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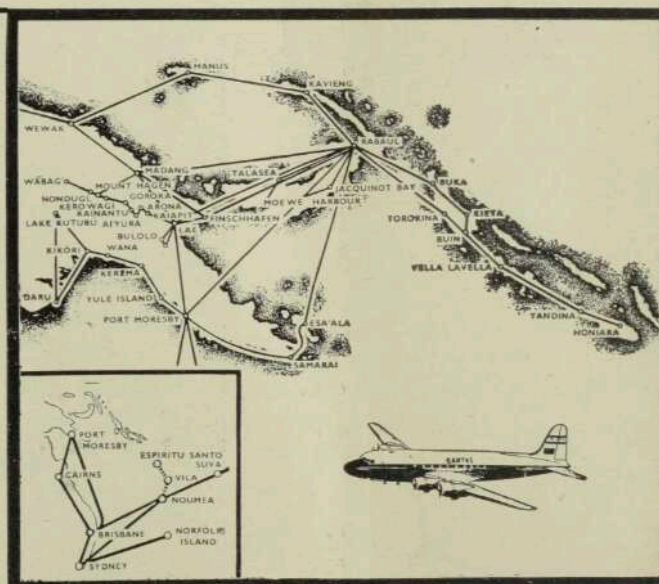
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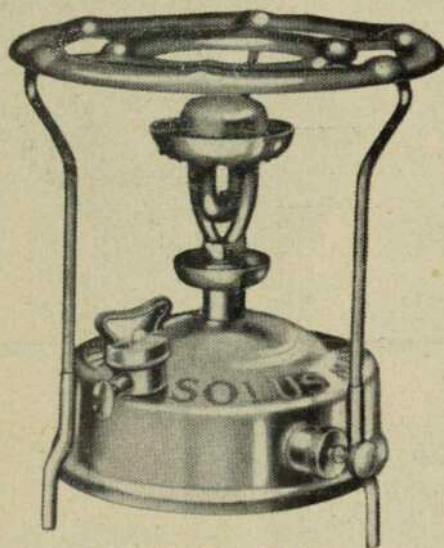
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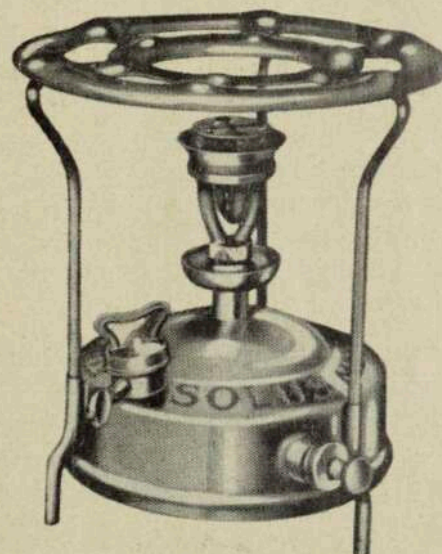
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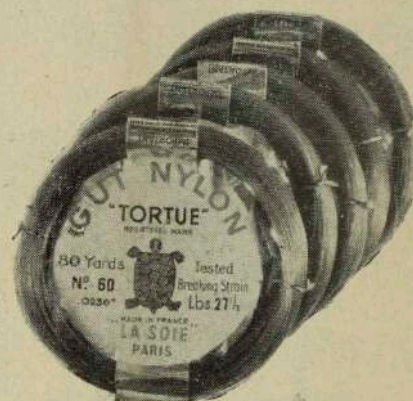
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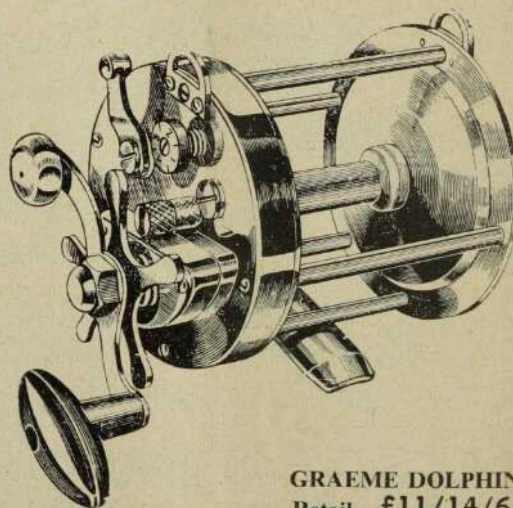
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Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

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

Next sailing about September 14.

MV Malekula sails from Sydney for Samarai, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus, Wewak, Alexishafen, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney. Next sailing about August 31.

Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

MV's Soochow, Shansi and Sinkiang, each 3,000 tons, provide regular service between Sydney and Papua-New Guinea ports: From July 19, Sinkiang will provide a fast service Sydney - Brisbane - Port Moresby and return by same route. Soochow and Shansi will continue Sydney-Brisbane - Moresby - Samarai - Lae - Madang - Kavieng - Rabaul and return, with calls at Melbourne as required.

Next Sydney sailing, Shansi: Aug. 26.

Next Sydney sailing, Soochow: Sept. 14.

Next Sydney sailing, Sinkiang: Aug. 11, Sept. 2.

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

Australia - New Zealand - Canada - USA

Sailings of Orient Line Passenger Ships, 1954-55.

	ORION 1954	ORONSAY 1954	ORCADES 1954/5	ORSOVA 1955	Orion 1955
SYDNEY	depart 17 Sep.	19 Nov.	17 Dec.	28 Jan.	25 Mar.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep 21 Sep.	22 Nov.	20 Dec.	31 Jan.	29 Mar.
SUVA	arr/dep 25 Sep.	25 Nov.	23 Dec.	3 Feb.	2 Apl.
HONOLULU	arr/dep 1 Oct.	30 Nov.	28 Dec.	8 Feb.	8 Apl.
VANCOUVER	arrive 7 Oct.	6 Dec.	3 Jan.	14 Feb.	14 Apl.
	depart 8 Oct.	7 Dec.	4 Jan.	15 Feb.	15 Apl.
SAN FRANCISCO	arr 11 Oct.	9 Dec.	6 Jan.	17 Feb.	18 Apl.
	depart 12 Oct.	10 Dec.	7 Jan.	18 Feb.	19 Apl.
HONOLULU	arr/dep 17 Oct.	14 Dec.	11 Jan.	22 Feb.	24 Apl.
SUVA	arr/dep 25 Oct.	21 Dec.	18 Jan.	1 Mar.	2 May
AUCKLAND	arr/dep 28 Oct.	24 Dec.	21 Jan.	4 Mar.	5 May
SYDNEY	arrive 1 Nov.	27 Dec.	24 Jan.	7 Mar.	9 May

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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.

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

Sailing from Sydney about Sept. 17. Details from Burns Philp & Co., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Ltd. coming from Marseilles, via West Ind. 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.

Sailing dates:—
From Sydney, Northbound—Caledonien November 23, April 12; Tahitien: Aug. 19, January 7, mid-May.

From Papeete, southbound—Tahitien December 14, end April; Caledonien October 31, March 20.

Small motor-ships Polynesian (Messageries Maritimes) and Neo Hebrides (C. Sleight, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular service between Noumea and Sydney.

Sydney-S. Africa-UK-Pacific Ports-Sydney

A service by Shaw Savill, with their new all-passenger liner Southern Cross, will commence from the UK early in 1955. Calls on maiden voyage will be made West Indies ports, Panama, Papeete (Tahiti), Suva, Auckland, Sydney, Australian ports, South African ports, Canadian Islands, UK.

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Tentative sailing dates for maiden voyage: Papeete, April 22-23, 1955. Suva, April 28, 1955. Auckland, May 2-3, 1955. Sydney, May 6-9, 1955.

N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc.

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

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

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

† Thurs. and Mon.—Nadi (Fiji) - Auckland

‡ Connecting with Strato Clipper at Nadi

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NORTHWARDS

Sat. and Wed.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver — with every alternate Wednesday service (August 4, 18, etc.) terminating at San Francisco.

SOUTHWARDS
Mon. and alt. Fri.—Vancouver - San Francisco - Honolulu - Canton Is. - Nadi (Fiji)-Sydney. Second alt. Fri. (Aug. 6, 20, etc.) service commences at San Francisco thence same route to Sydney.

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Every Friday return from Vancouver by same route.

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2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

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Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (Skymasters)

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

Moresby, 7.30 am Lae, 8.45 am

Connecting services north of Lae by D.C.3 to Bulolo and Wau on Wednesdays. Sundays and alt. Wednesdays (Aug. 4, 18, etc.)

(Sandringhams)

Depart: Sydney, 7.30 pm **Arrive:** Brisbane, 10.50 pm
Brisbane, 12.20 am Cairns, 6.35 am (Mon. and Alt. Thur.)

Cairns, 8.05 am Moresby, 11.55 am (Night stop)

Moresby,* 8.30 am Samarai, 10.30 am (Tue.)

Samarai, 11.00 am Esa'ala, 11.40 am (Alt. weeks)

Esa'ala, 11.55 am Rabaul, 2.55 pm

The alt. Wednesday Sandringham from Sydney terminates at Port Moresby.

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

SOUTHWARDS
Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays (Skymaster)

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

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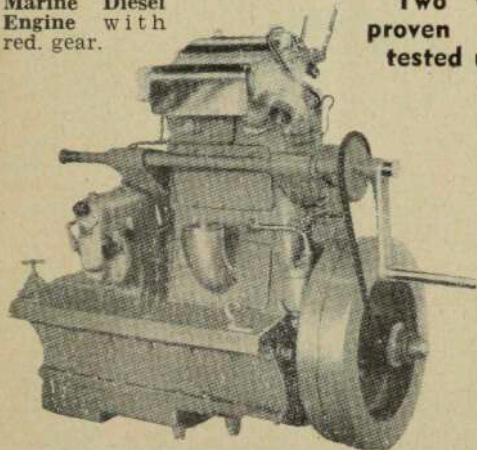
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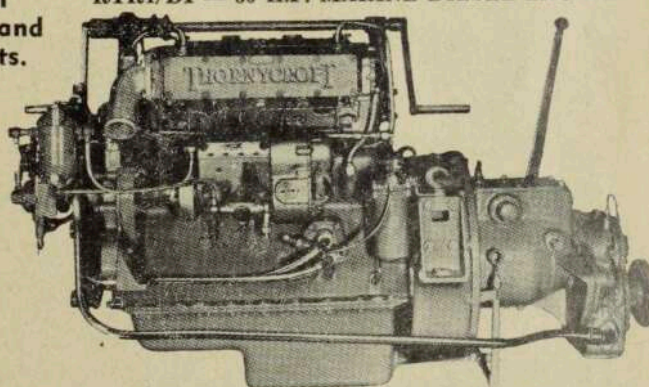
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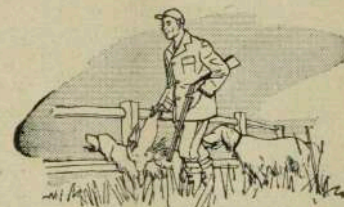
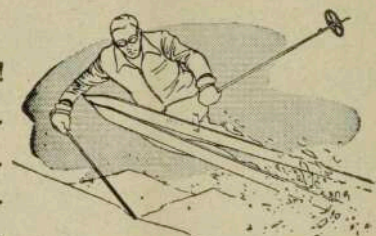
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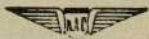
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Alt. Saturdays (Aug. 7, 21, etc.) (Sandringham)
Depart: Moresby, 6 am
 Cairns, 10.55 am
 Brisbane, 6.10 pm
Arrive: Samarai, 8.45 am
 Moresby, 11.15 am
 Cairns, 3.40 pm (Night stop)
 Brisbane, 2.15 pm
 Sydney, 7.05 pm
 Cairns, 9.25 am
 Brisbane, 4.40 pm
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3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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LAE—HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea)
 Alternate Wednesdays (Aug. 11, 25, etc.)
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LAE—MANUS (DC3)
 Every Wednesday.
 Dep. Lae, 10.45 am: Finschhafen, Rabaul, Kavieng, arr. Manus 5.45 pm.
 Returns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via Kavieng and Rabaul; optional call at Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.45 pm.

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RABAU—MOEWE HARBOUR (Sandringham)
 Alt. Wed.—Rabaul—Jacquinot Bay—Mbewe Harbour—Talisea—Rabaul July 7, 21, Aug. 4, 18, Sept. 1, 15, 29, etc.
 N.B.—The direction of operation changes with each service, i.e., each alternate service operates Rabaul—Talisea—Mbewe Harbour—Jacquinot Bay—Rabaul.

NEW BRITAIN—BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)
 Alt. Wed.—Rabaul —Buka —Kieta —Buin —July 14, 18, Aug. 11, 25, Sept. 8, 22, etc.
 Alt. Wed. (same day) Buin—Kieta—Buka—Rabaul.

LAE—MADANG—WEWAK—MANUS—KAVIENG—RABAU SERVICE (DC3)
 Mon., Thur. Dep. Lae 6.30 am, Madang arr. 7.35 am Wewak, Manus Is., Kavieng, Rabaul arr. 3.35 pm.
 Tue. only Dep. Rabaul 8.00 am direct Madang, arr. 11.00 am, Wewak, Madang, Lae arr. 4.50 pm.

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NEW GUINEA—NEW BRITAIN (DC3)
 Fridays.—Depart Lae 12 noon, Finschhafen

1.0 pm, arrive Rabaul 3.10 pm.
 Saturdays.—Depart Rabaul 9.0 am, Madang 12.25 pm, arrive Lae 1.30 pm.

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 With headquarters at Lae, this company runs regular services for passengers, freight and mails to all New Guinea settlements.

Scheduled Flights with DC3 Aircraft
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Tues.: Depart Rabaul at 6.30 am for Madang, Wewak, Madang, Goroka, Lae. Depart Lae 7.30 am for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka, Lae.

Thurs.: Depart Lae at 7.30 am for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka, Lae.

Fri.: Depart Lae at 7 am for Madang, Wewak, Momote, Kavieng, Rabaul — remaining overnight.

Sat.: Depart Rabaul at 8 am for Kavieng, Momote, Wewak, Madang, Lae.

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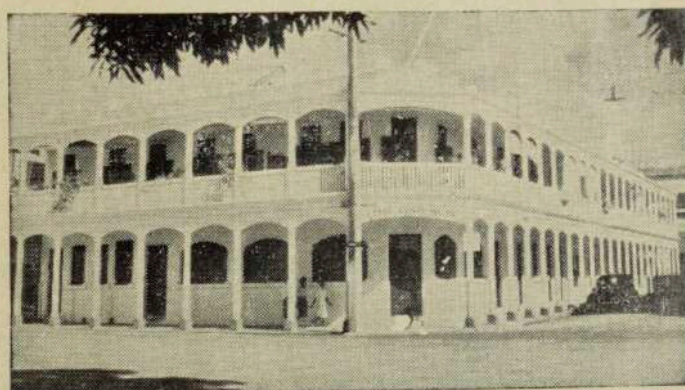
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	(Night stop)
Santo, Fri. 5.45 am	Vila, 7.00 am
Vila, 7.30 am	Noumea, 10.10 am
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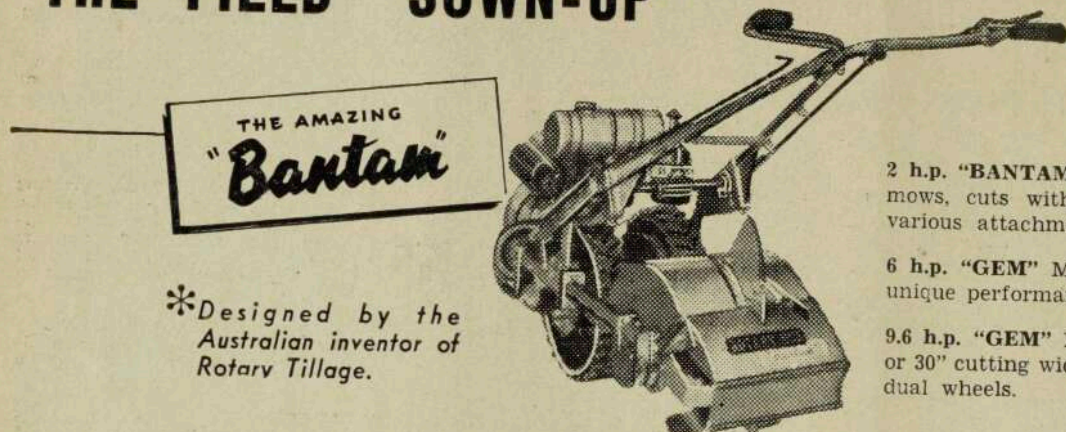
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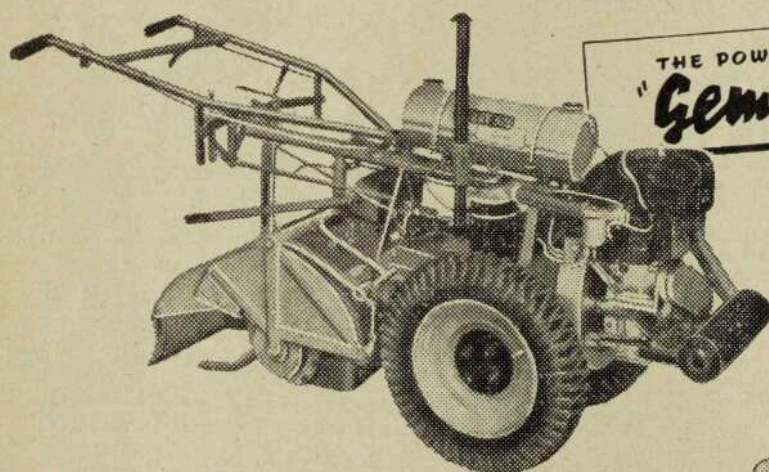


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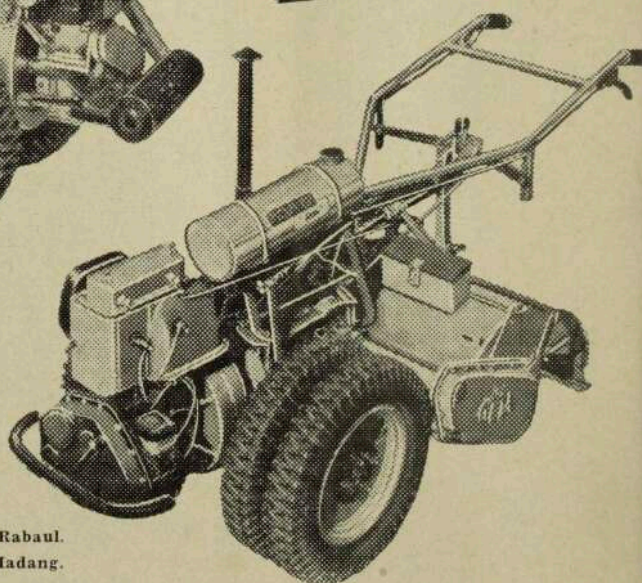
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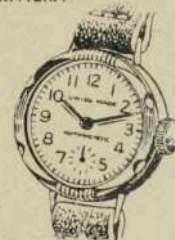
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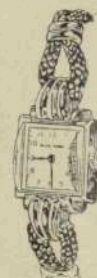
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The Reddish-Yellow Blaze On Our Northwest Horizon

FRANCE'S decision to surrender to the Communists the Tonkin area of Indo-China (the world's richest rice-growing area) has startled a few people in the South Pacific. One wonders why. It is a logical step in the chain of events which began in 1946 when Russia refused to disarm, and built the Iron Curtain across Europe. A challenge to the power of the United States in the Pacific clearly is part of the Muscovite conspiracy for the Communist enslavement of the world.

One must acknowledge the diabolical cleverness of the Moscow gang, and its extraordinary success, up to date. The Western Powers disarmed in 1946-7; then, finding the Reds not following suit, they began to re-arm in a politico-economic somersault which since has gravely strained their already war-torn economy; this, in turn, has created endless social unrest—unrest which might be dealt with by a Red dictatorship, but which cannot be controlled under the democratic system; and all this has been calculated and foreseen by the Reds, as part of their plan to increasingly weaken the Western bloc by creating internal discontent.

The Westerners' plan to enforce international security and peace through the UNO has been deliberately sabotaged by Russia, through the veto system. Thousands of trained agents have been

sent into Asia and Africa to stir up nationalist unrest and embarrass the Western nations represented there. And—most significant and dangerous move of all—China's 400 millions have been harnessed to the Red bloc, as a conveniently expendable force to be used as the spearhead of the attack upon the Westerners, and especially upon the United States.

All this has been done in less than nine years. The pattern is so clear. The logic of events so completely beyond challenge.

Strongly opposed in Korea, the Reds agreed to an armistice; and then maintained the armistice, refusing any peace settlement, so that we are compelled to keep expensive armies in Korea—while they smashed the French in Indo-China. And, now, the surrender of Northern Vietnam to the Reds—a first-class Communist victory.

SOME argue that, as UNO came to the support of the South Koreans against the Reds in Korea, UNO should have supported France against the Reds in Indo-China. But the background is different.

The Western nations refrain from voicing their opinion openly and officially; but the belief is generally held that France now, as a Western Power and as a Colonial Power, is sick and undependable. She is so shot through with Communism

at home, and under such insistent and growing challenge in her important colonies, that she is an embarrassment rather than a source of strength to her associates in this gravest of all international crises.

If the Anglo-Americans were to assist France in Indo-China (which, incidentally, could mean the re-establishment there of French authority) they would expect a *quid pro quo* in strong and loyal support by France of the European Defence Community. As there is no prospect of that—on the contrary, the Anglo-Americans, as they lose faith in France, are putting more and more trust in a renascent Germany—the Anglo-Americans refuse to commit themselves in Indo-China. They have conceded the Reds the victory in Vietnam, so that they may keep more freedom in their hands for dealing with the larger problems of Red expansion elsewhere.

SEEN against the vast and sombre background of the Cold War, the surrender of Northern Vietnam may appear a small incident. But it is not difficult to envisage the problem which confronts Britain and America. With France classed with the Latin nations as undependable, Britain and America now face the solid phalanx of Reds (Russia, all the Eastern European countries, and China) with only the Northwest European nations as sure Allies. Time must be gained while Germany and Japan (anti-Communist by character and tradition) are re-established as World Powers. A strange twist in world affairs, of course; but evidently the argument

is that German or Japanese arrogance is to be preferred to soul-destroying slavery under the Muscovite Reds. Those who experienced Hun beastliness and Jap brutality in the last 15 years may not accept the argument: but that does seem now to be the keystone of Western planning.

Britain and United States are not in complete agreement. United States, completely realist, knowing that armed conflict is inevitable, and believing that we have an advantage in atomic weapons, is prepared now to go to war, so as to smash the Red Muscovite conspiracy and establish world peace under UNO, before UNO collapses completely.

Britain, in terror of what guided missiles from Central Europe may do to her, and believing that the Red bloc sooner or later will be destroyed by internal revolt, tries to play for time.

But Britain and USA are completely united in the belief that the Muscovite cannot be placated and that, if we are to remain free, we must go increasingly armed.

NOT one man in one hundred in the South Pacific countries understands anything of these issues. Most have been very impatient with occasional commentators who have tried to warn them of the growing danger in Asia.

But the spectacular surrender of Vietnam has startled them. Suddenly, they realise that not only are hundreds of millions of Asian Communists glaring hungrily at them from Southeast Asia; they also become uncomfortably aware that, in spite of laws and contracts, there now are important implantations of Asians in the South Pacific countries of New Guinea, New Hebrides, Fiji and French Oceania, and that these Asians almost surely will react to calls on their racial and nationalist pride.

"Asian Communists, armed by Russia, have forced a surrender upon France and are only a few flying hours away from us," cry the Australians, and New Zealanders and Pacific Islanders, turning aside from their horse-racing and petty politics. "What are we going to do about it?"

There is nothing they can do about it. They are beset by dangers created nine years ago, when the Attlees, and Trumans and Evatts, and other pitifully inadequate persons, took charge of the war-torn world, and permitted the Muscovite gang to establish the Iron Curtain and gets its international Red conspiracy into shape. The South Pacific's hope of survival and liberty lies primarily in the ability of the United States to defend freedom in the Pacific, and ultimately in the strength which the British Commonwealth and United States may develop together, to check and destroy this Mongolian-based horror.

"Starry-eyed planners" arise in hordes, to embarrass us with their assurances that some way will be found to avoid the conflict—their panaceas ranging from compromise with the Reds ("co-existence," it is called!) to a religious fervour which is to sweep across the world.

Our only hope of avoiding armed conflict between two utterly irreconcilable ideologies (Individualism and Communism) is that the scores of millions of freedom-loving people

enslaved by the comparative domination by the Muscovite gang will rebel, and attack their masters. There are some signs of it—but nothing yet to give us hope.

There is nothing that we of the South Pacific can do about it, except to assist the Anglo-American Powers in the wearisome, sickening process of once more re-arming; and to watch this ever-growing reddish yellow blaze on our northwestern horizon.

COMMENTARY

BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF.

JUST WHEN IS IT ENGLISH?

THE importance Pidgin English has acquired in the post-war S-W Pacific—that is, the controversy as to whether it should be rooted out entirely or given official approval—has surprised most Islands old-timers who, before the war, accepted it for its convenience and cared not whether it was the mark of the slave or not.

What has always puzzled this writer, however, is where to find the merit in the "straight English" which is spoken in most Pacific Islands where Pidgin is *infra dig*. From New Zealand, up through Fiji and on to Polynesia, half of the stock jokes are based on the Islanders' mangled rendering of English.

Even in Papua, the old-time resident recoiled in horror at the Pidgin spoken across the border, and relied on Police Motu, although that itself was only a Pidgin version of the real thing. It is a guinea to a gooseberry that the number of post-war arrivals in Papua who have learned Motuan since their arrival could be counted on one's two hands. These days they tell you that the natives understand straight English.

Recently we overheard a young Port Moresby matron of our acquaintance speaking to her cook-boy. It was a sort of a cross between Pidgin and baby-talk. "Do these boys speak Pidgin, then?" we asked.

"Oh, no, English," we were told; then seeing our look of disbelief added: "But the boys and I have a language of our own. We get on fine."

They did, too. But it was not in "straight English."

The war and the post-war influx of new residents has spelled the doom of real Pidgin, too. Even before the war it was often said by old residents, who prided themselves on their ability to speak the language, that Pidgin was not what it was. Now most post-war arrivals make something up as they go along, and when they are not understood, tear their hair and shout.

If the post-war natives of Papua and New Guinea seem much more sullen and stupid than their pre-war fathers (and many of them do) it could be explained by the fact that present-day Territorians take little trouble to learn how to speak correctly to them.

The European who takes trouble to learn the accepted language Motuan or Pidgin, has the native's immediate attention, and—would like to add—his respect.

SOMETHING ABOUT VIETNAM

As the surrender of part of Indo-China to the Reds has created a threat to the future of the South Pacific, the South Pacific may like to know more about Indo-China.

There are three States in Indo-China—Vietnam, 23,000,000 people; Cambodia, 3,700,000; and Laos, 1,100,000. Each, to a degree, is self-governing, but France controls the foreign relations, their defences and, of course, enjoys a monopoly of their overseas trade. Self-government is a recent development. There was a disunited group of quarrelling little States when France took over last century; and the French have introduced orderliness, and greatly developed the country's resources.

Vietnam is a recent creation. It was formed by the French out of three ancient provinces—Tonkin, Annam and Cochin China. Vietnam is a long, narrow country paralleling the coastline of the actual south-east corner of Asia. Its northern part, old Tonkin, includes the Red River delta, and is part of the area surrendered to the Reds. Some 13,000,000 out of the State's 23,000,000 are in the surrendered area. As a large section of the people in the surrendered area are French-trained, and Christian, some millions now are trying to get away from northern Vietnam, which adjoins Communist China, before the Reds take over; and the French are trying to accommodate them in southern Vietnam.

West and south of Indo-China

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BRITAIN AVOIDS INDIAN PROBLEM

Fiji's Plea for Inquiry About Over-Population

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, August 3.

CRITICS of the British official attitude towards Fiji's population problem (created by the phenomenal increase in the introduced Indian population) will see in the published correspondence between the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) and the former Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Oliver Lyttelton) only another example of London evasion.

The Governor, on March 3, 1953, sent to the Secretary of State a record of the debate (December 16, 1952) on the Legislative Council resolution calling for a commission of inquiry from the United Kingdom. The resolution asked for the appointment of the Commission forthwith—"to inquire into and advise what steps should be taken to ensure that this Colony will not suffer from over-population to the detriment of the standard of living of all races in the Colony."

"There is no doubt," Sir Ronald wrote, "that the majority of the unofficial members of the Council are gravely perturbed by the prospect of population outstripping the resources of the Colony and, for this reason, the motion was given Government support. It was made clear by the Colonial Secretary, however, that the word 'forthwith' in the motion was not to be taken absolutely literally."

The Governor also mentioned his suggestion that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development might be invited to undertake an inquiry into the economic potential of Fiji and to make an objective study of its development requirements, with special reference to the growing population; this to be followed by more specific and detailed examination by industrial consultants and other overseas experts.

The Secretary of State replied that he was not convinced that either suggestion would be the most helpful course at this juncture. "I consider that in Fiji there are at present too many unknown factors, such as the mineral potential, the forestry potential, the soil and ecology of the interior, and the basic data as to the development of hydro-electric power, for a mission of this kind (International Bank), which would stay in Fiji only for a short time, to be able to form definite conclusions. . . . The same consideration applies to the appointment of a commission of inquiry from this country."

"I consider, therefore," the Secretary of State continued, "that

the immediate need is for detailed surveys to supply the basic information about the economic potentialities of the Colony. . . . and that these should be carried through before consideration can usefully be given to the appointment of a more general commission of inquiry."

With the addition of some general observations on the desirability of agricultural expansion, where possible, these extracts give the gist of the London reply, which was dated May 25, 1954.

The protagonists of the motion in the Legislative Council in 1952 have, from first to last, been open to the charge that, with the laudable hope of avoiding a rumpus, they whittled down their proposal to innocuousness by omitting all reference to the crux of Fiji's population problem—the steadily growing fear by non-Indians that the swamping Indian increase can result only in the virtual Indianisation of Fiji in the fairly near future; or—as what is sometimes claimed to be the only foreseeable alternative—an angry reaction by Fijians and others against the threat of Indian political and economic domination, overt or covert.

Editorial Note

WE may take comfort in the fact that this Mr. Lyttelton now is gone from the Colonial Office. The pity is that he did not go sooner—or that he ever was there—he was one of the feeblest Secretaries of State for the Colonies we have seen in decades.

The newcomer perhaps can be induced to hide his—that is, the average British Minister's—terror of Nehru, and to deal with the Indian problem in Fiji on a basis of facts, racial justice and realism.

Mr. Lyttelton obviously decided to shelve the subject. There are enough sound men in the Legislative Council of Fiji, including the Indian representatives, to see that the difficult problem is not kept hidden away. It is capable of solution, if boldly faced. This is their opportunity. Only very rarely do they get a Governor like Sir Ronald Garvey, whose policy is based on a long personal knowledge of Fiji conditions and history, who has a keen appreciation of the racial qualities of Indians as well as of Fijians, and who is a realist.



Bill Gill's comment on the situation of the rubber industry in Papua is given a certain amount of acidity by the fact that Bill Gill himself was, for some years, a rubber planter in Papua.

Zanzibar Assassin to Help Fiji's Rhino Beetle War

Another bug from Zanzibar might accomplish what no other predator has yet managed to do in the fight against the coconut's number-one enemy, Rhinoceros beetle.

THIS bug—the Assassin bug—attacks the adult beetle; which is the one that does the damage. Other predators have worked at the other end of the life cycle, destroying eggs or pupa.

The Colony of Fiji, which has waged vigorous war on the Rhino beetle since it was discovered there less than two years ago, will import some of the bugs. Some will be released immediately; others held for laboratory control experiments.

The success of a shipment of carabid beetles from New Zealand is doubtful. Some of these were imported by the Colony some time ago and released around Suva in the hope that they would eat Rhinoceros beetle grubs. It was thought that they would live about three months in Fiji, but it is doubtful if they have bred as no signs of the Carabids have been found.

Fiji will probably be called upon to contribute about £2,200 to the South Pacific Commission's anti-Rhino beetle campaign in 1955. Certain funds were guaranteed the Commission when it began its campaign but so far all the work has been done in Western Samoa and S-E Asia. The SPC experts have been experimenting with chemicals which are believed to attract the beetles so that they can be trapped.

In Fiji there has been some experimenting with BHC compound in the crowns of palms and this has been found effective enough against adult beetles. However, the use of insecticides or chemicals in large plantations or native groves would be a laborious business.

The easiest method is a predator—if an efficient one can be found.

A Six-Woman Crew

A 70-ft ketch, *Arthur Rogers*, arrived in Suva from Tonga in July with owners Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hepworth and a crew of six young women.

One of the crew is an English doctor, and two are nurses. Four are from Australia and one from NZ.

The ketch is on a voyage from Auckland and will call at New Hebrides and New Caledonia.

Suva-Sydney Air Service Will Be Retained

Fewer Flights and More Inconvenience

AS an outcome of the protests made in Australia, New Caledonia and Fiji, Qantas flying-boats will continue to operate from Sydney to Suva, via Noumea. It will not, however, be the direct service enjoyed previously and it will be available only once fortnightly instead of once weekly.

Under the new arrangement, which commenced on July 28, Noumea (New Caledonia) and Vila and Santo (New Hebrides) will continue to have a weekly service. But on alternate weeks, the plane will run a shuttle service from Noumea to Suva after making the Noumea-Vila-Santo-Noumea section of the flight.

Passengers to Suva will wait in Noumea from 8 am Thursday until 11 am Friday while the flying-boat makes the trip to the New Hebrides; and passengers from the Hebrides, going to Sydney on that service, will then wait in Noumea from 10 am Friday until 1 pm Saturday while the aircraft goes to Suva and returns.

This arrangement allows Qantas to make more economical use of its planes and at the same time gives the Hebrides and New Caledonia their weekly link with Australia, and Noumea its link with Suva. The short break in Noumea will probably be acceptable to tourists but travellers who wish to reach Suva or Sydney quickly will find it a considerable inconvenience.

Fiji Teachers' Salaries

THE chairman, Mr. S. P. Ram, told a meeting of the Lautoka Branch of the Fiji Teachers' Union, on July 17, that he considered the cost of living allowance previously paid to civil servants would have to be reintroduced, because living costs were soaring.

A proposed new scale of salaries for teaching grades was discussed. The meeting urged an early start of the inter-school sports competition.

Mr. B. Sukh Lal was elected honorary secretary of the Branch.

ONLY FEW SEEK P-NG VOTERS' FAVOUR

Interesting Contest Forecasts in New Britain

WHEN nominations for the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council closed on August 2, these men had signified their intention of facing the poll on October for the three constituencies in the Territory:

PAPUA

Mr. E. A. James, public accountant.*

NEW GUINEA MAINLAND

Mr. George K. Whittaker, planter and optometrist.

Mr. Harry Starr, theatre proprietor.

NEW GUINEA ISLANDS

Mr. Don Barrett, planter.*

Mr. John L. Stokie, plantation manager.

Before nominations closed it was intimated that Mr. Sydney B. Barker, a dentist and miner of Wau, had nominated by mail for the New Guinea Mainland electorate; and Mrs. Ann Lumley, trader of Losuia, for Papua. But their nominations had not been received at closing of nomination. It appears, therefore, that Mr. James has been elected unopposed for Papua.

Registration of electors closed on August 2. There are 1,128 for New Guinea Islands; 764 for NG Mainland; and 908 for Papua.

Mr. Stokie made his surprise announcement that he would stand some weeks ago; in May it was rumoured that he intended leaving the Territory permanently. He is a resident of long-standing. He lives behind Jap lines in New Britain for 14 months during early stages of Pacific war. With his nomination the contest in New Britain becomes very interesting—as high registration of voters indicates.

Mr. Carl Jacobsen, who represented New Guinea Mainland in the last Council, decided some weeks ago, not to stand again.

Nominated members of the Council, of whom there are 9, will be announced later—probably after the elections. As well as three elected and 9 nominated members there are 17 official members.

* Sitting Member.

Tahiti Damages Claim

PAPEETE, August 10.

The appeal by Captain Barnes against the 3,000 francs (about £20) fine (for an incorrect report about a Messageries Maritimes liner) was rejected; but the MM Co.'s claim for one million francs damages was reduced to one franc damages. An appeal to the Supreme Court, in France, has been lodged.

He Saw the Promised Land—

The Man Who Scooped the Newspapers And Stole Administration Thunder

THE man who beat the gun was Mr. John Zehnder, 28, a geologist with the Australasian Petroleum Company, who entered the valley in May while on a four-months patrol of the Tari and Strickland area. Zehnder started off with another geologist, a field assistant, a large party of native police and carriers, and accompanied by Administration Assistant District Officer Clancy.

During the trip, Zehnder, a handful of native police and carriers, went off to have a look at the Muller Range area and later returned to the main party after having stumbled into the hidden valley, which Zehnder revealed the natives named Lavina.

This was just before the combined DCA and District Services survey flew into the valley, and reported its existence.

Following the announcement by the heads of these two Departments, Australian and other overseas newspapers manifested extraordinary interest. Most of them assumed that there were 100,000 people in one valley—the one they named Shangri-La. This mistake was excusable as the official hand-out on the survey was not clear on this point.

It seems now that this one valley has a population of about 3,000; the other 97,000 people are estimated to be in the whole area surveyed by the aerial party in June.

After the official announcement in June, PIM Sydney office was contacted by the representative of a London newspaper who wanted to know how he could charter a plane to fly into the valley.

Other requests evidently were made to Administration headquarters in Port Moresby; another London newspaper is reported to have offered to finance an expedition to the valley—with exclusive story rights for the newspaper.

The Administration has declined all offers. A spokesman said in July that no one would accompany the first patrol, which would be a routine DDS affair, probably towards the end of the year.

Meanwhile Zehnder seemed unimpressed by the furore over the valley or by the valley itself. Although one Sydney newspaper reported that he saw natives of 6-ft. 8-in. tall (and that each male adult had seven wives) he said that the natives were about average size for the Tari area, or perhaps a little taller—at least a foot shorter than reported.

He saw very few women, and these appeared similar to others in the area. The people in the valley

While the world's newspapers were making a hullabaloo about New Guinea's hidden valley of "Shangri-La" (first reported after an aerial survey in June) and while the District Services Department in Moresby was beating off those same newspapers who now wanted to accompany the first official ground patrol into it, a man returned to Moresby and announced that he had entered the valley weeks before.

had contact with those outside, and they had also heard of white men, although they had never seen any. That is not unusual in NG where hundreds of thousands in remote villages have had no personal contact with Europeans.

A few days after Mr. Zehnder returned to Moresby the Administrator made a statement in which he inferred that the whole APC party was in the area only by arrangement with the Administration and that no one had seen fit to mention that the party was escorted by a District Services officer and native police.

This is, of course, the case, and Mr. Zehnder never suggested otherwise. Like a thousand other men



Mr. John Zehnder.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

before him in New Guinea, he broke new country. He was not to know that that particular valley was to be selected by the newspapers of the world for a sensation. Now, so far as these newspapers are concerned, he is the first man to enter Shangri-La—and no one can change that!

GOOD CROWN LANDS AVAILABLE IN PAPUA

Paper Co. Surrenders Leases

NEARLY 40,000 acres of generally good Crown land have become available in the Northern Division of Papua, and there are indications that Australian interests may acquire some of it.

This land originally was acquired on lease by the British Australian Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd., in the 'Thirties. BAP, it will be remembered, was sold on the idea that a good class of paper could be made from kurukuru grass (kunai, in New Guinea), and a plan of some magnitude was built on it. However, a succeeding generation of directors abandoned the scheme, and now the leases have returned to the Crown. They comprise:

19,000 acres at Wanigela.

9,500 acres at Sinapa.

9,500 acres at Kwagila.

All this land is in the Tufi area, and a considerable proportion of it is considered very suitable for the growing of cocoa and coffee. A team of experts from the CSIRO of Australia has been in Wanigela since June, closely examining the country; and the area also has been under survey by the P-NG Department of Agriculture.

The Wanigela block, which is considered specially desirable, is close to the coast in Collingwood Bay, 25 miles from Tufi; and is easily accessible by road, air (there is a landing-strip nearby) and sea (there is a good anchorage for large ships at Wanigela). There is millable timber on the land, which rises gently to 1,000 feet, and has an average rainfall of 10 inches per month.

Considerable sections of the Wanigela block have just been taken up by Mr. Kingsford Smith (a nephew of the famous airman) and by Mr. Moody.

Anyone interested in the area should lose no time in obtaining further information.

WORLD COPRA MARKET IS VERY DULL

THE copra market continued somewhat sick during July and recent London quotations were in the vicinity of £70 stg., cif European port, for best Straits. This means that the South Pacific planters who get the benefit of the British Ministry of Food contract are enjoying an advantage.

No particular reason is given for the fall in rates—it appears to be a seasonal fluctuation. However, it is clear that, in the two Territories which really control the world market—Philippines and Indonesia—production tends to be heavy. Indonesian production, which directly affects the Singapore price—the basis of the Straits quotation—is an unpredictable thing. Politico-economic conditions in Indonesia go from bad to worse; and it is to be anticipated that the Indonesian masses, from time to time, under the sting of grim necessity, will bestir themselves to heavy production, irrespective of the ruling prices.

ASST. ADMINISTRATOR ON THE JOB

PAPUA and New Guinea's new Assistant Administrator, Mr. Rupert Wilson, commenced his duties in Port Moresby on July 22. He had just completed a round-trip on the *Bulolo*, in a personal capacity, to familiarise himself with his new Territory.

It is expected that when Mr. Wilson has familiarised himself with headquarters' matters he will be able to release the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, for more travel to other parts of Papua-New Guinea.

The Dogs Won't Like it!

NORFOLK IS., July 14.

WELL-MEANING individuals in high places have sent suggested ordinances for the approval of the local Norfolk Island Council. One deals with proposed regulations for guest houses—the area of rooms, etc.

Generally speaking, the older type of Island home being used as guest houses here provide the best fare and atmosphere, and while lacking in some modern amenities are suitable for Norfolk. Regulations for new guest houses are a different proposition, of course.

Another proposal is in respect of dogs. While the use of leashes in built-up areas may be admirable in cities, the Norfolk Island dogs may have different views.

FARE BILL—£60,000!

PASSAGE money paid to Fiji civil servants who went on leave in the 18 months to June cost taxpayers more than £60,000.

An Indian member, Mr. Vishnu Deo, was told this in the Legislative Council recently when he asked some pertinent questions on the subject.

He was informed that in 1953 and the first six months of 1954, 400 civil servants had been granted leave from the Colony. They were paid £98,063 in salaries while they were away, plus £9,491 cost-of-living allowance and £60,609 passage money.

Fifty-eight of them went on leave to the UK, 122 to Australia and New Zealand and 220 elsewhere.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

NOTHING spectacular happened in this month in 1934—apart perhaps, from a prophecy from a London correspondent who said that there were signs that the copra market would revive and that it would therefore, be a good time to buy plantations. (We cannot record that there was a rush to follow his advice). Pacific trade generally following the world pattern, was very dull—Public Servants and goldminers being the only people not seriously affected by the financial breeze.

Here are some extracts from PIM of August, 1934:

Who said that "Home Permanents" were a post-World War II development? In that August, 1934, we advertised the "Raywave curling set"—which guaranteed that the waves would last six to nine months. Failure was impossible—and the outfit cost 18/-, post paid.

In the same issue, a leading Sydney emporium advertised frocks, in cambric, voile and sheer linen from 11/6 to 25/11.

"The struggle between Europeans and Chinese for the available native trade in the British Solomon Islands is becoming acute . . . It is deplorable that just at a time when the British planters are forced by the copra slump to turn more to trading than usual, the Administration has deemed it wise to offer all possible encouragement and facilities to the Chinese to engage in trading."

Then as now, there were people who sailed around the world in little boats. One of them was Alain Gerbault who had just arrived in Papeete. But as he "abhorred publicity" we were not able to publish much about him.

Service to Dutch New Guinea Every Two Weeks

COMMUNICATIONS between Australian New Guinea and Dutch New Guinea are fast. Qantas Empire Airways, from July 28, increased the frequency of their Lae-Madang-Wewak-Hollandia service from once a month to once per fortnight.

The Netherlands Ambassador in Australia, Mr. Winkelman, predicted during his May visit to both territories that the service would be increased.

The decision does not, of course, mean that the service is a lucrative one for Qantas. It primarily is a matter of developmental policy and of arrangement between the two Governments.

Kingsford-Smith's famous partner, Charles Ulm, had, at the end of July 1934, carried the first airmail from Australia to New Guinea and had returned expressing wonder at the conditions and which flying was undertaken in the Territory. During his visit Salamaua was flooded following 43 inches of rain in 25 days. Ulm was entertained by pilots Ray Parer, F. T. O'Dea, Orr Denny and Jerry Pentland.

Appointment of General Ramsay Macdonnell as Administrator of New Guinea was confirmed.

The deportation of a Captain Macarthur Onslow from Norfolk Island was a source of wonder in Sydney newspapers which were demanding Administrator Pinn's head on a charger as a consequence.

Explanations ultimately followed in the House in Canberra where Onslow was described as a dipsomaniac by Prime Minister Lyons and a "nuisance wherever he went" by the Leader of the Opposition. The newspaper campaign ceased abruptly.

M. Henri Rey, of Tahiti (who produced a mechanical copra-cutting machine in 1953), was evidently just as inventive in 1934. He had perfected a secret method of preserving bananas by drying them and, marketed as "Banana confit naturel" they were finding ready buyers in France and England. (We suspect that these were the forerunners of the "banana figs" which had such a vogue in Western Samoa and elsewhere after World War II. What has happened to this industry incidentally?)

The Apia Chamber of Commerce asked the Western Samoa Administration to remove the rusted remains of the "Adler", a grim reminder of the 1889 hurricane, from the beach because it was an eyesore to tourists. (The Administration never did; the remains, diminished it is true, still are there; tourists like photograph them.)

NEW GOVERNOR FOR N. CALEDONIA

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, August 4.
M. Raoul Angamarre has completed his three years as Governor of New Caledonia, and has departed for France. His successor has been announced—M. Hoffherr, formerly of the French Cameroons and reputed to be an able financier and economist.

Governor Angamarre leaves a fine reputation as an administrator behind him, but the problems facing his successor are likely to be considerable and his knowledge of finance will be necessary.

Chrome Industry Crisis

The chrome industry of New Caledonia is undergoing a severe crisis at present. The Tiebaghi Co. has announced a drastic cut in production this year; the Chagrin mine has completely closed down and other small mines have followed suit.

The Tiebaghi Co. which owned the world's largest chrome mine, has cut its staff by 140 and more are to go. Most of these are Italians who were brought out specially from Italy. They now are trying to migrate to Australia. The company has already a stock-pile of 30,000 tons of 54 per cent ore, and no buyers in sight.

Main reason for the slump is the high cost of production of New Caledonian chrome, but as this represents about 87 per cent of the colony's exports, any sharp falling off must mean economic chaos.

Chrome exports constituted a record in 1943—the greater proportion going to USA and the remainder to France. Now USA is out of the market.

France takes only about one-third of her chrome requirements from New Caledonia. Local businessmen are urging that she take all her requirements—about 74,000 tons—from NC. It is believed that only help of this sort will save the colony from a bad economic slump.

Papuan Insurance Co. Wound Up

MORAL SEA INSURANCE CO. LTD., the private insurance instrumentality of Steamships Trading Co. of Papua, is being voluntarily wound up in accordance with the decision of a special meeting held at Port Moresby on June 4. Mr. L. Tracey, STC accountant, has been appointed liquidator. STC are believed now to be placing their insurance business through Farvey Trinder Pty. Ltd., Lloyd's representatives.

Fiji Broadcasting Commission in Control



The new service of the Fiji Broadcasting Commission, transmitting from the new Broadcasting House in Suva, commenced on July 1. It was the first time that broadcasting had been done in a British Colony under the control of an independent Commission.

About 120 people were present in the main studio to hear the special opening programme, which was provided mainly by local artists, interspersed with goodwill messages from overseas and within the Colony. (See lower photo, above).

Opening the new service, the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) said: "In placing full responsibility for broadcasting in the hands of an independent Commission, with the specific provision that the chairman and a majority of its members should not be Government servants, we are breaking quite new ground."

"I should like to correct any impression that the Commission is to be Government-controlled or directed. It is not. It will be its own master, in its own house."

"The Government of Fiji has handed over to the Commission, without any strings attached, the physical possession and full control of this building and its contents, and of the transmitters and receivers and other equipment bought for the new service. It is now the duty of the Commission and its staff to use them in the best interests of all the peoples of Fiji."

He expressed thanks for help given by the New Zealand Broadcasting Commission, and Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Ltd., which had operated the colony's broadcasting service for the past 19 years. AWA had advised on the design of the new Broadcasting House, and provided and installed the equipment for the expanded service.

Members of the Commission are (top photo), Mr. R. L. Munro (Chairman), Mr. K. G. Collins (manager of VRH), Hon. Vishnu Deo, Mr. L. G. Usher (Public Relations Officer), Hon. J. N. Falvey (Deputy Chairman), Mr. W. W. Lewis-Jones (Director of Education), Mrs. I. B. Chalmers and Lival Volavola. Mr. M. G. Knapman, not shown, is also a member.

The modern design of Broadcasting House can be seen in lower photograph.

—Photos by Fiji Public Relations Office.



THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Cut the Tobacco Issue, He Says!

AN old New Guinea friend, Pastor Louis T. Grieve, of the Wabag Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, finds much in recent scientific pronouncements on the harmfulness of tobacco to support his own views.

He recounts at length various medical opinions to the effect that smoking and lung cancer and heart disease are related, and then produces the startling proposition that NG authorities are guilty of grave misdemeanour by requiring that tobacco issues be made to native labourers.

Mr. Grieve concludes his letter:

"The April issue of *Papua and New Guinea Villager* features an article concerning the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Gift Fund for mothers and children. Illustrating this article is the picture of a mother and child with the caption, 'Healthy People—What We Do Want.'

"If the health of the indigenous peoples is on our conscience, it is incumbent on us to cease sponsoring and promoting the tobacco habit by legal means and do all in our power to secure a discontinuance of the iniquitous regulation requiring employers to supply native employees with tobacco, and thus, at the same time, enforcing an enormous waste of private and public funds, irrespective of whether we, ourselves, smoke."

Rabaul Revisited

From a correspondent who visited Rabaul recently:

One of Rabaul's less publicised industries is an attempt by the Reimber group of natives to go into poultry-farming business.

A minor official (who naturally wants to remain anonymous) speaking off the record said that it was a "bit before its time." One gathers that the experiment has not been an unqualified success.

The natives imported day-old chicks from Australia, and initially the meal with which to feed them. However, when the meal runs out the chickens are fed on village scraps and coconuts, and this does not induce high egg production.

But we are informed that Rabaul is not without a reasonably adequate local egg supply, from European sources. One European poultry farm out near Kerevat is doing very well with a Rhode Island flock.

An officer of the Department of Agriculture attends the departure of planes from Rabaul. His job is to see that unauthorised plants,

etc., do not leave the District which has some wogs as yet unknown elsewhere in P-NG.

He did not ask to examine our baggage and said that his main job was to keep an eye on travelling natives.

I personally doubt whether natives are worse offenders than Europeans when it comes to carrying bits and pieces of plants and seeds about. But I haven't the temerity to suggest that all baggage of travelling Europeans should be opened and searched—local Europeans would be fittingly infuriated if that were done. But I do think that the officer could interrogate each traveller and get his assurance that he was not carrying prohibited plants, etc.; and that a large notice to the effect that such practice is *tabu* could be displayed somewhere in the bus-stop-like shed that does duty as Rabaul's air terminal. I looked for such a notice—although not very carefully—but could see none.

Fate of Capt. Keller

A reader who would not give her name, but described herself as "just an old-timer" (and she did not sound so old, at that), rang us end of July and said that she had met

Captain Otto Keller's wife in Brisbane in 1946 and had been told by her that the Captain had died during internment in Singapore during the Pacific war.

Captain Keller was well-known in the Solomons area 30 or years ago and it was generally believed that he had been dead many years. Our original inquiry for him came from Germany.

Pamplemousse Again!

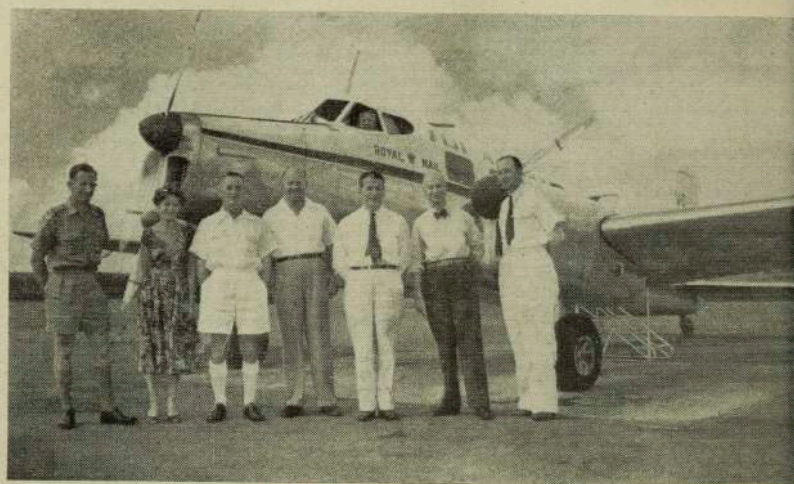
Various readers have been intrigued by the name given the large sweet citrus fruit, pamplemousse, described on page 74 of May PIM as "grown only in Tahiti."

But the High Commissioner for the Government of India in Fiji, Mr. N. V. Rajkumar, challenges the latter description. Here is the very interesting letter he has sent from Suva:

"With reference to the item entitled 'Pamplemousse from the Jungles of Tahiti, in your May issue your readers might be interested to hear that the type of large citrus fruit mentioned therein is available in large quantities in certain areas of South India.

"And, what is more interesting is the fact that in at least one Indian language—viz., Konkani—the fruit is known as 'Pamplemousse.' Isn't it, after all, 'One World'!"

First of Fiji's Drovers



The first of the two Drover aircraft which have been purchased in Australia by Fiji Airways for their Fiji service. The Drover is made in Australia, is an all-metal plane and has three engines. A number are in use in New Guinea and are used by the Flying Doctor service in the Australian outback.

This group of well-known Fiji people was taken at Nausori after a trial flight

in the aircraft. From left to right: Flying Officer Evans, RNZAF, Mrs. Rob Wright, Mr. R. A. Howlett (tourist officer), Mr. C. A. Hunt (Hunt's Travel Agency), Mr. Harold Gatty (managing director of Fiji Airways), Sir Alport Barker (publisher of Fiji Times & Herald), Mr. S. G. Marshall (Fiji Government representative). In cockpit, Chief Pilot, F. Ladd.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office

HAWAII-TAHITI AIR LINK

No Explanation of Continued Delay

DIFFICULTIES of various kinds have developed to delay the inauguration of South Pacific Airlines—the new service planned by Captains Monkton and Barnes to provide a regular air link between Hawaii and Tahiti. It was expected, last year, that the service, by now, would have been carrying American tourists into Tahiti.

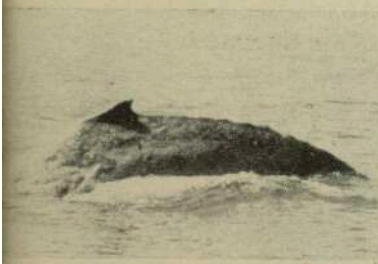
The idea, originally, was that two ex-Trans Oceanic Airways Solents, re-conditioned in Sydney, should run the service, and it was reported at one stage that Dollar Line interests (American) would back it.

Then international complications set in. Apparently, the line was to be under American register, and the Americans were not favourable to the exclusive use of flyingboats. The plan envisaged the use of Christmas Island atoll, exactly halfway between Honolulu and Papeete, as a re-fuelling station; but it appeared that Britain in this connection was not well disposed.

Some of the troubles have been ironed out; the Solents recently have been under test; but it still is reported that land as well as sea-planes will have to be used. However, there has been for several weeks a total absence of news about the proposed airline. We do not know whether the Dollar people are still interested.

The net result is that any Americans who wish to holiday in Tahiti in this pleasant weather still must

It's a Whale!



There was excitement in Port Moresby harbour on July 26 when a 35-ft whale found its way in through the reef entrance and swam about for the day.

At one stage it dived near the stern of Qantas Sandringham which was moored near the marine base — much to the chagrin of aviation officials.

The whale, with a very scarred back, lew out streams of water and came as close as 50 ft to the shore. Nobody could remember a whale in the harbour before, although they can frequently be seen along the Papuan coast.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Commercial Kenaf Production Awaits Govt. "Go" Signal

The production of fibre from kenaf is still in the experimental stage in Papua—and probably will remain so until large-scale production gets some form of Government assistance.

travel via Fiji and the TEAL Coral Route (scheduled fortnightly, but running more frequently lately).

AN INTERESTING REPORT.

No one seems happy with the present arrangement: The French Government, because too few rich Americans are purchasing tourist service; the New Zealand Government, because there is no annual profit in the TEAL Coral Route; travel agents, because of that missing link between Honolulu and Tahiti.

It has been reported in New Zealand lately that there is a possibility of the over-all problem being solved by the formation of a New Zealand-American corporation, controlled by private enterprise (but using some Government funds), to take over the various interests involved, and run a first-class service through Polynesia by flyingboats. The service (replacing the TEAL Coral Route service) would branch off from the regular Trans-Pacific (Sydney-San Francisco) service at Fiji; and run through Western Samoa, Cooks, and French Oceania to rejoin the main service at Honolulu.

This, it is argued, would solve everything—but no progress can be made in the plan until the goodwill and co-operation of four Governments (New Zealand, United Kingdom, France and United States) have been secured.

There is no confirmation of this report. But it does hold the outline of a reasonable plan—and it would explain the otherwise inexplicable delay in the establishment of the Honolulu-Tahiti air link.

45-Hour Week in Dutch New Guinea

INTRODUCTION of a 45-hour instead of a 40-hour week is one of the changes to be made under a three-year plan for Dutch New Guinea.

Other changes will be reductions in import duties (described as "important"), taxation reductions, and doubling of the coastal services by the KPM.

The Netherlands Parliament has voted £12,500,000 for its NG territory in the 1954 Budget. This is about double the amount set aside by the Australian Government for the P-NG Territory.

THE 15,000 acres of land at Oro Bay which last year were granted Eriama Estates Ltd., the private interests which have fostered kenaf growing in Papua, are still idle. The area planted to kenaf by the company is still restricted to about 300 acres near Port Moresby.

Mr. R. A. Colyer, who has done more than anyone else to establish the industry in P-NG, is at present in America. In an interview with PIM, published in April, 1954, he said: "I feel that I have done all that an individual can do. . . A lot of the onus must now be thrown on the Australian Government to ensure that this new industry is properly developed." This is how the matter still stands, four months later.

Two of the Eriama directors left Sydney for Port Moresby in early August. They were Mr. H. J. McCann, who is also general manager of Commonwealth Wool and Produce Co. Ltd., Sydney; and Mr. A. G. T. Carver, who is the Eriama director representing the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. They are expected to have discussions there on kenaf growing with the Administration and the Dept. of Agriculture.

The future of the kenaf industry will be discussed at high Government level in Australia soon. Preliminary talks were held some months ago before the Australian general elections.

About 3,000 wool packs made from kenaf produced at Eriama, near Port Moresby, have already been used in Australia. Some of them have been returned, refilled, and are back on Sydney wool floors for the opening of the new wool selling season on August 30.

Those that have been returned are in excellent condition, and satisfactory reports on their quality have been received from growers, brokers and buyers.

Another lot of new packs made from kenaf will also go into service this season.

The packs now in use have been released at the normal price of jute packs, 15/6 each, but that is well below the cost of production under experimental conditions.

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Entertainment in Madang



A successful revue was staged in Madang, NG, on July 23, to raise funds for the local Parents' and Citizens' Association. It was a complete success and enjoyed equally by the players and the audience. Top photo shows the school children's chorus; centre the "Show Business" chorus; and lower, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Ilvery and Miss Galliano performing an Island dance.
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Roseanne, eldest daughter of Mrs. Hedstrom and the late Mr. Duncan Hedstrom, of Taveuni, Fiji, was married on July 10 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Suva, to Mr. Norman Thomas Oates, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. N. B. Oates, of Tokomaru Bay, NZ.

The ceremony was conducted by Bishop Foley. A large number of guests attended the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hedstrom at Tamavua.

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Back to Your Tanks and Water-Carts, Rabaul

The elation of Rabaul residents who thought they had
permanent water supply has evaporated—like the supply. There
has been a great misunderstanding about the Burma Road wells
upon which, as we reported in July, hopes were based.

THE misunderstanding arose out
of a statement at the June
meeting of the Rabaul Town
Advisory Council, by the retiring
District Commissioner, J. K.
McCarthy.

Mr. McCarthy stated that the
Burma Road wells were believed to
be ample for supplying the town
with reticulated water and that only
lack of funds stood in the way.

This must have come as a sur-
prise to some members of the
Council who went away, and during
the following month, privily ex-
amined the Burma Road area and
could see no obvious source of a
town's water requirements.

The bubble of hope was finally
burst at the July meeting of the
TAC when District Officer J. J.
Murphy stated that Mr. McCarthy's
information was "not quite correct;"
and by Regional Works Officer E. V.
Johnson, who said that as far as
his department was concerned it
was not aware of an adequate
supply of water anywhere in the
vicinity of Rabaul, although in-

vestigations were proceeding.

Mr. Johnson told the meeting that
his Department's pumps, operati-
on wells around the Harbour, were
working 24 hours a day to supply
calling ships and any individual
who required it and provided the
means of carting it. As far as
knew there was no charge made
for the water itself.

Each dry season since the war
water-carts have been a common
place in Rabaul. A large sum of
money has been wasted in this way.
Before the war, water-carting was
not unknown in exceptionally long
dry spells, but it was not usual at
present. The reason was that each
household was provided with
adequate storage tanks.

This has not been so since the
war—due partly to the temporary
nature of the housing, in the first
instance, and the shortage of gal-
vanised iron and tank-making
materials generally. New Admini-
stration houses are now being pro-
vided with about 6,000 gallons of
water storage. This, in general,
should be adequate for Rabaul's few
really dry months of each year.

Fish Expert at Noumea

MR. H. Van Pel arrived in
Noumea from Holland last
July to become fisheries officer
to the South Pacific Commission.
He will study ways of increasing fish
production in the South Pacific
and encourage the adoption of
modern catching, processing and
marketing.

He will work along the lines recom-
mended by the conference of
fisheries experts held under the
auspices of the SPC in Noumea
1952. It was then found that while
fish was a major item in Pacific
islanders' diet, methods of catching
and distributing it were inadequate.

Mr. Van Pel had six years as
skipper of a steam trawler in the
Atlantic and North Sea. He was
director of the Bureau of Fisheries
in Indonesia and later, as a mem-
ber of the Food and Agriculture Or-
ganisation, he was sent to Pakistan
to design a fishing harbour at
Karachi.

Pacific Trade With the East

Mr. Robert Gillespie's Impressions

AFTER four months in the East, Mr. Robert Gillespie, managing director of Robert Gillespie Pty. Ltd. and Robert Gillespie (New Guinea) Ltd., has returned to Sydney convinced of the immense economic possibilities of New Guinea.

He said that NG probably offered more scope for successful development than any country in the world. The things it needed most at the moment were capital development and overseas publicity.

It had been proved, he said, that practically all tropical plants could be grown successfully in NG. Any country with such a great agricultural potential must have a bright future, provided it was opened up by capital investment.

NG also had tourist attractions which, if properly developed and publicised, could play a big part in its progress.

Mr. Gillespie travelled from Sydney on the *Eastern Star*, of the Australia-China Line, for which his NG company are agents. He visited Manila, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Saigon and Bangkok, and returned on the *Eastern Star*, calling en route at Rabaul and Lae.

He said that Japan and Hong Kong were looking to Australia and the Pacific for outlets for their manufactured goods. Japan in particular had an unlimited range of trade lines, such as cotton prints, which she was anxious to place.

While in Hong Kong Mr. Gillespie saw the manufacture of buttons from shell procured all over the world, including Pacific trochus. He said that if Islands shell were more carefully graded, greater advantage could be taken of the high prices offering for first grade. Button manufacturers, at least in Hong Kong, were not greatly interested in the lower grades.

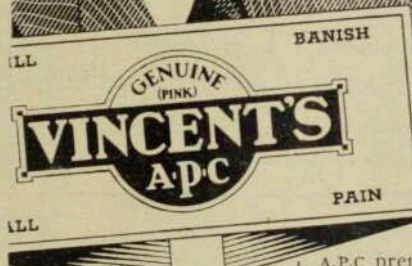
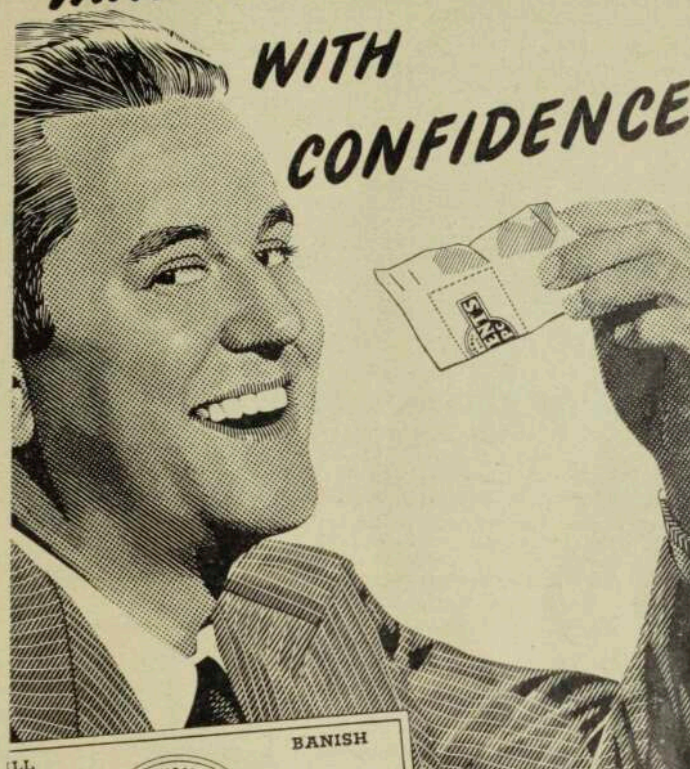
At the same time, he said, the trochus price had climbed too high compared with the cost of synthetic materials which were rivalling the shell in the manufacture of buttons.

Mr. Gillespie said there was a big market in Japan and Hong Kong for raw rubber and—if it could be supplied—copra. It also



Mr. Gillespie

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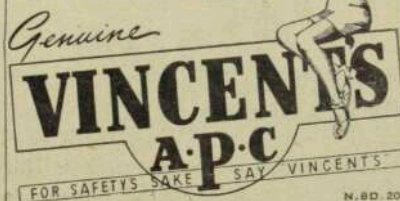
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appeared that there was a wide-open Japanese market for oranges. Those that were available were selling for 250 yen (6/3 Australian) each! They were being bought mainly in Tokio by Europeans and the many American tourists.

Mr. Gillespie said the odd situation in Formosa typified the strained relations existing in the East. Australians were admitted freely to Formosa because of their official recognition of the Nationalist Government, but the British were prohibited because of their recognition of Red China. An Australian travelling on the *Eastern Star* with an English wife was admitted, but his wife was barred.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

ADMINISTRATOR Cleland is calling upon Territorians to show a greater interest in local politics, and especially in the election on October 2 for the three members of the Legislative Council. I'm afraid there will always be political apathy in the Territory while the present system of legislation functions. Territorians are suffering from frustration to a great degree where unofficial members of the Legislative Council are concerned. It has always been thus;

and it's an uphill battle—reminiscent, somewhat, of the UNO General Assembly—with Canberra holding the power of veto on a measure not appetising to Australia's general policy. If anyone should know the ineffectiveness of party politics it should be D. I. Cleland, with his experiences of the Liberal Secretariat.

How Many Missions?

Listened to an ABC talk the other evening by General Secretary Gribble, of the Methodists, who was plugging for the potentialities of the NG Highlands and the growing of fruits up there, *even* strawberries! I remember visiting W. in 1934 and Flo Stewart, then the Upper Pub., gave me a very dainty dish of strawberries grown in her own garden there.

It wasn't Mr. Gribble's strawberries that impressed me so much as the fact that Methodists are making a bid for the "enlightenment" of the natives in that area. It would be interesting to know just how many Christian denominations are making a bid to spread the Good Word amongst the primitives. Nearly every sect, excepting the Salvation Army. And what a following it would have if it catered for foreign missions, which it doesn't, but is satisfied to look after the needy in our own Western cities. Just imagine how popular it would become among the NG indigenes: Tambourines and big bass drums, with men in sweaters and girls in poke bonnets. Such a set-up would surely appeal to the native ceremonial complex.

Pigmentation, or What?

An article, which gives one to think, was recently published in the *South Pacific Post*, entitled "Race Problem Is On Way," dealing with the local situation in P-NG where the Australian-educated native returns to his home-land, and the attitude which will be adopted by the white population. The writer suggests an organisation to be set up to "condition the European mind to those students when they return."

Personally, I think all the organisations in the world will not make it possible for the European residents to accept the native—however highly educated—as an equal. Visiting scientists associate with them out of curiosity, and in a patronising manner, and thus collect anthropological data (always remembering they do not have to live amongst them permanently). A certain type of European accepts them for personal exploitation—economic or political reasons. But for the

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average European, the colour bar remains, and may be accentuated towards the native who has mingled with Europeans in Australia as an equal.

The Declaration of Human Rights by UNO cannot change human nature or eradicate the caste system. There is no doubt that there will be a problem, more especially in a decade or so, when native lawyers appears in court or native magistrates sit on the bench to dole out justice to all colours.

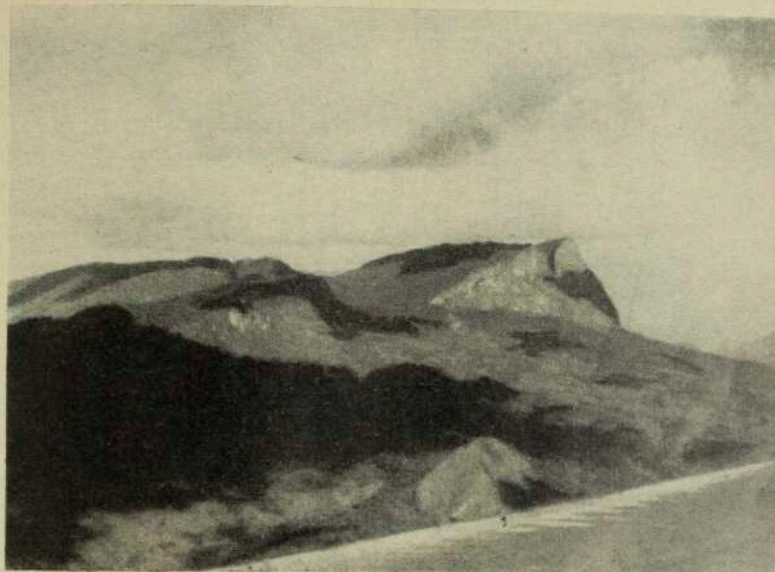
There is another side of the picture, of which we seldom hear, and that concerns the natives who do not wish to be absorbed by our way of life, and have our culture forced upon them. The compulsory adoption of Western ideas is nothing short of political regimentation; and I contend that, if the native wishes to live his own life—providing it is healthy and not interfering with other cults—he should be allowed to do so.

Western evolution as at 1954, in my opinion, is anything but perfect. In fact, we seem to be deteriorating ethically, economically and politically.

Paliau's Territory

Baluan Island in the Manus group, has become accustomed to eruptions of various kinds—volcanic and sociological. It is the home of

New Guinea Highlands Peak



The 12,000-ft. Mt. Michael, New Guinea Eastern Highlands, photographed from the air. A District Services party climbed the peak in June. Beacons and other air navigational aids were to have been erected.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.



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the one-time "Cargo Cult", Paliau, whose regime has latterly received complimentary criticism. Last year there was much volcanic activity in the neighbourhood. Last month a submarine volcano was again active and a brand-new island has made its appearance (even as Vulcan did at Rabaul) in a night.

Paliau will probably take this as

an indication of an extension of his territory by the act of God, and give him an opportunity of establishing another model village on the lines of Lipan-Mauk.

Anyway, who owns these newly-created islands? Rabaul's Vulcan was a bare, uncovered mass of volcanic ash, mud and gibbers for some time, but in eight years it was covered with greenery.

Anthropologically Speaking

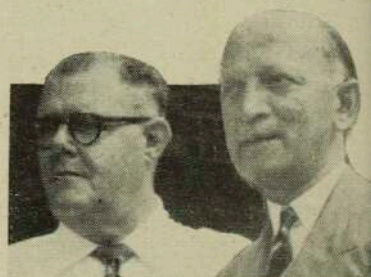
Following in Father's footsteps Murray Groves, son of Director Education W. C. Groves, is to carry out a twelve-months field research in Anthropology in P-NG. He completed a two-years' course in anthropology at Oxford, and since has been serving as lecturer in History at Melbourne University. His father spent much time, during the past thirty years, in anthropological field work in various parts of the South-west Pacific. Surely a second generation anthropologist, who has lived in the country, should have the edge on many of the imported variety from overseas, whose interests are merely academic, as compared with the personal equation.

Anyway: Who is the P-NG Office Anthropologist at the moment? In pre-war years both Territories could afford one. It seems now have to depend on itinerant investigators from other countries. That fair?

Tribute to "J.F.G."

And so John F. Goldie has gone to his well-earned rest after many years of pioneer mission work in the British Solomons for the Methodists, and later extended to Bougainville and Buka. He will be remembered in the BSI as having an astute, practical mind, and for the good work he accomplished as a member of the Advisory Council.

Visit to NG by Indian High Commissioner



Mr. J. R. Foldi, who, in July, took up duty as District Commissioner, New Britain, and General Carriapa, Indian High Commissioner to Australia, visited P-NG recently.

The general took a keen interest in everything he was shown in the Territory and expressed surprise at its progress. As India frequently has been among Australia's critics at United Nations Trusteeship Council meetings, perhaps General Carriapa's visit will do some good.

He was presented with a set of photographs of the graves of Indians buried in NG war cemeteries. He said that he would send them to the men's next of kin who did not realise how beautifully kept were the P-NG war cemeteries.

—Photo by C. H. Mee

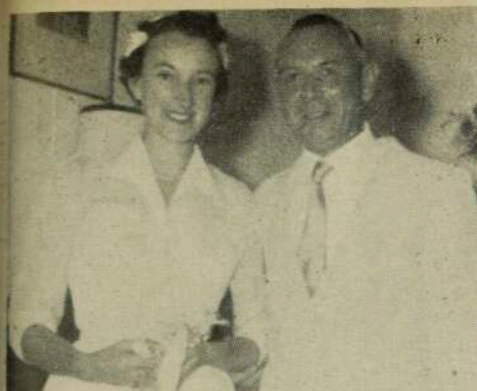
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Rabaul Solicitor Weds

Miss Joan Marjorie Wheeler was married to Mr. Dudley F. Jones, well-known Rabaul solicitor, at the Methodist Mission church in Rabaul on July 17. The Rev. F. G. Lewis officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. C. B. Bailey, wore an embroidered organza gown with a small hat to match. Bestman was Mr. R. Maclean and matron-of-honour, Mrs. A. W. Esson. A reception for 50 guests, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bailey, followed the ceremony.

—Photo by C. H. Meen.

I first met JF in 1916, at Faisi, when he showed me the Lady in the Full Moon, replete with picture hat. The last time I saw him was in Rabaul in early '42, when he was diving for a slit trench and Jap planes were coming in over the town. He was a good worker and organiser, and a good cove.

He Knows It All

In Four Months

The latest anthropologist to get his views on natives in the news is Dr. Ward Goodenough (repeat Goodenough) of the Pennsylvania University, who after a four months' study of the Nakanai (New Britain) natives reports that they resent having been exploited by European traders. "Villagers," he says, "are also distrustful of the European, from what the European has done in the past. . . . pay these days is much better than before the war."

I wonder if the Doctor realises that pay for plantation produce also is far better now than before the war. Copra alone is about ten times better. And the question arises here: Have the natives been so informed, or do they think that higher prices for copra are due solely to the fact of the establishment of native co-operatives and that the Administration is more than ever "Papa belong all"?

Incidentally, this is the same gentleman whom I heard over the ABC, being quoted as saying that "Cargo Cults" came into operation after War II. Apparently he does not realise Cargo prophets were busy years before the Japs landed in 1942.

Four months may appear long enough for the Doctor to draw his conclusions on native opinions held in the Nakanai area; but to me it does not seem good-enough. It has the savour of the sort of observations made by half-informed members of the UNO Trusteeship Committee.

A lot of these touring anthro-

pologists remind me of the story told by Sir Hubert Murray, who asked a new acquaintance: "And how long have you been here?" "Six months," was the answer. "And have you written your book on Papua yet?"

Rabaul and Its Volcanoes

There is so much regimentation these days that John Citizen has "had" lengthily-worded edicts in officialese.

Such a situation comes to light in Rabaul, where detailed instructions for the evacuation of the town, in the event of an eruption, are claimed to have been circulated.

Yet (to quote *Post* report) out of 15 householders questioned "none had more than a hazy-idea" of the drill.

Much the same situation existed in 1937-38, following Vulcan's eruption, when all sorts of emergency rules were laid down "in the event of an emergency." Car tanks to be kept full; emergency rations to be handy, together with first-



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aid kit, bedding and what-have-you. But few, if any, of the residents observed the rules. And they were folk who had experienced the May '37 eruption and knew the horrors of that Saturday and Sunday.

There still are many who remember the various plans devised prior to the Jap invasion of Rabaul—plans for this, that and the other. What happened at the eleventh hour? A last-minute order from the Top Brass: "Every man for himself."

Anyway, Administrator Cleland has ordered an "investigation" into alleged ignorance of a plan prepared for the Rabaul residents and, in time, we shall probably hear the result.

From extracts of the instructions issued by VECCO (Volcanic Emergency Command and Control Organisation) it would appear to me that theorists rather than practitioners have been employed on the job.

Miscellany

"Calling Capt. Keller!" Carlton Younger ("Editor's Mailbag," July) apparently has not accepted Capt. Haug's statement that Fehr and Keller met in NG in 1920. I suggest there might have been another Capt. Keller killed in Malaita. (See "Mailbag" this issue).

I am pleased that the memory of J. H. L. Waterhouse, who did such fine educational work at Nodup before the War, is to be perpetuated. Late in July, the Waterhouse Memorial School was officially opened at Nodup by District Commissioner Foldi. During JHL's term the Nodup school was always a show place for visitors, and an always pleasing item on the programme given by the small boys was the singing in English of some of the old-time ballads. He also trained a fine bugle band, which always attended the raising and lowering of the colours at sunrise and sunset. If my memory serves me right it was from amongst this bugle

band that the first recruits came for the Rabaul Police Band.

The truest words from P-NG: a long time came from Gene Cariappa, High Commissioner of India, on his departure from Rabaul recently. "It is a pity," said, "that so little of the excellent work done here is not sufficiently publicised." Actually, PNG has about the worse press in the world when it comes to letting the people know what goes on there. Seem to be a suggestion of censorship somewhere in the offing.

The P-NG Coronation Fund donations have reached £9,099. Of this amount £2,199 has come from Madang. Good going, Madang!

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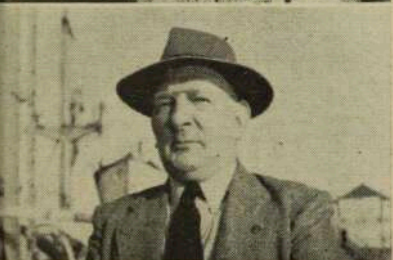
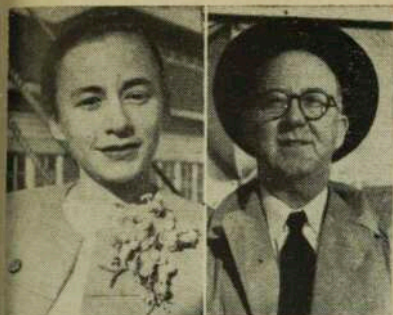
Among passengers who sailed from Sydney on MV Malaita, on July 27, were the following:

Miss Audrey Bignall on her way to the New Hebrides to visit Mrs. K. Bristow, of Vila. Brother Edward, who will take charge of the plantation on Nissan Is. for the Marist Mission; he spent 1948-50 on Bougainville.

Mesdames E. Williams, M. Wood, J. Harper farewelling Mrs. W. Barley (second from right) who was returning to Honiara, BSIP, after a holiday in Sydney.

Mrs. A. W. Meredith, Mr. Ron Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. N. Dixon, farewelling Mrs. Dorothy Dixon (second from left) who was going to Honiara.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Harvey, and their children, David and Heather, who were going to Gizo, BSIP, to the SDA Mission. They were in Rabaul for three years.



Mr. A. M. Andresen, well-known BSIP resident, is now living in Sydney; he was farewelling friends who sailed on the ship.

Automatics for Fiji

WORK has started on the installation of the equipment for Fiji's new automatic telephone exchange.

It is under the supervision of Mr. G. H. Boulton and Mr. J. G. C. Baptie, of the General Electric Company, England.

The exchange building is not complete, but is far enough advanced for the engineers to start. Their work will take from 12 to 18 months.

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Mercy Plea for Telefomin Murdere

THE Australian Council of Trade Unions has joined forces with some of the missions to petition the Prime Minister not to carry out the death sentences passed on eight natives at Wewak, New Guinea, for the murder last November, of a native policeman Purari, at Telefomin. (On May 10 other natives received death sentence for murder of G. Szarka).

It is not clear from reports reaching us whether Mr. Justice Gore, Wewak, actually passed the death sentence on the natives or "recorded" the death sentence. In any event, this is an occasion when the ACTU and the missions can safely leave the matter in the hands of the officials on the spot.

In the past, punishment has been made to fit the case. Some sophisticated natives have been hanged for murder, but more frequently primitive people have been kept in gaol long enough to learn about civilisation and then sent back to their villages to pass the message on. With UNO looking on, the present sensitive Australian government is more likely than ever to lean over backwards to be lenient.

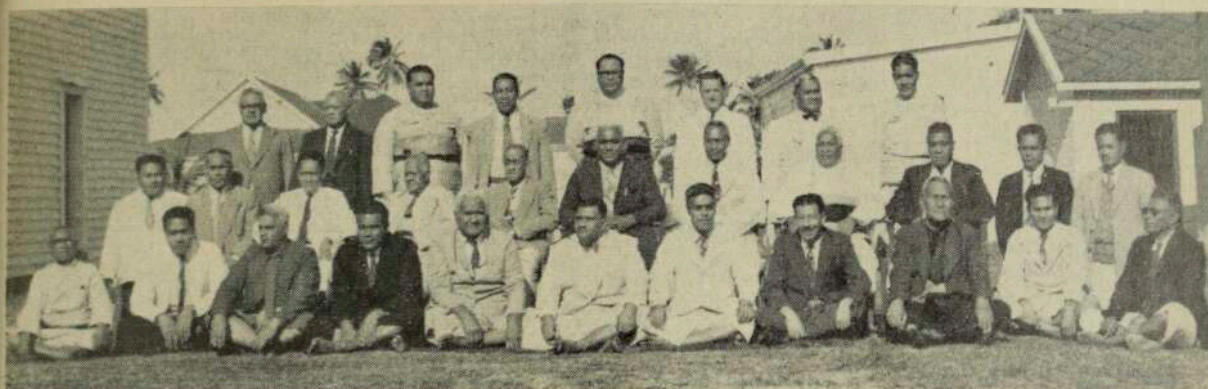
The Labour unions and the churches are, of course traditionally anti-capital punishment, with the result that, in Australia at least, it is virtually open season for murder.

In London



Well-known residents of British Solomon Islands, Mr. and Mrs. V. Hodges, photographed outside their hotel, the Marble Arch, London, on July 22, when they were on their way to the garden party at Buckingham Palace.

Tongan Parliament in Session in Nukualofa



A recent photo of the Tongan Legislative Assembly, which was in session

during July. Standing at back with Prince Tungi in centre, are the Ministers of the Government. The Tongan Nobles are in

the centre row, and the people's representatives in front.

—Photo by August Hettig.

MORE DOLLARS FOR WESTERN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, July 15.

IT is expected that dollar restrictions which have been in operation in Western Samoa as in other British countries, will shortly be relaxed.

Western Samoa sells most of its cocoa to the United States and thereby, in 1953, earned about £Stg476,601. In the same year, it imported only £Stg202,000 worth of goods from dollar sources. The business community of the Territory has been restive about this state of affairs for some time. It welcomes the move for relaxation of restrictions.

Mr. G. T. Roscoe, Assistant Director of Education, Papua-New Guinea, is doing a month's educational survey of Eastern Papua and New Guinea.

The ordinance imposing entertainment tax in Fiji was repealed at the July session of the Legislative Council.

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In Paris for July 14

Delegates from countries forming the French Empire were invited to Paris for the celebrations of July 14 by the Minister of Colonies.

Below are two of New Caledonia's delegates, Mr. Kowi Bouillant and Mr. Henry Naisseline.

Mr. Bouillant is a member of the Conseil General, Chief of the Poyes tribe, president of the Association of Natives



of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands and returned soldier of World War I. He is a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour (the first New Caledonia native to hold the honour) and has been decorated with the Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire.

Mr. Naisseline is Grand Chief of Mare Island and a great worker in the interests of his people.

Other New Caledonia delegates invited to Paris were Mr. Eschenbrenner, planter and member of the Conseil General; and

Mr. Pidjot Rock, member of the Conseil General, Chief of the Conception Tribe near Noumea and president of New Caledonia Natives' Union.

The Wallis Islands were represented by Mr. Victor Brial, son of the Queen of the Islands, Alausia. He was a volunteer in the last war and carries the Croix de Guerre, Medal of the Resistance, and the Colonial Medal with the citations of Lybie Bir Hakeim.

Kalsako, Chief of Vila, was the New Hebrides delegate. The delegation left Noumea by Qantas July 7.

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An agreement between the US, Canada and Japan on North Pacific fishing grounds was ratified in Washington on July 15.



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This probably is the most notable advance in the war against disease in the Pacific Islands since the successful attack on hookworm 20 years ago. It also is a noteworthy achievement by the French medical officers operating in collaboration with the Health Section of the South Pacific Commission. An important Anti-Filaria Conference was held in Tahiti under the auspices of the Commission about four years ago, and the medical men then planned the campaign which has had this result.

Seven districts in Tahiti were taken as test areas. In three of these a large proportion of the population—all that could be found to co-operate—were injected with Notezine. Prior to the treatment, from 10 to 36 per cent. of the total number of mosquitoes captured and dissected in these seven districts were found to be disease-carriers.

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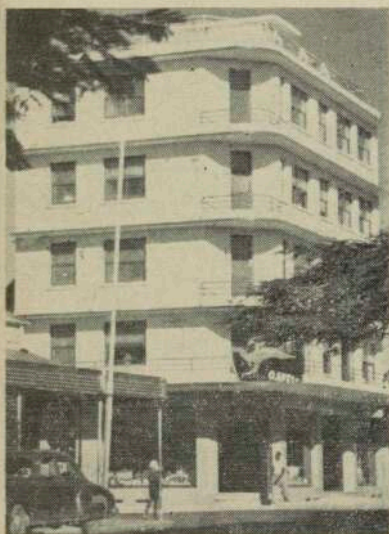
By March last, over 75 per cent. of the total population of Tahiti was receiving Notezine treatment. Tahiti, in the past, has been badly infected with Filaria. The work has

also been extended to Moorea where, in some districts, up to 59 per cent. of all mosquitoes examined were found to be carriers of infected larvae, especially in areas close to the coast.

From results so far achieved by the Institute it is proved that Notezine is a most valuable weapon against this disease.

¶ Mr. Lene Milo, a Samoan teacher at the Wesley High School, Samoa, recently spent a week at Jamestown, South Australia, as the guest of the Methodist Minister, Mr. G. Giles. He gave several talks on life in Samoa.

Noumea's Changing Skyline



A new building in Rue Anatole France, Noumea, New Caledonia. It is next to Barrau's department store. Qantas offices are on the ground floor and the Australian Consul's office is on the first floor. The higher floors are composed of flats.

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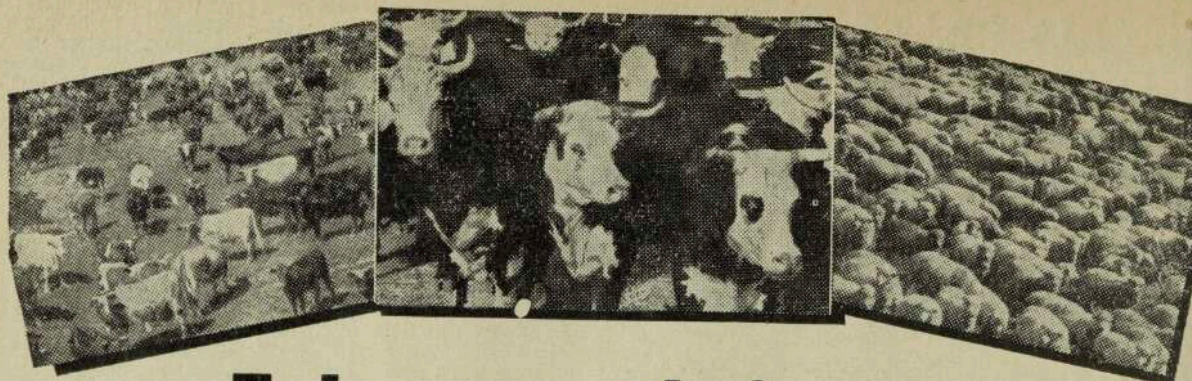
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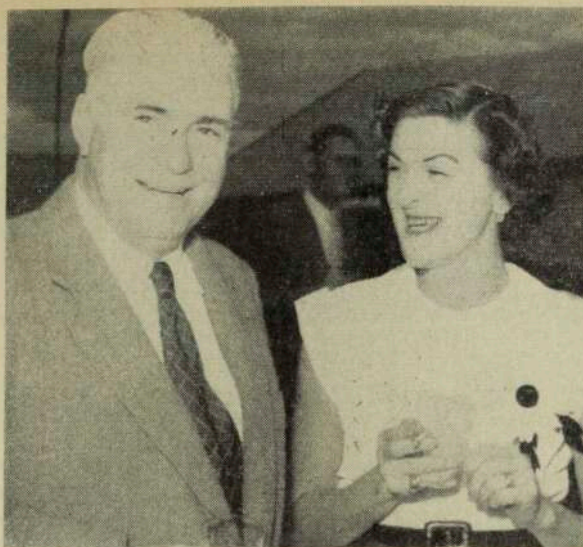
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Two well-known residents of Goroka, Eastern NG Highlands, Mr. Jim Leahy and Mrs. Judith Downs, wife of the District Commissioner of the Eastern Highlands. The occasion was the garden party held at the DC's residence in honour of the Queen's Birthday on June 14.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.



John Frederick Edmonds, first officer of the trading vessel *Polurrian*, was charged at Rabaul District Court on July 8 with "attempting to kill himself." He was remanded for trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court. He pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was allowed bail of £50.

After spending a month in Tonga, National Geographic Magazine staff photo-journalist Louis Marden and his wife left Nuku'alofa on the *Tofua* in June to connect with a plane from Fiji to the USA. In Apia, Mr. Marden met Dr. Willard Price, who is collecting material in Samoa for the National Geographic Magazine.

The US Trust Territory of Micronesia expects trochus prices to be better this year than for several years past. Bids for the expected 300-400 short tons that the Territory should produce have been received from Japanese and US button manufacturers. Diving commenced early May and will end about September.

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Islands Travellers From Sydney

Travellers (in the top row) sailed on the SHANSI. Left to right: Mr. Frank Hill, who is an officer of the Education Department at Port Moresby, was returning after six months' leave. His wife joined him at Brisbane, the couple's home town.

Mr. J. A. Schulz, second from left, was farewelled by Mrs. G. Chou, Mrs. E. Lourie and Mr. L. La Fou. He will work with the Sacred Heart Mission at Vanapope, New Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lowney were farewelled by a party of friends, including Mr. T. Hackett, at left, when they returned to Port Moresby after leave. Mr. Lowney is with the Department of District Services.

Travellers in the the SINKIANG on July 20, shown lower photograph left to right:

Mrs. R. H. Hewson (right), of Melbourne, left for Port Moresby to stay with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Barker. Mrs. F. Harrison was one of the friends who farewelled her.

Mr. R. Mellor, with the District Services at Goroka, returning after leave. His

parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mellor, Miss Jackie Bennett and his sister, Jan, farewelled him.

Brother Lucian, returning to do mission work at Yule Island, 60 miles from Port Moresby, after two months' leave.

¶ Mr. A. B. L. R. Tattersall has been promoted from Registrar to Commissioner of the High Court of Western Samoa. Mr. F. J. Thomsen, former Deputy Registrar, has been appointed Registrar.



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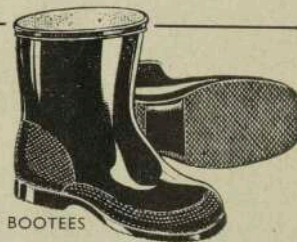
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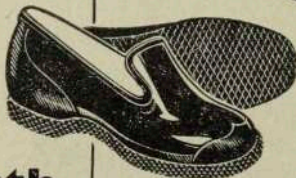
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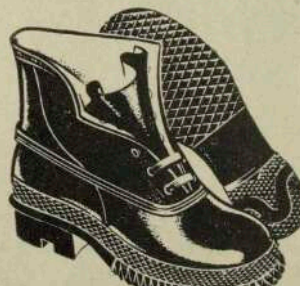
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Beer and Bananas Short in W. Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, July 15.

THERE has been an acute shortage of beer here in the last two weeks, accompanied by strong complaints from residents. The shortage will be only partly relieved when the *Tofua* arrives tomorrow.

It is hard to understand why the Government cannot keep sufficient supplies in hand to meet the increasing demand, especially as it is more desirable for the younger generation to take beer rather than turn to hard liquor.

Beer, like spirits, is a Government monopoly in "dry" Samoa. It is dispensed in quotas by the Department of Health, like a medicine. But stocks of "medicine" should never be allowed to dwindle.

The Government seems to prefer to keep large stocks of hard liquor on hand. The last *Matua* brought a large shipment of whisky, gin, wines and liqueurs—about 1,000 cases.

VIPS' VISIT

Diplomats and statesmen appear to have "discovered" Western Samoa. Perhaps our present prosperity has something to do with it.

Recent visitors have been the French Minister to NZ, M. Henry; the Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey; the Governor of Tahiti, M. Petitbon; the German Minister to NZ, Dr. E. Boltze; and the French Trade Commissioner, M. G. Paul-Boncour.

Sir Herbert Hart, former Governor of Western Samoa, will pass through on the next *Tofua*, and Mr. E. H. Norman, Canadian High Commissioner to NZ, is expected to arrive on the same vessel. The American Minister to NZ, Mr. R. M. Scotten, also intends to pay the Territory a visit.

BANANAS SUFFER

As in Fiji and Tonga, banana plantations in Western Samoa have been affected by strong winds. Palm leaves have been lacerated and insufficient moisture has been absorbed to mature the fruit. The last *Matua* shipment was considerably less than the monthly quota for that steamer.

It is hoped that plantations will soon recover so that full advantage can be taken of the shipping space on offer.

CRIME WAVE IN NZ

According to press reports there is considerable resentment in New Zealand against a number of Samoan youths who have been before the Courts charged with violence and misbehaviour, committed mostly when the offenders were drunk.

The publicity is damaging to the great majority of Samoans leading

peaceful lives in NZ and contributing a useful share to industry there.

Some of the offenders are being sent back to Samoa. It is to be hoped that their passages will not be charged to the Samoan taxpayers; and that they will be made to work off the cost themselves.

There should be better screening of intending emigrants from Samoa to NZ.

Cook Is., Too, Has Beer Bother

NEW ZEALAND "Truth", in another of its sensational despatches from the Islands, declares that the bush-beer business

prosper while the Administration refuses spirits or beer to most of the Islanders.

It says the Cook Islanders are bitter "that New Zealand, which prides itself on the equality between Maori and European, tolerates an Administration which permits nearly all Europeans in the Cook Group to have alcohol but few of the natives to have it."

The facts, of course, are that the bush-beer business does prosper, but that restrictions on the sale of legal liquor are at the express wish of the elected and appointed members of the Cook Islands people. Moreover, permits are not refused to Maori residents unless they have a criminal record associated with

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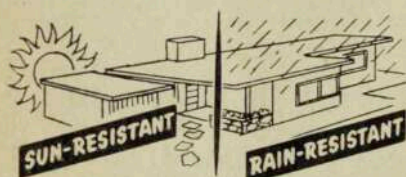
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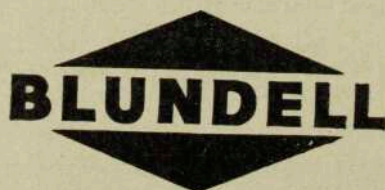


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liquor or for some other equally good reason. The amount of liquor granted is also related to the known income of the applicant—so that he will not waste money at the expense of his family's welfare.

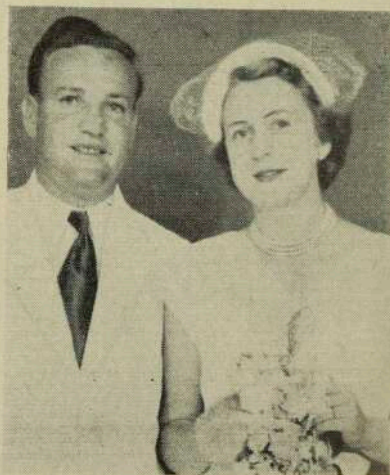
Most Islanders do not apply for permits for the simple reason that bush-beer (fermented orange juice) is very much cheaper to produce than the cost of the legal, imported liquor. While that situation exists there will always be a preference for the former.

Another reason for bush-beer preference is its higher alcoholic content. There is no doubt that some of these brews are much more harmful—and crime-provoking—than imported beer with its controlled alcoholic content. Bush-beer making has been a favourite occupation of Rarotonga for at least 50 years.

The Government could reduce the consumption of bush-beer by taking a realistic attitude and easing the duty on low-alcoholic grades of imported beers so that they could be sold at a price comparable with the cost and trouble of making bush-beer. This would not reduce the total consumption of liquor, but it would result in less damage to health. It would also result in howls from various pressure groups, including missions and elements of the United Nations Organisation, unaware of the situation.

Pacific Biscuit Company and Union Soaps Pty. Ltd. have sent their fifth gift to the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, in Malaya—a ton of biscuits and a ton of soap.

Neal-Moss Wedding



Miss Miriam Neal and Mr. Frank Moss were married at St. John's Church of England, Port Moresby, on July 10.
—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Collecting NG Birds



Mrs. Tom Gilliard, at Goreka, New Guinea Eastern Highlands, in June. At the end of June, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliard returned to the United States after eight months in the Highlands collecting 230 different species of birds for the Museum of Natural History, New York. It was Mrs. Gilliard's second trip to the Territory, Mr. Gilliard's fourth. They plan to visit New Ireland in 1956—to look for Birds of Paradise which are not generally believed to exist there.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

New Dutch NG Airstrip

AS part of the development plan for West New Guinea, the Dutch NG Communications Department has improved an airstrip near Manokwari which will be used as an alternate to Biak.

Biak is the first stop for KLM Constellations flying from Sydney to Manila and Bangkok.

The Manokwari airstrip was used by the Japanese during the war and was chosen by the Dutch for improvement as the first of a number of strips to be provided in North and North-West Dutch New Guinea.

A Dutch defence spokesman

denied that the strips would be military bases. It has been reported that the defence of Dutch NG will become the responsibility of the Navy.

Fijian School in Malaya

A NEW school for the 25 children of men of the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, has been built at Batu Pahat, Malaya, by General Headquarters Far East Land Forces.

The Battalion's school master, Sergeant S. Narube, is being supplied with material by the Fiji Education Department and the Education Officer, Far East Land Forces.

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MORE SCRAP FROM THE BSIP

Rabaul Search for Propellers

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The company is planning preliminary surveys in the western districts in the near future. It will have to make private arrangements with property holders to exercise its rights under the contract.

Much of the easy scrap in BSIP was removed and sold during the scrap boom.

The salvage operations at Rabaul are proceeding slowly. By mid-July a propeller worth £1,250 was recovered from a Japanese ship, and the value of others that were considered recoverable was estimated at nearly £30,000.

Of 45 worthwhile wrecks, 20 are in deep water and only 10 of these will be worked. Diver John Johnstone, director of operations, will

not go below 180 feet unless he is after gold. The aircraft carrier *Hiei Maru* will probably be beyond reach.

† Governor and Mrs. Richard Barrett Lowe, of American Samoa, gave a cocktail party for 140 on

July 15 in honour of the Canadian High Commissioner to NZ, Mr. E. H. Norman, and Mrs. Norman; General Sir Leslie Hart and Lady Hart; and three departing Government servants, Messrs. E. L. Davis, D. Cran and R. Greer. The first-mentioned guests passed through on the *Tofua*

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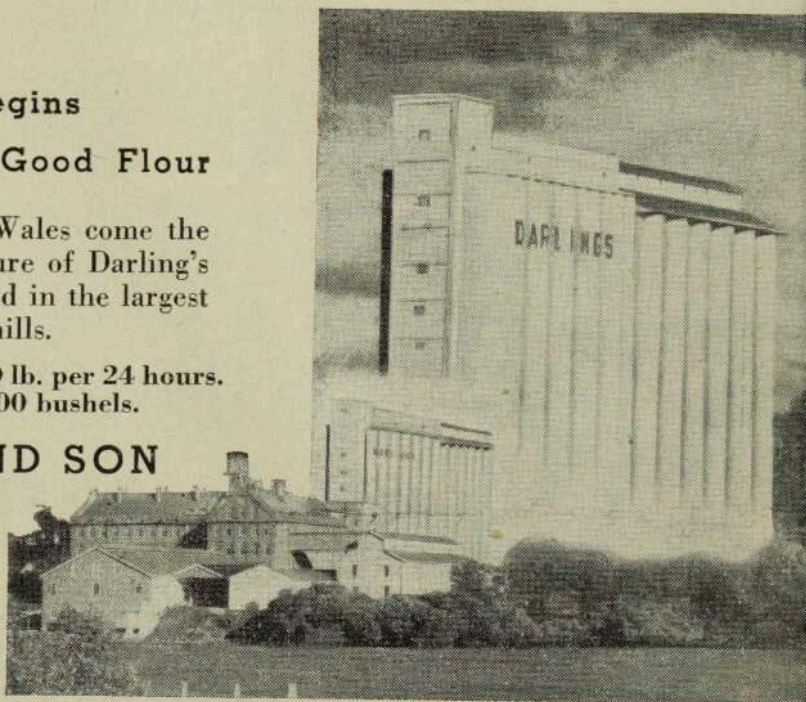
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More Fact-Finding in the Cooks

Minister Will Call Late
August

THE Cook Islands have had a number of official visits in recent months and another—on the Ministerial level—is planned for August.

The Secretary for NZ's Islands Territories Department and two other Departmental men arrived in Rarotonga in June to discuss taxation, Public Service and Public Works matters there in the couple of days at their disposal. The local public servants were doubtless happy to discuss public service matters; but the matter of taxation naturally did not meet with any great enthusiasm. Three taxation experts spent several months in the Group and returned to NZ in July.

NZ's Minister for Territories, Mr. Clifton Webb, will lead another fact-finding government mission to the Cooks in August. A meeting of the CI Legislative Council will be held while the delegation is in Rarotonga.

In addition to this meeting, Mr. Webb will inquire into such things as taxation (again), the citrus replanting scheme, the coolstore, health and education services.

Cook Islands residents are flattered at the attention they have been getting from official New Zealand and hope that following the Minister's visit some of their outstanding grievances will receive attention.

THE delegation to visit the Cooks in August will consist of the Minister, Mr. Webb, Mr. S. W. Smith (MP for Hobson electorate), the Secretary of Island Territories (Mr. J. B. Wright), the Director of Education in New Zealand (Dr. C. E. Beeby), senior representatives of the Health Department and Ministry of Works, and the Chief of Air Staff (Air Vice-Marshal W. H. Merton).

Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Merton will be included in the party which will leave Auckland August 9 in a Royal New Zealand Air Force plane.

The tour will occupy about a week.

† Mrs. L. E. Ashton, well-known resident of Lae, New Guinea, was guest-of-honour at a luncheon party given by Mrs. J. Peterson, also of Lae, at Romano's, Sydney, on July 23. Other guests were Mrs. N. Bergstrand, of Bulolo, Mrs. B. Bunting, of Samarai, Miss Richardson, Mrs. I. Levy, Mrs. A. McCutcheon and Sister E. Shepherd. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton will be returning to the Territory about August.

Not Popular!

The two New Zealand taxation assessors, left and right, who returned to New Zealand in June after an unpopular visit to the Cook Islands. With them is Mr. Ted Estall, of Rarotonga, who had the task of driving them round to their "victims".



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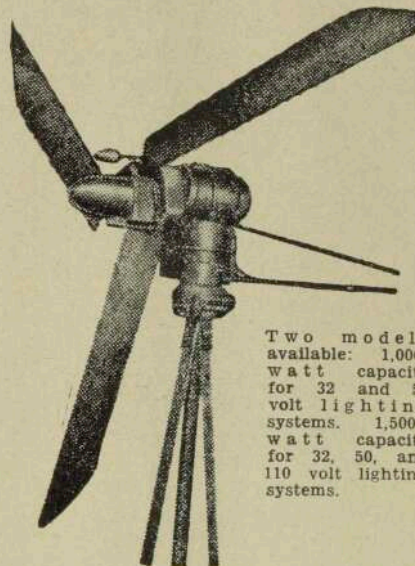
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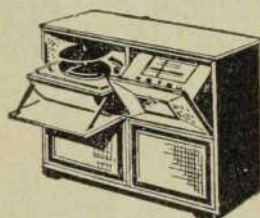
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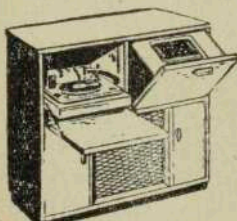
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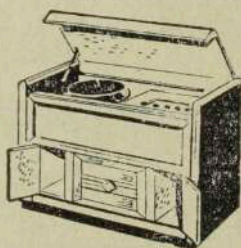
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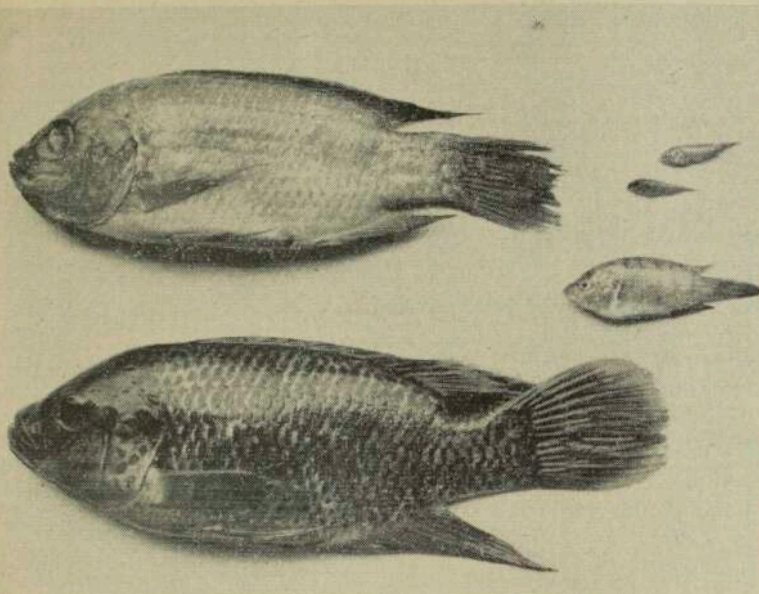
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About 50 of them, 2 inches long, were released in a fish pond at Sigatoka, Fiji, some time ago. In two months they had increased to seven inches long and had

begun to reproduce. These fish were said to be there for the benefit of some pigs which were installed in pens near the pond — apparently pig pens near ponds cause algae to grow on the ponds. Tilapia like algae and the pigs like tilapia. However, there are a lot of people in the world who would just as soon take their protein straight from the tilapia, rather than via the pigs. Tilapia would probably be a welcome addition to the diet of inland New Guinea natives. Sir Edward Hallstrom and others have introduced trout to Highland streams with a view to providing edible fish in the future. Tilapia may prove a sounder proposition.

—Fiji Public Relations Office Photo.

Captain John Taylor said the cyclone which the *Soochow* encountered 100 miles from Brisbane on the run to Sydney from Port Moresby, early in July, was the worst he had encountered in his 35 years at sea. The 25 passengers were bruised and furniture was

smashed in the 56 hours that the ship was buffeted by constant winds of 45-50 miles an hour, with gusts up to 65 miles an hour. Captain Taylor said he could not take a sextant shot for four days. *Soochow* arrived in Sydney a day late on July 14.

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Notes From Wau

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WAU, NG, July 22.

THE District Court was busy in early July.

A number of local people were fined for breaches of the Motor Traffic Regulations in that they parked vehicles in the street at night without having a tail light showing. Several of the convictions were for third and fourth offences.

John R. Estell, of Earlwood, Sydney, was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on a charge that, at Bulolo on or about May 8, 1954, he had in his possession without lawful excuse gold as defined in the Gold Buyers Ordinance, thereby contravening Section 132A of the Mining Ordinance of the Territory.

Sub-Inspector Allen, of Bulolo, went to Sydney and arrested the defendant, who was brought to Wau.

It was stated that Estell found a cigarette tin containing approximately 47 ounces of amalgam on a ledge above the window in his room in Bulolo. The bullion content of this was valued at £220.

Estell was released on bail of his own surety of £50 and two bonds of £50 each.

Hotel Wau and Wau Golf Club were fined for selling liquor and permitting it to be consumed on licenced premises during prohibited hours — at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 4. The Hotel was fined £10 on each of three charges and the Golf

Club £10 on each of two charges. A number of Wau citizens were fined £2 each for drinking on the premises.

On July 20 the Wau Golf Club Association held a dinner at the Wau Club. The function was such a success that it is hoped to make it an annual affair at the close of each season. Members joined the ladies for coffee and liqueurs, and the dinner was followed by dancing.

After being in the doldrums for two years, owing to lack of interest, the Samarai Branch of the Public Service Association showed signs of revival with a meeting in June. Officers elected were: President, Mr. D. Clifton-Bassett; vice-president, Mr. A. T. Kelly; secretary-treasurer, Mr. N. B. Chester; committee, Messrs. C. Simkiss and D. Taylor.

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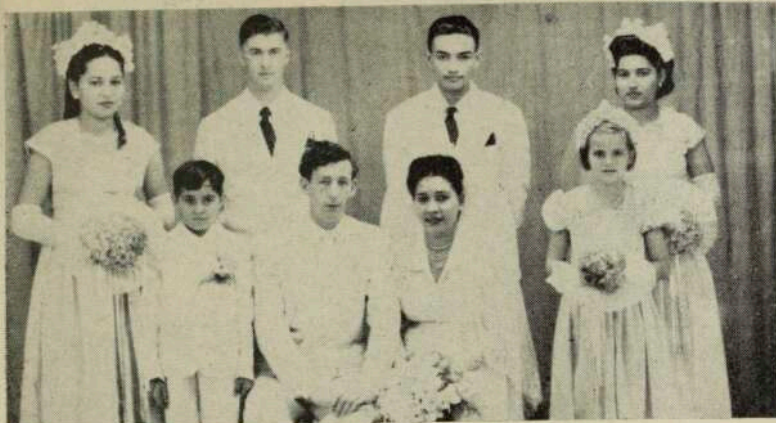
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Margaret Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Von Dinklage, and Mr. Thomas Patrick Greene, a recent arrival from Ireland, were married in the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Apia, W. Samoa, in July. The Rev. Father E. C. Jepson, SM, officiated. The wedding group includes Mr. Andrew Power, best man, Mr. Frank Dinklage, and Misses Barbara Dunn, Matilda Dinklage and Louise-Marie Thieme who attended the bride.

—Photo by Henry Forsgren.

21st Birthday



Miss Clarissa Healy, grand-daughter of an old Territorian family, cutting the cake at her 21st birthday party at Port Moresby on July 10.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

¶ Mr. J. Turner, well-remembered as former airport manager, Nadi, Fiji, has returned to that position after some years in New Zealand. Mr. Graham Wallace has retired from the position.



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¶ Well-known writer, Willard Price, of the United States, was visiting American Samoa in July, together with his wife. Mr. Price is understood to be preparing a book on the islands.

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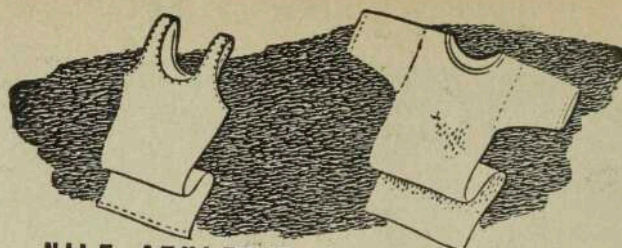
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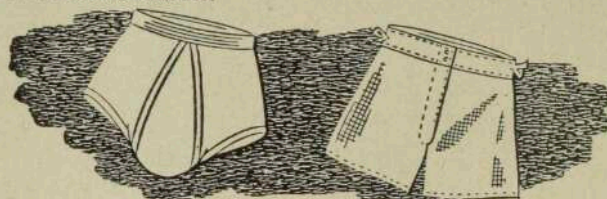
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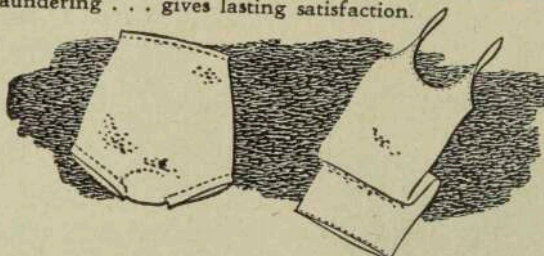
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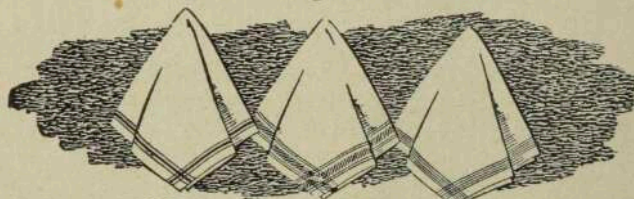
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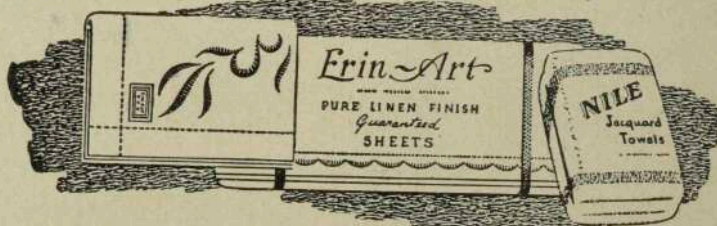
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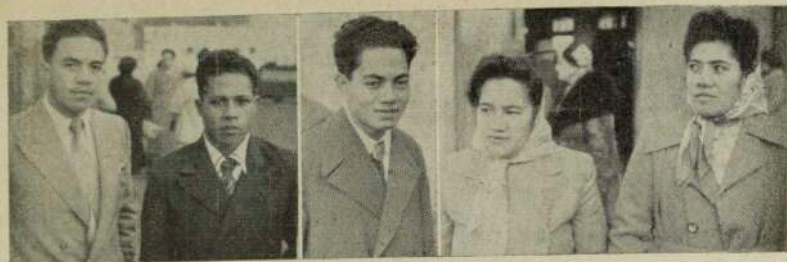


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In Auckland from Niue



Recent arrivals in Auckland from Niue included, from left, Mr. Paul Ikitule and Mr. Tavilitalana; Mr. G. Williams; Mrs. Niu and Miss Heupepe.

Helping the Crippled Children of CI

A RAROTONGAN organisation which deserves the highest praise is the Crippled Children's Society. It is run by public donations and its officials are unpaid. The Society's purpose is to send crippled CI children to New Zealand for treatment.

In June an Orthopaedic clinic visited Rarotonga to examine all the Group's crippled children. Members of the clinic were Mr. S. Morris, surgeon from the Auckland Hospital Board, Mrs. Choate, field officer, and Dr. Saunders and his wife. Mrs. Saunders is also a doctor.

The 21 children brought for examination from the outer islands were boarded free of charge by local Maori families.

At a Committee meeting, Dr. Saunders presented his report and recommendations. Accounts to the

value of £577/12/6 were passed for payment. These costs were for the part-treatment of the five children at present in New Zealand, and the Committee advised that further funds of £900 were available.

Dr. Saunders and his party were given a feast by the Maori members of the Committee, which was held at the residence of Queen Karika Ariki.—W. H. PERCIVAL.

A party of Queensland bowlers, accompanied by their wives, will leave Sydney on August 21 for a three-weeks' tour of Fiji, which has been organised by ANA and Qantas. For an inclusive return fare of £222, each member of the party will travel from Brisbane to Sydney by ANA Skymaster to join a Qantas Constellation for Fiji. They will visit most of the major centres in the main island, staying at the best hotels and travelling by car. Besides playing bowls, they will visit villages and plantations.

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Research in Samoa



Mr. Richard Gilson, who is doing manuscript and field research into historical and sociological aspects of political development in Samoa since 1830. He arrived in Apia recently, and is working under a fellowship from the Australian National University. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California. He conducted field research in the Cook Islands in 1949-50. The present project is expected to take from

three to five years. Professor J. W. Davidson is also associated with it and was expected to arrive in Apia in July for about two months.

—Photo by Jack Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mackay, who were married recently at Ballina, NSW, will make their home at Labasa, Fiji.

At the Chapter of the Marist Fathers of the Province of Oceania recently held in Sydney, the Very Rev. C. Shivan, SM, of Fiji, and Very Rev. J. Fotheringham, O. Samoa, were elected Mission Delegates to the General Chapter of the Society to be held in Rome in September.

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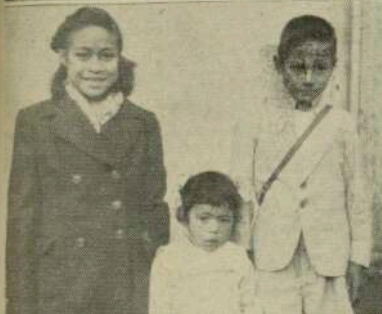
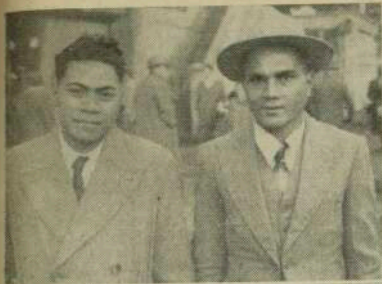
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Room For Improvement in Fiji Banana Packs

ALTHOUGH Fijian bananas can be of good quality, packing and cases very often were not. (See June PIM, page 46).

This was the opinion of Mr. C. R. Vasey, Produce Inspector of the Fiji Department of Agriculture, who recently made a tour of New Zealand banana distributing points at the invitation of the NZ Fruit Distributors Ltd.

Fiji cases fall to pieces, scattering fruit over ships' holds and trucks. Case breakages are higher than with cases from other areas—notably Samoa. Samoan fruit, reported Mr. Vasey, are graded for size and better packed than Fijian lines. Fiji cases often contained thin scabby fruit in the centre of cases.

No MM Calls at Auckland

ACCORDING to a recent report from New Zealand, companies trading with Tahiti were negotiating with Messageries Maritimes to make calls at Auckland with their east-bound trans-Pacific vessels. The calls would thus provide a direct link between NZ and Papeete.

Sydney agents for MM said late July that they had heard nothing about the reported negotiations, and that even if the company were approached it would be most unlikely that the Auckland calls would

be made. The deviation from the established run would not be worth while, because passenger accommodation was completely booked and the cargo that could be picked up in Auckland would be comparatively small.

It was also suggested a couple of years ago that MM ships should call at Suva, but there is still no likelihood of this.

NZ exporters are interested in a cargo connection with Tahiti. At present the Union Steamship Company provides only three direct sailings per year. This is unsuitable for the perishable cargo trade, which is being steadily expanded.

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Creamy Chocolate	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	52
Custard Cream	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	x
Delta Cream	6	40
Ginger Nut	10	62
Golden Grain	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	40
Jatz Cracker	5	x
Lacto Malted Milk	0	48
Milk Arrowroot	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	40
Milk Coffee	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	43
Nice	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	52
Orange Slice	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	45
Orange Tea	8	58
Osborne	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	x
Princess	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	40
Raspberry Fruit Cream	6	40
Sao (Carton 1 ft. 5 in. cu.).	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	32
Scotch Finger	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	54
Shredded Wheatmeal	5	33
Spicy Fruit Roll	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	62
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† To replace Dr. W. H. McDonald, now on leave overseas, Dr. D. Keating-Clay has been appointed Medical Superintendent, Makogai Leprosy Hospital, Fiji.

Royal Netherlands Navy forces serving in New Guinea waters will be reinforced by the destroyer *Piet Hein* which will leave The Netherlands for Hollandia mid-August.

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PEANUTS—NEW ENEMY OF DAIRY FARMERS

AUSTRALIAN dairy farmers are apparently determined to go to any lengths to protect butter against competition from that detestable stuff, margarine. Some of them are now asking for prohibition on imports of peanuts.

They have declared that the nuts are used in margarine, and that if importation cannot be prevented it should at least be limited in the interests of butter.

Relatively few peanuts are being imported for margarine or anything else, but the dairy farmers, quietened for a while by the Federal Government's refusal last year to please them by placing an import tax on New Guinea copra, are looking for anything on which to place a ban.

Queensland farmers sent up a loud hurrah when the Government of that State recently placed a further restriction on the manufacture of margarine, reducing the quantity that may be made from 6,860 tons to 4,236 tons a year. But they said the reduction was not half what it should have been.

They thought that double the 1951 quota of 645 tons would be reasonable in the circumstances—the circumstances being that Australian dairy products were being

sold overseas at less than cost of production and that this situation had developed mainly since margarine quotas were liberalised.

Mr. J. L. Brown, a former Director of Public Works in Fiji, was recently transferred from a similar position in Cyprus to Kenya.

Local fishermen, using deep-lift methods, were taking big hauls of tuna and other fish in the Cook Strait in May-June. In Mid-June they took 183 fish on one day, and Penrhyn, in two days inside the lagoon, some 5,400 Patuki were taken, most of them between 6 and 12 lb.

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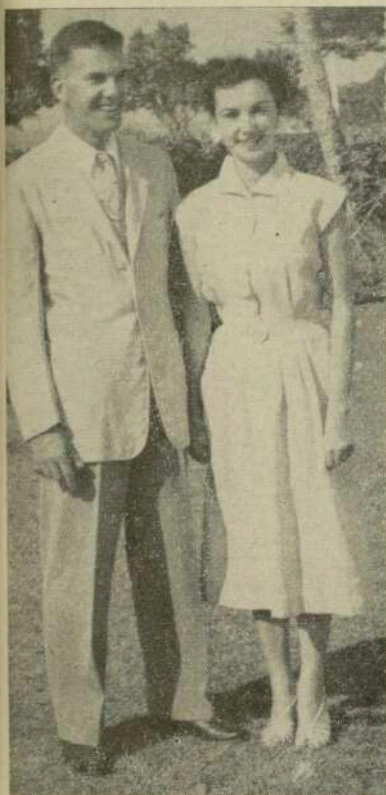
FIJI'S £8 MILL. PUBLIC WORKS

ADDRESSING the Legislative Council at the opening of the June session, His Excellency the Governor said it was estimated that £8 million would be needed for capital works in Fiji between 1955 and 1960.

An effort would be made to raise half of this by external loans, mainly for the dock scheme and waterworks in Suva. Roading and other schemes for which grants might be asked from Colonial Development and Welfare funds added up to nearly £2½ million.

A group of projects, including credit for agriculture, industry, housing and local authorities, would cost about £1.6 million. The Government hoped to find this money locally, either from Government revenues or by borrowing.

Engaged



Miss Judith Ann Denny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Denny, of Nukualofa, Tonga (where Mr. Denny is the Burns Philp manager), announced her engagement lately to Mr. S. P. Boulton, whose parents reside in Killara, Sydney. They expect to marry in Nukualofa in September. Photo (by Hettig) shows the young couple.

Alarming Fall in Fiji Banana Exports

NZ fruit importing interests are disturbed by the serious fall in banana exports from Fiji this year. Exports fell from 28,000 cases in April, 1953, to 17,000 cases in April, 1954, and from 28,000 cases in May, 1953, to only 14,000 cases this year.

Only about 13,000 cases were anticipated for June shipment—as compared with 35,000 cases last year.

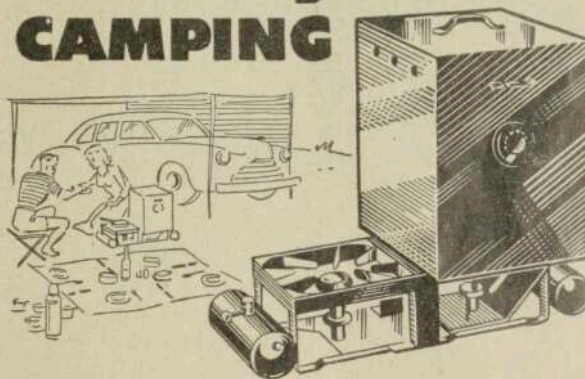
Decrease can be accounted for partly by the very dry conditions of last summer throughout the Pacific, but the importers are not satisfied that this is the whole story. Further

falls in exports could have an undesirable effect on shipping services to Fiji from New Zealand.

During the recent meeting of the Council of Chiefs in Suva, the Governor drew their attention to the fall. "I am confident, however, that you will see to it that the necessary extra effort required of banana-growers is made at once in order to maintain the high reputation of their fruit," he said.

¶ Port Moresby parish Priest, the Rev. Father Eather, is at present receiving a visit from his mother. This is Mrs Eather's second visit to Moresby and while there on July 19, she celebrated her 87th birthday.

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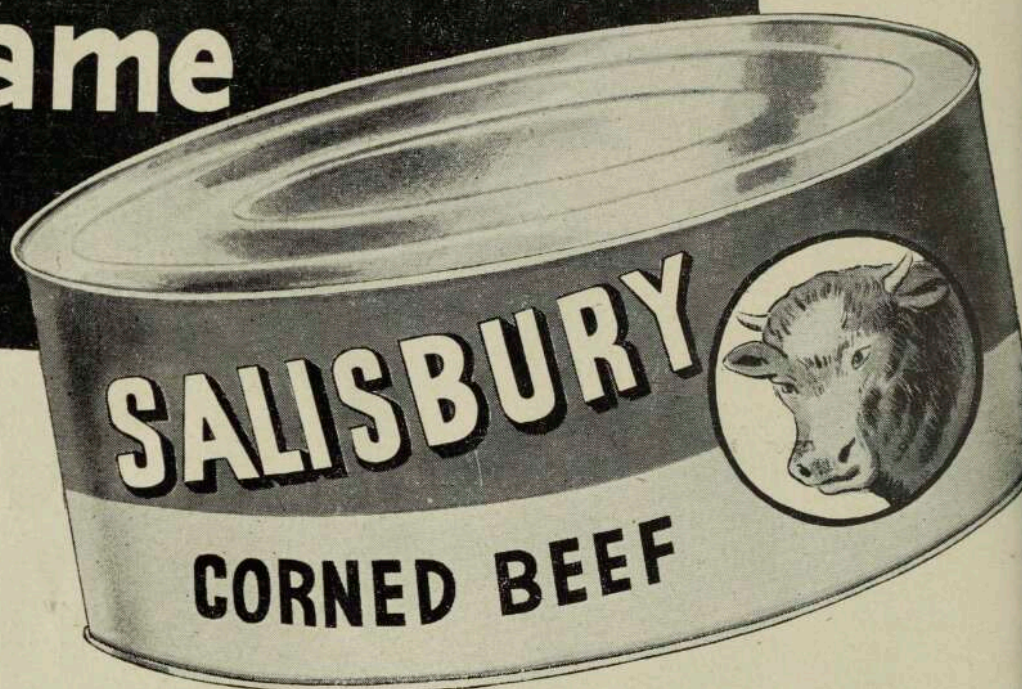
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Queen Competition Will Help Buy the Yagona

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 19.

THE Queen Competition launched at Suva to augment Lady Garvey's fund for gift parcels for the Fijian troops in Malaya has netted more than £1,000 in the first fortnight.

Since Lady Garvey took into her own hands the urgent question of 1st Battalion gifts (there had been suggestions in New Zealand that the Dominion's Patriotic Fund Board should look after the Fijians, as Fiji seemed unlikely to do anything about it), every penny of expenditure has been accounted for in regular and prompt public statements.

The division of the competition into groups—Commercial, Sports, Social, Services and Arts—has produced some amusing line-ups, all calculated, accidentally or otherwise, to provide red-hot competition for reasons of prestige.

For example, the three Big Firms (Burns Philp, Morris Hedstrom and Carpenters) are inevitably marshalled in the Commerce Section, but then the Indian Chamber of Commerce has entered this group with useful complications, and half-way through the preliminary con-

test its candidate is running a good second to Morris Hedstroms.

Another entertaining fight is going on in the Social Section, where the Defence Club will have to battle to the last ditch with a strong Indian organisation, the Stri Sava Sabha. On parallel lines, the Army and the Police are competing in the Services Section.

In its term of rather more than two years in the Malaya campaign, the 1st Battalion has probably accounted for nearly 150 Communist terrorists, but even the current total has not been announced in Fiji for months. (This may, or may not, be a reflection of the uproar caused by the system of "scoreboards" instituted by some Army units in Kenya).

Many people feel that the Fijian jungle fighters are forgotten men and that a little public interest is overdue.

On July 15, Colonel T. C. Campbell, Commander Fiji Military Forces, broadcast an appeal on behalf of the gift parcels fund and in doing so gave more information about the Battalion than has been available since 1952.

Col. Campbell said that despite the contributions made to the fund from time to time, and the gifts of biscuits, soap and cigarettes, there was a clear need to raise more money, particularly for *yagona* (kava).

"Nobody will deny the importance of *yagona* in the everyday life of Fijians", he said. "If you could see the delight that it brings to the troops, either before proceeding on patrol or when they come in from a long and tedious patrol, you would realise how important it is to make this Fijian custom possible in a country 5,000 miles away."

He added: "The Battalion in Malaya is second to none. They are probably our greatest ambassadors, and it behoves us all to make a contribution and positive effort to let them see that we appreciate the work they are doing."

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She has reported to the Leper Trust Board in Christchurch, NZ, a case in which six members of the one family were stricken.

A lad was the first to suffer after contact with an advanced case near his village. His mother cared for him and became infected, and the disease spread to his brother, sister, and grandmother.

The sister's first baby was born with the disease but was cured with prompt treatment.

The excellent work of the Leprosarium and the kindness of its staff were typified recently when a lad in the New Hebrides who had been treated begged to remain as a work-boy after he was cured.

Fiji Filariasis Research

MR. C. B. SYMES, for the past 6 years attached to the disease control section of the Colonial Office, and with many years field experience in Africa, will carry out filariasis research in Fiji.

Two buildings in Brown Street, Suva, are being taken over as laboratory and administrative headquarters for the project, which is

financed by a Colonial Development and Research grant.

The work is aimed at developing control of the mosquitoes concerned, by means of insecticides. Before these can be used a great deal of preliminary research is required into the habits of the mosquitoes involved—there are 14 or 15 possible offenders in Fiji.

The Mosquito Control section of the Fiji Medical Department works in collaboration with Mr. Symes. (See article "Filaria Beaten", elsewhere)

† Mr. P. Bolger, of Mandated Airlines Ltd., Lae, New Guinea, won fourth prize of £500 in a Queenland lottery on July 9.

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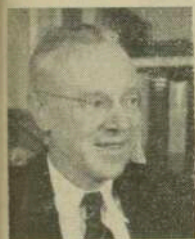
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US Professor Makes 20th Century Survey

THE American who wrote *Fiji—Little India of the Pacific*, during the war, is undertaking another Pacific population survey.

He is Dr. John W. Coulter, professor of Geography at the University of Cincinnati. And the 50 people living on Pingelap, a coral atoll two-thirds of a square-mile in area, have been chosen for the pilot studies.



Dr. Coulter.

Pingelap is in the eastern Caroline Islands, midway between Honolulu and Manila. Dr. Coulter went there at the end of May with joint instructions from the Pacific Science Board of the National Research Council, the US Trust Territory and the US Navy. He will map land use and land tenure for the first time on Pingelap, which is administered as a Trust Territory by the US for the United Nations.

Before leaving for Pingelap, Dr. Coulter said that, traditionally, the native populations of the Pacific Islands were restricted to subsistence level by infanticide, abortion and tribal wars. But when missionaries arrived early in the 19th century they insisted that these practices be abolished. Physicians and nurses also arrived, and more and more children lived to grow up. The result was serious overpopulation on some islands in relation to the available food.

Dr. Coulter said that before World War II, the British Government took 2,000 underfed natives from the Gilbert Islands and settled them on vacant islands in the Phoenix Group.

"But the trouble now is that there are no more vacant islands that are habitable," he said.

"Overpopulation is serious in American Samoa. When the United States occupied the Eastern Samoan islands in 1900, the native population was 5,000. It is now 14,000. In 1953, 500 young Samoan men were taken to Hawaii as a relief measure. They are now working on sugar cane and pineapple plantations and in other jobs."

Dr. Coulter was born in Ireland, the son of a Methodist parson.

WHO Considers Help to Suva Medical School

PROFESSOR J. H. STRAHAN, Adviser to the World Health Organisation, recently paid a visit to Fiji to study the Assistant Medical Practitioner training scheme at first hand.

He said that WHO was considering financing two lecturers to the Central Medical School to aid in the training of AMP's.

The lecturers would teach biology and physiology respectively. Professor Strahan, together with the Director of Medical Services, South Pacific Health Service, visited a number of hospitals in Fiji before

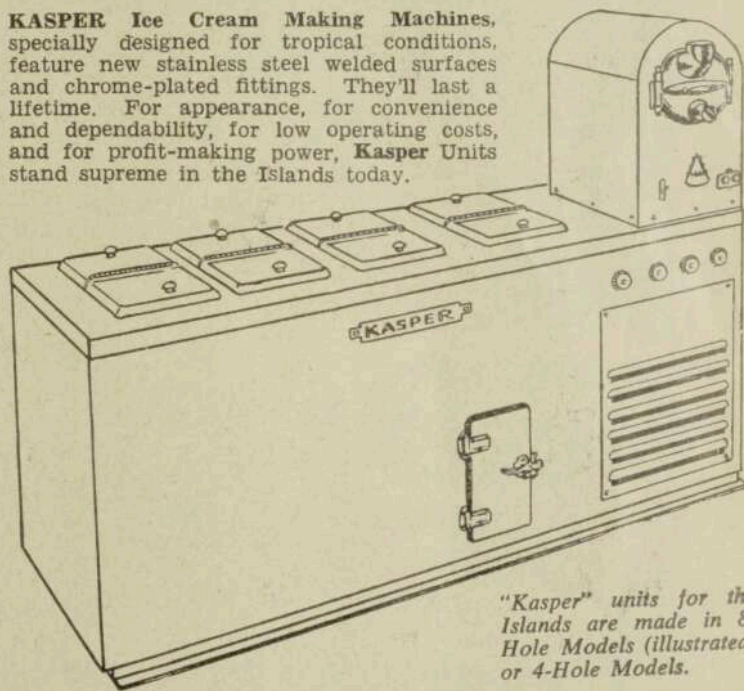
leaving for New Zealand to attend an international dental conference.

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The Rev. D. C. Gribble, general secretary of the Methodist Overseas Mission, said in Rabaul, NG, on July 10, that the George Brown College at Vunarima, which was wrecked during the war, would be rebuilt. Stewart hospital would also be rebuilt, and child welfare posts established in primitive areas. The Mission hoped soon to have nine triple-certificated nurses. Twenty-five mission houses had been built since the war.

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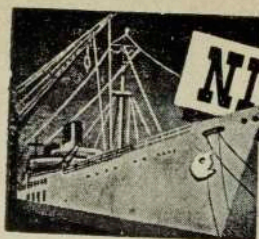
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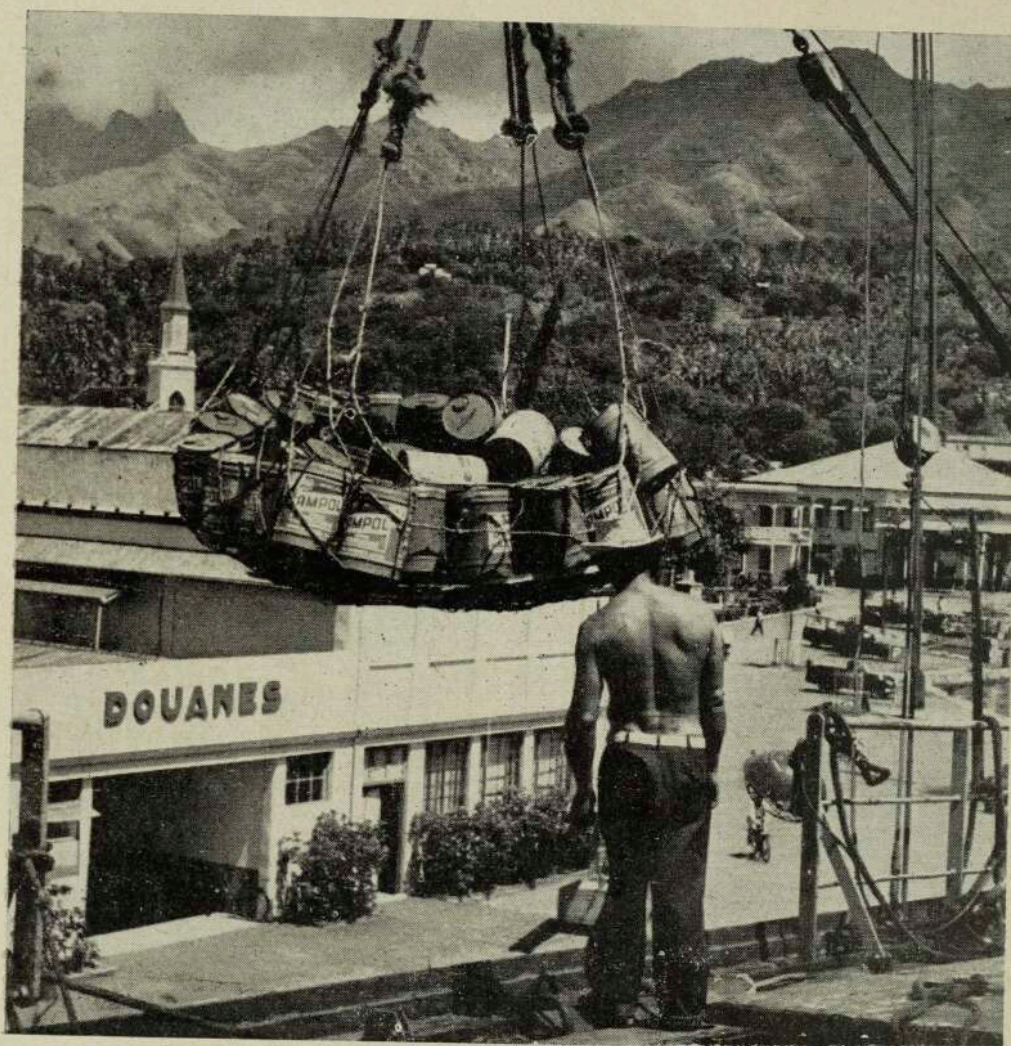
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Colin McDonald Memorial



Two former residents of New Guinea, Mr. J. MacGregor Dowsett, of Geelong, and Mr. C. H. Meen, of Rabaul, at the monument erected in Geelong to the memory of the late Mr. Colin McDonald, Assistant District Officer, formerly of Geelong, who was killed in the Sepik area of New Guinea.

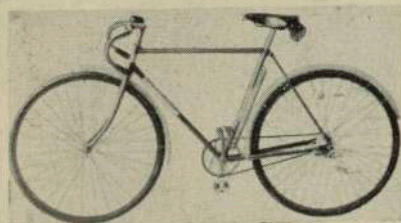
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John Frederick Edmonds, first officer of the trading vessel *Polurrian*, was charged at Rabaul District Court on July 8 with "attempting to kill himself." He was remanded for trial at the next sitting of the Supreme Court. He pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was allowed bail of £50.

¶ Rev. Father Hugh Law, formerly of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, has been appointed Administrator of the Catholic Cathedral Parish of Suva, Fiji, and Vicar Delegate for a period of three years. He served as a RAAF chaplain in Borneo during the war.

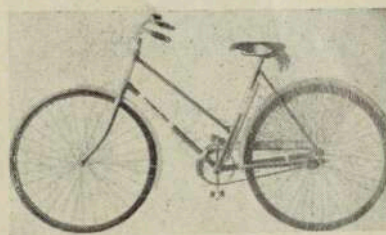
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The O'Keefe Story

Death of Mrs. Janie Brown

END of a chapter in the O'Keefe saga came on March 4 this year with the death of Mrs. Brown O'Keefe—O'Keefe's daughter, Janie—on Biak Island, Dutch New Guinea. Mrs. Brown was 73, and had been ill for some time.

This news has come to us from Mr. Fred Ellis, who with other members of his family, has been associated with the O'Keefe family all his life. He is the son of a Welshman, who was mate on one of O'Keefe's schooners, and the grandson of Radja Marwedi, of Mapia.

Ellis, with his brother and sister, were on the Mapia plantations with Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Eugenia Scott O'Keefe and Miss Daisy O'Keefe when the Japs arrived in 1942. They were all sent by ship to Indonesia and spent the years of internment there.

During the war, about £30,000 worth of damage was done to the plantations and installations on Mapia but Mrs. Brown—the acknowledged head of the family—could get no compensation from either the Dutch or the Americans and the two elder sisters lived, since the war, in somewhat straitened circumstances in Biak.

We understand that the Ellis

family and Mrs. Scott recently went back to Mapia and intend to clean up the plantations and work them, and also to organise trochus fishing thereabouts.

A Government meteorological station, with Ellis in charge, has been installed at Mapia to supply

weather notes for aircraft—Mapia lies directly on the KLM Biak-Manila air route.

Mr. Ellis says that Mrs. Brown was a noted beauty in her youth and travelled extensively in Europe and the East before settling on Mapia permanently in the 30's.

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She was educated in Hongkong and after her marriage to Mr. William S. Brown, an English marine engineer, lived in London for a number of years. At one stage of her life she managed the Station Hotel at Kowloon, on the mainland opposite Hongkong.

Mrs. Eugenia Scott O'Keefe now inherits the Mapia property.

GULF CRAYFISH PROJECT IS ON AGAIN

WESTERN PAPUA may still have a cray-fish industry. Reports from Sydney and Terrigal, in NSW, and from Townsville, Qld., indicate that the Toyer family and its associates have not given up the idea of wealth from this source and are again on the eve of departure for Daru.

About 15 months ago, the venture got off to a blast of Australian newspaper publicity when the 112-ft. twin-screw launch *C-Gull* left Sydney for Daru with a large party on board. Included in the party were three women and half-a-dozen children. They said they would live on the ship until houses could be built for them ashore near Daru.

C-Gull got as far as Townsville and there she bogged down. The crew dispersed and the cray-tail industry was heard of no more.

FROM Townsville, in July this year, *C-Gull* was again reported to be making ready for the trip to Daru—they were waiting only for their company to be formed into a £100,000 public company and the arrival of the *Cygnnet*, a freezer ship.

Meanwhile *Cygnnet* was reported at Terrigal, NSW, where Captain Jack Toyer, his wife and six children (one more baby since they set off in the *C-Gull* 15 months ago) were filling in time waiting for some refrigerating machinery. When that was installed they expected to head for Daru, they said.

Cygnnet is equipped to hold 9 tons of snap-frozen crayfish tails in its freezing room, a crew of seven who are all shareholders in the company, and Captain Toyer and his family.

Cygnnet cost £30,000, but according to the captain can earn £1,800 in a single day. Besides *Cygnnet* and *C-Gull*, the company will take with them to Daru two small launches, *Curlew* and *Cormorant*. In Townsville a spokesman for the company said that they planned to build large freezing works ashore in Daru.

Captain Toyer is said to have been marine superintendent for Australasian Petroleum Co. in Papua before the war.

Residents of Papua will watch

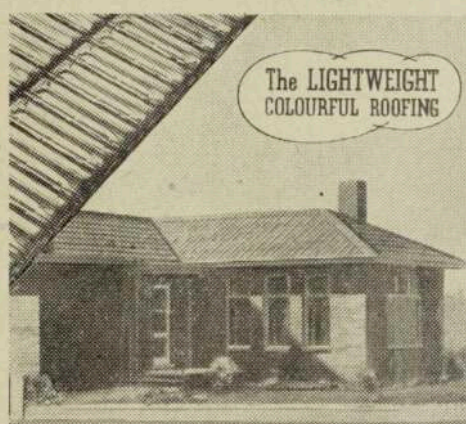
the activities of the *Cygnnet* Company with interest. Some old residents of the Western District were sceptical when *C-Gull* first set out in early 1953. They said that in some seasons there were not sufficient crayfish to worry about in the Gulf area.

But sceptical old residents can be wrong; and frozen crayfish tails from southern Australian waters have learned a lot of dollars for Australia.

At all events, if the *Cygnnet* Co. finally gets there and begins to catch crayfish, the PNG Administration will be ready: several months ago they filled a Government *Gazette* with the rules and regulations under which crayfish may be fished and frozen.

¶ Mr. W. G. Johnson, chairman and managing director of W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji), Ltd., has been appointed a director of the parent company, W. R. Carpenter and Co., Ltd., Sydney.

¶ The Rev. Ambrose Fletcher, a Methodist clergyman who went to Papua as a missionary in 1894, celebrated his retirement from active duty and his ninetieth birthday with a party at his Sydney home on July 3. He said that when he went to Papua cannibalism was rife and "skulls were hanging up on the verandahs." Traders paid for coconuts and bananas with tobacco twist. For the last 14 years Mr. Fletcher has been a chaplain at Sydney hospitals.



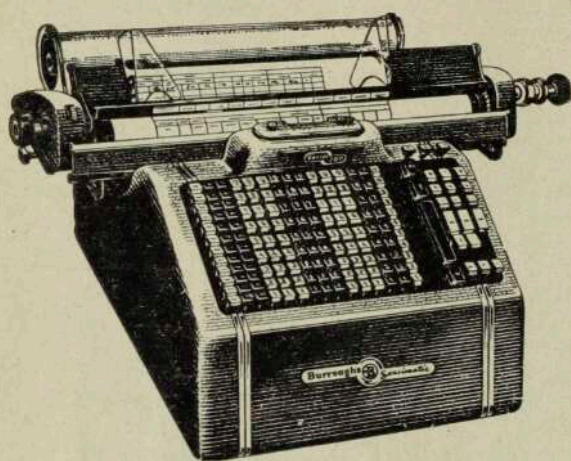
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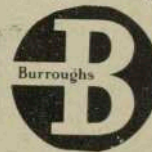
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—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

More telephones have been installed on Pitcairn Island this year. About a dozen places, such as the landing and the radio station, have now been connected with the village.

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The basis of the campaign was set by Miss M. Higgins, secretary of the NSW St. John Ambulance, and Pastor R. E. Hare, former general secretary of the Australian division of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission.

Both say the natives are apt pupils, and are absorbing their first-aid training faster and more thoroughly than the average European.

It was decided 12 months ago to use mission stations as initial training centres, with the missionaries, who are trained in first aid, doing the instruction. Classes have been started at what are considered strategic centres, such as Batikama on Guadalcanal, Kinaillibissi on Malaiti Island, Batuna in New Georgia, and in Bougainville, Wabag and Mt. Hagen in New Guinea.

Pastor Hare envisages a training scheme covering the 12,000,000 square miles supervised by the Australian division of the Mission.

¶ Mr. R. O. Ramage, CMG, accompanied by stenographer Miss O. Reeves, arrived at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, in June to investigate Public Service salaries.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. H. R. R. L. Cooper returned from Christmas Island and Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, recently. Mr. Cooper had been acting District Officer, Line Islands, and manager of Christmas Island Plantations. He has been replaced there by Mr. P. G. Roberts. Mr. Cooper now takes up a position as an Assistant DO in the Gilberts.

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Notes Made Here and There in the Cooks

By James P. Shortall

Education—one of the most discussed subjects to-day in the Cook Islands. Some see it as the panacea of all ills; some see it as far otherwise.

THE Administration has a considerable programme of educational development in hand or projected and materials are already being assembled for the construction of the long-awaited Tereora Training College. But while work goes ahead, it is very evident that there is a great deal of indecision behind the scenes in New Zealand and in the Rarotonga education office.

There are those in the Group who feel that better educational facilities will solve the problem of emigration and contribute greatly towards the development of the Cook Islands. Others think that the very reverse will be the case, and that the exodus will be accentuated by the better-educated islanders looking to the wider horizons.

The difference between Maori and European scales of salary paid in Cook Is., is causing great discontent in the Group, and in the Education Department perhaps more than in any other Government Department. Recently the first fully-trained Cook Islands-born teacher to attain a teacher's C-Certificate in New Zealand, applied for a Cook Islands position which was advertised. He was employed in a New Zealand school, on European rates, with other New Zealand teachers. The Cook Is. job was advertised at European rates of salary.

The Education Department at Rarotonga supported his application, but the Administration decided, however, that it would be impossible to appoint this local-born man at the European rate of salary, even though he was fully qualified, because he would there-upon become senior to a number of local Maori teachers who had been in the service a great many years and had, in fact, taught the man applying for the position.

To pay this young man a European salary would be to cause a general upheaval—at least, that was said to be the Administration's attitude, though others felt that the older, unqualified men would not take that attitude at all. They would say good luck to this young teacher who had been given opportunities that had never come their way.

The applicant was then offered a salary of less than half of what he had been receiving in New Zealand but because he felt that it was his duty to return to the Cooks, and

perhaps because he hopes that his acceptance will bring the matter to a head, he has accepted the appointment.

It is clear that, unless New Zealand decides to pay equal salary for equal qualifications in the Cooks, there will never be any headway towards a truly Cook Islands Admin-

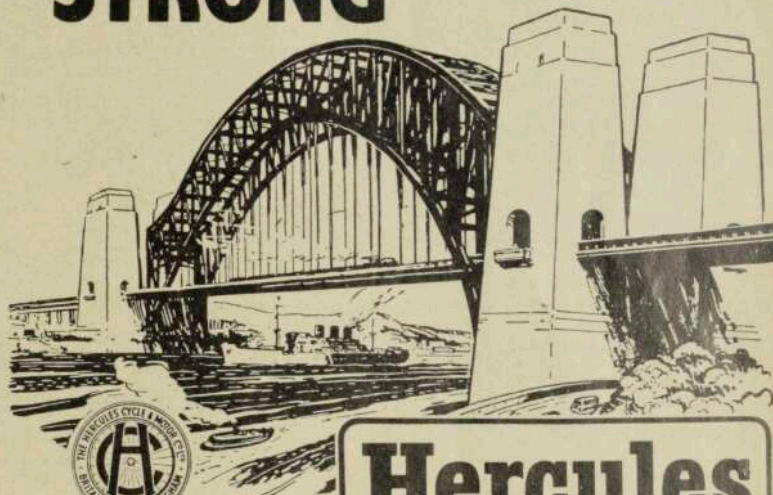
istration by Cook Islanders. A decision will have to be made very soon, for already scholarship students, sent to New Zealand at the country's expense, are refusing to return on completion of studies.

How can they be expected to return to a lower standard of living when there are plenty of positions available in New Zealand?

Sixteen Maori teachers with over ten years' service resigned from the Cook Is. Education Department in the past 12 months—to take jobs at higher salary with local employers, or to go to various non-teaching jobs in New Zealand.

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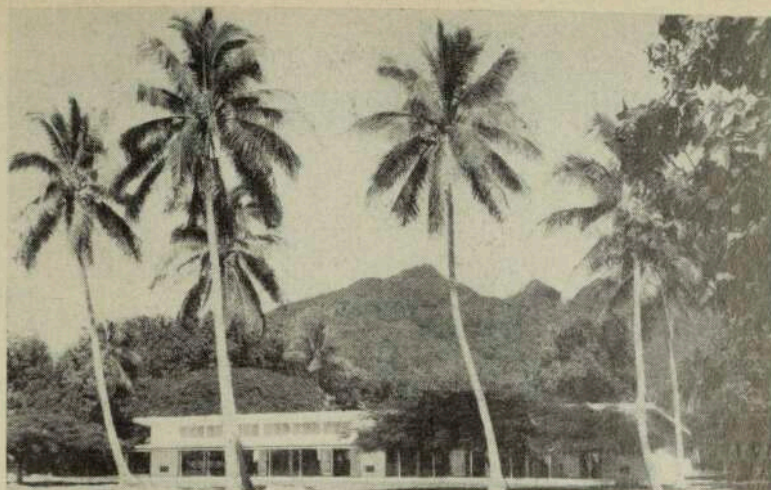
THE QUESTION-MARK IN CORALITE

POSSIBLY the most criticised man in the Cook Islands to-day is Mr. Win. Ryan, the energetic Works Chief, who has made his mark on the Cook Islands landscape during his term of office.

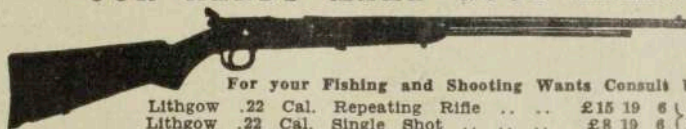
Most criticised of all is his huge Public Works Depot at Arorangi, several miles from the main settlement on Rarotonga. Whether the size of this establishment is justified, and whether Mr. Ryan made the decisions in regard to its size, are subjects that find ready discussion along the Rarotonga waterfront. But behind the scenes a much bigger battle is being fought.

Mr. Ryan is unshakably convinced that coral lime cement is the answer to Cook Islands building requirements. He has coined the word "coralite" for this material.

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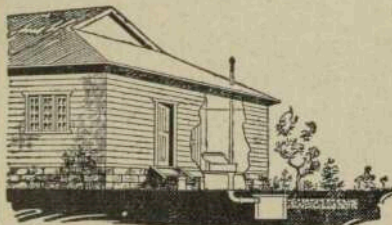
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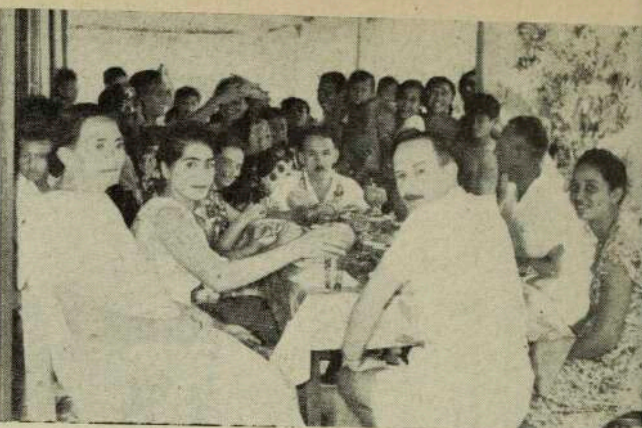
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AT LEFT: The MAUI POMARE lies off-shore at one of the Cook Lower Group islands loading oranges from surf boats. RIGHT: The call of the MAUI POMARE at one of the Cook outer islands is



always an occasion for feasting, welcoming home, or farewelling friends. In this photo, taken at Mauke are, left to right, Mrs. Samuela Ariki, wife of a local chief; Mrs. John Webb, wife of the Resident

Agent; a nursing sister; Dr. Romant Chief Medical Officer; Resident Agent John Webb (nearest camera); Dr. Cunningham of California; and another hospital sister.

exhaustive scientific tests, is equally convinced that it cannot put its OK to this material for large buildings.

Mr. Ryan claims that churches which have stood the test of hurricanes for the past century were built of corallite. MOW says not so—the old churches were built largely of coral blocks and large pieces of coral, not the pulverised material now used. MOW is waiting for a hurricane to see what hap-

pens to Mr. Ryan's Public Works Depot.

Nothing may happen—but the corallite tests give no cause for optimism. Corallite may be, possibly is, much cheaper building medium than the approved concrete blocks. But proof is still required as to costs.

Also criticised is the recently completed Official Secretary's residence which, according to Mr. Ryan's

figures, cost £7,364, made in his corallite. (Photo of this house appeared page 67, July PIM). It has a floor area of 2,700 square feet. Cook Islanders feel that this was a great waste of money.

The Administration's view is that the Secretary—second in importance to the Resident Commissioner—should have a better-than-average house. It was built of corallite without MOW approval. Time will

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tell whether the expense was justified.

An average residence in coralite—as roomy and well laid out a house as anyone could ask for and built to a standard MOW plan—costs about £1/10/- per square foot on Mr. Ryan's figures—this is about half the cost, per ft. of the Official Secretary's house (A 15-square house would cost only £2,200—which is cheap indeed). Concrete block construction costs more than twice as much.

Coralite cement, says Mr. Ryan, can be produced at £3 per ton in Rarotonga; imported cement costs about £21 per ton.

One senses that Ministry of Works in New Zealand is looked on almost as Public Enemy No. 1 in Cook Islands Administration circles—a deliberate obstructor in their inexpensive-building programme.

Meanwhile, in spite of the 35,000 square feet, £37,000 Depot facilities, it has been necessary to call in an outside contractor from New Zealand to undertake the complicated job of building the new freezer and fruit cool-store at Rarotonga. The contracting firm, Norman Calwell & Co., of Christchurch, are pushing ahead with the project at a great rate. The freezer section, for storage of imported foodstuffs, will cost about £32,000 and will be completed in a few months. A separate contract will be let for the adjoining cooler, which is estimated to cost £116,000.

A cool-store for Rarotonga has been talked about for the last 30 years; now at last it is in sight.

CHEAP FERTILISER FOR FISH POISONING

ONE of the services attached to the Administration Fruit Scheme (see July PIM) is to make fertiliser available to Maori citrus plot-owners at a reasonable price.

At first, little fertiliser was disposed of. Apart from the average plot-owner being too tired to use it, few had any faith in the growth-promoting properties of the stuff. They just had not seen it before.

Now, however, its potentialities are beginning to be appreciated. It's wonderful stuff, they say—for fish poisoning!

A bag of it dumped in a small stream will provide a feast of fresh-water shrimps and *nato*—and speed up the total destruction of fish resources at Rarotonga, of course.

Poisonous plants and dynamite are also playing their full part in this destruction.

The annual shoals of *ature* that used to invade the reef waters along the foreshore at Avarua and Avatiu have almost disappeared over the past four years, and there appears to be no effort on the part of Administration or people towards fish conservation. Although

the law has its remedies there is believed never to have been a conviction brought against a fish poisoner or dynamiter.

WHO MAKES THE PROFIT OUT OF ORANGES?

“WHY are we receiving only 15/- for a case of oranges when they are being sold in New Zealand for over £3” is a question constantly asked by Maori citrus growers in the Cooks. Many growers are convinced that “the Government” is making a profit at the expense of the producers.

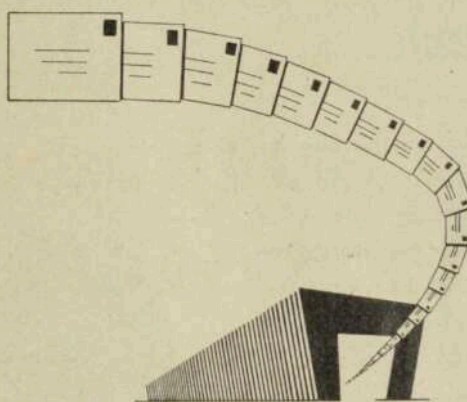
Here is the cost of structure, as supplied by the Department of Agriculture on a 1½ bushel, 70 lb case of ordinary oranges:

The orchardist receives 15/- for the contents of the case. Handling from orchard to ship's hold adds 11/8 to the cost to the consumer—the case alone costs 6/8 and other items are labour, cartage, debutting, gassing, packing, inspection, shed levy (for maintenance of public packing shed and equipment), manure levy, fruit control levy, reserve fund—making the FOB price to the fruit importers 26/8 per case.

Then comes freight to New Zealand, wharfage, inspection, cartage, supervision charge, bringing the price up to £1/14/7 delivered to the auction marts.

Here they are sold to the retailers. The auction mart collects

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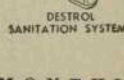
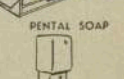
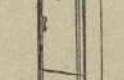
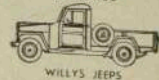
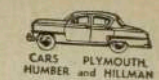
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High Cocoa Prices Stimulate Search for Substitutes

BY KEVIN HAPP

The staggering 100 per cent. increase in the price of cocoa beans in the last eight months has been pleasant for Islands cocoa growers. But it has its debit side—high prices have stimulated the search overseas for a cocoa substitute.

THE world's chocolate makers, led by American technologists, are now trying to develop a product that will make them at least partly independent of cocoa beans, their principal raw material, which is about fifteen times its pre-war price. The chance is that they will succeed, the wonders of modern science being what they are.

The search is mainly for a fat which will serve as a wholly satisfactory substitute for the all-important cocoa butter, or cocoa fat, in the craft of chocolate making.

Already there are signs, discouraging for the cocoa grower, that the search is meeting with a fair amount of success in America.

Blumenthal Bros., of Philadelphia, have made a test-marketing of a new product, "choco-like," which retails at about half the price of true chocolate. It has a vegetable fat basis as a substitute for cocoa butter and uses only two pounds of cocoa beans per 100 pounds of man-

ufactured sweets, as against 65 pounds used in 100 pounds of regular chocolate.

Another American company, Curtiss Candy, is making a "chocolate" coating with two fats as a substitute for cocoa butter.

In no case has the nature of the substitute fat been divulged. That, under present grim trade conditions, is a well-guarded secret. Nor is it known yet whether the substitute products will be as unconditionally acceptable to consumers as true chocolate.

Imitation chocolate has been made before today, notably in Britain, where it was tolerated during wartime rationing, but by no means accepted happily. None of this earlier "chocolate" had the distinctive, universally-acceptable qualities of the real thing. The present intensive research is aimed at capturing these qualities in a substitute.

It is the cocoa-butter which

makes chocolate the pleasant thing it is to eat. It is also a most convenient ingredient for the manufacturer. It withstands the heat that is necessary to liquify it for mixing and moulding, and it sets to just the right degree of hardness so that the finished chocolate will retain its shape and shine, break with a snap, but will readily melt in the mouth.

Other fats that have been tried in chocolate are not nearly as manageable as the cocoa-butter. For instance, they will not set to the right consistency after heating. The "chocolate" they have made in the past has had various faults, such as excess granulation or the sort of hardness that had to be chewed, rather than melted, in the mouth.

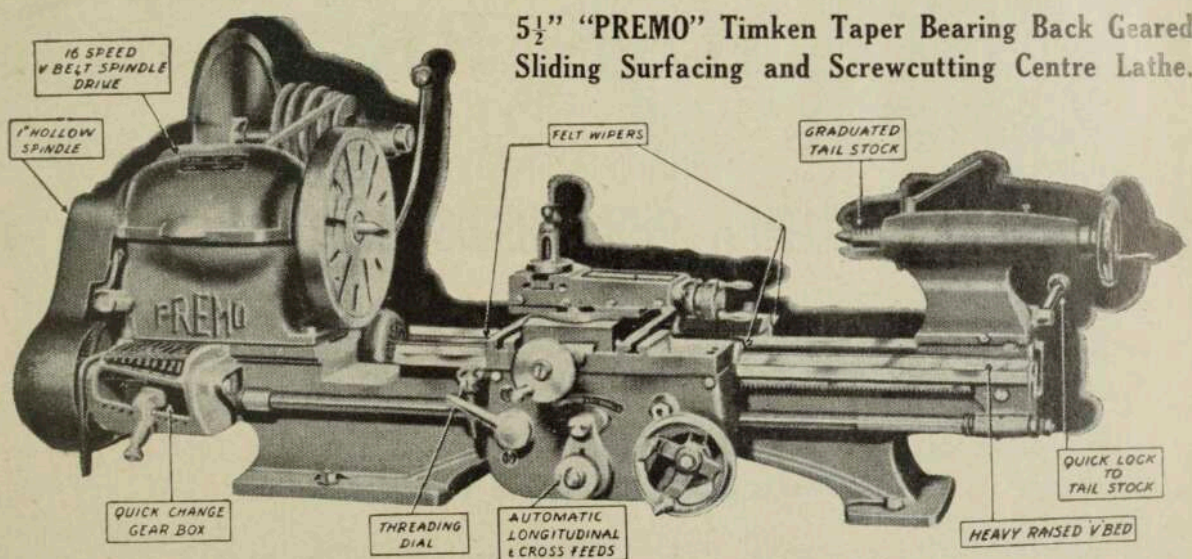
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But science is on the job and the general opinion among Australian chocolate manufacturers is that earlier disabilities will inevitably be overcome by the experiments now being made overseas.

It is thought to be more than likely that a lot of the experimenting is being done with coconut oil. Processers are now able to produce a copha with a wide solidity range—anything from butter-softness to wood-hardness—and perhaps within that range will be found the ideal point for a chocolate that will snap, but melt.

It is known that a lot of the American experimenting is being done with dairy butter, of which the US now has an embarrassing surplus. In the past, rancidity troubles ensued when an attempt was made to mix animal and vegetable fats; but this again is one of the disabilities that might be overcome.

Probably the endeavours of the researchers are being made more complex by the fact that big quantities of fats are required for good chocolate. Cocoa beans contain about 50 per cent. fat. The maker of a good quality eating chocolate adds from one-and-a-half to two pounds of sugar to one pound of ground beans. The mixture is then so heavy and stiff that he must add more cocoa butter, which

has been pressed from other beans, to make it workable.

THE ingredients of Australian chocolate are rigidly controlled by Pure Foods laws. Regulations in NSW, which are similar to those in other States, prohibit the use of paraffin or foreign fat with cocoa.

These regulations mean that, if and when a satisfactory and cheap substitute for cocoa-butter is found, it will be precluded from use in chocolate, sold as such in Australia.

But at the expense of a lot of publicity manufacturers could coin a new name for their product—such as the American "Choco-like"—and if the product became popular with the public and cost half as much as real chocolate, the demand for cocoa beans would inevitably begin to decline.

In any case, Territory cocoa growers cannot derive any comfort from the probability that the use of the substitute, when found, will be delayed in Australia. Quotation in New York and London form the

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basis for world cocoa prices, and any change in those two centres will immediately be reflected in Sydney and elsewhere.

To and From Samoa



Top left: Mr. M. Williamson, after three years teaching at Avele School, W. Samoa, returned to Timaru, NZ. Mr. Taimalelagi Paia, of Mafautu, W. Samoa, returned there after seven months in NZ.

Mr. J. Hunter, of NZ Reparation Estates, Samoa, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Yandall and Rita, returned home in the July MATUA.

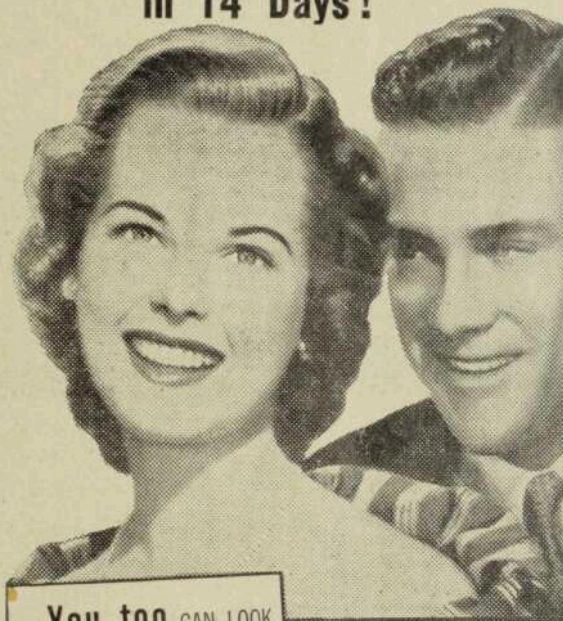
The lower group of people from Samoa, meeting TOFUA in Auckland, include Mr. J. Gascoigne, Messrs. Leaso, Taigakifi and Ioane and Mrs. Fulmaono Ta'ala in back row, and Messrs Faaoso and Elisara and two friends in front.

A three-weeks Administration Course for selected natives was held at Rove, BSIP, beginning July 5. Subjects included general administration, agriculture, forestry, education and medical work in relation to village life. Sir Robert Stanley, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, delivered the opening address. He stressed the need for co-operation between the people and the Government for the achievement of better things for the Solomons.

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VILLAGE FASHION DECREES?

IS it possible that London, Paris and New York will one day defer to some obscure New Guinea village as a world fashion centre? That a coterie of natives, wearing lap-laps and squatting on grass mats, will design the barbaric dresses which civilised women wear? That the patterns of the fabrics from which they make their masterpieces will be inspired by the tropical village scenery?

The possibility, remote as it might seem now, has been raised by two separate news items.

One item announces that New Guinea natives are to be encouraged to enter a dress design competition in 1955, the scope of the competition having been extended in the hope that the natives will provide some fresh ideas for Australian frock designs.

The second item announces that a missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Abel, are studying silk screen technique at East Sydney Technical College and will pass on their knowledge of fabric printing to the natives when they return to Papua.

The Christian Diors and William Hartnells of New Guinea are about to get their chance.

ANOTHER TROPICAL PREMIERE

FOLLOWING British and American practice of giving films their world premiere at the scene of location, *King of the Coral Sea* had its premiere at the Torres Theatre, Thursday Island, on July 17. It was seen by the lugger crews and natives who took part in the filming.

The film stars Chips Rafferty, who also produced it for Southern International Films; Lee Robertson was the director.

It tells a story of pearling and smuggling in the Coral Sea and features underwater scenes photographed by Noel Monkman.

The film will appear in Sydney soon.

TRIUMPH OF THE BUSH ORANGE

THERE was once a report in PIM that a former CI Fruit Control Director had said, "with a grim smile" that the day of the native orange, which has grown uncultivated for over a century since

Captain Bligh supplied the first pips, was over.

That official has been long out of the Group. The grim smile is today on the faces of those who view the dying-out of introduced Valencias and the continued productivity of the Bligh-derived item.

Nothing can kill the old "bush orange", which, if a little coarser than the fancy imported fruit, retains all the virtues of its species. We have had numerous crackpot prophets who predicted its disappearance—and what we saw was the vanishing of the prophets, not the orange!

The potentialities of Mangaia Island, visited by both Bligh and Cook (in what order is not clear), as an orange supplier are immense. As things are, millions of the golden fruit go to NZ every season. Multi-millions could be produced, even from trees sired by local pips.

The consumption, in the deep bush, of banned tippie has been the cause of immeasurable increase in the orange acreage—from thrown-away pips.—E.G.

ISLAND OF PERPETUAL HONEYMOON

LAST, loneliest and most exquisitely apart in the Northern Cook Islands is the 300-acre isle of Nassau, 45 miles from over-crowded Pukapuka atoll.

A few years ago the Cook Islands administration arranged for the Pukapukans to buy Nassau to provide land for their overflow population. It had been a flourishing copra plantation in pre-Pacific-War days, but was then deserted, except for Coast-Watchers, for some years.

When the ship *Charlotte Donald* called at Nassau in May, 1954, the colonists there had 18 tons of copra, which took five days to get on board owing to a bad reef.

This is how the Pukapukans work their Nassau plantation, according to what they told the visitors:

They send a party of young married couples over to Nassau—about 40 at a time. These young people stay and make what copra they can; then another party comes from Pukapuka to relieve the garrison on Nassau. The Pukpukans rotate their Nassau settlers about every 12 months.

Commented a Cook Islands

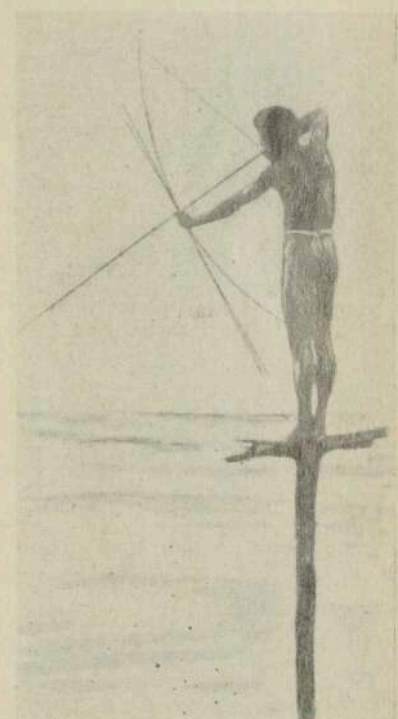
veteran: "This seems far from ideal. It would be better if some people stayed there permanently. They could make the place a little paradise. They have eaten all the pigs that were there from before 1941. The pigs used to eat copra that was drying, and the people were not enterprising enough to make a large pig pen."

THOSE NICE GREEN NUTS ARE NOT FOR SALE!

BANG goes another South Sea island illusion (carefree plenty from Nature's tropical abundance) with a Fijian Affairs Board regulation prohibiting the selling or bartering of coconuts by Fijians to any non-Fijian in areas which will be gazetted from time to time.

Nothing has happened yet beyond the fact that on July 7, the Legis-

The Fish Shooter



The original of the present Papua-New Guinea £1 stamp, and the original of the 9d stamp that was part of the first pre-war Papuan issue of pictorials. Sanasi, who sent us this photograph, says that at the time the Papuan pictorials were issued, "some crank" accused the designer of copying a British Guiana stamp. He says that this old photograph proves that this was not so—it was taken by Mr. H. M. Dauncey, an LMS missionary, early in this century. The Oroko natives of Papua still use this method of shooting fish—the platforms being a mangrove sapling root, reversed, and sunk into the mud and sand of Western Papua beaches.

lative Council approved the regulation.

The purpose of the regulation is to close loopholes in the application of the law blocking the sale of green copra by Fijians. And that law is a sort of corollary to the Fijian Development Fund Ordinance under which £10 a ton is deducted from all Fijian-produced copra.—S.

NUTS, DRINKING, FOR THE USE OF

AS our friend says above, things are not what they were in the Pacific. Time was—or so we are told—when the hospitable natives rushed to get green coconuts for the refreshment of visitors as soon as they appeared in the village. Personally I have never found it so myself, . . . getting a green coconut out of any native is about the hardest thing this side of entering the Pearly Gates.

I was reminded of this a few weeks ago, up above the Burma Road out of Rabaul, where an acquaintance had driven me to see the sights. We happened upon a native Co-operative store (they seem to be peppered around the countryside these days) and he suggested a bottle of lemonade.

The store was in a grove of native coconut trees, and, incautiously, I suggested a couple of green coconuts as a substitute.

We were in a tearing hurry and I was sorry as soon as I had said it—but the ponderous wheels of native life were already grinding, and the inexorable business of Buying a Green Coconut had begun.

A couple of Marys and a small boy had detached themselves from a group under a tree and gone off to the village from which eventually echoed much shouting and yelling and mightily little else.

"What in heaven's name are they doing?" asked my companion impatiently. Somewhere out of the dim past experience prompted me to say: "Trying to find the owner of the trees."

Sure enough, a sour looking gent eventually appeared, climbed a tree and threw down a couple of small nuts to the Marys.

More delay while someone flew off to the village again for a bush knife to decapitate the nuts. The nuts themselves cost my companion 1/— just as cheap, of course, to buy a bottle of lollie-water, and much quicker.

The moral of this story, of course, is that the only way to assure yourself of an adequate supply of coconuts is to buy a plantation, and that it is a mistake to imagine that the coconuts and fruit you see growing along the Islands wayside are there for the picking. Someone always "owns" them and getting possession is as complicated a business as native cussedness can devise.

In Fiji, apparently, European wisdom has now added a further com-

licating factor. The logical development of this, of course, is to issue permits for intending drinkers of green coconuts.—J.T.

GOINGS-ON AMONG THE BLUE-BLOODS

THE first wife of Captain Hugh Frewen — well known in Fiji where he owned and operated the small *Melanesia*—has been in the news. It appears (according to a Sydney evening paper, anyway) that she is that Maria Guinness, widow of the late Benjamin Guinness, of the Irish brewing family and millionaire half a dozen times over, who recently was described by two Swiss psychiatrists as a menace to society.

At this writing Mrs. Guinness is languishing in gaol—it appears that she has for years been systematically pinching the heirlooms and choice bric-a-brac of all the best families in Europe, to whom she is related or on friendly terms.

Now Nemesis has overtaken her, but Maria is unrepentant — she thought it was a good way of making money. She has also confessed (it is said) to having a long line of lovers.

Guinness was her third husband—he was living apart from her when he died and cut her out of his will. Captain Frewen was her first; in between times there was an Italian nobleman (and Maria herself seems to have been of noble Italian birth).

As Mrs. Frewen, she had one son, Roger, who is married to a daughter of Viscount Selby, who is Anthony Eden's cousin. They live in the Frewen family manor, Brede Place.

Captain Frewen has lived in Australia for 30 years, but was in England last year visiting his kin. He has, we understand, now returned to his property at Dorrigo, NSW.

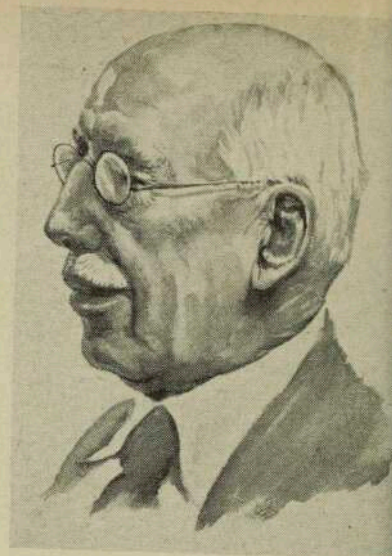
OH, FOR A FILET MIGNON!

TONGA'S nature-man, Tavi Kaufmann, who has been living entirely on coconuts, leaves and berries on his island in the Tongan group, was in Nukualofa in June to receive medical treatment for inflamed eyes.

It will be remembered that Mr. Kaufmann, a Dane, has a theory that only by reverting to the stone-age can man cure his modern ills. After building his house on lonely Hunga Is., he proposed to throw his 20th century tools into the sea. He was not sure whether he would keep any books to read, either.

Latest report is that he has built two huts on the island to accommodate visitors and is at present teaching two Tongans mathematics. Why? Surely mathematics come within the category of modern ills.

An American mining engineer, Mr. M. Janitzke, visited Kaufmann recently. Janitzke, too, is looking for a Pacific paradise. But he has now crossed Hunga off the list of prospects.



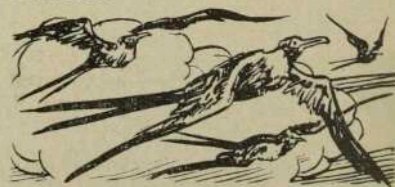
MAJOR CHARLES A. SWINBOURNE, OBE, President of the Sydney Pacific Islands Society, was born in Sydney and after being commissioned in the Australian Military Forces, was appointed to the Fiji Constabulary in 1909. He later became Commandant and Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

During World War I he trained the First and Second Fiji Contingents, their reinforcements, and the Labour Contingent, before proceeding on active service himself. He was awarded the OBE (Military Division) in 1918, and after the war was posted to administrative work in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

He became understudy to Sir Arthur Grimble, and was relieving Resident Commissioner there for a total of three years. He left the Gilberts in 1938, and after serving in the Tokelau Group and Fanning Island he retired in 1941.

Major Swinbourne is now living at Manly, NSW, in very active retirement; he has held a surprising multiplicity of honorary offices in different clubs and societies but these are at present limited to the Manly Art Gallery, the Manly Swimming Club, and the Manly and District Historical Society, besides the Pacific Is. Society.

Major and Mrs. Swinbourne have five sons and two daughters, all of whom have lived in the Islands and some of whom were born there—their names, Gilbert, Ellice and Loloma indicate where.—BRETT HILDER.



Charlie Loses a Farm Girl

By BILL GILL



A tomato blonde . . .

"LADY with goitre," said Charley. I examined the beautiful little glazed pottery figurine more closely.

"Goitre?" I said doubtfully. "The title refers to her ankles, I suppose?"

"It refers to the fiddle she's holding," replied Charley. "It's written on the bottom."

I turned the ornament over; a small paper sticker bore the legend in ink: "Lady with guitar, 15 gns."

I whistled. "Fifteen guineas! Since when has your devotion to Art gone that far?"

Charley sighed heavily and laid aside the cut-throat razor with which he had been whittling down his left foot in a vain effort to get it to fit into the black patent leather shoe lying beside him.

"Art!" he said bitterly. "I wouldn't give two bob for all the art in captivity. It's that woman Pat—" and he shook his head.

"So that's why you've been missing from your old haunts for this last fortnight? Say no more, old man, now I know the worst. At your age, too!"

"Wait on," he cried anxiously, as I grabbed for my hat.

"Don't go yet; I want you to meet her. A tomato blonde she is, pretty as a picture and smart as paint. But sometimes I think she's maybe a shade young for me—especially at them night clubs we've been in-festing. Sit down and I'll tell you —"

The words froze on his lips and his eyes glazed as they turned to the door behind me. At the same

time the reek of gin and stale tobacco in the room was overwhelmed by a powerful feminine perfume. Wheeling, I beheld the cause of his confusion.

She leaned nonchalantly in the doorway. Red hair, plunging neckline and a figure that put Miss Universe in the Maria Katzenjammer class. And she had those candid blue eyes! If there is a point beyond which candour should not go, those eyes were unaware of it. This is a virtuous journal, and has no place for the sort of things those eyes said about me. "Excuse me," I mumbled and fled past her, down the stairway and out.

That same night I opened my front door in answer to a furtive rat-a-tat on the knocker, and Charley leaped in.

"Quick!" he hissed. "Close the door!" He slammed it to, and leaned against it, gasping.

"Boy, have I had a time!" he said, when he'd recovered somewhat.

I poured out a drink.

"Here, wrap yourself around this. Then let your hair down and tell me all."

"As you know," he began, "I was never much of a ladies' man. In the early days in New Guinea Sinabadas were as scarce as hen's teeth.

"There was one took a fancy to me once; I was just back from the Yodda fields with a shammie like the fender on a tugboat. Tall she was, six foot two as the crow flies, with a mouth like a slot of a letter-box and a hat on her like the hanging gardens of Semiramis.

"I was a young fellow then and, as I say, women were scarce. So I entertained her of an evening explaining the Japs' method of gutting fish, and how to skin a goat without using a knife.

"I made good progress until one night I offered to clip off the long hairs growing on a mole she had on her left cheek. She seemed to lose interest in me then, and last I heard of her she'd married the cattleman on Fall River, and was leading him a life of perfect misery.

"That was 40 years ago and since then I haven't bothered them much.

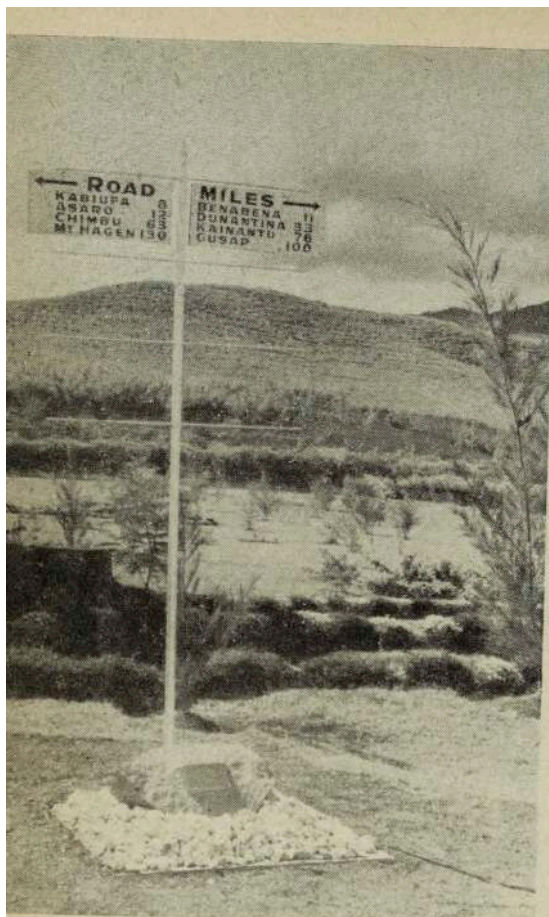
"So it took the wind out of my sails, I can tell you, when this girl Pat prats her frame on the arm of my chair one morning.

"Where have you been all my life, honey?" says she.

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"Can you imagine a beast like that?"



Part of the Goroka-Kainantu section of the road.

All Roads Lead To Goroka

Photographs and story by Joan and Gordon Carter, of Papuan Prints, Port Moresby, who recently visited the NG Highlands.

THROUGH the drive of District Commissioner Ian Downs and his young officers, the people of the New Guinea Highlands are getting roads to replace the war-time jeep tracks, and all of them lead to Goroka, unofficial capital of this whole mountain area.

Recently a grader was flown in to help the good work, but most

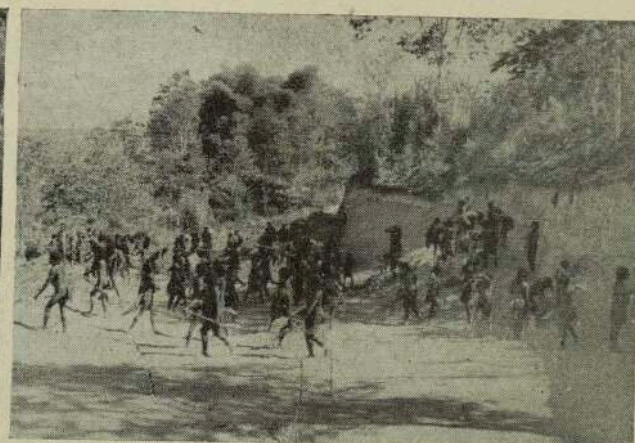
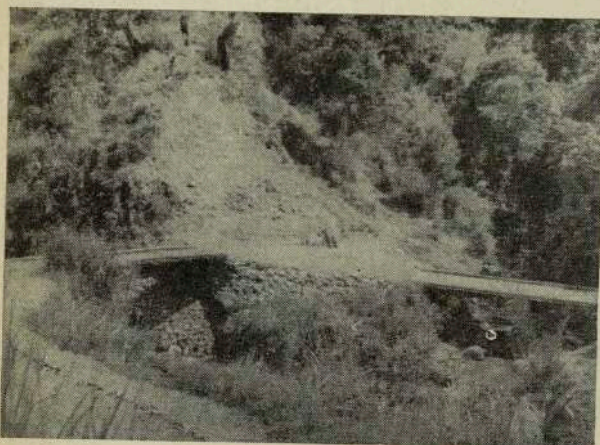
of the road work has been done by primitive natives with not much in the way of equipment but bare hands.

Recently, about three miles out of Goroka, we watched very primitive people doing a mighty job of road making. It seems that they come from the fringe of the uncontrolled area some way from

Goroka but had heard of these wonderful roads that link the various outstations and villages, and wanted to be in on the scheme. They sent a deputation to see why they could not have a road, and were told that they first would have to learn how.

Hordes of them then arrived to learn the art and were put to work

These two bridges, at right angles to each other, span tricky mountain watercourses on the Goroka-Hagen Road.



Like a nest of black ants . . .

improving a piece of the Goroka-Gusap road. They looked like a nest of swarming black ants as they scurried back and forth digging earth out of the side of a cutting.

As shown top left, opposite page, the road now goes 130 miles westward to Mt. Hagen; and 100 miles eastward to Gusap. From Gusap it is hoped that, one day, roads will lead down to the coast at Madang and Lae. (This roadside sign was recently erected at Goroka).

A considerable amount of tree planting has gone on along the roads and in years to come they should be pleasantly tree-shaded. At present a great deal of the road winds over treeless ridges and mountains.

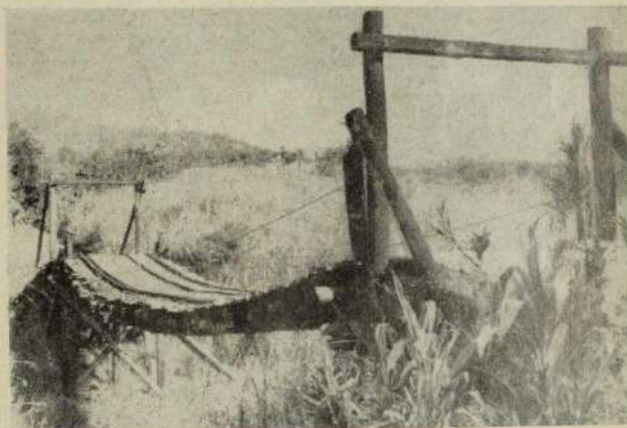
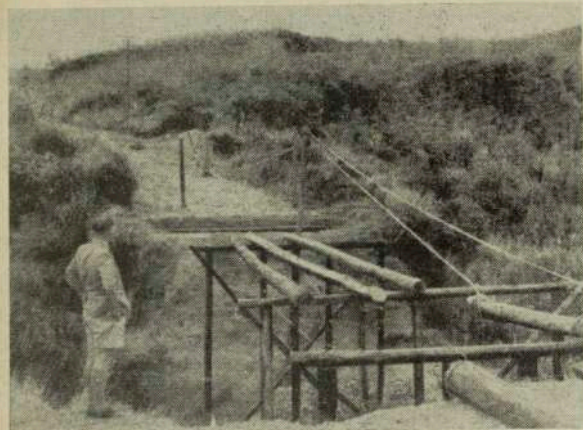
The greatest headache in roading the Highlands has been the construction of the numerous necessary bridges. Some of this work has been done by local contractors and although some of the bridges are hair-raising in appearance they fill the bill, and—so we were told—are much stronger than they look.



AT RIGHT: Pay day. Mr. Downs, at the Asaro Road Centre, pays in shillings one of the native chiefs whose people helped build part of the Goroka-Hagen road. About a dozen chiefs participated in this pay out.

BELOW, AT LEFT: Mr. Downs inspects a new bridge being built across a gorge on the Goroka-Hagen road.

BELOW, RIGHT: One of the hair-raising swing-bridges on the Goroka-Kainantu section of the road. This type of bridge undulates with the passing of the vehicle over it.



Charlie Loses a Farm Girl

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"You've been passing me with your head in the air every day for the last fortnight," I tells her.

"Yes, but why wasn't I told about all this long ago? My mammy told me about Rubber Barons, Tin Tycoons and Sugar Daddies, but I've never heard of Coconut Kings before. Tell me, is it true that you've got more mazuma than Tommo's Two-up School?"

"She never paused to let me get a word in edgewise and, before long, I found myself shassaying all over Sydney with her on my arm. Nightclubs, barbecues, carnivals and cocktail parties—she had to see them all. For a farm girl she had an extraordinary knowledge of

where to find fun, and it nearly killed me.

"But, after you left this afternoon, she told me I could have the night off as she had to meet a friend who'd been away on business and detained longer than expected.

"That suited me fine, and I was just getting set for a good old snore-off when a large young fellah in a zoot-suit slid into the flat. He eyes me in silence for a while, and his eyes were like ice-picks. 'Seen my wife around here?' he asks; then, noticing my innocent gaze, he continues, 'You wouldn't,' and helps himself to my whisky, sinking the plimsoll by four inches in one suck.

"It's pretty crook,' he says, 'that

a man can't turn his back for a few weeks at Long Bay without some motheaten old haybag starts getting fresh with his wife. Can you imagine a beast like that?'—and he gives me a vicious look.

"It's a terrible thing to say," I answers, 'but I know exactly where to lay my hands on the miscreant you've just described, and if you'll wait here a jiff I'll go and get him for you,' and I ducked out of that flat pronto, and here I am.

"I want to see the shipping lists so I can catch the first boat going north."

"Did you say she was a farm girl?" I asked presently.

"So she told me," Charley hooted. "Said she kept the wolf from the door working in a pharmacy."

OMBU'UNA

By PETER ENGLAND

ONCE upon a time, said Wasau . . . Now, look, Wasau, I said, the lunch was excellent. The yam was done to a turn. The dried pig, if a little tough, was very satisfying. I now propose to finish this horrible cigar which you so kindly rolled for me. After that I shall have half an hour's nap before starting on the ten miles which we still have to complete before sundown. So, some other time . . .

Master, said Wasau, without even bothering to look at me, this is a very good story and a very true one and was told to me by my tumbuna ancestors. Now take out your little book with the skin of the crocodile, and your pencil, and write it down with all the other stories. Now hear me, master. . .

Once upon a time, said Wasau, there lived a strong and handsome young man named Kapuma; in addition he was a cunning and successful hunter. He had two hunting dogs named Tika and Ebom.

One day, when he had been hunting from early morning until late afternoon without success, his dogs finally started a fine big pig. After a short chase they brought the animal to bay, and Kapuma killed it with one throw of his long polished limbon spear.

By now it was too late to return home, so he cut the pig up into small pieces, placed them on a rough rack made from sticks, and lit a slow fire underneath to smoke the meat. Then he looked around for a place to sleep, and soon found a large hollow log lying on the ground. So he called Tika and Ebom to him, and together they crawled into the log and went to sleep.

Now, while Kapuma and his two dogs were sleeping soundly in their log, it began to rain. It was not ordinary rain, but came down from the sky as if the gods had decided to pour all the water into the world on this one spot. The creeks rose, and before very long they overflowed their banks and the whole of the countryside became one vast river pouring down to the sea.

The hunter and his dogs, exhausted after their day's exertions, knew nothing of this until they woke at daylight the next morning. When Kapuma put his head out he was surprised to see nothing but water; they had, in fact, been swept many miles to sea. They crawled out and sat on top of the log, and thus they drifted for two days and two nights, the log ever sinking lower and lower in the water. On the third day the log finally turned over and sank, and the man and dogs were thrown into the sea. Two

sharks immediately appeared and ate the dogs. (The name of one shark, said Wasau, in parenthesis, was Ongta, and the name of the other was Kombawabogan), but the man swam on and on for a long time until eventually he reached the island of Ombu'una. Now, at this time, the island of Ombu'una was inhabited only by women. There were no men. . .

Now, just a moment, I said. You say there were no men on the island. Well, where did the women come from?

Master, said Wasau patiently, I was just about to tell you.

The only other living things on the island were flying-foxes, and consequently the women were obliged to mate with these creatures. And, as everybody knows, in such a mating only women-children are born.

When Kapuma landed on the island he was very hungry, but he followed a bush track until he found a garden with plenty of taro and yams and bananas and sweet sugar-cane. When he had had his fill he hid in the bush nearby, and made himself a little shelter of

saplings and palm fronds. In this way, lying concealed during the day, and getting food from the garden late in the evening, Kapuma lived for several weeks. He knew that if he allowed himself to be discovered he might very well be killed by the inhabitants.

Now, the garden near which Kapuma was hiding belonged to two sisters named Yarak, the elder and M'wana, the younger. The sisters lived in a house of their own. Yarak was a shrewd and thrifty housewife, and worked hard in her garden each day. M'wana too, helped in the house and in the garden, but sometimes when Yarak was busy she would run down to the beach, to a little hidden cove, and gaze out to sea—for she was of that age in young women when strange, untamed, and disturbing things race through their heads.

Well, it did not take long for Yarak, who in addition to being a good housewife also had very sharp eyes, to notice that there were strange footprints in her garden. And to notice, particularly, that the footprints were much larger than those that would be left by any of the women on the island.

So, one day, having sent M'wana

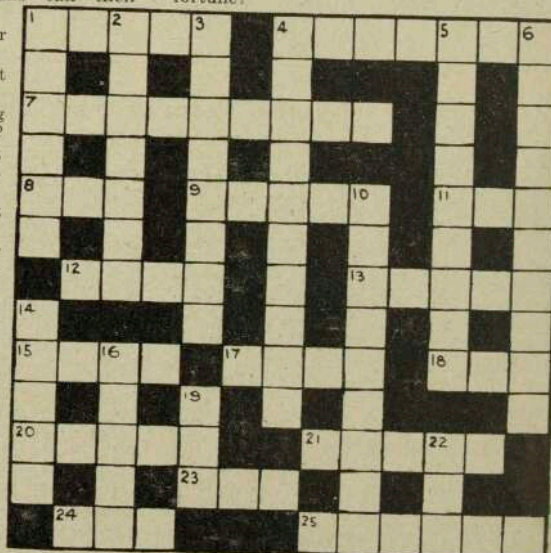
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ACROSS

- 1.—Who was a writer of fairy tales?
- 4.—Which adjective means contrary?
- 7.—What was the name of Don Quixote's horse?
- 8.—How much is 45 inches?
- 9.—What is the term for a pair of trousers made of tartan cloth?
- 11.—What measure is equal to 198 inches?
- 12.—What is another term for a tuft-hunter?
- 13.—Who was one of the most famous of the German lyrical poets?
- 15.—What do the Italians call their capital city?
- 17.—What is the term for a small chimney?
- 18.—In which land is it easy to fall asleep?
- 20.—Who wrote stirring stories of the Red Indians?
- 21.—What is the point where two straight lines meet?
- 23.—What is a short acknowledgment of debt?
- 24.—What melted matter is discharged from a volcano?
- 25.—What French word, used in recipes, means the burnt part?

- 4.—Which famous character was created by Perrault?
- 5.—From where did the pilgrims start in "The Canterbury Tales"?
- 6.—Who were the members of the Parliamentary party in the 17th Century Civil War?
- 10.—Who was the author of "Story of an African Farm"?
- 14.—Who was the airy spirit whom Prospero released from imprisonment?
- 16.—Who was the most famous Australian singer?
- 19.—Which is the largest Continent?
- 22.—What falls to anyone as his fortune?



DOWN

- 1.—Which is the highest order of knighthood?
- 2.—What is used for treating diabetes?
- 3.—Which is the most important wheat-growing province of Canada?

home early to attend to the cooking of the evening meal, she laid in wait. Just before the sun went down Kapuma made his daily visit in search of food, but he had hardly set foot in the garden when he was confronted by a woman armed with bow and arrow. He was afraid.

"Are you masalai ghost or are you man?" asked the woman.

"I am man," answered Kapuma.

The woman looked at him. Then she told him to get into her bilum net bag. She covered him with banana leaves, putting a light layer of taro on top. Then she swung the thong of the bilum on to her forehead and lifted it on to her back.

M'wana sat before the fire on the ground cooking the evening meal. As Yarak climbed the ladder up to the house, she called to her: "To-night you may sleep beside the fire. I am tired of having you sleep with me in the house."

So that night, and for several moons which followed, M'wana slept beside the fire under the house, and Yarak kept Kapuma hidden. When she left in the daytime to work in her garden she barred the door strongly from the outside. She forbade M'wana to ascend the ladder.

But one day Yarak had to visit a distant village, on the other side of the island. As usual, she barred the door strongly, and in addition sprinkled ashes on the rung of the ladder and on the ground down below. She cautioned M'wana to watch over the house carefully, but not to set foot on the ladder.

When Yarak had left, M'wana took a digging stick, and thrusting its sharpened point between two of the split-palm floor boards, she widened the gap until she was able to peer into the room above. When she had seen, she climbed up the ladder and opened the door. When she saw Kapuma face to face, she asked:

"Are you masalai ghost or are you man?"

"I am man."

Then all the strange, untamed, and disturbing things that used to trouble her when she gazed out to sea suddenly crystallised, and she said:

"I am woman."

And she went inside and shut the door behind her.

When Yarak returned she saw at once that the ashes on the ladder had been disturbed. She accused Kapuma and became very angry. She called him many hard names and struck him and threw him down out of the house, and his neck was broken and he died. Then she cried out in a loud voice to the other women of the village, and when they were come she said to them:

"You must cut my belly and take away what they found inside, and side." And they did as she asked,

This Month's New Reading

(Conducted by the Assistant Editor)

MUCH BEATING ROUND THE TEA TREE

POSSIBLY if I had read *The Pea Pickers* (which won the S. H. Prior literary prize in 1941) I should be more fitted to cope with Eve Langley's *White Topee*, just published.

White Topee is evidently a sequel to the prize-winner, the period is the same — about 1927 — and Miss Langley does not appear to have written anything in between.

For me, she might just as well have remained in seclusion.

For *Topee*, although it may be "brilliant" and "original", to me epitomises everything I dislike most in Australian "clever" writing! — it is so infernally clever that it becomes incomprehensible.

Topee has no plot, which these days is, of course, not unusual; and it concerns a young woman called Steve. One gathers, but is never told, that she has Greek or Italian forebears somewhere along the line. For some unexplained reason she dresses like a man (blue serge suit when not in breeches), acts like a man and divides her time between working like a man in the fields and writing prose and poetry. This — the earthy work plus the poetry — is supposed to make up a wholly satisfying life. (Life spelled with capitals, if you please.)

The setting is around Lakes Entrance in Victoria's Gippsland — on a tea plantation. *Tea plantation*, mark you. It is news to me that tea was ever grown in Gippsland — but that I am willing to pass, apart from the observation that if it ever

and cut open her belly, and took away that they found inside, and Yarak died.

But later, when the star of the new year rose in the sky, M'wana gave birth to a man-child, whose name was Lasika. And Lasika grew up with the woman-children of the island, and he played with them in the soft grass that grew at the margins of the gardens, and on the golden sand of the beaches, and soon many man-children were born in addition to women-children, and they became a happy race of people.

Wasau paused. "Is that the end of the story?" I asked.

"Yes, master," said Wasau, with a sigh — for he is a sentimental cuss — "it is finished."

"And, master," he added, as he started stowing my mess gear away in a ruksak, "if you are sorry for me, you will give me two shillings so that I may buy some be-el nut. Also, I have no tobacco."

were, then that in itself is worth a story.

However, Miss Langley belongs to that school of novelist which does not pander to the reader who likes to be first orientated or have basic facts explained; she flings her statements into the brew she has concocted, and the reader accepts them as is, where is — or else.

For this reason, the story appears to have no beginning and no end, and the normal reader — and I insist that the average reader is still normal in spite of much literary evidence to the contrary — finds himself in a perpetual state of asking why. The cumulative effect is much the same as a hang-over.

Gippsland, as described in *Topee* is a cross between the burning heat of Sahara and the jungles of Sumatra — which is far from my recollections of that neck of the woods, which I imagined I knew reasonably well. I quote: "Stiffened and paralysed by the great heat, we lay about in the shade; after 11 o'clock McLachlan said that there must be no more work in case of sun stroke or fevers."

The heroine and another character suffer occasionally from malaria. Perhaps if I had read *Pea Pickers* I should know where they had picked that up.

Most of the bit players are Italian; and Italy is Steve's spiritual home. Such Australian characters as exist act like morons — although the book is described as "interpreting Australia and its people as no other writer has done".

IF this is Australia, then I'm a chimpanzee; if this is art, then I, too, am a moron — which readers of these columns probably have long suspected. But tackle it, dear reader, by all means — and see if you do not emerge acting like a wild-eyed steer; or beating your literary chest, à la Steve, and declaiming that the world is well lost for a poem.

The story (if I may call such an artistic compilation such) is heavily larded with verse. I found this, on the whole, much more tolerable than the prose that surrounded it. This fact, I hope, proves that I, too, have a soul.

(Published by Angus and Robertson, Sydney. Australian price, 16/-.)

IT'S FUN IN THE SUN IN TAHITI

DISAPPOINTMENT, disillusion — and then it grew on them. That was Tahiti to the Hunt-ingtons — David, Fritz and their young son Tod.

(Over)

It has probably been Tahiti to many—but David makes it sound convincing, in his *Tahitian Holiday*, an entertaining account of their five months' sojourn in that Pearl of the Pacific which has had more highly technicoloured nonsense written about it than all the other Pacific islands put together.

Huntington had a beautiful wife, a son and sufficient of this world's goods (in dollars, of course) to please the French, who are anti-beachcomber. Perhaps this was a better background than most from which to take a sane view of the more obvious pleasures of these islands.

The family adventures, and the shrewd observations of every (repeat every) aspect of life in Tahiti, make amusing and entertaining reading.

Although the lotus-eating aspect is not stressed—quite the reverse, initially—the book is not calculated to drive Tourists away. Even a crusty, other-islands dweller might be encouraged to feel that a little relaxation under the palms of Tahiti could be in order, and very pleasant.

(Our copy from the publishers, Henry Hold and Company, New York. US price, \$4.95.)

BRIEF EXCURSION AMONG THE AMAZONS

THERE is something of psychology in this story, *Miss Pym Disposes*, by Josephine Tey—the kind of psychology that one is likely to find in an all-female institution, which is, in this case, a physical training college. (We whip the psychology in for those who must have that ingredient in their present-day reading).

However, the story is not (thank God), designed to "make you think". It is just a pleasant sort of story to fill in an hour or two, with the psychology aforesaid, and a mild plot, of sorts. After all, a large institution full of young women is bound to create static electricity of some kind.

Inside the jacket-flap (and I am beginning to have a profound distrust of jacket-flaps) it says that it is a "crime story of masterly elegance".

Perhaps that is gilding the lily—but it is good writing without being so clever as to be unintelligible. It has humour and the characters are comparatively normal—which is, in itself, a literary achievement of no mean order these days.

A book you would not hesitate to give to your teenager to read; at the same time, you will probably enjoy it yourself.

(Published by Peter Davies. Australian price, 13/3.)

FACTS ABOUT PULSES (BEANS, PEAS AND LENTILS)

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

PULSES are the seeds of the leguminous plant family and these are commonly known as peas, beans and lentils. When the seed pod is young, it may be chopped up and eaten as a green vegetable; then, during ripening, the seed becomes large and the pod gradually withers till eventually it splits open and scatters its contents. This is the time when the peas, beans and lentils are ripe and ready to harvest.

Pulses keep well if they are really dry, and the best storage container is a closed tin or jar.

All seeds contain starches and proteins which provide the first food needed for the growth of the young plant. The seeds of pulses are particularly rich in starch and protein and for this reason they are an important food in many parts of the world. The protein does not have quite such a good body building value as that in animal or fish foods, but its value may be improved by mixing a little milk, fish or eggs with peas, beans and lentils.

Dishes like pea soup made with milk, cheese and dhal savouries, Chilli Con Carne and baked beans and bacon therefore have a high food value. Several types of pulse commonly known as dhal are grown in the drier areas in Fiji. These are Arhar or pigeon pea, Urd, Mungh, Giant and dwarf cowpea.

Green pulses make a good vegetable, and of greatest importance in the islands are beans. As far as nutritive value is concerned beans are not such a good source of vitamins as green leaves and shoots, but they contain fair amounts of bone and blood building minerals. They are better sources of protein than other green vegetables and this increases with the growth of the pod. Many people are in the habit of adding a small pinch of soda when cooking any beans but this greatly reduces the vitamin content, and is not a good practice.

French or butter beans are easily grown and a steady supply of this vegetable can be provided for by sowings every two-three weeks. Bean plants like an open, sunny position in good loose soil and plenty of water, particularly once the podding has started. These beans develop strings and need to be picked at just the right stage. However, if carefully prepared for cooking they make an attractive and appetising vegetable.

The long bean is one of the most useful and easily grown vegetables, and is in season all the year round. It grows easily and does not need particularly rich or well drained soil. Sow two seeds to each hole set 18 inches apart and let the vines grow up a fence or trellis of sticks. The pods grow 2-3 feet long and are quite stringless. They are usually served chopped in ½ inch lengths and boiled, but a more attractive-looking vegetable can be prepared by cutting them in slices in the same way as French beans.

A bean which goes on producing for several years is the giant or sword bean. This is a robust climbing vine which will grow to a height of 15-20 feet, so needs a good strong support such as a tall fence or tree. The pods are large and flat and need to be picked when very young. The beans then are very small and pink and the pods thick and fleshy. If left too long the pods become too tough, although the beans inside are still good to eat. The simplest method of preparing this giant bean is to remove the string from each side of the pod

and then slice it. Alternatively, pod it the same way as peas and cook in boiling water until soft.

Another good bean is the Goa winged bean. This has quite a distinctive pod with flat sides and four thin green wings and should be used when small and

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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.

CASSEROLE SAUSAGE

Canned food is often most uninteresting and unappetising, but it needn't be. This is one suggestion for those who are forced to use canned meat frequently.

- 1 can sausages.
- 1 small can tomatoes.
- 2 oz cheese.
- 1 onion.
- Breadcrumbs.
- Seasoning.

Fry sliced onion to a nice brown, pour off all but one tablespoon of the fat. Add one tablespoon flour and mix. Add juice of tomatoes, some water and seasoning (a little curry powder if desired), to make a tasty gravy.

Slice the sausages in rings or long strips and cover bottom of casserole, cover with a layer of tomato and a grating of cheese, pour over part of the onion gravy. Repeat these layers until ingredients are finished. Finish with a layer of breadcrumbs. Put on casserole lid and place in hot oven until thoroughly heated; remove lid and lightly brown the breadcrumbs.

This dish does not need to be cooked for long, as the ingredients are already cooked.

If working with a primus only, the other ingredients (except breadcrumbs) can be added to the gravy and heated thoroughly. If the mixture is then poured into a casserole and toasted breadcrumbs sprinkled over the top, the result is much the same.

—Mrs. W.R.H., Savusavu.

PINEAPPLE PIE

- ¼ lb butter.
- 2 tablespoons sugar.
- 1 egg.
- 2 cups of flour.
- 1 teaspoon baking powder.
- Cream butter and sugar, add egg and finally flour and baking-powder. Press mixture into deep dish approximately 8 in. x 9 in.

FILLING

- 2 cups of fresh or one can of crushed pineapple.
- 1 dessertspoon cornflour.
- 2 egg yolks.
- 2 tablespoons sugar.
- Put all ingredients into a saucepan and cook over a low heat until thick. Fill pastry shell.
- Beat egg whites until thick, add 3 tablespoons sugar, beat again. Put on top of filling.

Bake pie in moderate oven until crust is cooked. Can be eaten hot or cold.

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tender. These beans should be cooked no more than five minutes since the delicate texture and flavour are readily destroyed by overcooking. A stout support is needed for the vines as they are strong-growing.

There are various types of Indian beans available in the market in Fiji. Those with straight roundish pods 6-8 inches in length are called Bhoda and Japhar. If the beans are fairly well developed, remove them from the pod and cook for 15-20 minutes. This type of bean may be added to curries, meat, fish or vegetable dishes.

Dried pulses are important food in Fiji and especially for the Indian population. The most common types are dried peas and beans, lentils and other forms of dhal. The most common peas are the blue pea and the marrowfat. There are dozens of varieties of beans available in the world and some of the most common in these parts are dried haricot, lima and the red kidney bean.

DRIED beans and peas need soaking before they are cooked. A good general rule is to place them in a basin, cover well with boiling water and soak overnight. If the water is hard, a little baking soda should be added. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of soda to one cup of dry beans or peas and measure it carefully for too much soda will affect both flavour and nutritive value. This helps to soften the seeds. In many parts of the world people use sprouted beans and these have a high food value. As soon as the sprout starts to grow vitamins are formed in the seed. Sprouted beans or peas make a useful substitute for green vegetables in times of shortage. The seeds should be washed and then put to soak in cold water for 2-3 days or after 12 hours soaking left to sprout on a damp sack.

Dried beans or peas need to be cooked slowly because rapid boiling causes the skins to break and peel off. Cook for about one hour in the water in which they have been soaked.

Dried peas and beans are better cooked with some flavouring; a sprig of mint goes well with peas; and onion, a carrot, or tomatoes and a pinch of dried herbs or some bacon rind and a few cloves add to the flavour of beans or lentils.

Pressure cooking is a good method for preparing this type of vegetable but two precautions must be observed: First, a little fat is added to prevent the beans from frothing too much. Second, the cooker is no more than one-third full, otherwise

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the cooker vent tube may become clogged. Small dahl need no soaking and a cooking time of about ½ hour is sufficient for them.

Dried beans, peas and lentils can be made into many attractive and nutritious dishes and the first recipe comes from Mexico which is renowned for its bean dishes.

CHILI CON CARNE

- 1 cup dry beans or peas.
- ¼ cup diced bacon.
- 1/3 cup chopped onion.
- ½ lb minced beef.
- ½ teaspoon chilli powder or 1-2 chillies.
- ½ clove garlic chopped.
- 2 cups cooked tomatoes or 2½ cups of raw tomato pieces.

Soak and cook beans or peas as usual. Fry bacon until crisp, remove from pan, and brown onions, garlic and chilli in fat. Add meat and stir and cook slowly a few minutes. Combine all ingredients, season and simmer until meat is tender and flavours are blended—about 30 minutes.

Alternatively, place Chilli Con Carne mixture in baking dish and sprinkle with ½ cup grated cheese. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes in moderate oven.

SAVOURY BAKED LENTILS

- 1 cup dried lentils.
- 1 quart cold water.
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley.
- 2/3rds cup chopped or minced onion.
- ¼ teaspoon dried herbs.
- 2 teaspoons salt.
- ½ teaspoon pepper.
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice.
- 8 oz canned or fresh pork sausage.
- 3 cloves garlic.

Wash lentils and soak overnight. Drain lentils reserving 2 cups of the liquid. Heat the liquid to boiling point, add lentils, parsley, seasoning and lemon juice. Cover and simmer 30 minutes.

Place mixture in a greased 1½ quart casserole.

If using canned pork sausages, place them on top of the lentil mixture. For fresh pork sausages fry or bake them, cut into half inch slices and arrange these on top.

Push garlic cloves down into lentil mixture. Bake 30 minutes in a fairly hot oven. Remove garlic and serve.

This serves four people.

¶ Pastor N. A. Ferris has returned to Pitcairn Island after attending the World Conference of Seventh Day Adventists in San Francisco.

Another Timber Mill for Fiji

THE Governor of Fiji recently opened the second timber mill to operate on Viti Levu in the past year.

It is owned by Fiji Forest Products Ltd. and is partly financed by a Government loan. Total capital cost of mill and machinery to work a 40,000-acre concession is £36,000.

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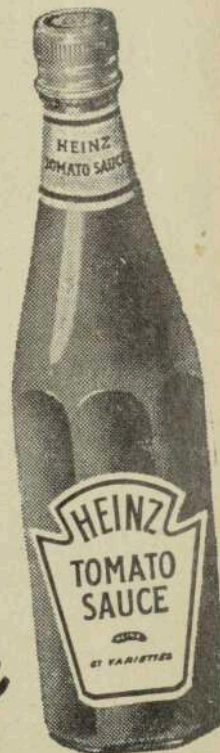
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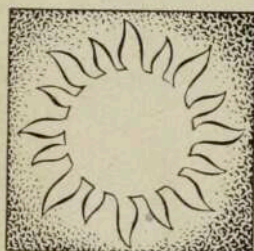
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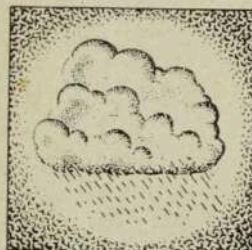
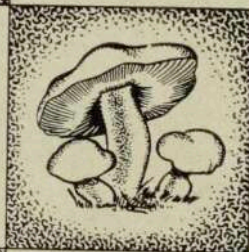
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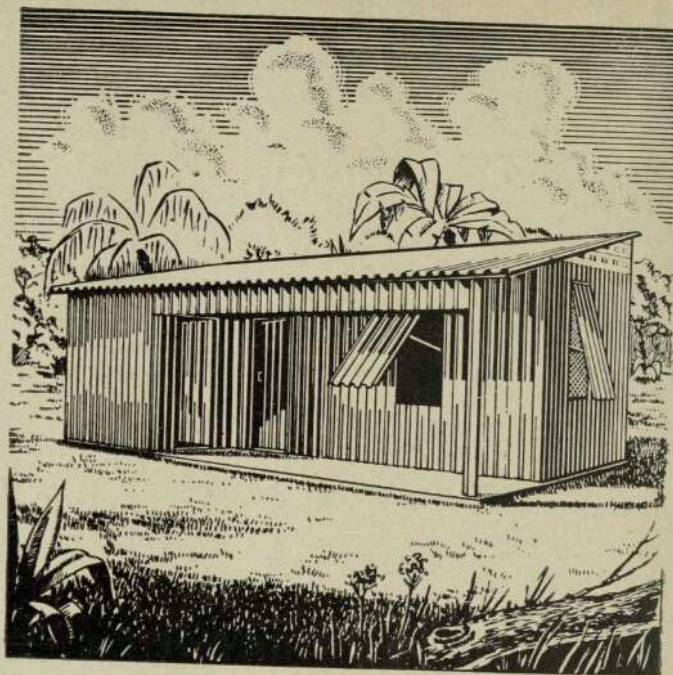
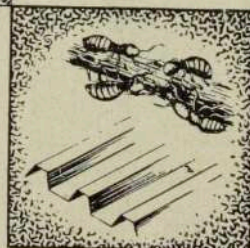
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Here and There in the Cooks

(Continued from Page 71)

its percentage, and the retailer, who is said to work on an 80 per cent. mark-up for perishable fruit, collects the remainder of the £3-odd.

Fruit retailing looks profitable this way—but there can be heavy losses and in the trade an 80 per cent. mark-up is considered a fair thing. Certainly the New Zealand Government is not making a penny on the deal—and is advancing all the capital required by the industry, an estimated £133,000 in orchards over the next seven years, plus the new cool store estimated to cost £116,000, which will operate in conjunction with the new domestic freezer which is costing £32,000.

If there is any complaining to be done, it seems that the New Zealand taxpayer has first priority.

EFFICIENCY ON A S. SEAS ISLAND

SOME interesting details of Manuae Island were brought into Rarotonga by Captain Andy Thompson, of *Charlotte Donald*.

Manuae, an atoll, is owned by an Aitutaki family and leased to a Sydney man. Managing it is Mr. Carlo Andersen, a Danish engineer, who has been resident in the Cooks

for a good many years. Carlo is a man who is very thorough in everything he does and he has some advanced ideas.

The Manuae coconut plantations are of the self-sown variety, the palms close together and with plenty of normal atoll undergrowth. Carlo is taking the drastic measure of cutting out a heavy percentage of palms and completely clearing the undergrowth.

With copra at its present price, the onlookers winced every time they saw a palm fall, but Carlo is convinced that the treatment will more than pay off in the long run. Everyone hopes he is right.

Meanwhile the place is being run with a military precision. Everything is spic-and-span. The 30 labourers are well housed; there is a new tennis court and electric light. The island has undergone a complete transformation.

Carlo is in radio-telephone contact with Rarotonga every day—the radio equipment, having come out of the wrecked *Alexander* on Aitutaki reef. The population rises and goes to bed at the sound of the gong. Landing on the island, even for round-trippers, is by permit only. A most efficiently run South Sea island!

A WANDERER AT ANCHOR

THE prettiest district of Rarotonga is on the Ngatanghia-Muri coast, with its lovely enclosed lagoon, sandy beach, and string of tiny islands out on the edge of the reef.

Mr. John Blakelock, of Suva, has

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built himself a week-end home on the smallest island, whence he can retire for a day or two when he brings Dick Brown's *Rannah* to her home port after a trip round the Group.

The islet was an ancient burial ground and, as such, no Islander will live on it. Blakelock was warned that it was haunted; he would hear moanings and screams at night; stones would be hurled at him by the *tupapau* living there.

And that was exactly what happened. The moanings and screams were traced to birds, which roost there. The hurled stones were a tougher proposition, but it appears that after a hot, sunny day the stones were naturally very warm. This may be followed by a very cool night, especially in the winter months. The sudden cooling probably causes the stones to fracture. Anyway, that is the present theory, and the Blakelocks are sleeping peacefully on it while the stones pop and fly about harmlessly.

Blakelock seems to have settled in the Cooks after years of wandering around the world in such famous craft as the luxury yachts *White Shadow* and *Kaimiloa*. He worked for Zane Grey aboard his *Fisherman*, at Tahiti, in the 1930's—and he sailed back and forth across the Pacific in the old *Beulah*, which used to pick up copra in the Line Islands.

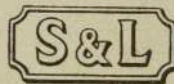
He was associated with the Tahiti

rum-running trade in its hey-day.

It is whispered that he has his eye on a shore job in Rarotonga.

Following approval of the Board of Education, a college is to be established in Fiji to train Catholic teachers for mission schools in Tonga, Samoa and other south-west Pacific areas.

¶ Mr. Don Greenough, of Guadalcanal Trading Company, was passenger for Sydney by the *M. Muliama* which left Honiara, BSIP on June 27. He will make his home in Australia. He has been engaged for the past six years in the rehabilitation of the Company's copra plantations, and leaves behind many friends in the BSIP.



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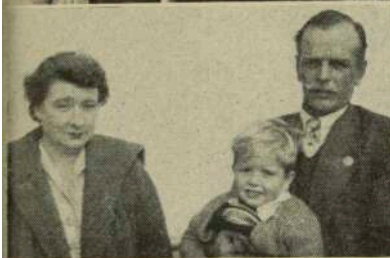
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Mr. G. L. Edwards, Collector of Customs, Fiji, with Mrs. Edwards and Widge, returned to Suva after furlough in NZ.

Mr. A. Nelson Duder, a director of the well-known NZ firms of A. G. Price, Ltd., and Wm. Cable, Ltd., with Mrs. Duder, paid a business and holiday visit to Tonga, Samoa and Fiji.

Professor J. W. Davidson, Professor of Pacific History at the National University, Canberra, left on July 8 for Fiji and Western Samoa. He will spend six weeks in Western Samoa continuing the research into its political history on which he has been engaged for some years. In Fiji, he will discuss the future of the Fiji and Western Pacific High Commission archives.

"We have shared £12,000 in the lottery. It's fair dinkum. Catch first plane South." This cable was sent to Mr. Rex Smith, overseer at Bali plantation, Vitu Group, via Rabaul, by a war-time friend, Mr. Frank Huckstepp, from Liverpool, NSW, on July 8.

HISTORIC BREED OF CATTLE NOW IN MAURITIUS

ANIMAL experts say that in Mauritius there may be found one of the outstanding curiosities of the cattle world (Mauritius is a sugar island in the Indian Ocean, comparable in many ways to Fiji—and especially in the fact that Indians, brought in originally to work the sugar plantations, now have virtual control of the territory).

The Vikings, in the dawn of history, took from Northern Europe to Britain a special kind of poll cattle.

The breed later was taken to France, where it survived for hundreds of years. Some two or three hundred years ago, when France first colonised Mauritius, some of these cattle were taken out to the island; descendants thereof stock most of the "32,000 one-cow farms" on Mauritius to-day. Meanwhile, the breed has died out in all other countries.

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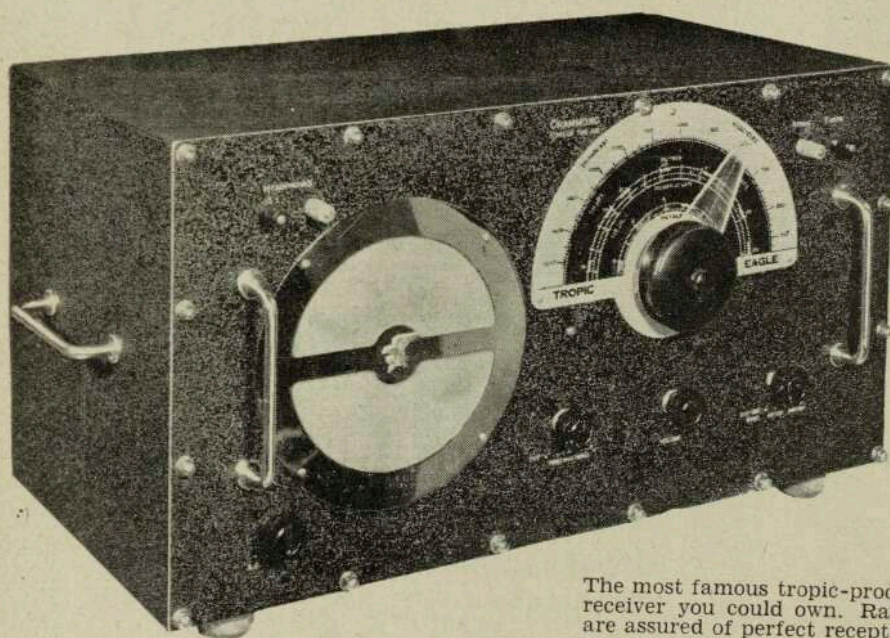
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AS an opener this month we draw the attention of all Island Hams to a letter received from the Port Captain, Callao, Peru, advising that William Willis, 61-year-old American seaman who set out from there on June 22 to drift to Samoa on a balsa raft half the size of "Kon-Tiki", is carrying a radio transmitter.

The set is a Marconi "Silvita-III/Type-1110-B" operating on the 500 kc/s and 8364 kc/s distress frequencies. No call-sign is given, but Willis is, as far as possible, making signals daily at 1600 GMT and 2300 GMT, and has been received in Peru OK.

He apparently is also sending positions—CW of course—at these times. They will be routine and will not indicate that anything is amiss—unless he says so. Based on the speed of the "Kon-Tiki" drift—42.5 miles per day made good—this raft, "Seven Little Brothers", should enter Polynesian waters about October in the vicinity of the Marquesas and should pass close to the Northern Cooks a month later—if all goes well and Willis can stay the distance on the diet of machica—made from wild corn and brown sugar—and fish!

There is nothing to indicate that Willis is a Ham. In any case no Ham communications would be possible on these frequencies.

Signal reports could be passed to nearest marine or radio communications authorities. It will be recalled that it was Gordon Hitch—ZK-1-AB who maintained final contact with "Kon-Tiki". Gordon was then in charge of Rarotonga Aeradio. "Kon-Tiki", however, was a licensed Ham station—LI-2-B.

Bers-195 draws our attention to the fact that, as mentioned in June notes, there should have been no annoyance in regard to SM8BZU not using the suffix M/M while in these waters. Eric correctly notes that the prefix SM8 is assigned solely to Swedish mobiles. For example, if SM2AAA decides to go to sea he then is allotted the call SM8AAA. Incidentally VK's most active listener has just logged his 150,000th station! Listening commenced in 1928.

Other remarks from Eric: FK8AI at present on leave in Europe; FK8AC/AE/AL all very active; ZL-1-AJU who operated for a while recently as VK9OK on Norfolk Island has released a special QSL covering that sojourn during which he made 458 contacts in the two weeks' stay; KG6AEX, ex-KP6AA of Palmyra, mentioned last month, is now going to Anchorage, Alaska and a KL7 call—to appear later this year; best time to snag VR3A—around 0300Z on 14mc/s CW; Don Schroeder, ex VR-1-F of Canton now noted at Wewak, New Guinea, with call VK9DS; Doug—ZK-1-AB putting a consistently good 7/14 mc/s sig into Victoria; ex ZK-2-AA, Bill Scarborough, now contactable by mail at 68 Hobson Street, Wellington; ZL-2-ARB aboard a RNZN

frigate active during recent cruise to Fiji, on 7 mc/s CW. Thanks, Eric. (Incidentally Eric Trebilcock's brother, now at Canberra, used to be stationed at Rabaul.)

Of interest to Hams in New Zealand Islands areas is news that the restriction limiting Ham language to English will shortly be eased. Thereafter Maori, French, Spanish, Italian and Dutch will be permitted. This was forecast by Mr. E. H. R. Green, Chief Engineer of the P. and T. Department, addressing the June NZART annual conference. Mr. Green also forecast a possible further cut to the width of certain Ham bands.

The 7 mc/s CW men will be glad to hear that, in response to protests, Radio Pakistan on 7010 kc/s in the exclusively Ham section of the band, will soon shift frequency.

The gentleman's agreement whereby ZL phone stations keep clear of 3500-3550 kc/s will probably soon be made mandatory. There is also a similar move afoot in VK for total CW preserves.

There seem to have been no reports of activity by CE-O-AC and CE-O-AD on Easter Island as yet, though they have now been there a good many months. It will be remembered that CE-3-DG went out there earlier in the year aboard the Peruvian naval transport "Pinto" with the men who were to remain on the island—CE-O-AC as doctor, and CE-O-AD to be operated by Air Force men. During the two weeks that "Pinto" lay off the island CE-3-DG operated as CE-O-AA on Easter—then he returned home in the ship. No doubt one or other of the CE-O boys will be heard before long.

We hear that ZK-1-BD should soon be on 6-metres—probably ere this appears. Ron Berry, ZM6AR, has been noted active, CW and phone on 80 metres, with a good sig into ZL. Also heard on that band lately is KC6AA.

Last month we mentioned the possibility of Palmyra Island showing up again. Otto Hornung—KC6AC, has of course been lone caretaker there for a number of years, but so far as we know he is very inactive—maintaining 3500 kc/s phone skeds once or twice a week with VR3C on Fanning, and possibly with a station in Hawaii. Otto is no longer a young man.

That spot frequency, incidentally, is used for point-to-point communications on CW and phone between Fanning, Washington, Christmas, at 1800Z daily, and at other times, each using only about 145 watts input.

There's news from non-Ham sources that Chas Adams—VR-1-A, in charge of Gilberts communications, is now on leave overseas.

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Letters from — and photos of — Island Hams are keenly sought for the column. Group photos are most favoured, but singles will also find space.

¶ Canon James Benson, a missionary for 35 years, arrived in Sydney on the *Malaita* on July 10 for long-service leave. Canon Benson, during the war, was reported killed by the Japanese in Papua but had, in fact, been taken prisoner. He was on a Japanese destroyer during the battle of the Bismarck Sea and his ship was the only one not hit. He spent the last 2½ years of the war at a camp in the Ramale Valley, near Rabaul.

Two young Catholic Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary left Sydney recently to work in the Pacific. Sister Mary Dismas travelled on the *Malaita* to take up duty in the South Solomons, and Sister Mary Jacinta flew via New Caledonia and Fiji to Samoa. Sisters M. Philothea and De La Salette, from the American novitiate of the Congregation, were also on the *Malaita*.

Pearl shell buttons to the value of £A2,285,152 were produced by 21 American manufacturers last year. Total production was 4,612,153 gross, slightly more than in 1952 but less than in 1951.

¶ Pastor Kata Ragoso, president of the Western Solomons Seventh Day Adventist Mission, arrived in Sydney recently on his way home from a church conference in San Francisco. He is chief of the Marovo tribe, and is in charge of 4,000 parishioners, 56 schools and two hospitals.

Heavy rain soon after this season's tomato crop was planted in the Cook Islands resulted in a disappointing number of cases being despatched to New Zealand this year. Many Cook Islands fruit growers depend on tomatoes for catch crop during the NZ winter months.

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CAN PIDGIN BE USED FOR INSTRUCTION IN NEW GUINEA?

American Professor Presents His Case for Neo-Melanesian

THE PIM pointed out to Professor Robert A. Hall, Jr., Professor of Linguistics at Cornell University, USA, that Australia was under an international obligation to rapidly improve the living standards of the natives of New Guinea; and that this could not be done quickly unless Australia could get past the barrier created by the multiplicity of different languages there, and bring literacy to the natives; and we asked whether the Professor thought that Australia could short-circuit the problem of native education by making use of Pidgin English.

The Professor has just completed a second tour of New Guinea and the Solomons, during which he has closely examined the character and possibilities of the strange tongue introduced by European and Chinese employers as a means of communicating with their native labourers, and which now is widely employed by missionaries, and is now very generally used in the Territories. The following is Professor Hall's reply:

"MELANESIAN Pidgin is . . . not suitable as a medium of instruction," declared the UN Trusteeship Council mission in July, 1953, and recommended that Australia eradicate the language from all instruction within the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

No statement could have been more at variance with the facts; no recommendation could, if carried out, prove more harmful to the wellbeing of the Territory.

Those who call for the elimination of Neo-Melanesian (or, as it has been called heretofore, Melanesian Pidgin) from education and who urge its replacement by English, do so on two basic assumptions:

1. That Neo-Melanesian is somehow an "inferior" language, whose use harms or degrades its speakers;
2. That a Melanesian could learn to speak and write with equal ease in either Pidgin or English, given the same investment of time and energy on his part and his teachers.

We have already examined the first of these assumptions in a previous article* and have shown it to be unfounded. Neo-Melanesian is no longer primarily a "caste language", and hence its use is in nowise socially degrading. It is a perfectly adequate means of expressing thought, with its vocabulary

of over 1,200 words and their manifold combinations.

Of course, the Melanesian's cultural horizon is bound to expand; and as it does, bringing new concepts, he can borrow new words from English as he needs (for instance, *teritori* for "Territory," or *maik* for "microphone"); or he can make new combinations of already existing words, (e.g., *leg bilong maik*

for "microphone stand"). There is, therefore, no real limitation on the vocabulary of Neo-Melanesian or its intellectual effectiveness.

BUT is not English just as easy as Pidgin for a Melanesian to learn to speak and write? No, it is not. It seems so to us, because English is our mother tongue, and we underrate its difficulty.

Actually, English is one of the hardest languages in the world for someone whose language is not related to it. Our syntax, especially—the combinations of words into phrases and sentences—is fiendishly complicated. So-called "simple English" is a chimera; even English restricted to a few thousand words

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retains all its grammatical difficulty, and so does Basic English, with its 850 words.

At this point, the name of Pidgin makes a difference in our attitudes. If we call it "Pidgin English," we think it merely a childish simplification of "pure" or "correct" English, which could easily be replaced by the "genuine article." By calling it Neo-Melanesian, however, we recognise a further important fact: that it is not a mere crude version of English, but a language which, though simpler than English, has also many grammatical features carried over from Melanesian languages.

Its simplicity and its nearness to native grammar make Neo-Melanesian much easier for one whose native language is of the Melanesian family.

It has been observed that a native of ordinary intelligence can come from the bush and learn Neo-Melanesian in six months, attaining an effective command sufficient for him to begin learning such techniques as those of a "doctor-boy." For him to acquire an equally effective command of English, six years or more would be necessary.

Spelling, too, is much easier to learn in Neo-Melanesian than in English. In the Territory of New Guinea, a form of orthography is already widely used in which the phonemes (significant units of sound) of Neo-Melanesian are fairly accurately represented, and which a

native can learn quickly, even as he picks up the language itself. Compare this with the spelling of English, which is a by-word for its complicated and irrational nature, and very hard to learn, even by those whose mother-tongue is English.

To become literate in Neo-Melanesian, the natives have not waited for extensive literacy programmes. They teach each other not only the language, but its spelling as well. On a recent field trip to New Guinea, I was surprised to observe how widespread literacy already is, and the extent to which natives communicate with each other in writing, often sending letters over long distances.

With a language which is already widely used, and excellently adapted to its function as a Territory-wide *lingua franca*, and with a simple, effective orthography already established, why deny the usefulness of Neo-Melanesian as an aid in education?

It already has been used successfully for manuals in such subjects as medicine, carpentry and store management—proof that the once-despised Pidgin is an adequate medium for conveying information on any level.

TO champion the use of Neo-Melanesian is not to set it up as an exclusive substitute for English. The more natives learn to speak and read English, the better.

For advanced instruction, it is clearly more economical to teach English to natives who reach that level, than to translate the necessary materials into native languages



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or Neo-Melanesian. As one ADO put it to me, "we can't afford to translate the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* into Pidgin," even though it would theoretically be perfectly possible.

The contrast between New Guinea and the British Solomons is instructive. In New Guinea, hundreds of thousands of natives know Neo-Melanesian, a growing number of them using it as their first language. A large proportion of New Guinea natives are literate in Neo-Melanesian, and instruction in it has been under way for many years.

In the BSI, however, the Government frowns on Pidgin, refuses to sanction a sound official orthography, and in education pursues the mirage of "simple English." Largely as a result of this refusal to use Neo-Solomonic (as we may call BSI Pidgin), native education in the BSI is much less advanced than in New Guinea.

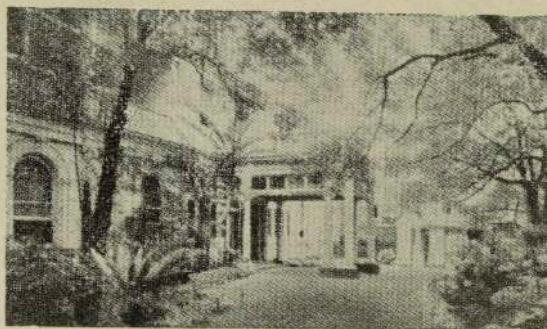
The crying need in Melanesia at present is for conveying more and higher information to the native. This can and should be done in any linguistic medium available—native languages, Neo-Melanesian, and English. It ill behoves us to neglect any means of communication just because of unfounded puristic or "anti-colonialistic" prejudices.

If we throw away such a valuable means of instruction as Neo-Melanesian, we can be sure that our enemies will not. Nothing would please the Communists more than

to have us reject Neo-Melanesian and hand it over to them gratis as a vehicle for anti-Australian, anti-European propaganda. (One wonders: Is this part of the reason for the Leftist and Russian attacks on our use of Pidgin—to try and get us to trip ourselves, jiu-jitsu fashion, over our own linguistic prejudices?)

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Commanded by a Captain Duncan, a man of over 70, and with Messrs. McCulloch and Campbell as first and second officers, the vessel was close hauled on the starboard tack, with a fresh south-easterly blowing.

The breakers were sighted too late, the vessel coming about but rounding aft at a point two miles east of Tamarua. She soon adopted a heavy list to seaward.

Attempts to float a line ashore failed and eventually a seaman swam to the edge of the surf with a light line. It was taken by a Mangaian who, with great courage, swam through the heavy surf. This man, Vaevaongo, already held the Royal Humane Society's medal for rescue work on a previous occasion.

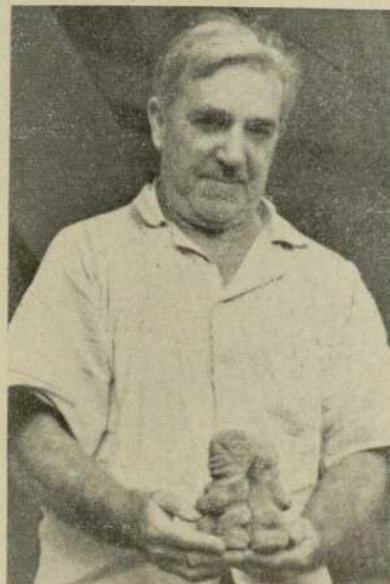
A breeches-buoy was rigged, but difficulty was experienced in using it; the sailmaker Jones was killed by a fall from the mast to the deck as the messenger-line tightened.

The remaining 26 men eventually got ashore, many of them in a drunken condition after broaching the ship's liquor supplies following the stranding.

On August 20, the wreck was auctioned by the magistrate at Avera, on instructions of the master and sold for £11/10/-. The cargo brought a further £12/6 and the lifeboat £6/15/-. The buyer in each case was Mr. S. K. Bulkeley,

manager for Cook Islands Trading Company at the island.

The survivors were taken to Auckland by Union Co's *Taviuni*, and in the subsequent inquiry the Master was found guilty of negligence. (Next Page)



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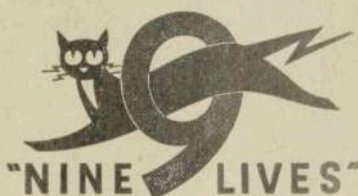
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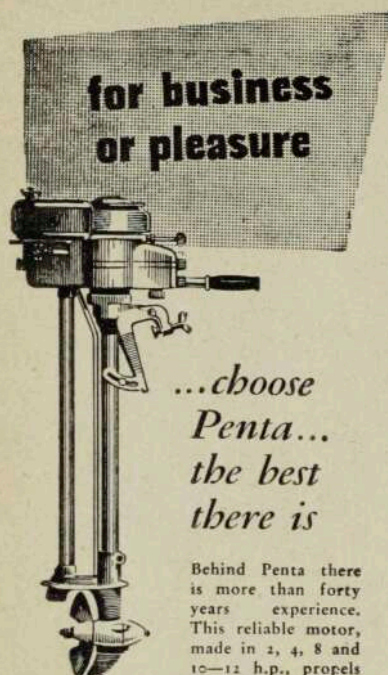
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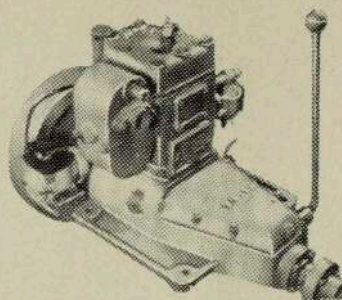
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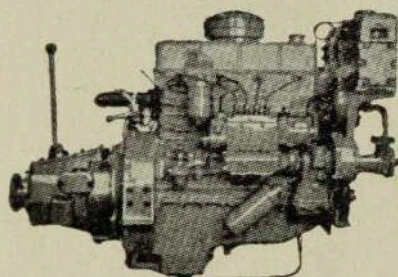
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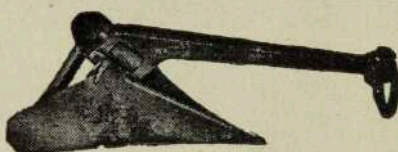
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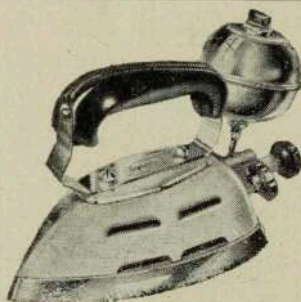


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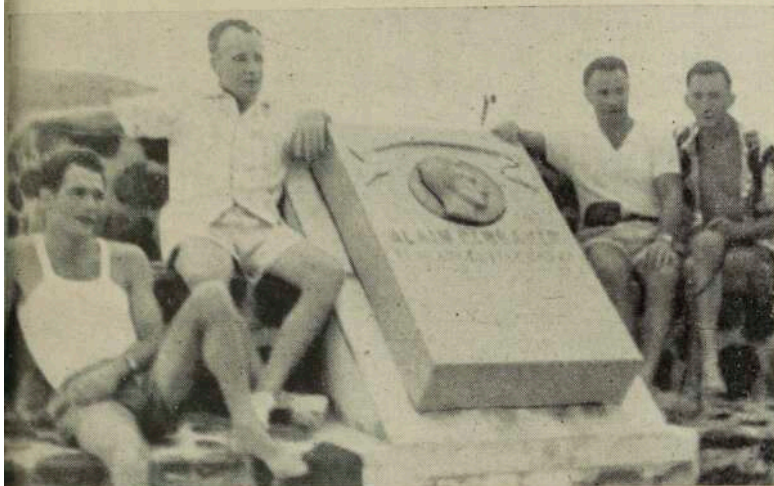
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NAVY TO RESCUE:—Morris Hedstrom & Co.'s Fiji trader *Adi Keva*—the former Noumea vessel *Le Phoque*—was again in trouble late June. The New Zealand naval frigates *Kiwi* and *Tui* and the Burns Philp trader *Yanawai* were called to her aid. It seems that the 190-tonner went aground on a reef in the Tomberua Passage off the Rewa River mouth when fully laden with copra. This was partly discharged to the *Yanawai* and partly to *Kiwi*, both frigates then joining forces to tow the vessel off the reef. She then proceeded safely to Suva. After examination she was reported undamaged.

RADIATION VICTIMS:—The US Government has paid £5,000 compensation to be shared between the owners of the tuna boat *Fukuryo Maru* and the crew of 23 injured by radio active dust from the March hydrogen bomb test at Bikini. Sixteen other boat owners and their crews will receive lesser compensation.

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ment for the rest of their lives. They will be in hospital for from 10 to 20 years.

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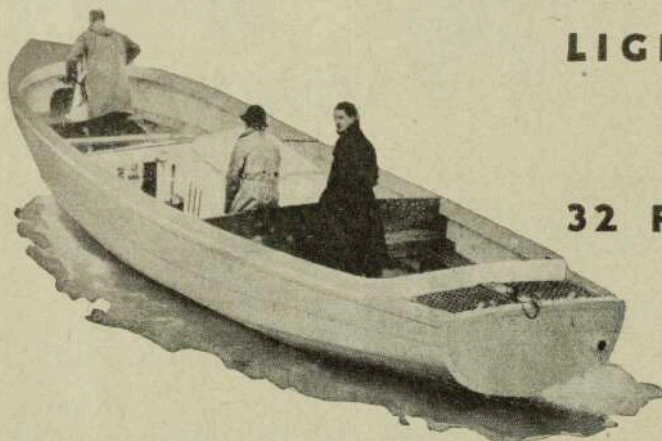
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this year. "MIC", as the Hawaiian
company is known, is one of two
fishing organisations based on Can-
ton of which little is heard.

MIC's camp is located in the
north side of the lagoon pass. Fish-
ing is done mainly by netting in
the lagoon, employing Gilbertese
from settlements on other nearby
Phoenix islands. MIC's overseer is
Mr. Bob Sutherland, formerly em-
ployed in GEIC shipping and well-
known in Suva. Fish is airfreighted,
at the special rate of 15 cents per
pound, by Pan American Airways
to Honolulu, where it is marketed
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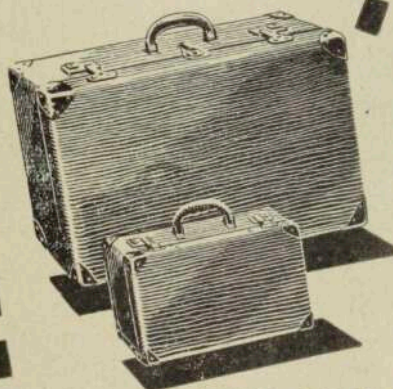
It appears that fire broke out in
the living quarters of the camp at
night and the entire installation,
which included ice-box, two gen-
erators, nets, motor truck, and other
equipment, was destroyed.

The other Canton fishing organ-
isation, operated by Skipper "Dusty"
Miller, of the small vessel *Joyita*,
appears to have ceased operations
recently. It was reported from
Honolulu some time ago that Cap-
tain Miller had trouble with some
of his Gilbertese. He later flew
south to Fiji and was rumoured to
be planning to transfer registry
from Honolulu to Suva, and his
scene of operations from Canton
to, possibly, Samoa and its appar-
ently prolific tuna fishery.

Early June we heard from an-
other source that *Joyita* was at
Pago Pago.

Mr. Miller, like Mr. Sutherland,
is also known in Suva. Both men
served together in the GEIC vessel

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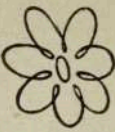
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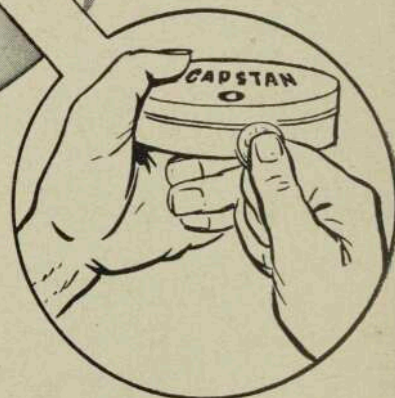
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NEW BOSS:—During July the FEIC Administration was advertising overseas for a manager and an assistant manager for the Colony Wholesale Society which operates most of the shipping in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands trade. A minimum salary of £A1,700 was being offered for the manager, and £A1,050 for an assistant manager.

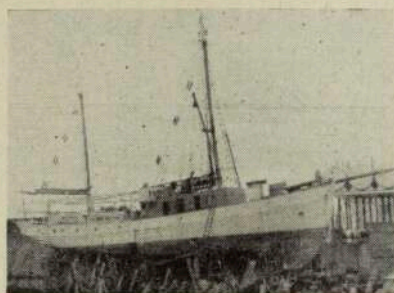
CWS vessels, like all Western Pacific High Commission vessels, are unregistered and not subject to any survey. Their operations are economical without certificated men or strict surveys, though the vessels are generally fairly well maintained.

NEW USE:—Under construction at Papeete is a 70-foot welded steel vessel, the materials of which came from oil tanks established by the US Navy at Bora Bora during the war. The vessel will have tanks for the carriage of live fish and will run mainly to Makatea, where there is a big market with the phosphate Company's labour.

Several people have an interest in the vessel, including M. Henri Himaui, head of the Public Works Department's workshop, who is doing

ing the building in his spare time. Transport of the craft and its launching in the harbour will involve some problems.

STC MISHAP:—Steamships Trading Company almost lost their auxiliary ketch *Wotan* on June 21 when she went aground in a heavy blow while bound from Samarai to Sariba Island. She was under sail with a load of copra. Assistance was successfully rendered in hauling *Wotan* off by Mr. E. E. Smith's *Cape Vogel* and Mr. Harry Johnston's crash-boat *Belsana*. Little damage was done.



HIFOFUA, Tongan Government ketch, reported for sale.

LEHI EXPERIMENT OVER:—The *Lehi* drift voyage was short-lived. Described as a five-sided wooden raft, and similar in shape to a flat-iron, the *Lehi* was towed off-shore from San Francisco, July 4, and set adrift—destination Honolulu. The raft, 32-feet long and 16-feet abeam at the widest part aft, has a low house, about 8-feet square and 4-feet high. Aft was a binnacle and wheel, with an auxiliary motor for emergency use. The men were to live, Bombard-fashion, entirely from what the sky and sea could offer. (Over)

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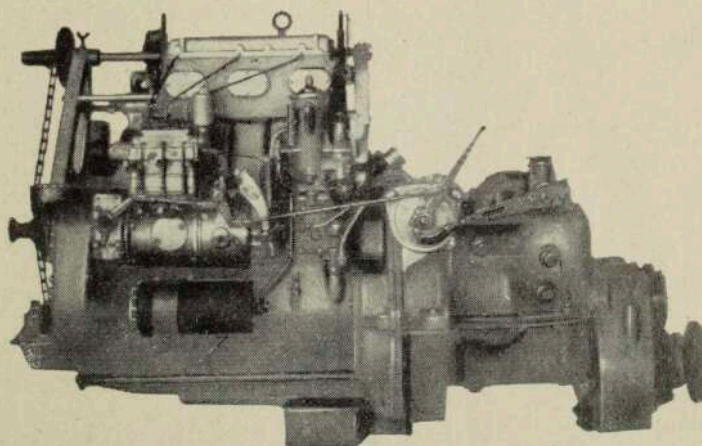
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Earlier, radioman Don Smith had made appeals to the shore that he be taken off the raft, the others could continue if they wished.

Two vessels and a private aircraft were unable to locate *Lehi*, so three coastguard ships and two of their aircraft made a search. One of the vessels located the raft and took off all hands. They reported catching only one shark and one salmon since sailing.

CHRISTMAS VISIT:—US Fish and Wildlife's *John R. Manning*, during a fishery research cruise to the Line Island in May-June, made a call at Christmas Island to service instruments maintained there by Pacific Ocean Fishery Investigation with the assistance of the local British District Officer and Gilbertese staff. An automatic sea-temperature recording thermograph is in operation there. Regular samples of sea water are taken.

Samples of wood left in the water some time ago by Dr. Edmondson, of Bishop Museum, to study the effects of boring organisms were also recovered. A collection of hermit crabs was made at this and

other Line Islands for the University of Hawaii, and other fish were taken at each island for despatch to Dr. Halstead, of California, who is making a study of poisonous fish problems in the Islands.

RADIO SEXTANT:—During July it was reported that the US Bureau of Ships has developed a radio "sextant" which operates on the

principle of receiving, through clot cover, radio "noises" from the sun and certain other stars. A high directional, dish-type radio antenna is employed, together, presumably with a small cathode-ray display tube of the radar-receiver type, and probably a gyroscopic levelling system. A radio receiver must also be incorporated.

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BETIO HARBOUR:—Mr. D. V. Buck, consulting engineer, recently visited the Gilberts to advise the Administration on the development of Betio harbour, Colony Wholesale Society's shipping headquarters port.

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE:—Captain Emile Savoie's January purchase, *Jacques del Mar*, ex-eight earlier names, seems to have ended her varied career on a reef near the north passage at Lord Howe Island, where she went ashore in a heavy blow on July 20.

The 500-ton, twin screw, 29-year-old vessel was lying off the island awaiting cargo-handling at daylight when the blow struck at 5.30 a.m. She was anchored at the time, with one motor running. The other was started, but even with both motors pulling and anchor down she was forced high on a reef and will probably not be salvageable. The crew were taken off at 8 am by shore boats. It was expected that most of the cargo would be saved.

At one stage of her career, as the *Marion Sleigh*, this vessel was operating between Sydney and Darwin—before going to New Zealand and being renamed *Port Whangarei* in the early 1930's. Then, when the war extended to the Pacific, the little ship was renamed *KG-28*, with many other New Zealand coasters, joined the American smallships fleet in the Western Pacific islands.

As *Holmburn*, she was sold by the Holm Shipping Co. in Wellington to Captain Savoie, of Noumea, this year, operating between that port and Sydney with calls at Norfolk and Lord Howe at times. Captain Savoie has purchased in recent years from NZ the following vessels: *Kapiti*, renamed *El Retiro*, and wrecked under other ownership in May, 1953; *Hauturu*, renamed *Estrella del Mar*, and now owned in Brisbane; *Margaret-W*, renamed *Maria del Mar*; *Hokitika*, renamed *Colorado del Mar*.

Later: Tenders have been called in Sydney for purchase of *Jaques del Mar* as she lay on reef off Lord Howe.

SEVEN LITTLE BROTHERS: See "Pacific Radio Amateurs" section this issue.

YANKEE'S TOUR:—Captain Irving Johnson, of the brigantine *YANKEE*, thinks New Guinea is a naturalist's paradise. He and most of his crew of 30 paying members are looking for lecture material.

Yankee has been in Lae on the current tour and expects to visit Madang and sail up the Sepik River. Most of the ship's company will fly in to the Highlands, and to Maprik from Wewak.

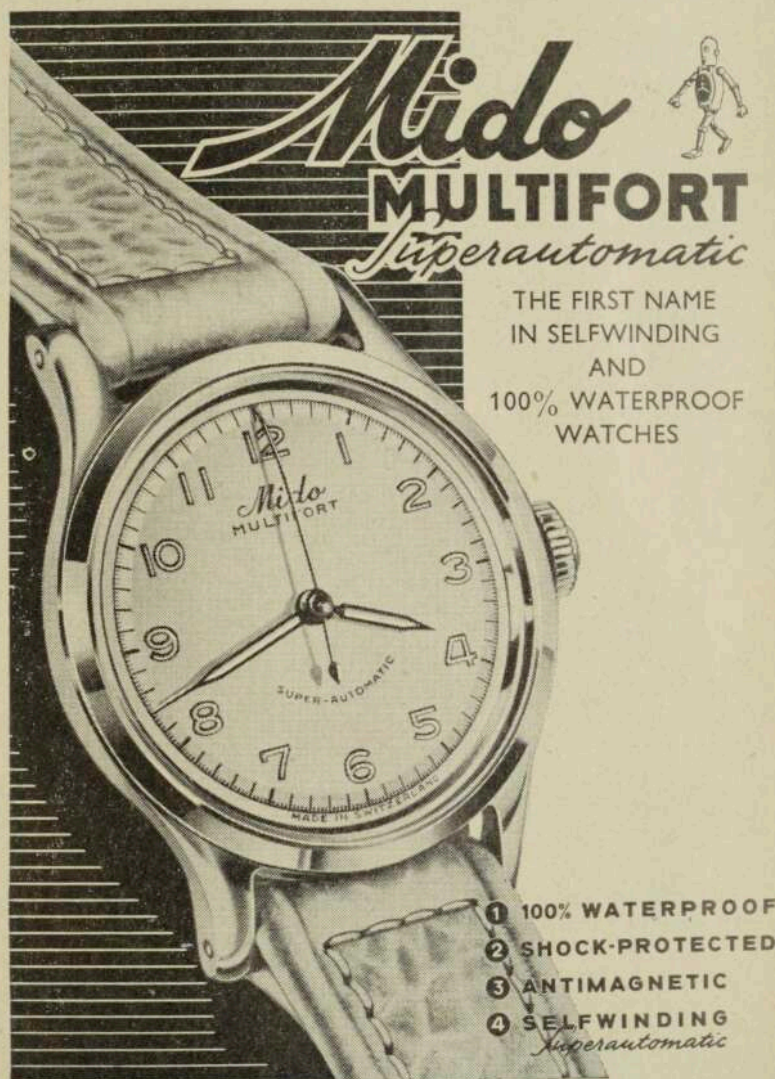
Yankee will call at Dutch NG, Borneo, Siam, Indo-China, Singapore, Java, Bali, Cocos Island, Mombassa, Zanzibar and other places before returning to America.

KULU BOUGHT BY BP:—Burns Philp (NG) Ltd. have taken over the *MV Kulu*, which had the distinction of being the first ship to be raised by the new cofferdam in Rabaul harbour. With the aid of

the cofferdam, the ship's stern was raised while she was still floating, the propellers and rudder being exposed for repair of the "A" brackets. BP's have now given Mr. Mike Morgan the job of changing the *MV Katika's* brackets which have been condemned. Mr. Morgan built the cofferdam for 300-tonners.

Kulu was one of the last of the P-NG Govt. Shipping Services small ships to be sold. Only *Duali* and *Kelaua* now remain unplaced.

ENGINE, NO SHIP:—A salvage party which went to Jammer Bay in June to save what they could of the wrecked *MV Channel Star*



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found that only the engine remained on the beach where the vessel had grounded. The ship had completely disintegrated under heavy seas that were washing over her when she grounded in May.

The salvage party, Messrs. R. Auld and Bob Paterson, of Ait Traders, who run their own boat the *MV Airco*, bought the *Channel Star* where she lay, less the goods



Only the engine remained . . .

that had already been salvaged, for £100. Within a few weeks they went to Jammer Bay but saw that the *Channel Star* had apparently disappeared. They could not land owing to a heavy swell, so proceeded further along the coast to Sumsum, where they landed and trekked the 30 miles back to Jammer Bay.

They found only the engine on the beach, and even that was near to being washed back into the sea. They dragged it further ashore and intend to pick it up later, take it to Rabaul for overhaul, and install it in the *Airco*.

REEF SHOOTING:—Mangaka are planning to use a flat-bottomed engine-driven boat for lightering across the reef at Mangaia, Cook Is., and for ocean fishing as well. The boat is now being built in New Zealand.

The financial possibilities appear to be good. Lightering is not monopolised by a fleet of whalers operated by Polynesian muscle power, often under hazardous conditions. The charge is £4 per ton. The incredible shortage of fish ensures a ready market for all that are caught.

Nothing has ever been done with any success to deepen the entrance to the reef channel, and the nerve-racking shooting of the reef lip is still being done by all incoming and outgoing boats. Europeans cannot see any great obstacle preventing the demolition of the reef to a depth of 20 feet, but the Administration's advisers insist that it is impracticable.

News of Cruising Yachts

• E. W. Lamberty, of Holland, before continuing his round-the-world voyage with ANNA ELIZABETH, made a point of calling at PIM's Auckland office to say a few words in defence of French Oceania port authorities—and a few words against some others. Unhappily, more complaints than praises have come from yachtsmen visiting French Oceania, but where praise is given we pass it along. Lamberty says that though certain regulations exist, in practice he has found that the French authorities are lenient in enforcing them, specially in regard to correct Port of entry, a great many yachtsmen meeting no reprimand when they make their first port of call in the Tuamotus.

This is not the case in New Zealand's Cook Islands, where a yachtsman coming from the north or east must first call at Rarotonga to clear inward, then beat a great distance back on his course to visit any of the outer islands. He cites a case in which arriving from Honolulu with some of his rigging carried away and in danger of losing a mast, he was hounded out of Avarua Harbour when he ran in without awaiting a clearance.

It is evident that the yachtsman who does not bother about correct procedures usually "gets away with it", and that applies particularly to French Oceania.

Last year, on the report of a yachtsman from Papeete, we warned yachtsmasters not to land ships' gear on the waterfront while cleaning ship, carrying out repairs, etc., without first obtaining permit from the Customs.

"Fantastic," says Lamberty. "This is done every day of the week and the Customs interfere with no one in this respect."

There was probably more in the case in question than met the eye.

Those who do "get away with it" naturally do not write us in praise of the local authorities, and, no doubt, they

are in the vast majority. Those who strictly comply with the rules and regulations find life in almost all Pacific territories, American, British and French, extremely irksome. Certain regulations at present in force may be explained by the Rhinoceros beetle danger. Local epidemics sometimes account for others.

Lamberty reports that both Governor

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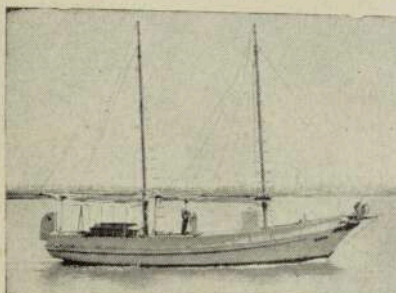
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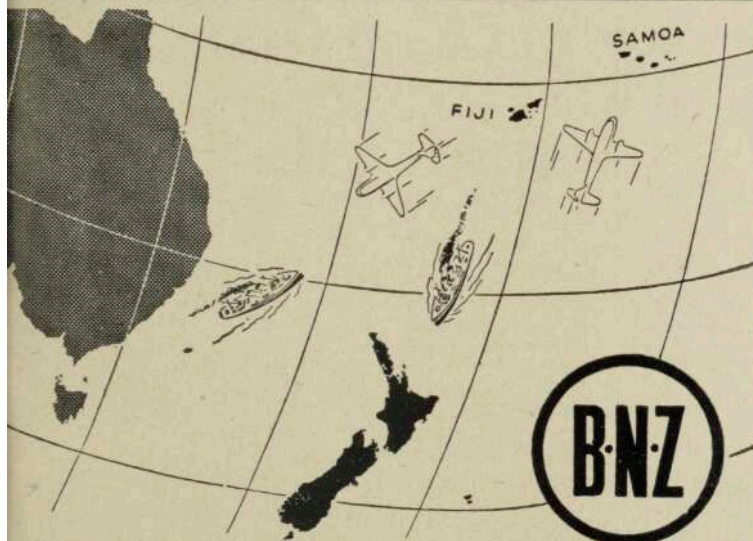
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In summary, Mr. Lamberty says in defending French Oceania that regulations do exist which look troublesome on paper, but the general experience is that the best policy to adopt is "let sleeping dogs lie". In British and American territories the authorities observe the letter of the law, rarely allowing any relaxation. It is the yachtsman's business first to find out what regulations do exist, then decide his course of action.

No doubt if the various Administrations were approached by reputable yachting organisations, an easier attitude might be taken in regard to Ports of Entry for yachts. The trouble has been that an occasional yacht will spoil things for all by selling liquor to the local people in "dry" areas—most of the Islands—or otherwise smuggling goods ashore or trading illegally.

• World-girdling yachtsmen and others with the necessary qualifications should be interested in the recently-formed Ocean Cruising Club, of England, which already has members of many nation-

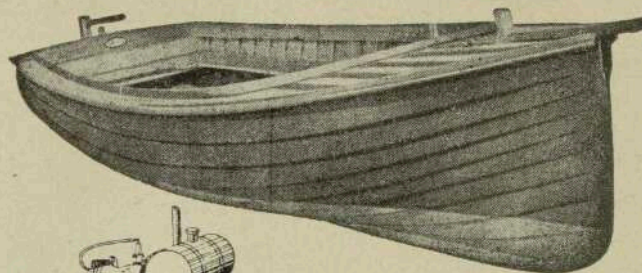
alities. It was founded January 27 last, with English yachtsman Humphrey Barton as Commodore. Requirements for membership are an uninterrupted single-hop voyage of not less than 1,000 miles in a vessel of not more than 70 feet overall. Evidence of such a voyage must be produced. The club, as it expands, should become a valuable aid to deepsea cruising

men. A journal of club news is published. Fee, £1 Sterling per annum. Address, Lymington, England.

• ANNA ELIZABETH put to sea 24 after tarrying in Auckland, since 7, where most of the crew took temporary jobs. Robert Tedcastle, 19, of Auckland, has joined the crew. Ernst Lamberty instead of laying a course for Nor-

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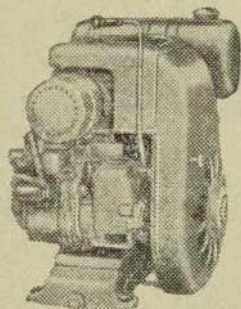
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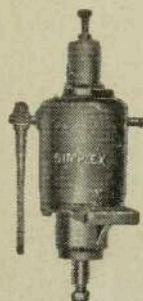
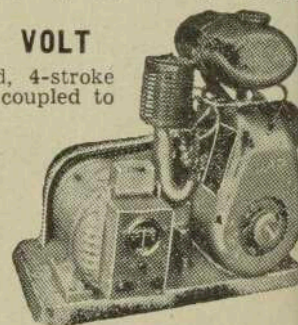


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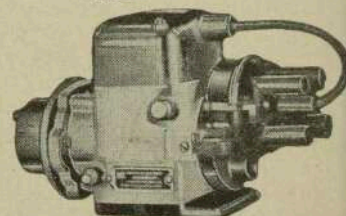


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land and Noumea thence westward, as planned earlier, headed back for Rarotonga. There F. Gobrait, of Tahiti, will turn home and Miss Rebecca Frebault, of the Marquesas, long-time friend of Gobrait, will join the ship, which will then turn west for Noumea via Tonga.

● **MARCO POLO**, 28-ft. home-built ketch, as forecast some months ago, cleared Auckland July 18 on commencement of a circumnavigatory voyage which may take five years, if all goes well. Crewed with 21-year-old owner-skipper Guy Armitt, Auckland accountant, is Ryan Loe, 22-year-old farmer, of Wellington. The voyage will be west-about with stops at Norfolk Island, Lord Howe Island, Barrier Reef waters and Torres Strait.

● **BEYOND**, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Worth's 50-hp motor-sailer which passed through the Islands last year, was reported in and out of Mahe, Seychelles, early May, heading for South Africa.

● **HAFF SAFE**, amphibious jeep in which Australian Major Carlin and his wife crossed the Atlantic several years ago, is now preparing in England to sail for Australia via Panama, so this extraordinary craft may be seen in the Islands possibly next winter.

● Manned by a German ex-Luftwaffe pilot, Joseph Albrecht, wife Herta, and two children aged 7 and 1, a 53-foot ketch, name as yet unknown, left Genoa, Italy, for Australia recently. The route will be via the Indian Ocean and New Guinea. Albrecht built the boat in the Austrian Tyrol, 120 miles inland.

● Another unidentified, 22-foot yacht manned by a German ex-U-boat officer, to Eichenger, and companion Herbert Pfeitner, one time acrobat, is also believed to be heading Pacificwards.

● Yet another nameless craft cleared New York in June on a round-the-world voyage and will no doubt appear in the Pacific soon. It is a 20-footer sailed jointly by philosophy-student Jack Kidd and a friend, Bert Noble.

● The auxiliary schooner **LADY IRLING**, under new ownership, arrived Suva from Auckland June 21 after rough passage. Under the previous ownership of Mr. Sheehan, she went to Fiji in May, 1952, on loan to the RC Mission. Now owned by Mr. M. Block, a Dutchman.

● **GLORIA DALTON**, Chas. H. Otterton's sizeable and attractive vessel mentioned last month, cleared Papeete for Ensenada, Mexico, June 2, but plans to return to Papeete this year.

● **VEGA**, Mr. Cornelius Crane's big steel schooner which has lain in Papeete ever since she was dismantled in the Bora Bora channel on her maiden commercial voyage between Tahiti and Hawaii, has been purchased by Mr. Omer Darr, of Honolulu, late owner of **NORDLYS**. Mr. Darr formerly employed **NORDLYS** as a charter-boat, and was to unite with her in taking over the passengers en route south from Honolulu by that vessel once they arrived at Papeete, and show them round French Oceania.

Certain refitting work will be done in Honolulu.

It is understood that plans now are to shorten **VEGA'S** broken masts and re-rig her. Then the big yacht will make cruises on the California-Mexico-Central American coast, with runs to Tahiti for the July celebrations each year. Paying or cost-sharing passengers will be carried.

● **LADYBIRD**, first Auckland boat to head for the Islands this winter, arrived safely at Papeete June 23. After two months in French Oceania waters, Mr. Hill and his wife and crewman Peter Edmonds plan to head west for Rarotonga, Nukualofa, Suva, and home by early summer. This 33-foot ketch was built in 1950 and has an 8 hp auxiliary. She is a typical NZ type of cruiser-racer.

● **ATOM**, with lone-hander Jean Gau in command, made Papeete June 10 from

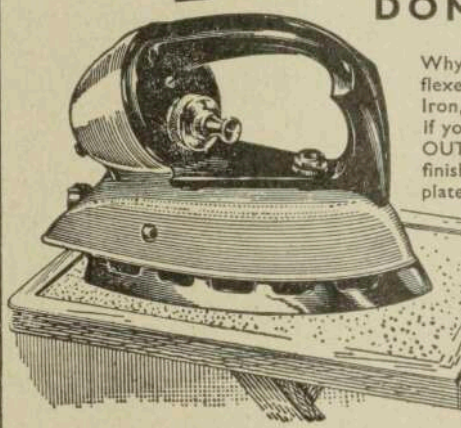
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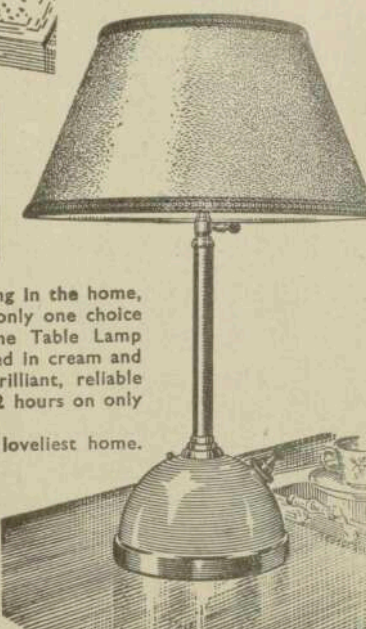


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• The Tahiti Yacht Club was revived and reorganised last year. Headquarters are at present located in Stuart Hotel building, right on the waterfront, and the club has commenced operations with the international Snipe class, a member having apparently imported six or seven of these from France and sold them to others. Regular racing events are now taking place with these yachts.

• MANU MOANA, 38-foot sloop in which Mr. W. S. Holder, of Mangonui, N.Z., visited Fiji between August and October, 1952, sailed again from Auckland, July 6, and Mangonui, July 9, on a four-months' winter cruise — first port Auckland, with a possible call at Raoul (Kermadec) en route. From Tonga the yacht will head for Fiji. With the owner, his son and two others. One of these, Mr. Bob Narruhn, originally of the Gilberts, more recently of Suva, and lately employed with an Auckland electrical firm. He went to NZ in this yacht when it returned from Suva two years ago.

• MAKAI, 38-foot ketch owned and skippered by retired San Francisco journalist, Mrs. Constance Hitchcock, cleared that port July 4 bound for Marquesas and Tahiti, where the owner has obtained permission to remain cruising inter-island for two years.

MAKAI was built in 1937 and purchased by the present owner in 1941. Mrs. Hitchcock loaned the yacht in 1946 to friends who cruised to the Hawaiian Islands. She has been planning the present cruise for six years. With her when she sailed were Bob Anderson and Eric Johnson, both experienced yachtsmen.

• KONA departed Rarotonga July 25 after an 11-day stay. The Honolulu ketch had earlier called at the Australs and Mangaia. A call was planned at Aitutaki, en route to Pago Pago.

• MANDALAY, last reported west-bound from Papeete in March, seems to have vanished behind the Coconut Curtain. Friends in Honolulu, Tahiti and elsewhere had no news of the 40-foot Greenwich, Conn., ketch at mid-July, by which date she should have been at Pago Pago or further west. With owner J. Rockefeller is Jack Grant, formerly of the yacht VENTURER (see May).

• WINDJAMMER, with owner Peggy Poor of New Orleans, navigator Jim Cox, and crewhand Gordon Nicol-Sey, last reported clearing Balboa late January for New Zealand via Islands, was in the Galapagos early June. A change of plans has occurred. Next ports are now given as Easter Island, Juan Fernandez, and Chile, others depending on weather and inclination.

• RUANA, 41-foot schooner owned by Jay and Jean Wilsey, will be remembered by some as calling at Polynesian islands several years ago. This American couple, who have lived aboard the yacht for 10 years, have been in Hawaiian waters for the past two years and plan to remain there indefinitely, based on Honolulu.

• NEW SILVER GULL, owned by Harry

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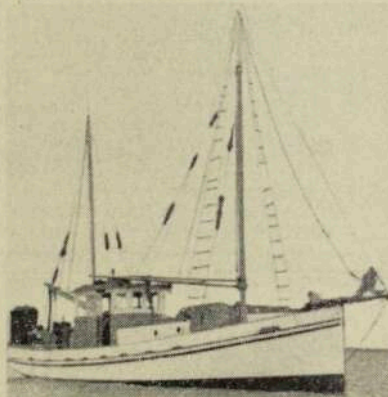
• KONA, of Honolulu, expected to be in Pago Pago in the latter part of July, then on to Suva.

• Captain Henry Victor Hudson, OBE, RN (retired), died in Townsville July 12 on the eve of leaving in his yacht PALMOSA for a cruise to the Solomons, Fiji, Samoa and New Zealand. He made many calls in the Pacific and elsewhere during his world-wide wanderings since before World War I, in the two craft he owned and sailed in between Royal Navy assignments.

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service with the R.N. He was in Townsville at the outbreak of World War II, rejoined the Navy, served throughout the War, and for a time was in command of HMAS WESTRALIA.

He had left RONDA at Townsville, presumably to be cared for by local residents, but she was neglected and eventually destroyed. After the War he went to England and came back with PALMOSA, which is now tied up at Townsville. The dead Captain's friends hope she meets a better fate than RONDA.

• Ronald Johnson duly arrived in Sydney as a passenger on EASTERN GLORY at end of July, complete with his new "yacht"—but the yacht turns out to be a Chinese junk. At the beginning of August, the junk (which had a lot of publicity from Sydney newspapers) was being held by Customs as a "prohibited import".

Johnson was negotiating with them to release it so that he can use it as a home. He wants to anchor in Rushcutters Bay—but make occasional cruises away.

• In early August an American couple, Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen Peterson, were in Sydney en route to Papua to inspect the remains (if any) of a junk in which they were wrecked on Sudest in the Louisiade Archipelago in 1939.

At the time of the Japanese invasion of Shanghai in 1937, they escaped to America in the 9 tons junk, the HUMMELL-HUMMELL. A Pacific voyage in 1939 followed, and ended on the reef of Sudest.

During July, a District Services patrol left Lae to investigate the wreckage of a war-time aircraft, found in April in the mountains north of Lae. It was discovered during an air search for a Tiger Moth and its pilot, Mr. Ray Stockton, who crashed on a flight from Lae to Madang. Stockton got back to Lae, but the searching aircraft

saw the wreckage of the other plane on a high mountain.

Mr. Shih Fang Tung, adviser to the Overseas Chinese Commission of the Chinese Nationalist Government at Formosa, visited Fiji, New Britain recently to discuss problems and conditions of local Chinese.

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NG 'Unrest' and the Threat From Asia

NATIVE unrest is feared in New Guinea—by the Federal Executive of the Australian Labour Party.

In July, the Executive considered an ALP report on the whole P-NG set-up, and although only snippets of the report have been released, it seems to follow the usual Socialist pattern.

The ALP, on the instigation of one or two disgruntled Europeans who had spent some time in the Territory, set up an "inquiry" months ago. Numerous people, most of them with a grievance and all of the rat-bag type, gave evidence before it.

The ALP executive's solemn conclusion in Canberra recently, is evidently the result.

The Executive warned that present government policies in P-NG could lead to unrest of the Kenya Mau-Mau sort.

Other points from the report were:

The Government deliberately maintains the natives as unskilled workers to their dissatisfaction.

New Guinea is a potential area of migration from overpopulated Asia.

Government policy sharpens the division between natives and Europeans on the proper use of fertile, accessible lands.

At the conclusion of their depopulations, the ALP Executive carried a resolution recommending that there should be no further alienation of native land for private purposes and that that already alienated and unused be returned to the natives.

THE report, as such, is a particularly futile document merely emphasising the general lack of appreciation, in Australia, of the problems and requirements of Papua and New Guinea.

The Government policy, which the ALP condemns, was, in fact, laid down by the previous Labour Administration; there has been no deviation from it by the present Liberal Government.

The point about population pressures from Asia is well-taken and nullified by the resolution about alienation of land. There has been no brake put on native development since the war—in fact, the Administration's prime function is to push this development. But native, revenue-earning production is an infinitesimal part of the Territory's income-earning production.

What these Socialists will not understand is that the NG natives' desire for development is still a very fitful flame, and, so far as development with a view to keeping

the Asians out is concerned, can be said to not have been kindled at all.

There is no native land hunger in the Territory, and under the present land laws never will be. The obstacles put in the way of Europeans acquiring land in P-NG may be regarded as a good or a bad thing, but the fact remains that, if our paramount task is to keep that Territory safe from Asia, then vigorous European development will be a thousand-fold more effective than native development.

Only so long as Europeans concern themselves in the matter, is New Guinea safe from Asia. And this is not because we have left the native "backward"—the same holds true of every territory and colony in the South Pacific.

In every native experiment of this

kind, the seeds of some type of Mau Mauism are there; whether they sprout and grow depends on the wisdom of the men actually carrying out the job of government, and on the art of compromise.

The Socialists oversimplify the matter in believing that "native development" (a nice nebulous phrase) is the cure for both internal strife and external threat. The real problem is that the solution to one of these problems could aggravate the other.

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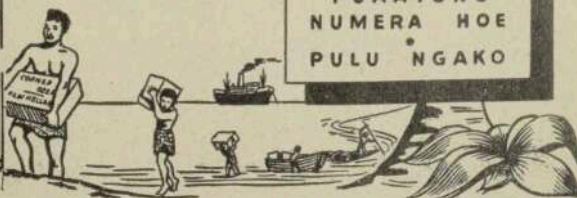
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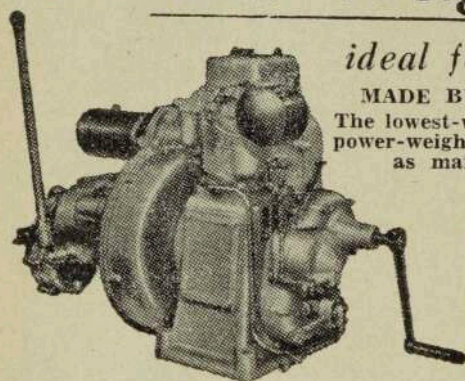
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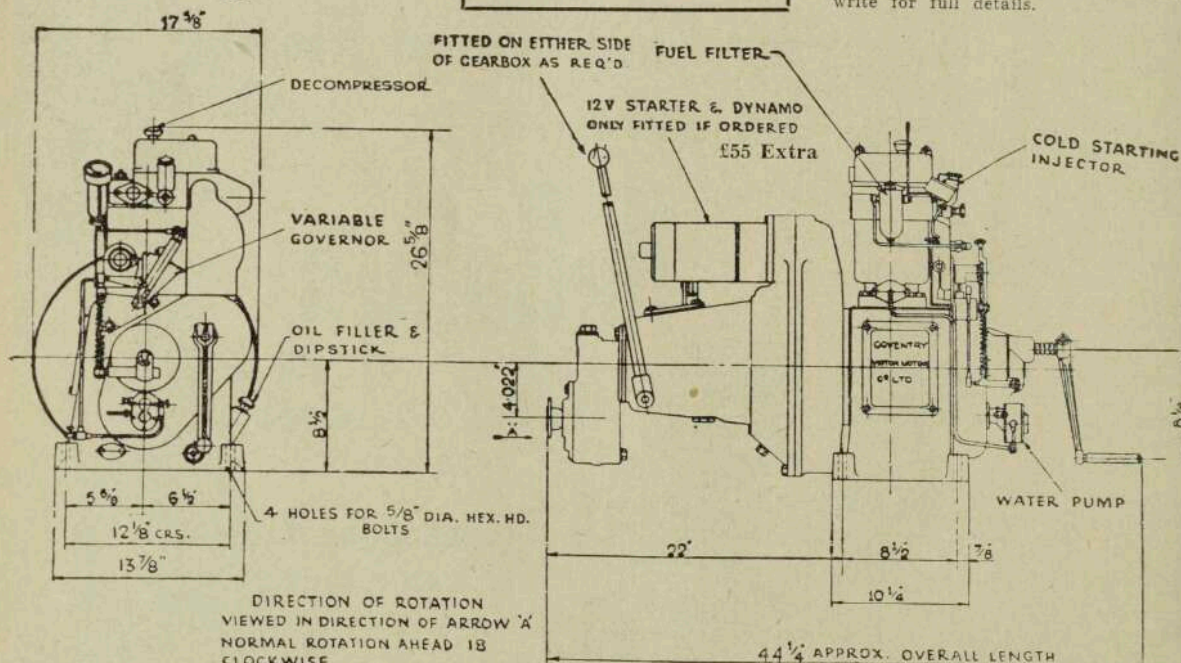
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POST-MORTEM IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 6.

WITH the arrival of the Maori Rugby team only a month away, inquiries into the state of Fiji Rugby are going on in all directions as a result of the debacle at Auckland (Fiji lost, 3-39) on July 3.

This Auckland calamity completely overshadows the triumphs of the Fijians in Australia because—put it bluntly—Australia is a place where Fiji Rugby teams go something like a sideshow of an extremely profitable nature, whereas Fiji Rugby prestige in New Zealand is something that has been guarded jealously.

It may be asked why all the commotion over one match at the end of a string of brilliant successes in an exhausting tour. The answer is that the Fiji teams which toured New Zealand in 1939 and 1951 carried on the tradition of success built up by cricketers and athletes, and now—well, look what's happened! A large New Zealand crowd, fed by reports of the excitement in Australia, paid to see a crashing disappointment.

New Zealand Rugby people were more staggered than all the people in Fiji who spent the afternoon of June 3 glued to their radios to hear the new VRH Suva rebroadcast Radio New Zealand. The disappointment tinged the team's welcome next day—there was not even the usual triumphal drive through Suva, although that may have been because the day was Sunday. There was a brief Fiji ceremony of welcome at Laucala Bay and that was all.

Perhaps some members of the team felt and resented the curious sort of reproach that seemed to emanate from some sections of their own people. (Nobody expected the Fiji team to beat Auckland at the New Zealand national game, but nobody bargained for such a tremendous margin of loss and such poor showing by the tourists). At the events, the returned team, playing a Suva-Rewa team on July 6, went down 6-9 after a deplorable exhibition.

And that touched off the innumerable post-mortems and inquiries. For the failure of the team at Auckland there was the sound cause that the Fiji players were ruinously tired after 17 matches in 10 months in four Australian cities. Further, through an excusable oversight, they had only short rigs in their boots, and that meant a lot of disastrous slithering in Auckland ground conditions. Lastly, the words of Ratu George Cakobau (coach and Government

representative): "We were beaten by a much better team playing solid New Zealand Rugby."

So far, so good, and if only the margin of points had been half what it was, there would have been little Fiji emotion over the defeat. But that does not get over the team's debacle at Suva which, in a sort of chain-reaction, had caused a turning of inquiring Fiji eyes towards the whole Rugby Union set-up.

For years there has been a quiet Fiji agitation for more Fiji say in Rugby Union affairs. There is Fiji representation in the Fiji Rugby Union, but a great deal of the talking is done by Europeans.

Some of those Europeans hold Fiji confidence at every point; others do not. And of the others

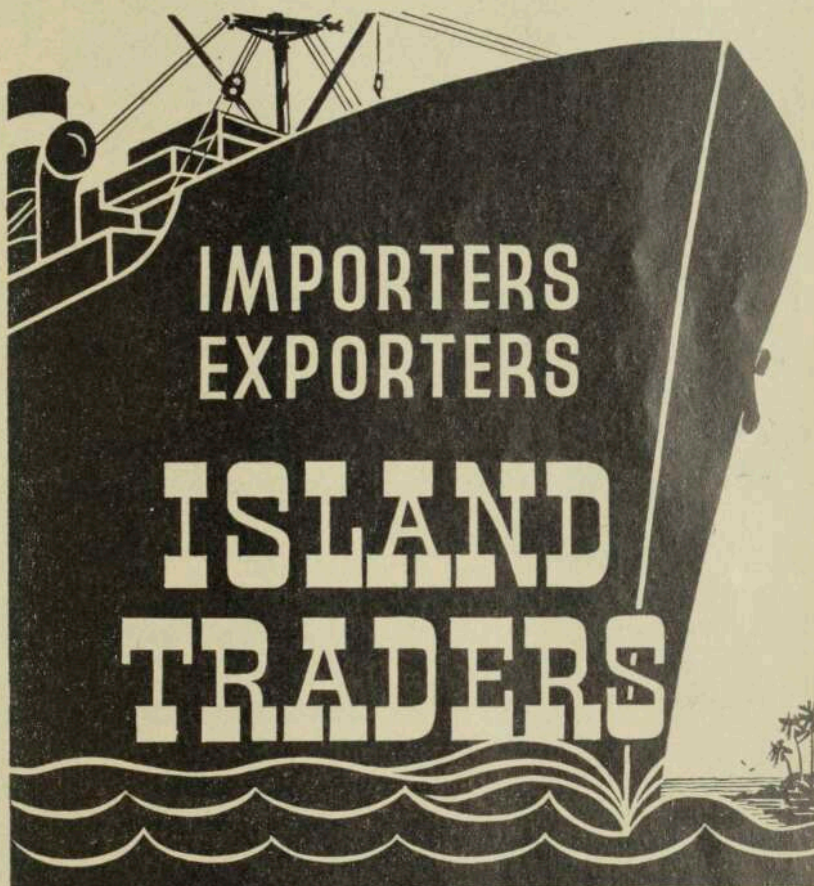
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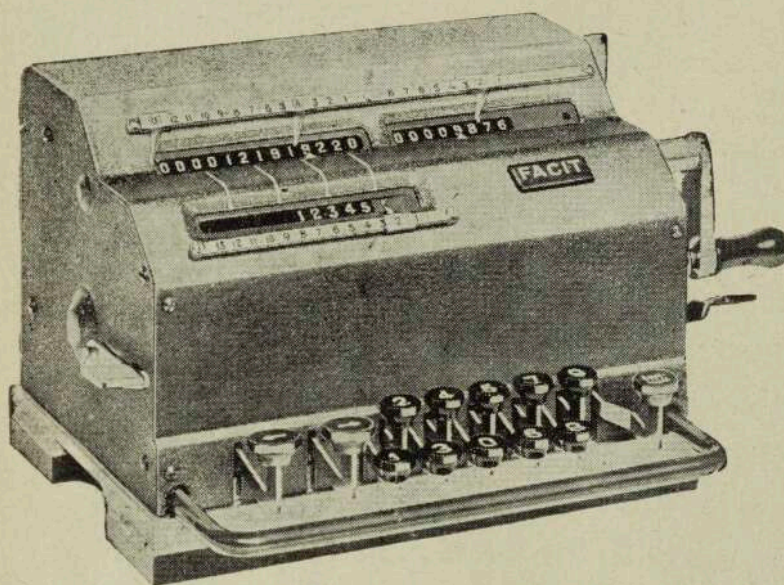
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some at least are alleged to be in their union positions mainly their sense of their own importance. It is generally contended that blunders have been committed by the best of intentions over the cent tour. There is strong Fiji and European support (outside Union circles) for Ratu George Cakobau's contention that 17 Australian matches imposed too heavy a task on the touring team.

There is also bitter comment on the stress laid on the profit consideration, with which is bound the claim that the unfortunate Auckland match was due to error of judgment rising from handsome bait (£NZ500) offered Auckland.

Sourest of all sour notes has been struck by the venomous comment in a few Australian newspapers. Sydney commentator has called more bitterness in Fiji than anybody since another Sydney commentator alleged without foundation that the Queen left the State at Suva because she was worn out by her first day in Fiji.

There is any amount of evidence at Suva, most of it contained in letters written by independent Australians, that the refereeing in Australia was not always above reproach and that such "incidents" led to press attacks on the Fiji had been caused by flagrant provocation. This contention was confirmed by Ratu George Cakobau on July 4, when the team received civic reception from the Mayor of Suva, and again when the team was entertained by the Rugby Union dinner at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

On both occasions Ratu George used the word "provocation" with great deliberation. And on both occasions the team manager (W. E. Goodsir) said emphatically that the Sydney press had made exaggerated fuss over "incidents" and that most of the spite came from a writer who was not invited to certain of the Fijian tea Sydney occasions.

Editorial Note—From the Australian Angle

It is hard for anyone outside Fiji to believe that a matter of Rugby Union football could assume such an important place in the scheme of things. But that is how it is in Fiji.

Nonetheless, it seems to us that if our correspondent's views are general, the whole matter is being treated with undue sensitiveness, particularly the Australian angle.

It is true that the Fijian team of 1954 did not get such a good Press as the tourists of 1952. There were several reasons for this—the English League team was touring at the same time, and League, and Rugby Union is the Australian game; the Fijians were no longer the interesting oddities that they were.

1952, and (but this is only hearsay) the management were alleged not to have been so encouraging to pressmen in 1954 as in 1952.

None of the reports on the Fiji games that we saw—and we thought we read them all—could be called "venomous" as such reports go. They were just the sort of thing that one can read in the papers any Saturday evening during the football season—and mild, indeed, to the things that were said about the visiting Englishmen and the Australians who opposed both Fiji and the UK teams.

It was generally agreed, in Australia, that when the Fijians became tough or tough they had good reason and that the Australians had the way—probably because they had decided that it was the only way of getting anywhere against the Fiji giants, anyway.

The Australian people and the Australian Press are tough nuts to crack; they can raise their idols of the moment to dizzy heights of adulation and then cast them down and dance on their necks: bouquets one week; kick in the pants the next. Anyone who has the slightest sensitiveness naturally finds this hard to take.

The Fijian tour in 1954 was entirely successful; the tourists left the country leaving the best feelings of goodwill behind them and with their popularity unimpaired. Certainly they are now regarded as footballers, rather than as "Fuzzy-uzzies"—a hangover from the war-time sentiment engendered by the natives of New Guinea. And from the point of view of Rugby Union, this is probably a good thing.

There have been no post-mortems here. The Fijians came, they

played good football, they provided entertainment for thousands of fans, they produced handsome profits for the Union. Everyone is happy. That is Australian sport, yesterday, today and always—founded on the premise that you can dish it out, but you also have to take it. Not "nice?" Maybe not; no Australian ever pretended that it ought to be.

Tongan Visit on Again!

AN invitation to send a team to Tonga has been accepted by the Australian Rugby Union, and a tentative programme of five

matches agreed upon. Nineteen players and a manager, who will pay their own travelling costs of about £150 each, will leave Sydney on September 7, and return on September 23.

The Tongan Rugby Union has undertaken to provide accommodation and entertainment.

The Australian team will be about Sydney first-grade club standard.

Sydney officials said they were keen to build up the strength of the game in Tonga. Union was booming in Japan, which had invited an Australian university team to visit there next year. If the strength of the game could be built up in Japan and Tonga, there



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(In June the NSW Union said there would be no visit to Tonga this year; it would cost too much.)

Country Hotel Soon for Tahiti

PROGRESS is being made on the preparation of his country hotel, reports well-known Papeete resident, Mr. Oscar Nordman.

Some months ago a house was acquired at Mataiea and this is being modernised and re-designed as dining and public quarters. Guests will be accommodated in about ten beach cottages nearby.

Mr. Nordman is being joined in the venture by Madame Lucienne Boshier, who will be hostess. Madame Boshier has for some time resided in Sydney, NSW, and her attractive daughter is a well-known dancer there.

The hotel will probably be named "Bougainville."

An Extra Day in Papeete

THE stop-over at Papeete on the Coral Route service will be increased by one day to 2½ days, TEAL announced recently.

Aircraft will now leave Laucala Bay, Fiji, on Monday, and leave Papeete on the return run on

Thursday (i.e., Friday, Suva time), arriving back at Laucala Bay on Saturday afternoon.

On the Laucala Bay-Nukualofa service the stop-over time at Tonga will be extended from 3½ hours to 4½ hours before the return flight is made on the same day.

The new arrangements are now in force.

! Sergeant Luke Sailada, Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment Malaya, was awarded the Military Medal in July for bravery and assistance in action at Lay Layang, Johore, on May 24, when he and his force annihilated a group of terrorists. He killed four of the terrorists after he had been wounded.

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A NEW ZEALAND firm has offered £500 per ton for all available Mangaia Island coffee. Negotiations were made by Mr. Ronald Syme, who has now returned to the island to reside.

The potential yield is unknown, but wild-growing trees cover large areas of the island. Mangaia coffee was last exported in any quantity before World War I, the 1906 yield being 27,000 pounds.

Preparations of coffee beans by the Mangaians in the past has been laborious and wasteful hand process. Mr. Syme has taken back with him a hand-operated pulper and a light husking machine which he procured during a recent visit to England.

If the Mangaians show interest, it is hoped to organise a co-operative at the end of the first season when they will have learned a new system of processing.

A well-known Auckland firm is so interested in importing canned pineapple pulp from Mangaia, also pineapple juice and tomato puree. The firm has supplied pulping and juice extracting machinery to Mr. Syme for experiment. Depending on the co-operation of the Mangaians, it is intended next year to can sliced pineapple and fruit made from bananas, passion fruit, oranges, pawpaws, mangoes and pineapples.

First samples of pineapple pulp and juice should arrive in Auckland about October in one-gallon and two-gallon cans. Further operations will depend on analytical and other reports.

There have in the past been various ventures of this nature in the Cooks but they have always failed for one reason or another. Frequently a proposition appeared on the market while but failed when prices jumped once the people realised that the enterprising organiser had no choice but to purchase their produce.

As a co-operative effort there is no reason why the new venture should not be a success, given able supervision. If it succeeds, there is little doubt that it will have a favourable effect in influencing the organisation of similar co-operatives elsewhere in the Cooks. E.G.

Miss Jane Lamont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Lamont, of Suva, has become Fiji's first Queen's Aide. Her certificate bears the Royal Coat of Arms and the Queen's signature. She joined the movement five years ago and was one of the Guides' Overseas contingent to the Coronation.

Prof. A. P. Elkin, Professor of Anthropology at Sydney University, left on June 25 to attend a conference in Hawaii on "Race Relations in World Perspective," sponsored by the Ford and McInerny Foundations. The conference will consider the nature of race and race relations, the role of race conflict in nationalistic movements, administrative policies for race minorities, effect of Christian missions on race relationships, and inter-racial marriage and racial integration.

¶ Mr. R. Davies, Officer for Islands Education in New Zealand, was touring the Cook Islands Lower Group in July. He had attended the Research Council meeting of the South Pacific Commission in Noumea.

¶ Mrs. Maria Henderson, of Rarotonga, went to New Zealand in July to attend the conference of the Country Women's Association, branches of which have recently been established in the Cook Islands.

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Weight Must Tell!

THE Melanesian Mission in the Western Pacific has protested against the naming of the new Shaw Savill 20,000 tons liner *Southern Cross*, because that name has been used for Mission vessels for the best part of a century. Archbishop Owen, Primate of New Zealand, lodged the protest with the company mid-July. Shaw Savill noted the protest, but rejected it, pointing out that since 1855 many other vessels had carried the same name as well as those of the Mission. The name had never been reserved for Mission vessels. Furthermore, Mission vessels were registered as yachts and not as trading vessels and were therefore not on the same register as the new liner. All other considerations apart, the Mission protest seems to have been made too late. The Queen had approved the name of the new liner; and she also agreed to perform the launching ceremony.

BGD Ply Output Up, Gold Down

FOR the three months ending May 31, production of plywood at the Bulolo mill of Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers readily increased and substantial shipments were made to the United States and Australia. But as timber products from this enterprise increase, gold returns are readily dwindling—a foretaste of things to come. For the quarter ending end of May, value per yard of material created by BGD dredges was 15.375 cents—the lowest value for many years. For the corresponding quarter last year the value per yard was 26.63 cents. Shrinkage of returns over the last months is apparent. The rate for the 12 months to May 31, 1953, was 17.39 cents. This year it has been 23.97 cents.

Miss Margaret Blakey, formerly Port Moresby, has joined the staff Burns Philp (NG) Ltd. at Samarai.

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Port Moresby radio listeners were surprised when Mr. Tony Parsons, announcer, transferred to Brisbane; they gave him a rousing send off at a surprise party at his home. The photographs of Parsons and his wife, Wynne, were taken at the party.

—Photo by Papuan Press

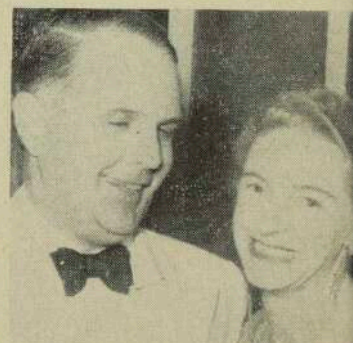
Royal Visit Medal

Ratu Filimoni Loco, of Tailevu, one of several Fijian chiefs to whom the Governor, on behalf of the Queen, presented medallions in commemoration of the Royal Visit to Fiji. The presentations were made at the opening of the biennial Council of Chiefs.

—Photo by Jack Thornton.



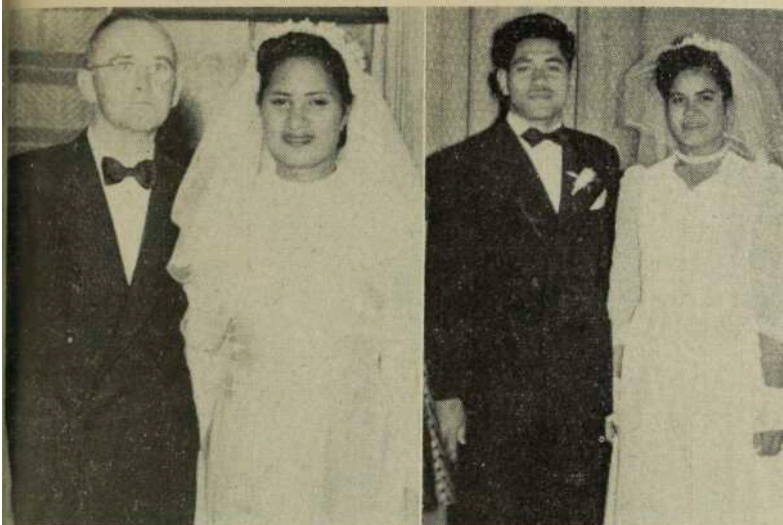
For England



Mr. K. J. O'Dell, assistant treasurer, and Mrs. O'Dell, who left Port Moresby on June 27 for England and the Continent.

—Photo by Papuan Press

Weddings of Samoan Interest



Two couples who were married in Auckland recently. Left: Mr. Leslie Harrison and his bride, formerly Miss Iliganoa Vesi, of Western Samoa. Right: Mr. Neru Aloai and the former Miss Filonunu, of Western Samoa.

Mr. Chandra Pal Tilak, M.A., graduate of the Marist Brothers High School, Suva, completed his B.A. degree at D.A.V. College,

Agra, India. Late July he left to join his brother, Mr. J. A. Kirpal, in England, to study at Lincoln's Inn before returning to Fiji.

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Current News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

LAG IN HOUSING LOANS

The Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, has promised that Housing Loan applications will be dealt with more quickly.

He was commenting on criticism by the Eastern Highlands District Advisory Council, that there was much delay.

At least one man, it was said, had given up the idea of an Administration loan and made other arrangements to build a house.

Another member of the DAC said that an applicant, a builder, had estimated that he could build the proposed house himself for half the price the Administration estimated that it would cost.

There have also been complaints in Rabaul where one of the few people there to take advantage of the Loan had had to wait months for payments.

NEW WHARVES HELP COMMUNICATIONS

Two new wharves have been built at Kerema, in the Gulf District of Papua, and the main wharf of more than 300-feet means that ships will not now have to anchor offshore and have their cargo ferried by canoes.

Both wharves were built by the Administration.

The contractors (Constructors Ltd.) who are completing the Kavieng wharf expect that it will be finished in October, five months ahead of schedule. This must constitute something of a record for the Territory.

Previous to their starting last February, Kavieng wharf consisted of the two legs of the shaped structure—with one shorter than the other. This made the berthing of any ship exceedingly difficult.

FIRES—PROBLEM OF THE DRY SEASON

A strongly worded war about the dangers of grass fires issued by the Administrator Papua-New Guinea, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, in July.

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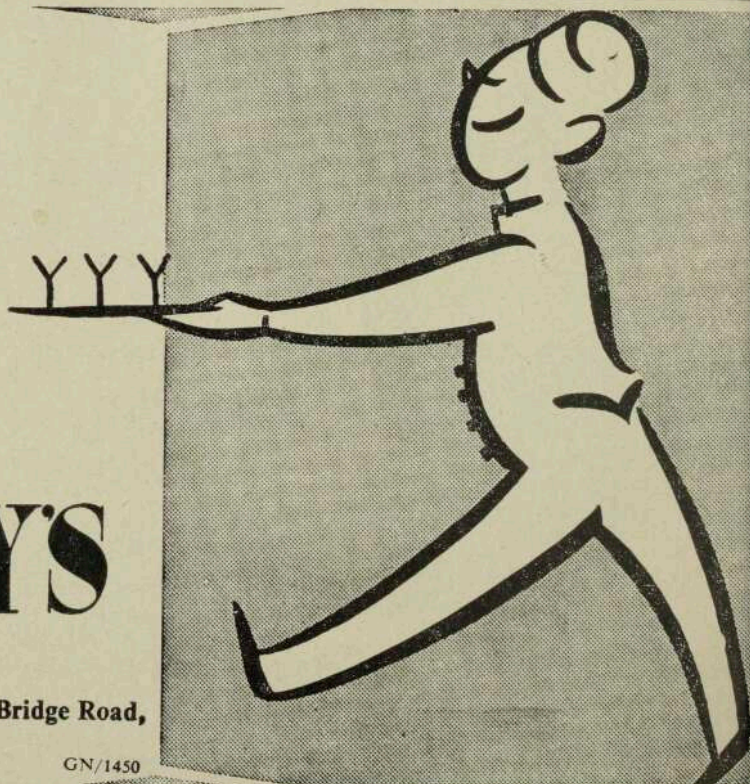
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It was directed mainly at Port Moresby people, but was also a general warning to the Territory. The warning was made after a particularly black week-end in Port Moresby when grass fires kept firemen, including hundreds of native hunters, busy in all sections of the town.

Anyone making the trip from the strip into the town area would have been shocked by the bald and blackened sight of the hillsides which, only in May, were greener than we had seen them for a long time.

In his warning, Brigadier Cleland said the law would be vigorously enforced against people starting fires; he said that in most cases, they were started by carelessness on the part of people simply seeing fires burning—in other words, "firebugs."

He denied that the main reason for grass fires was the native habit of lighting them for hunting. Europeans had been proved to be the culprits in too many cases.

CHEQUES THAT BOUNCE

The passing of valueless cheques in Port Moresby caused the police and banks to unite in July in an attempt to stop it. At the end of the month they were able to report that there had been an improvement.

During June, the three Port Moresby banks—Commonwealth, New South Wales and ANZ—had honoured between them more than 150 cheques, and according to the bank manager, most of these were written by people who knew very well that they did not have the cash to meet them. He said that the number of valueless cheques had increased tenfold in the last nine months.

Bank opinion is that in Port Moresby, as in other parts of the Territory, many people have been using bank accounts who would not normally warrant a reference in Australia. However, it is the normal thing for Territory firms to pay wages directly into accounts, which means that many men who probably ought not to be trusted with a cheque book are getting hold of one.

Those who have been caught and who have had cheque books taken from them, often get around it by borrowing a cheque form from the nearest mug in the saloon bar. They keep this up until they go to jail and nobody catches up with them.

The Territory has a law which enables police to prosecute persons even though they claim they did not know how much money they had in the bank.

Three Port Moresby men were dealt with recently in the courts and each sentenced to three months' jail.

TERRITORY ON TV

Representatives of a small Hollywood documentary film company—Film Productions International—are now in New Guinea making a colour documentary of the work of the Lutheran Mission.

They are Mr. D. Pedrick (director) and a cameraman, Mr. R. Smith.

The film will run for 45 minutes and will later have music dubbed in. It will give an overall picture of the work of the mission, and there is a possibility it will eventually be shown on television in America.

The Lutheran Church is the largest distributor of religious films in America.

MALARIA DRUG KILLS INFANT

The dangers of young children getting hold of the malaria suppressive, Daraprim, were underlined in the Territory in July following the death of a young child.

The child, aged 2 years and 3 months, had swallowed 16 tablets.

Since there have been other cases of children getting hold of Daraprim, the Public Health Dept. issued a warning to parents to keep the drug locked up when not in use. In normal doses, Daraprim is not toxic.

MORE VOLCANIC ACTIVITY

Following activity on the submarine volcano in St. Andrew's Strait (south of Manus), on July 10, the crater became visible above

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sea-level. A few days later second crater was visible, and began to build up steadily.

During the eruption, large masses of red-hot pumice were thrown into the air at intervals and the whole area glowed brightly at night. The volcano has shown activity off and on over the last 12 months.

NATIVE CLERKS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Almost 200 native clerks are now attending Administration classes in English and arithmetic at Port Moresby. The classes were started in June after some natives asked for the tuition following bad examination results.

The classes are organised by the Native Wages Board and the Department of Education. Students' ages range from 16 to 45.

NATIVE LABOUR FORCE INCREASES

More than 66,000 natives were employed throughout Papua New Guinea in May—an increase of about 500 on the April figure.

About 50,000 of this total were employed by private enterprise, mostly under agreement.

ANTICIPATING THE LAE-HIGHLANDS ROAD

In July, a Lae carrier, Mr. T. Kelly, successfully drove a loaded four-wheel drive diesel truck from Lae into Kaiapit, taking two days.

It was the first time a truck had been driven into Kaiapit from Lae since the war, and it was Kelly's third attempt. He carried 7 tons of material for the Lutheran Mission.

On his return to Lae, he stated that he would like to try to get to Gusap, 30 miles further on, as this would prove of assistance to Highland farmers who may now drive by jeep the 230 miles from Lae to Hagen to Gusap. It is proposed that one day, roads will lead from Gusap down to the coast at Lae and Madang. Bridges over the many rivers are the greatest obstacles in this plan.

On his trip to Kaiapit, Mr. Kelly had no trouble with river crossings as has been the case when other drivers have attempted it. But he did get bogged in soft soil around village gardens.

MARKHAM BRIDGE—HALF-WAY ACROSS

Work on the Markham Pt. bridge near Lae has progressed well since the photo (page 99, July) was taken in May. Work is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

It is now nearly half-way across the river and progressing well. The final shipment of piles is expected to arrive early August from Brisbane. The most difficult part of the river has been bridged. Three of the 17 spans have already been erected.

OIL BOOM!

All classes of people now want to be in the oil boom.

Recently two more or less interlocking groups have made applications for oil prospecting areas in the Territory.

One group comprises William Johnson, a bus proprietor and manager of a garage; Clem Cleveson, on the staff of a Sydney newspaper organisation; Michael Cassim, a dentist, John Gibson, a mining engineer. The other group does not include Mr. Johnston but includes John Ogden Cassim, a music lecturer.

One application is for about 9,700 square miles of Papua and New Guinea. The area includes a strip of ocean along the Gulf of Papua, extending outwards to the edge of the continental shelf, and nearly 25,000 square miles in area.

The groups between them have applied for 5 different areas, most of them near or adjoining permit areas now held by APC, including the Omati area.

Another area includes part of the Eastern Highlands, in the Central Range district.

The applications will have to be considered in Australia, and then referred back to the Territory.

MUSEUM EXPEDITION

Well known Territorian, Mr. Nep Blood, led a field expedition into the Jimmi Valley area of the Highlands in July.

The party includes two experts from the Australian Museum, Syd-

ney—Mr. Ellis Troughton, the curator of Mammals, and Mrs. Norman Camps, a preparator (or taxidermist).

A manufacturing chemist, Mr. G. Hermon Slade; Dr. R. McFadzean, of Griffith, who is interested in orchids; Mr. Ederic Slater, a clinical photographer who is interested in wild life photography; and an orchid expert, Mr. York Meredith, made up the rest of the party.

The Museum members of the party will be looking for specimens for the Museum's collection and hope to get some rare ones, including some birds of paradise.

Australian Museums get many of their specimens by courtesy of well-endowed expeditions from overseas, and the current expedition is unique for Australian museums. It is a pity—with the expenditure of more money Australia could put together some unique exhibits, instead of being in a position of getting most of its study notes and samples from other countries.

BISHOP GOES ABROAD

The Anglican Bishop of New Guinea, the Rt. Rev. P. N. W. Strong, left Port Moresby on July 25 on a world tour which will take him to America, the United Kingdom and parts of Europe over the next four months.

First he will go Minnesota, USA, where with representatives from all over the world, he will attend the

Anglican Church Conference. This is the first Congress of its type and it will meet every ten years to discuss matters of world importance to religion.

Later, the Bishop will visit his mother at Oxford. He expects to return to Papua on November 28, after lecturing in America.

ANOTHER NATIVE DEATH

The APC was unlucky again in July when a native labourer was killed and two injured following the fall of a tree near Kuru, in the Gulf District.

There have been several deaths by accident in Western Papua involving APC labourers in recent months.

MORE ADMINISTRATION LAND

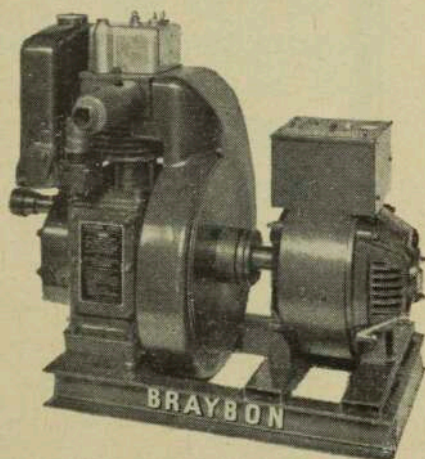
The Administration has bought 300-acres of native land in the town area of Port Moresby, behind Murray Barracks. It was bought from heads of the Korobosia village for a reported price of £19 an acre—the average price for good land in the Port Moresby area, these days.

LIGHT IN RABAU'S DARKNESS

A senior engineer from the Commonwealth Department of Works, in Melbourne, Mr. C. Rosenthal, visited the New Britain and the Morobe Districts in July to report on possible hydro-electric schemes.

In New Britain, he was looking for suitable sites to provide power

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for the Gazelle Peninsula, which is a growing area, and according to New Britain, deserves something comparable to the scheme which is now being provided for Port Moresby at Rouna Falls.

The local Works Department will follow up Mr. Rosenthal's survey by testing the water flow in suitable streams in the area.

ONE IN TEN HAS AN ACCIDENT

The Papua-New Guinea Police headquarters released a traffic survey in July which showed that in 10 months since September, 1953, one out of every 10 road vehicles in the Territory had been involved in an accident. The incidence was 42 accidents a month. Most of

these took place in the three main centres of Port Moresby, Rabaul and Lae.

NG PARTICIPANT IN REDEX TRIAL

Well known NG pilot, Mr. Maurice Crowley, owner of Crowley's Airways at Lae, was forced down at the end of July on a flight between Lae and Cairns, Qld.

Headwinds caused him to land on the Iron Range airstrip on the Cape York peninsula. Two Lincoln bombers went out searching for him. Crowley eventually turned up at Cairns.

He was on his way to Sydney in a Percival Gull to take part in the Redex air trial which began in August.

CIVILISATION IN OUTER IS

A limited degree of civilisation now being brought to the Mortlake and Tasman Islanders of New Guinea. Hitherto they have been almost as remote as the recently located natives in the Tari valley in the Southern Highlands.

The 437 Mortlake and Tasman islanders are blown away Polynesians, although the nearest of the islands is about 160 miles eastward from the top tip of Bougainville.

The islanders live on a diet of fish and coconuts and because the islands will grow little they have been left very much alone. They are off the main inter-island trading routes and as the highest point on any of the islands is 14 feet above sea level, they have not been easy to find.

However, in the last two years they have received increased attention from the P-NG District Services department and a trading vessel has now been induced to make periodic calls there to buy copra and trochus.

With the money earned from the trading, the natives are buying rice, meat, sugar and other food to vary their restricted diet.

The islanders have lived in isolation so long that the ship visits could be a mixed blessing in introducing common ills unknown there. But here, at least, civilisation has benefited by past experience and the crew of the vessel must have a clean bill of health before landing.

The natives are anxious to have schools established in the Group and will send young men to New Guinea as trainees. The P-NG Department of Education is willing to co-operate—although it will mean another kink in the already knotty problem of language. The Mortlake and Tasman Islanders speak Polynesian language.

FORTY-DAY PATROL

ASSISTANT District Officer W. I. Allen recently made a 40-day patrol through the coastal and inland section of the Gulf region of Western Papua. The patrol covered the coastal region south-west of Kikori, then 100 miles up the Turama River by launch, over land toward the southern slopes of Mt. Bosavi, and back by raft along the He-Gigio River.

The country from Turama to the He-Gigio was extremely rough, and the raft journey hazardous owing to strong current, narrow passages, rock outcrops and swift shallows.

The whole area covered was peaceful and only a few minor complaints were made to Mr. A. Allen. General health was good in the 20 villages visited.

Mr. M. L. Cody, chairman of Loloma (Fiji) Gold Mines N.L., and a director of Emperor Mines Ltd., left Melbourne on July 22 to inspect the mines in Fiji.

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Literal translation of *curu vakaitoga* is given as "Go out of a house like a Tongan." And it is said of one who rises without excusing himself and leaves while some gathering is in progress—or while kava is being served.

This last, of course, is a particularly horrible offence—but we wonder what Tongan long ago offended to such a degree that his lack of manners became part of the Fiji language.

The booklet is called *Na i Vosavosa Vakaviti e So*. Its price is 3/6 in Fiji; approximately 4/- in Australia, where the South Pacific Commission's GPO Box number is 254, Sydney.

Mr. Brian Jones, Chief of Field Operations, Asian Regional Office of the UN Children's Emergency Fund, has been visiting Fiji in connection with a campaign against yaws disease. It is hoped that the campaign, which will receive UN financial aid, will be launched by Fiji Medical Department in October, beginning with a pilot survey of the Savusavu area.

Papua-New Guinea residents had contributed about £9,000 to the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Trust Fund. Contributions that were still coming in after closing date (June 30) and the combined Commonwealth and Administration grant of £3,000 should take the total to about £12,000. The fund will be used for mobile welfare clinics for mothers and babies.

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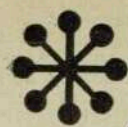
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TEN years ago, Truk, in the Caroline Islands, was Japan's biggest and most powerful base in the Pacific Ocean. Among the 245 islets, within the 40-miles-wide lagoon, the Japanese built all kinds of airfields and workshops, mighty naval installations, safe harbours for a most powerful fleet, and accommodation for huge military forces.

This was planned and started between 1920 (when Japan was given the Mandate over the Caroline and Marshall Islands) and 1932 (when Japan walked out of the League of Nations and annexed the Islands); but the major work was done between 1932 and 1941, when Japan hurled her forces upon all the Pacific nations.

All Japan's operations eastward of Indonesia and southward of the Philippines were based on Truk. Rabaul was Truk's advanced sub-base—the Jap communications with Southeast Indonesia, New Guinea, Solomons and the Gilberts radiated from Truk.

When the American forces, after clearing the southwest Pacific, swept northwards towards Japan, Truk was isolated from Japan, and took a fearful beating; but the Americans did not actually land at the Jap headquarters at Dublon, and examine the base, until after Japan surrendered.

A recent visitor reports that, although much of the huge fortress and workshop still is intact, it is a deserted and decaying place of ghosts. Most of the concrete and stone structures are holding their shape; but all the machinery that has not been salvaged—like the giant unloading cranes—is rusting away, and its complete collapse is only a matter of time.

Academicians to Teach P-NG Public Servants

PAPUA and New Guinea Public Servants should, in the future, be better fitted academically for their jobs—if the Public Service Commissioner gets the kind of men he is advertising for, into the Public Service Institute.

The Institute got under way in Moresby only last April with some night classes; now, if the call is successful it will have three permanent lecturers with University degrees and accountancy qualifications, other high academic training and ability to teach. Salaries will range from £1,500 to £1,700.



Coming of Age

Mr. Owen Wardrop cutting the cake on his 21st birthday at Port Moresby on July 17. Mrs. A. Wardrop, his mother, is beside him.

Many old residents of Papua attended the party.

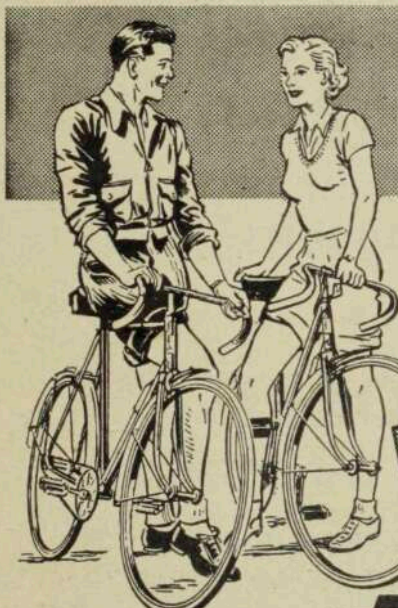
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¶ Mr. C. A. Adams, Mayor of Lautoka, left Nadi, Fiji, on July 13 to visit Canada, US and the West Indies. During his absence, Councillor Nityanand will act as Mayor of Lautoka.

¶ Mrs. Aggie Plowman, after 15 years as charge typiste for the Western Samoa Government, retired from the Public Service in July.

The Rev. Sau Faubula, Tongan missionary, preached during June in Methodist Churches of the Goulburn Circuit, NSW, and gave lectures on his country.



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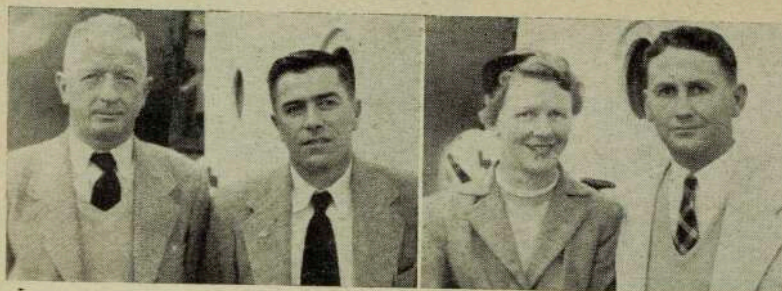
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TESTS OF COPRA- CUTTING MACHINE N. Guinea Planters Interested

AFTER demonstrating, in the Rabaul area, a new copra-cutting machine which has been built by Apex Engineering, of Burbank, California, Mr. T. W. Marshall, in July, returned to the United States. Most of the trials were made at Ulaveo Plantation, Kokopo, in mid-July. They were watched by several interested planters.

On his way back to California from Sydney, Mr. Marshall called in at Suva, and some further demonstrations were given there.

As a result of these trials, some modifications will be made in the machine before it is marketed, as to permit of closer co-ordination of the work of the operators. The machine can be split very rapidly under the hydraulic system employed; and operations thereafter must be arranged that the kernels can be removed at the same rate as the splitting—and under conditions which will give the machine a clear advantage over the old manual method of copra-cutting.

Mr. Marshall apparently is determined to get the machine running efficiently and profitably in the South Pacific, before he takes it to the Philippines and Indonesia—where, if it can show an advantage over manual cutting, it obviously should have a big market.

Meanwhile, a number of units of the copra-cutting machine invented by Mr. Rey, of Tahiti, are reported to be at work in French Oceania. The Rey machine differs materially from the Marshall machine in the method of nut-splitting. It was reported, at one stage, that the owners of the Rey and the Marshall machines were in conflict over patent rights.

Now Enough of Their Own

AS from July 31, United Kingdom and Australian coinage ceased to be legal tender in Fiji. Coins were imported in 1942 due to war-time shortage—when 1d, 1/- and 2/- bank notes were also printed locally.

Some of the commercial firms and hotels also introduced their own voucher currency at that time—much of which was promptly snapped up by American servicemen as curios.

The Australian coins most in use were sixpences. These, according to Fiji exchange rates, will now be worth about 5d.

The Ocean Island Golf Club has sent a cheque for £15/5/- to the Spastic Children's Society of Victoria.



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**Premiers,
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The Comet team, Basketball premiers of Rabaul, 1954. Back row: R. Seeto, Paul Lung, X. L. Cheung. Front row: S. W. Lau, Paul Chang (cap.) Y. F. Lam and T. Lau. The knock-out round trophy was also won by this team; and Paul Chang won the trophy for the most outstanding player. Mr. R. Galloway, president of the Basketball Assn., presented the shield and the two trophies.

—Photo by C. H. Meen.



All In!

Rene Teharuru about to kick Samoan boxer Sulvai (shown on the mat) in a tough July contest in Papeete, which Rene won on points. The referee was later suspended by the local Federation for

failing to intervene when the Tahitian used unclean tactics.

Samoan boxers Sulvai and Pasitale and their manager Mr. Eugene Paul and trainer Rudolph David were warmly welcomed and hospitably treated during their July visit to Papeete, the event being marred only by the tactics during the fight described here.

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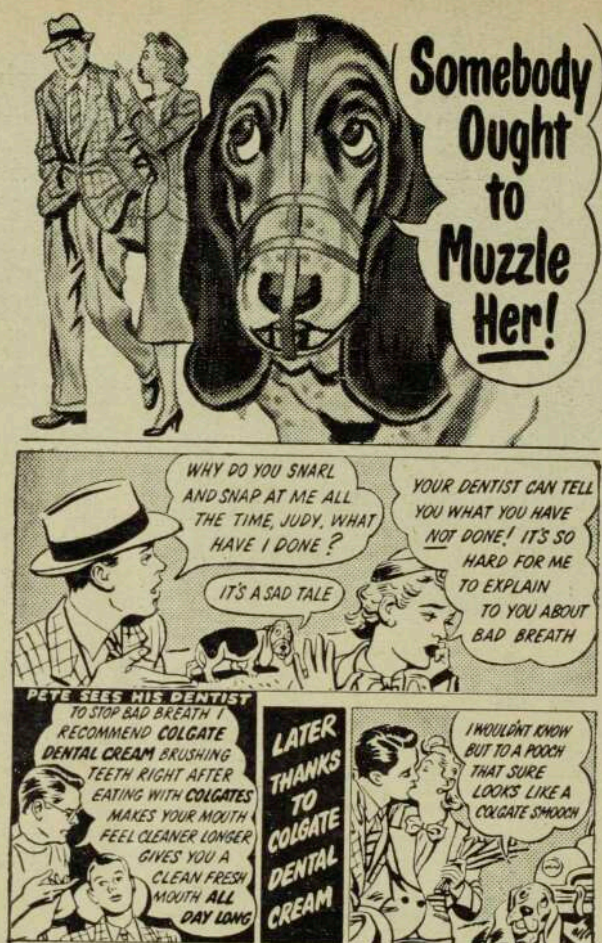
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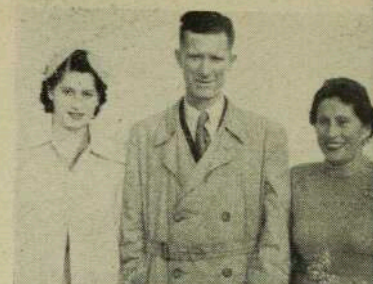
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Bound for Polynesia



The above travellers were aboard the TOFUA from Auckland in July. From top:

Miss Ngaio Carruthers and Mr. Carruthers, now resident in Auckland were farewelled by Mr. J. Carruthers when they returned to Suva on holiday.

Brother Adrian, Provincial of the Marist Brothers, made an inspection round of Island mission stations.

Mrs. B. Gibbons, of Hamilton, NZ visited her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Harrop of RNZAF Station, Lauthala Bay, Fiji.

Mrs. A. E. Page, and (right) Miss Niuala Moore, were farewelling Mrs. V. Jarvis when she returned to Vavau Tonga.

The Tongan Cabinet has approved of the tour by an Australian Rugby Union team in September. It said there would be no difficulty about accommodation. Most of the visiting players will be billeted at Tongan homes.

Australasian Petroleum Co. Ltd has acquired a new cargo vessel, the *Hanna Sven*, to run between Port Moresby and Western Papua with Captain McRitchie as master. The vessel was built in Denmark in 1952 and has a cargo capacity of 900 tons.

OF MEN AND UNIFORMS

THE Royal P-NG Constabulary guard turned out in full uniform at Goroka, NG, on June 19, to honour Corporal Kumuna, who was retiring after 30 years police service—a large proportion of it in the NG Highlands. District Commissioner Ian Downs is shown wishing Kumuna luck, after the ceremony.

The corporal is wearing the uniform of the pre-war Royal Papuan Constabulary which was adopted for the whole P-NG native police after the war. It has been suggested that the only reason for this was that there were some thousands of yards of blue serge in stock and it



—Photo by Papuan Prints.

was decided to use it up. There seems to be no other reason, for it is obviously unsuitable for the P-NG climate. It is of heavy wool serge, patterned after an early Victorian bathing suit and (it is alleged) was invented by the late Sir Hubert Murray for his police who patrolled in high mountain country. The native police uniform in New Guinea, before the war, was khaki drill, with a safari type jacket, shorts or lava-lava. For mountain patrolling they added a wool sweater. It was neat and attractive and more suitable for the tropics than the Papuan outfit. The rumour is that when present stocks of serge are used up, the whole of the Constabulary will be equipped with pre-war, NG type uniforms.

Sir John Rankin, British Resident at Zanzibar, has been appointed Governor of the Western Region of Nigeria. He was Assistant Colonial Secretary in Fiji, where he was born, from 1942 to 1945.

Off to the Cooks from NZ in July



Left: Mr. Ronald Syme, destination Mangaia, where he planned to organise a produce export co-operative (see this issue). Right: Mr. Norman Caldwell (right), whose Christchurch, NZ, organisation is building the Rarotonga freezer, seen off by friends aboard MAUI POMARE.

Fiji Starlings Beware!

FIJI'S starlings are on their way out—maybe.

As reported last year, the Fiji Government decided that a colony of starlings on Ono-i-Lau, in the Lau Group, showed signs of becoming a potential menace to the Fiji fruit industry. An expert arrived

from overseas and considered ways and means of eradicating the pests.

The actual work of eradication is now under way. A number of ground and nest traps have been constructed and will be used by local Fijians until the breeding season later in the year — when another expert will be despatched to organise the slaughter on a more extensive scale.



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No More Free Regulations

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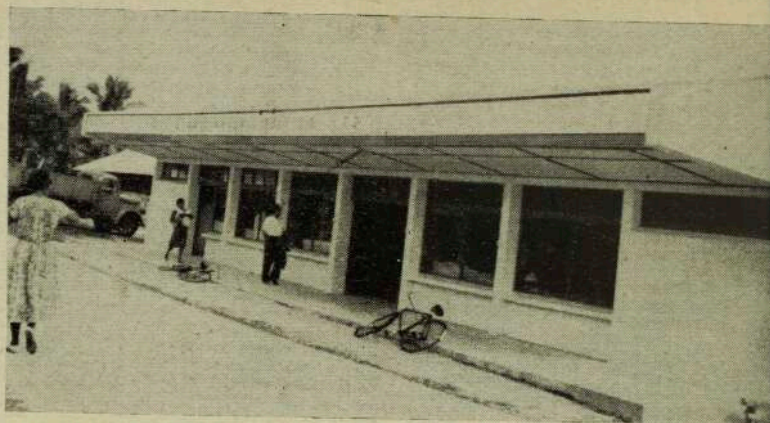
When Regulations are made, notice to that effect will appear in the Gazette—it will be then up to the subscriber to purchase same from the Government Printer in Moresby or the sub-Treasury offices in Lae and Rabaul. Cost of Regulations will be from 3d. to 3/3, according to size.

The measure is not designed as a revenue making one, however. It is to avoid duplication in printing which has been causing considerable delay in Administration publications.

The measure was discussed—and approved—at the May meeting of the P-NG Legislative Council. Non-official members pointed out that the new arrangement will cause inconvenience to outport dwellers who may have to wait weeks to obtain copies of important regulations from their nearest source of supply.

¶ After several years in the New Hebrides, the Rev. H. Bell has returned to Australia with his wife. He is now rector of the Presbyterian Church at Waratah-Mayfield, near Newcastle.

Modern Store for Alofi



Burns Philp (S.S.) Ltd., new store at Niue Island. This attractive building replaces the old shed-like affair where the company formerly did business at Alofi. One of the old "proverbs" of the islands was to the effect that the best building you could see from the ship when entering any Islands port was BP's—but until March this year, the BP store at Niue was the exception that proved that rule.

—Photo by Jack Thornton

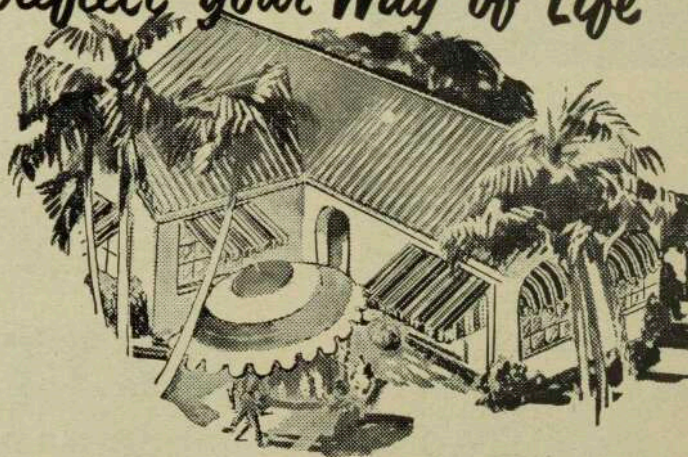
¶ When Matron C. J. McRae, principal matron of the RAAF nursing service, made a brief call at Port Moresby at the end of July she extended warm thanks to the Red Cross auxiliary comforts fund for their fine work of meeting service aircraft during the Korean war and providing them with refreshments.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Keith Broadbridge and Mr. G. Peters left Fiji in June for Australia. Messrs. Broadbridge and Peters had been on the staff of broadcast station ZJV and the voices were well known over the Colony's air, until ZJV became VR on it being taken over by the new Fiji Broadcasting Commission.

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. J. D. BROWNE

Mr. J. D. Browne, 89-year-old member of a family which settled in Fiji 86 years ago, died in Suva on July 22.

The family arrived in 1868 and settled at Natukewai, on the Rewa River opposite Naililili. They grew bananas and sugar cane and kept a store.

Mr. Browne eventually left Natukewai and was for many years a planter in the upper Rewa where he took a lively interest in district development until he became an invalid.

He is survived by three sons, Leslie, Tom and Cyril, of Suva, and two daughters, of Townsville, Queensland.

Mrs. Browne, formerly Gertrude Outbush, died in 1951.

MR JOHN TROTTER

Mr. John Trotter, recently-retired general manager in Fiji for Burns Philp (South Sea) Ltd., died suddenly in Auckland on July 28 at the age of 66. His death came as a shock to his numerous Islands friends, particularly those in Fiji where he had lived for more than 40 years before his retirement.

Mr. Trotter, a graduate of Hawkesbury Agricultural College, went to Tonga in 1913 to establish an agricultural college there. After service in France in the 1914-18 war he returned to Tonga and became manager of Burns Philp's Ha'apai ranch.

He went to Levuka, Fiji, in 1933. In 1936 he moved to Suva, where he was appointed general manager for Fiji and a director of the company.

In the following years Mr. Trotter became prominent as a public figure as well as a merchant. He was a member of the Legislative Council for six years and president of the Suva Chamber of Commerce when he retired.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Miss Barbara Trotter and Mrs. F. A. Hellaby.

MR. B. L. ("Bert") TAYLOR

Mr. Bert Taylor, a resident of Fiji from the close of World War I until last year, died in Auckland on June 20. He was for many years with A. H. Marlow and Fiji Builders Ltd.

He went to Auckland for medical treatment; he was living with his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Hammond.

MRS. VERA MURIEL JAMES

The death occurred suddenly in Port Moresby, on July 9, of Mrs. Vera Muriel James, wife of Mr. J. A. James, MLC.

Mrs. James arrived in Port Moresby from NSW shortly after her marriage 34 years ago and since has engaged fully in the community

life of the Territory. She accepted philosophically the normal trials of the pioneer, and was possessed of a dry wit and the genuine friendliness of the true Territorian. She occasionally told of how, in their



THE LATE MRS. JAMES.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

earlier years in the Territory Mr. James and she found themselves possessed of the *Papuan Courier* and how soon afterwards Mr. James was taken to hospital and she was left for some weeks to bring out the Territory's only newspaper herself.

In recent years, as the population of Port Moresby has grown from a few hundreds to a similar number of thousands, the community activities of both Mr. and Mrs. James have increased. At the time of her death she was president of the P-NG branch of the Country Women's Assn.

She is survived by Mr. James and

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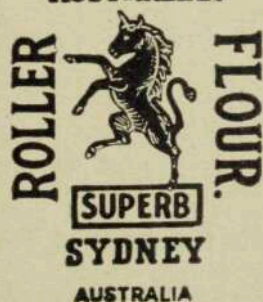
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their daughter, Lorna—now Mrs. J. Johnson, of Port Moresby.

MR. T. SANERIVE

Mr. T. Sanerive, born in Western Samoa and for many years a resident of Fiji, died in Suva late in July, aged 85 years.

Mr. Sanerive was a missionary of the LMS Church for over 50 years, serving in Samoa until 1919. He retired from the mission in 1945.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters.

MRS. VIOTTI MILLER

The death was reported on July 1 of Mrs. Viotti Miller, wife of Mr. James A. Miller, of Baramata Plantation, Papua. She had spent about 20 years all told in the Territory, where she was well-known and highly esteemed.

As a girl she was a noted swimmer and diver in Victoria and later, in Sydney, was one of the first women to take up surf-board riding. She was a prominent golfer, both in Australia and in Port Moresby. In the latter club she won the Associate Championship in 1950 and was past Vice-President of the Club.

She is survived by Mr. Miller; a son, Jimmy, who is with the Australasian Petroleum Co. in Papua; and a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Epstein, of Melbourne.

Her ashes were taken to Papua and on July 30 scattered from an aircraft over Baramata, where she had spent her happiest days.

MR. J. C. M. SCOTT

News of the death in Sydney, on July 1, of Mr. John Charles Mylne Scott was received with great regret in the Solomons, and in all places where he was known.

"JCM", as he was known to all, was born in New Zealand, and served in World War I. He went to the Solomon Islands for Burns Philp and Co., as manager of their Saisi branch, in 1922. He was transferred to Makambo about 1928, where he was General Manager of all Burns Philp interests in

the Solomon Islands. He was at Makambo until the evacuation of the Solomon Islands early in 1942 when he, with others, proceeded to Australia in *MV Kurimarau*.

During the war, Mr. Scott served the Australian Commonwealth Government in one of the war-time Departments; and, after the war, he joined W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd. in New Guinea. His health failed there; and about three years ago he had a stroke and since that time had been practically bedridden.

During his residence at Makambo, "JCM" took a keen interest in all matters relating to the Solomons, and he was for some time a member of the Advisory Council. He was

a keen sportsman, and was captain of the golf club, patron of the cricket club, and for several years he held the golf championship. He was one of the original syndicate, locally known as the "Big Six", who commenced gold mining operations on Guadalcanal. He was a foundation member and a Past Master of Lodge Melanesia.

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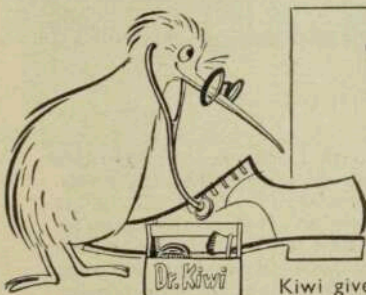
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until Jap bombs rained down on Makambo, and made his position untenable. With his staff and other residents he had the nightmare experience of crawling from one precarious hideout to another, while helping to organise the eventual getaway on a dark stormy night. The Lever Inter-island motor vessel *Kurimarau*, commanded by the late Captain Bill Rawson.

Mr. Scott died suddenly at his residence, 36 Manning Road, Doubt Bay, Sydney, and his funeral, at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, was attended by a large number of old Islands friends. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, and two sons, Donald (30), with Dalgety & Co., and James (18) is a student at Sydney University.

REV. H. P. SCHLENCKER

The Rev. H. P. Schlencker, a Congregational missionary in Papua from 1895 to 1927, died in Brisbane on June 22 at the age of 81.

He trained at the Hackney Congregational College, London. He was Minister at the Congregational Church, West End, from 1927 to 1936. He then went to Woody Point and remained there until his retirement a few months ago.

He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

MRS. ALMA SMITH.

Mrs. Alma Smith, widow of the late D. B. Smith and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McCaig, early settlers of Suva, died in the Home of Compassion, Tamavua, on July 1. She is survived by a brother, Mr. Devon McCraig, of Suva, sister, Mrs. A. S. Cox, of Auckland and a daughter and son, Aileen and Barney, of Suva.

MRS. KATIE YOUNG

Mrs. Katie Young, wife of Mr. Andrew Young, of Pitcairn Is., died suddenly of a heart attack on May 17.

She was a daughter of the late Sanford and Ellen Warren.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter and several grandchildren.

WILLIAME DEVO

Williame Devo died in Suva on June 27 in his 52nd year. He was a well-known Fijian who had been a Government servant for 34 years, and played a leading role in the Young Fijian Society and its associated organisation, the Matanisiga. These have their own hall and hostel in Suva.

With his wife, Ana, he went to Malaya last year to visit the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, with which two of his sons were serving. One son is still there.

Williame Devo was himself a member of the Fiji Defence Force Band for many years.

MR. RICHARD JEFFERS

Mr. Richard Jeffers, one of possibly the last 2 survivors of the crew of the British warship *Calliope*, died in Auckland early July, at the age of 82.

Mr. Jeffers was a signaller on *Calliope* when she made her dramatic escape from Apia, Western Samoa, during the cyclone of March, 1889. Six other warships, three American and three German, were trapped in the port and were either sunk or blown ashore. Many members of the crews were drowned.

When the cyclone struck the seven ships tried to escape from the port, but *Calliope* was the only one that succeeded.

MR. GEOFFREY WARD GELLING

Mr. Geoffrey Ward Gelling, a Cook Islands war veteran of World War I, and for many years manager of Cook Islands Trading Company's plantations at Titikaveka, Rarotonga, died in Rarotonga recently after a long illness.

He was the son of Mr. Frank Gelling, and was born at Mangaia island in 1897. He is survived by his wife.

REV. BROTHER CLEMENS

Rev. Brother Clemens, of the staff of Sacred Heart College, Auckland, died there suddenly in July, aged

56 years. A graduate of Auckland University College (MA with double first-class honours and a winner of the senior scholarship in French), Brother Clemens was attached to the staff of St. Felix College, Suva, prior to and during World War I. He was a keen sportsman.

LORD MICHAEL FITZROY

Lord Michael Fitzroy, younger son of the 10th Duke of Grafton, disappeared on the night of July 15 while swimming from the *AK Sorengana*, near Somata, in the Russell Islands, BSIP.

It is not known whether he was drowned or taken by a shark.

He was mate of the *Sorengana*, an 80-tons Baltic ketch which arrived in the Solomons last March from the United Kingdom and engaged in inter-island freighting, principally carrying copra from plantations to main shipping ports.

MR. EUGENE GALLETT

Mr. Eugene Gallett, who was associated with Mr. Ray Parer in one of New Guinea's first airlines, was killed in a level-crossing smash in Cairns, Qld., on July 12. He was 66.

Mr. Gallett was a member of a Queensland pioneering family, his father having been one of the first cane growers there. He lived most of his life in that State, although

he spent some time in New Guinea on copra plantations and in connection with the airline business.

Mr. Gallett was alone in his truck when it was hit at the level crossing by a goods train. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

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MR. ROGER SMITH

Canadian-born Roger Smith, well-known Aitutaki trader, died mid-May, aged 76.

Mr. Smith was a veteran of World War I. He was wounded in the attack at Vimy Ridge. He later lived and traded in the Islands for many years and was twice married to Aitutaki women, his first wife dying in NZ. For some time before his death, Mr. Smith was partially paralysed and he overcame this handicap with the use of a motor wheelchair.

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MR. AFRED E. BAKER

The death occurred in Sydney on August 7, of Mr. Alfred Edward Baker, formerly a well-known resident of Fiji.

Mr. Baker was an Englishman and about 70 at the time of his death. He went to Fiji for the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. in 1906 and remained there in various CSR centres until 1937 when he was transferred to head-office in Sydney. He retired from the company in 1945.

Since he has been living in Sydney he has taken an active interest in the Pacific Islands Society.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters of a former marriage.

POPULAR DC LEAVES BOUGAINVILLE

Resignation of Mr. C. H. Maclean

FRIENDS of Mr. Colin Maclean, until recently, popular District Commissioner Bougainville District, New Guinea, were surprised when he resigned from the Service in July.

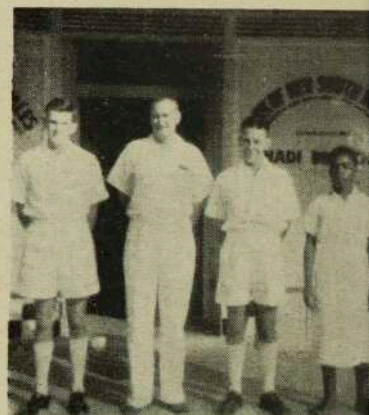
Mr. Maclean is at present Rabaul and it is understood that he will remain in the Territory and engage in private business.

Although still a young man, Mr. Maclean has been in the Territory for 28 years and in the Administration for 20. For the past few years he has been in Bougainville—the last two as Acting District Commissioner. He now retires 15 months leave.

Planters and residents of the District gathered at Sohana prior to his departure to wish him farewell and present him with a cheque as an expression of their good wishes.

He is regarded as an able administrator and during his term the District it has prospered. He was highly regarded for this and for his pleasant personality. In the sporting and recreational life of Sohana also, his organising ability and willing co-operation have contributed to the success of various local activities.

New Bank at Nadi



The staff of the newly-opened branch of the Bank of New South Wales, Nadi, Fiji. From left to right, J. R. Ferri, C. C. Macaulay (manager), J. W. Mitchell and Fijian message-boy.

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New Guinea is to have its own women's radio session. Australian Broadcasting Commission's Ida Elizabeth Jenkins will go to Port Moresby in October to discuss arrangements with 9PA.

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PUBLIC Servants of Papua and New Guinea who have been campaigning for a 5-days working week for some time took their demands a step forward on July 31.

On that day they served a memorial on the Public Service Commissioner, Mr. T. A. Huxley, in Port Moresby, asking that the public service arbitrator amend public service regulations to make their weekly working hours Monday to Friday from 7.45 to 12.00 noon and from 1.00 pm to six minutes past four.

On August 2, a similar memorial was served on the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, and a third posted to the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck.

The Administration has 28 days from serving of the memorials to lodge an objection, and an arbitrator will then call a conference of the parties. The arbitrator can make a decision if no agreement is reached.

No arbitrator has yet been appointed for the P-NG Public Service, as this is the first time in the territory that an appeal has been made to the Arbitration Court. An appointment will now be made by the Governor-General.

UWARROW IS ABANDONED AGAIN

MR. TOM NEALE, who has been the target for good-humoured banter as the sole resident of Uwarrow since October, 1952, was withdrawn from the atoll at his own request when the inter-island vessel *Annah* called there June 23.

He found living hard, and precarious in the hurricane season. Bugs played havoc with his crops until he killed them off. His supplies were also raided by shell divers who were stationed there from May to September last year. The divers gathered only four tons of shell before they were withdrawn by the two employers who held licences to do exploratory diving.

Severe infestation by termites in the coconuts has prevented copra production at the atoll, and its only use in post-war years has been as a weather reporting station—until the observer-wireless operators were withdrawn late 1950 because the hurricane shelter was unsafe and the cost of replacing it not worth the benefits. There are serving stations at Palmerston to the south and Puka Puka to the north.

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A Tennis Association, under the presidency of Mr. G. O. F. Betham, was formed this year to control activities between the six clubs with more than 100 members. They hope to send a team to Fiji next season.

—Photo by R. F. Rankin.



Poll Hereford Stud

AN agricultural college beef cattle stud is to be started in New Caledonia. It will be stocked with Poll Herefords, a breed that is becoming increasingly popular there.

The good impression given by beasts imported from the Australian Pylara stud at Noumea's first livestock show recently led to the choice of the breed for the new stud. Six Pylara heifers and the bull, Pylara Protector, were selected by the chief veterinary officer of New Caledonia at the last Sydney Royal Easter Show.

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Mrs. Jenny Wren, popular member of the Port Moresby Golf Club, who will be missed by other club members. Her husband, Mr. Bob Wren, transferred to Nou in July to work with New Guinea Gold, Ltd.

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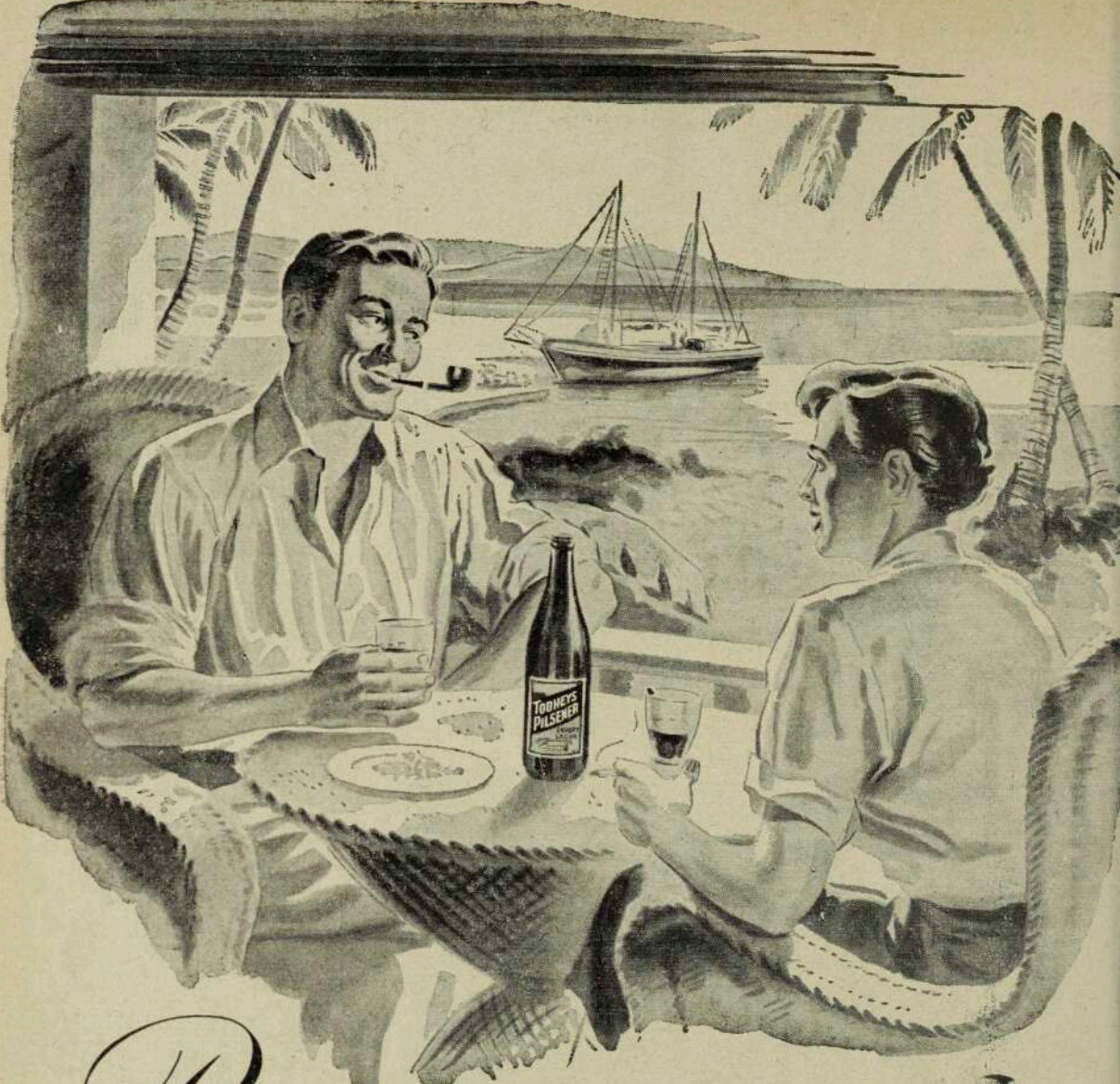
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16,000 Indonesian Exiles in Holland

One Angle of South Pacific's Defence Problem

MOST people know that the bemused "Republic" of Indonesia was brought into being by United Nations dreamers after the war, when Britain and United States refused to assist Holland in restoring her sovereignty over her 17,000-year-old Netherlands Indies. They know, too, that the band of political adventurers who now call themselves the "Government of Indonesia" were, in the beginning, selected and shaped for the job by the Japanese, who occupied the Netherlands Indies from early 1942 to early 1946.

But how many know the allied story of the South Moluccas—section of the East Indies lying very close to Australian territory, inhabited by an attractive people. The latter have appealed repeatedly to Australia for aid, but the unimaginative and pawky Australian politicians and bureaucrats carefully ignore them.

When the Japanese over-ran the Indies, Javanese "intellectuals" collaborated happily with the invaders. The Moluccans did not. They fought staunchly with the Dutch against the Japs until nothing more could be done; they formed a resistance movement during 1943-45; and, when they learned that the Dutch would not return, they prepared to run their own country (the Moluccas) as a self-governing unit of the Indonesian Federation which had been approved by UNO. But the Jap-inspired Javanese, while paying lip service to the plan of Federation, would have none of it. By devious methods of trickery, the Javanese established themselves as the ruling state, and the so-called "Republic" of Indonesia took the place of the proposed Federal Government. There never has been a general election.

The people of Molucca archipelago, and especially of South Molucca, either had to accept this situation, or leave, or face extermination. About 60,000 had served as soldiers under the Dutch.

The majority switched to the Indonesian Army. Many were debilitated and disappeared into a silent but silent civilian population, which is ready at any time to rise against the "Republic" and the Jakarta job-holders.

The remainder, with their families, totalling no less than 16,000, were taken to Holland in 1949-50. This was when Holland, deserted by her former Allies, was obliged to sign the 1949 Treaty, under which she transferred sovereignty of the Indies to the In-

donesians—about two generations before they were ready for self-government.

EVER since then, at a cost of some £2,500,000 per annum, Holland has maintained these exiles from Molucca (numbering now some 16,000) in a series of 60 camps. Their future is an outstanding problem, for which there seems to be no solution. The Dutch have handled the people with sympathy—trying to employ the men, educating the children, giving services of various kinds—and seeking always some means of transferring the people (mostly Amboinese) back to their own islands, under conditions which will ensure their future security and well-being. Under present conditions—Communist control creeping across the Indies, as the Javanese set-up deteriorates—there is no guarantee of either.

An Australian politician, Dr. H. V. Evatt, was primarily responsible for the betrayal of the Dutch and the establishment of this present "Republic" of Indonesia. (During that period, Dr. Evatt was Chairman of the UNO Assembly.) Ever since then both Socialist and non-Socialist Governments in Australia have run for cover whenever they were asked to take a strong and definite line in relation to Indonesia, and the periodic appeals of the helpless minorities in the Indies.

It was Evatt's Socialist Government which permitted the Australian Communists, operating through the waterside labourers' union, to immobilise Dutch ships in Sydney harbour in the late '40's, when the Dutch were trying to get supplies for the rehabilitation of Indonesia.

Now the chickens are coming home to roost. Communist power

developing in Indonesia menaces the future safety of the South Pacific. And the Communists' path to the South Pacific is the East Indies, which Australian and other kinds of politicians so weakly and stupidly left in the care of the Indonesians. Now, maybe, the claims of the Moluccans, and the half-million or so Dutch Indonesians so cruelly abandoned in 1946-49, will get a little consideration.

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THE South Pacific Health Service (headquarters in Suva) which for the past year or so has supplied us with the interesting bulletins on preparing food in the Islands, and on nutrition generally, has now combined some of this information in a handy booklet called *Tropical Food and Nutrition*.

The first, No. 1, Volume 1, was issued in June, and presumably there will be other issues from time to time.

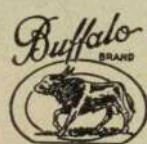
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BY some strange chance a gentleman named Simmons, a reporter from the irresponsible and sensational *Chicago Tribune*, lately got loose on Santo, in the New Hebrides, with the result that in July he fed to the world's press, through the *Tribune*, an extraordinary story of snarling Tonkinese Communists creating a new and livelier Vietnam in the Condominium.

He said that the 1,700 Tonkinese

on Santo are 90 per cent. Communist; that they hate the Europeans; that they drank champagne, flew Red flags and otherwise celebrated when the French in Dien Bien Phu surrendered to the Reds; that their joyful activities were not suppressed until the British and French officials threatened to shoot them down; and that they maintain caches of arms for use some day against the Europeans.

Various Australian newspapers which consistently refuse to publish facts about the Anglo-French Condominium and its queer set-up, presented the *Tribune* rubbish under big headlines. They gave prominence to a statement made in Darwin by M. Brochet, described as "a New Caledonian mine-owner," that there

now are 5,000 Indo-Chinese in the Hebrides, and 4,000 in New Caledonia, against 20,000 French "which means that there is all one Communist to every Frenchmen."

There is a small sub-stratum of truth in these reports, but the morsel is exaggerated until it comes ridiculous nonsense.

When World War II prevented the repatriation of the Indo-Chinese brought in under labour contracts about 1,000 Tonkinese became stranded in the Condominium; through the administrative bungling so typical of the Condominium they were not sent back to Tonkin immediately the war was over. At the beginning of 1949 they numbered 1,287; and now there are about 1,600 or 1,700 of them, mostly living in Santo as traders, bar taxi-drivers and general labour—an undesirable Asiatic community permanently planted within a hundred miles of the Australian coastline.

Similarly, there are several hundred Asiatics—mostly Tonkin and Javanese (although most of the Javanese were called home by the Indonesian "Republic" in recent years)—in New Caledonia, where they have also become an established Asiatic community.

Although all these Asiatics were brought into New Caledonia and the New Hebrides as plantation and mine labourers, their permanent settlement has not assisted the labour problem at all. As is always the case, as soon as they were freed from their labour contracts they mostly entered "parasitic" occupations, and declined regular labour engagements.

Potentially, because of their breeding habits, they are a political danger. But, at present, owing to their small numbers and lack of spirit, they are only an irritant to the Europeans, who realise their uselessness. They are more of a menace to the Melanesians (30,000 in New Caledonia and 45,000 in the New Hebrides) than to any other class, because they are ready at any time to supply liquor to the natives—if they can get past the official guard.

Mr. C. W. T. Johnson was to return to Fiji early August as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor, Ronald Garvey. He previously had more than 30 years' service with the Fiji Government, and was Assistant Colonial Secretary before going to Tonga as British Agent and Consul in 1943. After living a time in the UK, he was appointed Government Secretary in St. Helena in 1952. The present Aide-de-Camp in Fiji, Asst. Supt. D. T. Saint, was returned to duty with the Fiji police when relieved by Mr. Johnson.

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TOM SEFTON, who died at Port Moresby early in June, was a pioneer of the rubber industry in Papua. He arrived there in 1909 when, with another officer, he was delegated to open a branch of the Bank of NSW at Port Moresby. But, in less than two years, early in 1911, he was at the Koitakinumu rubber estate as an assistant. He soon assumed the management; and he retained it until severe illness forced him to retire in 1949.

Tom's early training no doubt prepared him for his success as a planter. He was born in the Northern Rivers District of NSW, and was a lover of country life and a perfect horseman. He was keen and determined, and big—both physically and mentally.

There were many problems confronting the planter in those early days. They were the days when mule teams were used for transport, and it was a week's journey to follow the track from the Sogeri tableland to Port Moresby. But, despite the numerous difficulties, Koitaki, which is now popularly known, was developed into the largest rubber estate in Papua, and it earned a high reputation for efficiency.

Koitaki also became one of the most popular estates in the Territory with native labourers. Many thousands of Papuans, recruited from villages far and wide, came under Tom Sefton's control. He took a personal interest in the welfare of all of them, and won their respect.

A true patriot of the land he had adopted, he played his part well as one of a group of pioneers who encouraged the natives to live more healthily and to become skilled workers.

Under Tom Sefton's management, Koitaki was the first Papuan estate to import selected seed from high-yielding Javanese rubber clones, 30 years ago. Seed from these imported varieties was eventually used to plant up many acres in the more recently developed Territory plantations.

Good stock was imported from Queensland and successfully destocked during the pre-war years. Early sheep-raising experiments were also made on Koitaki lands; but it was found that the excessive rains caused foot-rot, and the project was abandoned.

TOM SEFTON'S energies were by no means directed to one purpose. Busy as he was, he found time to play a leading part in Port Moresby's civic affairs, even though he had to face a tedious, full day's

journey by horse to reach the town. He was a founder of the first Progress Association, Planters' Association, Port Moresby Race Club and the Papua Club.

Through his generosity he became well known throughout Papua and New Guinea as the big-hearted host of Koitaki. He is well remembered by his numerous Australian visitors over the years, and by others from America who were in occupation during the war. He enjoyed company, and he was the perfect host.

He is survived by his wife, a son (Colin) and daughter (Mrs. Oakley). All are living in Papua and are highly esteemed by those who have the pleasure of knowing them.

Colin succeeded his father as manager of Koitaki, so the name of Sefton will no doubt continue to be associated with Territory progress for many years to come. It will always be a reminder of the courage and spirit of optimism possessed by the departed pioneer—and still needed in those who follow.

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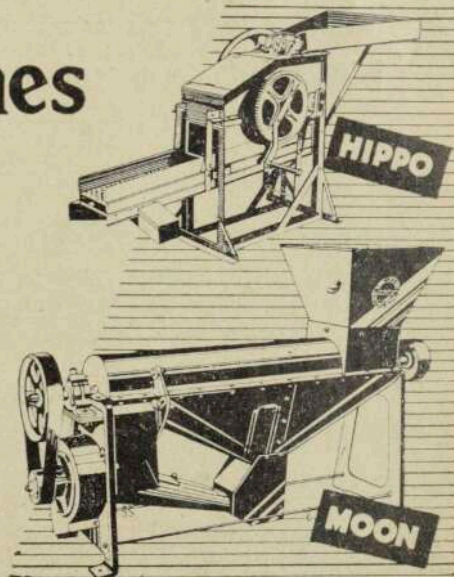
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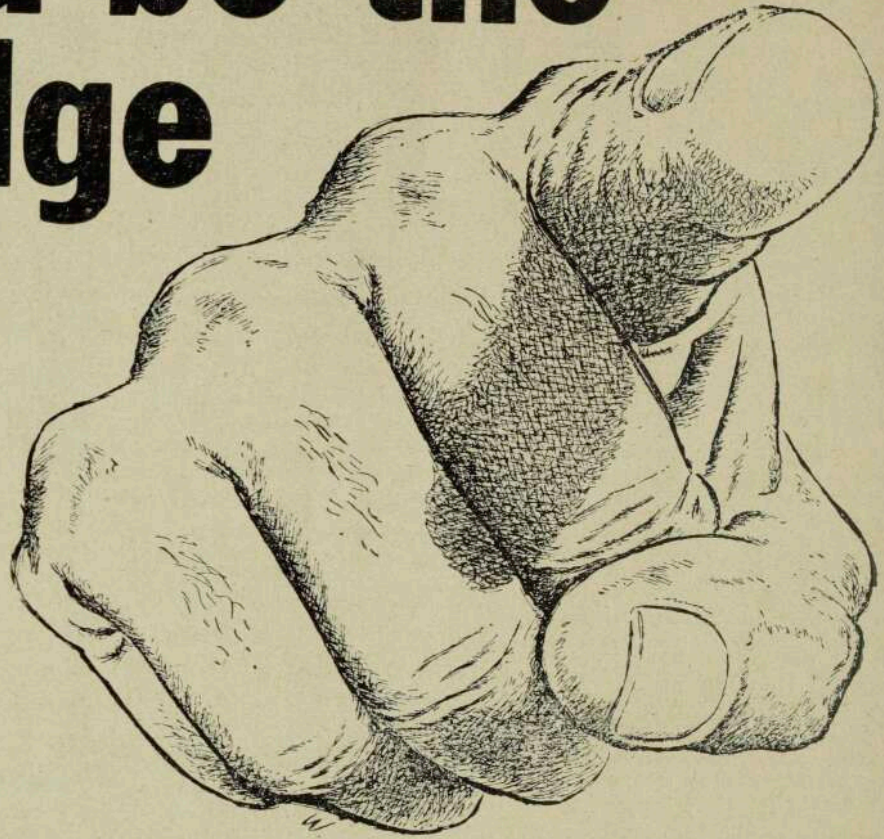
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British Want to Know About The Pacific Islands

Conservative Party Study Group

IN order that the Conservative Party—the power behind the British Government—may better understand some of the problems of the overseas countries over which Britain has control, the party has set up a Conservative Commonwealth Council. The Council plans to make contact with people with a special knowledge of particular areas and promote informative discussions; and, for this purpose, Groups are being set up, within the Council, to deal with the different countries.

For example, there is a Pacific Islands Group. Its chairman is Mr. L. Iremonger, MP for Ilford North, who was a District official in Fiji and in Gilbert and Ellice Islands, before the war. The Group includes members of Parliament, and persons with a special knowledge of the Islands, and of Australia and New Zealand. It already has produced a memorandum on the racial and population problem in Fiji—which, incidentally, does not appear to have yet been read by anyone in this benighted section of the world. The Group invites communications from persons in the Pacific area who wish to discuss Pacific Islands problems. Correspondence should be addressed to Commonwealth Council, Abbey House, 2-8 Victoria St., London.

SOME QUESTIONS

The PIM is happy to oblige with questions:

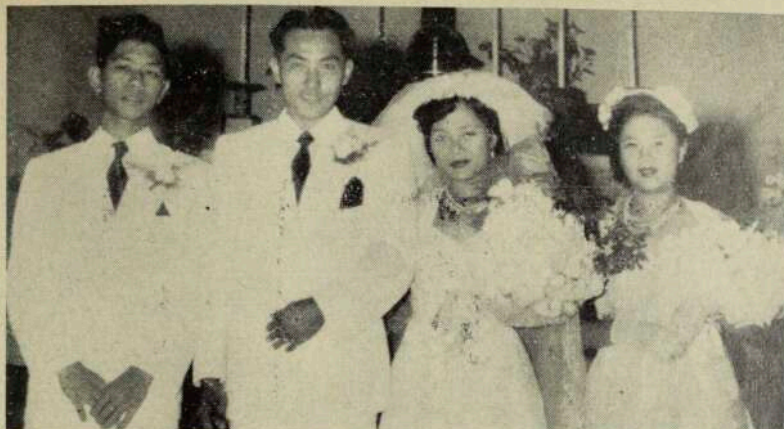
Will the Conservative Commonwealth Council tell us why the request of the Fiji Legislative Council,

November, 1952, that Britain should make a formal inquiry into Fiji's acute population problem, has been ignored by the Colonial Office?

Does the Council think that the lamented departure of Mr. Attelton from the Colonial Office will open a new era, in which the more urgent problems of Britain's colonies may receive attention?

Will the Council try to explain that the British Colonial Office is trying to do in relation to the High Commission for the Western Pacific, where a highly qualified Governor, the person of Sir Robert Stanley, has been given the hopeless and heartbreaking task of making a silk purse out of a sow's ear—the silk purse being the potentially rich chipelagoes of Solomons and New Hebrides, and the hungry atolls of the Gilbert and Ellice chain; and the sow's ear being a fitting name

Wedding of New Britain Interest



A photograph of Mr. and Mrs. John Chung, of Rabaul, with their attendants, taken after their wedding at the Catholic Church on July 10. The bride was formerly Miss M. Seeto. A reception for 200 guests was held at the home of the bridegroom. —Photo by C. H. Meen.

for the insufficient resources at the Governor's disposal?

Does the Colonial Office believe that private enterprise should be encouraged to go in and develop those three Territories? If so, why has the Colonial Office carried on

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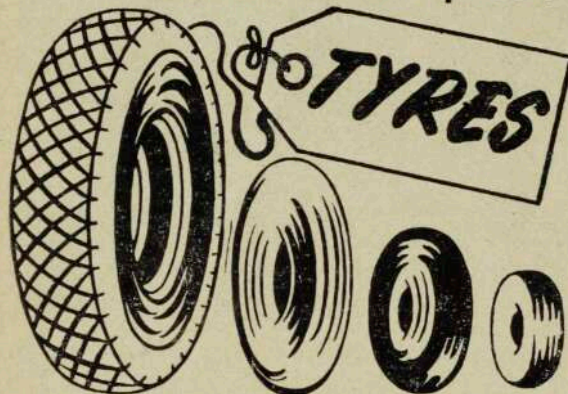
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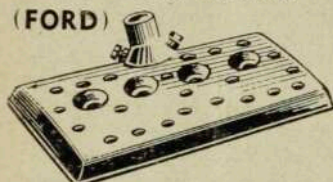
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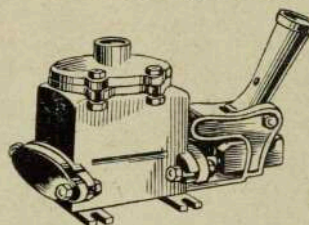


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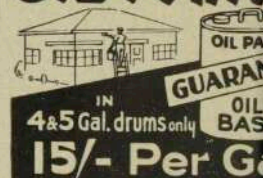
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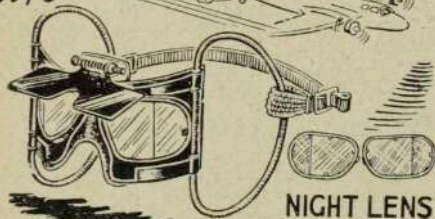


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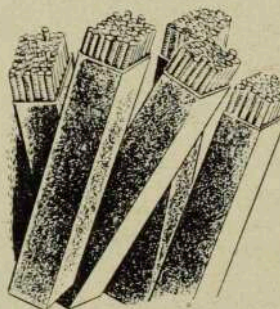
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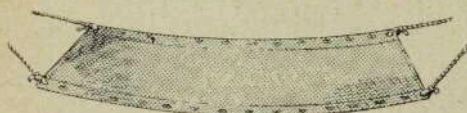
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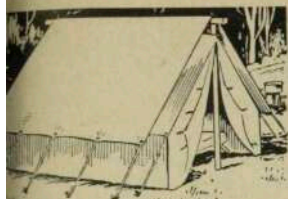
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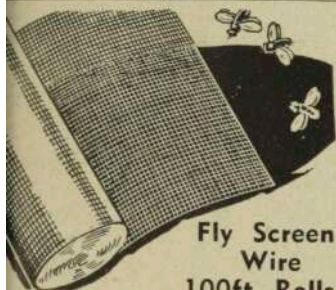
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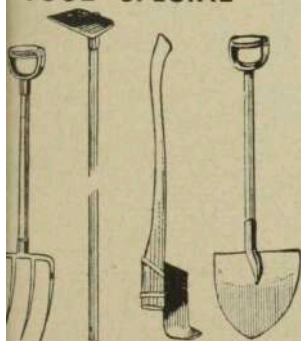
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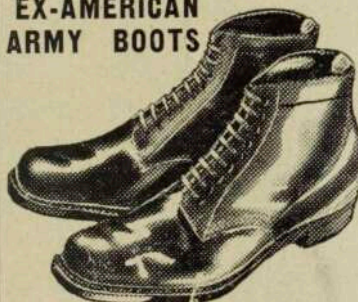
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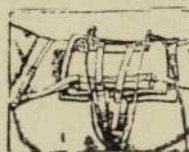
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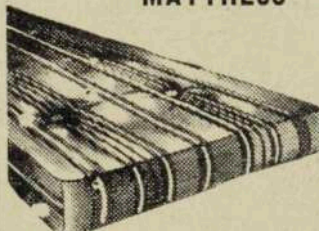


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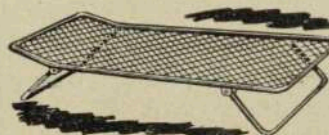
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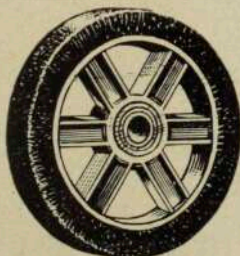
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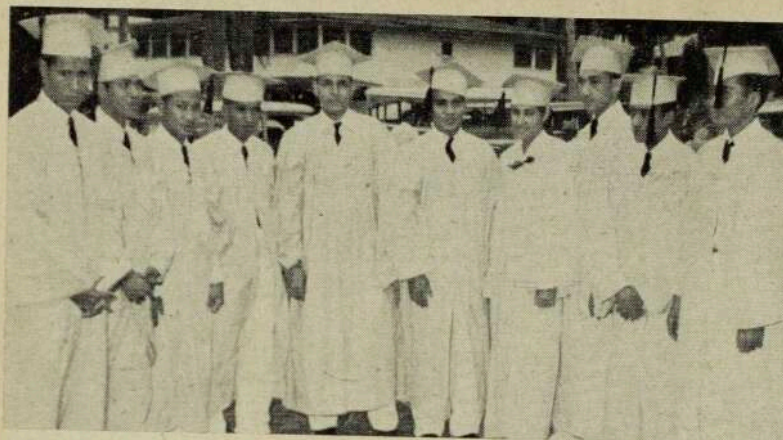


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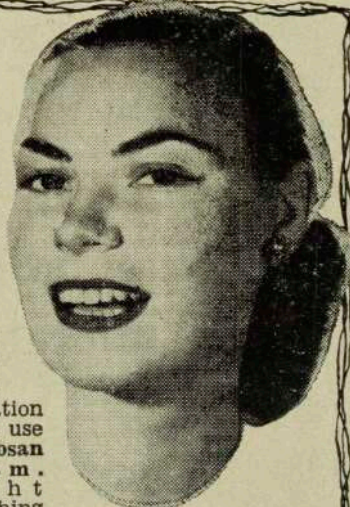


Graduates from High School of American Samoa, Class of 1954 (Fifth Graduating Class), from left to right: Kalasa S. Afuola, Sanito E. Atualevao, Levaai Pulu, Eddie S. Eteuati, Tualua I. Tofili, Lefano T. Falealili, Faufau S. Faapouli, Michael Leger, Tofu T. Fia and Jessy M. T. Malauulu.—Pan American Prints.

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ONE war-time institution in Sney which shows every sign of enduring forever is the New Guinea Women's Club. Although too, could have become a casualty as so many war-inspired societies did, a happy band of hard working and friendly women have carried it on and its regular Thursday morning meetings are a call place now for many present Territorians who are down on leave. Formed in late 1941, the Club has been fortunate in the two presidents it has had during that long period—first, Mrs. H. H. Page and then Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft.

Although to-day it is mainly a social club, as shown by the president's report (presented at the Annual meeting on July 22) community work is by no means neglected. The Club actively supports any worthwhile Territory project and is always ready to give practical assistance to New Guinean widows who lost so much in the Pacific war.

During the year just ended, members of the Club continued their hospital visiting and in other cases flowers and "Get Well" cards have been sent to Territorians in hospital. Several evening functions took place during the year—not the least of which was the annual Christmas cocktail party which 120 Territorians and their friends attended.

The children's Christmas tree party, a few days previously, was equally successful.

After generous donations to various causes and other miscellaneous expenditure, the Club carried to substantial balance of £279 into the current year.

Unfair Criticism of Fiji Hotel is Claimed

Letter to the Editor.

YOU published, in May, an article signed "Y", which criticised everything in Savusavu—including the hotel there, of which I am the manager. The facts were cockeyed—we do NOT supply Pilchards or "Bulimaean" for lunch, dinner, or charge 5/- for a meal of this type. This we would call a "snack", worth 3/-, which is fair enough considering the price of bread, butter and tinned stuff.

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Police and medical services perhaps could be improved—but even here the implications were pretty venomous, not to say unfair. The medical service I have found quite good. We (my wife and

have always received courteous and helpful treatment. We on the "Coast" are unanimous in our desire for a permanent resident D.O., European Police superintendent, etc., which this District once had. It is our job to impress the authorities at Suva about what we think is necessary for a growing community. But misrepresentation of facts will not help us to achieve this goal.

Your magazine has a wide circulation, and anyone reading that article would get far from factual picture of conditions here.

When I write to the Press I always sign my full name. If I knew "Y's" name, I would see to it that he got nothing but Pilchards or Bullimacau for lunch the next time he came here, and I could have pleasure in charging him 5/- for it into the bargain!

I am, etc.,

W. F. M. RICHARDSON,
Manager, Hot Springs Hotel, Savusavu.

Hold-up, No Uplift

EXQUISITE Form Garment Co. of the United States which has been planning the establishment of a foundation garment industry in Pago Pago, American Samoa, is reported to be still negotiating labour conditions and has not yet commenced operations. It is understood that the products would be mainly for sale in the United States, not locally—in the same way as a clothing factory in the Cook Islands is operating for the New Zealand market.

(Interesting. We know what the action of the Australian rag trade would be if anyone suggested that the NG natives manufacture garments for the mainland trade.—I. PIM).

SS Evangelical Mission's Jubilee

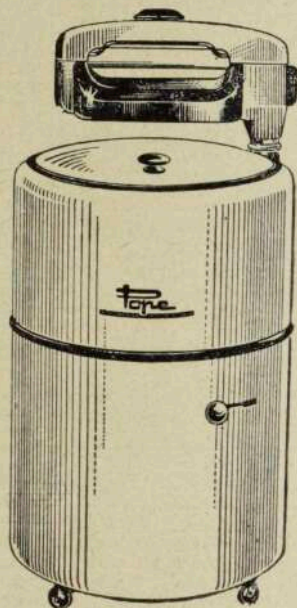
THE South Sea Evangelical Mission in the BSIP celebrated its jubilee on July 11 with special services and festivities in mission schools and villages.

The Mission grew out of work begun in Queensland in 1882 when there were 10,000 South Sea Islanders working on the Queensland sugar plantations. The Mission was then known as the Queensland Anaka Mission.

In 1904, two years before the Queensland Government sent the natives to their island homes, a branch of the Mission was opened in the Solomon Islands and the mission took its present name.

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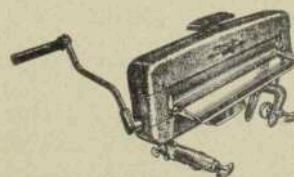
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Commentary

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are Siam, Malaya and Burma; and the Chinese Reds have been very busy underground in all of them.

... AND THE FARCE GOES ON

The Australian Minister at the United Nations, Mr. W. D. Forsyth (formerly Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission) had his periodical brush with the Reds and the irresponsibles on July 15, when a report on the Trust Territory of New Guinea was before the UN Trusteeship Council.

The Russians challenged the administrative and legislative union brought into being between Papua and New Guinea after World War II; insisted that this was part of a move under which Australia would annex New Guinea; and declared that conditions in the Territory were exactly the same as when Australia took over from the Germans 35 years ago.

Mr. Forsyth, very forcefully, quoted facts and figures to disprove the Soviet charges, which he described as "utter nonsense"; and a Russian motion against the administrative union was negated by votes to 3. It is noteworthy that the two nations which supported Russia were El Salvador and Syria. Syria is one of the effervescent new nations of the Middle East. El Salvador, presumably, is one of the little States of Central America.

It is to be regretted that the report that Australia is planning to annex New Guinea is, as Mr. Forsyth said, "utter nonsense." This absurd situation, under which Saladores and Syrians and Soviets can interfere with Australia's control over this Territory, should have been terminated long ago. Australian control over New Guinea is vital to the defence of the South Pacific against Asia, and she should have supreme authority there. But whenever any move to end the trusteeship is made, the bureaucrats and politicians of Canberra run away from the discussion; and the farce goes on.

In July PIM we reported the engagement of Miss Patricia Woods to Mr. David Boys, both recently of Rarotonga. We stated incorrectly that Mr. Boys as an ex-convict. It was Miss Woods who was born there and lived with her parents at the Bainings for some years.

Bishop Lehman, Vicar Apostolic of the Cook Islands, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination at the end of July. Born in Holland in 1887, he went to the Cooks in 1916 and was consecrated a Bishop at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, in 1948.

Export Tax is on Again:—

Fiji is Looking for More Revenue

Although in the past, taxes on Fiji exports have been vigorously fought—and beaten—by unofficial members of the Legislative Council, it is obvious that official members have not entirely dismissed this method of raising revenue from their plans.

IN his review of Fiji's finances at the recent session of the Legislative Council in Suva, the Financial Secretary indicated that he was in favour of the introduction of export taxes to bridge the gap of probably £200,000 between revenue and 1955 expenditure.

Mr. Davidson considered that any increase in direct taxation would be out of the question at present. He favoured the introduction of land tax on a graduated scale, as a long term measure for the Colony, but said it was doubtful whether that could be introduced within the present decade due to the necessary time it would take to value all lands.

Mr. Davidson noted that from £80,000 to £100,000 could be raised annually by adopting the recent Fiscal Review Committee recommendation to introduce taxation of dividends in the hands of shareholders. There were certain complications, however, which would have to be considered.

At present, said Mr. Davidson, the Colony has a dangerously high proportion of revenues coming from what are called elastic sources of revenue—personal income tax, ad valorem taxes on luxury items, and so forth, which are sensitive to

sudden changes in economic circumstances.

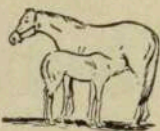
(The fact that they pay no export tax on copra, gives Fiji planters a higher price than planters in other British territories covered by the MOF Agreement. They receive about £4 per ton more than planters in P-NG. The latter, of course, pay no income taxation, although the higher cost of living in the Territory offsets that advantage to a great extent. Planters in BSIP are worse off than those in Fiji or P-NG as they pay export tax, like New Guinea, and income tax—as in Fiji).

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ISLANDS PRODUCE

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COPRA

The official price paid by the British Ministry of Food for copra produced in British Territories in the South Pacific (Papua, New Guinea, Solomons, Gilbert and Ellice, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands) for the year as from January 1, 1954, is approximately £70 Sterling per ton, f.o.b., chief Territories ports. Each Governmental authority, handling and shipping the copra, makes deductions from the £70 Stg., such charges being different in each Territory. The following

are the prices now being paid, per ton, to growers in different Territories:—

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

	At Main Ports	Crushers, Ex-ship Sydney
Hot Air ..	£A75 0 0	£A97 0 0
FMS ..	£A74 5 0	£A97 0 0
Smoke - dried ..	£A71 10 0	£A96 0 0

Pltn. .. £F70 15 6 (60 pts. & over)
FMS .. £F70 10 0 (45-57½ pts.)

W. SAMOA.—No details—producers expect about £NZ58 in 1954.

SOLOMON IS. AND G. AND E. COLONY:—No details—producers should receive about £A66/8/- delivered at main ports.

Currency Note: Compared with Sterling, Aust. £ is worth 15/-; Fiji £ is 17/6; NZ £ is 20/-.

COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson, Ltd., Sydney) for which on August 5 was £Stg.490 (£A612/10/- approx.) c.i.f., ton, Cont. ports.

N.G.—£580-£590 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in August quoted Samoa cocoa at £S490 (£A612/10/- approx.), f.o.b. per ton, first grade.

COFFEE.—P.-N.G. Recent overseas market increases have brought Territories Coffee to 7/9 per lb. All supplies assured of quick sale. MANGAIA (Cook Islands).—Robusta, green, unprocessed 1/- - 2/- per lb. on plantation.

PEANUTS.—P.-N.G.:—Little change from last month. Stiff opposition from superior grade Australian nuts has made it increasingly difficult to dispose of P.-N.G. nuts. Price: Kernels, 1/5; in shell, nominal, 8d or 9d.

RUBBER.—Papua-New Guinea: Price based on Singapore figure which fluctuates from day to day. Quotation on August 5 was 26½d Aust. lb. Singapore rate Aug. 5 was 26½d Aust. lb. (Singapore rate Aug. 5 No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 68½c lb. c.i.f. (approx. 24½d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotations by (Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): Tahiti.—Supplies still overdue owing to late curing: White 80/-, Yellow 80/-, Green 76/-.

RICE.—New season's (1954-1955) price is: P.-N.G.—Dry brown and dressed £83 f.o.b. per ton. Other Pacific Islands, including N.Z. dependencies, £90.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between Torres Strait producers and Otto Ger. Co. (USA) for 1954: AA/A/B grade 85c lb. (£A850 approx. per long ton); 80c lb. (£A800); D, 55c lb. (£A550); 40c lb. (£A400); EE, 30c lb. (£A300) all c.i.f., New York. No change from season. Manihiki.—£A380 c.i.f., Auckland.

TROCHUS SHELL.—N.G.: £290 nominal Market quiet. Fiji, £F170 per ton f.o. Suva.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Market dull Sydney at present. N.G., 1st grade £ per ton less rejects; Spotted £70/- both ex-wharf, Sydney, N.H., No interest in Sydney. B.S.I., No. 1 grade £1190, Spotted £80 ex-wharf.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, July 10
Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, ton New Hebrides .. 77,000 Metrop. fra (£A99/7/- approx)
Coconut Oil, c.i.f., Continental Ports, ton (£A88/15/- approx)
Philippines, July-Aug. .. £ (£A82/7/6 approx)
Coconut Oil, c.i.f., Continental Ports, FM Straits, Aug. shipment .. £Stg. (£A128/15/- approx)
Ceylon, Aug. shipment .. £Stg. (£A132/10/- approx)
Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. C. tinal Port:— £Stg. Accra .. £A625 approx. per long ton

ISLANDS MINING SHARE

	Aug. 1939	July 1	Aug.
Emperor ..	b9/11	b17/9	s18/6
Loloma ..	s25/6	b27/-	b28/-

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA			
Bulolo ..	b124/-	s60/-	b50/-
Mandated All.	b3/8	b1/-	s1/-
N.G.G. Ltd.	b1/10	b1/11½	b2/4
Oil Search ..	s3/11	b32/-	b26/9
Oriomo Oil ..	b5/-	s15/6	b13/-
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b7/2	b8/7
Placer Dev.	b68/6	b260/-	b260/-
Sandy Creek ..	b1/5	s6d	b6d.

EXCHANGE RATES

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SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. At alia on Samoa, basis £100 Same B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. Same London, basis £100 London: B. £100/7 S. £101/10/-. Samoa-NZ, basis £100 N B. £100; S. £100/10/-. Samoa-Fiji, ba £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

PAPUA-N.G.—COMMONWEALTH BAN (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kaviar Madang). BANK OF NSW (branches: I Moresby, Lae, Bulolo, Rabaul, Madar Samarai; agency: Wau) and ANZ BAN (Port Moresby) quote exchange ra Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £100.

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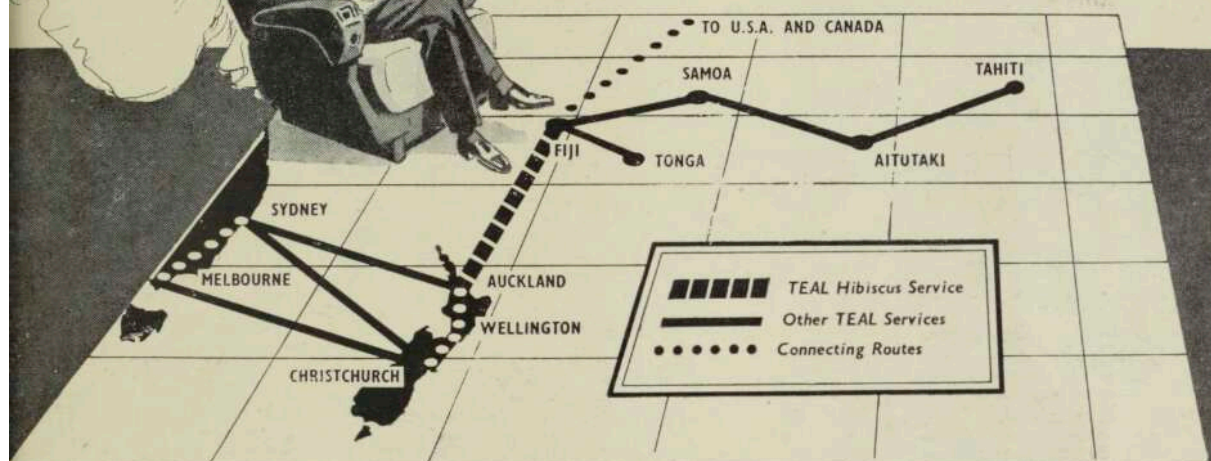
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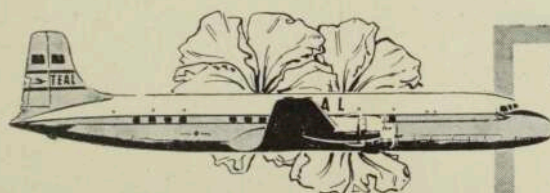


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