to exceed supply for some years. Any buccer resistance to increased prices of manufactured chocolate is less likely to affect Samoa than many other producing areas, because Samoa produces a luxury grade of cocoa.

Mr. Eden also noted on his return that now is a most opportune time for Samoa to develop a coffee industry. With future supplies of tea threatened, the demand for coffee is increasing, and disease and other factors tend to reduce Brazil's

coffee output. There is a good demand for coffee in New Zealand, and Western Samoa is the obvious Territory to supply it.

DISAPPOINTED SAMOANS

APIA, Dec. 31.

The film *Return to Paradise*, made in Western Samoa last year, is now showing to Samoan audiences in Apia. Unfortunately, many interesting scenes, taken in Samoa with Samoan actors, have been cut out; and this is certainly disappointing to the local people.

Islands Christmas Parties In Sydney

SUCCESSFUL pre-Christmas parties were held in Sydney again this year.

Members and friends of the Pacific Islands Society met at a very happy sherry party in the Feminist Club Rooms, Sydney, at the end of November.

About 100 people were welcomed by the president of the Society, Major C. A. Swinbourne, and Mrs. Swinbourne.

The New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney held two parties in the Club rooms—one for the children in mid-December and the sherry-party for adults on December 18. Both, under the capable guidance of the president of the Club, Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft, and her hard-working committee, were a tremendous success.

Over 100 attended the sherry-party—a large proportion of them residents of New Guinea who were on leave.

NEW GUINEA WOMEN OF MELBOURNE

A similar number of guests were entertained by the New Guinea Women's Association of Melbourne on December 5. This year the Christmas party again took the form of a buffet tea provided by members and organised by the secretary, Miss Valda Youlden and the treasurer, Mrs. Farnsworth.

Mrs. Alan Green, president of the Association, received the guests who included many now living permanently in Victoria and others down there from NG on leave.

The following promotions in the Papua-New Guinea Public Service were announced (subject to appeal) in the PNG *Government Gazette* of December 31: Trevor Stuart Jones from clerk to examination and training officer in the Dept. of The Public Service Commissioner. F. N. W. Rolfe, clerk to a higher position in the same category in the Public Service Commissioner's Dept. Lily Whitechurch, Education Officer Class 1B to Class 1A in the Department of Education.

Orient Liners on Pacific Service

RESUMPTION by the Orient Line of a regular Pacific service will depend on the success of three test services from Sydney to Vancouver and San Francisco this year. *Oronsay* (28,000 tons) left Sydney on the first service on January 1. She was to call at Auckland (January 4), Suva (January 7) and Honolulu (January 12). She will leave San Francisco for the return run on January 21, calling at Honolulu on January 26 and Suva on February 2.

Oronsay will also do the second test voyage, leaving Sydney on May 21.

Orion will do the third, on September 17.

The Orient Co. is expected to make an early announcement as to whether or not it will continue on the Pacific route which has, for the first time in 90 years, been without a regular trans-Pacific passenger service since the Union Steamship Co.'s old *Aorangi* was withdrawn a year ago and sent to the ship-breakers.

In spite of the perennial rumours to the contrary, Matson passenger liners have not yet made a post-war appearance in the trans-Pacific trade. The new experimental Orient service has been designed with the primary object of attracting dollar tourists to the South Pacific and Australia. The Company has gone to great lengths to study American likes and dislikes and the sort of service required.

The passenger list on the initial voyage from Sydney on January 11 was 1,200—a Pacific record. *Oronsay* is the largest liner ever to operate on the Sydney-Vancouver route.

SAMOA—PACIFIC'S MOST PROSPEROUS TERRITORY

APIA, Dec. 31.

WESTERN Samoa's Christmas trade this year constitutes an all-time record—the combined result of exporting, during 1953, 11,000 tons of copra, 3,650 tons of cocoa (at very high prices), and bigger shipments of bananas to NZ.

Prospects are very good. Cocoa prices are moving up—£335 Stg. per ton is to-day's quote—and we expect that the BMOF price for copras in 1954 will rise by 10 per cent., while the Union SS Co. now promises us a fortnightly ship for our bananas to New Zealand.

† The Rev. D. E. and Mrs. Ure of the London Missionary Society left Port Moresby on December 9 for leave in Australia.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

HERE'S wishing Peace and Contentment to all PNG residents—past and present—for the coming year of 1954.

Missionaries in New Britain refer to the "Peace of God" as "Warimari kai ra Kalou." "Warimari" also means Love. That's the peace mean.

In November I mentioned the ornate memorial at Bogadjim. I was pleased to receive further information from an Old-Timer who tells me that it was in memory of Mount von Hagen, a one-time Administrator of the Neu Guinea Compagnie, after whom Mount Hagen was named, and who was shot by a Buka boy employed on Bogadjim. Von Hagen was buried at Bogadjim and an obelisk, of the same fine marble, stands over his grave. The Buka Boy was eventually killed by some local natives with arrows when he climbed up a coconut tree to secure some *kulaus*.

Bogadjim (or Stephansort) was one time the capital of German Neu Guinea, when the N.G.C. held control. It was the third capital. Karawara Island, in the Duke of Yorks, was the first, followed by Inschhafen; after Stephansort (Friedrichwilhelmshafen (Madang)) was selected; and then came Herbertshoehe (Kokopo), which was replaced by Simpsonhafen (Rabaul); and then Lae was declared during the war in 1941. After having had seven capitals, New Guinea, now finds itself without one!

The same Old-Timer, in writing about the Blanche Bay shell money also referred to by me in Nov. (see) says that he was at Talasea for the first six months after the war with the Japs, and described a great influx of Tolais to Talasea to obtain the shells, most of which were collected from the North end of the Willaumez Peninsula. Native women performed the greater part of the work of boring and stringing the shells.

And talking of native industries, I notice that a Sydney columnist is recently rather caustic in his comments on the cost of Buka baskets: "Made by Buka natives for ten bob; fetch a fiver at Port Moresby and a tanner in Sydney." Someone—not a native—is making good thing, certainly; but then we've grown accustomed to that sort of thing these days.

Incidentally, they do not come from Buka, but from down Buin way, in Bougainville; and that same locality, some years ago, was the source of rare butterflies and the highly-prized king spears, which were most artistically covered in plaited coloured fibre. The story goes that one Missionary there built a very fine church from the proceeds of the sale of butterflies.

The only export line from Buka that I know of is the clay pipe, made from good kaolin, found in the Solos district of Buka.

I'm glad to see that Alan Roberts has reached the goal of every District Services officer and now occupies the chair of Director. Really, it's one of the most unenviable jobs in the Service, with Canberra on the one hand and the people on the other. But Roberts should make a job of it.

TNG's first Protector of Natives was Harry Cardew, who gained his experience of tropical life first as a mate on a government ship in Papua, and later as an ARM, before he was attached to the Military Occupation Forces in NG. He was DO, Kieta, when he was appointed to the Protector job.

His successor was E. W. P.

Chinnery. He started as O/C Native Labour for a Papuan mining company and, later, was a Magistrate in Papua, before becoming anthropologist and later DDS in TNG.

Another Director—Bob Melrose—started with the AN&MEF as a wireless operator in 1915 or thereabouts. Bert Jones's first experience was with the Public Health Dept., before transferring to District Services.

In my opinion it is a good idea for potential District Officers, Commissioners—or any D.S. officer in fact—to have some experience in PNG as ordinary individuals, not enjoying the Divine Right of Kiaps, and thus be able to realise some of the difficulties which planters and others have to face without the power and prestige of position, or the presence of police-boys to implement instructions.

D.S. cadets could, with advantage, spend a year on a plantation incognito. It would make them more human and understanding.

And while I am making suggestions, I would like to see tried out the system of posting a cadet to one particular station, and him to remain there for at least ten or twenty years, during which time he would acquire a thorough knowledge of local language, customs, lore and of the natives themselves. He would reach the stage of being accepted by the natives and that, to my way of thinking, is one of

The Red Sox, Again!



The Red Sox baseball team, Rabaul, NG, which won the premiership for 1953, also the BP Knockout Shield and the Major Morrison Shield. Mr. Keith Chambers, the president of the Rabaul Baseball Association is shown in centre of photo.

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the most important factors in dealing with natives anywhere.

The present drill is for an officer to be posted to a district for one term and then to another on his return from leave; and so on down the years, giving him little opportunity of closely studying the very people of whom he is in charge, either native or non-native. And this does not make for complete understanding, which is so necessary in a Black Country.

THE Long Residence Stakes: Several letters have come to hand touching on this topic, and at the moment the selection seems to go to two of 1915 vintage, who are still resident in TNG, both of whom I met recently in Sydney town looking the picture of health. They are Vic Pennefather and Tex Roberts.

Vic was D.O. with the AN&MEF and stationed at Namatanal. He successfully tendered for the Expropriated property Tokua, where he has resided for the past 27 years.

Tex was in AWA, attached to AN&MEF, and about 1920 he started taxi business and garage in Rabaul. Later, he acquired plantation interests in the Baining and down the South Coast of New Britain.

As runners-up I should say Mrs. Lawnt and daughter Marjorie (now Mrs. Blake). Mrs. Dick Moore, fallen Evans and Tom Ellis were well to the fore. They all arrived in 1920. Another arrival about this time was Gilbert (How're yer late?) Renton, who from a plumber in the Public Works at Rabaul has become one of the most fluent of TNG residents, when he

is not flying off to the Old Dart or some other part of the world.

It is certainly time that the First Gentleman in PNG should receive a more senior designation than Administrator, a title which always reminds me of intestate estates. In this regard both Papua and New Guinea have retrogressed. Sir Hubert Murray was Lieut.-Governor; and, in the German time, Dr. Hahl was Governor of German New Guinea. If my memory serves me aright, the Military Administrators during 1914-21 received the courtesy title of His Excellency; and Brigadier Wisdom, the first Civil Administrator, also received that address until Australia brought him down to His Honour.

Australians seem to have a tendency to play down any ceremonial, or "dog" as they term it, and this is by no means appreciated by natives, who dearly love it and are strict observers of caste.

German police-masters, when on patrol, used to halt near native villages after a long march, to enable the police-boys to clean up and for the PM himself to change from soiled khaki to spick and span white drill, for a ceremonial entry into the village. Mere window-dressing, but it paid a dividend and earned respect. Difference now is we window-dress for UNO, and pay little attention to personal appearance.

And while on the matter of titles: Why has "Honourable" been dropped from the P-NG M'sLC?

The sudden death of Bill McGowan, of the PWD in Moresby, means the loss to P-NG of a good man. Many landmarks in both

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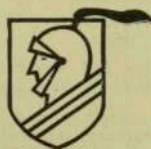
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Territories stand to perpetuate his memory. An outstanding one is the First War Memorial at Bitapaka, which he designed at the request of Administrator Tom Griffiths; it was unveiled in 1934, and still stands. One of his most artistic designs was the Automobile Club of NG badge, of which I expect very few remain now.

Missionaries somehow invariably (and I repeat invariably) manage to get the best publicity plugs out of press interviews and keep the loud pedal down on such themes as cannibalism, head-hunters, jungle and the hardships to be faced in working in God's New Guinea Vineyard.

The palm this month goes to the "Sydney Woman" who helped to establish the first school at Vunairima, out on the North Coast, from Rabaul. It was the year 1925 and "she lived amongst the Kunua tribe"; some of her pupils had been cannibals and head-hunters." Cannibalism was still practised on New Britain. There was no dictionary from which she could learn the language and she had been presented with a "Chieftain's Medal given only to people especially honoured by the native chiefs."

Shades of Dr. George Brown and the Reverends Rickard and Benjamin Danks, who had worked amongst those natives about fifty years before! They certainly would not appreciate the remarks about there being no dictionary of the Blanche Bay dialect.

Then there was an arrival in Brisbane from Papua "who had lived 32 years in the jungle". . . . Another who had a mission teacher who stopped cannibalism with Bible pictures; and another who received typewritten reports and detailed financial statements from native mission secretaries. . . . Words fail me.

I do not belittle the work done by missionaries in NG. Many have done—and are still doing—a good job; but I do think they overdo the cannibalism-headhunter angle to an exaggerated degree, possibly with an eye on the Foreign Mission money-box perched up on the Australian mantel-piece.

The death on New Year's Day, in Sydney, of Charlie Bates, takes away from PNG a fine officer and a good friend of many. He had been suffering indifferent health for some time. Transferring from the T-NG Police to District Services in the early Thirties, he did

excellent work on patrols and for several years was ADO in Rabaul. During the war he was outstanding as a Coastwatcher and finished up as a Major, with the MC. He was in charge of ANGAU when Rabaul was taken over from the Japs in 1945. Latterly, he was District

Mark Israel Joins Father's Fiji Firm



Mr. Mark Israel has resigned from the management of the Labasa branch of Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., Fiji, in order to join his father in the new Fiji firm of C. Sullivan (Pacific Islands), Ltd. Mr. Claude Israel, who retired from Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., a couple of years ago, after long service, was later associated with

Mr. Charles Sullivan, of Sydney, in establishing the latter's new Island branch.

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Commissioner at Madang. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and two sons.

Logic on Liquor: Rabaul Advisory Council rightly objects to the introduction of the changed Liquor Ordinance, which permits native drinking. During the debate, an Education Officer is reported to have let fall these words of wisdom: It was a well-known fact that natives were drinking, and the only way to stop it was through the help of other natives. If a few, well-behaved natives were allowed to drink they would assist by reporting any other natives who drank without a permit."

Well, that's one way to police the Law!

Another Administration official said, during the same debate: "We must realise that conditions are continually changing in the country."

No one will dispute that statement. The question is: Are they changing for the improvement or otherwise of the country?

Another liberty being permitted in T-NG which is of doubtful benefit is the use of shot-guns by natives (as mentioned in Dec. PIM, 39). It may have dangerous repercussions. In 50 years in Papua, it is stated, only one attempt at murder was made by a native with a permit. It is different in T-NG, where there have been several murders by natives with shot-guns within that period, not the least of them the St. Paul massacre. Shoot-boys in T-NG were always supposed to bring back the discharged shot-gun cartridges after shooting, and it was a wise precaution. . . . Yes, conditions are changing, alright.

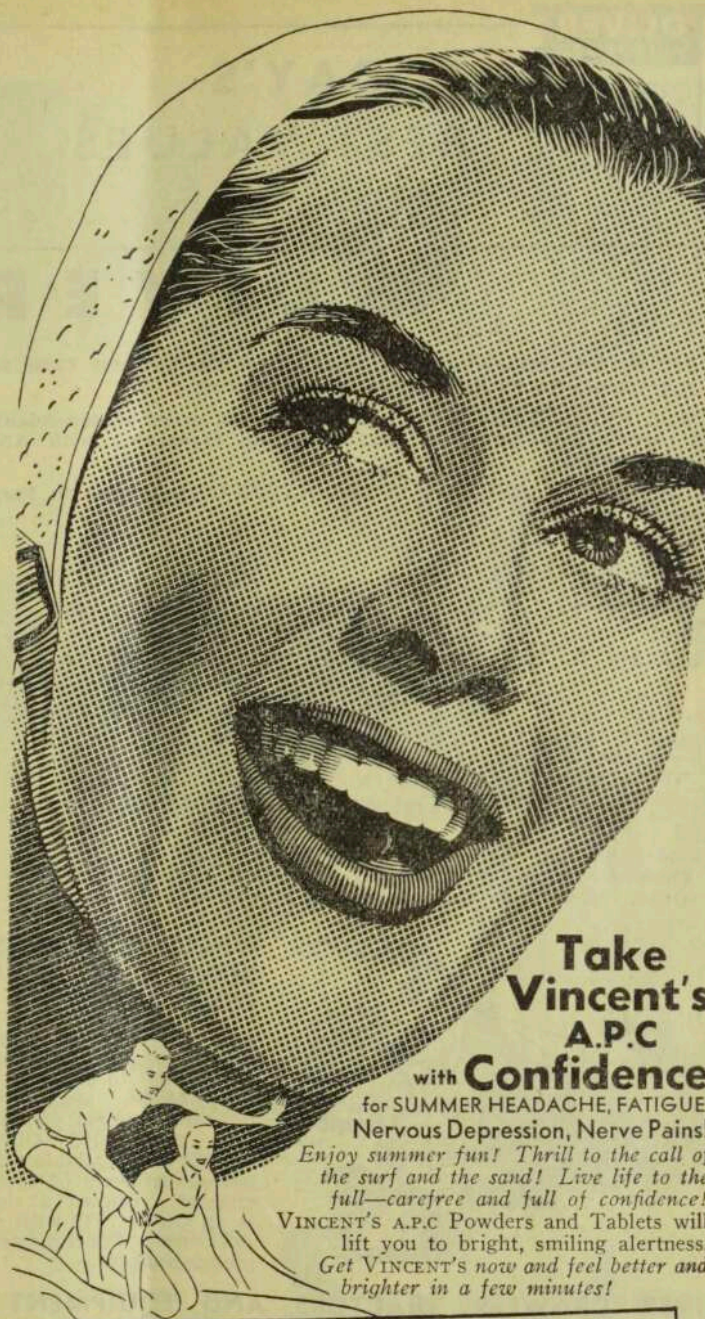
Statistician for P-NG

MR. G. B. LANCASTER, economics research officer of the West Australian Treasury, has been appointed statistical officer for the Territory of Papua, with headquarters at Port Moresby.

It is a Commonwealth Government appointment.

Mr. Lancaster, who is 42, joined the WA public service in 1929 and until his transfer to the Treasury was an officer of the Government Statistician's Office.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Wau, New Guinea, was dedicated on Sunday morning, November 1, by the Rev. Dr. Kuder. The service was attended by hundreds of natives who came from surrounding villages for the ceremony. Music for the service was provided by a Conch shell band comprised of Mission natives, and this sounded very like an organ.



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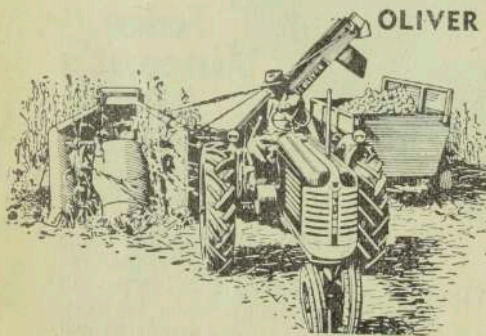
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NEW YEAR HONOURS FOR TERRITORIANS

MR. G. R. POWLES, CMG
NEW ZEALAND'S High Commissioner in Western Samoa, Mr. G. R. Powles, received a CMG (Commander of St. Michael and St. George) in the New Year Honours, in recognition of distinguished service in Western Samoa. He has been in charge there since 1949; and, within that period, there has been very remarkable constitutional and political development.

DR. JOHN GUNTHER, OBE
The Director of Medical Services in Papua-New Guinea, Dr. John Gunther, was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours. It is a well-deserved acknowledgment of long years of hard, constructive work in a large, primitive country whose slender 1940 economy was blown to pieces in 1942-45. Dr. Gunther took charge of medical services in New Guinea in 1946, and, owing to lack of skilled assistance, faced an appalling task. He partly solved it by enlisting in his services the New Australian doctors who came from Europe with diplomas which were perfectly good, but which were not recognised in Australia by the all-powerful British Medical Association. Dr. Gunther has introduced an efficient organisation, the growth of which is now limited only by lack of trained personnel and lack of hospital buildings; and he has represented Australia at many overseas conferences. In actual fact, he has earned a higher award than the OBE.

HONOUR FOR A McNICOLL

Among the New Years Honours was an award, the OBE, for Captain Ramsay McNicoll, an officer of the Australian Navy, who performed notable service at the Monte Bello atomic tests a year ago. He is a son of the late Brigadier-General Sir Ramsay McNicoll, who was Administrator of New Guinea before the war. Another distinguished son is David McNicoll, who became Editor-in-Chief of *Sydney Daily Telegraph* a few weeks ago. Lady McNicoll, who is a Scandinavian noblewoman in her own right, and a lady of outstanding personality and ability, now resides in Sydney.

Awards in Auckland by Queen

AWARDS made by the Queen at an investiture in Auckland on December 29 included a number of interest to people in the Islands: CMG—Mr. John Hector Luxford, Mayor of Auckland and former magistrate in W. Samoa.

CBE—Mr. Harvey Turner, of the well known fruit-importing firm of Turners and Growers Ltd.

OBE—Mr. George Bruce Bolt, head of TEAL's engineering section.

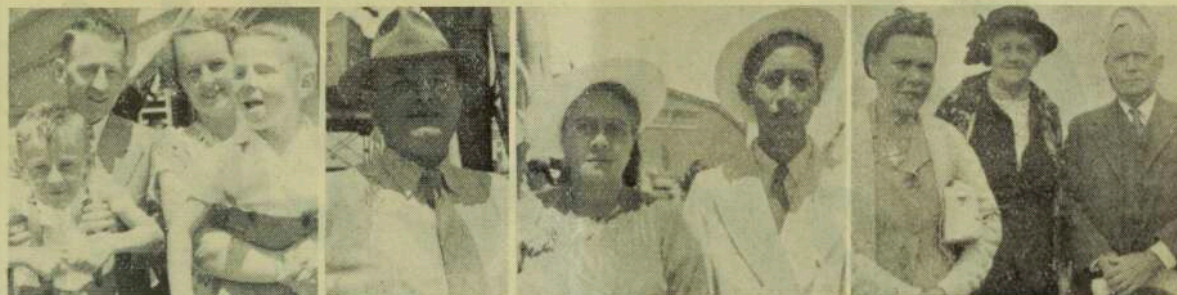
MBE—Miss Thelma Ruth Faul-

sonbridge, matron of the Wilson Home for Crippled Children (where many children from Cook Islands,

Niue and Samoa have undergone treatment).

MBE—Mr. Paul Joseph Hintz,

linesman, for services in relief operations following the Fiji Hurricane in 1952.



Arrivals in Auckland from the Cook Islands in December included: Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield and family, who returned to NZ after Mr. Wakefield completed his term at Rarotonga as Official Secretary; he now goes to Air Department, Wellington, after leave. Mr. Maurice Baker, director of Agriculture in the Cooks, on vacation. Mrs. Temutoto and Mr. M. Sue from Rarotonga. Mr. and Mrs. Foster and Miss Daisy Foster. Mr. Foster was formerly manager for Union Steam Ship Co. at Papeete, he has now retired.

FIJIAN LOST IN NZ DISASTER

DINING at the Marton railway station, en route to spend Christmas with his family, our New Zealand Representative noticed a Fijian boy also in the dining room. He was about to speak to him when the warning bell sounded, and the two trains moved off—one with Aisea So Vakalala, northbound for Auckland, the other southbound. Soon afterwards there occurred the worst railway smash in New Zealand's history, as the northern express plunged to destruction in the Tangiwa River. Vakalala, 20-years-old, popular and promising student at Palmerston North Boys' High School, went to his death with over 100 others. Aisea was the son of Sisa Vakalala, a Fijian magistrate stationed at Navuso, and his home was at Tavua, Bua. He was on his way home for the holidays.

Mr. W. Gordon, of Koronivia Agricultural Station, Fiji, and Mrs. Gordon, left Fiji for New Zealand early in January on pre-retirement leave.

Miss Daphne Jane Fullan of Auckland was married to Mr. Stefano J. Stephen Schwalger of Western Samoa at the Pacific Islanders' Congregational Church, Auckland, on November 6. A large number of Western Samoa people were afterwards entertained at reception and sivasiva, given by the bridegroom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. E. Fuimaono Tuala.

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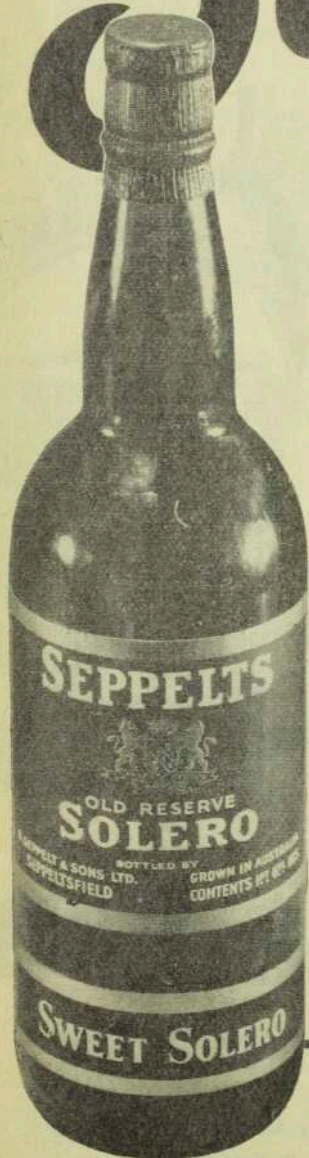
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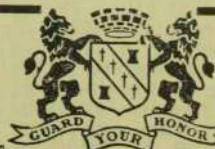
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Current News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

MODERN DEPARTMENT STORE FOR RABAU

The new Rabaul premises of Colyer Watson (NG) Ltd., one of the most modern departmental stores in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, was officially opened in Rabaul on December 10.

Mr. R. A. Colyer, governing director of the firm, flew from Sydney for the occasion. The store, which is situated in the main business section of Rabaul, is an impressive, two-storied building which has been designed especially for tropical conditions.

The opening is a milestone in the commercial post-war history of Rabaul after the long period of incision as to the future site of the town.

Features of the building are modern lighting arrangements, native trading department, the huge space for deep frozen foods, and the cool and pleasant surroundings for office staff. The building has been designed for maximum air circulation and painted throughout in shades of green, to eliminate all glare.

Gifts of propelling pencils and pens were given to all customers on opening day, and complimentary

refreshments were served at all hotels and clubs between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Dec. 10. The governing director, local manager and staff later entertained 300 of Rabaul's prominent citizens at a cocktail party at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

THE PLACE OF KENAF IN AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMY

In his speech at the opening of the new store in Rabaul, Mr. R. A. Colyer spoke of his and his business associates' interest in P-NG's new kenaf industry.

He said that some years ago he had been approached by leading wool interests in Australia and asked if a fibre could be produced in Papua-New Guinea which could, if necessary, make Australia independent of jute for wool-packs. He decided to concentrate on kenaf, and he invited his listeners to examine a piece of material woven from Papuan kenaf from the 1952-53 crop.

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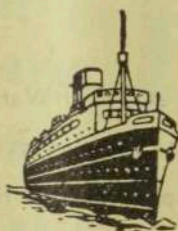
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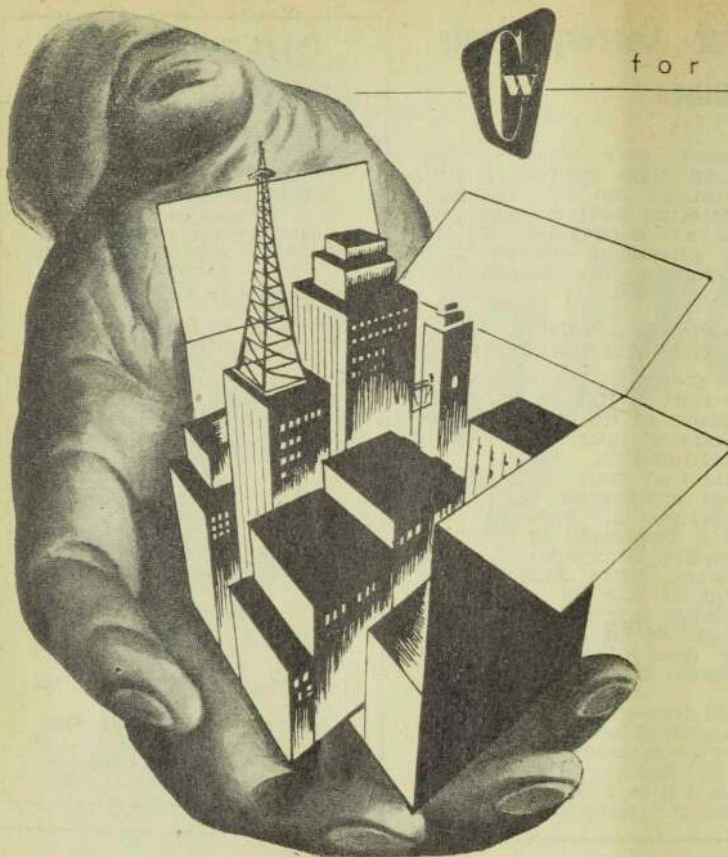
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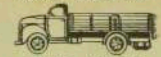
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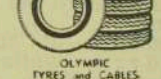
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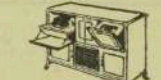
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that his job had been to prove that kenaf could be grown successfully in the Territory, and that another group which included some famous Australian commercial institutions, plus Colyer Watson (NG) Ltd., would carry on from there. "It is a national undertaking," he said, "not influenced by the thought of gain but for the specified purpose of ensuring that Australia's wool crop, in case of need, can be packaged."

Mr. Colyer said that at that moment, Mr. P. D. Forrest, a well-known West Australian agriculturist who was responsible for the successful pioneering of the flax industry in that State, was at Eriama in an honorary capacity, supervising the work currently being carried out there.

RABAUL CHILDREN WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The New Guinea Club's scholarships, which are awarded each year and are open to children in the Territory, have been won this year by two Rabaul children, Hilary Mahon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Mahon; and Marcia Searle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Searle.

Both children have been attending the European school, Rabaul.

The scholarship provides them with £50 a year for 5 years. It is

the first time the scholarships have been won by two children from the same school.

RABAUL HAS NATIVE CO-OPS

The New Britain Societies' Association has been formed and 19 new co-operative societies have been started in the Rabaul-Kokopo area.

Mr. Claude Smith is the new Assistant Registrar for the district, and Mr. Harry Thomas has been appointed Co-operative Officer.

Two new retail stores have recently been opened by the Co-ops., one at Matupit and one at Vunumbau. Two native girls have been trained to run the store at Matupit and several others for the Vunumbau store. Both stores carry a wide range of all goods, attractively arranged and with prices shown. On opening day the buildings were packed with customers. Cash sales for the first day at Vunumbau amounted to almost £1,000.

Another co-operative store is being opened at Toleap.

NEW COMMONWEALTH BANK QUARTERS

About 300 guests were entertained by the Manager and staff of the Commonwealth Bank, Rabaul, on December 12, when the new staff quarters were officially opened. Much

interest was displayed in the new building which provides modern and attractive quarters for staff.

REMAINS OF WAR-TIME PLANE DISCOVERED

There are still many unsolved, war-time mysteries in the jungles of Papua and New Guinea, but one of them looks as if it will be solved, following the discovery of the wreckage of an American aircraft in the Warangoi River area of New Britain, not far from Kokopo.

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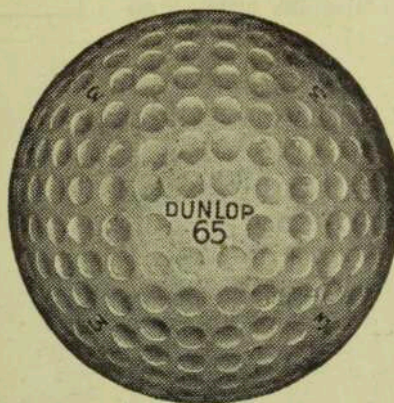
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Mr. Frank Holland, and just before Christmas, District Services, represented by Patrol Officer J. D. Martin, went in to have a look.

He reported that the aircraft was apparently a US Navy torpedo-bomber with a crew of two, and possibly three. It burnt-out after crashing.

Martin found two lots of bones at the site, but couldn't find the third, and it is assumed that if there were a third he could have parachuted out. One of the sets of bones had an identification disc, reading:

KENNETH
NONE
GUNDLACH

1st Lt. T11/43 USMCR-A.

The identification disc has been forwarded on to Australia, where, no doubt, the Americans will check it with their files.

NEW SCHOOL TEACHERS

Nine new school teachers arrived in the Territory in January.

They will teach in various centres throughout P-NG, in European, Asiatic and native schools. The centres include Lae, Madang, Rabaul, Goroka and Mount Hagen.

Before arriving at Port Moresby, the teachers underwent a 4-months' special course at the School of Pacific Administration in Mosman. Another party of teachers will arrive from Australia about June.

CUSTOMS SUMMONSES

In January, the Customs Department in Papua-New Guinea was considering issuing summonses against people who had failed to register as Aliens.

Registration is compulsory under

the Aliens Registration Ordinance which was put into effect on November 1. Aliens anywhere in the Territory had to register within 30 days, but apparently some of them haven't done so.



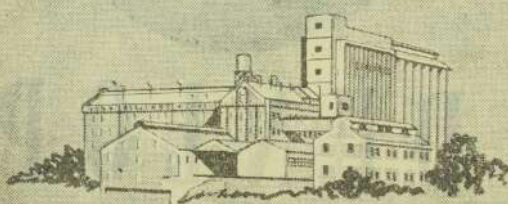
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NEW 9PA MANAGER

The Australian Broadcasting Commission has a new manager for Papua and New Guinea. He is Mr. F. S. Sibary, who for some time has been the ABC's Federal Programme Executive in Sydney.

Mr. Sibary said on arrival in Port Moresby that there were plans afoot for developing local ABC programmes, and there was also a possibility of sending more Territory material to Australia for use there.

STH. PACIFIC COMMISSION

An officer with the South Pacific Commission secretariat completed a month's tour of New Guinea in January.

He is Mr. R. S. Hancock; his job was to collect information on the Territory's economic progress to be reported in the Commission's quarterly *Bulletin*.

There are plans in hand, he said, to increase the circulation of the *Bulletin* and widen its interest among peoples of the Pacific.

During his tour of the Territory he had been impressed by the advancement of the native co-operative movement.

BULOLO PLYWOOD FACTORY

Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers big plywood factory at Bulolo will be officially opened on January 26. Defence Minister, Sir Philip McBride, and the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck, will fly from Australia for it.

They will be accompanied by Territories Department officials.

NEW BANKS

There is plenty of activity in banking circles in Papua and New Guinea these days.

One of the latest is a new branch of the Bank of New South Wales at Samarai, opening early in January, and there will be a new branch of the Australia & New Zealand Bank at Rabaul early in New Year. The ANZ's first branch at Port Moresby was opened only a few months ago.

SOUTH TO SEE THE QUEEN

Territory people, like everyone else, are anxious to see the Queen during her Australian visit. Qantas has already felt the effect of it, with heavy bookings south-bound during late January and February.

There are also heavy bookings on the Sandringham service, which calls at Cairns. The Royal party will visit Cairns on March 13.

The Territory will be represented officially at Cairns by a party of about 30 selected natives and Asians. They will be led by the Director of District Services, Mr. A. A. Roberts, accompanied by Mr. R. B. Brennan, president of the Territory Public Service Association.

The party will stay several days at Cairns, travelling by special aircraft from Port Moresby. The Mayor of Cairns has arranged for their entertainment.

MADANG'S SUCCESSFUL AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Reflecting the trend of present-day and future economy of the Territory are the Agricultural Shows that have been held in various centres in P-NG. Shows at Sogeri (Papua) and Wau (NG), have been followed by a very successful effort at Madang at the end of November.

Entries totalled over 1,400 and exhibits came also from the Morobe District, the Highlands and New Ireland. The diversity of the competitive and non-competitive exhibits illustrated how far NG has progressed from its gold-and-copra economy of the post-war period. Garden, farm and plantation produce was shown as well as handi-

crafts, cattle, poultry, pigs; there were exhibitions of pottery and sago making from local natives and full evidence that Madang District's present £800,000 income from copra will shortly be augmented by revenue from cocoa, peanuts and coffee. There was ample evidence also, that the District's natives are staking their economic future in cash returns from rice and peanuts. Samples of kapok, cotton and fibre were also shown, and Saidor Sub-district had a display of high-quality English potatoes.

It was estimated that Madang District's entire European population of 600 and 5,000 natives—some of whom walked 14 days to be there—attended the show. (Over)

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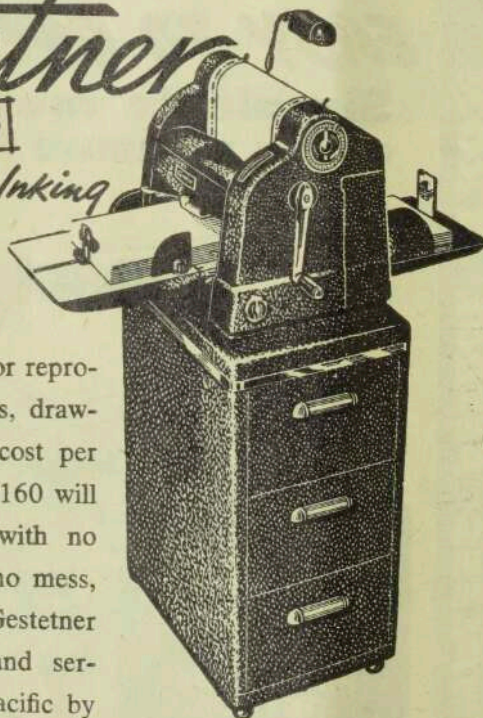
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Cash prizes of 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6 were awarded with Certificates for all classes and trophies were given to the most successful exhibitor in each section. The trophy winners were: Livestock (New Guinea Co. Trophy), Mr. W. Cahill; Farm and Plantation produce (H. Longmore Trophy), Mr. K. Burston; Vegetables and Fruit (Qantas Empire Airways Trophy), Highland Vegetable Growers; Flowers (Burns Philp Trophy), Mrs. R. Vicary; Children (Commonwealth Bank Trophies), Girl, Miss Beverley Vicary; Boy, Master Rodney Brunton; Women (Colyer Watson Trophy), Mrs. W. Cahill; Native group exhibit (Commonwealth Bank Trophy), Pau Rural Progress Society; District and sub-district group exhibit, Bogia Sub-district; Arts and Crafts (J. Brown Trophy), Mr. D. Wirtz; 100 yards Open Championship of Papua-New Guinea (New Guinea Estates Perpetual Trophy), Mr. J. Grieves; the most successful exhibitor in the Show (C. Bates Trophy), Mrs. W. Cahill.

SCRAP FROM RABAUH HARBOUR

The Australian diver, Mr. John Johnstone, who worked on the recovery of gold from the Niagara, spent a short time at Rabaul in December, investigating the possibility of salvaging wartime wrecks in Blanche Bay. It is believed that there are over 200 wrecked ships in the harbour.

Johnstone will go to Fiji to pick up a salvage ship for the Rabaul job, returning to Rabaul in January or February.

Some of the underwater salvage rights in Rabaul Harbour which were previously sold by the Commonwealth Disposals Commission have been acquired by Gilberts Australian Agency, which has its headquarters in London. Mr. Johnstone and J. L. Chipper, of Rabaul, have an interest in this company. The company will spend £50,000 on a salvage ship and equipment, and expects to get 100,000 tons of scrap.

MOUNT LAMINGTON MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The permanent bronze memorial plaque is now installed at the Mt. Lamington cemetery at the Popondetta Government Station. The bronze plaque replaces the temporary one which was unveiled by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, on November 24, 1952, in memory of those who lost their lives in the Mt. Lamington eruption on January 21, 1951.

MORE WHISKY, MORE CIGARETTES

The Commonwealth Government decision, at the end of November, to relax import restrictions into

Papua and New Guinea immediately, means a big increase in trade within the Territory.

And it means more Scotch, more cigarettes and more luxury items generally, for the Ordinary Type. It now looks as if there will be a return of the kind of pre-restriction trade in main Territory centres—that is, there will be a wide choice of footwear, glassware and crockery, continental radios, fancy foodstuffs and cheaper Swiss watches.

Best news for smokers is that the repeated Territory cigarette shortages will end just as soon as first orders can be placed for English cigarettes.

Beer supplies will not be affected, because the Port Moresby brewery has been the means, directly and indirectly, of a plentiful supply of beer in most centres—the big stores were forced to bring in large quantities of Australian interstate beer to withstand the competition. The Territory had plenty of beer for Christmas—and in that it was luckier than Sydneysiders.

The relaxing of the restrictions will also affect import of cars into the Territory. Small English cars, which are cheaper in the Territory than in Australia, have been hard to get. Now they will be unlimited. If you want one, just order it.

There will also be a flood of goods

from Hong Kong, according to the traders. There has always been a good range in the Chinese stores at Rabaul, but in Port Moresby any shipment of Hong Kong goods is rushed within minutes of being put on sale.

The restrictions were imposed in March, 1952. The decision to relax them is understood to have been because Territory trade is hardly large enough to affect Australia's economic situation; and the in-

crease in trade would help the P-NG Customs revenue.

Whatever the reason, nobody in the Territory, for once, has any complaint.

NO DC6 SERVICE YET

Qantas Empire Airways planned a regular DC6 service between Sydney-Port Moresby-Lae starting from November, but the scheme was short-lived. The DC6 was to replace the regular Wednesday Sky-

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POLICE OFFICERS ON PERJURY CHARGE

In the Supreme Court at Port Moresby on December 21, two senior police officers were committed for trial on charges of perjury.

Their cases are expected to be dealt with at the end of January.

The officers are Inspector Colin Evans, and Sub-Inspector Ernest Young. Both are members of the CIB in the Territory where Evans was acting officer-in-charge.

The unexpected charges arose from a case in which John Theodore Mumford, 38, was charged with indecent assault on a native woman. Mumford was to come up for judgment on December 21. He had said earlier, in evidence, that both officers had beaten him until he signed a confession.

The police denied this.

On December 21, the Crown Prosecutor, Sir Coleman O'Loughlan, asked the trial judge, Mr. Justice Bignold, for leave to re-open the trial.

He said he had been instructed that additional information which was favourable to the accused had been brought to the attention of the Crown Law Officer and the Acting Police Commissioner.

The court then heard evidence of two native constables, one of whom

alleged he had seen the two officers assaulting a man.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. Justice Bignold acquitted Mumford of the charge. He committed both officers for trial, allowing them bail.

Mr. Justice Bignold said that a feature of the allegations was that

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the additional evidence had been put before the court through the diligence of the Acting Police Commissioner, Superintendent C. Normoyle and the Crown Law Officer.

Evans and Young were later suspended from the Police Force pending the result of the trial.

SCOUT LEADERS VISIT TOWNSVILLE

Two native scout leaders—the first to receive Scout training in Australia—flew to Townsville from Port Moresby on Christmas Day.

They did a ten-days' course at the scouts' training camp on Magnetic Island. The scouters are Francis Hau, of Yule Island, and Peter Pako of Porebada, both of whom speak fluent English.

The idea is for the scouters to assist Territory scout commissioners in advanced training when they return.

NEW AIR-NAVIGATION AID

A new navigational aid for Papua and New Guinea will be installed early in 1954. It is DME (Distance Measuring Equipment) and will be installed at Port Moresby, and later at Lae.

The equipment arrived from Australia at the end of December.

The new aid enables a pilot to read, off a dial, the number of miles he is from a point on the ground. It will be a second navigational aid for Territory pilots.

SOME IDEAS ON P-NG LEGCO.

The committee formed at the November session of the Legislative Council, to investigate and report on the composition of the Council has been busily gathering information.

Its report is due to be placed in the hands of the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, by January 31, although what happens to it then is not clear as Brigadier Cleland goes on leave in early February and will not return until Easter.

The committee made it known throughout the Territory in December that it wanted views of individuals and organisations on the next Council's composition. It met at Rabaul on December 30 to give the Rabaul people a first-hand opportunity to put their views. Advisory Councils at most centres have already stated their opinions and they appear to follow a surprising degree of uniformity. Many would like to see one native from each territory district placed on the Council as an observer. The natives do not have a vote, the idea being to give them a chance to see how the Council is run.

Another suggestion which has been popular is that the Council should comprise 50 per cent official members and 50 per cent elected non-official members, the Administrator, as the President, to have the casting vote.

NEW C.O. for PIR

Lieutenant-Colonel A. O. Baldwin, a veteran of the New Guinea campaign, in which he won a Military Cross, became Commanding Officer of the Pacific Islands Regiment in December. He took over from Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Sabin, who is to go to London for two years with the Australian General Staff.

The official handing over ceremony was at the Taurana Barracks, Port Moresby, on December 16. The full PIR strength at Taurana—450 men at that time—was on parade as Colonel Sabin passed over the ceremonial sword to Colonel Baldwin.

Colonel Sabin has done fine work with the PIR during his two years

as CO. Its strength increased from 120 to 600—about 150 of whom are stationed at Vanimo.

NOT SO MUCH FUSS WITH PEANUTS

There will be less official delay in Sydney with shipments of Territory peanuts as a result of a new quarantine procedure which began operating on January 1.

The Commonwealth Health Department in Sydney, from that date, was given authority to pass peanuts entering the port, without having to go the roundabout way of referring shipments to Canberra.

According to P-NG growers, they

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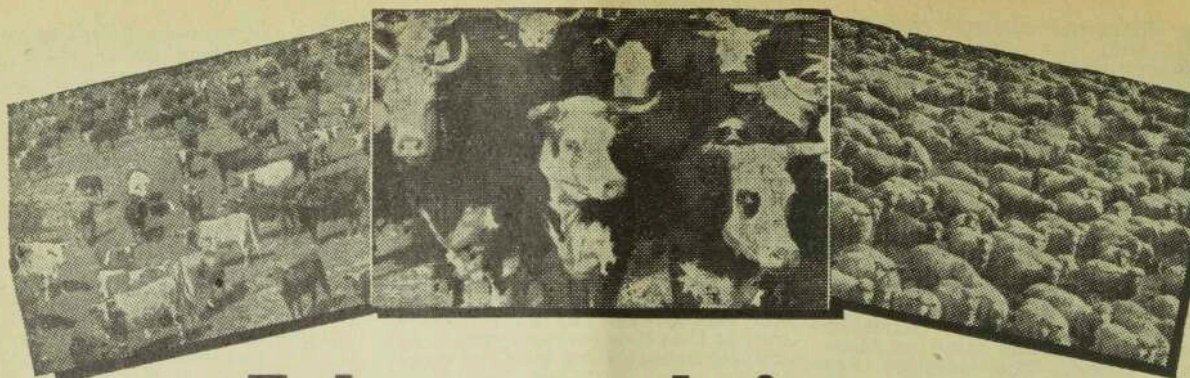
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AT LEFT: At the Ela Beach Protestant Church, Port Moresby, on December 7, Miss M. H. Davis, of Sydney, was married to well-known Territorian, Mr. Peter Bosgard. Photo by Papuan Prints.

AT RIGHT: A photo taken by Sub-Inspector F. G. Hoeter after the marriage of Miss Rosemary Grant to Mr. Ken Brown at Kwato Mission, Samarai, on December 12.

The bride, who wore a gown of magnolia lace and satin, is the eldest daughter of the Rev. R. V. Grant and Mrs. Grant, of the Methodist Overseas Mission. She was born at the mission station at Salamo, Fergusson Island. The bridegroom is a Patrol Officer.

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previously became entangled in a lengthy amount of red tape at the capital.

CHRISTMAS CHEER BY PARACHUTE

At Kerema, in the Gulf District of Papua, Christmas dinner was received by parachute this year.

About 300-lbs of Christmas cheer was dropped in a storepedo from a Qantas Catalina under charter to the Australasian Petroleum Company on Christmas Eve. The goods should have arrived on the regular Qantas Sandringham doing the Gulf run, but one of the marker buoys on the landing area was washed away, and Qantas decided not to risk putting the Sandringham down.

Australasian Petroleum Company then agreed to take over the job of delivering Kerema's Christmas dinner.

PRE-SCHOOL COMMITTEE SET UP

A committee has been set up in the Territory to advise the Administrator—Brigadier D. M. Cleland—on the welfare of pre-school children. The move follows a meeting of pre-school experts held in

Port Moresby in November prior to the appointment of a pre-school officer to the Territory.

The new committee comprises Mrs. D. M. Cleland, Dr. J. Reifshauge, Miss B. McLachlan, Mrs. J. K. McCarthy, Mr. T. J. Arthur, Mr. Orme Denny, and the pre-school officer—when she is appointed.

DR. MEAD'S SECOND GENERATION SURVEY

The noted American anthropologist, Doctor Margaret Mead, who wrote *Growing Up in New Guinea* 25 years ago, has just left the Admiralty Islands where she has been living for seven months among the natives in a small village named

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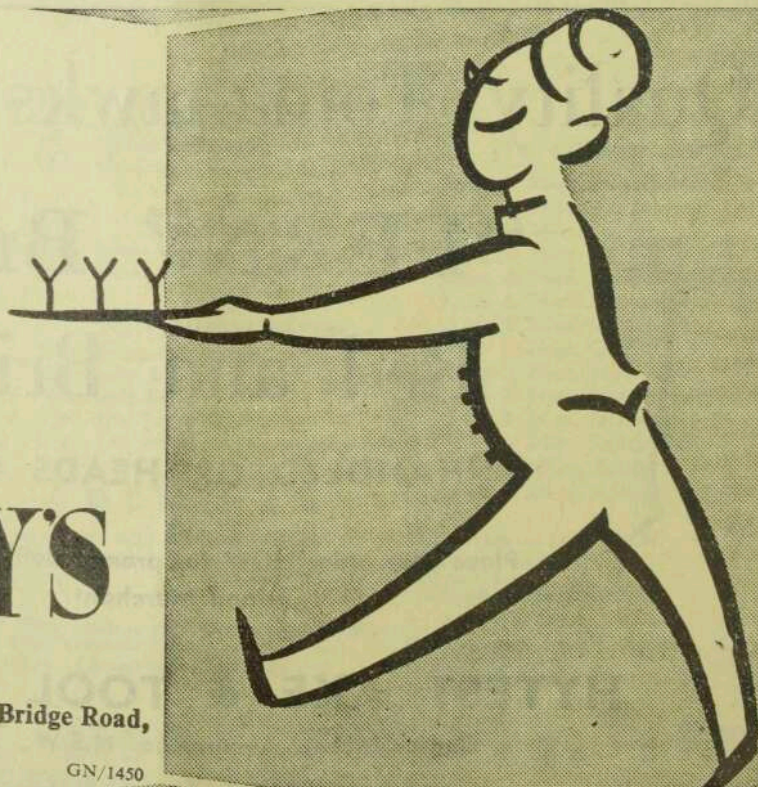
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The children she wrote about 25 years ago are now adults, but they recognised Dr. Mead immediately and gave her a warm welcome, calling her by her native name of "Piap"—"Woman of the West."

Dr. Mead said a sequel to the book would follow in about 18 months. Her recent trip was the most successful in her long experience as an anthropologist.

The population of the village had increased from 210 to 360; much progress had been made and big social changes had taken place. These included the abolition of many old *tabus*. The fact that the girls were now allowed to marry for love showed that the village now regarded the individual and his happier home life a more important factor than trade.

Twenty-five years ago the village of Peri was a primitive Venice, its streets were waterways, and its people went everywhere in canoes. To-day, the village has moved from stilts above the sea to dry land.

Dr. Mead said the war was responsible for accelerating changes which would have been slower. She said that what had happened to Peri in 25 years was an indication of the advancement among many Pacific peoples, and proved the importance of her recent studies.

While in Port Moresby, en route to Sydney, Dr. Mead addressed the Papua-New Guinea Scientific Society, and recorded a 15-minute talk in Pidgin which was later broadcast over the Native Peoples' Session from 9PA.

Growing Up in New Guinea has sold more than a million copies and has been translated into many languages.

NEW GUINEA STUDENT MEETS QUEEN IN SUVA

The distinction of being the first New Guinea native to be presented to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh goes to Kahu Sugaho, a native from Lae.

Kahu Sugaho is a second-year medical student attending the Suva Central Medical School and was selected to represent the Territory.

Frank Nohi Aisi, a graduating student from the school who returned to Port Moresby on December 21, also witnessed the celebrations at Suva. He said: "I shall never forget the sight, nor the big crowd of enthusiastic people."

URING THE WILY PROFESSIONAL TO P-NG

Under a scheme to obtain much-needed professional staff, the Papua-New Guinea Agricultural Department will commence training cadets in Australia this year.

The plan, which is already being operated by some departments in Australia, involves the Government

paying the fees and expenses of students attending Australian universities on condition that graduates go to the Territory, when they have completed their courses, and work for the Department for a specified period.

It appears that under normal circumstances New Guinea does not hold out sufficient inducements to the young men of 1954.

It will be a few years yet before the first of the graduates are ready for work in the Territory.

HARBOURMASTERS

Madang has a Harbourmaster at last; and Port Moresby has a new one.

In Port Moresby, Captain Steve

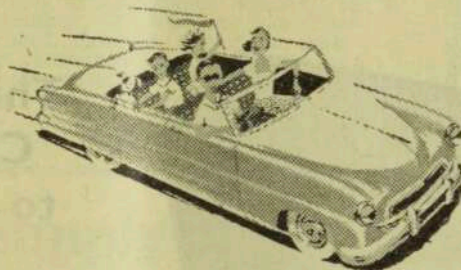
O'Donoghue, formerly Chief Officer with the Australian Shipping Board, takes over from Captain G. Hawley, the OIC Marine Branch, who has been doing the dual-job of OIC and Harbourmaster for about ten months.

At Madang, the new man is Captain Stan Aldridge, a war-time Merchant Navy officer with plenty of experience along the China coast.

Although he will be stationed at Madang, he will also be responsible for Wewak and Lae.

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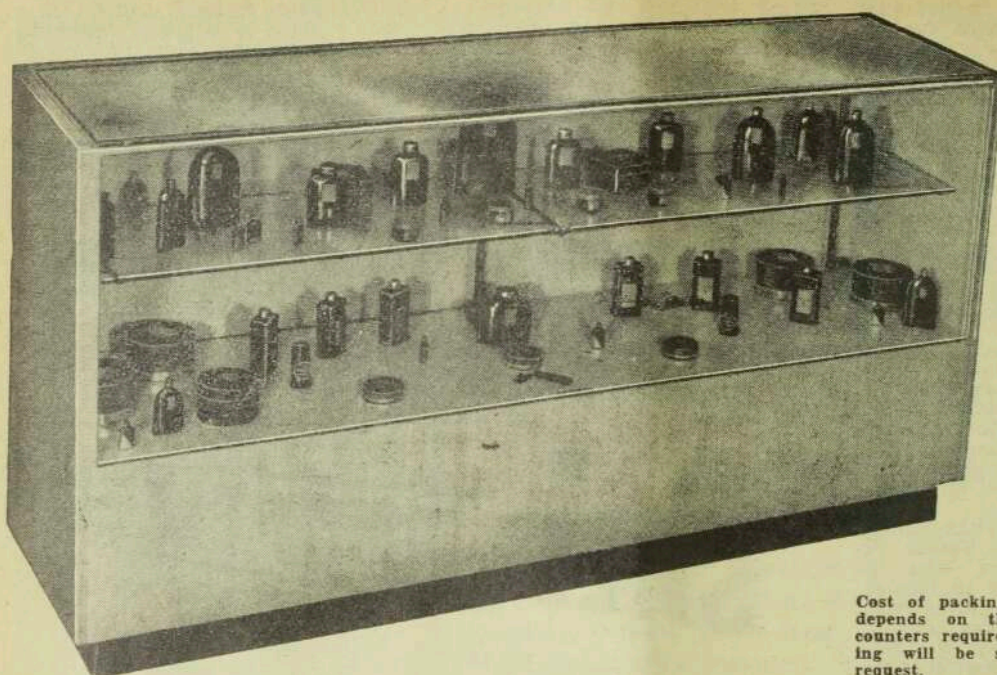
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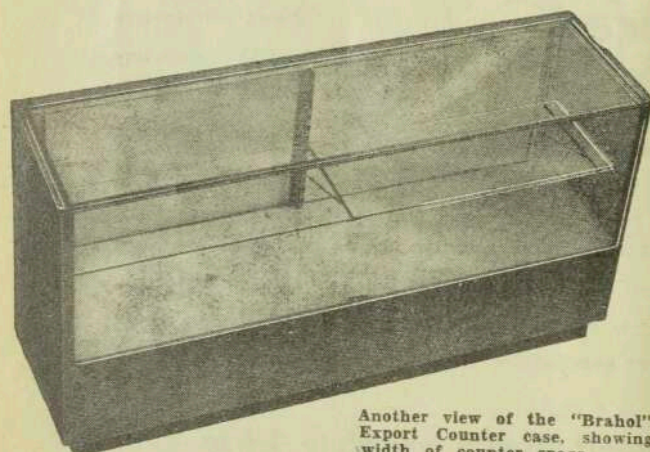


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MORE SHIPS FOR W. SAMOA

Decisions by Union SS Co.

AUCKLAND, Jan. 4.
FORTNIGHTLY calls, alternately, by *Tofua* and *Matua*, and up to ten calls per year by freighters from Sydney, were promised Western Samoa by the Union SS Co. Ltd., following discussions in Apia late in November by Mr. F. R. Wood, the Co.'s Islands Manager, and the Apia Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Wood's visit to Samoa followed complaints regarding shipping connections, and efforts on the part of the Chamber of Commerce to encourage other shipping lines to call at Apia.

Mr. Wood, announcing the fortnightly service by *Tofua* and *Matua* from NZ, noted that while Samoa and Fiji could fill the vessels with produce from NZ, at the present time cargoes from NZ certainly did not warrant a fortnightly connection.

It was essential, he said, that the islands co-operate by providing all possible cargoes from New Zealand—in other words, they should buy more of their needs from the country which provides them with a market, and a shipping service.

Complaints of a poor connection from Sydney will be met by the Co. arranging calls, as required, by

the four trans-Pacific freighters *Waikawa*, *Wairuna*, *Waihemo* and *Waitomo*, which vessels together make ten round trips per year. The fortnightly connection by *Tofua* and *Matua* will assure that cargoes from England, landed in Suva for trans-shipment, will be rapidly cleared to Apia.

The Union Co., said Mr. Wood, will continue to give Samoa the best possible service that can be arranged, having in mind that its connection with Apia is a long-standing one of 60 years—20 years through the DH & PG, and 40 years through the Company's own office there.

WILD WEATHER AT NAURU

NAURU, Dec. 23.

THE westerly gale, which comes to us almost regularly every December, this year forced seven phosphate ships to lie off the Island for varying periods—in some cases, the wait for calmer weather lasted for weeks. The vessels were *Triadic*, *Trienza*, *Vesteroy*, *Edenbank*, *Vilja*, *Fernmore*, and *Earl Bedford*, with an average tonnage of 7,000.

With abatement of weather on December 22, loading was commenced, although one of the mooring buoys has been washed ashore by the westerly. While manoeuvring, one of the ships' hands fell into the wild seas, but was eventually rescued.

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Last year, the Minister sold seven of them, and now he has sold another 11—and he expects soon to get rid of the remainder. Complete figures are not disclosed—the total return from the sale may be £300,000.

Evatt calls this "a deliberate act against the interests of Australia and the assets of Australia."

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The way in which Socialist Governments rush into this kind of enterprise is something at which sane business men never cease to marvel. It has just been disclosed that the British post-war Socialist Government, in partnership with the Queensland Socialist Government, squandered altogether some

£2,500,000 on the Peak Downs food-producing scheme which, like the infamous East African peanuts scheme, simply folded up after a period of colossal muddling and waste. The pattern never varies.

If the directors of public companies were guilty of such conduct, they probably would be gaoled, or torn apart by the shareholders. But Ministers can get away with it. The taxpayers just pay, and pay.

¶The Rev. Henry Robinson, one of the best known Methodist Ministers in Papua-New Guinea before the war, will return to Papua at the end of March. For five years he has been minister at Deniliquin, NSW. Mr. Robinson was evacuated during the war but returned as an Army Chaplain. On his return to the Territory he will take charge of the Dobu area, Papua.

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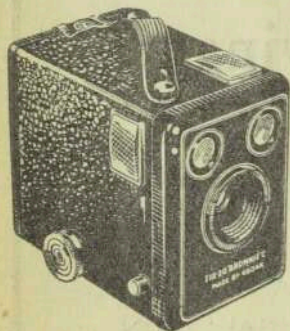
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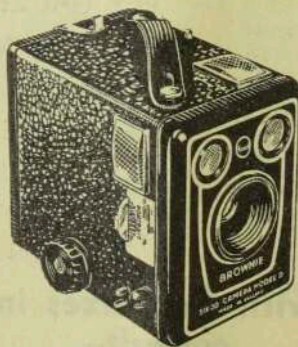
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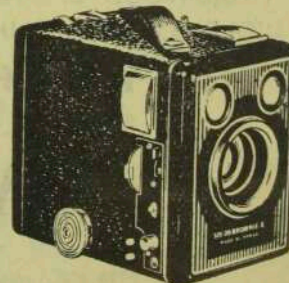
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Spontaneous Tribute To Our Lovely Young Queen

THIS is an extract from a letter that was not written for publication. It is a private letter to the Editor, from a cynical and somewhat sour gentleman who saw the Queen in Fiji. He is beyond the impressionable age—he is a grandfather—and, when we saw him last, he was inclined to jeer at "all of this official blah-blah." It is a spontaneous tribute, as well as an interesting sidelight on how young Elizabeth II, who has assumed the terrifying duties of the Western World's oldest and greatest Monarchy, impressed a casual observer:

SHE is—Queen or not—a very lovely woman by any standards; she seems so poised and groomed and cool and remote (but warmly, glowingly so) and dainty even under the conditions of this tropical climate in December. You just can't imagine her putting a foot wrong—or making the humblest of us feel ill at ease—or having one smooth hair out of place at any time, under any circumstances. . . . You will agree with me later—that she is, without being beautiful, one of the loveliest women you have ever seen or come under the spell of—something far beyond anything you expected or that has ever been said or written about her.

"Of course, as one who analyses all propaganda, I know she has been roomed and conditioned for years to make the sourest of us feel that way. But I believe that she believes that she has a mission, and that an acute sense of duty, and of the dignity of that mission, has taken her quite beyond the artificiality that would normally follow such an intense schooling. . . . Is this drivel? Of so, I am still under that woman's spell. . . ."

Coastwatchers' Memorial Now Over £3,000

THE Fund for the memorial to be erected somewhere in New Guinea by members of the Coastwatchers organization, had, at the beginning of December, reached £3,100.

Of this amount over £700 was subscribed in the Territory.

It is thought that the Memorial will be in the form of a navigation light erected somewhere on the Madang coast, northern NG mainland.

As well as from New Guinea and Australia, donations have come in from the Dominions, New Hebrides, United States, Malaya, Cyprus, Gold Coast and even the Bahamas.

The fund will not close until sometime in February.

Compulsory Arbitration for Fiji

A Bill for compulsory arbitration in disputes in essential services will be introduced at the next Fiji Legislative Council meeting.

The Bill defines essential services as water, electricity, sanitation, health, transport necessary to the forementioned services, telecommunications, meteorology, air-traffic and crash fire control, and civilian services maintained by the RNZAF at Lauthala Bay for air/sea rescue.

The Bill provides for the setting up of an Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal of three members appointed by the Governor, one to be an independent chairman and the others selected from panels of employers and workers.

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¶ When the Makatea phosphate company's schooner *Oiseau des Iles* called at Rarotonga in November the following passengers returned in the vessel to Tahiti: Mr. J. Millaud and son, Miss Maeva Palmer, Miss Yolande Hoata and Mr. Tamatoa Brander.

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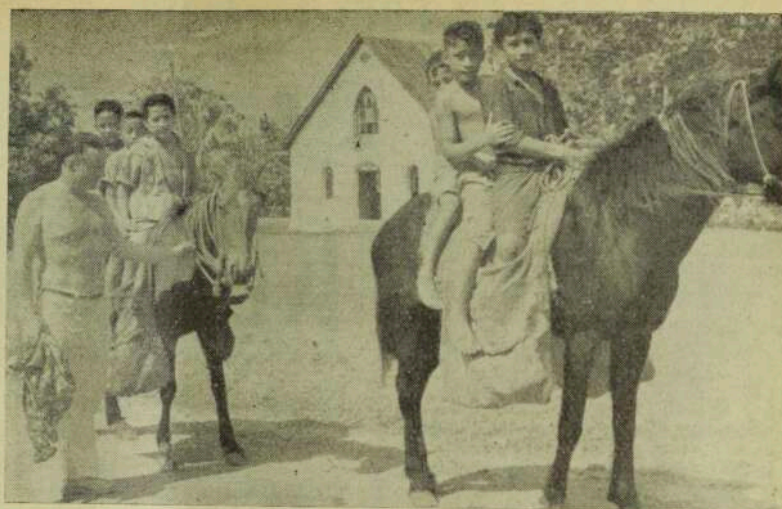
School's Out!

School is out in Apia, Western Samoa, and the youngsters are heading for the mountain garden. When school closes for the day at 1 p.m., boys like these will be seen on sturdy Samoan ponies, complete with saddle bags, heading for the family gardens to do their daily chores—bringing back taro and breadfruit to their homes in the Apia suburbs.

Embarrassing Errors

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD'S errors have been rather painful lately. It announced on New Year's Day that a KCMG (Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George) had been awarded to Mr. B. R. Powles, High Commissioner in Western Samoa. It was a rather startling promotion—KCMG would have put Mr. Powles on equal status with British Colonial Office Governors, such as Sir Ronald Garvey—but the report was accepted, and radiograms of congratulations addressed to "Sir George Powles" had been despatched, when the wretched *Herald* published an apology—some blunderer somewhere had turned the CMG awarded to Mr. Powles, and a couple of others, into KCMG. Only a few days before, the same *Herald* announced that Prince Tugie, Premier of Tonga, was the husband of Queen Salote!

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Price, of Rarotonga, Cook Is., on November 15.



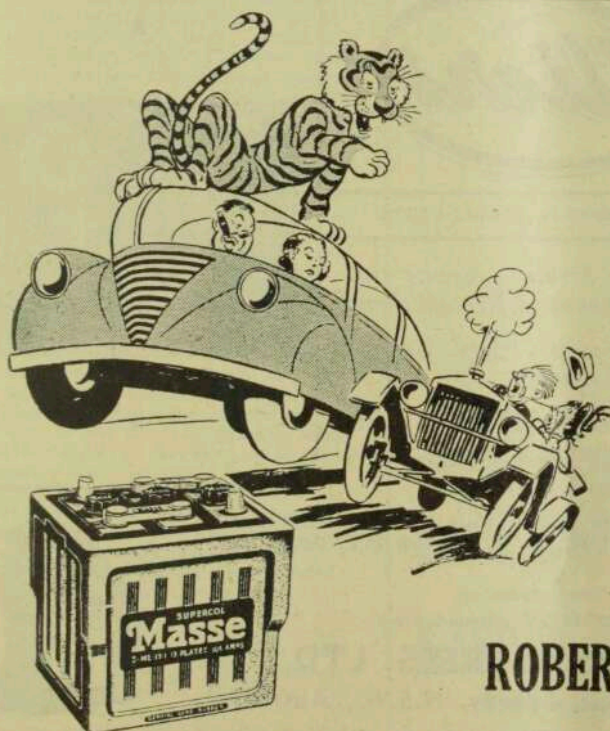
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By MAJOR R. RAVEN-HART, a Recent Visitor.

APIA, as the capital of an important group, is a quite incredible dump. The waterfront is an unbelievable procession of churches, ranging from tin-tabernacles and carpenters' Gothic to one excellent modern building. Eight of them, I think, to say nothing of many others inland.

The multiplicity of sects is commendable, and more would be welcome, including Hindu and Buddhist and Moslem, in that the more sects that exist, the less risk there is of any one of them gaining temporal power and inflicting its ideas on the community, as is the case in Tonga. Samoa is fortunate in this respect, avoiding (for example) the ridiculous missionary-imposed compulsory shirts for men, and the police-controlled strict Sunday observance of Tonga.

Dozens of churches; but not a single bookshop (in startling contrast to Suva, an unexpectedly cultural city) and not even a chemist's shop—this, according to local residents, so that the income of the Government Hospital may not be lessened.

It is useless to write of tourist traffic in Western Samoa, since that is officially discouraged by all

means, starting with the deposit of £75 demanded from every visitor (whereas Fiji and Tonga are content with a steamer or plane ticket,

to make sure that the visitor shall not become a charge on the community).

There are no hotels outside Apia; and the hotels there charge exorbitant prices. According to local residents, again, the reason is that one of them is Government-run, and official "efficiency" found it impos-

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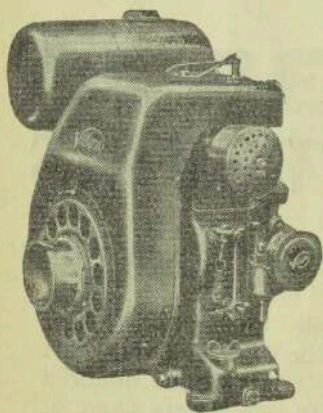
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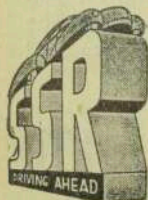
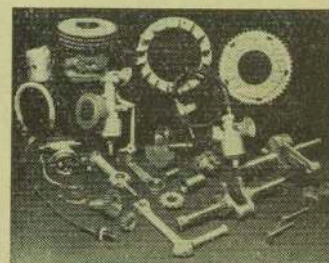
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sible to maintain reasonable rates—and requested the other hotels to fall into line with their charges.

The explanation of the hotel-keepers is that foodstuffs have to be imported, and tourists are few. But Vava'u also has to import much of its food, and certainly tourists are rare there. Nevertheless, for accommodation at Vava'u, little inferior (if at all) to that at Apia, and food definitely superior to Apia, the charge was 12/- a day, as against Apia's 28/-.

A Resident of Tonga Answers Mr. Pawson

Letter to the Editor

OVER the past few years, there have been numerous cases of disgruntled Europeans who, for one reason or another, found it desirable to give publicity to their distaste for Tonga. The latest, that of K. Pawson, published in the October, 1953, issue of PIM, is milder in tone than some of the former outbursts, but it is such a web of half truths and general ill nature that I would like to put on record my own reaction to Tonga.

He outlaws the opinions of people who have been in Tonga only 20 days and, on the other hand, those of people who have been here for 20 years. I am just completing my fifth year here; so perhaps he would grant me leave to speak.

I, like Mr. Pawson also, tried to find out about Tonga before I came here. I read the best books I could find—Mariner's "Tonga", Basil Thomson's "Divisions of a Prime Minister", and the Bishop Museum Collections of Tongan myths and Tongan poetry. From them I gained a picture of a kindly, poetic people whose pride in their own country sprang from no shallow arrogant feeling, but from a deep love of their beautiful island home and from a very real sense of the value and dignity of human life in general. Five years of living and working among the Tongans has not altered the picture.

Mr. Pawson stoops to the folly of criticising the physical features of Tonga. Tongatapu whose "dismal, monotonous" appearance he so deplors is pretty much like hundreds of other flat Pacific islands—the simple fact is that one either likes the islands or one does not. If one does not, the best thing to do is to get as far away from them as possible and stay away. In the usual petty way of the disgruntled, Mr. Pawson remarks that Vava'u harbour is not so impressive "as people who have seen little else will have you imagine". I have seen a good number of the world's ports and I was born in a city whose harbour is generally admitted to be one of the world's most beautiful — San Francisco. But I know no sight more wonderful than sunset on Vava'u harbour—and there are plenty of others who agree with me.

But my quarrel with Mr. Pawson and others like him is not so much because

of his unfortunate inability to appreciate scenery, but because of his complete unawareness of the Tongan people.

He speaks of the thieving ways of the Tongans. I have lived in both British and American countries and it has always been essential in both to keep my house securely locked. For over four years my husband and I have been the only white residents of the Vava'u village of 'Utulei. During that time, we have rarely locked our door. We have lost nothing.

He speaks of "inquisitive and cheeky" children. I believe that a child who is not inquisitive is stupid. During my first year in Tonga, I taught in a school for Tongan girls. I was constantly amazed by their politeness and quiet, gentle behaviour.

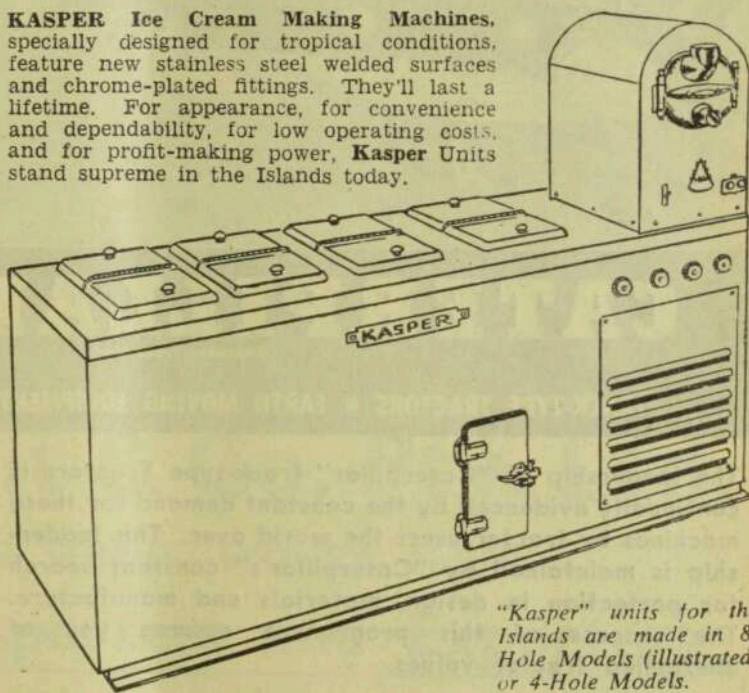
Like children everywhere, they are

capable of being naughty, but their basic manners are far above the average found in children in Anglo-Saxon countries today. It is true that, when we have strangers visit us, our fence is lined with village children peering in to have a look at them. Fortunately, most of our guests realise that THEY are novelties and that the children are doing no more than satisfy a very justifiable curiosity.

For the few who can't face children's eyes, the solution is simple: I ask the children to go away and they do so without the slightest bit of protest. Mr. Pawson singles out the children of Neiafu and those of Nuku'alofa as being particularly offensive. Both these towns are ports and both are like border-towns in being full of half castes. There are some children there whose parents neglect them and let them run uncared

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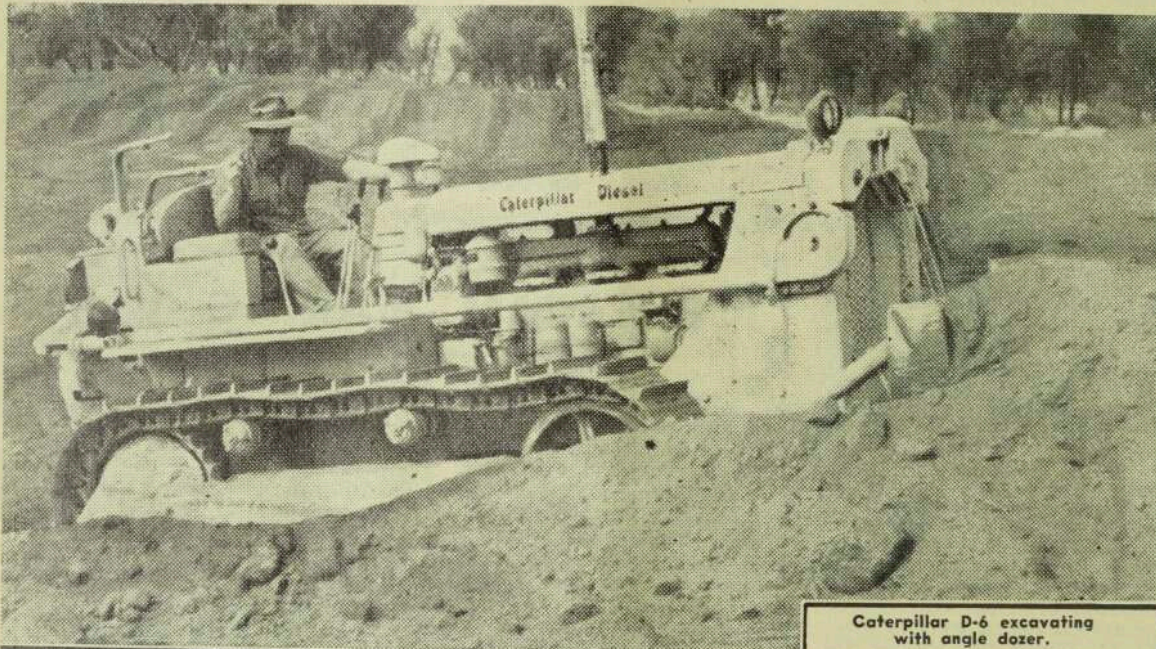
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for throughout the streets; but, has Mr. Pawson ever seen the children around Circular Quay in Sydney, the young ones of Hell's Kitchen in New York, or the street children of Manila?

Mr. Pawson says that "judged by European standards they (Tongans) often appear to be lazy." The remark exposes one of the most frequent follies of white critics of Tonga. They imagine that European standards are the only basis for judging any people; whereas if people are to be judged at all, they must be judged within the limits of their own culture.

The majority of the Tongans are well fed. For them to be so, the men have to clear tropical bush and plant and care for their gardens. When their crops are ready they must be harvested—and anyone who has ever seen a Tongan yam or taro knows that a thoroughly lazy man could never get up enough energy to dig one up, much less carry it home and prepare it for eating.

Tongan women spend whole days on the reef searching for shell-fish to add needed vitamins to their family diet. Other days they spend at the back-breaking jobs of beating out paper-mulberry bark to make tapa, or weaving pandanus leaves into mats. If a passing white-man catches them napping under a coconut, need he conclude that they are story book Islanders waiting for their dinners to drop from heaven into their mouths?

TONGA, like other parts of Polynesia, is in a state of transition to-day. The old caste system is crumbling and a new way of life is evolving.

At present the country has, as Mr. Pawson quite accurately said, a parliamentary system, yet it retains a semi-feudal set-up. No one can deny that some of the nobles who, with the crown, are the only owners of land (all other people—Europeans and commoners among the Tongans—have their land on leasehold only) abuse the power that is theirs: Some of them may remember their privileges and forget their duties.

It is likewise true that many opportunities in life are open to young nobles only. It is a great temptation for people who come from any of the modern democracies to pick flaws in Tongan government and social life. It is well to remember, however, that a trained anthropologist, Dr. Felix Keesing, of Stanford University, points out that cultural change is, and must be, a gradual thing. To force the people of one culture to adopt the way of another culture is to destroy them.

Queen Salote has often said that she hopes her people will preserve the best features of their old Tongan life and add to them the best of European life. As I see it, the place of a white man in Tonga, is to help his Tongan neighbours and friends to know the best of European ways, to give what help and technical advice he can, and then to leave to the Tongans themselves the

final choice of adopting or rejecting what they will.

Mr. Pawson finds the over-emphasis on religion in Tonga "annoying," and labels the extent of Sunday observance practised here "ridiculous."

The majority of white islanders agree with him. However, inasmuch as the religious life of Tonga is, in the main, dominated by a small group of Australian Wesleyan missionaries who keep a tight hold on the purse and the power of the church, any criticism of Tongan religion must be a criticism of the missionaries. Since it is not against white men, but only against the brown that Mr. Pawson speaks, this is not the place to enter into discussion of the missions. (OVEE)

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As to the Tongans themselves, in religion, as in other matters, they are much like other men. Some are sincere, some are not. Some of the most ardent churchgoers lead the most dissolute lives. Mr. Pawson is distressed over the fact that religion in Tonga has become competitive and mourns because "many Tongans will often reduce themselves to near-poverty to give a little more than their neighbours."

It is quite true; but is the Tongan (who "gives his money to God" as many Tongans express their church contributions) more to be blamed than the Anglo-Saxon who risks his financial security for the purely worldly joy of keeping up with the Joneses?

Mr. Pawson says condescendingly that "some of the boys" who worked for him could have held their own with the best anywhere. Grown Tongans resent being called "boys" and they resent the inference that the white man is always their superior. And why shouldn't they?

Scientists have disproved the white theory that intelligence rose as skin tone lightened. IQ's — high and low — are sprinkled pretty evenly through all the races of mankind. In Tonga, as elsewhere, there are brilliant people and there are stupid ones.

Thus far, Tongans have entered few fields of European endeavour, but it is interesting to note that in the field of medicine, which is one career open to any Tongan boy, rich or poor, noble or commoner, if he has the necessary mental

qualifications, they have shown themselves exceptionally capable. The Tongan Medical Practitioners (who attend Suva's Central Medical School) are the most highly educated group of Tongan men to-day.

My husband and I have given our daughter a Tongan name. It is our hope that she will grow into a woman as loyal, as honest, as intelligent, and as loving as the Tongan friend whose name she bears. Our friend is a fine and exceptional woman. We are grateful for

her friendship and for that of many other fine Tongan men and women.

I am, etc.,

PATRICIA MATHESON.

Vava'u, Tonga.

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Miss Leila Bade, senior woman lecturer at Nasinu Training College, Fiji, for the past six years, was farewelled in December by friends on her departure from the Colony for New Zealand.

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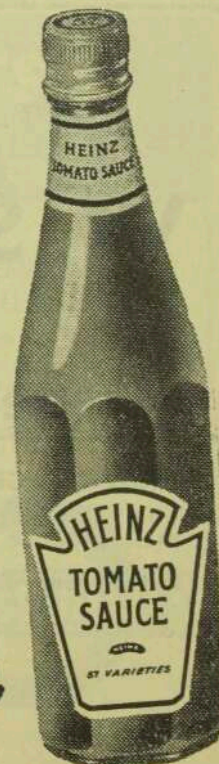
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FIJI INDIANS FOR NEW CALEDONIA

Developments Expected This Year

THERE appears to be every probability that groups of Fiji-Indians will volunteer for labour service in New Caledonia, and that the French authorities there will accept them, as a partial solution of the acute labour problem in the big French colony.

Since the Indonesian Government decided to call home the Javanese labourers, and the Tonkinese supply was shut off by the war in Indo-China, New Caledonia has been desperately short of labour—for mines, farms and domestic service.

A delegation from Fiji—including two Indians—looked the New Caledonian situation over a few weeks ago, and appeared to be favourably impressed. Indians will be encouraged to go to New Caledonia, but on a contract system which will contain a repatriation clause. The Indians will not be available as mine labourers—only as farm and domestic workers. Under certain conditions, they may take their wives. Employers will be responsible for their repatriation.

The scheme has been supported by the Governor of Fiji (Sir Ronald Farve) and the Secretary General of South Pacific Commission (Sir Brian Freeston); but from the Fiji Government's point of view, the proposed arrangement has little to recommend it. Fiji is not interested so much in solving New Caledonia's labour problem, as in finding a way out of its own trouble, which is that the Indian population in Fiji already is too big, and increasing more rapidly than the indigenous people. It would like at least some of the Indians to settle elsewhere.

However, if once the Fiji-Indians begin to move into New Caledonia, and see the opportunities there for them, they will be likely to settle in that country, despite repatriation provisions.

The Indians are of little use as mine labourers—the Emperor Goldmines Co., of Fiji, has discovered that—but they are good technicians, agricultural labourers, and house servants. Above all, they are eager traders.

Before World War II, a large part of the retail trade of New Caledonia was in the hands of Japanese; and, after Japan invaded the South Seas, all the New Caledonia Japs were shipped away. Their places really have never been filled, and present a big and important opportunity for the Fiji Indians.

There are likely to be important developments in this New Caledonia labour field in 1954.

New TEAL Agent at Aitutaki

MR. JOHN HARRINGTON of Aitutaki took over the Agency for Tasman Empire Airways at that island at the beginning of December.

Mr. Harrington, who first went to Aitutaki during the late war as an officer in the American forces, returned later to set up in business and he already has the agency for fuelling the TEAL aircraft at that point on the Coral Route service.

The passenger agency has been held successively by Mrs. McVeagh and Mrs. Jones, whose husbands have each served periods with the Public Works Department at the island.

Mr. Harrington has recently provided some transit facilities for per-

sons awaiting sea or air connections at the Islands while en route to or from Rarotonga.

¶ Mr. R. F. Wakefield, Official Secretary, Cook Islands Administration, retired from that position in November after several years in Rarotonga and has now been appointed Inspector, Air Department, Wellington.

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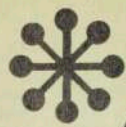
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An Old Custom at a Marquesan Wedding



Mr. Fred Johnson, writing from Atuona in the Marquesas, tells of an interesting old marriage custom that was revived there recently on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Tina Tissot, daughter of Alfred Tissot, manager for Etablissements Donald, to Edmond Teii Heita, plantation owner at nearby Taaoa.

Preparations for the marriage were begun two months before the ceremony. An eating house to seat 200 persons was erected, and when the great day arrived pigs were donated by friends and well-wishers, cakes were baked in every home. Alfred Tissot, father of the bride, spent the greater part of the final night mixing

a wine barrel full of a smooth but powerful punch, while nearby native ovens smoked and steamed as the pigs, chickens,

bananas, breadfruit, stuffed fish and taro leaves were cooked to a turn.

At the wedding ceremony an ancient practice, rarely seen to-day, was enacted, the bride stepping over her prostrate male relatives and the groom likewise stepping over his female relatives, with the flower girls, bridesmaids and bridegroom's attendants following them, as the photograph shows.

At the marriage feast, 50 people waited on table and were kept hustling all night; then, at dawn, the labourers took to the dance floor—an area of boards laid in the open air, while the exhausted guests rested. An orchestra of guitars, coconut leleis, and other instruments—and an unending supply of punch—kept the party humming all through the blazing sunshine of three days and the starlight of three nights, before a halt was finally called.

M. Tissot, representative for five years for the northern Marquesas district in the Assembly of Tahiti, and an employee of Donalds for the past 15 years, is a friend of every yachtsman that ever shows up at Atuona.

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SOME NOTES FROM TONGA

VAVAU, Dec. 1.

MAJOR R. HAVEN-HART of Ceylon, a well-known British traveller, writer, and anthropologist, has just concluded several months' study in Vava'u where he investigated cultural change in terms of music.

Selecting a group of well-known English tunes—hymn tunes, rounds, and popular music—he traced the variations which have been made in them by native Tongan musicians. As might have been expected, he discovered a definite "Polynesianisation" in all the music with some most interesting results.

Major Raven-Hart expects to publish his work as part of his thesis for a PHD degree from London University.

Noel Baylis, head of the accounting department of Burns Philp, Neiafu, is back in Vava'u after a brief leave in Australia.

Robert Leyden has recently taken over the managership of the Neiafu Club.

Mr. Alick Denny, popular manager of Burns Philp, Nuku'alofa, has been winning all the races around Tongatapu lately with the 16-ft. sailboat he brought back from his recent leave in New Zealand. He calls the boat *Jennifer* after his charming three-years-old daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Baker of Rarotonga, left by *Mauti Pomare* early December to spend furlough in New Zealand. Mr. Baker is Director of Agriculture in the Cook Islands.

Christmas messages from Samoan residents of Wellington, NZ were

recorded by the New Zealand Broadcasting Service at the recently formed Samoa Mo Samoa Club there during December, and despatched to Apia for rebroadcast from the local radio station. The club has a membership of about 70. There are about 200 Samoans living in or near Wellington.

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WAR DAMAGE IN THE SOLOMONS

Planters Get Nothing From Jap Reparations

FROM the Japanese War Reparations Fund (formed from the sale of Japanese property seized in the war) the British Government has allotted £600,000 to the Western Pacific High Commission—£500,000 to the British Solomons and £100,000 to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

The BSI Government broadcast this fact, and invited suggestions as to how the money should be spent. Most of the planters argued strongly in favour of the payment to them of some compensation for war damage. Among other things, they pointed out that, although planters in New Guinea were most generously compensated, and paid no income tax, planters next door, in the Solomons, had had to bear all the costs of their own rehabilitation, and were taxed on income, and in other ways.

The request was refused. The following is a copy of a letter written by the BSI Government Secretary to one of the applicants:

"The High Commissioner is not prepared to recommend to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the question of compensation for war damage, which has been given very full consideration in the past, should be reopened.

"Other considerations apart, it will be appreciated that the funds available from the disposal of Japanese assets are not derived from any interest held by the Western Pacific High Commission Territories themselves. They are funds due to other Territories, which those territories have foregone in favour of the Protectorate and of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony; and the conditions governing the use to which the funds should be put are that they shall be so employed as to secure the widest possible distribution of benefit to the inhabitants.

"These conditions have been based on recognition of the fact that the damage done to the Territory by the war cannot be assessed in relation solely to the value of material losses, but must take account both of moral and social, as well as economic factors.

"It would not be in accordance with these conditions to use the funds available to the Protectorate for the partial satisfaction of war damage claims which amount in total to a sum greatly in excess of the funds available. The payment of war damage claims to certain individuals would not promote the maximum benefit to the greatest number since the benefit would be confined to a comparatively narrow section of the community and would not be related to the moral and

social aspects of rehabilitation or to the general economic advancement of the Territory.

"Plans for the utilisation of these funds are now being considered and it is hoped that they will prove of benefit to all, including those who suffered damage during the war, and who continue to take an economic interest in the Protectorate.

"While, as stated, it is not possible to reopen the question of war damage compensation, I am to say that His Excellency is nevertheless prepared to examine the circumstances of any individuals who are now in severely straitened circumstances, amounting to real hard-

ship, from losses suffered as a result of the war in the Protectorate, with a view to affording them some measure of relief. Consideration is being given to the establishment of suitable machinery for the investigation of any such cases, and a statement on this subject will shortly be issued."

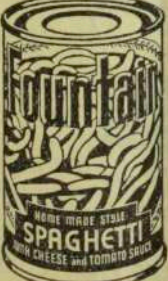
EDITORIAL NOTE: Judging from letters arriving in this office, the High Commissioner's decision has not been kindly received by the majority of BSI planters. . . Much might be said, pro and con; but the ultimate test will be found in the way in which the £500,000 is spent in the Solomons. If the New Guinea fashion is followed, and

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HOME-BREW IS ON IN APIA Only Legal Liquor is Off

EDITOR DUNLEAVY, of the Samoa Bulletin, home from a mid-November pub-crawl of the innumerable illegal "liquor joints" in Apia's environs, with a dozen sample bottles from as many different brewers under his coat, surrendered the potent cargo to the Health Department for analysis. What they found was both interesting and disturbing.

The "legal" beer, sold and controlled by the Government, has an average 5-6 per cent. alcoholic content. The illegal fa'amafu assayed as low as 7.2 per cent. in one case, but ran up to 19.6 per cent. from one of the "better" houses—and was being sold freely to anyone.

The Bulletin estimates, conservatively, that at least 125,000 bottles of illegal grog are being consumed per annum—as compared with about 100,000 bottles sold through legal channels. A boy of under 21 admitted that he drinks an average of 20 bottles per week.

Private brewers near Apia are turning out the local poison at from 20 to 100 bottles per day and selling it at 2/- per bottle. Widows and others are making a living from the industry.

This refutes utterly the claim made by certain MLA's during the recent debate on liquor control in the Western Samoan Legislative Council, and shows that drinking is widespread amongst Samoans. The Bulletin urges that, as in Eastern Samoa, the people be given free access to a properly brewed beer of low alcoholic content, thus killing the illegal trade.—JPS.

An Apia businessman, commenting on Mr. Dunleavy's discoveries, describes them as exaggerated. He said that there is no serious liquor problem apparent in Samoa, nor is there any evidence of serious crimes which may be ascribed to over-indulgence in home-brewed beer. Figures supplied in the report are wild guesses without any foundation in fact. Court records show a very low incidence of alcoholic excesses. Police authorities are taking energetic steps to keep the brewing and sale of home-brew under control.

SUVA'S CMS HAS RECORD YEAR

THE Central Medical School, Suva, Fiji, had a record number of graduates last year—28 medical and two dental finalists, from twelve Pacific Territories. This was reported by the Director-General of the South Pacific Health Service, Dr. J. M. Cruikshank, at the annual graduation ceremony held in Suva some days before the new Medical School was opened by the Queen. The Governor of Fiji, in his address to the graduates before presentation of awards, said that present enrolment included 122 medical and 23 dental students, as well as 19 others studying sanitation, five pharmacy, two X-ray, and one taking a laboratory course.

Two Gold Medals in Surgery were awarded this year. No award had been made last year. The recipients of the British Medical Association award this year were Harnam Singh Tulsi and Jona Baravilala Senilagakali, both of Fiji. Sir Alport Barker's Gold Medal in Medicine went to Harnam Singh Tulsi also. The Forensic Medicine Prize was awarded jointly to Jona Baravilala Senilagakali and Samuela Fonua of Tonga. Dr. A. S. Frater's Gold Medal for Head Student went to Harnam Singh Tulsi, and Mrs. A. S. Frater's special prize for most consistent application to studies was awarded to Lanuola Sagale of W. Samoa.

Dr. A. T. Doran, principal of the school, was able to report that there were no failures this year amongst those taking the final examinations at the end of the four-year course.

Island Trading Company—the co-operative handling US Trust Territory produce sales—reported in October that there had been a heavy decline in copra export despite the fact that the price to producers recently rose. ITC also reported, in a survey of the copra market, that the Philippines exported 68,000 tons of copra in October—highest figure reached in any month of this year to that date.

Temporary Cool-Store for Suva Fruit

UNDER an arrangement with an Auckland firm, refrigeration machinery will be installed in Suva's No. 4 wharf shed as a temporary cool-store for fruit awaiting export from Fiji. The machinery will be on loan for several years—until the new port facilities are established on the site north of Walu Bay creek.

The cool store will allow earlier harvesting of bananas prior to actual shipment.

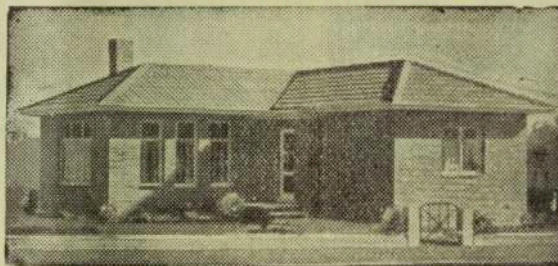
KANDAVA AGAIN SHIPS BANANAS

Late in November, 700 cases of

bananas were shipped from Kandava Island, Fiji, as the first to be exported for some years. They were loaded in Suva by the *Matua*. Encouragement is being given by the Fiji Government and shippers to the re-establishment of banana plantings on islands other than Viti Levu, so that the ever-present danger of hurricane will not completely wipe out a centralised crop.

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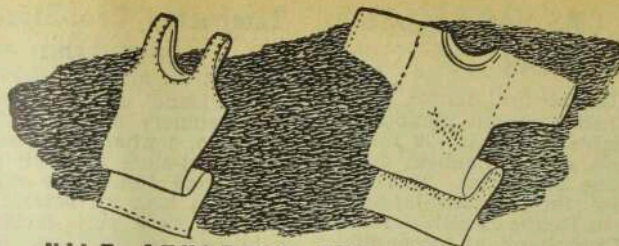
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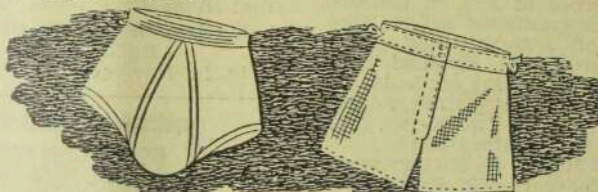
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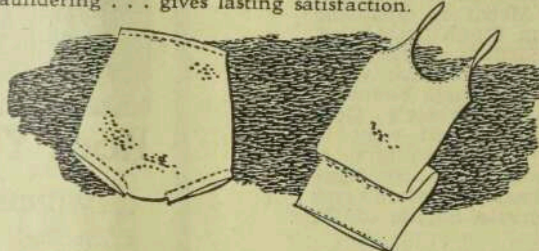
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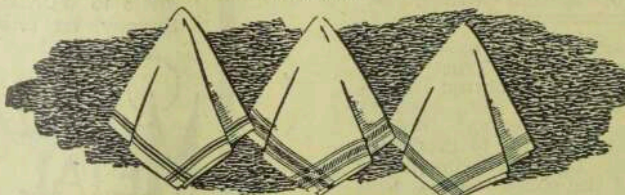
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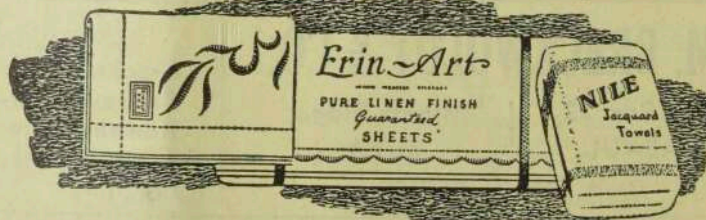
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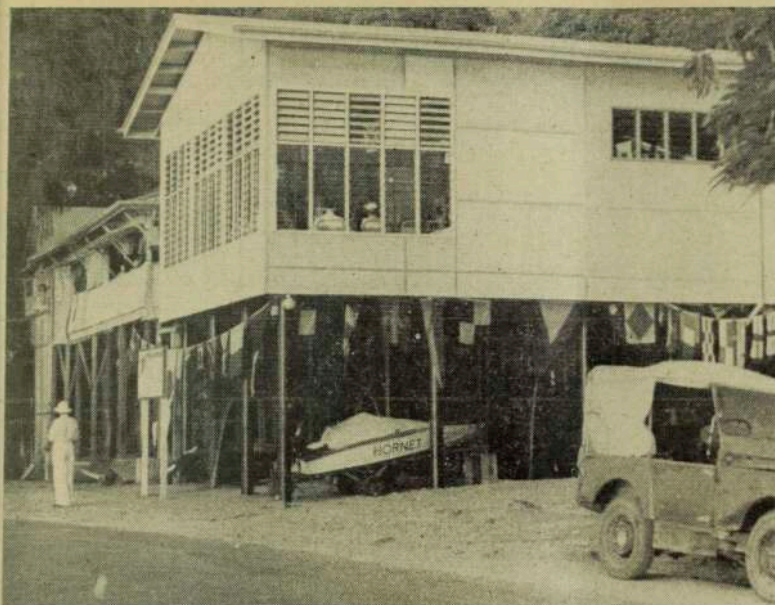


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—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Believed to be an all-time tonnage record, Suva, on December 5, had seven overseas ships totalling 55,741 gross tons in port at the one time. The vessels were *Orcades*, *Wave Laird*, *Coral Stone*, *Lossiebank*, *Union Power*, *Stanley Angwin* and *Le Phoque*, and, in addition, other small ships on the local register.

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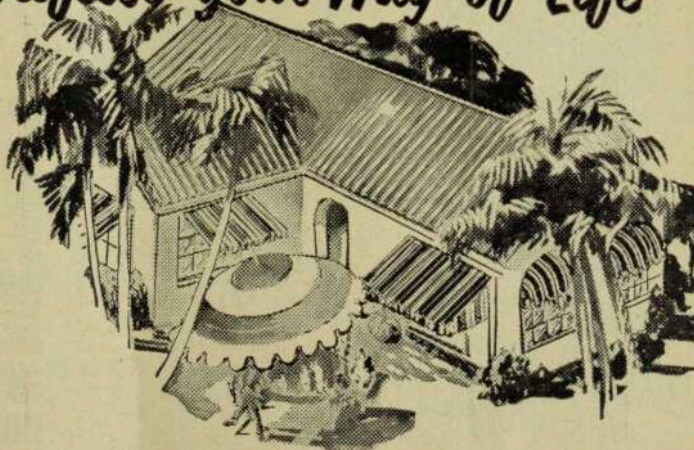
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FIJI WAS GREEN AGAIN FOR THE QUEEN

THE first week-end in December saw the breaking of the record drought which had gripped most of Fiji for nearly five months and had caused substantial losses in the sugarcane areas of western Viti Levu.

On the night of December 4, Nadi had 16 inches of rain and Sigatoka, Lautoka and Ba had 10 inches. The "wet side" of Viti Levu had only two or three inches, but this, with earlier showers, was enough to ensure that Suva was green again when the Queen arrived.

The rain held off on December 7, when the cruising liner *Orcades* arrived at Suva for a two-day visit before calling at Noumea on the way back to Sydney. Despite Suva's preoccupation with the Royal visit preparations, the usual round of tourist entertainments was arranged, including visits to Deuba and Koro-evu beach resorts.

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FATHER Aloysius Tamuka was ordained a priest at Buin, Bougainville, in December—the first Solomon Islander to achieve this distinction. He was a student at the Bougainville missions for several years, and while he was in a Japanese prison camp.

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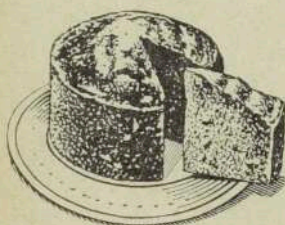
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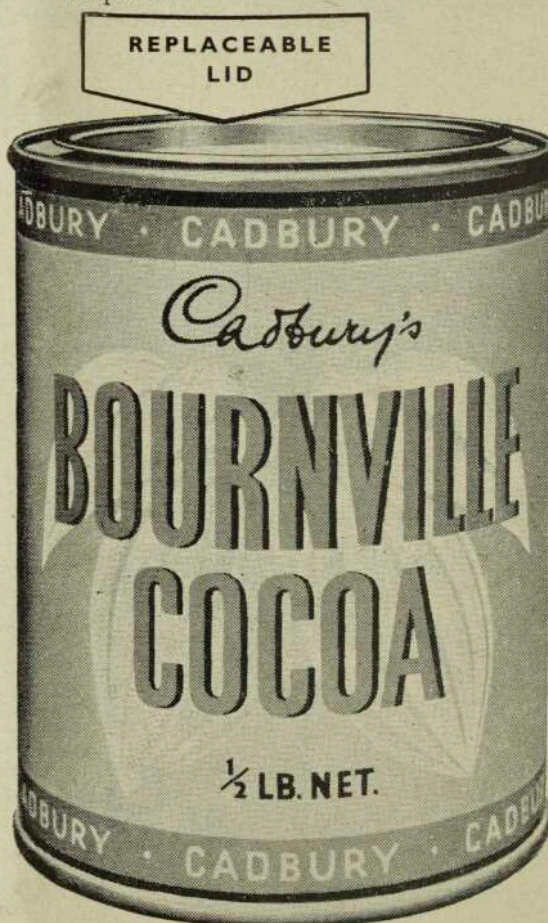
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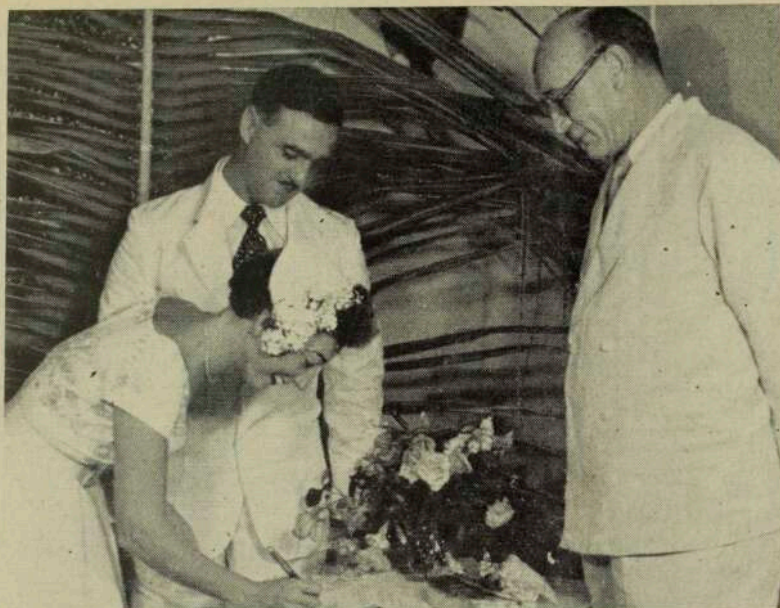
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Zuydam-O'Neill Wedding



A photo taken after the wedding in Lae, N.G., on December 10, of Miss Mary O'Neill of Station 9AP, Port Moresby, to Mr. Renius Zuydam, well-known Territorian.

—Photo by Island Arts, Lae.

Mr. H. C. Kirkman, with Mrs. Kirkman and two children, arrived in Honiara by Qantas on November 23. Mr. Kirkman has been appointed to the post of Senior Assistant Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, on secondment from the Colonial Office.

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Wau's Record Rainfall

From Our Own Correspondent

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TORRENTIAL rains in early December washed out the town roads of Wau, NG, and also the road between Wau and Bulolo at the mouth of Edie Creek. At this point, for a distance of approximately 200 yards, the road ledge was completely washed away and it is expected that repairs will take some time.

The effect of this road closure is that all cargo for Wau must now come in by air, at increased costs to the consumers. However, the Administration is co-operating by arranging charters to bring in the cargo at road-freight rates and New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. are back-loading timber.

Some concern is felt by local residents at the unsatisfactory progress being made in the restoration of the road, and two Public Meetings have been held to protest strongly against the unsatisfactory position.

It is now expected that a jeep track will be available along this portion of the road by early in January.

Rainfall for Wau during 1953 totalled 9,323 points and this is the highest yearly rainfall ever recorded over the 19 years in which records have been kept. The next highest yearly rainfall was in 1934

and the yearly average is 7,368 points.

PORT MORESBY HAS RECORD DRY YEAR

Port Moresby, on the other hand has had a record dry year—up till December 23, only 26 inches had been recorded at Jackson's which is 15 inches below the previous lowest annual rainfall.

Since then the position has been

relieved somewhat by pre-wet season showers.

Local weather bureau officials said that the wet-season was late this year—the inter-tropical weather front that brought seasonal rain was still up around the equator instead of being in the Bismark Sea. Moresby meteorologists were not expecting Moresby's wet to begin therefore until mid-January.

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These Islands residents were in New Zealand in December (left to right): Major Willoughby Tottenham of Suva. Mr. and Mrs. W. Scarborough returned after seven years at Niue, where Mr. Scarborough was Post-Master and officer in charge of Radio Station. Kitiane Lave, after vacation in Tonga, returned for some further ring encounters.

Awards for Disposing of BSI Bombs

THE General Service Medal with Clasp has been awarded to Lt. H. B. Herron and Sgt. B. H. Woolcock, of 2 Australian Bomb Disposal Section for service on mine and bomb clearance in the Solomon Islands.

The conditions of the award include active engagement in the Solomon Islands for a period of not less than 180 days on the actual excavation, removal and final disposal of unexploded bombs. The General Service Medal may also be awarded to members of the Australian Military Forces who have served in Malaya or Singapore for certain periods since June, 1948.

Active work by the Disposal Section continues in the BSIP. Between November 25-27, 60 tons of bombs were taken from Hell's Point, near Honiara, and dumped at sea.

Some Tongans were Missing

PROTESTING against a fine of £50 in an Auckland (NZ) Court for being caught in possession of 704 toheroas—which is 654 toheroas above the allowable maximum to be taken from a beach in one vehicle—Colin Jarvis, market gardener, made a bitter plea. He had had a party of Tongans with him, said Jarvis, and they had said that if there should be any trouble they would take the responsibility—as they very much liked toheroas. But when the trouble started, and the fisheries inspector arrived, there were not any Tongans in the neighbourhood.

Still protesting, Jarvis was led out of Court to the tune of the magistrate sternly announcing, "That will do! That will do!" while elsewhere in town, presumably a party of Tongans laughed and laughed!

Due to the death of his father in France, the return of Governor Petitbon to Tahiti has been delayed, but it is understood that the popular Governor will be back in French Oceania during January.

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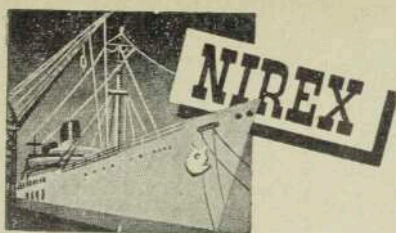
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PACIFIC NATURE NOTES

By Raimanu

FRIGATE BIRDS. As I sit down to my typewriter this morning, the rain is falling outside in gusty showers. It is the kind of weather Frigate Birds like. On another island where I lived, on a bluff overlooking the shore, one could go out first thing on such a morning and be almost certain of seeing some of the great birds go by, flapping and gliding along over the coast.

I first remember seeing the Frigate Birds soaring high over the coast of Tarakan in Borneo, during the 1945 campaign there. Since then I have seen them many times, both high and low, over a number of islands of the southwest Pacific. But that first sight over the coast of an embattled island reminds

See article page 77 this issue.

me of two things, and both of them are mentioned in Harold Gatty's famous "Raft Book" which was standard equipment in combatant aircraft during the war.

• First, the value of these birds to airmen who came down in the sea in trouble, or, for that matter, to the survivors of torpedoed ships, too. For this is essentially a land-based bird, and to see him means that land is not very far away; while to watch the direction of his flight in late afternoon is an almost certain indication of the direction in which land lies, for he does not spend the night at sea.

Bowlers Win Prizes



At Port Moresby Bowling Club, trophies were presented at a Christmas Party on December 19. Photo shows Mr. J. Chatfield presenting Mr. A. Britton with his trophy. At extreme right of photo is Mrs. W. Murray, who also received a trophy.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

• Second—and this arises out of the first—the general, but erroneous belief, that the Frigate Bird is of the open sea

far from land. My encyclopedia, for example, perpetuates the error. But to quote Gatty: "Walt Whitman probably

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helped this idea along; but as Murphy aptly states, when the poet wrote of the Frigate Bird: 'At dusk thou look'st on Senegal, at morn America' the only flight involved was a poetic one."

You are likely to find one or other of the several different species of this bird anywhere over the warmer oceans of the world. But here in the south-west Pacific there seem to be two types commonly seen, one larger than the other. Opinions appear to differ among those who have written on the subject, but it looks as if the Great Frigate Bird is most often seen out in the island groups, while the Lesser Frigate Bird is more likely to be met with as you get nearer to Australia.

To those of us who have not been in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands it must remain something of a mystery how these birds can be trained to carry messages from island to island. But their ability to do so is well known, and is commemorated on one of the postage stamps of that Group—the 1d stamp of 1939. The same practice has been reported from Samoa, but has perhaps died out before this.

The natives of Fiji make no such use of the bird, but do place some faith in it as a barometer. To them it is invariably the "Storm Bird," and its appearance is taken as a sure sign of bad weather to come. After several years of observation, I feel that they may be right. But more often than not, so I've noticed, the bad weather is virtually

with us before the birds make their appearance.

Another Fijian tradition is that all the storm birds in the Group have their home in the same place — at Qilaqila Point, on the north-western corner of Vanua Balavu, and thither they repair every evening, no matter in what part of the islands they may be. The situation is probably this—that Qilaqila is one of their regular roosting, and perhaps nesting, places. But there are others, and my inquiries point to Ono-i-lau, Gau, and Yadua as such places.

One writer has mentioned how these birds "glide effortlessly through the air, sometimes for hours without a wing-beat, the deeply forked tail opening and closing like a pair of scissors." I have never had time to watch them for hours to check this, but their build is so specialised for gliding and soaring that it may well be true. They have the reputation of being the lightest in weight of all birds for their size. Specimens with a wing spread of seven feet have been found to weigh just over three pounds.

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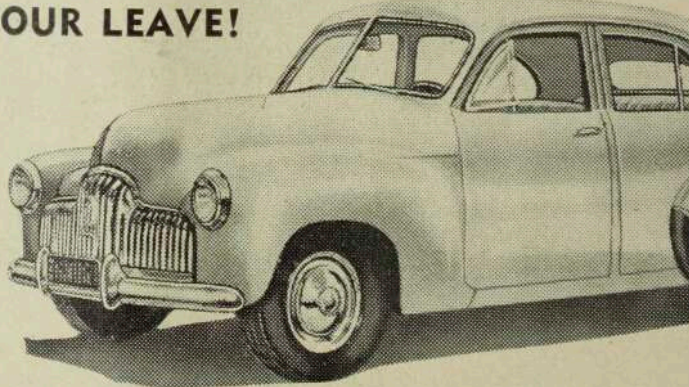
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Motu Sameta (second left) and Takai Talapiu of Niue (right) were met by Aliva Tataora and Anna Iese on arrival by air.

Mr. H. T. Duane, formerly of Niue and lately of Tahiti, with two former residents of Tahiti, Mrs. Lillian Boot and Mrs. Isobel Muir.

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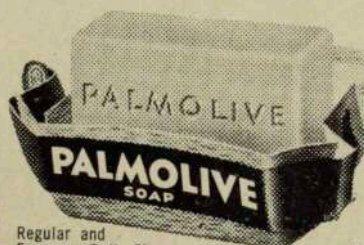
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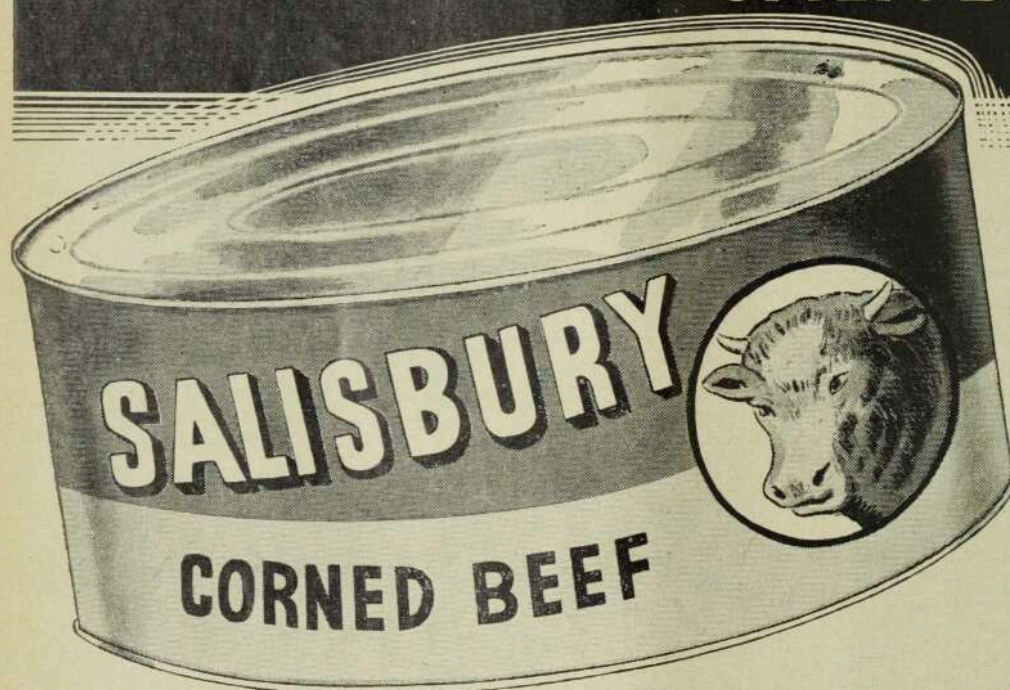


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FROM BREDE PLACE TO MELANESIA

CAPTAIN Hugh Frewen, who is well known in Fiji waters, where he does some smallships trading in the *Melanesia*, returned to Australia at the end of November after nine months in the United Kingdom.

At one stage of his career, about 30 years ago, he worked as a journalist on the *Adelaide Advertiser*, and when he passed through Adelaide in November, the *Advertiser* printed a long article about the Captain—all very Debreit.

Captain Frewen's daughter-in-law, who is Lord Selby's daughter and Anthony Eden's cousin, was mentioned—plus Sir Eugene Millington-Drake, a retired ambassador, the Swedish Ambassador, the King of Libya, cousin Sir Winston Churchill and Lady Churchill, a youthful Spanish Don, another cousin, Sir Shane Leslie, and his sculptoring sister, Clare Sheridan, who lives in an oasis in the Sahara desert.

During his stay in England he revisited Eton and the ancient Frewen family manor, Brede Place, in Surrey, which is now owned by his eldest son. At present Captain Frewen is at his home in Dorrigo, NSW, but he expects to return to Fiji in the New Year.

MORE ABOUT COCONUT PEARLS

DO Pacific Island residents ever come across coconut pearls? They're rare enough to be priceless: in fact too rare to be of any commercial value. The first one was discovered in 1741, and more than a hundred years passed before another one was found. A few have been found in Fiji; one or two in the Torres Straits, and about 30 years ago one was found in Tonga. It was a tiny pearl and clear amber in colour.

In Java and the East Indies the vegetable pearls, sometimes as large as cherries, are found in the joints of the bamboos and occasionally in the wood of the teak and pomegranate trees. They are probably formed by an excess of calcareous and siliceous matter in the plant. They do rank as real pearls, since they consist of almost pure carbonate of lime, which goes to make up the oyster pearl.

In the coconut the pearl is caused by the seedling being unable to escape through the three soft dents for that purpose in the end of the nut. When these dents become as

hard as the rest of the nut, the imprisoned seedlings cause a growth of carbonate of lime which forms the pearl in much the same way as the oyster pearl is formed.

In the East Indies they are valued very highly as charms, and the owner of one cannot be induced to part with it as he believes himself immune from all evils while he retains possession of the pearl. Anyway, he will not in a lifetime be likely to find another one to match it.—GLENN MacGREGOR.

(PIM published numerous articles on coconut pearls about two years ago—at first and until corrected, taking the view that the whole thing was a fairy story).

LIGHTNING STRIKES DIFFER- ENTLY IN THE BSIP

SEVERAL readers have sent us, with suitable comment, an article which appeared some weeks ago in the *Melbourne Herald* and came from the *Herald* Special Service in London.

The article says, in part:

Nowhere else in the South Pacific does lightning strike with the same fearful force as in the Solomons.

Until the eve of the war, planters in

the Solomons crossed their fingers when the clouds banked and blackened and tropical lightning seared the wet sky.

By the end of 1936, the books of Levers Pacific Plantations Pty., Ltd., listed 110 acres of coconut palms lost by lightning since Levers started planting in 1905.

But on the eve of the war, tropical agriculture researchers supplied the answer. Now new planting is confined to country where the soil contains ironstone—which seems to disperse lightning strikes.

There are three columns more of the article—dealing with everything from the American invasion to the founding of the Protectorate—and most of its sounds like a good leg pull of some innocent, visiting journalist by some wicked resident of the BSIP.

In regard to the beneficial effect of ironstone—we have paused to shed a tear for the owners of the thousands—maybe millions—of acres of coconuts planted in the South Seas in just plain coral.

When I was in the Highlands of NG last April, one of the local residents pointed out a spot some thousands of feet above, which, he said, was famous for the ferocity of its electrical storms. The reason: the whole darned place was composed of ironstone, which attracted the lightning!

Some of these Territorians will tell you *anything*.—JT.

CASE OF THE NEUTER CATS

WRITING to the *Sydney Morning Herald* recently, with considerable feeling and a certain refinement, a Sydneysider had this to say: (Over)

Soft Island Music—From Hanuabada



This is the Hanuabada Native Orchestra, Port Moresby, which made its first public appearance in Moresby in November—at a dinner-dance for the Red Cross. The orchestra and its music were a wild success.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Five months ago I went to Suva with the intention of settling there and I took two treasured pals—a Siamese cat, aged nine years (neuter male), and a younger black cat (neuter female).

I have found it necessary to return to Australia, but I am not allowed to bring back my pets. Not even for quarantine. I am told that if I take them to England for six months' quarantine I may then bring them to Australia for quarantine. I cannot afford to do this.

I have it from the Government veterinary officer in Suva that there are no cat diseases in Fiji that are not already in Australia.

Does it not seem unreasonable not to allow healthy neuter cats to return and be placed in quarantine for observation?

Although, traditionally, people who make a fuss about cats are looked upon with tolerant amusement (while a similar fuss about dogs is supposed to indicate a fine character), it is a fact that the regulations governing the re-entry of cats and dogs into Australia from the Islands are patently absurd.

People who take these animals, de-sexed or otherwise, from Australia to Fiji or Papua-New Guinea (and we presume elsewhere in the Pacific) are warned that they cannot bring them back, although there are no cat or dog diseases, in P.N.G. or Fiji that are not already present in Australia. To our knowledge, there has never been a case of rabies amongst dogs in these Pacific territories; yet animals from Europe, where this disease is present, are admitted to Australia after the usual period of quarantine.

And, as the SMH reader points out, if the Fiji or NG owner likes to send his pet to England for the necessary period of quarantine he can then bring it into Australia.

There is a branch of the RSPCA in Fiji. Perhaps they could bring some pressure to bear in the right places.

SHE SPURNED THE "SAMOAN THRONE"

ONE of the two movies made in the South Pacific last year is currently being released in Australia. It is called *Return To Paradise*—from a story by James A. Michener, and was shot in Western Samoa. Hollywood stars, Gary Cooper and Roberta Haynes, take the leading roles and this is what Melbourne *Argus* reported about Roberta's sojourn in Samoa, in some preliminary blurb about the film:

The Upolu Islanders accepted her as one of their own, and taught her how to make the native drink of kava, how to dance the papio and to wear the lava-lava, which is more, maybe, than Dotty Lamour knows about the South Seas.

She even had a chance to marry Samoan royalty and to become a queen of the South Sea island she was on.

"Prince Mata'afa, the only unmarried chief on the island, dated me three times," she says. "I think

his intentions were serious. Anyway, he introduced me to his folks."

Spurning the throne, she returned to Hollywood, where she is right now, doing very well indeed.

Wonder what the Mata'afa family thinks about that!



Robin McKay, of Aroa Estate, Bougainville, first arrived in New Guinea in 1935, and worked the Burns Philp plantations of Kulon, Raluat and Kiep until the war came. He enlisted early in 1940 and went to the Middle East with the 6th Division AIF. He served as a Sergeant in the various campaigns of North Africa, and on returning to Australia was transferred to the AIF for their nefarious work behind the Japanese lines in New Britain.

He was then commissioned in the field as a Lieutenant, and landed in the Sepik River with a cloak-and-dagger unit called Mosstroopers (nicknamed Mouse-trappers) from where they walked all the way to Mt. Hagen.

After his wartime adventures, Robin went back to Rabaul in 1946 with the first civilians and opened up Kulon plantation again. In 1947 he bought Aroa copra plantation where he is developing cocoa, like most New Guinea planters. He is a director of the Bougainville Company which runs the "Pollurian", and the current president of the Bougainville branch of the Planters' Association. Robin was born in Melbourne in 1917. He has a wife and three daughters.—BRETT HILDER.

THROUGH the initiative of New Zealand writer Ronald Syme, who has spent some months in the Cook Islands, singers at the Ngatangia Community Centre, Rarotonga, will entertain New York

radio listeners in the well-known "Hands Across the Sea" programme from station WMYC.

Mr. Syme recorded, on tape, a programme "Songs of Rarotonga" and sent it to an agent in America. The half-hour programme was enthusiastically received. In the recording each item is introduced by Pa Ariki, a leading chieftainess of the Cooks. Requests for similar programmes have been received from America and from the BBC.

A BAND VISITS PITCAIRN ISLAND

RETURNING home on the *Mataroa*, the New Zealand band that had been to the Coronation, arrived at Pitcairn Island on October 16. You should have seen the islanders as they watched and listened in wonder when the band played!

Usually, when the islanders leave the ships on which they have been trading, maybe some miles out at sea, they sing hymns as a farewell to those on board. And very touching it is to see the tiny boats standing off there, sometimes in the darkness, and hear the beautiful songs coming over the water.

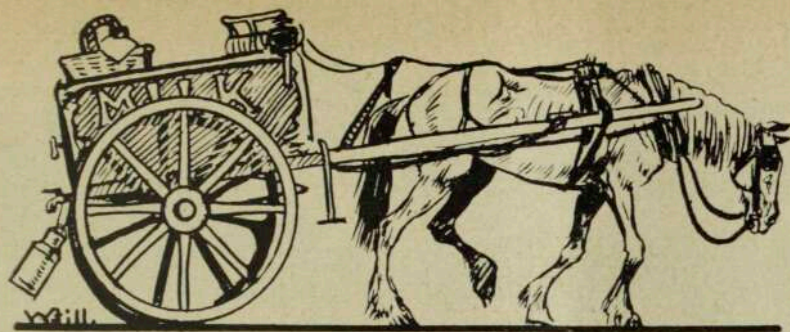
But the band brought to the people of Pitcairn music such as they have never before comprehended because the gramophone is a poor substitute for the reality. How they listened spellbound and longed for the beautiful recital to continue! Long will they remember the visit of the New Zealand band.—MYRTLE L. WARD.

WHAT MAKES HERMITS TICK?

MR. TOM NEALE, from his lonely outpost on Suvarrow atoll, Cook Islands, has indicated that he is not particularly pleased with the publicity that he and his tom-cat have had since they took up abode there a year ago. Firstly, the facts were all wrong—there were other cats besides the famous Tom; nor have the cats been out of place in that bird sanctuary. They have left the birds strictly alone and have cleaned out the rats which were feeding on the birds' eggs.

With hermits in very short supply Mr. Neale must expect himself to be news while in his present location. That he is news is revealed in letters to friends reporting on the extraordinary mail that arrives by the occasional boat from Rarotonga. Recent mail included a lengthy questionnaire from a learned psycho-analyst or 'ologist of some note, bent on discovering what makes Tom tick.

Yachtsmen are welcome, we understand, so long as they first obtain permission from Rarotonga to make the call, and are prepared to bring in a fresh supply of interesting mail—and get out again within 24 hours so that Mr. Neale can get on with his gardening.



Old Bill

Charlie — Down South

By BILL GILL

POOOR old Charlie was breasting the human maelstrom on Wynyard ramp when I glimpsed him. "Why," I cried, delighted to see him after all these years, "how are you, you old hyena?"

"I'm all right," said Charlie in his aloof, confident way. "Why?"

"Oh, just wanted to know. I——"

"Did you ever see me any other way than all right?" he interrupted. "Remember that time when we couldn't give copra away? You plunged for rubber, in spite of me saying that copra would come again. Right that time too, wasn't I?"

I ruefully admitted that he had been right that time, but privately remembered other prognostications of his which were not so accurate—notably his conviction that the old-time cylindrical gramophone records and the tin horn models (even with the spring broken) would return to out the ridiculous flat discs.

"I'm camping out at King's Cross," he informed me with a sweeping eastwards gesture which drew black looks from the hurrying crowd.

"You climb that ridge, down the gully and up the other side. You'll find me there most any time."

"We must have a long yarn together," I said. "How about coming out to my place for the day next Sunday?" And I gave him my address.

"All right" he agreed, "why not? I know that suburb; take a train to Strathfield, don't you, then hire a camel or something?"

I told him things were not quite that bad and, after directing him by a simpler route, we parted.

THE following Sunday he arrived on time and soon afterwards MacDougall pulled up at the front gate in his brand spanking-new, model sedan.

"You remember Mac?" I said to Charlie, re-introducing them.

"Why, yes, a General or a Colonel or something in ANGAU wasn't he?"

"Oh, no," laughed Mac, "not that bad! Same as everyone else, a WO two."

"There certainly were plenty woes of all ranks in those days,"

said Charlie reflectively. "The worst infestation we ever had. The rhinoceros beetle was a gentleman compared with some of them."

After a few more pleasantries, Mac invited us out to admire his new car.

"Don't look so good to me," said Charlie, flatly, "where's the running board, for instance? And if that cap on the



"— and where's that little, red thermometer thing?"

after mudguard is where you fill the petrol tank, how're you going to get a stick in to measure the juice in her?"

"Hey, wait a minute," cried Mac. "What d'you mean, running board?"

"It's a kind of sponson," Charlie explained patiently, "where the acetylene tank goes for the lamps. Where the tool box sits. Where the spare tyre is strapped. Where the kids stand to ride holding on to the awning. Where——"

"Okay," said Mac, "I remember now. We don't have 'em any more. You haven't had much to do with recent models, have you?"

"And where's the little red thermometer thing that screws atop of the radiator to tell you when she's boiling? And——"

Mac gave him a sour look. "If you mean the temperature gauge," he said, "it's inside on the instrument panel."

"You mean beside the magneto switch on the dashboard, I expect. That's a rum place to have it if you like!"

Mac pulled the door open. "Hop in," he directed. "Pipe that upholstery. See that rug? Get a load of these foam-rubber cushions. Ever see anything like that before?"

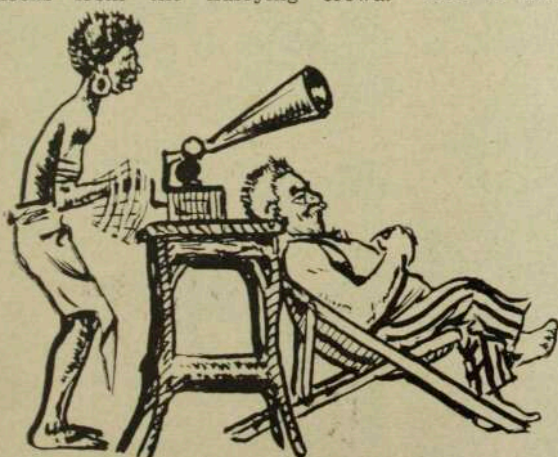
"No," Charlie admitted. "And I've never seen a motor without a horn before, either. How can you get past anybody without a horn to toot?"

"The horn is on the steering wheel," said Mac savagely.

Charley craned his tortoise-like neck. "The horn may be," he said, "but the spark and fuel levers aren't, and where's the bracket for the windshield to swing open on? And look at this rug," he continued, tugging at the floor covering, "glued fast, as I'm alive! How do you get

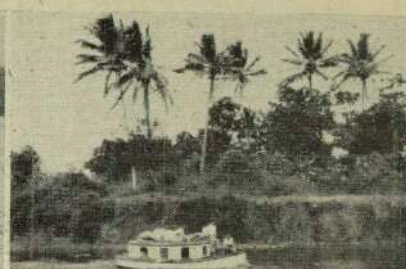
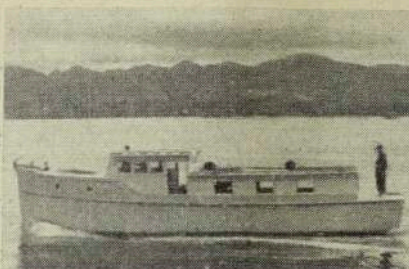
— Even with the spring broken . . .

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By Launch Through the Rewa Delta

BY JPS

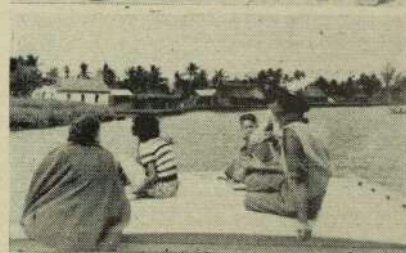


ONE of Fiji's most interesting attractions—and one of the most accessible from Suva—is a launch trip through the tortuous waterways of the Rewa Delta.

The reason that it is not included in the regular scheduled trips arranged by the enterprising Fiji Visitors' Bureau is because the journey is governed by state of tide and the availability of a suitable launch. A day trip could be made only about once per fortnight, and the trip, to be fully enjoyed, should occupy two days—and launches are not readily available to meet this latter requirement.

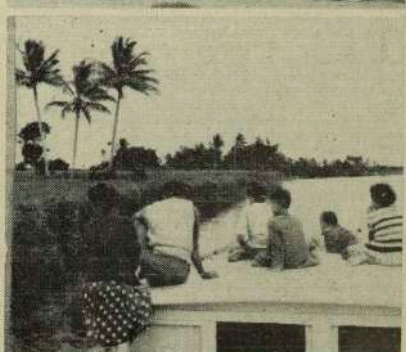
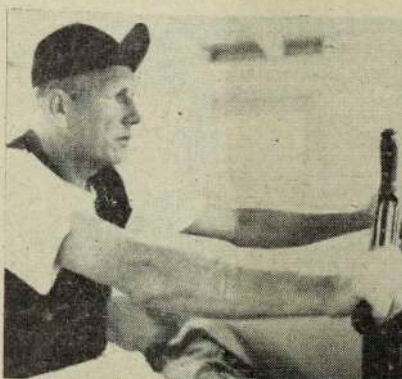
The Storck brothers' privately-owned *Joysea* is such a launch and the accompanying photos were taken from aboard her during a recent enjoyable week-end cruise.

With all stores aboard we cleared



Top to bottom centre: Launch *Joysea* and skipper Mike Storck at the wheel. Left row, top to bottom: Nailili Catholic Mission on the banks of the Rewa, (2) typical Fijian villages, (3) an Indian farmer's home, (4) every village has its water-landing, (5) the Wainibokasi hospital, (6) and a country school.

Right row, top to bottom: (1) A typical delta Indian fishing launch, (2) the children enjoy every minute of the trip, (3) watching the view from the cabin top, (4) look-outs on duty, (5) homeward bound down the Rewa again.



Suva wharf at the crack of dawn on a clear fine tropical morning, put out the trolling lines, and sailed south round Suva Point and the just-awakening suburbs, with the odour of a tasty breakfast floating up from the galley. We ate it with Lauthala Bay and its flying-boats abeam to port and the largest of the Rewa's five mouths opening out ahead, the tide hurrying us along.

Visitors from overseas are always surprised to discover such large rivers in an island of the comparatively small size of Viti Levu, and the Rewa is, in fact, the largest river system anywhere in the Pacific Islands with the exception of New Guinea. Roughly a hundred miles long, its lower reaches are extremely tortuous, a fact which can only be fully appreciated from the air. The lower delta consists of huge areas of tidal mud-flats densely overgrown with mangroves, and intersected by numerous narrow water channels. It is an unpleasant place of steamy heat and objectionable odours. But a little further up, these shoals become dry land, the main banks of the river fall sheer, standing ten feet above the normal river level, with miles of waving green sugar cane approaching to the very edges and separated from the river only by the narrow foot-tracks that connect the Fijian villages and Indian homes along the banks. We pass the Nailili Catholic mission station away on our right and the hulk of the old *Tui Kavaro* stranded against the bank on our left, then take a sudden right turn into the narrow Wainibokasi creek—which is nothing but one of the outlets of the Rewa.

Then for an hour or two the trip is full of interest—and skipper Mike very fully occupied—as the tide sweeps us round sharp curves which form three-parts of a circle at times. At some of these bends we gently nose the bank, go astern, unship a long bamboo pole and ease our bows round while swarms of little Fijian boys, with tummy-length shirts but no trousers, yell with delight and heave lengths of sugar-cane aboard, then dash across the isthmus to meet us again for a repeat performance as we almost complete a circle. Down in the water, Indian women, busy at their laundry, pause for a moment as our dash sweeps by but, as is their way, give neither a wave nor a smile.

We pass the old Wainibokasi hospital, where most of the patients rush from bed to the verandahs to cheer us on our way. At intervals the dense cane opens out to make room for a Fijian village, or the unattractive home of some Indian squatter with its few coconut palms or breadfruit overhanging, and the inevitable, long, flat-bottomed boat tied nearby to the bank. Occasionally an Indian launch, loaded to the gunwales with

Book Reviews:

SOMETHING FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

The Frigate Birds Were All at Sea

THE worth of our civilisation can be gauged only against the lengths to which men will go to prove their theories: Most new ventures seem crazy in prospect; some infinitely more crazy than others. When ventures fail, their perpetrators are written off as cranks. When they succeed—presto, they are heroes and another small step forward in human progress has been made. *The Bombard Story* is an example of this human cussedness.

When a young French doctor of medicine conceived the idea that the sea contained adequate food and drink to support the shipwrecked mariner for an indefinite period, it seemed crazy enough; when he proposed to cross the Atlantic in a rubber dinghy to prove his theory, it was regarded as suicide.

Conducted by the Assistant Editor

Laboratory tests proved to the doctor that raw fish and plankton could supply him with sufficient food to keep him alive and in reasonable health. Water was another matter, and on this he got across all the accepted seafaring tabus. He could, he believed, get sufficient fresh water from ground-up fish—the percentage of water to weight of fish varies, according to variety, from about 50 per cent. to nearly 80 per cent. In addition, he believed that this fresh water could be supplemented by drinking specified amounts of salt-water.

This last idea was contrary to all the sacred beliefs of all the generations of mariners that there have ever been: drinking salt-water, it is believed, can cause anything

men and gear, chugs back against the current from a fishing expedition.

Then the cane is left behind again, the channel is back in the mangrove swamps and presently we are out on open water with a line of beacons pointing away to the north on the sheltered behind-the-reefs path to Ovalau Island. Out here there are anchorages in ideal fishing spots amongst the reefs that encircle the pretty little Robinson Crusoe island of Leleuvia, its neighbours Caqalai and Nasautabu, or any of the others towards Ovalau. A launch can lie snugly at anchor here all night, with all hands busily hauling aboard a variety of fish to provide dinner and breakfast—then home next day on a fair tide, back through the delta—by another route if desired.

from madness to dysentery. Bombard believed that the danger in drinking sea water, in the past, lay in the fact that castaways had consumed it only after several days of thirst when the process of dehydration of their bodies was far advanced. He believed that the intake of salt-water should begin at once, and that anything up to a pint-and-a-half a day was permissible up to a limit of five days before the danger of nephritis became acute. In those five days, sufficient fish should have been caught to produce adequate fresh water for the body's requirements.

All these things he could prove in the laboratory to his own satisfaction and that of other scientists. But it was another thing to overcome the prejudices of tough seamen. The doctor decided that there was only one way to do it: by various means he procured an inflatable rubber dinghy, about 15 feet long and six wide, with just sufficient space inside the floats to lie down, and set out alone across the Atlantic. With him he carried fresh water and food in sealed containers, as emergency rations. They were still sealed when he reached his destination at Barbados.

When Bombard leaves the laboratory and takes to the sea, he leaves also the realms of deduction and science and his story becomes one of thrilling adventure—a human story of a man who deliberately pitted himself against the relentlessness of a mighty ocean and on which survival was not merely a problem of finding sufficient to eat and drink—but a psychological matter of considerable magnitude. Why, Bombard had wondered, did one hear of men becoming crazed a few days after being cast away from foundering ships? After the 65 lonely days and nights it took him to sail from the Canary Islands to the West Indies he had an adequate answer.

As a navigator, Bombard was a good physician. It took him twice as long for the crossing as anticipated, and at one point he was 600 miles out of his reckoning. As part of the castaway's equipment, the doctor had Harold Gatty's *Raft Book*, a notable compilation published during the war to aid castaway seamen and airmen. Let us say frankly that Dr. Bombard does not see eye-to-eye with Mr. Gatty on the matter of signs and portents of approaching land—and particularly does he disagree in the matter of frigate birds which are supposed to indicate that land is not more than 100 miles distant. After he had discovered his disastrous navigational error, Bombard had this to say: *I had now made up my mind on the value to be attached to the books written for*

the benefit of castaways, with all their hints on navigation, signs that land is near and all the evidence of floating timber, butterflies, gossamer threads and flies and birds. Do not take it too hard, dear author of the "Raft Book"; whether the frigate bird can spend a night at sea or not I do not know, but it is certainly to be found 1,500 miles from land. It is also incorrect to say that it does not catch its own fish, as I have seen them swoop on the flying-fish chased out of the sea by the dolphins.

(See article on frigate birds on page 69 of this issue).

It would be interesting to hear a debate between Mr. Gatty (who now lives in Suva) and Dr. Bombard on the whole question of being cast away at sea. And this is not an impossibility, either: It has been suggested that the doctor join the magnetic survey in the Pacific which is shortly to begin with the blessing of the British Admiralty (see *Smallships News*, December PIM).

In the meantime, *The Bombard Story* will provide you with an interesting theory and its thrilling solution.

(Published by Andre Deutsch, London. Our copy from Collins, of Sydney: Australian price, 15/6.)

Murder in the Mallee

IF you are a connoisseur of Whodunnits, you have permission to add Arthur Upfield to your reading list. He has a respectable list of thrillers to his credit—but his newest, *Murder Must Wait*, is the first to come this way. Read in the line of duty, Mr. Upfield may now step up beside the ladies—the Misses and Mesdames Marsh, Christie, Wentworth, Heyer, Rhinehart, etc. (Women, generally, write better mysteries than men).

Upfield writes against an Australian background, but his books are published by Heinemann, of London, and are top-standard if the latest is any criterion.

Chief character is Detective-Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte ("all my friends call me Bony") who has sapphire-blue eyes, dresses like something out of the *Tailor and Cutter*, speaks as pedantically as a University professor should (and does not,) is part-Aborigine and never forgets a foot-print. Ridiculous? No more so than Christie's Hercule Poirot and his moustaches and little grey cells; or Wentworth's aged spinster who, when she is not slaying crooks, is knitting interminable singlets for her niece Ethel's offspring.

Scene of *Murder Must Wait* is the country town of Mitford, in one of the irrigated stretches of the Murray River Valley. Five boy babies have been abducted and a murder committed when Bony is called into the case. In his turn, he enlists the aid of Policewoman McGorr, who learnt her crime from the ground up: her father having

been a famous safe-breaker in his time. She also knows a lot about babies.

Bony, with the help of Policewoman McGorr, inevitably and satisfactorily solves the mystery that has baffled all the other CIB experts. But apart from its merit as a straight Whodunnit, considerable amusement can be derived from Upfield's portrayal of the typical small Australian town where the *creme-de-la-creme* of society is formed by the local bank managers and the doctors and where the highlight of social intercourse is the sherry party—or as Policewoman McGorr (who has no delusions of grandeur) puts it, a plonk party.

Upfield, no publicist for Australian sherry (which he describes as having a similar digestive reaction to the oil in sardine cans), has his characters eat half-a-pound of butter a-piece as a fortification when called upon, in the line of duty, to indulge in one of these social binges. But his scenes and his people have the ring of truth. If you happen to know the Murray Valley, where its towns and villages are veritable oases of irrigated vines and citrus in a desert of mallee scrub, you will have no difficulty in recognising Mitford. And, apart from Chief Inspector Bonaparte, who is supposed to be eccentric, anyhow, the characters act like Australians. The idiom of some of them is, therefore, likely to be incomprehensible to overseas readers but to an Australian it sounds authentic.

Even our Number 1 pin-up Whodunnit writer, Ngaio Marsh, who hails from just across the Tasman, falls down in this department when she attempts to write Australianese.

Two things in this world should be left strictly to Australians. One is wearing a Digger hat; the other is all attempts to transcribe their language. When outsiders attempt either the result is unadulterated caricature.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd.; Australian retail price, 10/6.)

A Little Nonsense Now and Then

TALL tales are not everybody's meat, but if you are in the mood, Dal Stevens' *Gambling Ghost and Other Stories* can be recommended for a little incidental reading.

Now making a living from writing in London, Stevens arrived there from Australia via Sydney Consolidated Press, the Army Education Service, the Department of Information and Australia House. He is a contributor to many leading UK newspapers and magazines and his stories have been broadcast over the BBC. This is Stevens' first excursion into fantasy of this sort, but if you are in need of a half-hour of entertainment you can learn all about the shooting capabilities of Cabbage-Tree-Ned, the race-horse that could understand English,

Ironbark Bill, and the wonderfully intelligent sheep-dog which belonged to a drover whose sheep grew multi-coloured fleeces which ended in a piece of Campbell of Breadalbane tartan four miles wide and seven miles long.

These nonsense tales will give you some laughs; you will find, as well, beneath the robust wit, some very pointed satire.

(Published in Sydney by Angus and Robertson. Australian price, 13/6.)

In the Beginning—Through Aborigine Eyes

OVER 50 years ago, Mrs. K. Langloh Parker, who had grown up and always lived amongst the Australian aborigines on station properties in the New South Wales outback, collected and had published in London, five volumes of aboriginal legends.

These volumes have now been out of print for two generations but recently, H. Drake-Brockman, who is a well-known writer in her own right, has selected the best of them which have now been published by Angus and Robertson under the title *Australian Legendary Tales*. The result is a fine production, admirably illustrated with drawings by Elizabeth Durack, who is justly famous for this type of work.

By and large, the legends of native people are incredibly boring to the general reader. These aboriginal stories are, however, away above average: they make more sense than the usual fantasy that passes for native legend. There are probably two reasons for this—one, in the way they have been written by Mrs. Parker and presented by Mrs. Drake-Brockman; and two, in the fact that although the Australian aborigines were poorest in environment and material culture, amongst the natives of the Pacific area their spiritual life is acknowledged to be far superior.

Apart from the usual as-it-was-in-the-beginning angle to these tales, the stories reflect the attitude of the aborigines to their life and circumstances and environment. For this reason some of them can be classed, on our standards, as cruel or brutal and perhaps therefore, the Legends are best read to youngsters, rather than read by them—particularly if you have the kind of offspring who can be moved to tears by the tribulations of the heroines of the Brothers Grimm.

Apart from its interest to students of native lore, it is an admirable presentation volume for some special child who already has been taught appreciation of good books. In this field it lately has been a favourite with Christmas-gift seekers.

(Our copy from Angus and Robertson, Sydney. Australian price, 25/-.)

The second day of a diet isn't too hard—because by that time you're off it.—Mrs. Earl Wilson.

A Women's Mission

By CHARLES BROWN, Jr.

THERE was a time, in 1918, when the Society Islanders died from influenza faster than their bodies could be buried or burned. From Tahiti to remote Maupiti—everywhere—the scourge smote the seven islands like the wrath of Revelation. Verily, wailed the brown islanders, God had commanded the seven angels: "Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

Now, at that time, Outside Heaven, the native pastor of Maupiti, had voyaged with Raiata, his wife, to Uturoa, in Raiatea, which is the French Administrative seat of the Leeward Group of the Society Archipelago. He had gone to ask the Reverend Charles Vernier, director of the French Protestant Mission's pastorate in this region of French Oceania, for a bronze bell to suspend from the patriarchal tree beside his church on Maupiti beach.

While this weighty matter was discussed, Raiata visited in her childhood home.

Two days after arriving, she was smitten with influenza. Her condition rapidly worsened. On the fourth day she died.

The burial of Raiata accomplished, Outside Heaven hastened home to Maupiti. Here, in that Christmastide, he conducted 43 funerals.

Very forlorn now was the hillside parsonage. And deeply touched were the Maupitians by their minister's melancholy impress of grief; they wished they could dissipate it.

How slowly passed time as he mourned! As slowly as grew the female coconut-palm he planted in the parsonage garden in Raiata's memory.

PASTOR Charles Vernier sat on the parsonage verandah, atop Mission House Hill, at Uturoa, his short, white-clothed body in a wicker chair. Through the coconut palms, he saw ascending the mission path four bare-foot, brown women dressed in overfull, outmoded black garments, their faces shaded from the mid-morning sun by wide-rimmed hats made of plaited white pandanus strips.

Who could they be? he wondered. Why were they coming?

Presently, he recognised them: Maupitian church members. One, the fat woman climbing behind the others, was Tiare Teatua, Flower of God; a deacon's wife; the wizened woman, her mother, simply called Flower of God's mother, was a bible-class teacher. The two other women, fairly young, were humble labourers in the Lord's coconut grove.

"Iorana otou! (Good day all.)" A smile lighted Monsieur Vernier's earnest face and direct brown eyes as he greeted them on his verandah.

Flower of God, panting hard, said in Maupitian. "We have just—arrived in—the *Heliotrope*—to acquaint you—with the object—of our visit."

Monsieur Vernier invited them into his chair-lined study. "Will you have something to eat?"

"Don't bother—about us."

Flower of God seated herself before his desk. "We had bread—and coffee—at Ah Sin's shop. Our visit is—more important—than food of the table. We seek—spiritual food."

Whereat, Flower of God's mother—gray-haired, copper-coloured, with quiet, serious face and wide-set dark eyes—stood before Monsieur Vernier, who sat with hands folded on the desk. She said: "Savant of God, be saved forever. . . . This is the purpose of our visit: We seek a wife for our Minister, and a mother for us all. You know Outside Heaven lost his wife three years ago, and that the Lord God has said: 'It is not good that man should live alone.'"

"On Maupiti, we cannot find a suitable woman. But on Tahaa and Raiatea are two women who will do; and we were led here by the spirits to see if one of them will consent to marry our minister. He knows nothing about our reason for coming here."

"The first woman is Itae—White Bird of the Sea; she lives on Tahaa. She is a respectable widow—a church sister. She knows her Bible, and is capable of teaching the women and children's classes."

Flower of God's mother sat down. "I approve of your voyage." Monsieur Vernier praised them for coming. He stood up. "Go immediately and speak with Itae," he added, with eager interest.

After praying for their undertaking he showed them to the verandah, and watched them descend to the beach.

"There are no men with you?" he called down the path.

"None, except our crew," Flower of God cried back. "We are on a women's mission; not to sell copra and arrowroot. If we don't succeed, we'll return and tell you the second woman's name."

"I'll look for you to-morrow morning."



Outside Heaven and Tetuanui.

BUT all the next day he looked without effect; all the lagoon lay becalmed. Not until the second morning did he see the women return.

"Did you succeed?" he shouted down the path.

"Oh, no!" they cried up to him.

In the study, Flower of God's mother, her face reflecting chagrin, said: "We saw Itae. She gave us food, cushions, and sleeping-mats. At supper and after supper, we talked of everything but our visit. Not until near bedtime prayers did we ask her to let us tell why we had come. She listened, and cried."

"*Aita e peapea*—it does not matter," she said. But her way of speaking showed that it mattered very much. "I will think it over. Your visit pleases me. Remain for my answer. I will give it to-morrow morning."

"Itae talked with us till midnight," continued Flower of God's mother, her brow scored with deep furrows of vexation. "Just before we fell asleep, we heard her go out to ask her relations for their opinion and advice. At daybreak, she brought her answer."

"*Eiaha e peapea*—don't trouble yourselves," she said, crying. "I cannot accept; Outside Heaven and I are related through the marriage of a distant ancestor. Don't feel bad."

"But we knew Itae's mind: Maupiti is a ghastly island—where our heathen ancestors' ghosts cry at night. She has changed since

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WHAT NOT TO EAT IN THE PACIFIC

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

FOOD poisoning is a fairly common ailment and it is also one of the most widely misunderstood. Fears about food poisoning usually revolve round the word "ptomaine". It is thought that a mythical organism called by this name is the cause of a variety of gastric upsets. Modern research workers have not been able to find such a thing as a ptomaine organism, and it is a well-known fact that old foods such as the Chinese rotten eggs, the fermented bread-fruit, taro and coconut of the South Pacific and the "high" game of the Englishmen, have been eaten for hundreds of years with no ill-effects to the consumers.

Food poisoning is caused by the presence of poisonous substances in the diet. Food may be either contaminated by a poison which is present or by toxins which are formed through the growth of bacterial organisms in the food.

The first type is usually caused by a mistake—such as bottles of medicine or insect powders being used instead of essences and spices in cooking.

In the early days of food manufacturing, a number of injurious chemical substances were used in essences, baking powders and for improving bread. Nowadays, all chemicals used in the food manufacturing industries of the larger countries are carefully controlled by Health Departments. In spite of this, a number of imaginary fears still exist. One of the most common concerns the use of aluminium ware for cooking.

For years these saucepans and utensils were believed to shed aluminium into the food which was cooked in them, and this was thought to cause anything from a stomach-ache to cancer. It has been proved that only minute amounts of aluminium escape into food cooked in these utensils and this has no injurious effects. In fact, aluminium is an important part of some of the medicines which are used in the treatment of gastric complaints.

There are few poisonous plants in the Pacific Islands, but two common foods which may cause trouble should be mentioned. These are taro (or dalo) and cassava. Taro roots and leaves contain salts of oxalic acid which are known as oxalates. There are larger amounts of oxalates in the more mature leaves and roots and in the coarser varieties. When the food is cooked, the oxalates break down and dissolve out in the cooking water. The water that taro roots or leaves have been cooked in should be discarded; this is specially important if the leaves or roots are old.

If taro is not properly cooked, the needlelike oxalates irritate the lining of the mouth and throat causing a "stinging" sensation. The Pacific Islanders often refer to taro which contain a lot of oxalates as "strong" food. This seldom poisons the eater, but it may cause discomfort and will sometimes upset

small children. If roots and leaves are properly cooked no harm should result.

Some varieties of tapioca, which is also known as manioc or cassava, contain an acid. This is poisonous and may cause sickness if large amounts of the roots containing acid are eaten. Poisonous roots can usually be distinguished by their sour taste.

The quantity of acid in a tapioca root depends on the type of soil in which the plant has been grown, the climate and in the method of manuring. Any variety of tapioca may be safe to eat in one place and poisonous in another. Most of the acid is found in the skin and to prevent this being absorbed into the food, peel, wash and cook immediately. The amount of acid in a root increases rapidly if the root is bruised or kept in a warm place for several hours. It is wise to discard bruised roots and to always use fresh undamaged roots. Tapioca should be cooked in plenty of water with the lid off. The cooking water should always be discarded.

Probably the best way to prevent poisoning is to note exactly where the troublesome plants are grown and to use this land for a different crop. Tapioca poisoning is uncommon in Fiji, but it

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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.

ANOTHER WAY OF USING PAWPAW

Make a syrup of lemon, lime or orange juice and sugar.

Peel and remove seeds from a firm, ripe pawpaw.

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—Mrs. E. J. L., W. Samoa.

TRADER'S COOKIES

Take six ripe bananas, mash them in a basin. Take an equal quantity of flour to which has been added $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 teaspoons baking powder. (Two tablespoons dried milk may be added if desired).

Capsize flour into the mashed bananas stirring thoroughly until the flour and bananas are well mixed, roll and cut into small 2" or 3" squares one inch thick. Have ready some local desiccated coconut to which has been added sugar; roll the squares in the sugar and desiccated coconut and bake in oven until crisp and brown.

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PIM CROSSQUIZ NO. 47

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ACROSS

- 1.—Which English pilot holds the world's air speed record?
- 7.—Who was the Greek god of pastures, flocks and woods?
- 8.—Which 86-year-old Italian conductor is still conducting the world's leading orchestra?
- 9.—What is the Hebrew name for God?
- 10.—Which Australian artist painted the highly controversial portrait of Joshua Smith?
- 12.—What is the christian name of the star who played Julie in the latest film version of "Showboat"?

13.—Through which London suburb, famous for its observatory, does the 0 degree of longitude pass?

15.—Who was the muse of lyric poetry?

16.—Who was the father of Cain and Abel?

18.—What argillaceous material splits easily into thin layers?

19.—What is the surname of the Italian painter who painted "The Last Supper"?

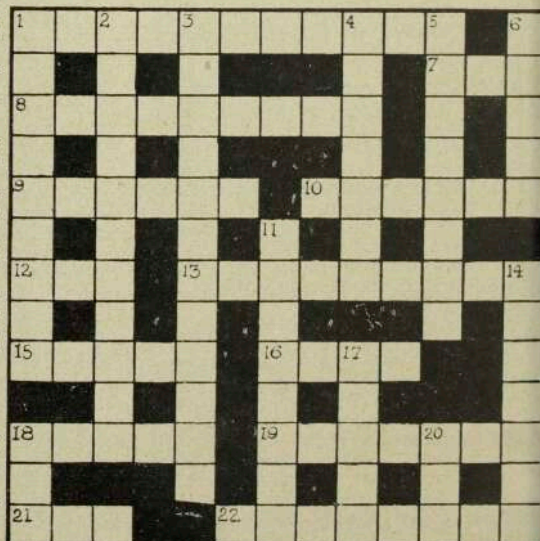
21.—What is the woolly substance on the surface of cloth called?

22.—What violent storms occurring in the Indian Ocean are called hurricanes in the Pacific and typhoons in the China Sea?

DOWN

1.—Which famous Paris Cathedral is described by Victor Hugo in one of his books?

2.—Which Portuguese navigator discovered the sea route to India via Cape of Good Hope?



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What Not to Eat in the Pacific

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has been reported from the Tongan Islands.

Poisonous fish cause a considerable amount of trouble in the Pacific and it is thought that fish become poisonous after eating certain foods. In many parts, fish are poisonous during one season of the year, and edible during another. However, it is very important to find out about poisonous fish from local people as there have been many instances of the same type of fish being safe in one place and dangerous in another.

BACTERIAL organisms are the most serious cause of food poisoning. Certain types of disease-bearing bacteria grow and multiply rapidly in food and produce toxic substances which cause illness when the food containing them is eaten. Amongst the most serious food-borne diseases are tuberculosis, typhoid fever, septic sore throats, diarrhoea, vomiting and botulism. Most of these can be prevented if the food is properly cooked and stored.

In warm, moist climates, bacteria grow more rapidly and it is therefore very important to take extra precautions. This can be done if the following rules are followed carefully:—

- Food should never be handled by anyone who is suffering from a sore throat, boils or septic cuts as bacteria may easily spread from the infected person to the food.

- All prepared foods such as soups, sausage meats, cooked fish and meats, white sauce, salad dressing, cream, gelatine and milk puddings and ice creams should be kept in a cool place. It is very important that foods are cooled quickly and kept covered when in the open.

- All left-over foods such as soups, meats, fish and savouries made with white sauce should be heated to boiling point and cooked for 10-15 minutes or better still, heated in a pressure cooker, before serving. This is particularly important if the food has not been stored in the refrigerator.

- Do not use foods made from milk, eggs, cream or gelatine if these have become warm in a defrosted refrigerator, and never re-freeze ice cream or any frozen milk food which has melted.

- Make sure that any food which develops an unusual odour during storage is not used.

- The following foods have a bad reputation for causing food poisoning if not properly cooked and stored, and should be watched carefully: Gelatine savouries and puddings; salad dressings made with eggs and milk; white sauce dishes; meat, fish or milk soups; potato salad or any salad mixed with mayonnaise and kept for another day; cream cakes; re-frozen ice cream.

Food poisoning should not occur in households where food is selected and

prepared with reasonable care. Any suspected case should be reported at once to a doctor. Try to remember exactly the foods which were eaten the previous day and make a note of them. This helps to trace the source of the trouble. Bacteria do not grow in strong acid, salt or sweet foods. Because of this, acids such as vinegar and salt and sugar are used in the making of pickles, chutneys and jams. Some moulds will grow on the top of these foods if jars are not covered properly but moulds are harmless although they spoil the appearance and flavour of the preserve.

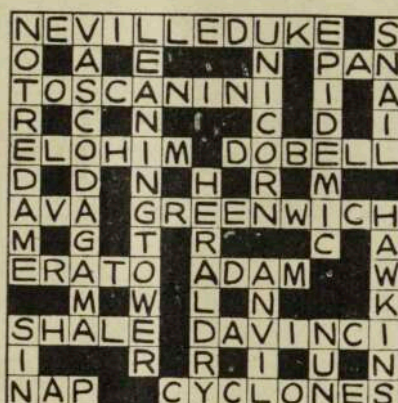
THE following chutney keeps well and is an excellent addition to cold dishes and curries.

PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY

1 medium sized pineapple.
2 cups seedless raisins.
1½ cups of vinegar.
1 tablespoon salt.
1½ lb sugar.
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh or preserved ginger root.
1 clove garlic, chopped fine.
2 or 3 finely chopped small fresh red peppers—be sure to remove the seeds.
4 oz finely chopped almonds or nuts.
Peel pineapple, remove core and cut into small pieces. Add all ingredients except nuts. Cook slowly until pineapple is tender. Add nuts and cook until the mixture thickens to the desired consistency. Stir frequently to prevent burning. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot sterilised jars and seal immediately. Serve with meats and curried dishes.

¶ Sir Brian Freestone, KCMG, Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission, will retire from that post at the end of 1954, and will take up his residence in England. In 1952, when he retired from the British Colonial Service, Sir Brian was Governor of Fiji. Since then, he and Lady Freestone have been highly esteemed members of the British community in New Caledonia. Their daughters now are at school in England.

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On their way to and from American Samoa, a USA Senate party, lead by Senators Guy Gordon and Milton R. Young, recently visited Western Samoa.



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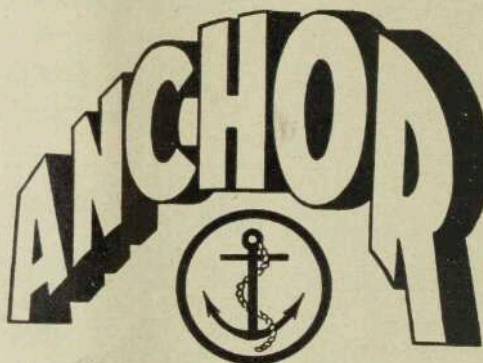
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Charlie—Down South

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the floor boards up if you want to put water in the battery?"

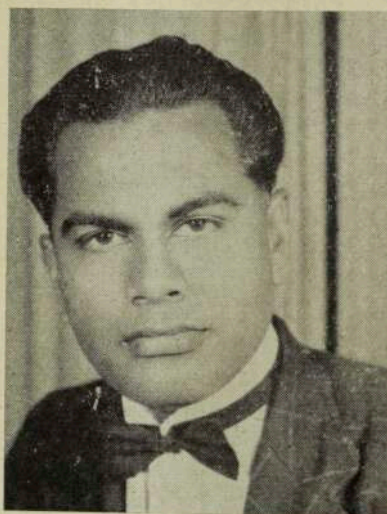
Mac didn't answer him. He sprang into his car, stamped on the starter and disappeared in a cloud of dust.

It was then Charlie noticed that there was no starting crank. "You'd think a motor costing that much would have been fitted with a crank to wind her up," he observed. "Yes, and a yellow leather sling to keep it in place."

He shook his head sadly as we returned to the house. "I never did so much on motors, anyway," he said. "Here I've been down to Sydney half-a-dozen times, almost, this last sixty years and it took old Bill, the horse that hauls the milk cart round Strawberry Hills, to run *me* down."

M. Georges Barral, Lieutenant de Vaisseau, of the Naval Reserve, a resident of Tahiti, has been decorated with the Cross of the Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, military division. He joined the Free French naval forces in mid-1940. After doing convoy duty in the North Atlantic he came to the Pacific in *Chevreuil*, late in 1941, and served there throughout the remaining war years.

Graduate of Indian University



Mr. B. Sukh Lal, an Indian school-teacher on the staff of the Viseisel Indian School, Lautoka, Fiji, has passed, with honours, the examination prescribed by the faculty for the degree of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Teaching, of the University of Amritsar, India.

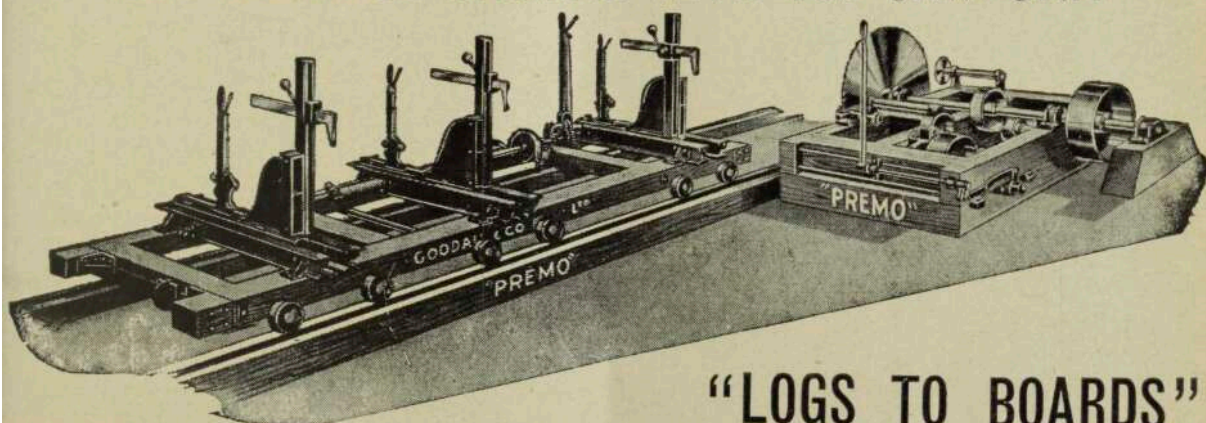
¶ Mr. Milton Nordman, only son of Mr. Oscar Nordman, took over the Nordman Service de Ravitaillement Maritime in Papeete from his father on January 1. It may be assumed, however, that Oscar will still be a prominent figure along the Tahiti waterfront.

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A Women's Mission

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her husband died; and smokes continuously the cigarettes a Chinaman gives her. She is not, we could see, a woman with an understanding heart.

"*Aita e peapea*—all right," we said to her. "The spirits have not agreed with this proposal."

"We have returned," concluded Flower of God's mother, "to tell you the second woman's name."

"We shall not look behind," Monsieur Vernier smiled encouragement; "We are still looking forward. We will make a new beginning; and God will provide for the ending. Who is the second woman?"

Flower of God stood up. She answered; "Tetuanui—Praised Woman—the widow of the pastor at Avera—here on Raiatea. Her husband died three years ago in the plague."

"Tetuanui is well chosen; but she is from Rimatara, in the Austral Islands," Monsieur Vernier was outspoken. "I know three things about her: she will not marry again; she intends to return to Rimatara, where she has children; and a deacon of Avera would marry her."

"This will be difficult," agreed Flower of God's mother. "We put the matter in your hands."

"Go, then, to Tahi Vahine on the beach; remain with her until I send for you. Say nothing about why you've come here."

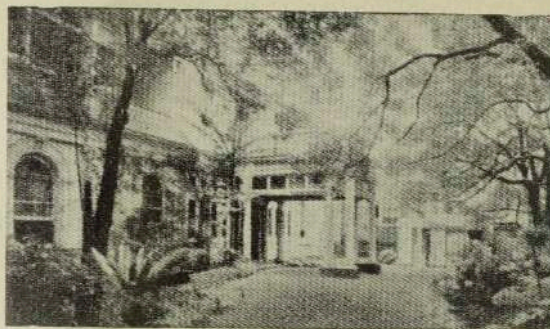
TWO evenings later, responding to Monsieur Vernier's note, Tetuanui came to the parsonage. Tall and queenly, her eyes deepest brown, she wore a black silk gown, with her braids of glossy blue-black hair hanging to the waist. Never before had Monsieur

Vernier seen her so lovely to look at.

After their dinner, Tetuanui followed him into the study. When she heard why she had been sent for, she cried. Finally, she answered:

"You are our father. You know everything about us and what is

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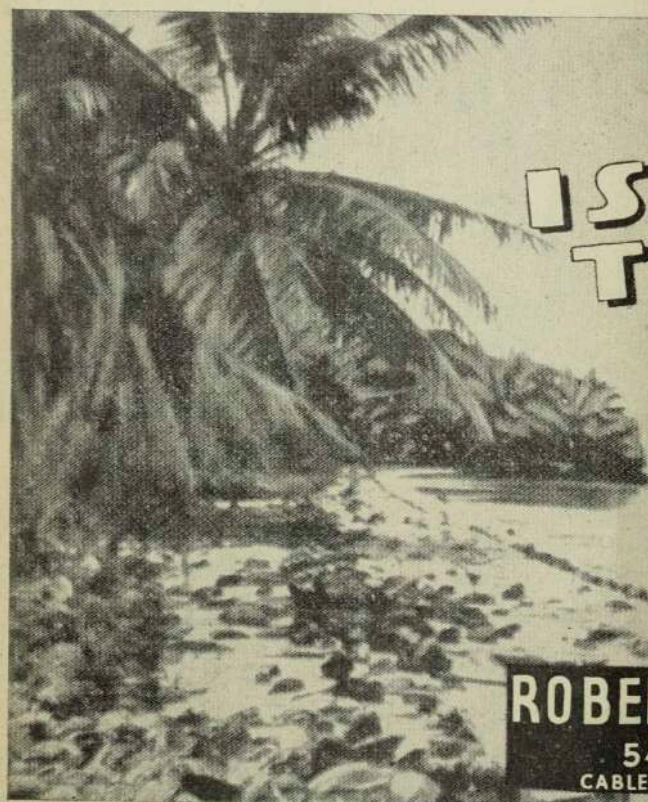


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good for us. If it is your wish for me to go to Maupiti, well—I will go. I must go; I have been asked for a minister."

Monsieur Vernier thanked her. He dispatched his housemaid to Tahiti Vahine's house.

Again, the black procession entered the study, with heads bowed. Greeting Monsieur Vernier and Tetuanui, the women sat down, and waited to hear him.

After looking solemnly at them, he snapped the tension. "Tetuanui has consented to marry your minister. She is happy that she will gain be a minister's wife, with new mothers and children to guide." Then, he asked God to be always kind to Tetuanui and Outside Heaven.

The four women cried with great joy, embraced and kissed one another. When they kissed Tetuanui, they affectionately stroked her arm, after native custom.

"*Ia haamaitai te Atua i 'a oe.* God bless thee," said Flower of God's mother. "Ever dear to our minister and us wilt thou be."

Sunset was shooting red and gold crowns among the palmtops of Maupiti the following evening when, dling alongside the coral jetty and by the white church with the red roof, the cutter *Heliotrope* dropped anchor in the water reflecting the stained-glass sky. Immediately, her four passengers climbed to the thatched-roof, bamboo-walled personage, directly above the church. The stocky, prematurely grey, saddened pastor greeted them with an inquiring gaze in his study. "You've been to Raiatea? Was your visit important?"

"Yes—a women's Mission." Flower of God's voice was sweet as orange- blossom honey.

"Was it favoured?"

"Yes; the spirits have agreed with

Whereat, Flower of God's mother described their mission. When she was finished, there was no sound in the room, except Outside Heaven's breathing; anybody on the beach could have heard that. He looked though he doubted his having heard correctly.

At length, he collected himself. A women's mission it was indeed. He knew Tetuanui well. She'll make a faithful wife. And a good *etua* to you and your children." And, looking pensively out at the coconut palm he had planted in Raiatea's memory, he mused, Raiatea's spirit will understand my marrying Tetuanui."

Diane Cilento, daughter of Sir Raphael Cilento, formerly medical officer in New Guinea, was signed in London in January, to make films for Sir Alexander Korda. She is very young—born in New Guinea 21 years ago—but already she is a famous beauty and a successful London actress.

Disquiet Over Fiji's TB Situation

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, December 12.

AN Auckland tourist who wandered from the tourist track to comment tartly on the Tamavua Hospital (November PIM) could have wandered further to advantage.

Complaints about the hospital—which appears to suffer from chronic understaffing at key points—are common among the people most concerned with Tamavua—that is, the Fijians. Occasionally, these complaints spill into the local press and cause a minor rumpus, but usually there is reluctance to make a fuss because of a fear that a commotion might rebound on to the heads of the wrong people.

It may be remembered that in

1949 the war memorial campaign raised £60,000—of which the Fijian people contributed an enormously disproportionate share—and to which the Government added £20,000. That was the nucleus of a fund for the waging of a ten-years-war on tuberculosis in Fiji.

Yet, as far as anybody outside official circles knows, the progress of the campaign is anything but spectacular. By far the worst TB sufferers are the Fijians, but to date not one official word has been said to indicate how far the alarming incidence of TB among the Fijians has been curbed, yet alone arrested.

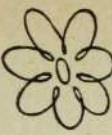
The first semi-panic over Fijian TB started after discoveries were made when thousands of the finest young Fijian men were medically examined for Army purposes in 1942-45. Nothing has been said of what the medical examinations of recruits for Malaya may have revealed.

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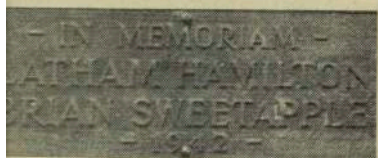
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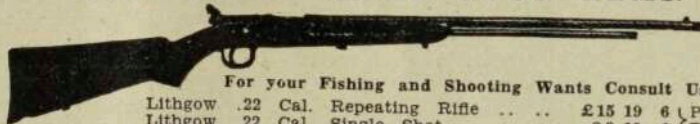
Trophy for Golfer

"See what the inscription says," Mrs. Cecilie Perichon seems to be saying to Mrs. Hilda Davies when she presented her with a trophy for the most improved player of the



year. The occasion was the annual dinner of the Associates of the Moresby Golf Club at Hotel Papua on December 2. Mrs. Davies won five trophies. —Photo by Papuan Prints.

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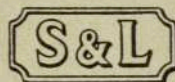
Practically the whole population, European and native, attended the farewell

gathering to Archdeacon A. J. Thompson at the Memorial Hall, Samarai, Papua, in December when this popular missionary was presented with a wallet containing over £140. Almost as many people said another good-bye to him when he left on the Bulolo, where this photograph was taken. Archdeacon Thompson has spent over 30 years in Papua, all in the Samarai area. He re-

tired from active duty with the Anglican Mission at the end of November and has now joined Mrs. Thompson in Sydney.

—Photo by F. G. Hoeter.

Total tally in the anti-Rhinoceros beetle campaign in Fiji was given up to November: 198 beetles, 79 pupae, 915 grubs, 200 eggs.



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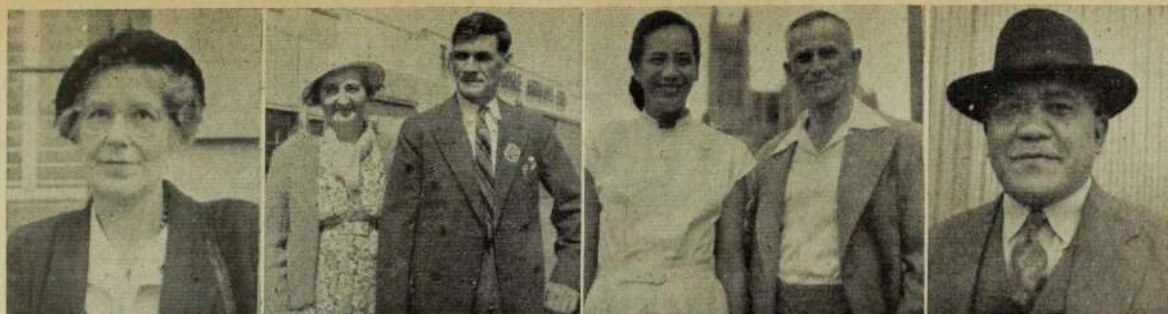
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Chief Magistrate and Mrs. Christian,

of Pitcairn Island, enroute to meet Queen Elizabeth at Suva.

Artist Charles McPhee and Mrs. McPhee, well-known in the Eastern Pacific. They plan to return to Tahiti soon.

The Rev. Tariu Teaja, of the Pacific Islanders Congregational Church, transferred to Wellington after 10 years in Auckland. He regularly met Islanders arriving by ship and aircraft at that port.

End of Year Occasion



At the Port Moresby Catholic School end-of-year Concert on November 25, Mrs. Ireland, wife of the Administrator, chats with Father Eather (Parish Priest) and Bishop Sorin. Bishop Sorin leaves for France early in January for approximately 2 months leave.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

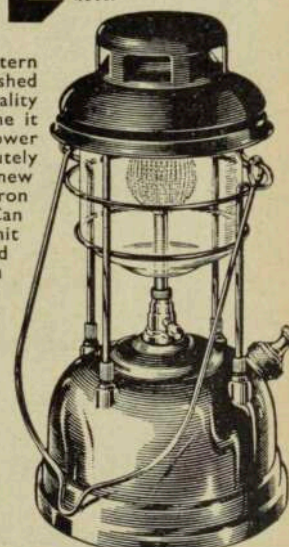
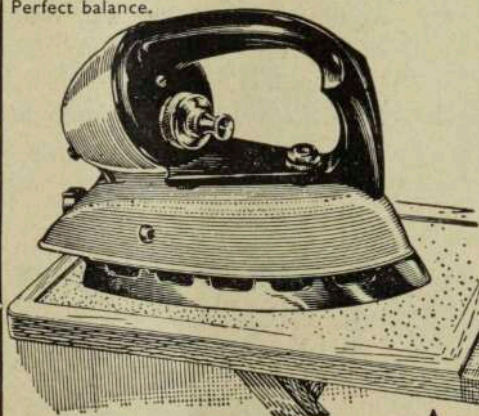
Elder Le Grand Richards, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, paid a visit to Mormon mission stations in Samoa, Tonga and New Zealand recently, from the United States.

Work has begun on construction of a new concrete bridge over the Fuliwai River in the centre of Apia, Western Samoa. It will be a single-span structure, 50-ft. wide and providing for a 30-ft. roadway and two footpaths each 10 feet wide.

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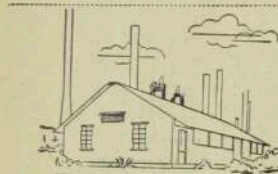
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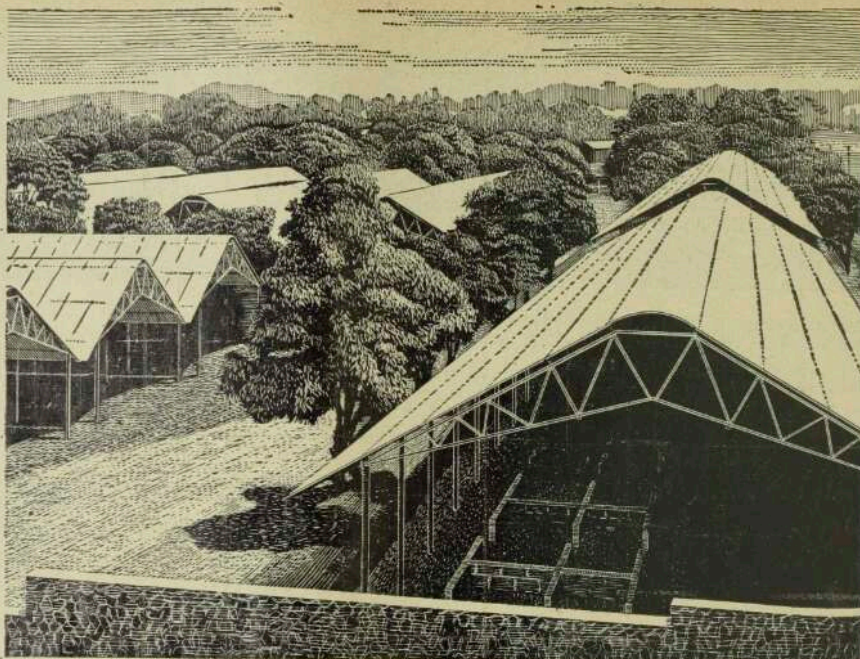
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ORIGIN OF TORRES STRAIT PEARLING INDUSTRY

Quick Thinking By Kanaka In 1869 BY W.H.M.

IT is about 84 years since Captain William Banner, trading to Torres Strait for beche-de-mer in the schooner *Bluebell*, from Sydney, helped to make the momentous discovery which transformed the area between North Queensland and New Guinea into rich pearling grounds.

Banner had set up an establishment on Warrior Island, known to the natives, as "Tu-Tu" or "Toot", but receiving its English designation from the attack made by its canoe-loads of fighting men on William Bligh, when he sailed through the Strait in *Providence* and *Assistant* in 1792. Captain Banner took possession of the north-west side; and, before long, a mixed community of Torres Strait people and South Sea Islanders were working together, more or less amicably, collecting repang for the white man's enterprise.

While the Captain was taking a cargo of cured fish to Sydney, early in 1869, he left the station in charge of a Kanaka — a man who had served in various ships, including *HMS Leopold* at the siege of Sebastopol. During the skipper's absence, some of the Tutu men showed the

Kanaka-deputy where they obtained the pearlshell to make the handsome neck and breast ornaments they wore.

That was the beginning of the activities on the famous Wappa Reefs.

When Banner returned, he was surprised to find that his trusty henchman had six tons of shell waiting for him. Straightway he took it to Sydney, as a sample.

"Plenty more where that came from!" he told the firm of Merri-man. "The natives declare it's lying there thick, just like putting your hands one on top of the other."

And so the beche-de-mer fishery was abandoned for the more cleanly and lucrative pearl-shell trade.

The brig *Pakeha* was sent to help the *Bluebell*. In the next six months, another 50 tons of shell had been collected and despatched to Sydney.

Seven boats built by the Sydney firms of Macbeth, Russell, and Stephens were employed to assist in gathering shell, fetching wood and water from neighbouring islands, and so on. They were sturdy craft, about 30 feet long, with an eight-foot beam, bow and stern alike, furnished with two standing lugs, and they stood up to the weather well,

carrying four tons of shell. With masts, sails, oars, anchor and chain, etc., these little-maids-of-all work cost only from £60 to £70 each, all ready for sea. It is interesting to compare boat-building prices to-day!

LIEUTENANT H. M. CHESTER, then at Somerset's recently-formed settlement at the top of Cape York, paid a visit to the

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Warrior Island pearling station shortly after it started off on its new industry. He furnished some reports which provide a picture of the set-up.

About 70 Kanakas, in Captain Banner's employ, were housed in grass buildings; the captain himself occupied a corrugated-iron structure. Each of the smaller boats referred to had its captain, and considerable rivalry existed concerning both the sailing qualities of the craft and the amount of shell picked up.

The boats started for the reefs on Monday morning at daylight, remained out all the week, and returned on Saturday night, guided to the island by large fires kindled as beacons. The largest take in one week was 2,500 pairs of pearlshell.

The oysters were found in from six inches to three fathoms. Opened as soon as landed, the shell was left to dry in the sun for 24 hours, after loose pearls had been removed, and was then stacked. Some of the shell weighed up to thirteen pounds; but the average weight was four pounds a pair.

Chester records that Captain Banner was treating his men well: "The maize-meal flour and molasses issued to them was of good quality," and there appeared to be no discontent.

On a later occasion Lieutenant Chester himself did some shell bartering with natives of Jervis

Island, and mentions that the rate of exchange was 10 pairs for a small knife or tomahawk, and 5 pairs for a piece of iron to make a fish spear. Shell was at that time £160 to £245 a ton in the London market. It was, no doubt, possibilities of good profits such as this, led him to try and form a "Queensland Pearl Shell and Fishery Com-

pany" in Brisbane in 1872. An old prospectus, announcing 5,000 shares at £1 each, suggests that investors would get 100 per cent. on their outlay; but the project was still-born.

Wading and swimming on the reef at low tide was the earlier method of collecting shell in the Strait. Native women worked with the men; but skin-diving methods

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were partly replaced by the introduction of diving equipment used by professional white divers. The "Pearl Fishery Company" had ideas about gathering the shell with dredges. The "apparatus boats," as they were called, employing dress drivers, enabled deeper waters to be prospected. Some wonderful catches were reported. In 1871 the value of shell taken was given as £25,000.

NATURALLY, news of the potential wealth of the Strait could not long remain secret, and vessels were soon streaming in to the scene of Banner's discovery. At this time, it may be remembered, the waters were outside Australian territorial boundaries; there was little official control, and pearl divers were free to conduct their business unhampered by any laws. Some of Banner's less scrupulous competitors caused trouble in neighbouring islands through their crews going on the loose.



A recent photograph of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cole in their garden at Apia, Western Samoa. Friends in B.S.I. and Fiji, where Mr. and Mrs. Cole have lived formerly, will be interested in the third, and very new, member of the family—daughter Zia. In Apia Mr. Cole is Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department. —Photo by K. Newick.

Mr. M. E. Wells completed his term in Suva as representative for the CPA and returned to Sydney in December. His place has been taken by Mr. J. R. Webster.

Mr. A. H. Davies completed a three-year term as manager of the Bank of New South Wales at Suva in December. He will shortly transfer to Australia to become Assistant Inspector for Victoria. Mr. C. Thomas, at present manager of the Post Office Branch of the Bank at Brisbane, has been appointed manager at Suva.

Butter Now Luxury in Apia

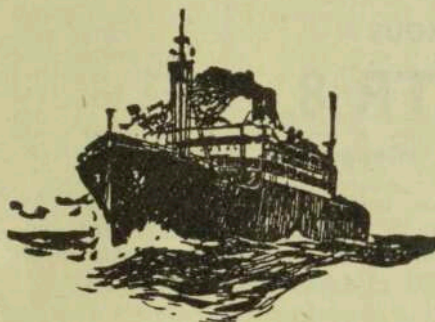
WITH the recent removal of the Government subsidy on butter in W. Samoa, the price rose from 2/6 per pound to 4/3 at the beginning of November.

Butter is thus now a luxury in W. Samoa, though probably no more so than in many other Island areas—notably the S-W Pacific where it is about twice that price.

¶ Mr. J. H. Luxford, recently elected Mayor of Auckland, NZ, was formerly Chief Judge in Western Samoa.

¶ Judge A. McCarthy, who recently retired as Judge of the High Court and Chief Judge of the Land Court in the Cook Islands, has accepted a relieving appointment as Acting Chief Judge, Western Samoa, in the absence of Chief Judge Marsack, who is on furlough in New Zealand. Judge McCarthy arrived in Apia late in November.

¶ Fernando Malevitch has been elected King of Ulithi Atoll, in Micronesia, in succession to King Ueg, who recently died.



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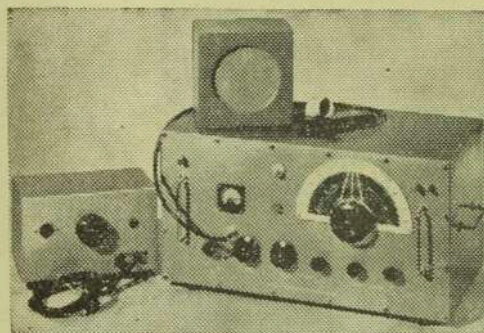
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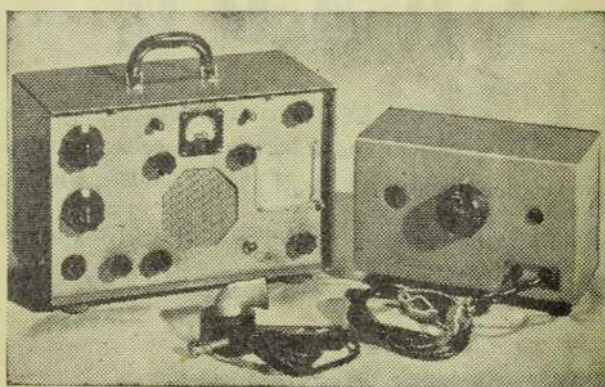
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As if to celebrate the Column's second birthday a flow of interesting news has come in from a variety of directions.

As a follow-up to VK9HI's November list of licensed VK9s, Geoff, VK9GW has turned up trumps with a summary of stations which he knows to be active or preparing for action. For the sake of ready reference we have dissected his letter and sorted the notes into alphabetical order hereunder:

VK9AB (old ZL-1-BB): Alf came on mid-December, after several years' absence, using 100w. to 813 and, at present, a long-wire a few feet off the ground; Doug VK9DB, brand new band-switched vfo, mainly on 20/6 metres, using long-wire but planning 8JK. Uses separate rig and 4-el for 6 metres; Frank K9FN, just left for VK4 on leave, but normally active with a GO-9 and 100w. on a vertical, mainly on 20 metres. Receivers, Superpro and HRO; George K9GV active 20 metre phone, no details of rig; VK9GW Geoff, vfo and pair 807s in final, 100w., rotary 8JK of bamboo, wire perspex—and faith, mainly on 15 metres, also 20 and 10. VK9KT just returning after long absence; VK9RG, on, over at Rabaul, active when at home, using an AMT-150 and an HQ-9X receiver, with a two-section 8JK circling E-W. Another will soon point to the States. VK9RM at Nadzab active on 20, but gear unknown; VK9WG, using Collins 32V2 and Eddystone receiver, with long-wire. Active 20 metres and possibly other bands; VK9YY active 20 metres and also heard being called on 15.

Geoff-9GW goes on leave in February March for nine months. He says that there are no round-tables operating in the New Guinea area. QRM/QRN bad on low-frequency bands, and most of the boys on 20. His letter did not mention 9GV, who has been heard in Auckland with good 20-metre phone sig since it was written. There are possibly some other VK9 stations active and not mentioned here—most of these being located near Port Moresby, Papua.

Geoff reports that to end of September conditions were very good on 21 mc/s, with Europe and Africa coming through for several hours each evening. Since then there has been a decline, though the band is excellent for VK/ZL contacts.

There is a letter in from Jean Duplat, 88AB, with a summary of FK8/FW8 activities: FK8AC seldom on, 8AE with w. tries his luck on DX, 8AJ completing PA with p.p. 807's; 8AO very active V/phone—using FM phone. (Heard in on 3520 kc/s CW lately). FUSAA, back me from Vila, active on DX bands;

FUSAC, no news. FW8AA, at Wallis, on fairly often with T8 CW note—usually on about 14,100 kc/s.

Jean sums up conditions, as noted from Noumea: "DX on 7 mc/s is little heard, 21 is silencing and 28 desert. None of us on 3.5."

News from Niue: Bill ZK2AA arrived in Auckland in mid-December, ending his term on the island. He reports that the other Bill, ZK2AB, quits his present job to become a trader on the island so will be keeping Niue on the map, together with the new arrival reported last month who took 2AA's place.

From W. Samoa: ZM6AC, Arnold is expected to depart for ZL shortly.

On the day that ZK2AA arrived back in Auckland ZL-1-AGR, formerly ZM6AF, was spotted on the wharf. Percy works for a local radio concern.

"Radio & Hobbies" reports an interesting mobile heading our way—the German motor-yacht "Xarifa," Dr. Hans Haas, on an undersea photographic expedition to the Pacific. At present working in the Caribbean, the yacht will soon enter the Pacific to head for the Galapagos. The call DI-9-AA will be used at all times and the Ham station aboard is now active with a 100w. vfo on CW and phone, mainly on 3530 and 14,030 kc/s CW and 3700 and 14,150 phone. The expedition has the backing of the German

National Society and Hams are requested to co-operate.

The station will also appear on 28 mc/s with a separate transmitter, but no details of power or frequency are available for that band.

Another mobile, doubtless active on the

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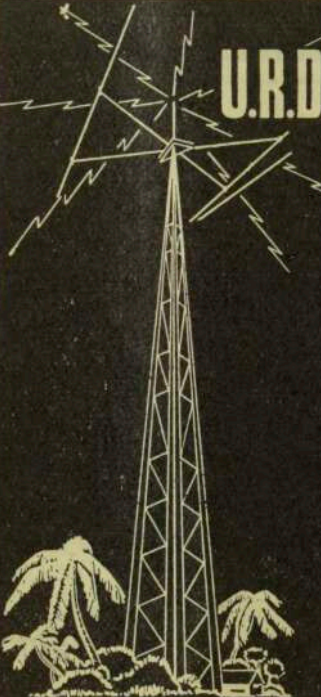
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Ham bands, is Terry Hammond, aboard the big Brisbane ketch "Coongoola," which arrived at Papeete westbound, December 6, on a round-the-world voyage (see SMALLSHIPS). Terry, formerly ZL10E, has done a lot of mobile work in Tasman races and elsewhere during recent years.

From Pitcairn comes glum news: Floyd VR6AC, though on the air last with the island's commercial rig, which contacts Rarotonga, seems unlikely to appear in the near future on the Ham bands, though he could now put a signal on 10 and 20 metres when time allows. Floyd hoped to offer the DX men something a year ago, but struck various trouble with his gear.

Following reports that ZL3JA is soon to go to the Tokelaus and will appear on the air there, probably with a ZM7 call, and that W7FNK (late F08AI) will appear again soon as VR3, we have instituted some inquiries and hope to have news next month.

Some who thought that JZ-0-KF was a phoney may relax. The prefix is official—and VK9YY can expedite QSL's. "Box 13, Lae, New Guinea", reaches Alan. Another new prefix recently active is XW8AA—located at Vietiane radio station, Laos. This is a country which most British Hams are forbidden to contact at present. Former prefix was FI-8.

A new listing, according to "Amateur Radio", is VK9WZ, F. G. Anear, RAAF Base Squadron, Momote, Admiralty Is.—former call VK5WZ.

ISLANDS BOXERS IN ACTION

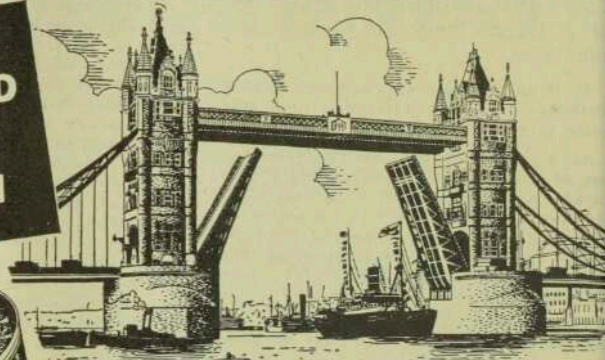
SINCE Kitione Lave, of Tonga, caused a boxing sensation in New Zealand several months ago, outside interest in the potentialities of Island boxers has been stimulated. Another Tongan, Nautahu, who has never been knocked out by Lave, easily won his first

fight in Auckland on December 17 against Peter Day, a local.

Two American boxers who had been fighting in Australia, Freddie Dawson, light-weight, and Chappie Godfrey, heavy-weight, travelled by air to Tahiti a few days earlier to fight, respectively, Ernest Ganivet and Charlie Cowan, in a contest at the Fei Pi stadium, Papeete.

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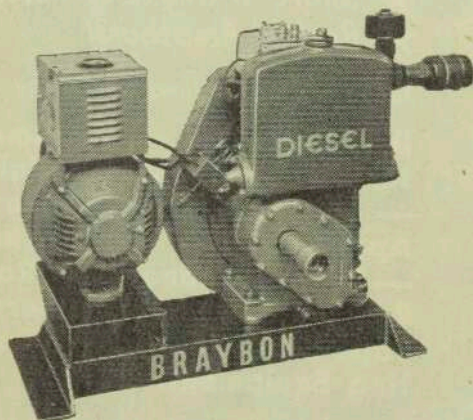




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NEWS FROM THE GILBERT AND ELLICE

The Resident Commissioner, Mr. M. L. Bernacchi and Mrs. Bernacchi travelled on furlough to New Zealand during November. They left Tarawa in the *Kia Kia*, joining the phosphate vessel *Elja* at Nauru.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Kester and Mrs. T. Bell and son also travelled by the same vessels from Tarawa to New Zealand.

Dr. W. H. Rees returned to Tarawa from Suva by John Williams and Lauren late November. Dr. Rees had been relieving at Nukualofa for a period. Mr. and Mrs. P. Child also returned from vacation.

The *RCS Kia Kia* transported leper patients from the Colony to Makogai Central leper station, Fiji, during December. Sister Fitzgerald of the Medical Service, having completed her term, also travelled south to Suva in this vessel. Her place at Tarawa was taken by Sister Davies who arrived from Suva by *Te Matapula* recently.

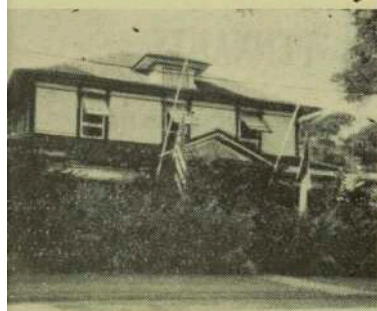
The new *Te Matapula* was to make a circuit of the Phoenix Islands (Canton, Sydney, Hull and Gardner) during December, via the *Ellice*, returning to Tarawa at the end of the month.

Mr. H. A. L. Gray has resigned from the Colonial Service and left Tarawa by *Maupu* for Ocean Island to connect with phosphate ship late November.

Other recent movements of local residents included Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Halley and daughter back from leave.

New Zealand. Mrs. W. J. Brabant and daughter also returned from leave. Mr. C. A. Walch departed for Australia on furlough.

Tahiti's Old US Consulate To Go



The old United States consulate building in Papeete is to be demolished according to a recent notice appearing in the *Journal Officiel* of French Oceania which lists a number of over-age buildings that will soon disappear.

The Consulate building, which faces the so-called Broom Road encircling Papeete's waterfront, was built in 1906 on land donated to the United States by Queen Marie IV in 1832. The present building, shown above, replaced one demolished in 1906.

Since the American Consul was withdrawn from Tahiti October 31, 1948, the property has been leased to Mr. Oscar Ordman as a residence and offices.

New Commissioner for India in Suva

DR. RAJKUMAR, recently appointed Commissioner for the Government of India in Fiji, arrived in the Colony in mid-December with his wife and family.

He was welcomed at Nadi Airport by a group of prominent Indian residents.

A new broadcast station to provide coverage for the Marshall Is. (also probably well received by night in the Gilberts) was opened at Majuro on October 12, with the call-sign WSZO. Broadcasts will be mainly in Marshallese, but with general musical programmes also.

Mr. Maynard Neas, Island Affairs Officer at Majuro, Marshall Is., was to visit the Gilberts during January to study administration methods in the British colony. Mr. Neas was to travel aboard *MV Baker*, which was bound for Suva with medical trainees for the Central Medical School.

The US Trust Territory's annual report for the year ending June 30, 1953, shows that the Angaur Mining Trust Fund amounts to \$777,867, received as royalties on the export of phosphate from that island. The Fund will be distributed annually to the clans who own the land, part to clans not owning land on which mining operations are proceeding, and part to the municipality for civic purposes.

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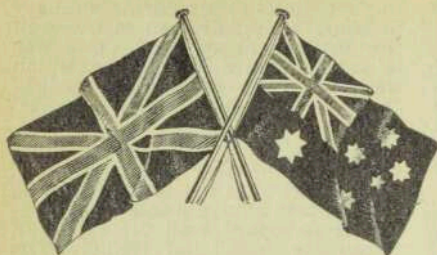


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NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

IT HAPPENED IN THIS MONTH:

—It was in January, 1867, that the mission ship *John Williams II* was wrecked on Niue Island. The wreck was sold to the infamous Bully Hayes, who happened to be there at the time. Hayes transported the crew of the wrecked ship to Samoa on his vessel, *Rona*. Also in January there was the wreck of the brig *Thatham* on Penrhyn Island—that was in 1854; and in January, 1806, the vessel *Argo* was lost on the reef which now bears its name, east of Lakemba, Fiji, the crew reaching Tongatabu, where all but two were killed, the survivors being rescued several years later.

VATULELE LIGHT:—This new Fiji light is now in full operation. Exact position is given as 18 deg. 0 min. 26 sec. South, 177 deg. 36 min. 59 sec. East. The light is 136 ft. above sea-level and has a range of 16½ miles. It flashes white every ten seconds and is visible from 051 degrees through east and south to 04 degrees. It is partly obscured from 304-317 degrees and from 355-07 degrees, and obscured on other bearings.

PORT MORESBY LEAD:—A new 8,000 candle-power rear leading light will come into operation at Port Moresby on about February 8. Located about 100 ft distant from the existing rear light on a bearing

of 234 deg., the new light will have a range of 24 miles, being located 294 feet high.

The light will bear 054 deg. from the front lead and will be visible from 309 deg. through north and east to 101 deg. and at short range to 116 deg. except where obscured by land. It will give a one-second white flash followed by a three-second eclipse.

GAUALOFA SUNK:—O. F. Nelson & Co's small motor vessel *Gaualofo*, of Apia, struck a submerged rock between Lata and Salailua on the south coast of Savaii, W. Samoa, early December, later sinking at anchorage at Salailua. Only six feet of her mast is showing. The vessel was empty at the time. It is hoped to salvage her.

LE PHOQUE FOR FIJI:—The well-known Noumea coaster *Le Phoque* (*The Whale*) has been purchased for use in the Fiji inter-island trade by Morris Hedstrom & Co., Suva. Built in 1937, at Gendt, *Le Phoque*, of 188 gross tons, was brought out to Sydney on the deck of the German heavy-lift vessel *Stassfurt*, which was well known in Australian and New Zealand waters pre-war. *Le Phoque* was lifted into the water at Sydney by a floating crane in one of the heaviest lifts ever to have been made there

up to that time. The vessel was stranded but successfully refloated again several years ago. Lloyds gives the dimensions as 104.2 ft by 21.1 ft by 6.2 ft, with a 34-ft poop and 14 ft fo'c'sle. Displacement 117 tons, nett tonnage 99. She has accommodation for nine cabin passengers. A 200 HP Deutz diesel

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STANLEY ANGWIN MOVES ON:—The cable ship *Stanley Angwin*, completing repairs to the earthquake-damaged cables in the vicinity of Fiji, moved south in December to carry out work in the vicinity of Norfolk Island.

GEIC SHIPPING:—Captain Stan Brown, with his wife and child, arrived in Suva aboard *Kia Kia* early December. He is on leave from the Gilberts vessel *Tungaru*, and will holiday in New Zealand. Captain Tom Milner was to take over the command of *Tungaru*. The Colony vessels *Nareau*, *Maureen* and *Tuvalu* were expected to undergo refit in January-February. *Nareau* was to go to Ballina, NSW, the others to Suva. It is understood that *Nareau* has had certain trouble with her engine bed recently. *Tungaru* will head south to Suva for her overhaul in February. *Kia Kia*, after bringing leper patients to Makogai, returned to the Colony during December.

NAVIGATIONAL CHANGES:—Recent developments of interest to Island navigators are summarised herewith. Details should be obtained from the relative Admiralty Notice to Mariners, the number in each case being given: 1014, lights established at Honiara; 1045/1054/1353, changes to soundings in Fiji waters: 1603, Vila

Harbour light altered and buoy established; 1602, New Caledonia—Port de Goro light alteration, and Ile Amedee light buoy established; 1769, New Caledonia, Baie du Prony, pier and buoy established; 1772, Fiji, shoal west of Moturiki; 1874, Canton Island, light established; 1875, Tonga, bank NNE of Fonualei; 2083, Dutch NG, Hum-

boldt Bay mooring buoys removed 3410, Lae, wharf lights; 2142 Palmyra Island, alterations to lights; 3348, Fak Fak, NG, light alteration; 3402, Madang, D-NG wharf lights; 3400, Hollandia, D-NG light established; 4772, Ocean Island, light and beacon; 2494, New Hebrides, volcanic disturbance near Epi; 2511, Noumea, leading light

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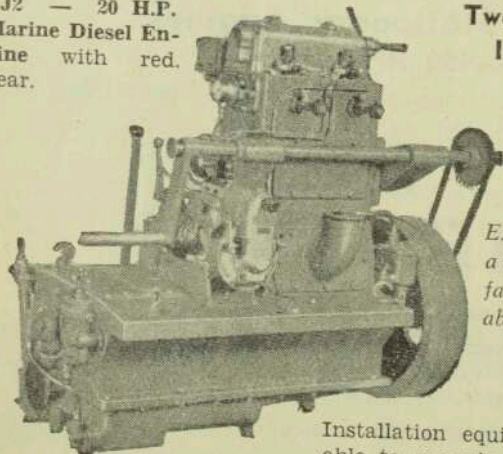
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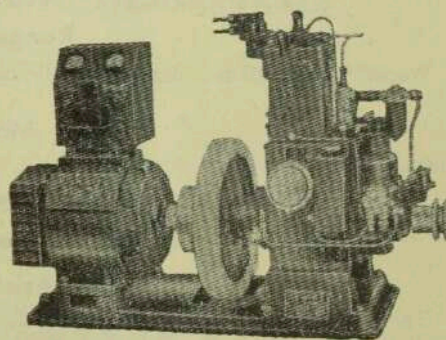
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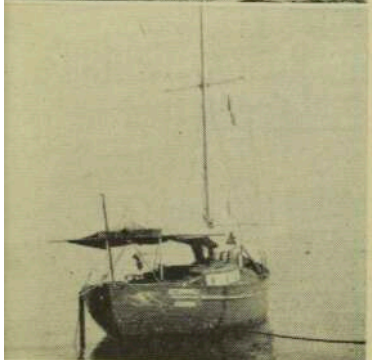
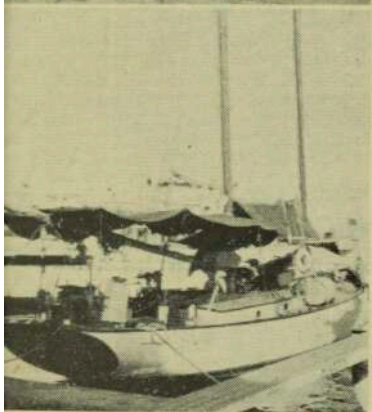
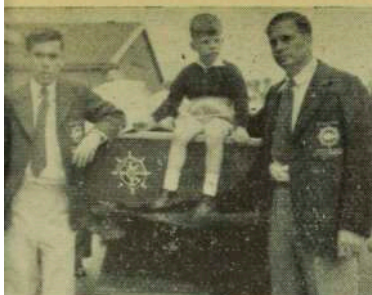
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Three yachts in Papeete, mentioned last month: the revolutionary Beatrix of amp-backed design, Venturer from the States, and Anna Elizabeth — like Beatrix from Holland.

altered; 2606, Austral Is., Raivaevae flagstaff beacon removed; 2663, Marquesas, breakers reported northward.

Earlier this year we reported that a light was to be established on Maina islet, Aitutaki. The light was expected to be ready for service by the end of 1953.

A light was established at the back beacon, Avarua leads, Rarotonga, early this year and has not previously been reported here.

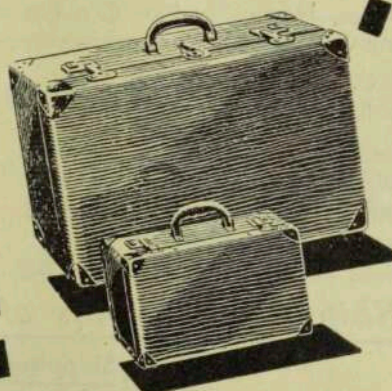
SMALLSHIPS R/T SERVICE FROM HOLLANDIA:—Hollandia, D-NG, has established a radio telephone service for smallships. JZS

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LAE R/T CHANGES:—Lae, NG, call-sign formerly VJY is now VIL, and times of service have been recently changed; Monday to Friday, 2200-0200 GMT, 0400-0615 GMT; Saturday, 2215-0300 GMT; Holidays (except Sunday, no service) 2230-2330 GMT. Lae listens on 6280 and replies 6405 kc/s as previously.

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or tender in October as part of the Government's policy of disposing of its war-time built fleet and 11 of them have now been disposed of. The vessels involved were *Daria*, *Duali*, *Karu*, *Kulu*, *Kelaua*, *Katika*, *Kokoda*, *Maimuna*, *Mainiro*, *Malakau*, *Marova*, *Matoka* and *Nusa*. It will be recalled that seven others, *Moturina*, *Muniara*, *Manugora*, *Kurra*, *Kina*, *Kano* and *Doma* were sold a year ago by private treaty to Steamships Trading Co. The sale caused some comment at the time as the ships were not put up for tender, as is usual. Those vessels were a standard type of 300-tonner built during the war—identical to *Rannah* and *Charlotte Donald* operating at present in the Cook Islands. The vessels recently sold by tender are 300-tonners and 5-footers.

The eleven vessels have been sold to six different purchasers and the total purchase price received was 147,705. This is regarded by the Government as being highly satisfactory, having regard to an independent valuation received some time ago. The vessels sold range in size from 112 tons gross to 308 tons gross. They are all being used in the coastal trade of the Territory and the contracts of sale provide that the vessels shall not, without the consent of the Commonwealth, be used other than in the Territory trade.

The sale means that private enterprise will, in future, operate all

except two of the vessels formerly owned by the Government Inter-Island Shipping Service, and conditions of sale should ensure that the requirements of the coastal and inter-island trade of Papua and New Guinea are efficiently served.

SANTA TERETIA BREAKS DOWN:—When the Catholic Mission vessel *Santa Teretia* had a serious breakdown in the Gilberts during November she had to be towed 200 miles from Tabiteuea to Tarawa by the *RCS Maureen* (Capt. Gerry Douglas) for repairs. *Santa Teretia* was last in the news when she stranded on Vuna Reef, Fiji, August, 1952. She was salvaged and repaired in Suva and has been in continuous service under the command of Rev. Brother Gautier ever since.

NAREAU DRYDOCKING:—The GEIC's *RCS Nareau* was dry-docked at Ballina, NSW, in January. While the vessel is on survey, Captain Farrell is to go on leave. Captain Eric Lindstrom, lately of the BSIP vessel *Kurimara*, is to take command of *Nareau* for the time being.

GEIC FLEET:—We have occasional inquiries as to just what vessels operate in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands inter-island services.

So far as we know there are no vessels operated by private trading concerns. The Colony Government operates two moderately large and four small vessels under the Trade Scheme co-operative. *Tungaru* and *Tuvalu*, square-bilge steel converted

barges, wartime built in Australia, each carry some 200 tons of cargo. *Maureen* is a standard war-time-built 66-footer, *Kia Kia*, Hong-kong-built as a medical patrol vessel, is a 75-foot auxiliary ketch, *Nareau* is about the same size. These three each carry only ten tons or so of cargo and are mainly personnel transports. *Te Matapula*, new

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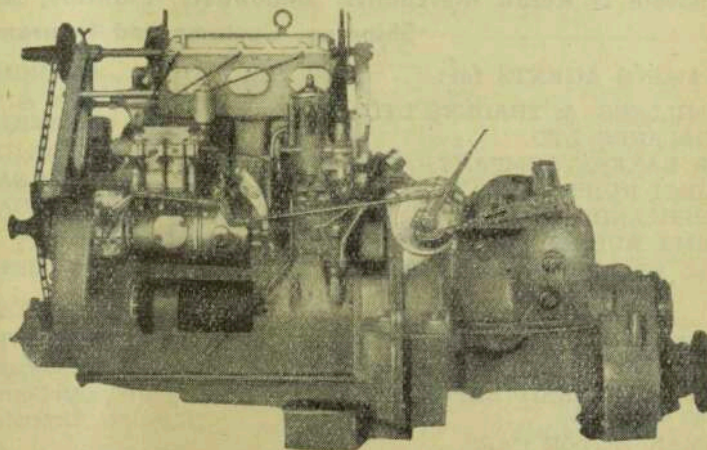
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The Tangitang, another co-operative, based on Tarawa, owns two small auxiliary vessels, *Ara Toba* and *Ara Karimoo*, each carrying 10-20 tons.

Only other craft of any size in the Colony are *Santa Teretia*, owned by the Catholic Mission, *Fetu Ao* owned by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, and the 419 GT *John Williams VI* of the London Missionary Society. These mission craft are used to transport mission personnel and cargo but also carry Government officials when required. *John Williams VI*, though spending a large part of her time in the Colony's waters, is based on Suva and makes circuits to New Guinea, Samoa and the Cooks at regular intervals.

Shipping headquarters for the Colony, repair facilities, and Club for personnel, is at Betio islet, Tarawa.

MEDICAL PATROL CRAFT:—Further details were made available in December of the four vessels which will soon be built in New Zealand primarily for use as leper relief vessels, but also as general medical craft in the Western Pacific. Estimated to cost £NZ15,000 each, they will be 55-foot wooden, ketch-rigged craft carrying sufficient sail area to make reasonable speed under sail alone, though they will, of course, be powered. They will have a beam of 16 feet, slightly raked stems and elliptical sterns. As

previously reported, they will be made available by Lepers Trust Board funds to Anglican, Methodist and Catholic missions in the Solomons and the Presbyterian mission in the New Hebrides.

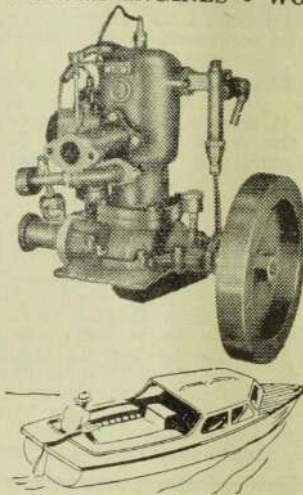
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SALVAGE AT CANTON:—The 140-foot diesel motor-yacht *Caronia*, owned by three Americans from Portland, Oregon, is the base vessel from which salvage operations have recently been proceeding at Canton Island on the war-time wreck of the *President Taylor*. A Honolulu

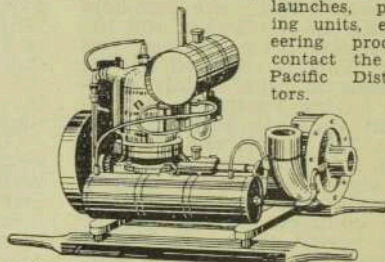
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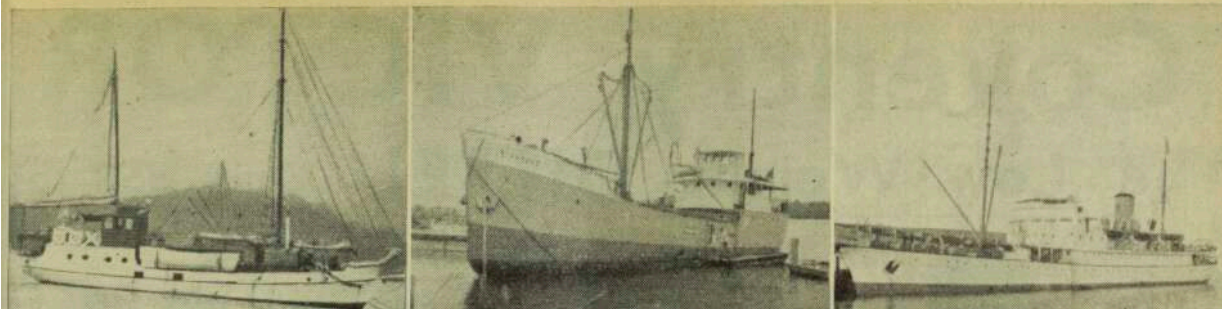
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Left to right: GEIC's RCS Kia Kia with her shortened rig mentioned in recent notes, Morris Hedstrom's latest acquisition Le Phoque, formerly of Noumea. Stanley Angwin, cable ship, completed a lengthy repair job in Fiji waters following the earthquake.

newspaper reports that the men spent four years in preparing *Caronia* for the task. They hope to refloat and sell the big trooper. Work has been under way since mid-September.

Families of the salvage team are living aboard *Caronia*.

PML VESSEL FOR FIJI:—To bring Micronesian medical students to the Central Medical School and take others back home, Pacific Micronesian Line's vessel *Baker* was expected in Suva from the Marshalls via Tarawa during January. Shipping connections between the American Trust Territory of Micronesia and the South Pacific are very rare, though several voyages have been made since Micronesian students have been attending the Suva medical school.

PERSONAL:—Professor Hans Pettersson, leader of the Swedish oceanographic expedition that made ocean soundings through the Pacific in *Albatross* several years ago, paid a 10-day visit to Suva during December.

Captain E. K. Anderson, formerly of the China Coast, who took command of Morris Hedstrom's Fiji trader *Altair* in August, resigned the position early December.

Mr. W. E. Smith, recently chief engineer in W. R. Carpenter & Co's *Ai Sokula* in the Fiji trade, left the company in November and made a relieving voyage out of Auckland as fourth engineer in *Mau Pomare* to the Cook Islands. Unknown to him, Captain Simpson, former master of *Ai Sokula*, was also on a voyage to the Cooks as a deck officer in *Rannah*. They had a surprise meeting in Rarotonga.

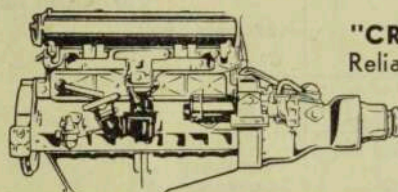
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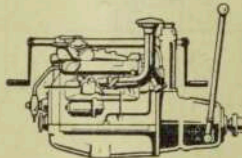
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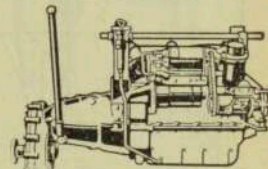
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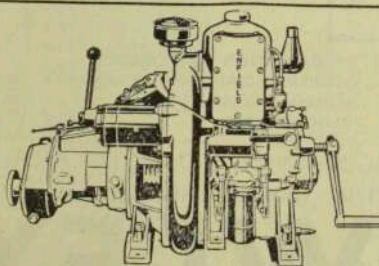
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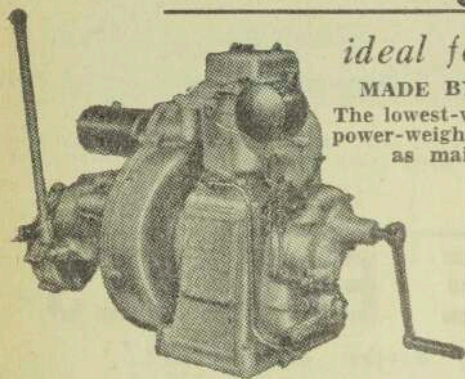
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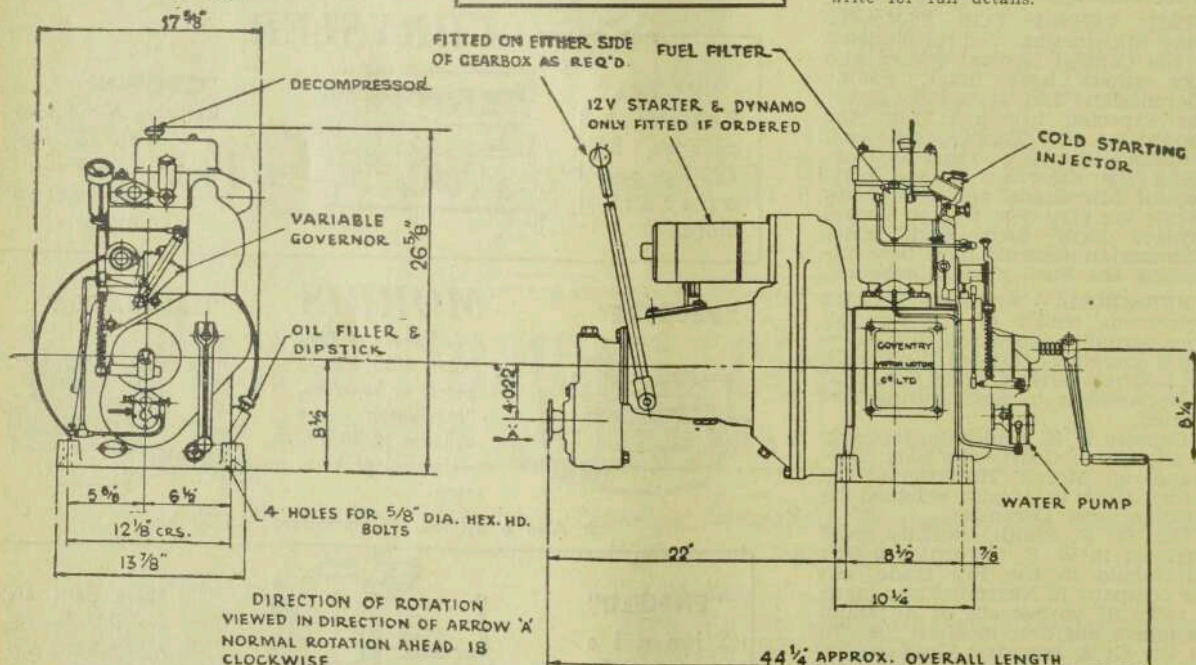
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ly, reef-fishing is done for bait purposes after the bait carried on the fishing vessel has become exhausted. To speed up the job, dynamite has been used by the Japanese. This itself is an offence in most areas.

BIGGER WHALING FLEET:—Eighteen whaling expeditions are heading south this January for the commencement of the current antarctic season—as compared with last year, even though the total permissible catch has been reduced from 16,000 to 15,500 blue whale blits.

RANNAH:—Mr. D. C. Brown's *Rannah* seems likely to remain in the Cook Islands. Some of her European personnel have been returned to New Zealand. En route from Auckland in November a flexible coupling on the port reduction gear sheared when the vessel was 850 miles out of Auckland. No damage was done and the motor was serviceable but repairs could not be effected until arrival at Rarotonga. The voyage took 12 days from Auckland.

TARAWA PORT FACILITIES:—The Betio wharf has been declared unsafe and has been closed until repairs can be made. Betio is the headquarters in the Gilberts for the colony's shipping, staff club and fitted repair facilities being located here.

NG CO-OP VESSEL:—Typical of number of native co-operative-owned coastal vessels in New Guinea

waters is the 60-foot *Moutuana*, a motor vessel with a carrying capacity of 34 tons, which a Papua correspondent reports as busy, in mid-December, running Christmas cargo to outports. *Moutuana* is skippered and manned entirely by native Papuans. Operating out of Samarai the vessel runs general cargo out to the owner-Societies and brings back their copra and trochus.

NUKULAU AT LAST:—South Pacific Shipping Co's *Nukulau* (Capt. McKenzie Arnot) called at Port Moresby just before Christmas and was expected at Suva, her ultimate destination, on January 7, thus completing a lengthy delivery voyage from Cyprus, which began in September, after delays in transferring to British registry.

LOSS OF MONIQUE:—Our Tahiti Correspondent, referring to the loss with all hands of the coaster *Monique*, of Noumea, some months ago, suggests that the cause might have been a freak sea due to some submarine upheaval. He recalls that, in perfectly calm weather, the liner *Sonoma*, in which he was serving, struck such a sea in the vicinity of Tonga in 1913. The ship took a terrific roll, shipping a sea from bow to stern, but righted herself without major damage. He suggests that the same could have happened to *Monique*.

There are many volcanoes and submarine disturbances in the general New Hebrides-New Caledonia-Banks Is. area, but there is

no record of such a sea having swept up on the beach in this area at that time.

News of Cruising Yachts

• **COONGOOLA**, 74 ft., 63-ton twin screw Brisbane ketch, arrived at Papeete December 6, in the course of a round-the-world voyage. Owned by Mr. G. H. Griffiths (owner of the Toowoomba Foundry) and with nine other persons

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aboard, the yacht left Brisbane November 22, 1952, journeying by way of Torres Strait, Dili, Singapore, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Alexandria, Cyprus, Rhodes, Athens, Messina, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles, Gibraltar, Las Palmas, Trinidad, Curacao, Panama, the Galapagos, Nukubiva, and Ahe. Skipped by Terry Hammond, well-known Auckland yachtsman, the big ketch has made a comparatively smart circumnavigation to date. From Papeete she will head for Borabora, Rarotonga, Nukualofa, Rabaul, Auckland, and Lord Howe back to her home port.

Terry Hammond, her skipper, has been radio operator and navigator in a number of craft round the Islands in recent years.

• **XARIFA** (Dr. Hans Hass) which left Hamburg last August and has lately been in the West Indies area, is expected soon to be in the Panama Canal and head for the Galapagos, where Dr. Haas, well-known under-sea photographer, will spend some time working. Other details lacking, but she is equipped with an amateur radio station (see radio notes). The yacht is understood to be heading for Australia so is likely to be seen in Pacific Islands.

• Following last winter's successful Island cruising by some Auckland yachts, others are expected to venture forth next Autumn. Two probable starters are a new yacht being built by Mr. Mark Anthony, who, with companions last year delivered two mission vessels to the New Hebrides from Auckland; and **IMATRA**, 54-year-old, 72-foot Auckland ketch which came out from England via Panama and

Eastern Pacific Groups several years ago, but has since changed hands twice.

• After a lengthy sojourn in Tahiti waters **NOVIA** (Lee and Anne Gregg) and **CALYPSO** (John and Gene Litton) cleared Papeete for Honolulu via Island ports November 28. **NOVIA** had been in Papeete since May 6, 1953, **CALYPSO** since July 20, 1952. Both yachts fly the

American flag. The Greggs have their five-year-old daughter with them.

• **STORTEBECKER III** (Dr. Franklin-Evans) of England is edging south down the Canadian coast for a return voyage to Auckland next year. Norwegian Frank Jensen remains in Canada this year, his place being taken by Donald Tiffin. The German-built 33-foot yawl, which we re-

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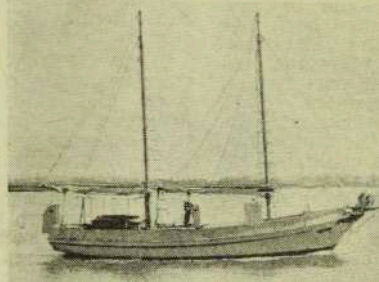
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ried frequently last year, should reach New Zealand waters next December.

● **NELLIE BRUSH** (Forrest Nelson and Kingett), Miami ketch, after heading stward as far as the Galapagos went north to San Diego, where she safely arrived some time ago. This yacht was reported last year to be heading for Hawaii.

● **FLAMINGO** (Warren McCarthy and companions) of Auckland, reached Coff's Harbour, NSW, December 15, after a 15-day passage from Russell, NZ. The 30-footer may be entered in the Sydney-Hobart Race—and possibly the Trans-Tasman late January.

● **TE RAPUNGA** (Capt. George Dibbern and all-woman crew) cleared Hobart December 12, for Auckland via south of New Zealand and the East Coast, and to enter the Trans-Tasman Race which Dibbern won in 1934 in the now-30-years-old ketch. Dibbern, now 64, hopes to leave all the work to his three-woman crew on the east-bound passage, and for the race will add a further two Wellington girls. Dibbern, Eileen Morris and Edna, are well known in the Eastern District, their last ocean voyage having taken them to the Cooks three years ago.

● A Fijian sailing canoe race was to take place on Suva Harbour December 20, the first such race since 1911, the event that has been won by the canoe of the Governor, Sir Everard Im Thurn. The contestants this year are canoes which were specially built or reconditioned and sailed from the outer islands to welcome the Queen on her arrival at Suva. It is hoped that the event might become an annual one again.

● In Rarotonga an attempt is being made to revive the activities of the Yacht Club there. All craft sailing there in the Ngatangia Harbour are European-type trigger canoes. Centre-board yachts, even to the very shallow water, would be restricted to a very small area of the harbour.

● **CHELAN**, owned by Vera Hideout, is to clear a California port during December on commencement of a world cruise. Vera is said to have been preparing for eleven years to make the voyage in the 25-foot ketch. If all goes well she should be seen in the Islands this year.

● **LANDFALL II** (Dr. William F. Combe) is heading for the Islands from the States. Itinerary for the 30-foot schooner is said to be Marquesas, Samoa, Gambier, Pitcairn, Societies, Tonga, Fiji and Auckland. The doctor is fully equipped with dental forceps and is to pull his way through the Islands which he last visited several years ago.

● **TALEI**, one of two Suva representatives to contest the J. J. Giltinan International 18-footer yacht title, arrived Auckland in mid-December aboard the TUA, accompanied by skipper R. E. E. The other entrant, **TARUA**, and training crews of both boats will arrive in January before the event. Fourteen boats are expected to cross the starting line—three each from Sydney and Auckland, two from Suva and the remainder from New Zealand clubs.

● **GESTURE**, a Wangarei, NZ, yacht, a past Trans-Tasman Race com-

petitor, left that port December 23, on an extended cruise—first port Lord Howe Island. The yacht was recently acquired by Mr. R. McIlvride, who has crewed in several Trans-Tasman races. With him is his wife and three crew men, W. Sirl, B. Barnaby and B. Bruce.

● **COONGOOLA**, mentioned page 109, evidently wasting no time at ports of call, cleared Rarotonga December 23, for Nukualofa. She left Tahiti December 12.

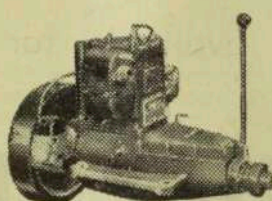
● **TONGA**, a 30-ft. Colin Archer ketch, dropped in to Samarai, Papua, in mid-December, and is likely to remain in that area for a while. Owner W. A. Crack, of Sydney, is a diver by profession and plans to engage in trochus fishing. The voyage from Sydney was made by way of Queensland ports and Port Moresby where a native crew boy was signed on.

En route to Samarai Mr. Crack did a little coastwise copra trading. (Yacht's name may be incorrectly spelt here—we suspect **TONKA**.)

● **CARIAD I**, A. W. Flitton's big 89-foot schooner yacht from Cape Town, which passed through the Pacific last year in the course of her second cruise round the world, was in Sydney in December.

● **NAITAMBA**, owned by a former US navy man, R. K. Smith, is still in Los Angeles after several attempts to get her to New Zealand where her owner has now lived for six years.

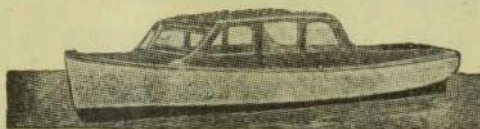
In December, Mr. Smith was calling for volunteers to sail her across the Pacific. He wanted New Zealanders—three of them—because he believed that they were less likely to leave the ship.



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NAITAMBA is a 34-ft. ketch, and is equipped with everything from a deep-freeze unit to a radio-telephone and an electric winch.

Mr. Smith left the ketch in Los Angeles when he began his wartime service. All attempts to sail her to NZ have so far been abortive although he has visited the States three times in the last six years for that purpose.

We wonder how the ketch got her name. Naitamba is the island in the Lau Group of Fiji owned by Mr. Gus Jennings and family.

• Our Norfolk Island correspondent reports an unusual sight from Emily Bay on that Island where the NZ yacht ERERU managed to get through the very narrow entrance to the reef at full tide on New Year's Day and is now safely anchored. Very few boats larger than a row-boat get through Norfolk Island's reef.

Air Cadet Flight Sergeant J. A. Whitehead of Wau, New Guinea, was one of the 11 who graduated Pilot Officer from the RAAF College, Point Cook, Victoria, on December 9. The graduation marked the end of four years' intensive academic, service and flying training.

Miss P. Brokenshire, now living in New Zealand, but a pioneer in the Methodist educational field in Fiji paid a visit to the Colony recently.

★ For A Good Girl!

P. NG Director of Education, Mr. W. C. Groves, hands a book to a small pupil at the annual break-up concert and prize-giving of the European School, Port Moresby, at the Red Cross Hall, on December 9.

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Mr. D. J. McDonald, formerly postmaster at Port Moresby, has been transferred to Lae. Mr. R. W.

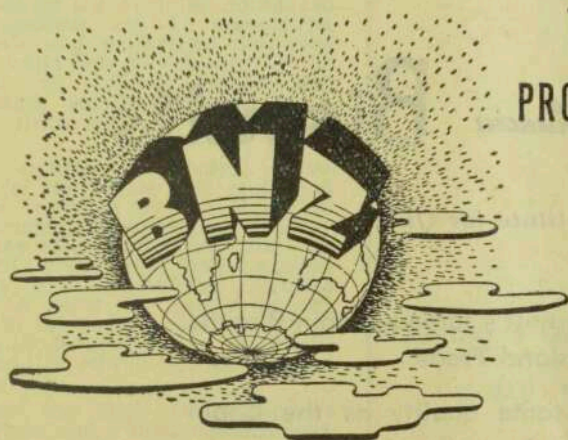
Forrest, who arrived recently from Australia, has taken over in Port Moresby.

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Conflicting Opinion About Samoan Currency

From Our Own Correspondent
APIA, December 15.

THE move to establish a separate Samoan currency which may have a different value from the New Zealand £ was severely criticised in the New Zealand Parliament recently.

There is also some strong opposition to the move in Samoa, as many believe that it is to the economic advantage of the Territory to leave Samoan currency connected, as at present, with the New Zealand £ and Sterling. A separate currency would involve certain risks for a small and economically weak country like this Territory.

However, the select committee, set up some time ago, has recommended to the Samoan Legislative Assembly that W. Samoa establish an independent currency and banking system under a Currency and Exchange Board of Control.

The Select Committee included the Hons. Tamasese, Malietoa, Anapu, Tualaulelei, Aiono Tifaga, E. F. Paul, L. M. Cook and, as adviser, Mr. V. D. Stace of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. Its report will be debated at the March session of the Legislative Council.

It says that "in view of Samoa's desire for self-government . . . the only

way by which the economic future of Samoa can be, to some extent, safeguarded . . . is by maintaining control as far as possible over the economic state and relations of the Territory." Under the present financial integration with New Zealand "the interests which will be considered will inevitably be those of the New Zealand producers and consumers.

These are not necessarily similar to the interests of Western Samoa"—and the Report goes to some length in explaining why.

The Committee concludes that a Currency & Exchange Board of Control should be empowered not only to establish a separate currency, coinage and legal tender, but be permitted to

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appreciate or depreciate the currency within a limit of 25 per cent. from its existing level of equal to Sterling. Mr. Stace has recommended that a Samoa Bank be owned jointly by the Samoa Government, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and the Bank of New Zealand in the proportions of £70,000, £15,000 and £70,000 respectively. The bank would have at its disposal 3,000,000 in Sterling and overseas funds. The Report notes the great success of the Bank of American Samoa in a territory of considerably less potential wealth; and considers that without the establishment of such a Bank in Western Samoa, complete government of the territory by the people of the Territory would be impossible. At the same time stresses the fact that such a bank could only operate successfully if it had the complete confidence of business at home and overseas. This could only come about through wise and capable direction by experienced men. Until Samoans are trained to occupy those positions New Zealand would have to provide the key staff.

GUADALCANAL HAS A NATIVE COUNCIL

THE newly constituted native Guadalcanal Council was opened on November 19 by the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, Mr. R. C. S. Stanley.

Mr. Stanley, in his opening address to the Council, expressed his pleasure that the people of Guadalcanal had decided to have one council for the whole island instead of numerous small sub-district councils, and emphasised that progress could only be achieved by the people of different areas and languages joining together in a work which would be of benefit to all.

He reminded the Council of the value of the advice that could and should be given by the Heads of Government Departments. His Excellency also pointed out that the Council could do little without money, and it was the Council's duty to assist the people in improving the quantity and quality of copra production, and in the establishment of other crops as a source of income.

After the High Commissioner's departure and a brief adjournment, the Council proceeded to the rest of the agenda. Headman J. C. Bouza, GM, was elected Vice-President of the Council.

Proceedings continued on Friday and Saturday and included discussions on the establishment of the Council's headquarters, the appointment and pay of Council administrative staff, Native Courts, assistance in medical affairs including the establishment of leper blages, agricultural affairs including the improvement of copra and the encouragement of cocoa and vegetable planting.

NEW HIGH COURT JUDGE FOR COOKS

MR. R. V. KAY, of the Maori Affairs Department, Auckland, has been appointed Judge of the High Court and the Native Land Court in the Cook Islands.

Mr. Kay was in W. Samoa between 1935 and 1938 as commissioner of the High Court, Crown Solicitor and Crown Prosecutor. He has since served as assistant solicitor at Lands & Survey Department head office, Wellington, before joining Maori Affairs Department.

Mr. Kay succeeds Judge McCarthy who recent retired, though remaining a resident in the Cook Islands. Judge McCarthy has lately been re-

lieving in Samoa during the absence on furlough of Judge Marsack, who returned to Samoa by December Tofua.

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Policy For Field Officers In New Guinea

"I HAVE heard it asked, 'What is the use of going to the School of Pacific Administration?' " said Australian Territories Minister Paul Hasluck, addressing the 26 men who received their diplomas at the School in Sydney in December.

"I have noticed that many public servants do not know exactly what they are doing—their usefulness is limited because they cannot understand how their task fits into the general plan of administration," he went on. "Well, it is essential that in New Guinea we should know what we are doing, in the broader sense. That is one of the objects of this School. We hope that the officers who pass through this School will have a broader awareness of our administrative problem.

"Some people have said that the Territories would be much better off if only our general policy were made more clear. There are a dozen ways in which one may indicate the broad purpose of policy; but that is not enough in itself—we want a general directive to guide us.

"Our over-riding purpose in New Guinea is the advancement of native welfare, and that is the measuring-stick which we must apply to all our major problems. Our further policy is to secure the best possible future relations between ourselves and the natives. Any further problems will be resolved in accord with those two major objectives.

"What really matters is not pronouncements in Canberra, but how the job is done in the field in New Guinea, by the men on the spot. The training which you have had here is designed to assist you in fitting your daily task into the overall administrative plan."

The Minister said that all the 26 graduates already had served in the field in New Guinea; and they now were qualified to pass on to higher jobs. Their graduation was welcomed by all concerned, because such men were very much needed in the Territories. He warmly congratulated them on their success.

Old Papeete Buildings for Wreckers

IN addition to the old American Consulate building in Papeete which recently was condemned by the city authorities (see elsewhere) two other well-known old buildings have been listed for wrecking.

One is the old home of the Miller family, built nearly 100 years ago; the other the 120-year-old Caisse Agricole.

Samoa's New Deal to Be Discussed At End of 1954

It was obvious from discussions at the recent session of the Legislative Council of Western Samoa that members and Samoan leaders are still undecided about the Development Plan proposals of New Zealand. (This Plan, announced in March, 1953, more or less asked Samoa to design its own self-government but proposed far-reaching political changes and reorganisation of the present system of government).

Samoan leaders are still not prepared to commit themselves on the proposals. Particularly have they expressed that before the social and political proposals of the plan can be implemented, the Territory's economy must be developed and expanded in order to provide a sound economic basis for social and political measures. This they believe is all the more essential in view of the rapidly growing population of Samoa which is expected to double itself in the next 20 years.

It was also pointed out that, though undoubtedly the country is in a financially sound and prosperous position at present, this favourable position depends entirely on the continuance of the present high prices for Samoa's main products, copra and cocoabeans, and that a price drop in the world markets for these products may have disastrous effects on Samoa's economy and seriously interfere with the planned political and social development proposals.

Members of the Council appear, however, to be unanimous about one item—that of universal franchise which NZ suggested should replace present traditional methods of government. All are against it on the grounds that it would conflict with the *matai* (chief) system whereby only the chiefs and family heads, freely elected by their families, have the right to represent

their people. Samoan leaders claim that the *matai* system is democratic in principle and fully represents the whole population.

The whole development plan is at present under discussion by a special working committee appointed by the High Commissioner and composed of members of the Assembly, the Fono of Faipule and heads of Government Departments. This Committee is to make specific recommendations to the Legislative Assembly at the next session in March, 1953.

A Constitutional Convention will be called at the end of 1954 to consider the political aspects of the Development Plan.

BANK FOR SAMARAI

THE Bank of NSW has re-opened a Branch at Samarai, Eastern Papua. Mr. B. F. Ferguson, from Brisbane, is acting as temporary Manager pending the arrival of the new manager, Mr. M. L. Y. Hobden, of Brisbane. The Branch was first opened in 1910, but was closed by enemy action in 1942. The "Wales" is the only Bank with representation at Samarai and it now has eight branches and agencies in Papua-New Guinea.

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RECORD SHIPMENTS OF W. SAMOAN COCOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, December 10.
THE SS *Maplebank* in Apia, has loaded a record shipment of Samoan produce for the United Kingdom—about 3,900 tons of copra and about 800 tons of cocoabeans are to be shipped and the total value of the shipment is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of £500,000.

In addition, the motor ship *Thorsisle*, of the Pacific Islands Transport Line, in early December, loaded an additional 300 tons of cocoa-beans for the USA market. These large shipments will probably clear Apia sheds before the end of the year.

Top price for Samoan cocoabeans was obtained a few days ago when a small parcel of Samoan 1st grade was sold to New Zealand buyers at £300 per ton f.o.b. (In the New Year, cocoa rose to £400 Stg. in London—an all-time record. See elsewhere this issue).

Eight Western Samoan Boy Scouts, in charge of Scoutmaster Williamson, attended a "jamborette" in Christchurch, NZ, in January. The trip was financed by public subscription subsidised by the Government on a £ for £ basis.

BAD ACCIDENT IN FIJI

FIVE Indians, including two married women and a small girl, were killed when an Indian taxi, after being involved in a collision with an Indian bus at Baulevu, Viti Levu, on January 3, plunged 30 ft. to the Rewa River, and sank in 20 ft. of muddy water.

The Fiji Methodist Church is planning for next April the commemoration of the centenary of the conversion of Ratu Cakobau to Christianity.

A son was born at Namanul Hospital, Rabaul, recently, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Dixon, of the Department of Works.

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The Islands Sent a Singing Delegation to Meet the Queen

DELEGATES of chiefs and leaders from Western Samoa, the Cook Is., Niue and the Tokelaus who were invited by the New Zealand Government to go to New Zealand as representatives of their Territories during the Royal Visit, were also the guests of Island Territories Department on an extensive tour of the North Island and part of the South Island during their stay.

Through the courtesy of Island Territories Department and the delegations, a PIM Representative was allowed to travel with the party by motor bus on a part of the tour during December.

The big Railway Department bus assigned to the party was not very new on its way before it became very evident that the Island Territories had certainly sent a singing delegation to meet the Queen. The Samoans, especially, not only made the trip pleasant by singing their way across country with songs both serious and amusing, but also gave great pleasure to their various guests at stopping points along the route.

Though the delegates may not have noticed it as they put their hearts into their singing, many a serious farmer, far out in the country, looked up from his task in surprise as the singers flashed by. He scarcely expects to hear Samoan music in the outback of New Zealand!

But if the Samoans were perhaps the most enthusiastic singers, the Cook Islands delegation was not at all behind when it came to dancing. and Councillor Piri Maoate played many a howl of delight along the route as he took the floor at the reception or another to shake his considerable bulk in the hula, Cook Islands version, when music of suitable tempo was offering. Nor was Mrs. Malama Head slow in joining him—in a Niuean version of the dance!

It happened that on the night the party arrived at Russell, the well-known BBC commentator, Wynford Vaughan Thomas, complete with recording equipment, in search of background material for the Royal Visit to Waitangi across the bay, was also there. He took the opportunity to record some of the songs and chants sung by the delegates at a Maori welcome given at evening. These were later to be used by the BBC in conjunction with the actual Royal Visit to Waitangi due some weeks later.

Wherever the party travelled in New Zealand it was bound to come into contact with Islanders who have made that country their temporary

or permanent home. Strangely, few seem to have settled in the north where the climate more nearly approaches that of Samoa, but the first such meeting of the trip took place on a country road near Keri Keri.

There the big bus passed a young woman on a bicycle. Immediately some of the Samoans called to the driver to stop. The Samoan girl, naturally astonished to meet the party under such circumstances, said that to her knowledge there are but two Samoan women living in the area north of Auckland.

Later, at Dargaville, the party was to meet Joseph Brown, young Samoan radio technician from Apia broad-

At Opononi the Cook Islanders met Dr. Jim Rennie and family, formerly of Rarotonga, but now stationed at Kohukohu. Left to right: Mr. Piri Maoate, Dr. and Mrs. Rennie and children, and Makea Nuie Teremoana Ariki, leader of the Cook Islands delegation.

The delegates visiting a large citrus orchard at Keri Keri, Bay of Islands. The Cook Islanders were particularly interested.

At forestry headquarters in the heart of the famous Wai-poua kauri forest reserve, the party was escorted by Forester W. H. Jolliffe, who recently returned from the Cook Islands where

he had advised the Administration on a forest planting scheme for the Lower Group islands.



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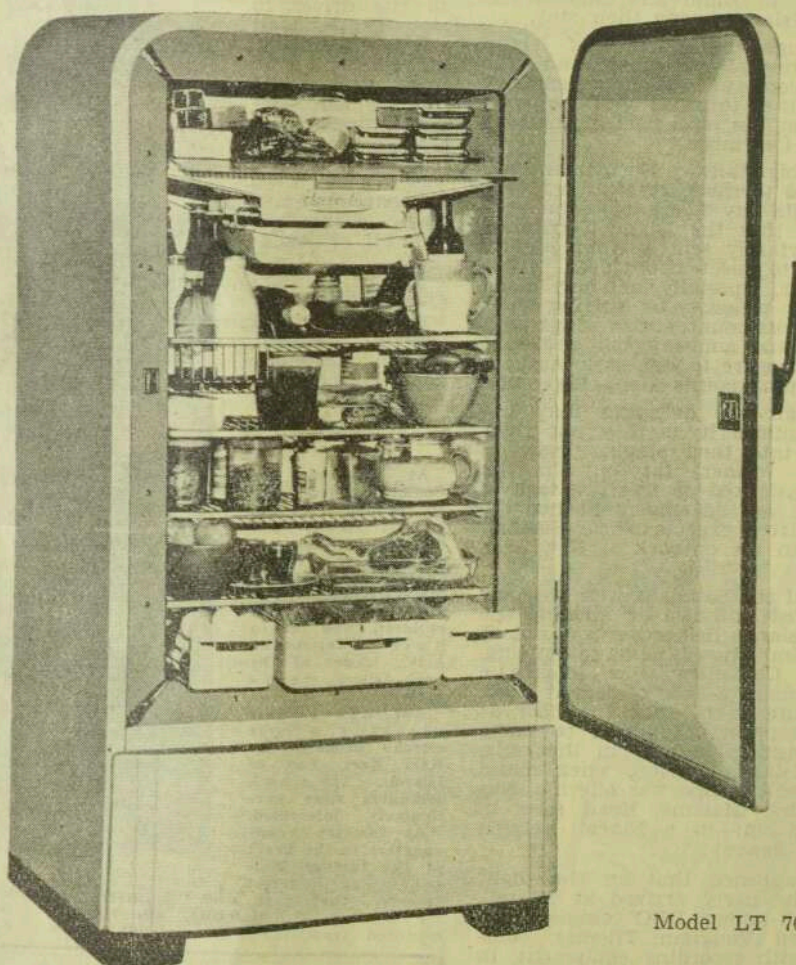
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ast station 2AP, gaining experience at New Zealand radio stations. He is possibly the only male Samoan living in the North Auckland area. Mrs. Head also had a brief meeting on the roadside with a Niue family living in the north.

A number of the delegates had never been outside their own Territories before. Peato, the Tokelau representative from Nukunono, and the Samoan speak little or no English. For these the trip was, of course, packed with interest.

The New Zealand Government was naturally hopeful that some of the forestry and farming projects shown to the party would be of practical use to them on their return to their home Islands.

The party consisted of the following delegates: Western Samoa: Alietoa Tanumafili II, Mata'afa Tulinu'u, Matai'a Europa, Tuleleasoe, Jacob Helg, Lilomaiava To'omata, Gatoloai Peseta, Talamaivao.

Cook Islands: Makea Nui Terepana Ariki, Piri Maoate, Tuaeise, Tangi Trego Ariki, Mrs. Jane Araroa Ariki, Tihau Napara.

Niue: Mrs. Malama Head, Sergeant Tohovaka.

Tokelau Islands: Peato.

The party attended several functions at Rotorua and Wellington at which the Queen was present. They were presented to the Queen in Wellington.

What the Tourist Trade Can Mean

AT about the same time that it was announced from Suva that work on the new South Seas Hotel would be halted at the second or third floor, Honolulu was opening a new 200-room wing on one hotel, and at least four new hotels of the unit type containing ten, fourteen, thirty-five and sixty units, respectively.

At the same time too, construction commenced on an eleven-storey 300-room hotel for Matson, a \$15,000,000, 275-room luxury-class hotel to be named Walkiki Biltmore, and a 300-room hotel to be named The Reef.

When these are completed, Honolulu's major tourist hotels will number 48—to cater for an overseas tourist traffic that numbered 80,000

in 1953 and will increase by 10,000 per year during the next three years, according to tourist experts.

Apart from these hotels, Hawaii has nothing that Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti or many other South Pacific groups have in greater measure.

Mr. James Spillius, an anthropologist who was attached to the National University, Canberra, while on a mission to Tikopia, in the Solomons, left for England at the end of November. He will return to his post as research assistant to Professor Raymond Firth at the University of London.

Mr. Otto Sanft, prominent merchant of Vavau, Tonga, has recently doubled the size of his Neiafu store. The old store will now be entirely devoted to clothing and fancy goods, etc., and the new section, in an adjoining building, will be given over to groceries.

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The Board will sit in Wewak in February in order to deal with all outstanding applications in that area; and the Papua Land Board was expected to meet in early January.

The NG Board in its December sitting recommended these grants and tenders:

AGRICULTURAL LEASES IN THE MARKHAM VALLEY: T. G. Mason, 2,420 acres, west of the Erap River; W. J. Jackson, 700 acres, west of the Erap River; D. J. and T. J. Leahy, 2,000 acres, west of the Erap River; J. D. McKinley, 1,286 acres, west of the Erap River.

AGRICULTURAL LEASE, MOROBE DISTRICT: A. P. Ireland and A. L. Malcolm, 400 acres on the Wau-Labu Road near the Watut River.

PASTORAL LEASES: Mrs. C. H. Robertson, 5,200 acres on the Leron River, Markham Valley; J. W. Lyle, 6,840 acres on the Leron River, Markham Valley.

Other minor leases were granted, and seven applications for agricultural and

pastoral land were refused—some because applications were for agricultural leases in areas classified as pastoral country.

The hearing of an application by New Guinea Estates Proprietary, Ltd., for 22,000 acres of pastoral land around the Gusap airstrip was deferred on the request of the company. This was due to the illness of one of the company's principals, and to permit representation before the Land Board.

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This has now been done; apparently the original users of the land will now have to go out of business or look for land elsewhere.



These Islands residents were in Auckland during December:—

The Rev. Brothers Columbia and Angus from St. Peter's College, Suva.

Mrs. Kopu, Mr. Uriarau, Miss Taylor (holding child), Miss Aue, and (front) were Kopu, from the Cooks.

Mr. J. Mannix and Mrs. A. Anderson, were met by Miss Nia Petero, on arrival from Aitutaki.

Rabaul Tennis

THE annual championships of the Rabaul Hard Court Association have recently been successfully concluded. The outstanding players proved to be Mr. W. Drake and Mrs. F. Wilkinson. Mr. W. Drake won the men's singles and also the doubles partnered by Mr. W. Campbell; Mrs. Wilkinson won the ladies' singles and the doubles partnered by Miss M. Egan.

Others to show good form were Mr. G. Harrington, A. Rackeman, B. Teague, C. Wright, and Mesdames O'Farrell and Shanley. The association is indebted to the following for donations of trophies: Mrs. Una Adams, Mrs. Jackson Seeto, Mr. Chin Meen, Alois Akun and Co., Burns Philp & Co., Bank of NSW.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Wolffgram, of Villa, Vava'u, Tonga, on December 4. The newcomer, who has a sister, Lavena, has been named Victor Frederick.

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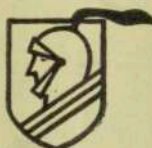
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Frisby—Mattson Wedding



A wedding of Suva interest took place recently at St. Aidans Church, Remuera, Auckland, when Miss Elaine Mae Frisby, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royden Frisby, was married to Mr. Donald Stuart Mattson.
The bride's parents have lived in Suva for the past 24 years. Mr. Frisby recently retired from the Civil Service there, and they are now living in Auckland.
The photo shows the bridal party (left to right): Mr. Don Jacoby of Auckland, the groom and bride, Miss Dorothy Ivles of Auckland, and Miss Margaret Frisby, sister of the bride.

More Tribal Fighting in P-NG

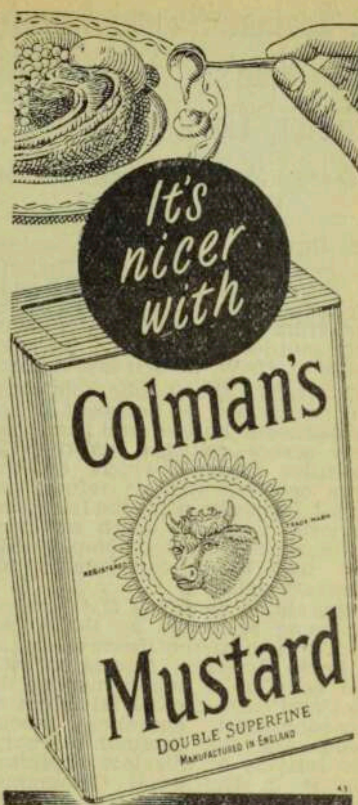
In mid-December it was reported that 15 natives had been killed in tribal fighting which occurred 12 to 15 miles east of the Ave Patrol Post in the Southern Highlands of Papua. Erave is about five days' walk from Lake Kutubu which is a three-hour Catalpa flight from Fort Moresby.

Erave is in the Sambarigi Valley which is under partial government control; the tribes have always engaged in intermittent fighting with their neighbours.

A Patrol Post was opened there months ago and an airstrip is now under construction. Until this completed the only access is overland from Lake Kutubu.

At present Patrol Officer W. J. and is stationed at Erave, and another Patrol Officer, C. E. T. Terrell, has been instructed to proceed to Erave from Lake Kutubu with additional native police to help set up work on the airstrip.

The Rev. H. M. Bell has become Presbyterian minister in New Guinea. The local newspaper said he came "hot from the cannibals of the New Hebrides, where he served as a missionary for 15 years."



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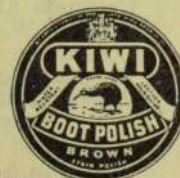


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N. Zealand Should Inquire Into Niue's Mission, Govt. Set-up

NZ-ers Want Reprieve for Niue Murderers

CONSIDERABLE public controversy developed in New Zealand both before and after the mid-December stay-of-execution which was granted to the three Niueans who murdered Resident Commissioner C. H. W. Larsen last August.

Generally, the public, churches and newspapers do not want to see the Niueans hanged and there has been severe criticism of the NZ Executive Council which, on the same occasion that it refused an appeal for leniency for the Islanders, reprieved from the death sentence, a woman murderer of Napier, NZ, who had killed two people for monetary gain.

Appeals on behalf of the Niueans are being organised by the Auckland Branch of the Howard League of Penal Reform. Associated with this body in a public meeting in Auckland were several Ministers of non-conformist churches, labour unions and the Communist Party. The interest of this last organisation is in the usual Communist tongue-in-cheek, propaganda pat-

tern but is probably unfortunate for the appeal itself.

In a letter to an Auckland newspaper, the Rev. M. S. Check, who was a London Missionary Society representative on the island until comparatively recently, said that unenlightened government policy was an indirect cause of the Larsen murder and that Islanders had

been treated too harshly—he cited cases of youths being gaoled for 12 months for stealing £1, three months for being drunk; being fined £5 for improper language which many Europeans use freely in public, and similar fines for playing poker—which the Niueans know European play frequently.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bish (right) and Lois, Norma and Robert, were met by Mr. Jack Beatty when they arrived from Suva per Tofua.

all proportion to the average income of about £25 per annum. Other newspaper readers (but in the minority) have said, in effect, that the LMS church tried to play politics on Niue; that the late Resident Commissioner was a just, capable and kind man and that the means were naturally violent. These advocated a get-tough policy. Government officials, in whose hands the final decision lies, "refuse to comment." The whole Larsen affair seems now to have passed from a matter of simple justice to a matter of emotions. But sufficient has been said on both sides to make it desirable for a searching official inquiry into the whole of the NZ administration of Niue. With the exception of Mr. Check and the LMS and they cannot be said to be unbiased) the whole of the public opinion expressed is uninformed on the subject of the Island. However, it is obvious that some of the Islanders believe they have grievances. They may well be imaginary grievances, on our standards—but, at the same time, be very real to the Islanders. And, as Mr. Check has himself stated that the LMS frequently clashed with the Government over native policy, the role of the Mission on Niue should also be given a public airing.

Notes from Norfolk Island

January 2, 1954.

WE did not have packed guest-houses for Christmas—probably due to Her Majesty's arrival in Auckland from which come many of our holiday-makers. Three planes arrived from Auckland on December 27, and the Sydney Skymaster, December 31, and now accommodation at a premium.

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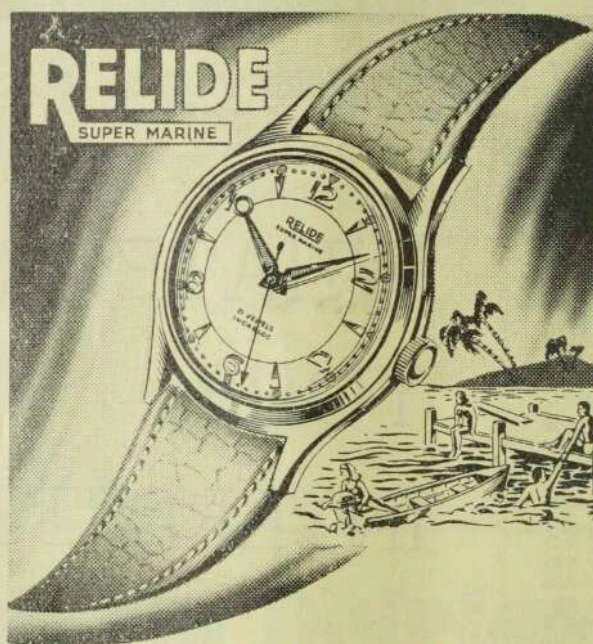
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WITH another hurricane season approaching, the time seems opportune to state a few useful facts on a subject of much interest to residents of the South-east Pacific. There are some hints regarding the behaviour of hurricanes in this area which, once understood, provide Islands residents without a barometer with guidance in determining whether or not they are going to be struck, and how severely.

It seems necessary to stress that hurricanes are not winds that suddenly spring up from nowhere, and then die down after doing their worst in some particular area. The hurricanes that affect the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Fiji and the Cook Islands—the groups most subject to these visitations—are born, usually, over a period of days, in the vicinity of the Equator.

They all have this general habit: they consist of winds circulating spirally, *always in a clockwise direction*, inwardly and upwards round a central "eye" which may be from several miles to over 20 miles in diameter. The whole system will be a couple of hundred miles in diameter—and, once formed, it usually starts to move, almost always in some southerly direction.

So here is the first pointer: If your radio reports a hurricane somewhere hundreds of miles away to the north, north-east or north-west of you, be on the alert. If the hurricane is centred anywhere south of you, the chances are very small that you will be visited by the beast.

To understand the wind-system of a hurricane and to predict with reasonably accuracy what its direction of movement will be, only a few things are required—a map or part of the general area of the South Pacific within, say, 500 miles of your location, and a piece of tissue paper or celluloid.

Depending on the scale of the map, draw a circle with a diameter of, say, 500 miles on the tissue paper; then draw a spiral line, in clockwise direction, from the outer edge of this circle in towards the centre, so that, in thus spiralling inwards, it circles the centre of a dozen times. Draw little arrow heads at intervals along this line, facing in a clockwise direction; and there you have, approximately, the wind system of the hurricane.

You must now realise that not only is the wind circling round the central eye—which you can draw—but that the eye itself, and the whole thing, is almost certainly moving in some southerly direction anything from 5 to 25 knots.

The present meteorological facilities in the South Pacific are generally inadequate to permit an accurate determination of the position of the centre of the hurricane very rapidly, if at all.

The predicted track may be, say, 30 miles to one side of the actual track taken by the storm. Therefore, it may well be that you, living on some outer island, will be much better placed to determine the true track in your region, than is the weather office the point where the forecasts are issued. And it may be taken for granted that you are interested in whether or not

the full force of the blow is going to hit you.

If you are, get outside smartly and note with reasonable accuracy the direction from which the wind is blowing, as soon as rumours of a hurricane are circulated—and continue to note at frequent intervals thereafter.

Let us suppose that you find the wind is easterly. By juggling that piece of tissue paper it will be at once evident that the centre of the storm can only be in one possible direction from you—somewhere north, or a little west of north.

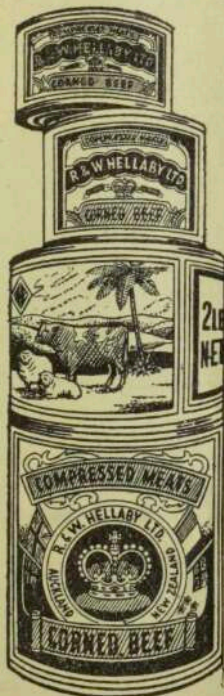
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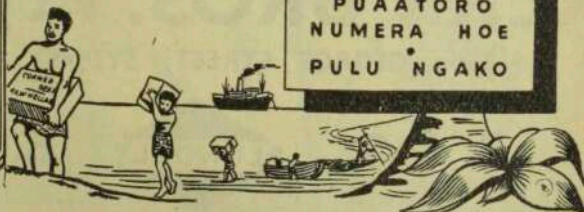
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But it is a popular fallacy that most damage occurs in the path of the eye of the storm. A little thought will show you that the winds are going to be strongest on the right-hand (or eastern) side of the hurricane's centre—because, if the hurricane is moving south at say, 15 knots, it is clear that those 15 knots will be added to the force of the northerly-quarter winds on that side of the whirling air mass—just as the 15 knots will be deducted from winds on the left (or west) side of the storm.

Thus, if the eye (or calm centre) is ten miles in diameter, and the winds spiralling round it have a 50-knot velocity, an island east of the centre will experience 75-knot winds while one, say, of fifteen miles to the west will experience only 35-knot winds.

And here it may be noted that a place directly in the track of the above hypothetical hurricane would, after suffering a violent and increasing blow from east to north, have a calm respite for 40 minutes—while the 10-mile eye passed at 15 knots—and then, on the other side of the storm, the winds would strike with violence from south to west, gradually diminishing as the storm moved away.

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So here are the cardinal rules for the home forecaster. Once a hurricane has been reported anywhere north of your latitude, start to take frequent note of the wind.

- If it remains in the same direction and steadily increases, the centre is heading towards you.

- If it gradually moves round from southeast through east, and increases, you are on the east or "bad" side, and the centre will pass somewhere close to the west of you.

- If, on the other hand, the wind moves from southeast through south towards the west, and increases, the centre is passing east of you and the blow will be less severe.

- If the wind, after blowing very hard, suddenly drops, do not be misled into thinking the blow is over. You are clearly in the centres of the storm and the direction will reverse and the force soon increases again, probably within an hour.

Those are the general rules. But, once in a while, a hurricane plays tricks. Instead of holding its usual south-westerly, southerly or south-easterly course, it dives back on its track, or runs off to the eastward for a while, or becomes stationary. Sometimes when the latter happens it "deepens"—the central pressures

alls and the circulating winds increase in velocity. This, of course, gives the false impression that the hurricane is approaching.

But, by and large, that map and piece of tissue paper, plus an accurate sense of direction, will tell you a great deal about the behaviour of that hurricane, and let you know when or whether to prepare for the worst.

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UNTIL recently Eastern Samoa was virtually cut off from the outside world from sunset to sunrise. There was a recent instance when, due to an undersea earthquake in some other part of the Pacific, Honolulu wished urgently to alert Pago Pago to the possibility of a tidal wave, but was unable to do so.

When the US Navy left Samoa in 1951, a shortage of trained wireless personnel prevented the radio station from having more than 8 hours' communication with outside stations. Now, arrangements have been made by Director of Communications, Ray Sparks Caldwell, to resume 24-hours service. Nearly all the employees are Samoans, trained for this work—including a charming female operator, Miss Masae Suipi, age 19, of Aug, American Samoa.

M. Jean Breaud, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, very well known in French Oceania as head of the firm engaged in several big public works undertakings in Tahiti at pre-

sent, was awarded the distinction of Knight of the Legion of Honour recently before departing from Paris for Papeete on one of his frequent visits. This was in recognition of his meritorious association with the Resistance during the Allied landings in France, and his

subsequent activities as an expert road-maker. M. Breaud is at present consulting with the French Oceania Government regarding an extended drainage system in Papeete, and will return to France with his wife (nee Mdle. Nordman) in January.



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MANY residents of the Madang area, New Guinea, who have visited the new District School for natives, either when it was opened by the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, in November, or later, have been impressed by the project.

There were 83 boys attending the school at the end of 1953, ranging in age from 11 to 17, and these lads had been largely responsible for building the school. Inspiration behind the new institution was Mr. T. L. Stanley, headmaster of the school, who planned and supervised the new buildings while still carrying on normal class work in old temporary structures. He has been described by a reader as a young man with driving force, a first-class teacher, a person who can turn his hand to anything and is not afraid of hard work.

The school is in 16 acres of former plantation land near Madang and has 34 buildings, mainly of native materials. The whole thing cost about £6,000, due to the co-operation of the Administration and local natives who supplied labour and some materials. The 83 pupils, the six native teachers and Mr. Stanley all gave their time and energy after school hours and at week-ends.

There are 22 dormitory and

teacher-houses; three classrooms; two mess buildings, a kitchen block with two kitchens, stores, shower rooms, library and movie theatre and an office.

Four acres of garden were put in in the early stages, and by opening day there was fresh garden produce in the store room.

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FIJI INDIANS AND ROYAL VISIT

Overseas Misrepresentation

BY FRANK RYAN

In Fiji, as also in other Islands groups of the South Pacific, there is a growing feeling of irritation and resentment at the misrepresentation to which Islands people are frequently subjected by journalists who, in their urgent desire for a "bright story", will disregard the ethics of their profession and, in their exaggeration and misrepresentation, make a lamentable return for the traditional Islands hospitality shown them.

A typical example was seen in the careless disregard of facts shown by some visiting journalists, when they sent overseas a totally erroneous impression of Indian non-co-operation in the welcome tendered to Her Majesty the Queen. In the past the Indian community in Fiji has been accused—and, possibly, with good reason—of adhering too closely to Mother India and of not entering more fully into the general life of the community. But both during the coronation celebrations, and during the Royal visit, no accusation of this sort could be sustained.

Actually, the decision of the Indian people, as represented by the Indian members of Legislative Council, not to organise any special Indian welcome but to join with the rest of the community in a general welcome, was actuated by logical and very sensible motives. It was understood that the ceremonies of welcome were to be performed by the native race; and, from the time of the ceremonial invitation to land, given on board the *Gothic*, until the farewell song, Indian ceremonies predominated. A number of Gilbertese people who came specially to Suva to see the Queen brought with them some beautiful costumes for their dances; but this plan had to be forbidden, however regretfully, in order to give proper precedence to the Indian people—a decision which is generally approved by all other communities in Fiji.

Consequently, instead of over-crowding the programme with their communal welcome, the Indian people crowded the streets, mingling with others, and thus helped considerably to swell the thousands of onlookers at the Fiji coronation ceremonies.

Indian representatives attended the State Dinner at Government House and also the State Ball during the Coronation celebrations, and also during the Royal Visit. Indian shops were lavishly decorated.

In fairness to the Indian people it should be made clear that their decision to co-operate with the rest of the community, instead of demanding separate ceremonies, is a tendency which should be encouraged, and which is generally welcomed in Fiji. Apparently this was not realised by visiting journalists who had not taken the trouble to verify information mischievously given them.

The address of welcome to the Queen came from all sections of the community and was read at a special session of the Fiji Legislative Council by Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, Secretary for Fijian

Affairs; and, supporting him, were a European and an Indian member.

This spirit of unity was indeed a very desirable feature of the Royal visit. The desire of the Indian people to join in a general welcome seemed particularly appropriate when in her reply Her Majesty referred to the peaceful way the various races in Fiji worked together for their general advancement.

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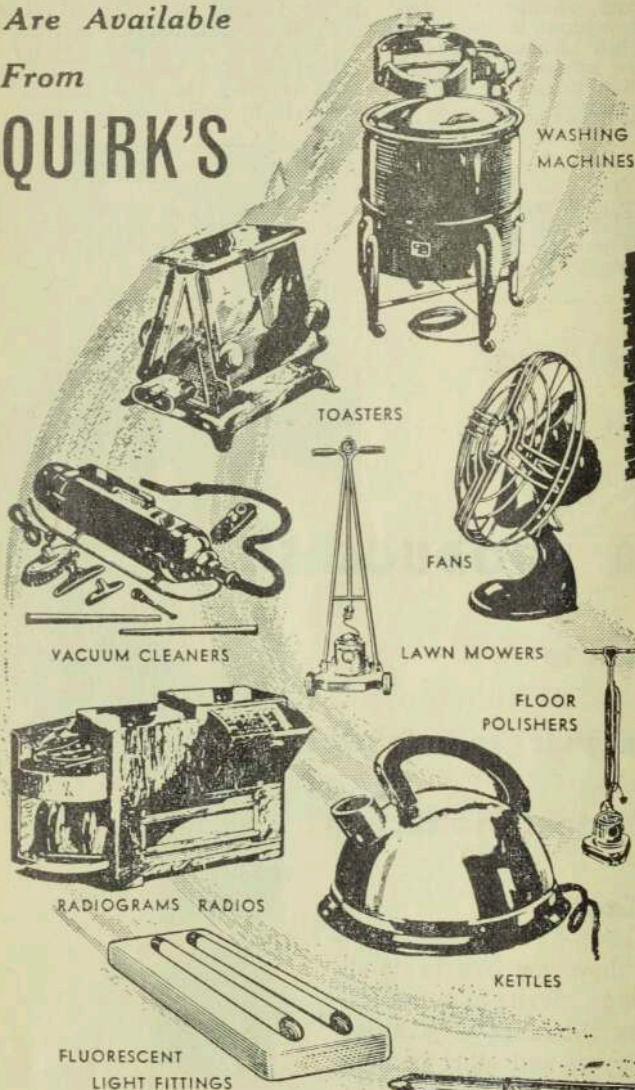
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Bridges Are Priority Road Problem in NG

First Jeep Trip from Lae to Highlands

MILESTONE in New Guinea road transport was passed in November when three SDA missionaries drove by jeep from Lae, the coast, to Mt. Hagen, in the stern Highlands—a distance of about 350 miles.

This is the first time such a trip has been attempted and apart from a day at the Umi River, a day and half out, the missionaries experienced very little trouble in the days it took them to complete the

only people who know the New Guinea interior will realise just how this feat is from the day when there will be an all-weather highway between the coast and the Highlands—but that affairs have progressed so far that the journey will be attempted at all, is progress dreamed of a few years ago.

It is still doubtful whether the Highlands will have its first serviceable road to the coast through, or through Madang. The chances are now that it will be through Lae—although both projects depend to a large degree on bridge building. These are areas of rainfall and many rivers—both hindering in keeping roads open, or building roads at all.

In the Markham Valley there are main rivers which will require bridging and work on the first bridge at Erapi will be started by Commonwealth Works Department shortly. On the two-way trip between Lae and Mt. Hagen, the 10th Day Adventist party was to ford four of the five main

rivers, but flooding in the Umi made it necessary to change vehicles at that point.

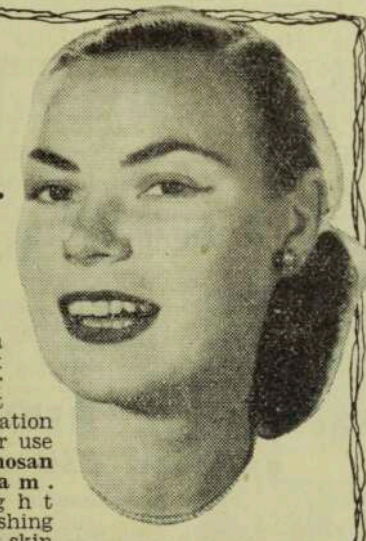
It is believed that actual road construction in the Markham Valley will present little difficulty as a route can be followed mainly over gravel flats—indeed, road construction will not present any real problems right through to Gusap, once

the bridges have been erected. There is already a good highway from Lae to Nadzab which is in constant use by the staff of the Erapi Agricultural Station and farmers who are developing properties beyond Erapi.

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nantu was opened last July. The District Services Department then finished the road over the Goroka Chimbu Divide where the highest point of the route is just over 3,000 feet. This linked with roads already constructed in the Wahgi Valley and completed the road network from Gusap to Mt. Hagen. Other roads are now being built beyond Mt. Hagen.

ROADS IN MADANG DISTRICT

District Services is responsible for roads in Madang District also and is getting ahead as fast as the peculiar difficulties of the country will permit. Madang's connection with the Highlands will also be through Gusap, and the section they are responsible for will open up the Gogol River where there is a large area of pastoral and agricultural land at present unproductive, and the Upper Ramu. Distance from Madang to Gusap is 11 miles. The first 35 miles from Madang to the Gogol River has been completed.

Bridges are probably an even greater problem between Madang and Gusap, than between Lae and the same point. Ten fairly large bridges will be required between Gogol and the Ramu—and nearly 40 with spans of up to 130 feet.

A road is also in hand 150 miles from Madang north to Awar. This will incorporate sections of a pre-war track which was later used by the Australian and Japanese forces.

Treatment of a Vanikoro Timber Worker

COMMUNICATIONS protesting, in strong terms, against the treatment accorded Mr. Edward Leveney, a part-Fijian timber worker who sustained injuries while employed by a company which works the kauri forests on the island of Vanikoro, Southern Solomons, have been sent to Fiji, and to Unions of timber workers in Australia.

Leveney was working on the road on Vanikoro, and was struck on the side by a piece of rock, from a gelignite explosion. He was so severely bruised that he could not walk, and was carried to the river, and transported to the settlement at Pele. For two days, he suffered so much pain that he was put under morphine. He made a good recovery and resumed work after 8 days.

His employers paid him no wages over the period of his incapacitation through injury. Comment in Fiji suggests that it may not be so easy in future to get workers there from Vanikoro; and Australian Unions are expected to initiate a move for a law of industrial compensation in the Solomons.

THE ROYAL VISIT IN RETROSPECT

From Our Suva Correspondent.

WHEN the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh left Laucala Bay for Tonga and New Zealand on December 19, Fiji, in a state bordering on emotional exhaustion, quietly withdrew into a sort of hibernation. Christmas and the New Year have passed, and practically nothing has happened.

Despite some agitation in one or two Australian newspapers, the royal visit to Fiji was a time of unalloyed happiness—and a letter from the Queen's Private Secretary to the Governor makes it clear that the only regret for the Queen and the Duke was that their time in Fiji was so short.

The allegation in a Sydney paper that the State ball at Suva was a "top" because the Queen was tired of it, and slipped away by a side door before the scheduled time of departure, was so far from the truth that it provoked an official letter of protest to the journal concerned, and a great deal of angry comment among Europeans and Fijians, who helped to make the ball, and the incredibly beautiful scene, during the royal balcony appearance, probably the outstanding incident of its kind in the Queen's journey across the Pacific.

EUROPEAN BAD MANNERS

IF there was anything regrettable about the State ball, it was the lack of elementary good manners on the part of some European guests, who stared unremittently at the Queen from close quarters; and a number who, after the Queen's departure, caused disgust among many people by their behaviour at supper. No Fijians or Indians at the ball were guilty of any kind of bad manners—the culprits were a minority group of Europeans whose vulgarity suggested that they should never have been invited to that function.

OVERALL ORGANISATION

NOW that it is possible to get the great event into proper perspective, it appears that, while Suva scored heavily with good organisation and the matchless pageantry of the Fijian ceremonies of welcome, and the quiet charm of the afternoon at the park-like Adi Cakobau School at Sawani, Lautoka's comparative lack of formality and its spontaneous welling-up of happy excitement lent a balance that drew from the Queen at Lautoka the now-famous comment: "It has been a lovely day." (Over)

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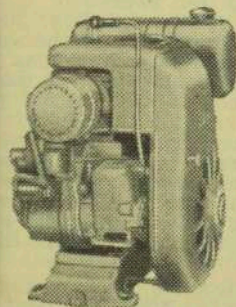
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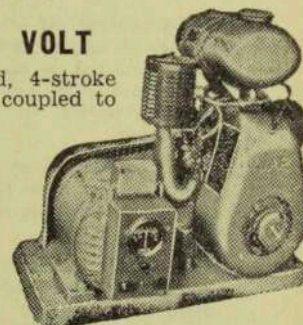
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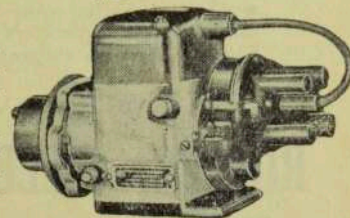
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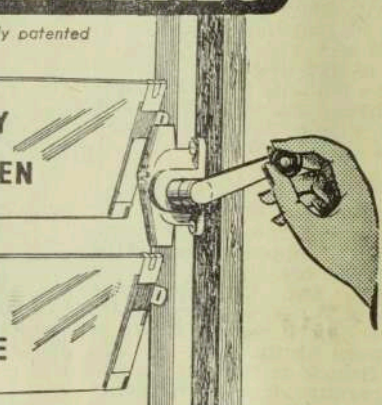
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It is easy to be wise after the event. But, before the Royal visitors were pointing out that Suva's rigid determination to hold everything in full check—from public transport near the centre of the city to the emotion of the tens of thousands in the streets—went little too far.

The population of Suva on December 17 is estimated at well over 100,000, and the influx was predominantly Fijian. But the events of the two days proved that no Fijian crowd would let itself be carried away in the presence of Royalty. On the other hand, there can be such a thing as too much restraint, and it was the relaxing of restraint at the proper time that pleased the Queen and the Duke at Lautoka.

In the final summing-up this was our only small regret—that to the Royal visitors, fresh from the delirious welcome of Panama, Suva obviously sincere first welcome may have seemed a little constrained. Nevertheless, it was a triumph in planning a great occasion, without precedents or experience to guide us.

WHAT THE FIJIANS DID

It was only to be expected that the occasion would produce an immense outpouring of Fijian loyalty; but comparatively few non-Fijians realise that the great Fijian demonstration, and the temporary migration of tens of thousands of Fijians to Suva and Lautoka, involved heavy financial and other sacrifices for almost every individual.

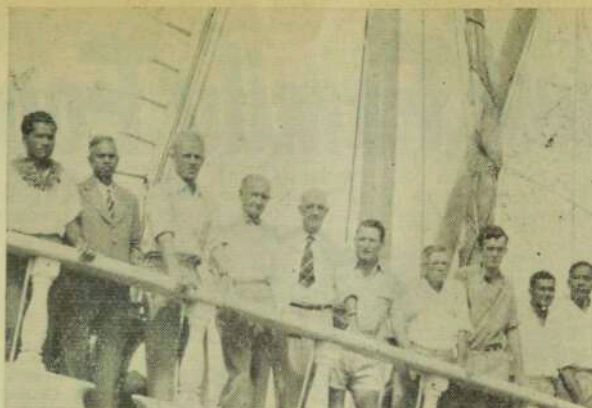
No one quite knows how almost the whole of the urban low-wage Fijian population managed to shelter and feed swarms of incoming people for several days; but it was done somehow, and the sacrifice was made as willingly—as was that of the people who gave mountains of food for the formal presentation, knowing that, in accordance with Fijian custom (which differs sharply in some respects from the tradition of various other Pacific Islanders) most of the gift food would go aboard the *Gotha* and the escorting cruiser *Black Prince*.

If the Queen's visit was predominantly a Fijian occasion, it must be remembered that the Fijians, far more than people of other races, willingly and without question made a costly effort to do honour to the Sovereign.

On almost every occasion the greatest crowds contained a big majority of Fijians. Indian representation was very good; but, as the Indians had officially decided to join with the other communities in a general welcome, there was no Indian demonstration to compare with the mass-migration of Fijians. Even at Lautoka it is doubtful if Indians were in an overall majority.

Construction Men for Fanning Is.

This photograph was taken aboard the Island motor vessel "Vasu", in Suva, before she departed for Fanning Island. It is part of a party of about 20 men (Europeans, Malays and Fijians) which were sent in December, by the Whan Construction Co., Ltd., of Fiji, to Fanning Island, to commence work on a big job — the electrical rebuilding of the station buildings maintained here by Cable and Wireless, Ltd., and the erection of several new buildings.



The "Vasu" carried a considerable quantity of tools and material, and called at Tarawa to pick up another 14 Fijian labourers. Other building material, especially cement, will go forward as required. The job will take about two years.

The Whan Construction Co.—established in Suva many years ago by Mr. Matthew Whan—has carried out many big building projects for Island Governments, and has men on hand.

In the photograph, left to right, are: an Indian member of staff; Mr. Emerson, manager of the company; J. Stubbs, manager of Cable and Wireless, Ltd., Suva; Mr. Matthew Whan, captain of the "Vasu"; Mr. J. Jackson, foreman; Mr. W. Billington, assistant foreman; and two Fijian staff.

GEMS FROM THE ROYAL TOUR REPORTERS

Letter to the Editor

One knows better than I that newspaper sub-editors work under pressure. But is that excuse for the blatant inaccuracies which creep into Australia's lead-dailies?

How is this for an insult to Fiji's capital, Levuka, *vide* front page *Labour Age*, December 19? Headline reads: "Queen enjoyed herself in Fiji's former capital." Text of story says: "It has been a lovely day," she said, this afternoon before leaving Lautoka, Fiji's former capital, 40 (*sic*) miles from Suva."

In another story, page 2 of the same issue, there is this gem: "Tonga's people, unlike the negroid Malays, only 50 miles away, are dark-skinned, with fine features..."

That same story makes reference to the Tongans, alone of all the Pacific Islands groups, having retained their independence; yet on page 5 of the same issue, in a picture caption, we find this: "Queen and her subjects are Britons the heart of the Pacific."

I am, etc.,

R. C. MACPHERSON.

Okay, Q.

Road Accidents Increase in W. Samoa

A NUMBER of serious traffic accidents towards the end of the year resulted in some fatalities, and have focused public attention on road transport control. Overloading buses is a common offence in the Territory; so also are traffic violations on the part of careless drivers.

Recently, a police truck collided with a station-wagon transporting a number of schoolgirls; a five-years-old girl was killed outright. In a second recent case, a bus left the road and crashed into a coconut tree killing three of its passengers.

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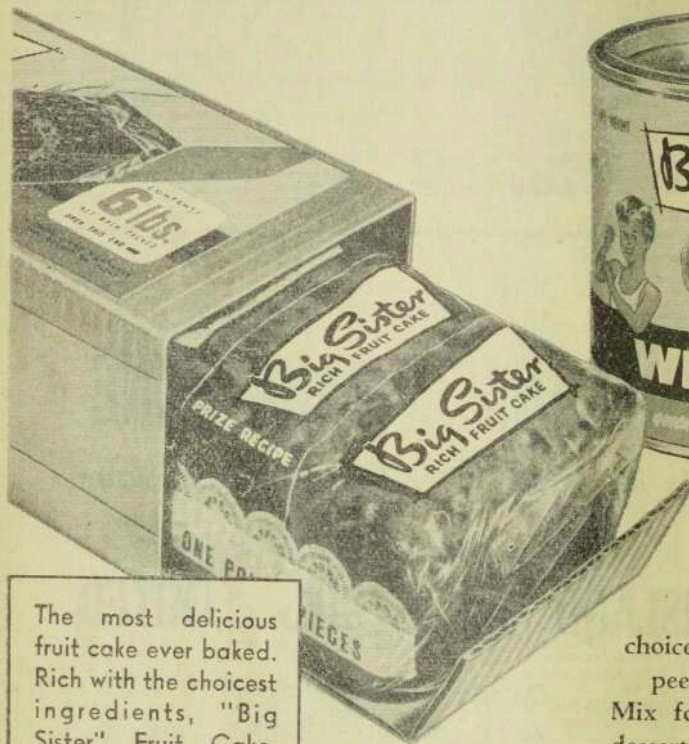
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50 Little Bits of Tahiti

Friends of kindly Oscar Nordman, of Tahiti, keep bobbing up in different parts of the world. The old ex-sailor makes a hobby of doing little kindnesses for anyone in need of help.

A letter from a friend in USA describes how the American Geographical Society of New York, co-operating in the world-wide search for anti-biotic drugs, sought help in obtaining 50 samples of Tahiti soil. Someone gave the directors the name and address of Mr. Nordman; and they asked him if he could do anything.

Oscar waded into the job with his usual energy. He and his friend Captain Aitken, of the Bank Line (there on a visit), went right round the beautiful island, removed six inches of topsoil in 50 different places, and from that level collected 50 small samples of Mother Earth, Tahiti variety. Within a few weeks of the Society's request, the 50 samples, travelling by air, were in the hands of the New York scientists, with a written prayer from Oscar that some of them might contain a special anti-biotic drug, of real Tahiti potency. They have told Oscar that they have a special medal waiting to be pinned on him, when he makes that long-considered visit to New York.

What Gold Means to Governments

Looking at the accounts of Fiji's Emperor and Loloma gold-mines published in December, and noting the large sums which the Fiji Government gets out of their earnings, a correspondent's mind goes back again to the extraordinary folly of the British Socialist Government, which prevented the extension of this successful enterprise to the poverty-stricken Solomon Islands.

The Fiji gold-mines have taken many millions out of the Tavua hills since the late E. G. Theodore and his friends launched that enterprise in the mid-thirties. Last year, in income taxation and gold royalties alone, the Fiji Government got just on £100,000 from the two mines; while in indirect taxation it must also have benefited very much. Emperor's operating profit for the year was £272,233; Loloma's, £169,789.

"Just imagine what gold would mean to the British Solomon Islands, struggling along with copra production as its only means of earning overseas exchange," writes our friend.

"Yet, in one section of Guadalcanal, the indications of good gold are just as strong as they were in

Fiji before Emperor came in and proved the goldfield. In the late thirties, Mr. Theodore earmarked a substantial section of Fiji gold-mines' profits for exploration and development in Guadalcanal, and was proceeding with his plans when the war came.

"After the war, Emperor got ready to follow up the gold signs in the Solomons. Immediately, the Colonies Minister in the Attlee Socialist Government made it known that all laws which hitherto had operated to encourage gold-seekers to take a long chance in spending their money in unknown places had been reviewed, and mining concerns would enjoy no privileges and be taxed as heavily as any other enterprise. Thereupon Mr. Theodore, after one spirited personal protest in London, cancelled the whole BSI scheme."

Now, BSI is willing and ready to give any encouragement within reason to gold-seekers; but, so far, there have been no takers.

To Eradicate Peetles

A German friend who lives now in Methler, Germany, and who was a prominent resident of Samoa until 1914, has sent this along for publication: —

"Ven I reed dem PIM I emm

grately impressed vit der Messers taken in der fiet agenst der Rinozeros peetle. Bleese gif mee a dschanz tru yuhr Montlee to meke der vay non how I eradiketet der peetle vit too bricks, ven I lifed in Samoa 40 jeers ago. I late one brick on der dinner-table, denn coht one off fem nasty peetles. I put him on der brick, denn I takes up der udder brick and hit der peetle vit it on der het. Denn i rupp der brick like a millstone four ten seckends, ent der peetle is dann stohnded.

"Bleese yuh dry deeze rezeeppe on all dem peetles, larven, ant eggs in der Sout-Sees ant somm day yuh will tank me—Yuhrs drooly, FRITZ—now in Dschermanny."

Soviet Salmon for Pacific Islanders

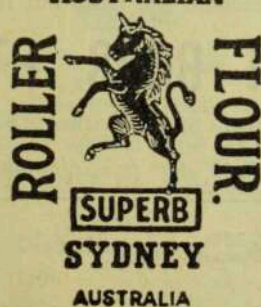
"In theory, this idea that Australia should help the poor old Mother Country by contributing dollars to the Commonwealth pool is beautiful", writes an "Islands Trader", nastily. "But it does not work out very happily in practice."

"For example, there is a big market in the Islands for canned salmon, and we in Sydney do our best to supply it. But what has happened? We are being forced by the Australian Government to buy Russian salmon, which we do not like, and which costs about 60 per cent. more than Canadian

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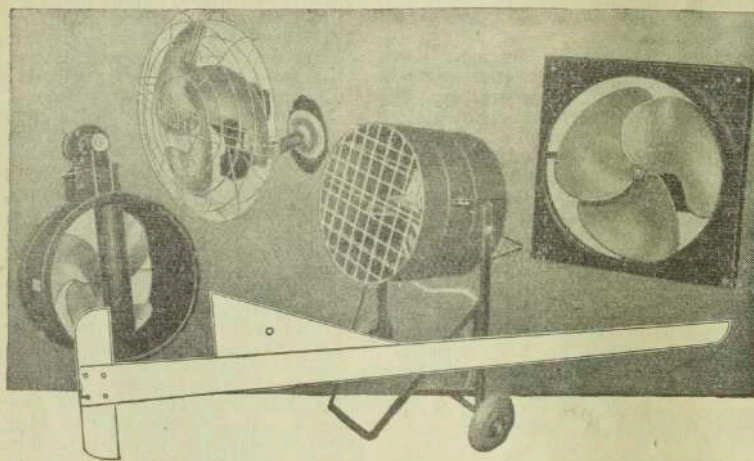


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Hotels and Robbers

On the subject of hotels and robbers in Apia and Papeete (see recent issues), we have a personal letter from Henry W. Kinney, long-time resident of Tahiti, internationally-known journalist, and now settled in Honolulu. An extract:

"We had a very pleasant trip—except for the fact that the hotel in Apia had only three beds in each room, and a wooden shelf, and absolutely nothing else. At that, we were lucky in being there, as at the other hotel a burglar broke in and stole the wallet of an airman, and his trousers—leaving them all empty on the road—and fellow travellers Bennet lost £15, Donald £17, and a young Australian couple £50."

Which seems to add up to the facts that (a) Papeete is not (as Chief of Police Biesel has already pointed out) the only place with hotel robbers, and (b) the Apia hotels, in the eyes of American tourists, are no better—or worse—than we originally said they were.

Growth of Scout Organisation in New Guinea

MR. RAY GALLOWAY, well-known business man of Rabaul, New Guinea, has accepted appointment as Scout Commissioner for the Rabaul area. His Commissioner's Warrant was issued by the Chief Scout for Queensland and the Chief Commissioner for Queensland early in December. He has been chairman of the Rabaul branch of the Boy Scouts Association since its inception four years ago. This, the first appointment of a Commissioner to the Rabaul area, gives Mr. Galloway the same status in relation to the Rabaul District as Mr. Norman Sedy in Port Moresby.

At present the Territory functions as a Scout District within the Queensland State organisation, the Commissioner for the Territory being Mr. W. C. Groves.

† Ratu J. A. R. Dovi, a medical officer in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, received the MBE decoration in the New Year Honours.

SIR ROBERT STANLEY

Knighthood for the HCWP

AS was expected, the name of Robert Christopher Stafford Stanley, CMG, OBE, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, was in the New Year honours. He has been created a CBE—Knight Commander of the British Empire.

Sir Robert Stanley is the first man to hold the office of High Commissioner for the Western Pacific by itself—hitherto, it has been combined with the Governorship of Fiji. So far as the public is concerned, the position is that of Governor of the Solomon and Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and the British side of the New Hebrides Condominium.

Sir Robert Stanley was appointed to his present office early in 1952, and took up his duties there in August. The economy of both of his principal Territories (Solomon and Gilbert and Ellice Colony) was destroyed in World War II, and he has had a heavy task of rehabilitation.

Sir Robert Stanley is 52. He had lengthy service in World War II and subsequently served the Colonial Office in Palestine, Africa, Cyprus, West Indies, etc.

Other Honours Granted

CBE—Dr. C. J. Austin, OBE, who recently retired after giving 22 years of distinguished service as Medical Superintendent of the Makogai Leprosy Hospital, in Fiji.

OBE—Mr. G. K. Roth, Deputy Secretary for Fijian Affairs.

MBE—Miss H. M. Cleaver, who retired recently after 24 years of nursing service in Solomon Islands and Fiji.

MBE—Mr. Josala Navoka, who has served for 32 years as an Assistant Medical Practitioner in Fiji.

BME—Mrs. Lily Warren, of Pitcairn Island, who has given many years of service as a nurse.

BSI Advisory Council

THE following have been appointed members of the Solomon Islands Advisory Council, from January 1, 1954:

Official: Mr. R. J. Minnitt (Chief Secretary), Mr. P. N. Dalton (Attorney-General), Mr. A. M. Macdonald Smith (Financial Secretary), Mr. P. Hughes (Senior Assistant Secretary, Native Affairs).

Unofficial: Right Rev. S. G. Caulfield, Bishop of Melanesia; Mr. L. F. Hill, MBE; Mr. K. H. D. Hay; Mr. G. H. Kuper, BEM; Mr. R. C. James.

Native Members: Mr. Salana Ga'ala (Malaita), Mr. S. Kodovavu (Western), Mr. S. Sitai (Eastern), Mr. J. C. Vouza, GM (Central). First meeting will be held in February.

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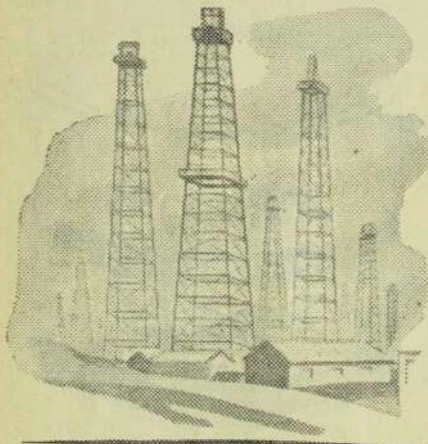
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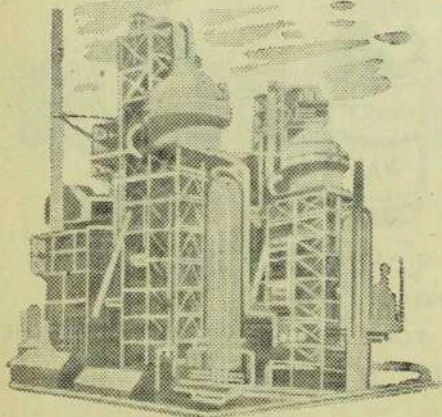
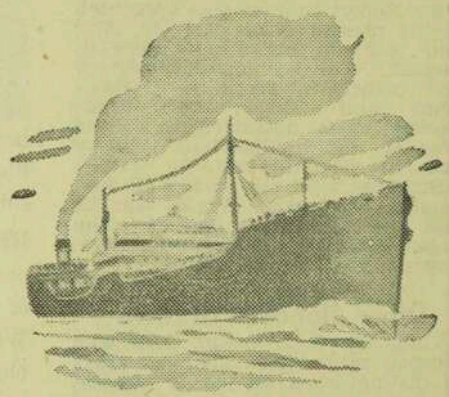
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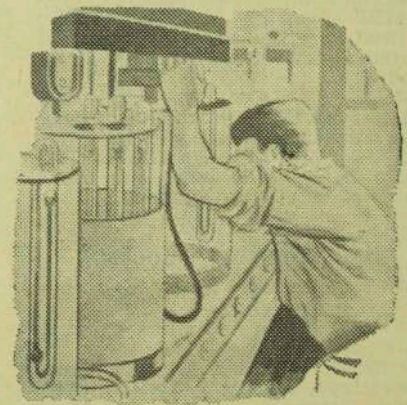
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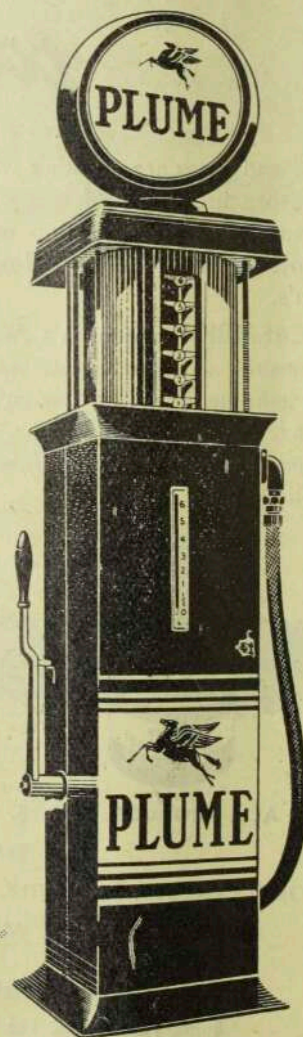
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. ARTHUR LORRAINE

The death occurred in Brisbane General Hospital on December 6, of Arthur Lorraine, of Narakapor, about 20 miles up the Mankham River from Lae, New Guinea.

He was 68 and had been in New Guinea for the past 25 years. He was born in the United Kingdom. He has been in ill health for some time and arrived in Brisbane for medical treatment on the December 10, south of the Bulolo.

MRS. LUCIE B. LANGDALE

The death occurred in Auckland on December 6 of Mrs. Lucie Langdale, the widow of the late Captain F. L. Langdale, who for many years owned the island of Viti Levu, Fiji.

Mrs. Langdale was born in Auckland, 72 years ago; she was formerly a Miss Morris, her grandparents and her parents having been among the first settlers in Auckland and they were well known throughout the Colony.

Captain and Mrs. Langdale also lived at Somo Somo, Taveuni, where Captain Langdale was Governor's Commissioner in 1906. They later lived at Savu Savu, where he was stipendiary magistrate. In 1910 he retired and the family went to live in England. Captain Langdale died in London in 1913, and the family returned to Fiji four years later, but finally settled in Auckland, N.Z.

Mrs. Langdale is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Beaver (Auckland), her son, Captain M. V. Langdale (Sydney). The eldest son, F. Langdale, died in Auckland in 1910, and Captain Geoff ("Bunna") Langdale was accidentally drowned on Canton Island in 1949.

MRS W. GIBBINS

Mrs. Winifred Gibbins, wife of W. Gibbins, formerly of Newcastle, NSW, died at Honiara, Solomon Islands, on December 15. She was 70 years of age. Her husband left Newcastle 2½ years ago to become missionaries attached to the South Seas Evangelical Mission Society.

MR. L. T. TUDOR

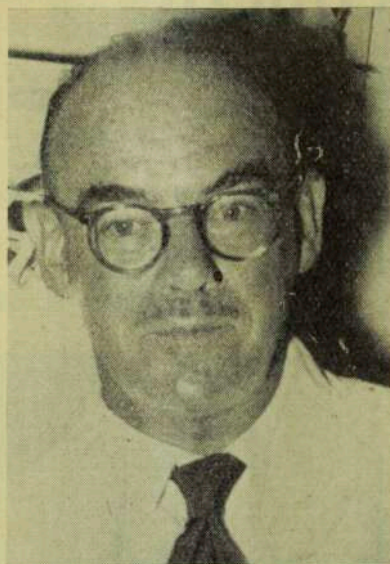
The death of Mr. Lionel T. Tudor, Kainantu, New Guinea, was recorded from Lae on January 12. He was born in Tasmania in June, 1880, and first went to New Guinea in 1935 when he became a resident of the Wewak district. Since then he has been in the Highlands. He is survived by his wife and children.

MR. WILLIAM MacGOWAN

The biggest funeral ever held in Port Moresby took place on December

21, when Mr. William Lodwick MacGowan was buried.

"Mac"—as he was affectionately known throughout the Territory, where he was Assistant Director of the Commonwealth Department of Works—died suddenly on December



20. He was 51, and apparently in good health, and his death came as a surprise.

There were tributes and messages of sympathy from all over Papua and New Guinea. The Administrator (Brigadier D. M. Cleland) was among the hundreds at his funeral. He described Mr. MacGowan as a

man of integrity, imbued with a great sense of civic activity—a man who had given long and loyal service to the country which he loved.

Mr. MacGowan was born in London in 1902 and came to Australia as a boy. He went to New Guinea as an architect for the Administration in 1928, and remained until the Japanese occupation. He was one of those who escaped from Rabaul along the south coast of New Britain, and thence to Papua.

In Port Moresby, he was a member of the Town Advisory Council since its inception, and there were few exhibitions of arts and crafts with which he was not associated. His work as a water colour artist was distinctive and attractive.

MR. LEWIS HIRSHON

A very well-known resident of Tahiti, Mr. Lewis Hirshon, died in Lima, Peru, early in January, while on a visit with his wife and friends to South America. Heart trouble caused death.

Mr. Hirshon was an American, and born in New York; and he had been a resident of Tahiti for nearly 20 years. He was held in high esteem. He left Papeete, about three months ago, to travel in South America, visiting friends. He owned a very large estate in the district of Papara; a laundry business in Papeete, and a dairy farm.

MR. DANIEL JOSEPH FLOOD

Mr. Daniel Flood, a well-known entertainer and recently manager of the Victory Theatre, Green Lane, Auckland, died in Auckland early December.

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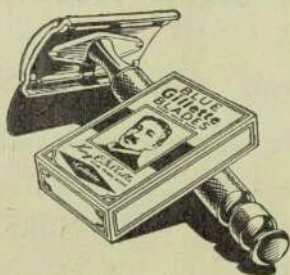
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appointed Chief of Customs Tonga, but left there to serve the armed forces and has been New Zealand ever since.

EMILE TERII MARTIN, JNR.

Mr. Emile Terii Martin, aged son of the well-known Papeete business man, Mr. Emile Martin, died in Papeete on November after a long illness. He was married to the former Mlle. Pierre Ravereau of Rouen, France, who survives him, with a daughter, aged eight.

CAPT. FLETCHER QUINTAL

The death occurred on Norfolk Island at the end of December of the original Quintal, a grand old man, Captain Fletcher Quintal, aged oldest descendant of the Pitcairners on the Island.

He was a great-grandson of the original Quintal and a grandson of the original Nobbs, Bour mutineers. His parents had arrived with the Pitcairners on Norfolk 1856 when there were still a few Australian convict ticket-of-leave men and officers there as caretakers of the old convict settlement.



takers of the old convict settlement.

Captain Quintal was a veteran of the Boer War and World War. He left the Island when he was and for a long time was a public servant in Sydney. When he returned to Norfolk he held many public positions.

He married a Miss Nobbs and they had two daughters—Mrs. F. Rodgers and Mrs. Westwood. The photograph was taken by PIM editor when he visited Norfolk Island in 1948. Although then 80, Captain Quintal looked no more than 60.

He was a highly respected member of the community, and his death cast gloom over the Island's New Year festivities.

MR. C. D. BATES

One of Papua-New Guinea's best known and highly esteemed District Service Officers, Mr. Charles Davidson Bates, died in Sydney on January 1. He was a former District Commissioner at Madang, member of the Legislative Council and one of the war-time heroes of the Coast Watchers. He died

oucester House, while on sick leave from the District Services Department, in which he had served 20 years. Before that he was eight years in the Police. He lived in New Guinea in 1928.

"Charlie" Bates was an Assistant District Officer when the Japs died in 1942, and he walked around from the North Coast. He came a major with the Coast Rangers, working in New Britain, and it was there he won the Military Cross.

When the Japs surrendered at Bougainville, he was with the first Administration body which entered the town, and he took over there as District Officer. He was responsible for a lot of the early re-education of the town.

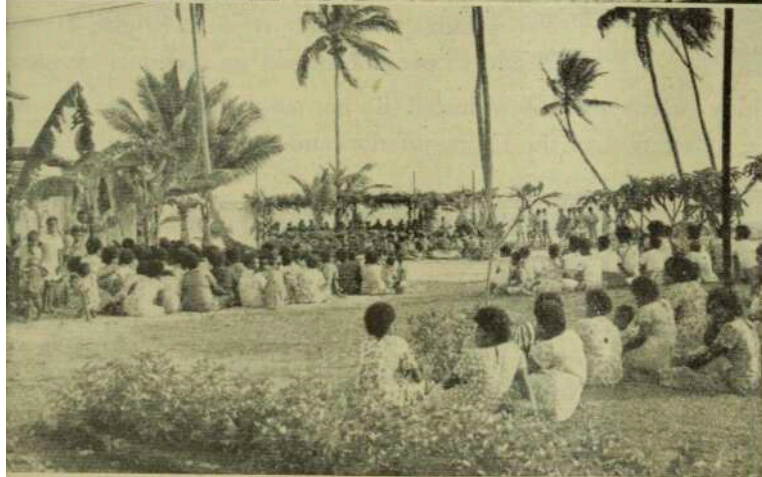
During 1953 he developed a condition which was later diagnosed

as cancer of the lung, and he was sent South in July. His death on January 1 brought messages of sympathy and tributes to his work from all over the Territory, where he was known widely and well. Director of District Services, Mr. A. A. Roberts, described his death as "an extremely great loss." He is survived by his widow and three children.

MR. COLIN MCINTOSH

Mr. Colin McIntosh, a very well-known resident of W. Samoa, died there in mid-November, aged 75, after 28 years' residence. He was at first employed by O. F. Nelson & Co., but later was attached to the Public Works Department. He retired last year. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. Young and Mrs. A. Hoefflich.

Fiji's New Beach Hotel



These photographs (by Stinsons, of Suva) show guests at the opening of the new Beach Hotel, about 70 miles from Suva, at the end of November. It is one of the new chain of hotels and is built on the beach plan popular in Hawaii and Tahiti. (PIM for December). Top photograph shows (left to right): Mr. Hollander, Lady ... the Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, Sir Hugh Ragg (standing), Lady ... Mr. W. Clarke, Mrs. Hollander, Mr. C. D. Barford and Miss Kathleen Clark. Lower photo shows the view from the main buildings, looking towards the beach, with the many Fijians who came for the opening ceremonies.



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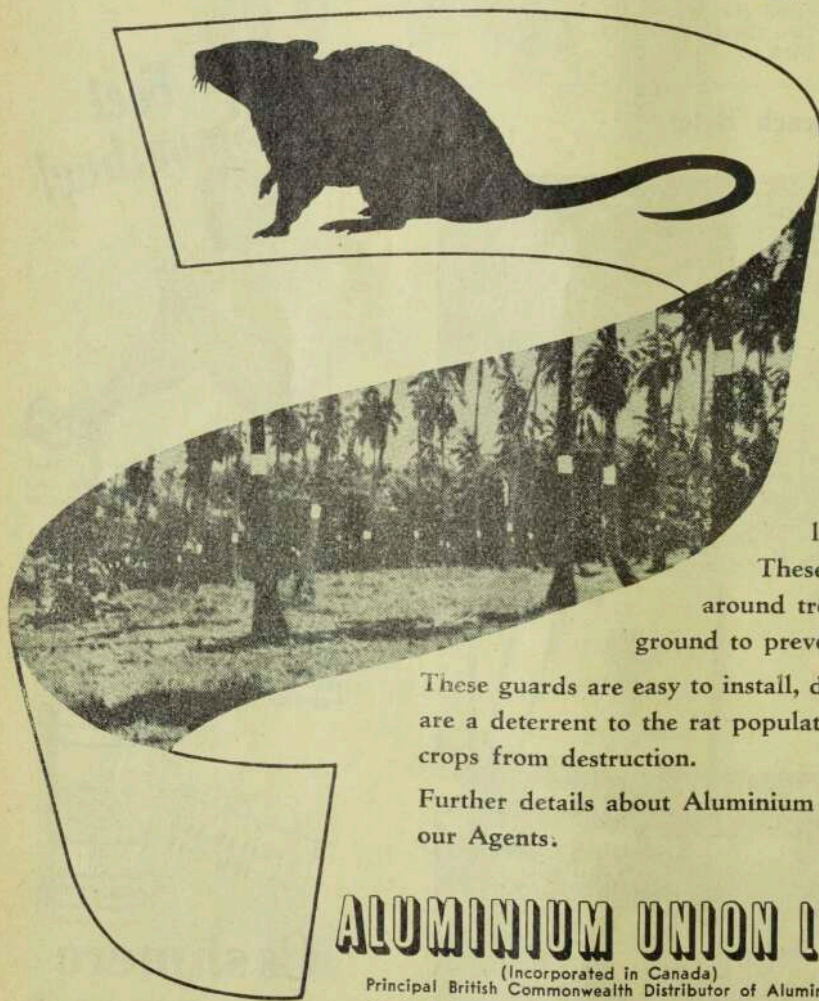


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MRS. A. B. EDWARDS

Mrs. Sibyl Charlotte Edwards, wife of Mr. A. B. Edwards, died in Suva recently. Mrs. Edwards was born at Taveuni, Fiji; her father, Mr. Albert Taylor, was a magistrate in the 1870's.

She married in 1904; Mr. Edwards was then a junior officer in the Fiji Police service, but through promotion became District Commissioner, magistrate and served in many posts of the Colony.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by her husband and a daughter and two sons.

MISS BERTIE HILTON

Miss Bertie Hilton, aged about 60 years, died at her home at Turuloulou, Fiji, recently. Born in the Rewa district, Miss Hilton was for many years a clerk in the District Magistrate's court.

MR. FREDERICK CARR

Mr. Frederick Carr, a resident of Suva since 1893, died at Suva during December, aged 91 years. Mr. Carr was associated with Charles H. Carrings & Co., Levuka, Hugh H. Carr, and Morris Hedstrom Ltd., during his years in the Colony. He retired from the latter firm 20 years ago.

Mr. Carr is survived by four daughters and one son. His wife, formerly Miss Messing, of Levuka, preceded him.

NEW PATROL OFFICERS

A PARTY of young men left Sydney by air early in January for New Guinea to train as patrol officers. They will train at Port Moresby for six weeks, then will be posted in various districts. The party include Max Allwood (18), Geoff Booth (23), Rod Noble (21), Alf Grant (23), Tony Redwood (20), Max Duncan (18), Dave Carr (20), Len Bridges (18), Neil Namara (22), Paul Conroy (18), and Des Fitzer (21).

Mr. Norman Pearson has been appointed to succeed Mr. C. S. Reay as Commissioner of Labour, Fiji. Mr. Pearson, who is 47 years of age, worked in England until 1947 when he went to Tanganyika in East Africa as Labour and Welfare Officer.

In 1952 he was transferred to the Windward Islands in the West Indies as Labour Adviser. He is expected to arrive in Suva within the next two months before Mr. Pearson goes on leave.

Lieut.-Colonel Ratu E. T. Cakobu, MC, has returned to civilian life in Fiji after two years' service in the Fiji Military Forces in Malaya. He has been appointed to succeed Mr. W. V. C. Baker as District Commissioner for the Northern Division. Mr. Baker has been appointed as District Commissioner at Nausori.

ABSURDITIES IN NEW GUINEA

Metropolitan Paper is Entertaining

IN a lively, well-written article in the *Sydney Daily Mirror* of December 31 the absurdities and injustices of the *Native Labour Ordinance*, 1950, are effectively shown up. The title of the article is: "New Guinea Natives are exploiting White Men!"

The Ordinance, of course, is a bequest from the Ward-Murray regime, and the present Administration now is actively gathering data on the effect of it, so as to justify far-reaching amendments. But, in the opinion of old observers, irremediable harm already has been done, and the native labour force partly demoralised, by one of the most stupid and untimely measures ever introduced into native administration.

The *Mirror* writer deals mostly with the more obvious side of the absurdity—the fact that all penal provisions were withdrawn from the

native labour arrangement, so that it became purely a civil contract. It is easily enforceable against the white employer, but in practice it cannot be enforced against the native. Even if a recalcitrant native were fined, and did not pay, and a gaol sentence were imposed, the Ordinance achieves nothing because, as the *Mirror* says, prison means nothing to the native except good food and comfortable conditions.

The writer also entertains his readers with a description (perfectly true) of the operation of the war damage compensation payments to natives—another absurdity perpetrated by the Ward-Murray people and continued, up to date, by the present Administration.

¶ Mr. Cumber, a New Zealand entomologist, passed through Fiji in January on his way to Western Samoa where he has been invited by the South Pacific Commission to undertake a study of chemical methods of controlling rhinoceros beetles. The results gained from this work will, in due course, be passed on to the various member governments which make up the South Pacific Commission.

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PHILIP'S ROLE How He Impressed The Islanders

IN all this "publicity," not enough has been said about the part taken by the Duke of Edinburgh in this unprecedented Royal visit to the South Sea Islands. Psychologically, his role has been of immense importance.

Traditionally, Islanders associate kingship with leadership, a leadership with strength. They expect their rulers to be big, strong and dominating.

Queen Elizabeth II is slender and petite—a woman so lovely and well-poised as to bring gasps of admiration from the crowds—but she is only 5 ft 4 in. in height, and not to the Islanders' idea of a ruler. Among the big, uniformed men who most greeted her in Fiji and Tonga she appeared quite small.

Had she been alone, that might have been an embarrassing factor. But, on practically every important occasion, her husband was either beside her or just behind her left shoulder. He is everything the Islanders look for in kingship—tall, splendidly proportioned, dignified, and, on native as well as European standards, very handsome. He in every way complemented the gracious and attractive young Queen. Together, in native eyes, they were the ideal of Royalty. Elizabeth II, with Philip, has been accepted without reservation as their Queen.

The only complaint—if complaint it could be termed—was that the people did not have more opportunities of hearing Philip who, in speech and subject-matter, is almost as attractive as the Queen. But I kept myself consistently in the background—quiet, dignified, amiable, and a perfect foil for the lovely little lady whom he so carefully shields and supports. He gave a clear impression of strength and character—I think the world will hear much more of Philip in the future.—*Special Correspondent.*

Behind The Royal Visit To Fiji

A PRIVATE resident of Fiji, who attended most of the official functions during the Royal Visit, makes these comments in a private letter to the editor:

"I formed the opinion that the Governor and his wife worked very hard indeed and deserved great credit for what they achieved here on the recent visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. . . . It is evident now that the Queen and the Duke would perhaps have liked less formality and more informality—they enjoyed Lautoka very much for this reason—but there was little precedent and experience

guide official Fiji in making preparations. . . .

I found the Queen and the Duke very friendly and natural to talk to, and well-informed on world matters, both political and social. I also formed the opinion that he is a source of strength to her in the heavy task which she carries. . . .

The Queen was rather tired at the end of the day and no one would blame her for having left the ball at 11.30 p.m. instead of midnight. To say the Ball was a "flop" is a grave exaggeration. The Queen was very gracious and quite a number of people were taken up and presented, and she spoke kindly to them. . . .

But this criticism is deserved: in a way some of the women simply stared at the Queen for a long time; just bad manners; and I don't know how to express in words my opinion of the behaviour of many people at the supper-table. It was a 'super' supper; but, apparently, the people, where food is concerned, just cannot behave—vulgar and coarse to a degree."

The French Will See the Queen

When the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were about to arrive at Kaikohe airport in the far north of New Zealand, a shabby green English station waggon was noticed parked amongst official cars.

Security officers, puzzled, hastily investigated—and were even more concerned when they found that one of its two occupants could not speak English. The driver, a New Zealander, soon cleared up the mystery, however. His passenger was Monsieur Robert Vermont, a newspaper man from Vila, New Hebrides, representing the French Press and especially the magazine *Voir*. Somehow the two had omitted to equip themselves with the special passes issued to the Press. Not until M. Vermont had dismantled his camera tripod, and the contents of the van had been thoroughly examined by the Security people was the all-clear given—and M. Vermont permitted to remain and get his photos.

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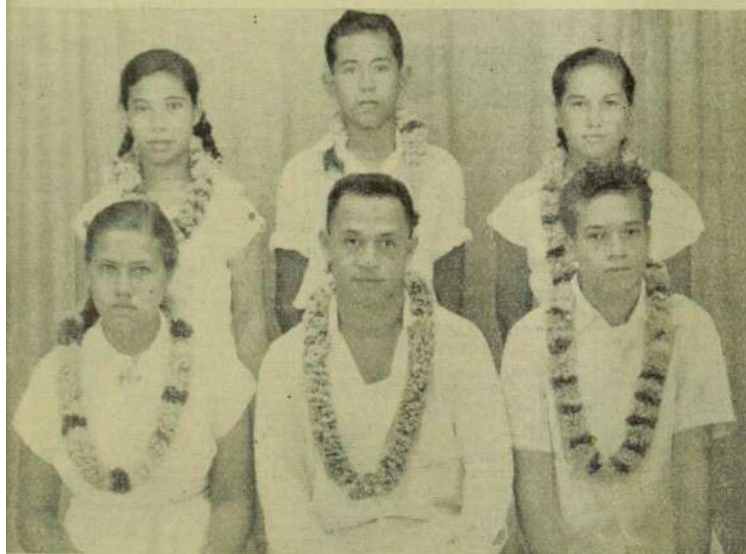
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The headmaster, Mr. Collins, in a report to the gathering, thanked Mr. Westbrook and his councillors for their fatherly interest in the school and extended his thanks also to Mr. H. W. Moors and Mr. I. Gurau, M'sLA, and to Mr. Meiritz for donations for sports equipment; and Bishop Darnard, SM, for his unflinching interest in the school.

Mr. Collins asked parents to place more importance on their children's future. He said that although labour was at a premium and jobs easily come by, every effort should be made to allow children to continue their education. And steady progress at school could only be achieved by regular attendance, punctuality and diligence.

The photograph shows the five successful pupils with Mr. Collins: Standing (left to right): Myra Skelton, Robert Collins, Christina Harrington. Seated (left to right): Clara Harder, Mr. Collins, Peter Harrington.

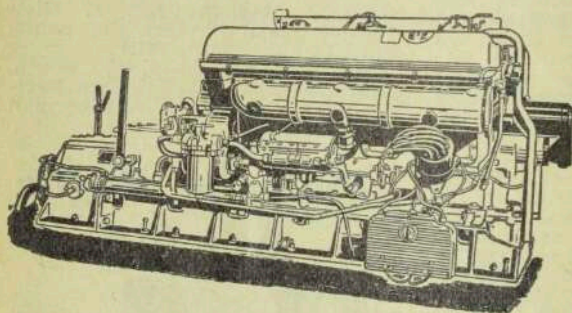
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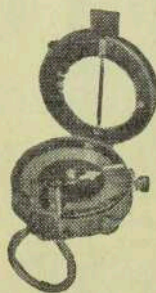
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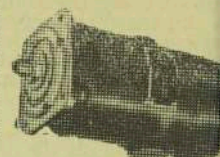


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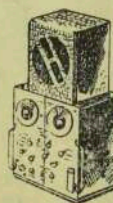


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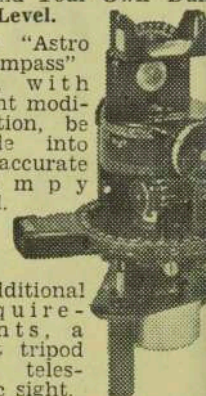
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CONDITIONS in Philippines and Indonesia, which are two thickly-populated, independent posts of Asia, are of much interest to the South Pacific countries. If they maintain strong and orderly governments they can serve as a protective barrier for the South Seas. But if—as now appears to be the case in Indonesia—they lose their capacity for self-government, and begin to slide towards Communism, they can become a menace to our future.

The United States gave the Philippines full independence after World War II; but, although the country still is under American influence, observers are not happy about what they see going on there. Administrative inefficiency and corruption in high places are encouraging the growth of Communism.

The Hukbalahaps (Philippines Communist organisation) are supposed to have been broken up and driven into the remoter mountains. Actually (say observers recently in the Philippines) vicious landlordism and almost incredible poverty among the masses, are driving thousands into the Huk ranks; and influence, and Huk terrorism, are encountered as soon as one leaves the larger centres.

It was thought that, when Mag-saysay was elected President a few weeks ago, there would be changes. Magsaysay may be honest and sincere; but he will have great difficulty in putting through the necessary fundamental reforms, against the opposition of the commercial barons and powerful landlords.

A great part of the arable land of the Philippines is owned outright by a limited number of landlords, who mostly live in the big cities and exploit the peasants. They do not want Communism—but neither do they want the land reforms which are imperative if the peasantry are to be kept quiet and contented and away from Communism.

Mr. H. E. Maude, OBE, Member of the Social Development, South Pacific Commission, attended a conference in Manila recently, and took the opportunity of going out, far into the country, to examine some special project in which he is interested. He found the country so disturbed—the result of poverty and discontent—that he could not get back to Manila, within the time arranged, until he was assisted back by police armed with machine-

A friend on the West Pacific Line motorship *Citos*, recently loading timber in the Philippines, writes:

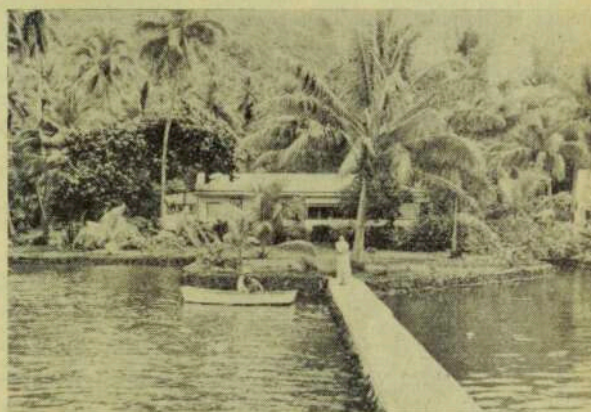
"To my inexperienced eye, Manila is a mess. Beauty and the beast of poverty, cheek by jowl. The pesa (approx. 5/- Australian) is unacceptable outside of the Philippines. The Manila Hotel (losing at the rate of 50,000 pesas a month) is always full of regally-dressed men and women, who pay a small fortune for a very ordinary meal. Yet at every street corner, with a double guard near the churches, you hear: 'Please give me five pesas—I am hungry—I want five pesas to buy some bread.' 25/- seems a lot of money for a hunk of bread!

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MEANWHILE, conditions continue to deteriorate in Indonesia, where a ragtag-and-bob-tail Government is functioning weakly. The nation is divided into three sections—the Javanese Nationalists, who provide the Republican government; the Moslems (who are themselves divided into

Tahiti Retreat

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two sections, moderate and extremist—the latter being the Dar-ul-Islam) and the Communists. The latter are the best organised, and they are ruthless and always on the job—their influence seems to be growing steadily.

Early in January, the news agencies reported a growing tendency for the Indonesians to attack the Dutch, who still retain valuable interests there, especially in transport and shipping. It is believed

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that the Indonesians plan to push the Dutch out of the country entirely, and seize their property.

The Djakarta politicians are trying to divert the people's attention from the country's tragic political and economic condition by (a) threatening to seize Western New Guinea from the Dutch and (b) encouraging attacks upon the persons and property of the Dutch remaining in Indonesia. A move to put an end to the Netherlands-Indonesian Union (still officially in existence) is imminent.

FROM what I could see, the Dutch are themselves to blame for the way the Indonesians hate them," said a high Australian official, recently in Djakarta. "The Dutch, in their relations with the Indonesians, behaved with the same high-handed arrogance as in the days before World War II—they cannot understand that the whole Asiatic world has changed—I refer especially to India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, China, and that the Indonesian objection to being treated as a person of inferior status. The Indonesian attitude to Australians and Americans is quite friendly—very different to the face they show to the Dutch."

This traveller said that the steady penetration of Indonesia by Communist influence can be seen in some directions. While he was there, there was a meeting of film people, to prepare for a Motion Picture and Film Festival in Hong Kong. It was proposed that it be a rule that no Communist film be shown at that Festival. The Indonesians immediately objected—they said that they would not cooperate if the proposal was accepted. The discussion is still going on.

Moves are afoot in Djakarta to very considerably extend trade relations between Indonesia and Communist China and Russia.

Rowley-Garnett Wedding at Labasa

All Saints' Church, Labasa, Fiji, was decorated with pink and white flowers when Miss Elizabeth Ann Rowley, on December 5, was married to Mr. Alasdair Garnett.

The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Rowley of Labasa, and the groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Garnett of Suva. The marriage caused wide interest in Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white embroidered organdie. In a silver holder, used by her grandmother and her mother at their weddings, she carried a bouquet of white carnations and white violets.

She was attended by two youthful bridesmaids, Angela Daly and Christine Freeman. Best-man was the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Harvey Garnett. At reception later, Mr. and Mrs. Rowley received more than 100 guests.

The young couple will make their home in Auckland, N.Z.

From Native Hut to The Priesthood

(Contributed)

It is a long step from a native hut to the Altar of the Catholic Church, and it how long can be seen from the recent Ordination to the Priesthood of the first two native students of the Diocese of Rabaul which comprises New Britain, New Ireland and Manus. This mission was established 75 years ago and administered by His Lordship, Bishop of Scharmach, MSC DD.

As the Catholic Church has only one standard for its priests all over the world, the seminarians, To Bata of Malagunan and To Paivu of Topo, had to either like that standard or quit, as many have done before them. Actually both students made it comfortably.

Of the two Father Paivu was longer on the road. Now aged 42, he began his schooling with the Native Sisters at Tapo, years ago. There was nothing significant about his youth; he was not the son of a chief, a sub-chief, noted seer or any other VIP. Senior members of the Mission recall that whilst they have had more brilliant pupils, none could equal the youthful To Paivu in his application to work and determination to succeed.

Father Paivu was a student at the Mission Catechists' School in 1926. By 1932 he was back in his own village of Topo, which is a few miles from Kokopo, working there as a Catechist whilst studying Latin privately under Father Den. Then he moved on to the Teachers School at Kinigunan, which joined Vunapope Mission, and there during 1935 and 1936 he studied Mathematics, History, English and Physics.

At the start of the war, and the Minor Seminary with all other buildings at Vunapope, was destroyed to the ground. The Missionaries and their Bishop were imprisoned by the Japanese, then removed to the comparative safety of the Ramali Valley where they eked out an existence until released at the end of the war. During Japanese occupation, To Paivu returned to his village of Tapo and there resumed in his former capacity as Catechist.

In 1947, still with the determination to reach the goal of the Priesthood, To Paivu made application to join the Major Seminary which had begun to function at Torokina on Bougainville, in the Diocese of Bishop Wade.

By this time To Paivu was not alone in his ambition. A younger man, whose career had not been so checkered and who had the advantage of continuing his secondary studies with the missionaries during the years of internment in Ramali, was now ready to proceed with him. His new student was To Bata of Malagunan.

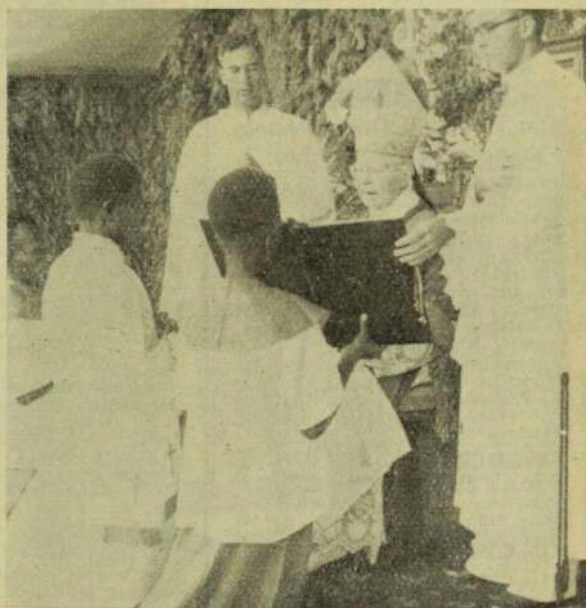
The course proper of major studies for the priesthood comprises two years of Philosophy, with the attached subjects of Logic, Psychology and Sociology, and with advanced lectures in English and Latin.

The course of Philosophy is followed by four years in Theology, which covers the field of Moral, Dogmatic and Pastoral theology, Sacred Scripture, Canon Law, Liturgy and History. Much of these studies and many of the lectures are followed in Latin, the universal tongue of the Catholic priesthood.

In November came the end of all this mental striving for these student-seminarians. Judged sufficiently knowledgeable by the Diocesan Board of Examiners, Fathers Paivu and Bata were ordained to the Priesthood of the Catholic Church, November 15, 1953. Monsignor Vesters, the retired Bishop of Rabaul, who first began the work of the Seminary and who was himself celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his own ordination, was the ordaining Prelate at Vuvu, and performed the ceremony that made George To Bata a priest.

At Vunapope, the headquarters of the Mission, Bishop L. raised the veteran Scharmach, MSC, DD, student To Paivu to the priesthood. Immense crowds of natives, Europeans and Chinese attended both ceremonies — crowds not measured by the thousand but by the hectare. It was the triumphant ending of a long marathon for two brown, barefoot boys.

Bishop Vesters ordains the Rev. Fr. G. Bata of Malagunan.



A new Supervisor of Technical Services for the Fiji Education Department has been appointed to succeed Mr. R. A. Derrick who retired from the post last year. He is Mr. Archibald MacNeill who is at present the Organiser of Technical Education on the island of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. Mr. MacNeill, who is 51 years of age, has been a teacher of educational handwork and technical subjects since 1924. He is expected to assume duty in the Colony in about April.

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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/- to £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 January 7 was £Stg.385 (£A481/5/- approx.) c.i.f., ton, Cont. ports.

N.G.—£370 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in January quoted Samoan cocoa at £Stg.350 (£A437/10/- approx.) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samcan currency equals Stg.).

COFFEE.—P.-N.G. remains firm at 5/- 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 weakened over the past month. **Papua-New Guinea.**

—Price based on Singapore figure which fluctuates from day to day. Quotation on January 9 was 27½d Aust. lb. Singapore rate January 9 No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 56½c. lb. c.i.f. (approx. 24½d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney nominal quotations (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): Tahiti.—Sydney agents unable to quote. Entire crop being sent to France at present.

RICE.—Price for 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 Gerda Co. (USA) for 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.—American market firm at 35-37 cents U.S. per lb., f.o.b., Rarotonga; producers currently re-

ceive 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.** £280 per ton ex-wharf less rejects, with market resistance due to very high price. Agents feel a sudden fall is imminent. **Fiji**, £10 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.: Market still very depressed. Improvement expected shortly owing to scarcity of nuts in Sydney until April. Price on January 11 was 1/3 per lb.

LONDON PRICES

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Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, ton:
New Hebrides . . . 92,000 Metrop. francs (approx. £A118/14/-)
Tahiti . . . 93,000 Metrop. francs (approx. £A120)
FM Straits, Nov.-Dec. . . . £Stg.8 (approx. £A111/5/-)
Philippines, bulk US\$24 (approx. £A108/10/-)

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton:
FM Straits, 3½% drums . . . £Stg.13 (approx. £A165)
Ceylon, bulk, Dec.-Jan. . . . £Stg.13 (approx. £A163/15/-)

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FIJI.—Through BANK OF NSW, ANZ BANK and BANK OF NZ. Australia on Fiji basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A113. Fiji-London, basis £100 London: B. £110/12/6; S. £112. NZ-Fiji, basis £100 NZ: B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa: B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. Samoa-London, basis £100 London: B. £100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. Samoa-NZ basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/-. Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa: B. £111 S. £110.

PAPUA-NG.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kavieng, Madang), **BANK OF NSW** (branches: Port Moresby, Lae, Bulolo, Rabaul, Madang, Samarai; agency: Wau) and **ANZ BANK** (Port Moresby) quote exchange rates 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.; 170 Pac. fr. to £str.; 64 Pac. fr. to US \$.

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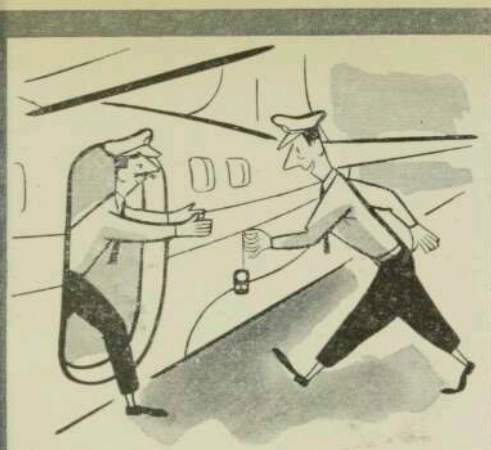
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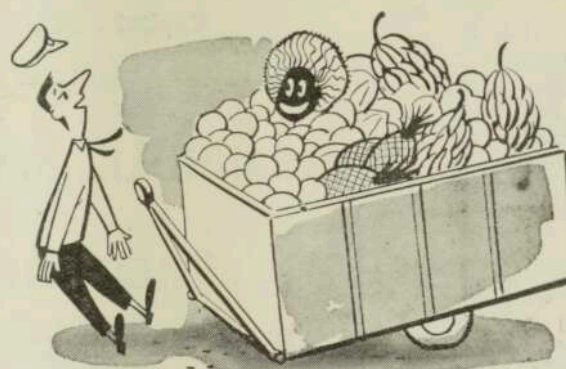
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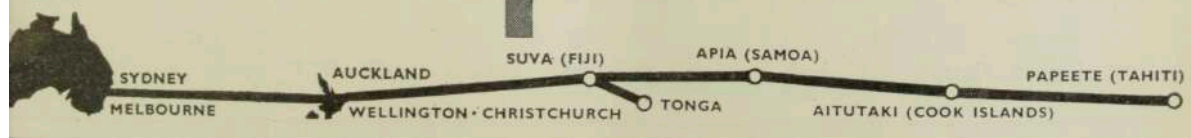


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