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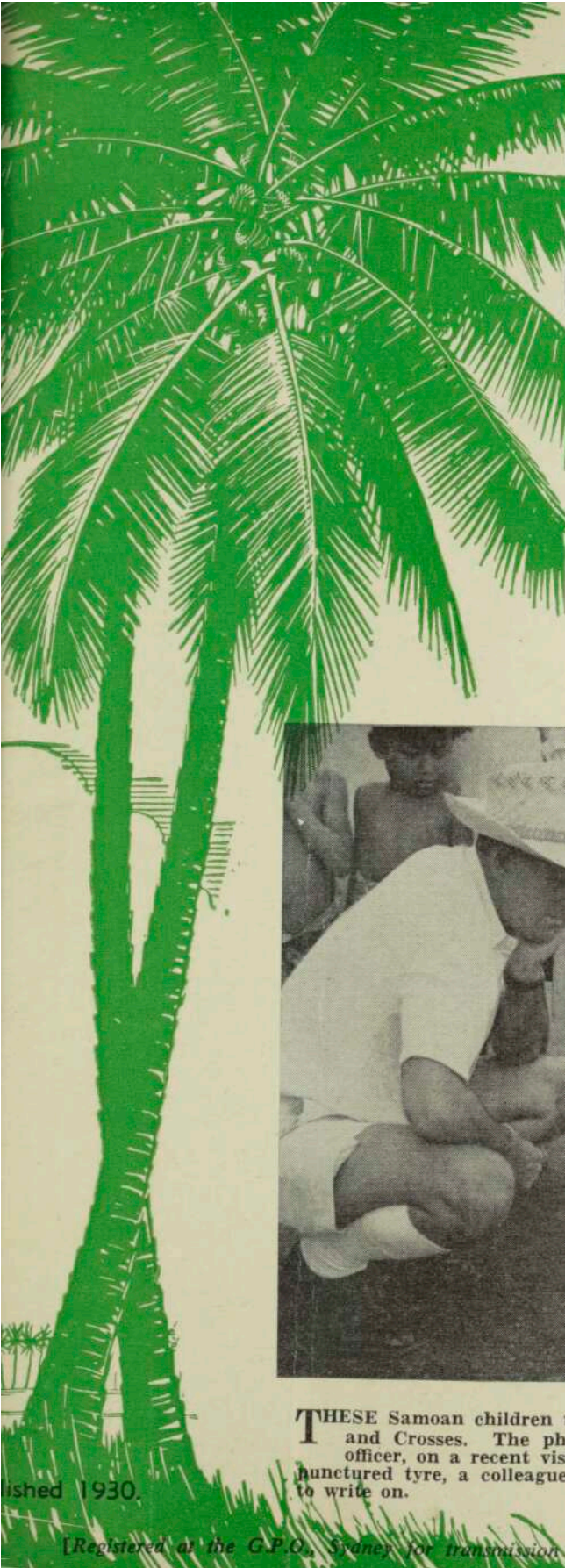
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THESE Samoan children try their skill at a new game, for them—Noughts and Crosses. The photo was taken by Mr. H. McNicoll, TEAL press officer, on a recent visit to Samoa. While they waited for repairs to a punctured tyre, a colleague started the old-fashioned game, using the road to write on.

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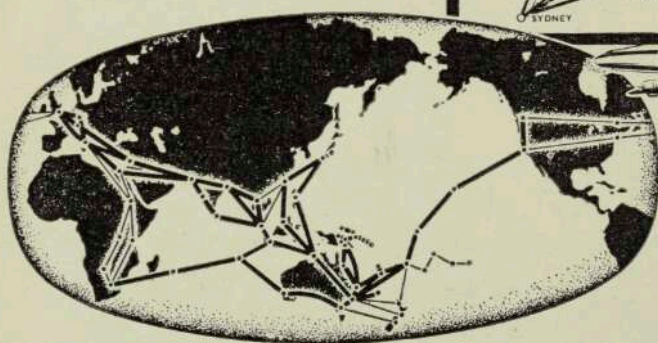
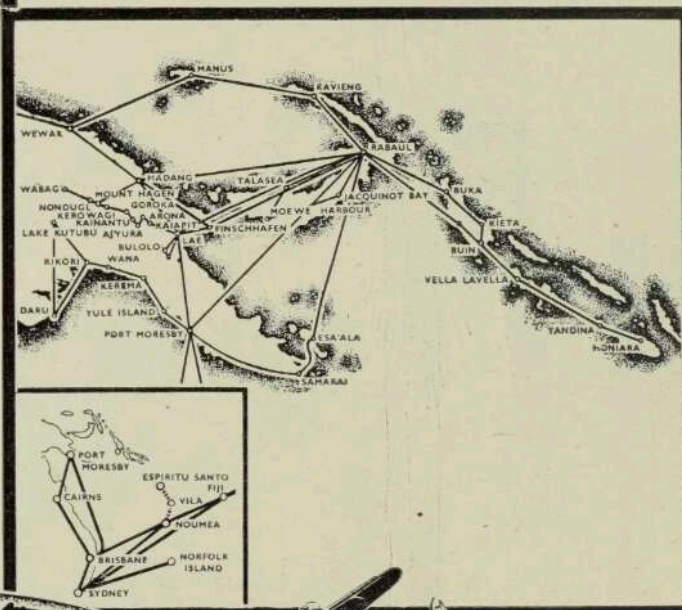
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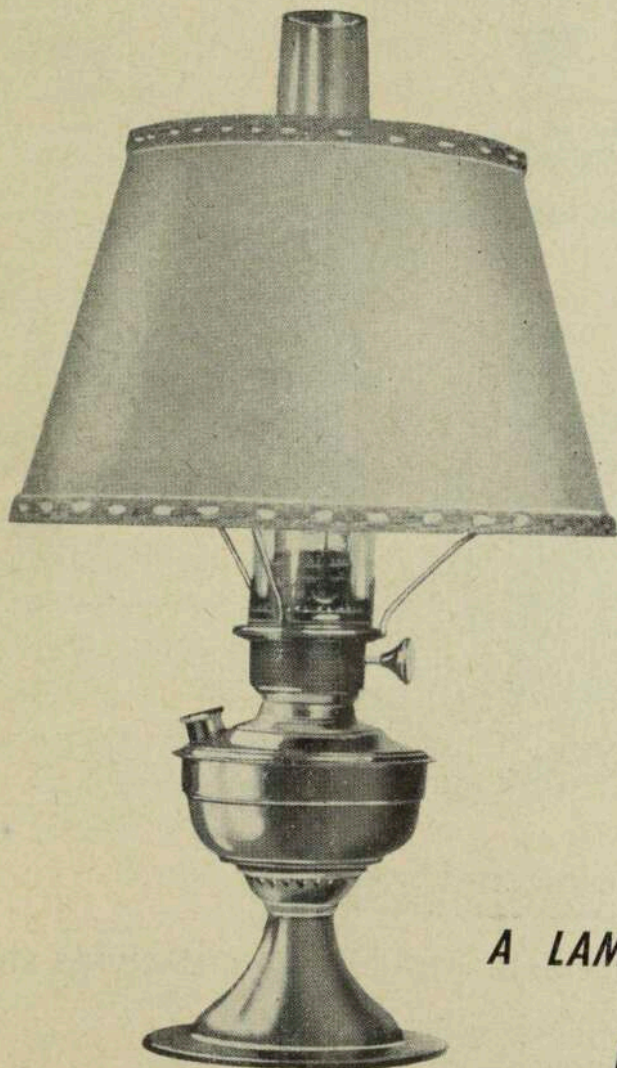
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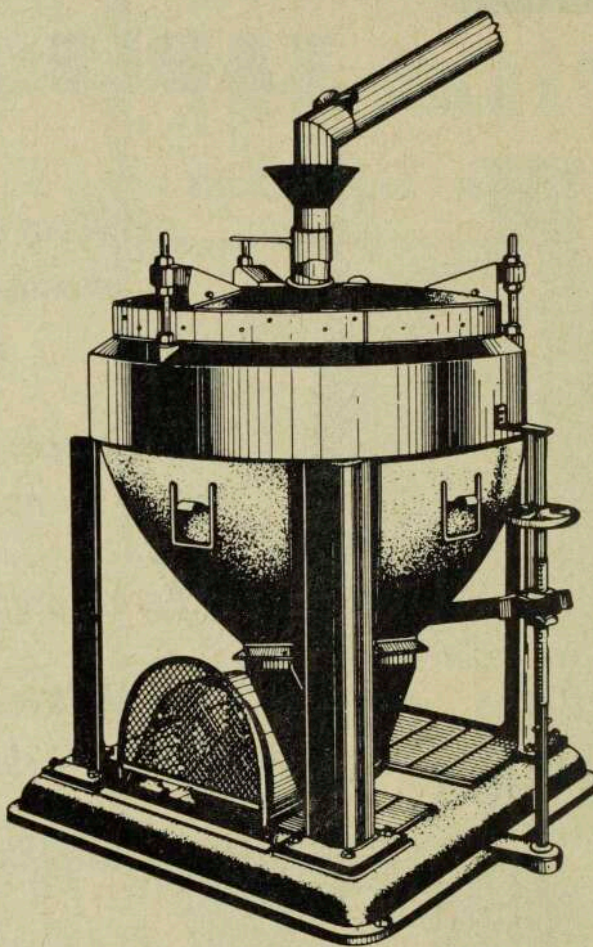
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Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Samarai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next sailing about October 30.
 MV Malekula sails from Sydney for Samarai, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus, Wewak, Dushafen, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney. Next sailing about October 15.
 Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., Bridge Street, Sydney.

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

Next Sydney sailing, Shansi: Oct. 15.
 Next Sydney sailing, Sinkiang: Oct. 16, 13.

Next Sydney sailing, Soochow: Oct. 28.
 Details from New Guinea Australia Line S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents, 6 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukuaivao and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any of the above ports at approx. five weeks intervals. Matua calls at Wellington and

Australia - New Zealand - Canada - USA

Sailings of Orient Line Passenger Ships, 1954-55.

		ORION	ORONSAY	ORCADES	ORSOVA	Orion
		1954	1954	1954/5	1955	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 Apr.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	1 Oct.	30 Nov.	28 Dec.	8 Feb.	8 Apr.
VANCOUVER	arrive	7 Oct.	6 Dec.	3 Jan.	14 Feb.	14 Apr.
	depart	8 Oct.	7 Dec.	4 Jan.	15 Feb.	15 Apr.
SAN FRANCISCO	arr	11 Oct.	9 Dec.	6 Jan.	17 Feb.	18 Apr.
	depart	12 Oct.	10 Dec.	7 Jan.	18 Feb.	19 Apr.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	17 Oct.	14 Dec.	11 Jan.	22 Feb.	24 Apr.
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

Lyttelton (NZ), Lautoka (Fiji) and supplements Tofua's schedule in Islands, calling at ports as directed by owners.

Tofua's next voyages scheduled to leave Auckland November 13 and December 7. Matua will leave Auckland October 19 and November 17.

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 November 11. Details from Burns Philp & Co., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, coming from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Maritimes, Luxurious new liners Caledonien and Tahitien recently added to this service.

Sailing dates:—

From Sydney, Northbound—Caledonien: November 23, April 11; Tahitien: January 7, May 24.

From Papeete, southbound — Tahitien: December 14, April 30; Caledonien: October 31, March 18.

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

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Four round trips per year will be made and direction of service will alternate (i.e. the second voyage from UK will go South Africa about); about 1,200 one-class passengers will be carried. Single, two-berth and multi-berth cabins are available. Fares Sydney-UK are from £115 Stg.; Suva-UK, via Panama, from £105 Stg.; via the Cape, from £132 Stg.; Papeete-UK, via Panama, from £100 Stg.; via Cape, £151 Stg.

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, e

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

Suggested sailing dates for the

Thorsisle are as follows:
San Francisco (Southbound) .. Oc
Papeete Oc
Apia Oc
Nukualofa Nov
Suva Nov
Lautoka (Vatia) Nov
Noumea Nov
Lae Nov
San Francisco (Inbound) .. De

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

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PORT VILA—Comptoirs Francais des LAE—Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd.
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Airways Time-Table

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

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(Skymasters)

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

Moresby, 7.30 am
Connecting services north of Lae by
D.C.3 to Bulolo and Wau on Wednesdays.

Lae, 8.45 am

Sundays (Sandringhams)

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

When Esa'ala is omitted, arrival Rabaul
is 2.00 pm.

SOUTHWARDS

Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays
(Skymaster)

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

Connecting services from Wau by Drover.
Arrives Lae 9.35 am Saturday.

Alt. Thursdays (Sandringham)
(Oct. 7, 21, etc.)

Depart:	Arrive:
Rabaul, 5.30 am	Samarai, 8.45 am

LONDON - SUVA

FIJI DIRECT SERVICE

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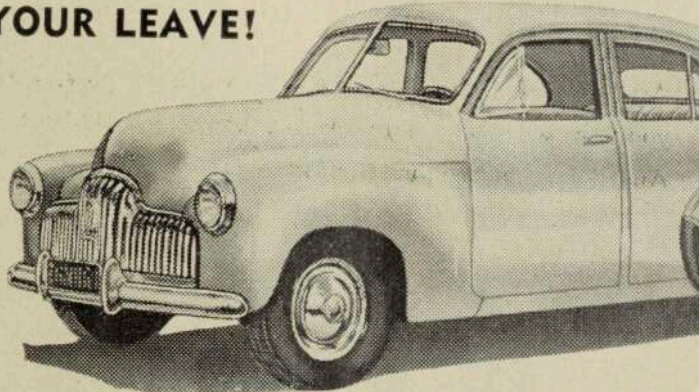
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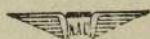


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Cairns, 8.30 am
Brisbane, 3.45 pm
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(Sandringham)
Rabaul, 5.30 am
Samarai, 9.15 am
Passengers wait in Moresby until alt.
Sat. (Oct. 2, 16, 30, etc.) then:
Depart:
Moresby, 6 am
Cairns, 10.55 am
Brisbane, 6.10 pm
Moresby, 11.15 am
Cairns, 3.40 pm
(Night stop)
Brisbane, 2.15 pm
Sydney, 7.05 pm
Samarai, 8.45 am
Moresby, 11.15 am
Arrive:
Cairns, 9.25 am
Brisbane, 4.40 pm
Sydney, 9.30 pm

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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AE—HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea) (DC3)

Alternate Wednesdays (Oct. 6, 20, etc.)
Departs Lae 10.30 am, calls at Madang and Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia 3.0 pm. Every alt. Thursday (Oct. 7, 21, etc.), depart Hollandia at 9 am, and, with calls at Wewak and Madang, arrives Lae at 2.40 pm.

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, Rabaul and Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.55 pm.

MORESBY-DARU (Sandringham)
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Friday, returning same day (Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12, 26, etc.).

RABAU—MOEWE HARBOUR (Sandringham)

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul-Jacquinet Bay-Moewe Harbour-Talasea-Rabaul Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10, 24, etc.

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

NEW BRITAIN—BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul - -Buka - Kieta - Buin Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17, 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. 3.40 pm.

Tue. only Dep. Rabaul 8.00 am direct Madang, arr. 10.50 am, Wewak, Madang, Lae arr. 4.35 pm.

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Fridays.—Lae (8.30 am) to Wabamunda, calling at any of: Nabzab, Kainantu, Goroka, Nondugl, Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Baiyer R., Wabag. Return to Lae arriving 6 pm.

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LAE—BULOLO—WAU (Drover)

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Dep. Wau.—Tues. 4.30 pm.—Mon. 9.00 am —Wed. 1.00 pm. Direct to Lae in 35 minutes.

MADANG—GOROKA (DC3)

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

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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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 7 am for Kavieng Momote, Wewak, Madang, Goroka, Lae.



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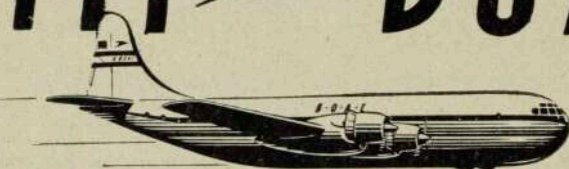
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Mon. (Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 8, 15, 22, etc.) Lae (dep. 6 am) — Finschhafen — Rabaul — Buka — Vellalavella — Yandina — Honiara, BSI (arriving 5.2 pm).

Tue. (Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 9, 16, 23, etc.), Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vellalavella — Buka — Rabaul — Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.50 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

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Australian agents: Messageries Maritimes

7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymasters

Alternate Thursdays (Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 18, etc.), returning same day.

9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas with Sandringham

Flying Boats—Weekly

Depart:	Arrive:
Syd., Wed. 8.30 pm	Brisbane, 11.50 pm
Bris., Thu. 1.20 am	Noumea, 8.00 am
Noumea, 9.30 am	Vila, 12.05 pm
Vila, 1.20 pm	Santo, 2.35 pm
	(Night stop)
Santo, Fri. 6.00 am	Vila, 7.15 am
Vila, 7.45 am	Noumea, 10.25 am
Noumea, 1.00 pm†	Sydney, 8.40 pm

* Every second service night stops Noumea to allow connection with Noumea Suva service—see below, Table 10.

† Alternate Friday, Oct. 15, 29. C alternate Saturdays (Oct. 9, 23), plane departs Noumea 2 pm, arriving Sydney 9.40 pm.

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham

Flying Boats—Fortnightly

Depart:	Arrive:
Noumea, 11.25 am	Suva, 5.55 pm
Alt. Fri.*	(Night stop)
Suva, 8.00 am Alt.	Noumea, 12.30 pm
Sat.†	

* Alt. Fri. Oct. 8, 22, etc. † Alt. Sat. Oct. 9, 23, etc.

(Service allows connection at Noumea with Sydney-New Hebrides Service—see above.)

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

By NZ National Airways, with DC3's

Single service each Sunday and return with double service alt. Sundays follows: 2 services June 20, July 18, etc., but double services each Sunday from Sept. 30 to Feb. 27, 1955.

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Papuan Oil

Australian Petroleum Co. reports (Oct. 12) on oil-drilling in Papua: Omati No. 1—sidetracking hole down to 13,074 ft (within 670 feet of level where gas encountered last year); Omati No. 2—still at 7,500 feet—repairs proceeding; Aramia—preparing to drill at point 25 miles north of Fly River, and 100 miles west of Gulf of Papua, on bank of Aramia River.

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¶ Mr. W. J. L. Philpott, after 44 years service with Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., in Tonga and Fiji, retired at the end of August in Suva. Mr. Philpott was born in Fiji, his father having arrived in the Colony in 1873. He served overseas in World War I. Mr. and Mrs. Philpott plan to live with their son Barry at Kawagawa, North Auckland, NZ.

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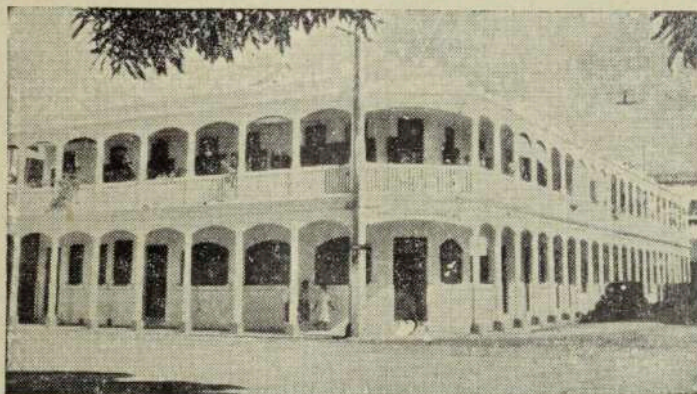
Population of the widely scattered Territory is 55,000.

¶ Mr. Les Clark, who now is soundly established as an Islands Agent in Sydney, is this month making a periodical tour of Papua and New Guinea. He is receiving a warm welcome from his old pre-war friends in Rabaul.

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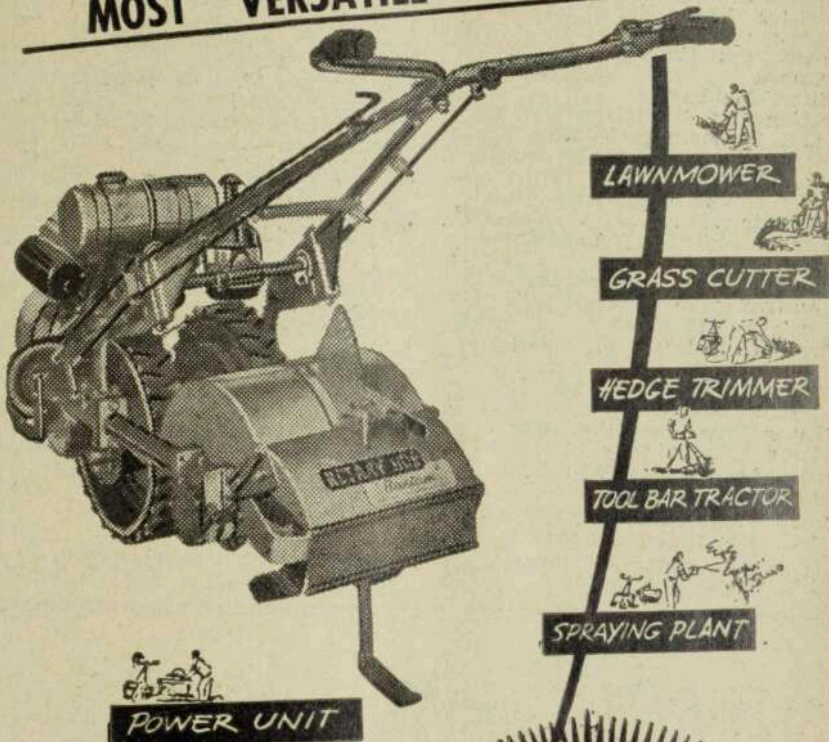
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HASTY RE-ALIGNMENT OF OUR DEFENCES AGAINST THE REDS

HAVING been kept in the back-ground for at least eight years, the South-East Asia menace to the peace and security of the South Pacific countries is now right out on the front page of all Anglo-Austral-American newspapers—and being made even more conspicuous by flag-waving politicians.

For years, the *Pacific Islands Monthly* was the only newspaper which consistently described the danger in its stark reality. Otherwise, the situation created by the unravel of the Dutch in Indonesia, and the rapid advance of Communism over South-East Asia, was hardly ignored by press and politicians alike. However, the events of the past month or two show both politicians and press rushing in a frenzy to the other extreme.

There are several new developments in a situation which has been conspicuously ugly ever since the end of World War II.

The progressive deterioration of the so-called "Republican" regime in Indonesia is the first to be listed. It is followed by a Socialist Australian Government, and by a United Nations Assembly of which the Australian Socialist Minister Evatt is Chairman, a gang of political adventurers in Indonesia succeeded in throwing out the 350-years-old Dutch administration, and establishing in its place a "Republican" set-up. The latter promised early elections

under which regional governments would be elected; and the formation of a Federation which would enter into a Union with the Netherlands. None of these things was done. The "Republicans" clung to power and, while trying to stifle public discontent by staging a claim to Dutch New Guinea, came increasingly under the influence of a Communist Party directed from China. To-day the Indonesian "government" is kept in office by the Reds.

During September, a party of "jurists" from Indonesia was in Peking, negotiating with the Chinese Communist Government about the citizenship of the 3,000,000 Chinese in Indonesia. China consented to the Indonesian demand that the latter discard their Chinese nationality—but only on condition that naturalisation be spread over several years. It is well known that the Red planners in Peking expect that Indonesia will be a Chinese "protectorate" by 1960.

THE next factor was the collapse of the French in Indo-China. As soon as Red Chinese forces were released from Korea by the Truce (which Truce has never been carried on into a Peace Treaty) powerful Chinese Communist armies were directed against Northern Vietnam, which comprises the Red River—or most valuable—section of Indo-China. After years of half-hearted fighting—military opera-

tions which bore a curious resemblance to the French military effort in Western Europe in 1939-40—the French surrendered Northern Vietnam to the Reds.

Almost simultaneously, the French Government refused to join United States, Britain, Germany and the smaller nations in the European Defence Community—and this brought about, in August-September the most rapid realignment of forces that Western Europe ever has seen. France now takes a minor place in the plan of Western European defence against the Communist bloc; while Germany, restored to sovereign power, is being supported by America and Britain in forming Western Europe's bulwark of defence against the growing threat from the Iron Curtain countries.

This took place during an equally hurried realignment of forces to face South-East Asia. Despite the glib assurances of Red China and Red Russia, the Western Powers feel that the condition of France, and the growing undependableness of India, constitute a weakness which must be met immediately.

Therefore, early in September, representatives of United States, Britain, Australia, France, Siam, New Zealand, Pakistan and Philippines met in Manila and quickly formed the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) under which they agree to defend each other's territories against any further southward or westward move by the Communists in South-East Asia. India and Indonesia clearly are hostile to SEATO; but France (trying to retain Laos, Cambodia and

Southern Vietnam), Siam (cruelly exposed along more than half of its frontiers) and Pakistan came in as active supporters.

MEANWHILE, Indonesia has gone into action with a demand at United Nations headquarters in New York that she shall be given possession of Western New Guinea; and this at last has brought from Australia a clear enunciation of policy in respect to Western New Guinea and Indonesia.

Australia's Foreign Minister, R. G. Casey, in words of almost brutal frankness, has informed the United

News Items appear also on page 5, this issue.

Nations that Indonesia has not got a shadow of a claim—historical, political or ethnological—to Western New Guinea; and that Australia will take every possible step to ensure the continued occupation of Western New Guinea by the Dutch.

Mr. Casey and various other commentators, during September, told the world that it is vital to the defence of the South Pacific that the Asiatic Communists be kept in Asia; that Indonesia, being politically unstable, could easily be overwhelmed by the Communists, and thus provide the latter with a convenient land bridge between Asia and Australia; and that the need to keep Asiatic Communism out of the South Seas transcends all the theoretical considerations which may be evolved by the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the nominal "Union" between The Netherlands' Crown and Indonesia—which became impracticable when the "Republicans" failed to carry out their undertaking to promote a Federation—has been officially dissolved.

Mr. Attlee, the British Socialist leader, whose Prime Ministership between 1945 and 1950 came near to destroying the British Empire, has been on a goodwill mission to Moscow and Peking, and has exchanged platitudes with the Red leaders. During the same period, active fighting began between Chinese Communist forces on the coast opposite Formosa, and Chiang Kai Shek's Nationalist forces, based on Formosa. Peking announced that Chiang Kai Shek must be rooted out of Formosa; but United States, in plain words of one syllable, stated that it will not permit the Red invasion of that great island.

To see why, one need only look at the map. Japan, Formosa, Philippines and British Borneo, a chain of non-Communist territories facing the coast of South East Asia, provide a screen thousands of miles long between Red Asia and North America.

WHILE the Western Powers are wearily making their re-alignments to meet the Red thrust from Eastern Asia—which is being

sharpened and strengthened—the Chinese Communists are snarling at Formosa, the Soviet has established secretly a new base for jet aircraft on Hainan Island (uncomfortably close to Philippines and New Guinea) and the Indonesians are yelping at the United Nations. It does not seem possible that a showdown can be indefinitely delayed. RAF Marshal Sir John Slessor, arriving in Australia on September 13, said: "SEATO has been criticised because apparently it has got no teeth. But it has good teeth—back teeth, not the teeth that show when one is smiling. The Anglo-American bomber force is those back teeth. It is the great deterrent which I feel will prevent World War III."

There is intense activity among the air forces of United States, Britain and Australia—they are taking up new positions in handy bases facing South East Asia, from Malaya in the south-west, right across to Japan, in the north-east. This is about the only new activity in this delicate situation that is not being over publicised.

HANDS OFF PIDGIN!

New Book by Professor Hall

A COMPREHENSIVE book on Pidgin English has been written by Professor Robert A. Hall, Jun., Professor of Linguistics at Cornell University, USA, and it will be published about the end of this year by Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd., of Sydney. Professor Hall is residing in Australia at present.

The book, entitled *Hands Off Pidgin English!* is a vigorous defence of the language which has been evolved, in the past 70 years, to meet the needs of New Guinea, where there are scores—if not hundreds—of native languages, but where the average native tribe can communicate neither with Europeans nor with its native neighbours.

Professor Hall contends that there is no need to devise and introduce a *lingua franca*, but that all needs can be met, through Pidgin English, in the fields of administration and education, as well as in commerce and industry; and he pleads that Pidgin be officially accepted, regularised and made orderly. In the course of his interesting argument, he gives a comprehensive history and description of Pidgin, and thus provides a useful book that is long overdue.

Hands Off Pidgin! will be on sale in Australia and Islands bookstores about December next.

*It is noted that the Assistant Director of Education in New Guinea, Mr. J. T. Roscoe, in a recent statement said: "There are approximately 700 district languages, not counting dialects, in Papua and New Guinea."

Late News:

Increased Freights

FORT MORESBY, October 9.—Shipping agents here have announced big increases in shipping freights and passenger charges.

Retrospective to October 1, general cargo rates from Australian port to Port Moresby have been increased from £9/10/- a ton to £10/5/- and passenger fares have increased by £4. Freight and fares to other ports in the Territory are in proportion, although there is no increase in inter island rates.

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Other items have increased by more than 15/- a ton. Most notable instances are beer, with 55/- a ton increase (which should be good news for the Port Moresby brewer), and cocoa, 50/-.

Freight on copra has increased by another 10/- a ton.

Five-days Week Claim

The Public Service Association, Papua-New Guinea has announced that it has accepted the offer of the Minister for Territories, to conciliate on its claims for a five-day week and an increase in cost of living payments.

A Conciliation Commissioner, shortly expected to be sent to the Territory, to hear the case and report back to the Minister.

Stony Way to Self-Government:

Samoans Face Task of Designing Own Administration

Western Samoa will enter another phase on its journey towards self-government on November 10 when 162 representatives (146 Samoans, 16 Europeans) sit down at historic Mulinu'u to make and consider proposals on a Constitution for the ultimate independent state of Samoa.

At present Western Samoa is a Trust Territory administered by New Zealand. A surprise announcement in March 1953, outlined a plan for eventual Samoan self-government, and it was stated then that all aspects would be discussed fully at a Constitutional Convention towards the end of 1954.

It was made clear in 1953 that the Samoans would design their own administration, and in conformity with this proposal, discussions at the coming meeting will be based on proposals already released by the Working Committee or the Development Plan. The committee has been engaged on this task over the past year.

The Convention will be conducted in open session, interested organisations being free to send representatives to listen to the debates.

Our Apia correspondent summarises the Working Committee's commendations under the following heads:

• **Common Citizenship:** A careful distinction to be made between common citizenship and common domestic status. The recognition of the former will be vital with the establishment of a State, the distinction between Samoans and non-Samoans at home will have to be retained at first.

• **Legislature:** The present Legislative Assembly and Fono of Faipule to give way to a single legislature elected annually headed by a Speaker elected by the House, and to consist of 41 members, five European, and two official members (Ministers of Justice and Defence).

• **Suffrage:** In Samoan constituencies chiefs only to have active and passive voting power. In European constituencies, universal suffrage, as at present.

• **Constituencies:** To conform with the Faipule Districts, with some boundary adjustments.

• **Head of State:** The present two Hon. Tupua Tamasese and Malietoa Tamasese (II) to be joint heads, future vacancies to be appointed from members of the two respective Royal Families in the new Legislature. Appointments for provision for resignation.

• **Executive Government:** To be controlled by Premier and Cabinet Ministers, collectively responsible to the House of Representatives. The Premier, elected by the Legislature, to choose his Cabinet from members approved by the Legislature. Cabinet to decide general Government Policy and to approve legislation before its submission to the Legislature.

• **Public Service:** Territory to control through a Commissioner, with policy

matters under Cabinet control and close liaison with NZ Public Service.

• **Relationship with New Zealand:** Based on arrangements similar to those existing between Tonga and the United Kingdom, but with special provisions due to Samoa being a UN Trust Territory. A New Zealand representative to be stationed in Samoa, to have special powers in relation to Defence, Foreign Affairs, and seconded officers.

• **Constitution:** To be established in a series of amendments to the Samoa Act.

OUR correspondent makes this comment on the Convention:

It is difficult to analyse Samoan feelings in relation to the proposed changes. There seems to be, throughout the community, a general feeling of apathy and indifference. Objections to many features of the proposals are likely to be heard from the Savaii representatives.

A section of the Samoans, and most of the local-born Europeans of part-Samoan blood, are not enthusiastic about any political changes, contending that Samoa is happy and prosperous at present and that early, rapid and incisive changes seem unnecessary. The European attitude may be reflected in the October election of European delegates to the Convention.

NEW HANDBOOK OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

THE Handbook of Papua and New Guinea, published in September by Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd., has been well received by the Islands and Australian public. It is a volume of 320 pages and it contains all available details about the two big Australian Territories—their administration, history, statistics, physical characteristics, government policies, transport systems, industries, and so forth. Each of the 15 Administrative Districts is described separately, and there is a full list of all European and the leading Chinese residents in each District. There also are complete lists of Departmental officials, trading houses, planters, etc. Copies may be obtained (15/- each) at all Islands stores and Sydney bookstores, or direct from Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd., PO Box 3408, Sydney.

Suspension of P-NG Police Commissioner

P. MORESBY, Oct. 5.

NO official report has been issued yet in the departmental inquiry which followed the suspension of Police Commissioner Col. J. S. Grimshaw on September 14.

It was alleged that Col. Grimshaw used £25 from the Coronation Contingent Fund to buy himself a uniform, believing that he would be a member of the Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary Contingent.

It was also alleged that he did not return the money when he was not chosen.



"Burnt Fingers? Maybe just as well—it might save you finishing up with us here."

P-NG Legco Elections:

Territorians Show Disinterest In Local Politics

If any proof were wanted that non-indigenous residents of Papua and New Guinea are not interested in local politics, the elections held on October 2 supplied it. Of 1,125 people on the rolls for NG Islands electorate, 542 voted. Of 700 on the rolls for NG Mainland, 192 cast their vote.

RESULTS of the polls were: ISLANDS ELECTORATE

Mr. D. Barrett (sitting member), 408 votes.

Mr. J. Stokie, 116 votes.

Informal, 6 votes.

Rejected, 12; 49 postal votes outstanding when counting finished. Total on the rolls, 1,125. Total postal votes issued—128.

MAINLAND ELECTORATE

Mr. G. Whittaker, 145 votes.

Mr. H. Starr, 40 votes.

Informal, 7; 18 postal votes outstanding when counting finished. Total on the rolls, 700. Total postal votes issued, 51.

The elections were hardly in doubt from the time counting commenced at 6 o'clock in the two main polling centres of Rabaul and Lae.

Elected members to the P-NG Legislative Council for the next

three years will therefore be: Mr. Barrett, Mr. Whittaker and Mr. E. A. James, of Port Moresby, who was elected unopposed for the Papua Mainland electorate.

Names of nominated members of the new Council had not been announced at the time of going to press.

Meeting of new Council has been set for November 1 and is expected to last about one week.

Towards the close of the life of the last Council, a sub-committee was set up to consider ways in which the Council could be improved. Recommendations are now before the Minister for Territories and it is expected that, in due course, they will be considered by Australian Cabinet.

One of the recommendations was that elected members should be increased from three to nine. Results of this election just concluded, how-

ever, are scarcely likely to impress Federal Parliament with the political consciousness of P-NG residents. In the huge electorate of Papua Mainland, only one man could be found to present himself for election—Mr. James. That he was unopposed may, of course, be just a compliment to Mr. James, but Federal Cabinet may not take that view.

There are about 13,000 Europeans in the Territory and well over 2,000 Asians, yet only about 2,700 registered to vote in the whole of the Territory and in the two electorates where there was a poll, only 73 actually voted, out of the 1,825 enrolled.

Figures seem to show that there has been a falling off in interest since the first election in 1951. On that occasion 60 per cent. of those enrolled in Mainland and Islands electorates voted; this time the figure is less than 40 per cent.

Our Rabaul correspondent says that the Asiatics were the major factor in the swing towards Barrett and that a high percentage exercised their right to vote. Many Europeans were apathetic, due partly to the feeling that, no matter which candidate was successful, his intentions could be defeated by the official majority in the Council.

Mr. Stokie was disappointed in the result. He said that, though he did not expect to win the Islands seat, he had not expected Mr. Barrett's majority to be so great.

Lady Garvey's Fund for Fijian Servicemen a Great Success



LADY GARVEY'S Fund for gift parcels to Fiji troops overseas closed on September 25 with over £10,000. The target was £3,000.

Funds were collected mainly through a Queen Carnival, the

Army-Police Queen, a Fijian girl, being officially crowned at a big public ceremony outside the Suva town hall by the Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, on the final day of the drive.

The photograph was taken just as Meresiana Leiwaliva Lutuwasu, the Fiji Queen (centre foreground), had been crowned. Other contestants represent Chinese, European and Indian communities also shown.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office

Finding on Drover Crash.

Lapse of Memory Blamed

RESULTS of an inquiry which followed the forced landing of a Fiji Airways Drover plane on a reef off Bau, at end of August, have been released.

The inquiry was conducted by Squadron-Leader H. C. Salmon, RNZAF. He reported:

"The cause of the accident was the failure of the pilot to turn off the port fuel tank cock before that tank became empty. The technical evidence shows no other cause. The failure of the pilot to carry out this operation cannot be described as other than a serious failure, as he had knowledge of the instructions laid down in the Operations Manual . . . and the danger of engine stoppage if that operation were not carried out. The fact that the port fuel tank was empty to a degree requiring his attention ought to have been present in his mind before leaving Savusavu and throughout the return journey as the level in the tank was reduced to a dangerous stage (it contained 15 gallons at take-off).

"When the engine began to falter and when he knew the tank was empty, the cause of the fuel starvation should have come to his mind. It is difficult to explain why it had not, and the explanation must be that which the pilot himself has given, mental fatigue following a long tour of operations and an unaccountable lapse of memory.

"Insofar as the landing of the aircraft is concerned, there can be no doubt that the pilot did all that could be expected, and no possible blame can be attributed to him in this respect."

The pilot was Captain F. P. Ladd, the company's chief pilot, who has been constantly engaged in flying in Fiji since World War II but who now has left Fiji and gone to live in NZ.

A NUT CAME OFF THE RAPIDE

For reasons that are not clear, the official report into the inquiry of the crash of Fiji Airways Rapide in April, was released a week or so after the above report.

The Rapide crash inquiry was conducted by Squadron-Leader E. K. Walker, RNZAF. The finding was that the cause of the forced landing was due to a propeller pinner nut coming off and so releasing a propeller as the aircraft took off. The nut had not been secured. There were no injuries but tools and luggage were lost in the fire which destroyed the aircraft when it overturned 1,000 yards from the airstrip.

Mrs. John Ahearn, of Port Moresby, arrived in Sydney early in September to attend the marriage of her daughter, Margaret, to Mr. Leslie Smith of Brisbane.

One Last, Long Lingering Look, and Then:—

Minister Webb Goes Off To London

It is evident that the August aerial excursion of NZ External Territories Minister, T. Clifton Webb, to the Cook Islands, was a farewell gesture rather than a familiarisation jaunt.

Direct Taxation Proposed For W. Samoa

REORGANISATION of Western Samoa's revenue - collection machinery is contemplated. Proposals include a modified form of income taxation.

A long report has just been published in Apia setting out recommended changes. It is based on investigations made by Mr. R. A. Banks, of the New Zealand Taxation Department, and a Departmental Committee set up in the Territory.

It contains interesting tables comparing the proposed new system with systems already operative in other countries in a comparable stage of development, like Fiji, Tonga, the Gold Coast, and New Guinea.

But although great changes are proposed only very small additional revenue would be realised—and it is acknowledged that considerable additional revenue will be called for to carry out the Development Plan (see elsewhere) which will also require considerable capital expenditure.

The Report is also remarkable in having completely avoided the issue on reintroduction of a direct tax for the Samoans. Such a tax would yield a substantial amount and this would be used entirely for the benefit of the Samoans themselves.

The Committee makes the following recommendations: The following existing taxes to be abolished entirely: Building Tax, Amusement Tax, Store Tax, Copra House Tax, Immigration and Emigration charges.

The present Business License fees to be abolished and a flat rate of £2 per annum be levied.

The present Salary Tax to be abandoned and replaced by a general income tax with some modifications.

Motor vehicle licenses to be continued.

SCARCELY was he back in New Zealand than Prime Minister Holland announced that Webb had been elevated to the post of High Commissioner in London in succession to the late Sir Frederick Doidge, who died last May, and who, like Webb, was formerly External Affairs and External Territories Minister.

Presumably now another Minister will make another expensive voyage of discovery to the Forgotten Isles—and if it happens that Labour is returned in General Elections in New Zealand (to be held in November) all the recommendations embodied in Minister Webb's just published report will possibly be reversed.

It may be unkind to dwell on it, but in Rarotonga the "beach Europeans" will be speculating as to whether this expensive farewell winter holiday to the romantic South Sea Islands is to be charged to the Cook Islands financial vote for 1954.

Water rates to be levied on fixed rates depending on whether residential, general business, or special business purposes, until such time as water meters can be installed.

Export Duty, which has been second only to Import Duty as a revenue source, to be retained on a sliding scale for cocoa and copra. Cocoa export duty would be at 10 per cent. on a basic valuation of £200 per ton, f.o.b., increasing by 0.1 per cent. per £1 increase in price (12 per cent. on £400, 12½ per cent. on £450, etc.).

Copra taxed on the same scale, with a basic price of £50 per ton, f.o.b. (At £70, duty would be 12 per cent.). Export duty on other produce to remain as at present.

New Zealand Reparation Estates (Government concern) to pay these export taxes, but to pay income tax only on trading profits earned from sources not subject to export tax.

The proposed Income Tax would commence at 6d in the £1 rising to 7/6d in the £1 on taxable income of £8,400.

In comparison with the present Salary tax, there would be increased deductions for wife and children.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Eddie's Walkingstick

A New Guinea "old-timer," now residing in Auckland, read in his local newspaper a description of a brawl in the Labour Party caucus room in Canberra, wherein (according to the faithful reporter) "Eddie clocked Les Haylen." This stirred his memory, and he wrote PIM as follows:

"I wonder if Eddie Ward remembers the occasion when some of us, at Finschhafen, respectfully greeted 'the Minister for Territories', and formally presented him with a walking-stick made of New Guinea cane. It was a perfectly genuine gift, and a good article; but what Eddie did not know was that that stick had long and honourable service as a means of keeping boongs in order. We belong to the old school, which believes that an ounce of corporal punishment, promptly administered, is worth a ton of UNO chatter about the rights of primitive man. If Eddie could persuade that stick to talk to him, he would learn an awful lot. We still chuckle when we think of the solemn presentation, and the equally insincere Ministerial reply."

Memory of 'Bill' Korn

A note from Mr. H. W. Brown (who was with the Ward Williams expedition, on the upper reaches of the Fly River, Western Papua, in the late '30's) refers to the late Bill Korn (also a Ward Williams man), and the PIM efforts to trace him after he disappeared in World War II.

We learned after the war that Mr. Korn and Mr. Evenson were captured by the Japs at Pondo, soon after the invasion, and taken to Rabaul. It appears they were not kept continuously with the main body of prisoners; and then came a day when a small party of about ten, including Korn and Evenson, simply disappeared and were never seen again. They probably tried to escape—they were of that type—and the Japs simply murdered them (as they did so often in the lands they invaded) and disposed of their bodies.

Mr. Brown recalls that, while goldseeking, he spent some three years in the now notorious Telefomin area, working from a base camp on the Fly River called Kiuaga.

Not a Pretty Picture

From a valued correspondent in London:

"Herewith I send you the leading article from the *News Chronicle* of August 31, 'Nehru and the Giant'—indicating how Communist China plans slowly to swallow India—and

a statement from the Soviet News Agency, which says that if Indonesia will join the Southeast Asia Pact, America will be prepared to consider sympathetically Indonesia's claim to Dutch New Guinea.

"All this has a direct application to the infiltration of Asiatics into the countries of the South Pacific. Not that that worries the present British Government in any way. The British do not understand the situation as it affects the South Pacific and don't want to. . . . If and when the worst comes, the United States will be the only defender of the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates Down Under."

And the United States do not do it because they love us, but because it is vital to the United States that they build, far out in the Pacific, something to protect the western coast of America against the ever-growing menace of Red Asia.

Where the PIM Goes

"Your PIM has a reputation for popping up in the most unexpected places," writes Mr. Paul Kamsler, of Cairns—the man who sold the *Tiare* to the Enterprise of NG expedition, and delivered her to Mr. A. E. Jentsch, at Lae.

"Three or four years ago I went into the house of the chief of a village in the mountains of Vietnam, south of Saigon, and there I saw the walls of his room completely papered with PIM covers. I could not imagine how on earth they got there. But I found out that the French Resident in the District was a

former Tahiti official, and he got the PIM to keep in touch with Pacific friends, and he doled out the front covers as a favour to deservng native chiefs. . . .

"Incidentally, please inform your readers that my boat, *Tiare*, has been sold—I am still getting inquiries from all over the Islands, as a result of that For-sale advertisement."

Fiji's Big Game Fish

The recent PIM article about the way in which the Japanese have been catching big fish for the Van Camp establishment at Pago Pago has aroused the interest of Sir Henry Scott, of Suva. He says he cannot understand, from the published description (which indicates the absence of a barb) how the big fish are kept on the hooks of the Japanese apparatus.

Sir Henry Scott, the late Sir Maynard Hedstrom and the late Mr. E. G. Theodore spent many, many hours trolling for big fish in Fiji waters; and Sir Henry has been making plans to get the present Fiji Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) more deeply involved in this great sport. There are places on the launch run, between Viti Levu and Makogai, where fishing history can be made.

"I often took the late Mr. Theodore out into these waters," Sir Henry told the PIM. "He was a keen fisherman. His only fault was that he was too severe—he wanted to land his fish too quickly—and consequently he lost many." The fishing technique of the famous founder of Emperor apparently was well in character.

Cook Islands Entertainers Tour NZ



This concert party from Aitutaki commenced an entertainment tour of Maori centres of New Zealand in August. The profits of the tour will be donated to the establishment of a community centre for Cook Islanders in Auckland. The party was lead by Mr. Tai Benioni.

—Photo by S. G. Kingan

Problems of South Pacific

Commission in its 13th Session

THE South Pacific Commission's 13th session began at its headquarters in Noumea, on October 11. The Chairman is Mr. J. R. Halligan (Senior Commissioner for Australia, who is special adviser to the Australian Minister for Territories). Representatives are present from the six countries responsible for South Pacific Islands administration—Australia, France, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States.

The Commission (through its Research Council) has had 21 specialists in the field this year, in addition to its permanent staff in Noumea and Sydney. They have been working on matters of regional importance, such as the improvement of the coconut industry, problems of subsistence agriculture and village industries, and development of rice growing. Much literature designed to assist the islanders has been published. Research has continued into the control of the rhinoceros beetle, population changes, foods and diets, malaria and malaria.

At their present meeting, which may last two weeks, the Commissioners will review progress and plan next year's operations. Those present are:

AUSTRALIA

Mr. J. R. Halligan, Special Adviser to the Minister for Territories, Canberra—Senior Commissioner.
Mr. J. H. Jones, Department of Territories, Canberra—Commissioner.
Mr. J. Ryan, Department of External Affairs, Canberra—Alternate Commissioner.
Mr. J. Wain, Department of Territories, Canberra—Alternate Commissioner.

FRANCE

M. R. Lassalle-Sere, Inspector-General Overseas France, Dakar, Senior Commissioner.
M. A. C. Jouanin, Administrator of Overseas France and Chief of the Cabinet of the Governor of New Caledonia—Commissioner.
M. H. Bonneaud, Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce, Noumea—Adviser.

NETHERLANDS

Dr. H. J. Levett, Minister Plenipotentiary, Netherlands Consul-General, Sydney—Senior Commissioner.
Mr. J. A. van Beuge, New Guinea Division of the Department of Overseas Territories, The Hague—Commissioner.
Mr. A. Loosjes, Deputy Secretary to the Governor of Netherlands New Guinea, Hollandia—Alternate Commissioner.

NEW ZEALAND

Mr. C. G. R. McKay, Onerahi, Whangarei, NZ (formerly Secretary of the Department of Island Territories)—Senior Commissioner.

Mr. D. S. Reid, Department of Island Territories, Wellington, NZ—Adviser.

UNITED KINGDOM

Sir Ronald H. Garvey, KCMG, KCVO, MBE, Governor of Fiji—Senior Commissioner.
Mr. H. H. Vaskess, CMG, OBE, Suva (formerly Chief Secretary of the Western Pacific High Commission)—Commissioner.
Mr. C. W. T. Johnson, CBE, Suva (formerly British Agent and Consul, Tonga)—Alternate Commissioner.

UNITED STATES

Dr. F. M. Keessing, Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University, Stanford, California—Senior Commissioner.
Dean Knowles A. Ryerson, Dean, College of Agriculture, University of California—Commissioner.
Mr. R. S. Herman, Secretary of Guam—Alternate Commissioner.
Miss E. Barr, Office of Dependent Area Affairs, Department of State, Washington—Adviser.

Tarawa has recently changed the time of the Sunday broadcasts to the Gilberts to 4.30-5.00 p.m.—that is, 1½ hours later than previously. The frequency remains 6050 kc/s. in the 49-metre band.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

THE same old problems are chewed over again and again. What is new to-day was old-stuff 20 years ago. This is particularly so in such Territories as Papua-New Guinea, BSIP, etc., which felt the full brunt of war, and where new people, flooding in with the Peace, are apt to believe that everything that has ever happened has occurred since 1946.

Extracts from our issue of October, 1934, follow:

A Bill Gill cartoon, that month, depicted two sad looking beachcombing types. Said one to the other: "Dashed if I can see any hope for the copra industry until some new uses are found. After all, who wants SOAP?"

Mr. Nason-Jones on behalf of Guinea Gold NL had pegged 17 new dredging claims on Papua's Lakekamu goldfield. It was hoped that this might revive that Territory's languishing gold mining industry.

Fourteen Papuans were undergoing a six-months' medical training course at Sydney University. We published a photograph of them—in new store suits and white sandshoes.

Jack Hides, of Papua, was preparing for another patrol. This time to the area between the headwaters of the Strickland and Purari Rivers which we now know as the Southern Highlands. It is in this area that the so called Shangri-La Valley, which caused such a fuss in mid-1954, is situated. If Hides did not enter Shangri-La on this trip, 20 years ago, then he was so close to it that it really does not matter.

Twenty-five Japanese from a Japanese fishing boat were arrested in the Manus area, NG, and subsequently charged with

New Governor Arrives in Papeete

FRENCH Oceania welcomed its new Governor on his arrival in Papeete, on Sept. 27.

He is M. Jean Francois Toby, and he succeeds Governor Petitbon who has been transferred to Djibouti.

The new Governor was greeted with a salute of 15 guns as he came ashore from a TEAL aircraft. Representatives of the Army and Navy, the Mayor and civil officials, were on hand, together with a very large gathering of the local populace.

With the new Governor was his secretary, M. Jean Paumelle.

Mr. Harry Hodsdon, company secretary for Coconut Products, Ltd., Rabaul, during the last 3½ years, expects to leave shortly for Fiji to take up a similar position with the W. R. Carpenter organisation there.

being prohibited immigrants and violating the fisheries and quarantine ordinances.

The position of Papuan rubber planters—in comparison with other varieties of Pacific planters—was described as enviable. They were getting the advantage of overseas exchange on their rubber price, as well as a repayment of the 2d per pound collected by the Commonwealth by way of duty. (But price of rubber was only 7d per pound for Smoked grade, in London).

The BSIP Government had decided to change the name of the large island of Ysabel to Santa Isabella, as the latter was supposed to be more historically correct. Our correspondent commented that the change was quite harmless, and that local residents would probably continue to call it Ysabel.

A large section of the residents of Norfolk Island had rallied to the defence of Captain Macarthur Onslow, who had been deported from the Island by the Administrator, Capt. Finney, and who had been described in Australian Parliament as a dipsomaniac and a "nuisance wherever he went".

A 500 acres coconut plantation—locality unspecified—with 340 acres in full bearing, good anchorage, house, horses, cattle, pigs and fowls was offered for sale at £4,000. Those were the days—to buy coconut plantations!

We reported low grade copra as practically unsaleable—particularly native sun-dried and smoke-dried. The best grades were bringing £9/5/-, London.

The 5½ miles of road from Tavua, Fiji, to the gold mines at Vatukoula were almost complete. We said that it would now be possible to arrive in Suva at 8 a.m. by steamer and be at the mines for afternoon tea. Well, it still is.

Sentences Commuted:

Gaol, Not Death, for 33 Telefomin Murderers

Not unexpectedly, the death sentences passed on 33 New Guinea natives who were concerned in the Telefomin murders, have been commuted. Instead of hanging, the natives will get 10 years with hard labour. All were implicated in the murders of Patrol Officer G. Harris, Patrol Officer G. Szarka and native policemen, Buritori and Purari, in November last year.

New Church Symbolises Methodist Achievement

THE Methodist Church, which embraces well over 85 per cent. of the indigenous Fijian people, will celebrate on October 9, when the handsome, dignified new Fijian Methodist Centenary Church will be officially opened at Suva.

The old Jubilee Church, which somebody once called the Cathedral of Fijian Methodism, was outgrown years ago, and in 1935, 100 years after the arrival of the first Methodist missionaries in Lau, the scheme for a new church was launched.

ROUNDING up the natives and their trials—only recently concluded by Judge Gore at Wewak—have taken many months.

The slow grinding of the mill of British justice—and these primitive natives got the whole treatment according to our Law—must have been completely incomprehensible to the murderers, and commutation of their sentences after so long a delay was inevitable. Hanging them at that stage would likely have done little good.

If the ringleaders had been caught early, summarily tried and hanged in their own villages, the action would likely have been understood and respected and have had a salutary effect. Nothing came out of the trials to show that

the natives concerned did not know what they were about; and certainly in that region, they understand well enough the principle of a life for life.

Months ago, they were removed from their villages; and we understand that they are to serve their sentences in Wewak. So far as the rest of the Telefomin natives are concerned, they therefore are in another world. Nothing further would be accomplished by hanging them now.

Communing their sentences meanwhile, quietened the old ladies trade unionists and parsons in Australia, who have been verbally wringing their hands for months over the fancied injustices to the untutored savages.

When the Minister for Territories announced that the death sentences would be commuted he also placed before Federal Cabinet a report of the circumstances surrounding the murders.

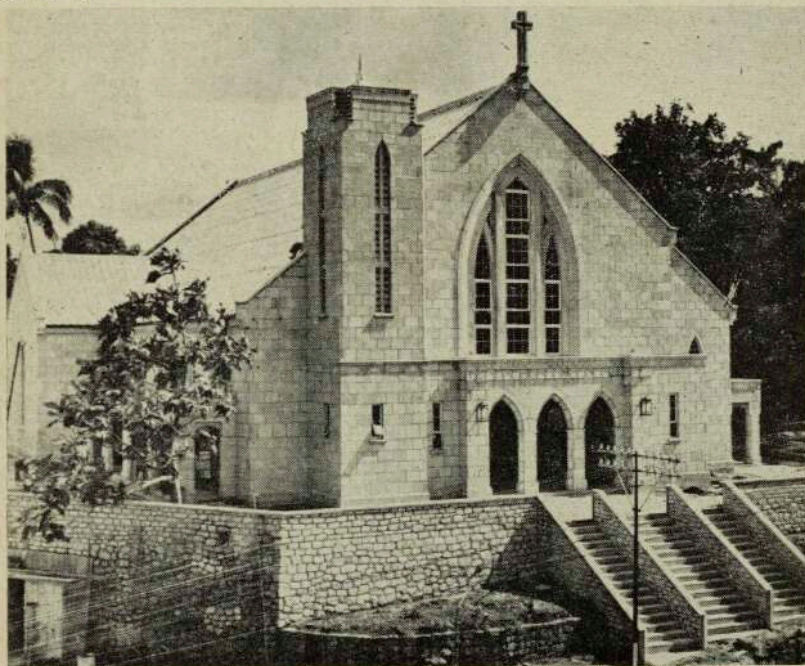
It was stated in the report that:

The main cause of the murders appeared to be that the native peoples resented the beginning of law and order which decreed they were no longer allowed to fight one another, and were obliged to keep the villages clean. They were also apparent under the persuasion of a belief that the taro had become smaller since the advent of the white man. The actions they took were actions to exterminate the Administration, as they knew it, so that they could lead their old life.

Any sense of grievance on any particular matter would appear to have been used as a subsequent excuse and was not the actual motive. The attack apparently occurred when it did because a long-awaited opportunity was seen and not because of any recent events or any events with which the victims were personally associated.

Whether or not these people should have our civilisation and ideas forced upon them can be argued, pro and con, by theorists *ad infinitum*. But having stated policy and put its hand to the plough, the Administration can scarcely draw back now. It appears therefore, that the official attitude must continue to be that Szarka, Harris, the two policemen and the Telefomin natives themselves, are just unfortunate incidents in the process of civilisation to which Australia is committed.

Meanwhile, there has been no further developments in the demand by the parents of Szarka and Harris for an open inquiry into the murders, although Sydney *Truth* presented their case in September. In an interview, Mrs. Harris reiterated some of the statements she made when she recently visited the Territory (see September, PIM) and stated, as well, that the two officers were murdered because of the Administration's delay in paying compensation to the relatives of the natives who had been drowned months previously while employed as carriers.



The new church (Stinson photo).

Interrupted by the war, the appeal for funds was revived several years ago with a broadcast appeal by Lady Freeston, wife of a former Governor, and to-day the fund is only £6,000 short of the required total of £25,000.

People of several races have contributed to the fund but a very large proportion has been raised by the Fijians. It is probable that the remaining £6,000 will be subscribed before the end of the October celebrations.

GREEKS FAIL IN AUSTRALIAN PEARLING INDUSTRY

THE Greek experiment which might have saved the North Australian pearling industry has been a failure. The Jap pearl divers remain supreme in the Arafura Sea this season—and probably in any season they care to come along.

Eleven experienced Greek sponge divers, brought to Australia several months ago as assisted migrants, had an experiment to bolster Darwin's ailing pearling industry, but have "had it".

According to their employer, Master Fearler N. Haritos, himself a Greek, the men could not adjust themselves to Australian conditions and have taken other jobs in the Territory.

Thus ends another hope in the search for divers to replace the now few Japs of pre-war days. If these men had proved successful—and they were reported to be used to deep diving conditions—others were to have been brought in.

Five other divers from Timor or Indonesia, who have been employed in Australian craft in the north for periods varying from 14 to 32 years, are paid off by the Australian Pearling Company which has ceased operations at Darwin, and given notice in August to quit Australia under the immigration laws, unless they can find other employment in the pearling industry.

Meanwhile, Aki Kumanoto, skipper of the *Kimi Maru*, one of the vessels of the Jap pearling fleet operating north of Australia this season, is an example of just what countrymen can do in the way of diving.

Using helmet only, this diver regularly working at 40 fathoms, 100 fathoms is the average working depth of the full-suited Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian pearling industry.

This particular Jap diver not only works at that depth, but reportedly faces with little staging procedure—normally carried out to avoid divers' paralysis. He has a chest expansion of seven inches.

Mr. Rupert Richardson, acting medical officer, has resigned as chairman of The Papuan Apinaipi Petroleum Co. Ltd., but will continue as a director. Mr. Bruce Ham has been elected chairman.

The Rev. John E. Su, of Hong Kong, has been appointed to the vicarage of the Chinese Methodist community in Rabaul. Mr. Su, a well-known preacher and Chinese writer, will leave Hong Kong shortly with his wife and three children.

Aid to Papua's Rubber Industry:

Planters Present Their Case to Tariff Board in Melbourne

The request by the rubber planters of Papua for remission of 2d per pound duty on their rubber entering Australia will have to be well supported; and the Tariff Board's deliberations will be influenced by the amount of self-help undertaken by the planters and how they have reacted to the suggestions given by Mr. C. E. T. Mann, world authority on rubber who visited Papua in 1952, and made a report on the rubber industry there.

THESE comments were made by the Chairman of the Tariff Board, Mr. M. E. McCarthy, at an inquiry which began in Melbourne on September 27.

The Board's terms of reference are:

Whether, having regard to the Commonwealth's responsibility for the development of its Territories, the production of crude rubber and rubber latex in the Territory of Papua-New Guinea and the importation of those products of the Territory into the Commonwealth of Australia, should be accorded assistance and if so found, the extent of such assistance.

(Rubber is subject to 2d per pound Australian import duty. Specifically, the Papuan planters are asking for its remission in the case of Papuan rubber. At present, Australian primage, which amounts to approximately 2d per pound on rubber, is waived on Papuan, and by agreement between the parties concerned, Australian manufacturers purchase Papuan rubber at ruling rates which, in effect, gives the producers a "bounty" of 2d. Something of the same sort is envisaged in respect of the 2d duty, which means that, if they are successful, Papuan rubber planters would be receiving a total benefit of 4d per pound).

This is the first time that the Australian Tariff Board has been called on to advise on assistance to a Territory industry; and one of the few times when the full board of seven members has sat at such an inquiry—it is usual for only three members to sit at any one inquiry.

At the Melbourne opening, submissions were made by:

- Mr. D. T. Lattin, Supervising Research Officer, Department of Territories, on behalf of the Department and in support of the planters' claim;

- Major G. D. Walker (whose plantation interests in Papua are at Kanosia), for the Planters' Association of Papua; and

- Mr. V. B. D. Watson, of Fibre Processors (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., of Victoria, who submitted that there be "no increase in the rates of duty to protect rubber latex manufactured in the Territory of P-NG."

Territory Department's Submission

THE Department of Territories supported planters' claims for these reasons:

- (1) That such assistance was in line with Commonwealth policy for developing the Territory;

- (2) That the industry is economically important to the Territory of P-NG as a whole and to Papua, where the industry is concentrated, in particular;

- (3) That the Administration had already taken special steps to encourage the industry in Papua by paying air freight on seed of high-yielding planting material from Malaya; in establishing an experimental station at Bisianumu; in providing technical advice and, in 1952, in employing a world authority, Mr. C. E. T. Mann, to make a technical survey;

- (4) That the industry was important to Australia both strategically and economically—in 1953-54 Australia imported 43,059 tons of rubber and 14,000 people were employed in Australia in the industry earning salaries and wages of over £10,340,000 per annum;

- (5) That before the war, Australian government policy was to protect Territory industries as well as Australian industries, and it was to be expected that a similar policy would have been followed after the war had not the Commonwealth assumed obligations under GATT. The need for continuing the pre-war policy was the basis of the case for a waiver, which GATT agreed to last year. The provision of duty-free admission of Territory rubber was the logical outcome of the waiver;

- (6) That due to world conditions, and since the war, the production of synthetic rubber, prices of natural rubber have not increased in the same proportion as other primary products. The rubber industry in Papua has been depressed even more than world conditions in the industry; the bulk of the imported factors of production used in the industry come from Australia and costs of these have increased due to Australian inflation. Local costs have also risen and it is unlikely that, under present conditions, new capital can be encouraged to invest in the industry. Estimated cost of establishing a rubber plantation is over £106 per acre compared with £70 per acre for copra and £100 for copra. Reasonable profit expectations and good prospects of a stable market are essential if the industry is to expand, and in this regard, suitable tariff assistance would be an important contribution.

Submissions of Planters' Association

Major Walker, on behalf of the Planters' Association of Papua stated that:

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The aims of the Planters' Assn., which represents 34 plantations—i.e., all except government plantations—were (a) an assured market for Papuan rubber in Australia; and (b) a reasonable return to growers to enable maintenance of current assets and to attract additional capital for expansion.

The Association further submitted that freedom from primage, as at present, and freedom from import duty as requested, could achieve these aims so long as the general rate of primage and duty on foreign rubber remained not less than at present and that Australian manufacturers continued to purchase all Papuan rubber for grade, up to the limit of their requirements before making purchases of foreign rubber.

The Association submitted that:

(1) It was unfair to charge import duty on Papuan rubber entering Australia when all other import Territory crops were admitted duty free;

(2) That removal of duty would be a desirable encouragement to the expansion of this strategically important crop in an Australian Territory; and that

(3) Removal of duty would be a measure of relief to some producers who, by circumstances of location, etc., found the present prices inadequate.

In support of its submissions the Association stated that in the cost of producing rubber, about 30 per cent. represented five rations, almost all of which came from Australia and cost £134,000 per annum. At the same time, the revenue derived by Australia by the import duty on Papuan rubber was only £56,000,

which was of little consequence in Australian finance. The Association believed that the present duty on rubber was an incident and that originally it was not intended that the Papuan grower should be subject to import tax. An import tax of 4d per pound was levied by the Commonwealth as a revenue measure in 1906, but rubber from Papua was exempt. In 1933, it was reduced to 2d per pound, all rubber including Papuan, but the amount collected in respect of Papuan was returned for distribution to the growers. When conditions improved towards the end of 1936, the return of the 2d per pound ceased but Papuan rubber was made exempt from primage. (This measure is still passed back to the grower).

Papuan rubber producers had certain disadvantages in comparison with growers in other countries, viz: Development was still limited, particularly in the matter of roads and communications. Lack of availability of high grade plant material had been a severe handicap to the Papuan industry in the past, although the Administration was now assisting by paying air freight on material from Malaya; labour costs were high, particularly on those plantations where labour was not available and where had to be flown in from New Guinea. Commonwealth Government policy was to encourage the development of the rubber industry and the expansion of it was of great strategic importance to Australia. The Association considered that, given encouragement, growers were willing to plant replacement areas and to expand. However, expansion was governed by the capital cost of planting and the return that can be expected from the investment.

It was normally about 10 years before a profit could be made, some encouragement was desirable to attract capital and some assurance of a long-term market.

Average cost of production, f.o.b. Port Moresby was 16d per pound but this made

no provision for amortisation and depreciation—a fair allowance for which would be about 2d per pound. As the price for the first six months of this year had been approximately 20.5d, this gave a profit of 2.5d per pound. Cost of production varied with location, etc., and range of costs f.o.b. Port Moresby varied from 14d to 21d per lb.

The Association considered that Papua can produce rubber equal in quality to any grown elsewhere and that with better planting material, yield per acre can be doubled and possibly trebled. Re-planting or establishing new plantations depended on an assurance to investors that they would have a market for their produce and a fair return for their investment.

Board's Preoccupation With Mann Report

THE reaction of the Board (three of whom are permanent public servants, two of whom represent secondary industries and two primary industries) and the questions they asked witnesses were largely based on the Mann report. It was obvious that members had no knowledge of general conditions, such as labour laws, in the Territory, or of the rubber industry as it is conducted in the Territory. They did not discuss the strategic value of the industry.

Mr. Mann had criticised some aspects of the industry in Papua and had suggested measures for improving the finished product—for example, he said that planters had not accepted bud-grafting, nor had they replanted with high-yielding material; that they did not give enough attention to grading, baling or presentation. He said that rubber cost less to produce in Papua than in Malaya, and he believed it was not impossible to train native labour. But for best results, there should be some "rationalisation" of the regulations under which native labour was employed.

Both Mr. Lattin and Major Walker were called upon by Board members to answer questions based on these observations, mainly as to what the planters had done to correct the aspects Mr. Mann had criticised.

Major Walker pointed out that it was two years since Mr. Mann had been in the Territory, and that in that time, producers had made improvements in such things as grading and packing etc. However, with respect to Mr. Mann, he suggested that some of his recommendations were unsuitable for Papua. In regard to bud grafting this was particularly so. There was not sufficient skilled labour for this operation. Plantation labourers were frequently from Highlands areas and most of them had previously not had any contact with Europeans. They were taken to the plantations for 18 months and then must be repatriated—the Administration formed the labour laws and insisted on their being carried out. No

European on the plantations spoke Highlands languages and the boys' knowledge of Pidgin was sketchy, but through the medium of boss-boys they were introduced to a tapping knife and with extreme difficulty instructed in the delicate operation of rubber tapping.

This was an entirely different proposition to rubber producing in Malaya, where intelligent Tamils who had grown up on the estates, were entrusted with this job. By way of comparison, Major Walker said that in tapping a Tamil would probably use up 8 inches of bark a year; a pre-war Papuan rubber worker about 10 inches and a "heavy handed Highlander" about

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

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Wells and Water At Rabaul

Rabaul's water supply, or rather lack of it, has become a headache to the local TAC as well as the residents, and a well-digging campaign has been recommended.

I have mentioned here, before, that a local water supply was sufficient for more than 50,000 Jap troops during their occupation of the town—it was obtained mostly by putting down wells. From my prison at the Rabaul Freezer (at the corner of Mango Ave. and Kamarere St.) it was a daily sight to see crowds of G-stringed and nude Japs bathing in 44-gallon drums set around wells near the old Bung, Colyer, Watson's offices, and at the Power House in the evenings; while, during the day, a constant stream of rubber-tyred hand-carts trundled away drums of water for cooking.

In pre-war days I remember certain wells in Rabaul which seldom went dry—at the corner of Park Lane and Central Ave.; alongside the Rabaul Carrying Co.'s garage in Casuarina Ave.; and another near the Motor Transport depot in Mango Ave. South. There was also reported to be an ever-flowing spring on Mount Mother.

Water from wells, of course, savours a bit of the pioneer days, so possibly present-day technicians rather look down their noses at anything so elementary. In German days NDL steamers took on water at the old "Burnt Wharf"; it

was piped from a dam up above the Botanic Gardens.

Pax Britannica Safe

In July I expressed the fear that "the *Pax Britannica* policy was working in inverse ratio" after reading a Sydney Press report concerning natives at Chauve giving the cold shoulder to Patrol Officer Keogh's patrol last May; and I quoted these natives as having been contacted by the Hagen-Sepik patrol in 1938. It now appears, from a detailed correction from an Administration Spokesman (or Spokeswoman) that I was adrift in my geography and that these are two native communities which have no connection with each other. I am pleased to learn that good old *Pax Britannica* is still working as it should, and the Chauve people are as hospitable as ever.

Last time I was anywhere near the Highlands was back in 1934 when I travelled to the then-remote Bena-Bena drome in a Junker with Bob Gurney (and one of Guinea Airways' best, God rest him!) and on landing there we were entertained by one of the local kunda-swallowers who, with the greatest of ease, pushed a long strip of doubled kunda down his gullet and then withdrew it with a flourish worthy of the best of sword-swallowers on our more civilised variety stages. I suppose they are still swallowing lengths of kunda up in them thar hills, but I rarely hear about it now.

Christianity and Cowrie Shells

A report in an American paper a few weeks ago refers to American missionaries going into Dutch New Guinea's Shangri-La, "equipped only with cowrie shells to convert the Stone-age natives to Christianity."

This is reminiscent of the pre-war II time when a mission society operating on the mainland of New Guinea imported large quantities of imitation white cowrie-shells "made in Germany". Government, naturally, took a dim view of such wholesale deception of primitive natives and confiscated the lot. Some traders who had been selling imitation dog and porpoise-teeth to the natives since the crack of dawn, then found themselves wholly absolved of their heinous crime of counterfeiting native money.



Returning down the aisle of the Roman Catholic Church at Port Moresby September 8 are Mr. John Maher and bride—formerly Miss Rae Goriss, groom's sister, Pat, flew from Melbourne to be a bridesmaid at the wedding.

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Native Etiquette

There is no doubt but that the administrator of P-NG has to be a man of many parts and is expected to be *au fait* with every phase of native etiquette, a knowledge difficult to attain even by the best residents. A Camilla Wedgwood or Margaret Mead cannot always be in attendance. Last month Brig. Cleland was momentarily embarrassed when presented with some betel-nut (a most important adjunct to native ceremonial, as most people know). However, eventually he did the right thing and all was well.

It is difficult for the more sensitive native to realise that the usually all-knowing European, capable of so many wonderful accomplishments, should be ignorant of the simplest native customs. I remember an incident which occurred many years ago at a native sing-sing, when, following the action of a visiting chief, I gathered a handful of greenery from one of the dancers. Shortly afterwards I was surprised to receive a couple of fathoms of native money, some baskets of native food and a chunk of very unappetising-looking pork, wrapped in banana leaves. I later learned that grabbing a handful of greenery from a dancer was the highest compliment which could be paid to a performer at a dance. But—and herein lay the catch—the dancer, having paid his admirer in money and goods according to his standing, awaited the opportunity to return the compliment when his admirer danced and so received a present equal to that which he had given. I was vexed with the embarrassing situation of not being a participant in any dances and so giving no opportunity for my donor to return my compliment. The *impasse* was overcome by a special presentation to him of *tambu* and stick tobacco. And everyone was happy. Grave misunderstandings could, however, arise from the non-observance of old customs.

Misnomer

The term "Malay" is used somewhat loosely in TNG and might apply to anyone hailing from the north, northwest or west of NG, from the Marshalls to Indonesia. But the majority of so-called "Malays", resident in Rabaul, came from Ambon some 50 years ago as clerks for the big man firms. Recently, exception has been taken by a correspondent of the *S. P. Post* to the term

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"Malay" as applied to a member of the Rabaul TAC. The Ambonese and Javanese are of a race apart, politically, religiously and socially.

A point which emphasises this difference was the treatment meted out in Rabaul during the Japanese occupation to the Javanese and the Ambonese-Celebes POW's. The Javanese soldiers strutted the streets of Rabaul freely, carrying their original side-arms, and were engaged in semi-military duties; while the Ambonese and Celebes prisoners were deprived of all privileges and engaged as labourers and lorry-drivers, always under escort.

TNG owes a lot to its Ambonese clerks, especially in the early days. They carried out the unglamorous office routine with punctilious exactitude, while the European departmental heads got the kudos.

Rabaul Wants a Fair Cut

The long-suffering residents of Rabaul are at least becoming somewhat vocal after enduring years of the most primitive conditions where public services are concerned, such as houses, roads, lighting, shipping accommodation and the like. During this time Moresby has been receiving every attention with what would appear to be most-favoured generosity from those holding the Territorial purse-strings.

A more recent protest in the September meeting of the Rabaul TAC is made by N. C. Barry, who compares the activity of the Rabaul area, where post-war rehabilitation has been so slow, with Moresby. Referring to visits to the latter town he says: "It has always riled me to see such an unproductive town having so much money spent on it."

Another cause of complaint is the fact that in Department of Works tenders called recently, and amounting to half-a-million pounds, the most of the work is again for Moresby, and Rabaul's share is two bungalows at Kokopo.

It would only seem fair that a concentrated effort on public service development at Rabaul should be made now, considering the many post-war years when Rabaul's fate was undecided and there was no rehabilitation work carried out.

The rivalry between Papua and TNG has been of long standing and was, no doubt, an unofficial weight which tipped the scales against the merging of the two Territories when two previous Commissions enquired into such a possibility.

Rabaul likes not the role of poor relation, after having experienced the joys of self-support and prosperity in pre-war days. A "fair go" for Rabaul district is a matter now for Moresby, not Canberra officials; so let's hope they will let their heads go in doling out some



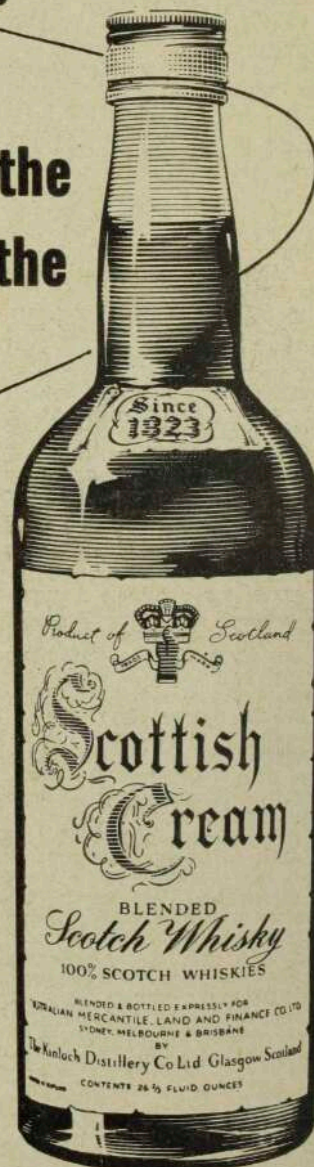
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New Blood in L.C.

The number of electors who cast their votes in the Legislative Council election on October 2 was disappointing, only 750 going to the NG Islands and Mainland Islands out of 1,800. This possibly was due to the unequal composition of the Council, with its 24 official and nominated members to the lone elected.

George Whittaker should be a welcome addition to the unofficial ranks and will certainly be vocal, flinging no punches. With over 30 years' experience in various callings in the Territory, George should know what he's talking about. If the unofficial Members, as a block, could get into a pre-Sessional middle and decide on a plan of action, they might be able to get somewhere.

Markham and the "Lily"

An inquisitive bloke is this Captain Carl Haug, who lives in Fremstad. But his enquiries always awaken within me a similar nostalgic feeling. From whom did Harry Markham acquire the *Lily*? (Editors' Mail Bag, Sept.) My



TOP: Among those who made merry at the Port Moresby Golf Club Ball, on September 3, were, from left to right: Mr. Ossie Todd, Mrs. Ray Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Theo De Hesselie, Mrs. Jim Boyd, Mr. Ivan Hoggard, Mr. Ray Lovell and Miss Aileen Carroll. LOWER: At a reunion of Downlands Past Students at the Papuan Hotel, Port Moresby, on September 3, the Old Boys were guests at a dinner party given by the Rev. Father Eather, shown extreme left.

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guess would be that he got it from Hershman & Co., the German firm with headquarters in Rabaul and had, in 1912, a branch store at Kieta, Bougainville, and did some considerable trading down in the BSI. The *Lily* was stationed at Kieta, where Herr Class was manager, with Herr Drege as his

off-sider. Harry, I think, took over from Charlie Munster on Ontong Java (or Lord Howe) trading stations. Charlie later on acquired property in the Manus group, which became portion of the big naval base in War II; he was killed by the Japs in 1942.

Guavas at Aitape

In September "Tropicalities" mention is made of an orchard of guavas at Aitape, visited by War II troops, and wonder expressed at the fruit being in such an isolated area. Over 40 years ago Aitape (or Eitape, as it was then written) was quite a busy district, though the government station was always handicapped for want of a good anchorage. It was a centre for the German birds-of-paradise shooters, many of whom financed their plantations from the proceeds of the gay plumage. The orchard mentioned was probably on Tadji plantation, a flourishing coconut estate, originally owned by the Neu Guinea Kompagnie. German planters had a very excellent habit of planting up fruit trees on estates, a practice which we have not followed so diligently.

Matapau in News Again

Potential oil fields at Matapau, in the old Aitape (now Sepik) district, are in the news again, after 30 years. And this gives some idea of the persistence with which the search for oil in TNG has been carried on. I mentioned this area in April "Talk Talk". Actually it is almost 40 years since an A. N. & M. E. F. sergeant on patrol first spotted oil seepages at Matapau. Drillings in 1924 found encouraging traces, but not payable. Still, *curias*

—and there have been plenty the since those days—could make a lot of difference. One disadvantage Matapau: there is no anchorage within coo-ee.

Two "Outsiders" for P-NG Admin. Job

THE man who has been appointed to the newly-created position of Director of Posts and Telegraphs in P-NG is only 30.

He is William Frederick Carter, formerly with the PMG in NS where he was divisional engineer at Parkes for four years.

The new director takes control of Posts and Telegraphs from the Territory Treasurer who administered it as part of his own department. The actual work is divided into two departments, a technical side directed by a divisional engineer and a postal side, a postal director, and Treasurer kept only light control.

Commenting on Mr. Carter's appointment the P-NG Public Service Commissioner said the appointment was keeping with the Minister's policy of establishing a career service in the Territory Public Service, giving opportunities to well-qualified young officers.

Another recent appointment to P-NG Administration was Richard Horne as Chief Transport Officer. Mr. Horne will be stationed at Port Moresby and will commence duties in October. He was formerly Senior Transport Officer for Qantas Empire Airways in Sydney and served three years as Qantas Traffic Officer in Singapore. At 39, he received his basic transport training in the British Army.

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The NG Women's Club, Sydney, held a picture-night at their club rooms on October 12. Proceeds were for the Memorial Gates. This Club has opened a subscription list.

Papeete's Police Chief Moves On

Monsieur Frank Biesel, popular Police Chief of French Oceania for past several years, has been transferred to another overseas post.

M. Biesel is best remembered out of Tahiti through his unorthodox method of successfully apprehending some seamen of a visiting ship shortly after he was appointed to French Oceania. Some of his men were disguised as women and sent

Jefford-Ferns Wedding



This happy bride is well-known Territorian, Miss Pat Jefford, of Port Moresby, who married Mr. Douglas Ferns, of Lancashire, England, on September 1.

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aboard the vessel as she lay at Papeete wharf.

M. Biesel has been succeeded by M. Georges Waksmouth, who arrived by *Eridan*, September 17.



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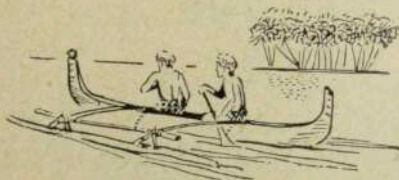
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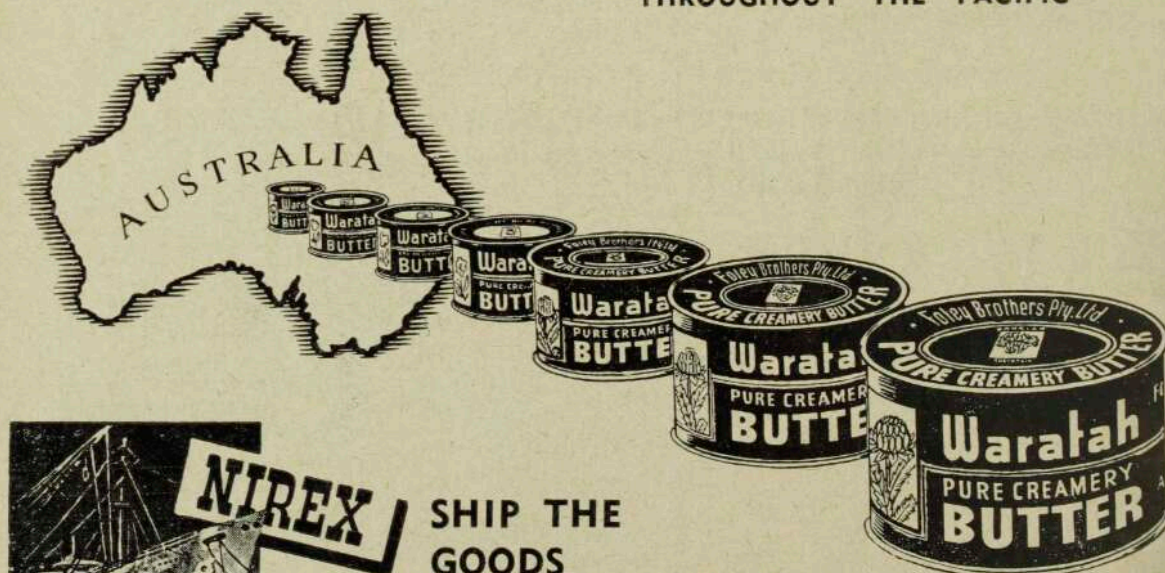
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at GOROKA

Without Machines

The Australian achievement in the Central Highlands of New Guinea—seen in such things as dozens of serviceable airstrips in scores of valleys, over 100 buildings lined along streets around the Goroka airstrip, a water-race many miles long, a jeep road stretching hundreds of miles from Mt. Hagen to Gusap—is very impressive; but what strikes a visitor more than anything is the fact that these public works have been carried out without the aid of modern machinery.

Nowadays, no one thinks of doing such things through broken country without bulldozers and graders and sorts of powered machinery; but District Commissioner Ian Downs's public works have been done in recent years merely with teams of five labourers armed with picks and shovels; a limited amount ofignite; and cadet patrol officers acting as roadmasters.

One can understand that the Highlands' entire dependence on air communication made the introduction of heavy roadmaking machinery difficult; but it also seems to have prevented the introduction of the learned officers of the Department of Works. The District Commissioner had no Public Works men to help him—most of the road from Goroka to Mt. Hagen, for example, was constructed under the direction of Mr. Jimmy Wilton, who has had no training as a professional road engineer, but is famous for the numerous waterfalls which he put in around the Koro goldfields district.

It would appear from what Mr. Wilton has done that the instinctive feeling for a grade which allows him to bring water in for miles over hilly country, is also the quality which enables him to put in a well-graded road that climbs mountains and passes over valleys.

Ian Downs

Having looked over the area, I can only endorse the summary of the *Sun* writer F. R. Peterson, who has just toured New Guinea, who says this of Eastern Highlands District Commissioner: "You don't have to be in Goroka to realise that there is some one behind all this. You don't have to be a detective to discover it is Downs."

Downs, who gets embarrassed and impatient at praise, modestly says this. He says, "Everybody says here, Goroka is no one-man show. That's true enough, but you need a spark for this sort of thing. There is the spark."

He's a mighty man," a young

coffee planter told me. "He's the sort of man who, if he got lobbed in the middle of a desert, would make it an oasis."

"Without him," said a second young planter, "Goroka wouldn't be here."

"A man with over 20 years' experience in New Guinea told me, 'He is the best government man I've ever seen. He has vision, drive, ideas and enthusiasm to a degree you just don't expect from people whose basic job is administration.'"

About a dozen of Mr. Peterson's articles were published in leading Australian dailies in August and September—sober, well-written appraisal of the fine job being done by the P-NG administrative service. But even Mr. Peterson, with all possible goodwill, found it hard to discover any distinct pattern in the Canberra policies to which these men are working.

Concerning Frieda

(Conversation overheard in the ladies' corner.)

Doreen: I believe the Doctor's bitch, Frieda, has another lot of pups.

Mrs. Pitt: Oh, not again! District official's wife, bitterly: Frieda has more pups, of a more objectionable kind, more often, than any other bitch in New Guinea!

Mrs. Pitt, more bitterly: Not only are her morals deplorable—she is a consistent thief. There isn't a safe in this place that really is a safe when Frieda is on the prowl.

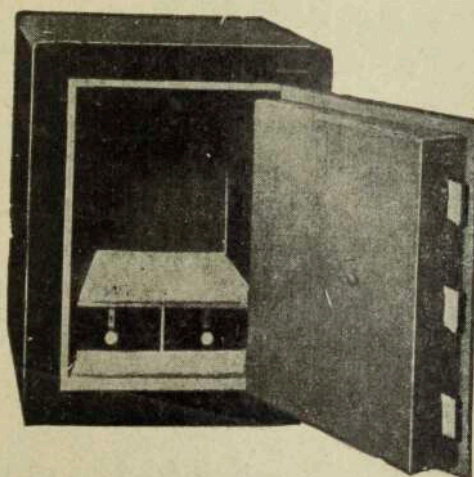
Doreen: Can't something be done about it—it calls for a community effort.

(Small unofficial sub-committee formed to interview the Doctor and "deal with" Frieda.)

Cattle Problems

The sudden death of Bill MacGregor, at Baiyer River (see elsewhere) came as a shock to the large and growing community (missionaries, officials, settlers) who are

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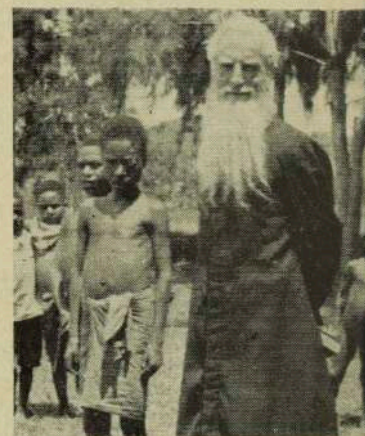
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experimenting with stock—and especially the establishment of cattle farming. MacGregor, for the Agriculture Department, had done a fine job with his herds at Baiyer River and his advice was much sought after. (See Obituaries, this issue.)

Most people agree now that, even more important than finding the right breed of cattle, is the problem of discovering the most suitable grasses to take the place of the useless indigenous growths. On good pastures are established cattle-farming must become an important industry in these highlands.

Most of the cattle which are being experimented with in the Highlands District now are fed in hand. That is the position, for example, at the Goroka Agricultural Station. According to one old settler, the stock generally cannot get enough sustenance from the introduced grasses, such as kikuyu, palum and clover—he says they definitely lose their sustenance value when they are planted in the tropics.



Two miles out of Mount Hagen, on a quiet mission station, the PIM editor found a very old friend in Father W. Ross, who has given these natives a lifetime of service. His beard now is white and his outlook very tolerant; but, still retains his soft American accent, and time has not dimmed the twinkle in his eye.

Only a Dream

I was introduced to what is called the "hypocondriac's dream" by Jeff Joynton Smith, who is a rather and enthusiastic resident of the Highlands. It is gin and passionfruit juice, brought to the right temperature with the addition of ice. Mr. Joynton Smith is trying to persuade Mr. George Greath to introduce this as a side-line. Cottees Passiona—namely, bottled passionfruit juice and gin—he says it will sweep the Southern market. But Mr. Greath shakes his head.

and points wearily to the cost of freighting an empty bottle—let alone a full one.

Matter of BO!

An interesting sociological angle is seen in the proposal to build in Goroka a boarding-house for coastal natives. An increasing number of trained native workers are being taken into the Highlands to do special jobs, and those who have been for some time in contact with Europeans are more cleanly in their habits than Highlands natives. The latter protect themselves against the cold by liberal coatings of pig-fat, and so smell rather unpleasantly; whereas the type of coastal native who now is spending some time in the Highlands is usually dressed neatly in European cloth.

It is proposed that a boarding house shall be provided where coastal natives will have their food properly cooked and where there will be trained house-boys to look after them. Thus they will not be obliged to live with Highlands natives.

The "Chimbus'" lack of sophistication gives them some merit in the eyes of Europeans, whereas the growing sophistication of the coastal natives is much to be deplored. But the fact remains that the Highlands native, in his present stage of development, is not a creature whom one would live with by choice.

Shoes Belong Missus'

This story will serve to illustrate the fact that the local natives think the sun rises and shines on Mrs. J. Pitt, who recently established a boarding house at Goroka (Eastern Highlands).

Not long ago, Mrs. Pitt decided that a pair of shoes had served their purpose, and she threw them into the garbage can. Next day, clean and polished, they were presented to her by a Chimbu, who obviously felt he had done his good deed for the week. So Mrs. Pitt tried the shoes away and heaved them into a rubbish pit, about 10

feet deep. A few hours later another smiling Chimbu, in a dirty condition but apparently exuding happiness, knocked at the back door and faithfully restored "shoes belong missus."

While Mrs. Pitt described this incident she was presiding over a rubbish fire in her backyard, and in the middle of the fire were those shoes, slowly being consumed.

Faith in Coffee

Coffee is being planted all over these Wahgi valleys, from Kainantu right through to Mount Hagen. It is a happy, thriving, hard-working community. There are good relations between the young European planters and the natives, who work willingly; excellent relations between the civilians and the Administration; and good service provided by the airways—and why not, since coffee at present prices can easily pay airways' outward freights.

James Leahy—who, with Jerry Pentland, was about the first settler in the Goroka area—began planting coffee in January, 1949. In 1952, he collected just over a ton of berries, then worth £700 per ton; in 1953, he got 10 tons, worth about the same; now, with coffee at £870 per ton, he has already exceeded his

1953 harvest. He has 45 acres under coffee.

In BSI 25 Years Ago

In these days of extensive experiments with cattle in New Guinea, it is worth noting that, before World War II, Burns Philp had expended considerable money and resources in an attempt to acclimatise cattle in the British Solomon Islands. Mr. J. Peterson, manager at Lae—who incidentally is on the point of retirement after lengthy service—told me that BP's took carefully selected Herefords into the Solomons 25 years ago, to a breeding station at Berande.

Experiments were made in crossing the Hereford with the Zebu; and from Berande the animals were distributed through coconut plantations all over the Solomons. The Hereford-Zebu cross was quick growing and gave a substantial yield of beef, but they were not good dairy cattle. Levers also bred cattle and experimented with cross-breeds at their plantations at Cape Marsh, BSI; and, before World War II, there were far more cattle in the Solomons than in the whole of New Guinea. The main troubles met by the BSI cattle breeders were swamp cancer, ticks and TB. (Over)



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Punishment!

One of the minor grievances of Administration officials in the Highlands of New Guinea has to do with the transport of their liquor supplies. The purchase of liquor by Administration officials is accepted in the coastal areas as a necessity, and provision is made accordingly. But the Administration refuses to provide for the heavy cost of bringing in liquor supplies to the Highlands by air—the only means of transport. That is an expense that must be borne by the officials themselves. Consequently, a transfer to a Highlands Station is regarded by some Administration Officials as a form of punishment.

Other Countries, Other Ways

A procession of jeeps wended its way along the new road, through new, primitive country, between Goroka and Mount Hagen, Central Highlands of New Guinea. The last jeep (driven by Jim Ellis, long salted in the coastal areas but new to Highland ways) had engine trouble. Finally, in a populous valley, Jim pulled up, lifted the bonnet, and got his head down to a faulty carburettor.

He was sweating and puffing, when suddenly he felt a cold,

clammy hand inside his shorts, and something happened which Mr. Ellis still has difficulty in believing.

He gave a startled howl, and turned a seven over the engine, and came up fighting. A highly-decorated native, of chiefly mien, smiled amiably—he clearly was well disposed.

"Hey!" shouted the outraged Mr. Ellis, "Whaffor you push around white fella master?"—or words to that effect—and he descended upon the miscreant.

Fortunately, the other traveller in the jeep was Mr. Jim Taylor, who actually was one of the discoverers of that country, 25 years ago. He grabbed the furious coastal dweller, and explained that what he had suffered actually was the Highland native's idea of a very courteous greeting.

Mr. Ellis still breathes heavily when he relates the incident. He was not mollified when I quoted the French saying, *Autres pays, autres moeurs*.

Nondugl Experiment

During a few minutes on Nondugl airstrip, I had a brief chat with Mr. Barry Osborne, now manager of the Hallstrom Trust Experimental Station there. He told me that the 1,200 Romney Marsh sheep there

are now doing very well again—the flock had been troubled for time by local diseases—and that the recent lambing gave 75 per cent.

Although Sir Edward Hallstrom turned over the Station to a special Trust he still takes a keen personal interest in the setup. He lately paid no less than £7,000 for a large quantity of iron fencing material, which was sent from Sydney and airfreighted into Nondugl, to secure the fence the property. A new Land Rover has just been delivered by a (all paid for by Sir Edward), and noticed several bags of grass root which had just arrived—evidence that they are trying to recondition the pastures.

They get rid of the kunai by moving it down, and letting the stock eat the young shoots which follow and then they try to introduce the grasses of more temperate zone. But a native *paspalum* gets in very quickly and, once established, is worthless as a fodder. If kikuyu grass can get a good hold in the early stages it does give sustenance

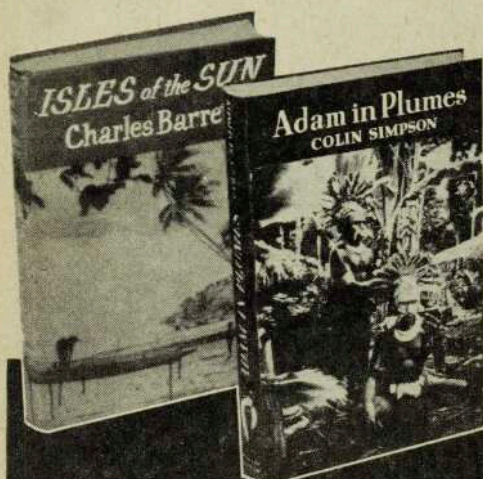
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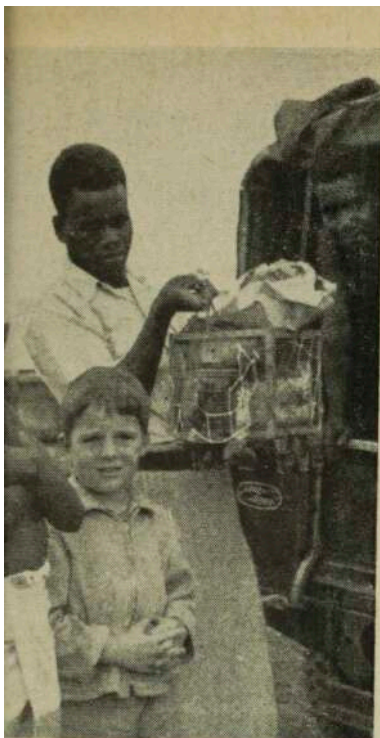
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Guinea. Not long ago he had first visitors for a month—namely, two members of the Liard Scientific Party, and Mr. Mrs. Gordon Carter, of Port Moresby. He provided them with excellent dinner and good beds—was rather bitter about the fact that he had to rise before dawn the following morning to say Mass, while the others lay comfortably in blankets. His first visitors for the whole month—and they were all Protestants!

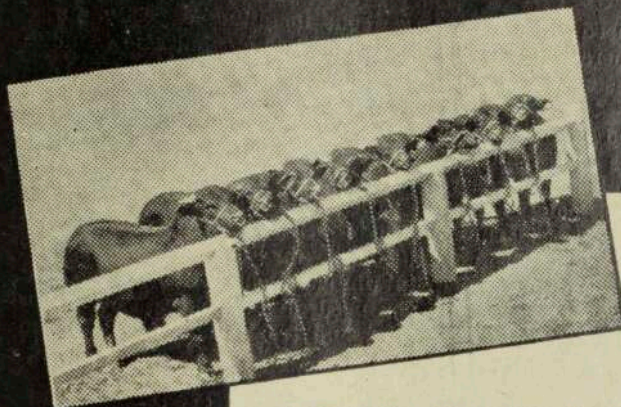
Concerning Tea

C. Ian Downs and his attractive wife put on a cocktail party in Goroka for the visiting German Ambassador on August 26; and in a pleasant gathering I met Mrs. Gibbs, and learned that her husband—pioneering, as always—now giving a lot of attention to tea. He has 1,000 acres in the Mt. Menden area, where 40 acres of coffee which he planted a few years ago are now paying dividends; and he has planted a few acres in tea.

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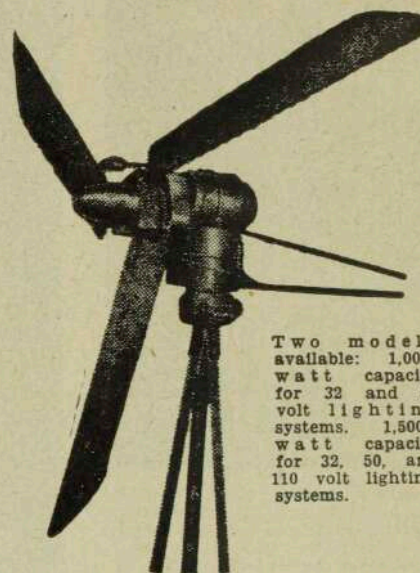
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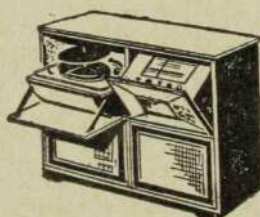
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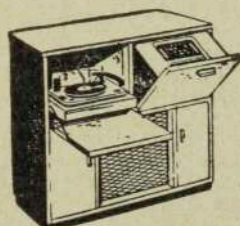
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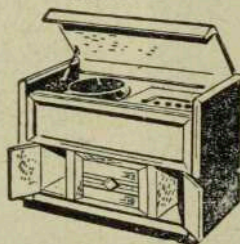
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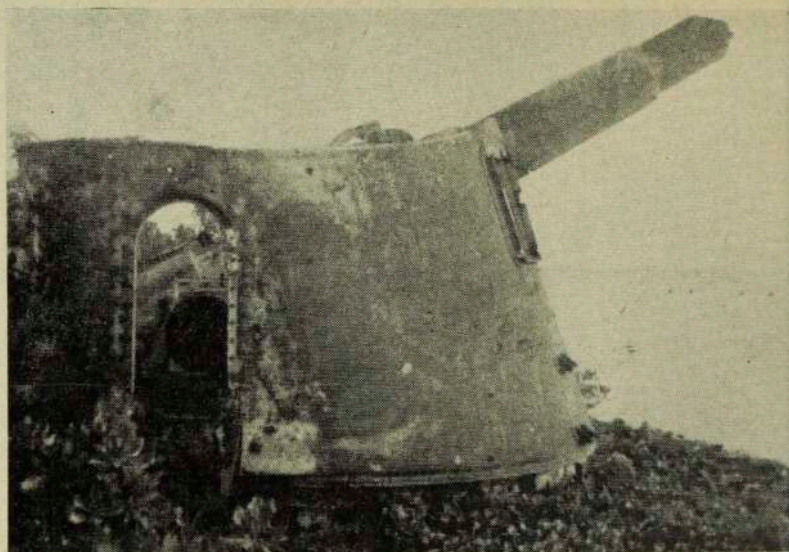


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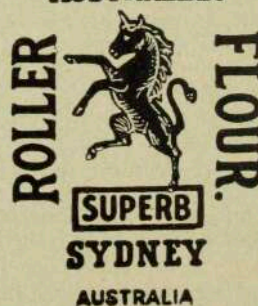
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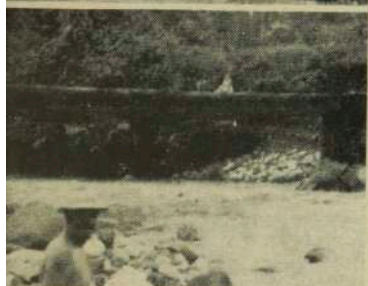
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Timber From Over the Busu

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There are considerable and valuable stands of timber in the area between Lae and Finschhafen; but, when the Administration invited tenders for the timber, most people



the new bridge over the Busu River, of Lae. The lower picture shows a great span of logs and, on the western end, the very large boulder to which the structure is anchored.

scared off by the problem of accessibility—it seemed that the only feasible way of getting the timber out was to build a strong bridge across the turbulent Busu River, which is subject to frequent, very floods.

However, a tender finally was let to Messrs. Murdoch & Murphy, a well-known Victorian timber firm; a team of seasoned and practical men, sent from Victoria, led the heavy job of building the bridge. They had some luck, when they bulldozed an approach, they found on the edge of the river a very large boulder, so they decided that it served to firmly anchor the western end of the bridge. The team, under the leadership of Mr. Murphy, built a single-log bridge of huge logs in six days.

Although hampered by phenomenal heavy rain, the Murdoch and Murphy team, since July, have been bringing out a lot of good timber which is brought by jinker to Vocola (in Lae) and kept there until it can be sorted up for mill-

ing, or for regular shipment, as quality and demand require.

Inspection since the construction of the bridge, shows that the stands of timber are extraordinarily thick and easy to work. Much the larger part is a soft wood, *Anasoptera*, described as a kind of ash, useful for some things, but very hard on the saws because it contains a good deal of silica. There is some cedar, and taun. Generally, the Victorians are happy with what they have found.

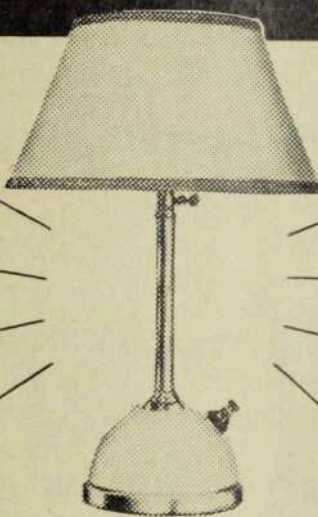
The construction of roads and bridges, through this timber country, will open up the coastal strip to agriculture and give it a connection with Lae. At present, there are only

one or two coconut plantations along the whole Huon Coast, between Lae and Finschhafen.

The New Guinea Ex-Servicemen's Club of Sydney will hold its annual ball at the Coronet Ball Room, George Street, on November 12.

Red Hibiscus, a new film on Fiji, will be made for Tasman Empire Airways Limited by Mr. Robert Steele, of Auckland. A previous film made for the airline by Mr. Steele, *Fijian Holiday*, has been screened overseas. TEAL hope to distribute *Red Hibiscus* even more widely.

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AUSTRALIAN newspapers recently credited the Fijian Rugby Union management committee with saying that trips to Australia were "money-making sideshow tours," from which little of the worthwhile fundamentals of Rugby were learned.

Reaction to the announcement among football circles in Sydney was immediate and generally uncomplimentary.

Later, however, the NSW Rugby Union secretary, Mr. J. O'Neill, said that he had been assured by the Fijian committee that no responsible official had made any such statement. Relationships between the two Associations were as friendly as they ever had been, he added.

Our Fiji correspondent reported, September 15, that nobody outside Fiji Rugby Union circles has been told officially why the Union has closed down on overseas tours for representative teams from Fiji.

All that was known was that on September 3, the Union announced at its management committee had decided, "in the interests of Fijian Rugby and the players concerned," to drop overseas tours "in the immediate future."

The term "immediate future" appears to be elastic, he commented,



Departures from Sydney for New Guinea recently included, from left to right: Qantas passenger, Mrs. N. F. Crozier, who left on August 26 to visit her daughter Miss Pat Crozier at Boroka. Mr. W. P. White, who works for Bulolo Gold Dredging, returned by Qantas on September 2, after four months' leave in Sydney; Mr. White has been in the Islands for 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Baker and daughter Margaret Ann, returned to Port Moresby on the "Sinkiang" on September 7; Mr. Baker is an architect with the Department of Works and has been on leave.

as the ban involves the cancellation of a proposed visit to British Columbia and California in 1955.

Dr. Peter Gibson, a house surgeon at Wellington hospital, NZ, and a son of Mr. H. B. Gibson of Labasa, Fiji, is to marry Dr. Adrienne Croucher, another house surgeon, at Wellington on December 18 next. Dr. Gibson was brought up in Fiji.

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THE Fiji Commissioner of Inland Revenue has been sounding out the Colony's feelings on the possible introduction of the PAYE (Pay as you earn) system of taxation collection.

The scheme operates in Australia successfully and has also been mooted for New Zealand recently, but is meeting opposition from employers who would be involved in some further book-keeping.

Most wage-earners would prefer to have their taxation automatically deducted from their pay, rather than be faced with a substantial lump sum which must be paid once a year. There is nothing to prevent a wage-earner from himself setting aside so much each week. But how many can bring themselves to do it?

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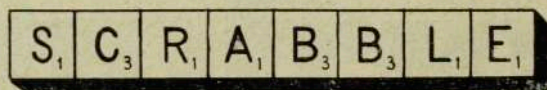
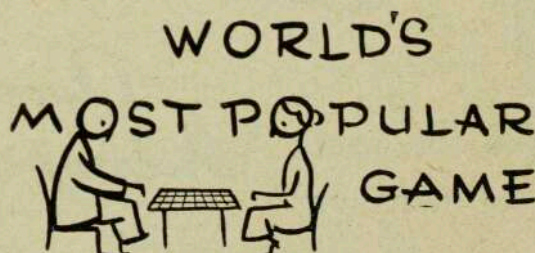
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COPRA PRICES Planters Under MOF Contract In Happy Position

LONDON, Sept. 20.
COPRA quotations for some little time have been fluctuating between £65 and £70 Sterling, CIF, European ports. As this is about £10 per ton under the price fixed by the British Ministry of Food contract (£70 per ton Sterling fob South Pacific ports) it would appear that the South Pacific planters got a lucky break in the later months of 1953, when a keener world copra demand produced higher rates, and the MOF was persuaded to raise the 1953 price by 7½ per cent.

No special reason is given for the steady fall which has taken place since the beginning of the year (which also was the beginning of the 1954 MOF contract), but it appears to be connected with the huge supplies which came irregularly from Indonesia and the Philippines. The Philippines copra production, which goes largely to United States, is fairly constant; but the exports from Indonesia, apparently as a result of the disturbed politico-economic conditions there, fluctuate very much. However, Indonesian supplies have fallen lately, with the result that in the past month the average price here has risen from about £65 to nearly £70.

Coconut oil prices have been falling in sympathy, and the market at the moment is further depressed by Dutch-produced oil, and surplus stock from the British Ministry of Food, all offered at cut rates. Ceylon is asking £102 Stg. CIF and Singapore £100—but the demand is poor.

COCOA PRICES DOWN

The cocoa market was dislocated in mid-August when Brazil, following a political upheaval, depreciated its currency and severely cut its price for cocoa to the United States. Within a week the world cocoa market had reacted downwards. West Africa made sales at £425 Stg. per ton CIF Europe early in September, but withdrew from the market when prices fell lower. Smaller sellers reported sales at £410 and £400—but since mid-September there are rumours of another short crop and prices have tended to rise. Some Trinidad cocoa has been sold from £495 down to £410, Stg., FOB; and there are reports of Western Samoan sales at prices from £475 down to £410 Stg. FOB.

On the foregoing figures, the value of New Guinea cocoa beans could be in the vicinity of £500, Australian, FOB.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on September 18, of Miss Margaret Ann Murray to Mr. Terence Patrick McManus, of the New Hebrides.

NEW X-RAY INSTALLATION IN BOUGAINVILLE

ACTING for the Marist Catholic Mission in Bougainville District of New Guinea, Mr. Leo Parer (of Parer Pty. Ltd. and Stanford X-Ray Co.) during July and August, installed a first-class radiological (X-Ray) department at the Tearouki Mission Hospital, on the northeast coast of Bougainville. It now is in charge of Sister Leo, a highly qualified American with medical degrees, and it will give medical service to Bougainville generally, and especially to the 28 Catholic Missions in the administrative District. Hitherto, there has been no serviceable X-Ray plant nearer than Rabaul.

The new installation is somewhat handicapped because it has no radio, to allow Sister Leo to discuss problems relating to X-Ray examinations with other medical stations in the District. Anyone got a surplus radio set to assist the good work of the Missions?

British Solomon Islands Protectorate now has regulations under which town planning and National Parks can be set up. It is known that the High Commissioner, Sir Robert Stanley, is particularly interested in National Parks and a year ago was contemplating something of the sort for the mountain regions of Guadalcanal. He believed, also, that an imported African type of deer would do well in that region.

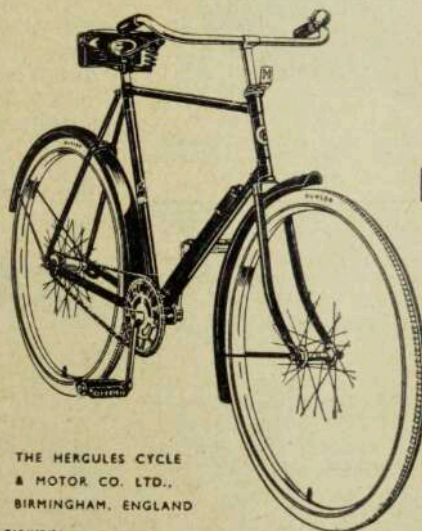
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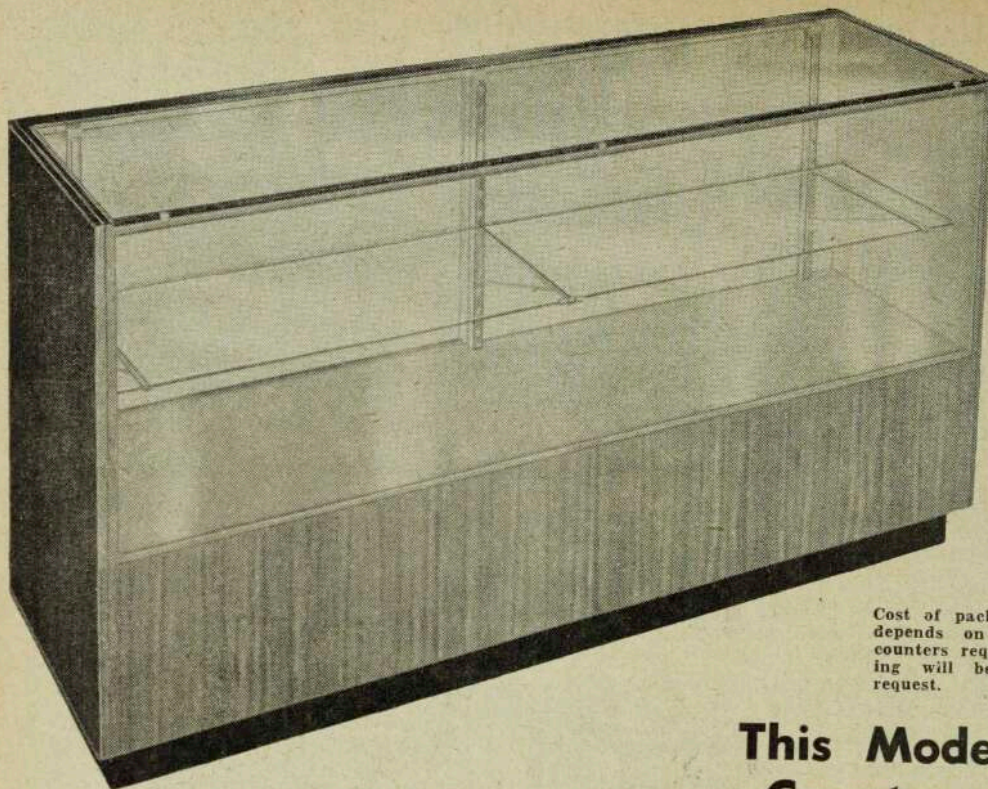


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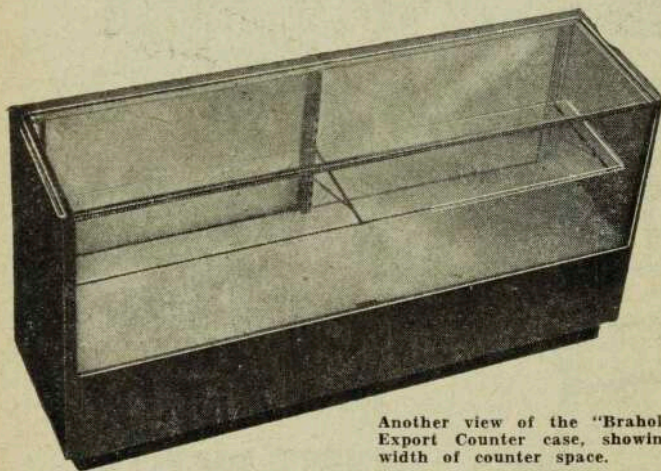
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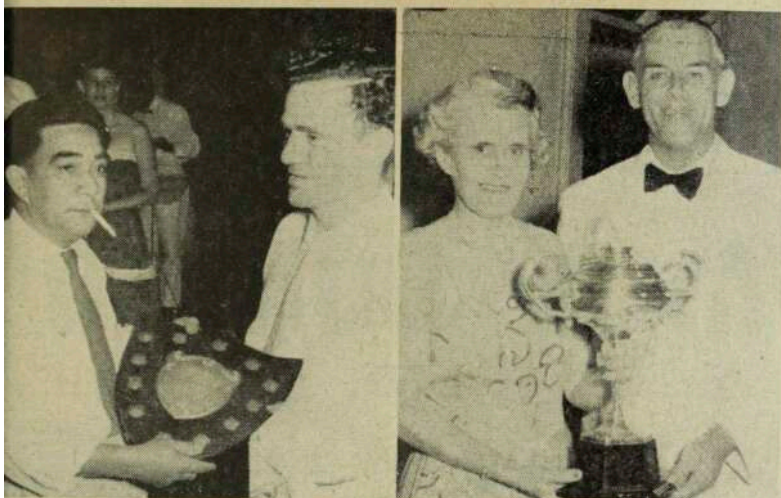
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Dances and Trophies end Sporting Season



Presentation of football trophies took place at the Paga Club Dance, Port Moresby, September 14. Photo at left shows Mr. Ray Goriss presenting a shield to Mr. Charlie Turner, captain of the DCA team, premiers for the 1954 season.

Right: The annual Hockey Dinner Dance was held, on September 14, at the Red Cross Hall, Port Moresby. Mr. and Mrs. W. Wyatt are seen holding the cup which they presented to the captain of Boroko Rangers, Mr. David Jefford. (Papuan Prints)

Mr. H. R. H. Chalmers, CMG, has been appointed chairman of the Bank of New Zealand in succession to the late Sir Arthur Donnelly. J. Grierson, CBE, has been appointed deputy chairman.

Mr. George Allen, Education Officer at Pitcairn Island, will go to New Zealand on leave, late September, and after two months' furlough will return to the island for a third year of service.

BSIP Chamber of Commerce

A MEETING of the BSIP Chamber of Commerce was held in Honiara on September 9.

Mr. A. C. Blair was elected Chairman and Mr. W. Schwarz, of Wm. Breckwoldt & Co., secretary, in place of Mr. R. C. Symes and Mr. E. V. Lawson, respectively, both of whom will shortly be leaving Honiara.

The meeting elected Mr. E. V. Lawson to be a life-member of the Chamber of Commerce.

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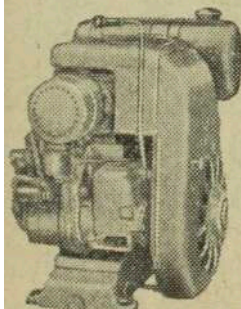
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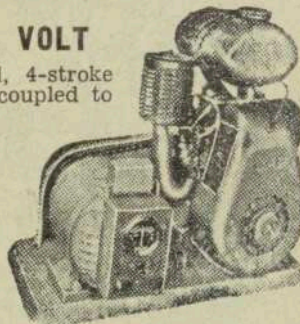
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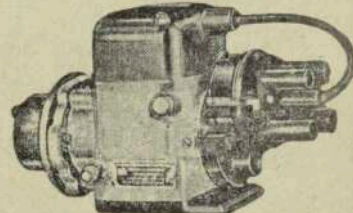
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Interesting Development in Expanding Industry

AN important development in New Guinea agriculture is indicated in a pending move into cocoa production in the Territory by probably two of Australia's biggest confectionery manufacturers—MacRobertson (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., whose head office is in Melbourne, and Messrs. Cadbury-Fry-Pascal, a subsidiary of Cadbury Bros. Ltd., of Bourneville, England.

Although no official statement has been made (and is not likely to be made before current negotiations are finalised), MacRobertsons (Aust.) Ltd. are reported to have acquired a partly-developed cocoa plantation in the Markham Valley, on the Nadzab road, five miles from Lae. Known as the Wanaru Plantation, the 1,080-acres property was purchased from Markham Valley Development Ltd. It will be developed fully on an experimental basis, with a view to acquiring further properties if the experiments are successful. Purchase price is said to be £24,000. Wanaru originally belonged to Mr. Edwards, and it subsequently passed to Keith Noblett and the Markham Co., in

which Messrs. Noblett and Langley are shareholders. The Co. removed a good deal of timber.

Cadburys, also, have not declared their intentions. But it is known that the Chairman of Directors, from Bourneville, Mr. Paul Cadbury, will arrive in Australia, with other executives, in November. The party

will leave for P-NG almost immediately and will conduct a survey of those areas in which cocoa is at present being grown. A Bougainville planter, Mr. F. J. Salisbury, who was entertained by Cadburys during his visit to England on a recent world tour, considers it likely that the Company will acquire property

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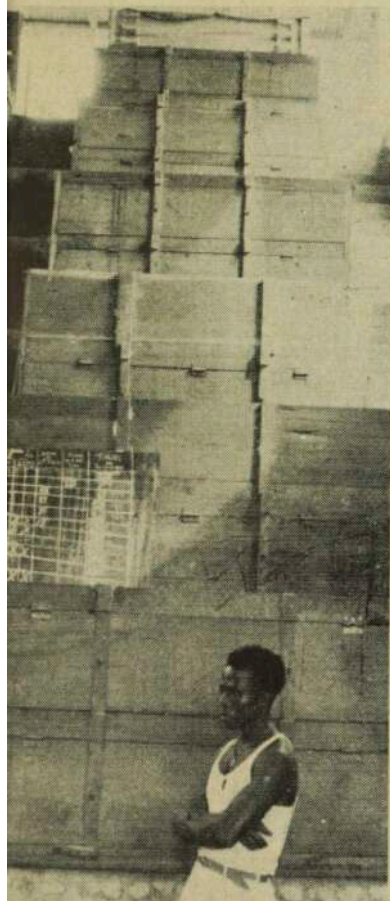
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West African fermentary.

the total area yielding cocoa by the end of 1953-54 should exceed 100 acres.

With the present world demand for cocoa, and consequent high prices, the future of New Guinea's cocoa crop seems assured. There is a fall in prices in September between £400 and £450 Stg. per ton, c.i.f., Europe.

MR. SALISBURY returned to Australia with much information on the methods of fermentation of cocoa beans employed on West African plantations. Although

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half the contents spilled into the lower box. By opening the lower door the remaining contents escape into the new box, and thus a complete reversal of ferment positions is achieved.

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Cortes learned how to prepare the beans for human consumption and passed his knowledge on to his fellow Spaniards. They sweetened the drink with another new discovery—sugar. Chocolate eventually found favour with the French and British aristocracy in the 17th century, but it remained only a drink until 1828, when the Dutch found a method of expelling cocoa butter under pressure. The preparation of a palatable chocolate soon followed.

CADBURY'S REP. IN RABAU

RABAU, Sep. 26—Mr. Peter Lloyd, general manager of Cadbury-Pascal Ltd., Hobart, has arrived here to study the territory's cocoa industry and investigate the possibility of obtaining bulk cocoa supplies.

Rhinoceros Beetles Prefer Big Ships?

PRE-SAILING inspection of the large inter-island ships is compulsory in Fiji as a measure in the Rhinoceros beetle campaign. But smaller cutters and launches can move about at will.

This extraordinary feature of Fiji's blitz on the Rhinoceros beetle—which is designed to prevent the spread of the pest from Viti Levu to the main copra-producing islands of the Colony—was brought to public attention in September.

A year ago the Eradication Board, in a statement, noted that a strict inspection of inter-island vessels before departure from Viti Levu ports would be one of the most important features of the campaign. But it appears that inspection is confined to the few larger craft, while the numerous smaller craft move back and forth without hindrance.

Reasons given for this laxity are cost of employing a large inspection staff; and the inconvenience that would result if small vessels were forced to clear from a main "inspection" port, perhaps miles off their course, when they wished to make a short voyage to a nearby island.

Although no beetles have yet been found on other islands of the group, they may have already spread there. It is believed that the beetles had arrived in Viti Levu several years before the first signs of damage were noted.

It appears to the layman that almost any financial outlay and inconvenience is warranted if spread of the beetle is stopped.

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MR. D. M. N. McFarlane, active and popular Mayor of Suva for the past three years, will retire in October on medical advice.

Mr. McFarlane, a leading Suva solicitor, has had the distinction of holding office during a period of historic importance to Suva, which

included the graduation of the Colony's capital from a town to a city, and the first visit ever made to Suva by a reigning monarch of the British Commonwealth.

On the darker side, his reign has also seen two destructive natural visitations—a violent hurricane, and a combined earthquake and seismic

wave—each of which created the particular unforeseen problems of the city fathers. Probably no other mayor of Suva has held office during such a series of important events.

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Island residents who recently arrived in Auckland included: Miss Norma Macdonald and Mr. Allan Coley, from Suva. Mr. and Mrs. R. Mayze, bound for Australia from Suva where Mr. Mayze has been attached to Inland Revenue Department. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Riechelmann and their daughter, who arrived in Auckland after visiting relations in Tonga.

Pitcairn BEM Presented

At a special gathering, Pitcairn Island's chief magistrate, Mr. John Christian, presented Mrs. Emily Warren with the British Empire Medal, which was awarded her some time ago. The award was made to Mrs. Warren in recognition of her long and devoted service as midwife to the island. The occasion of the presentation, August 4, was made a public holiday.

NO COOK IS. REPRESENTATIVE IN NZ PARLIAMENT

A PETITION, received by the NZ Government in August, and signed by 180 Cook Islanders, calling for direct Maori representation in the New Zealand Parliament, was rejected early September.

The petition committee of the House of Representatives recommended that no action be taken. Those who signed were mainly Aitutakians, some resident in NZ. The petition was not submitted to Mr. Webb, Minister of Island Territories, during his August visit to the Cooks, but reached him by mail immediately on his return to NZ. The petitioners had apparently

made no reference to it when Mr. Webb met them in Aitutaki. Heading the petition was the name of a Cook Islands Maori LMS pastor.

The Legislative Council of the Cooks rejected all association with the petition and indicated that they had no knowledge of its preparation.

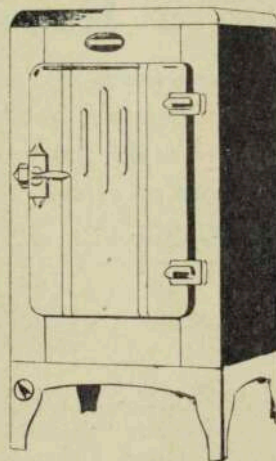
The petition probably only indicates the diversity of Cook Is. views and the political disunity of the Cook Islanders.

Mr. Angus Linton, a young Queensland engineering graduate, has been appointed to the P-N-G Administration to control the Apprentice Board. He left Brisbane for Port Moresby on August 10. Mrs. Linton will follow later on.

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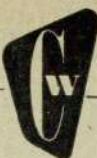
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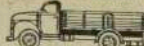


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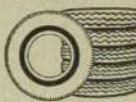
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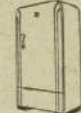
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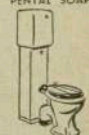
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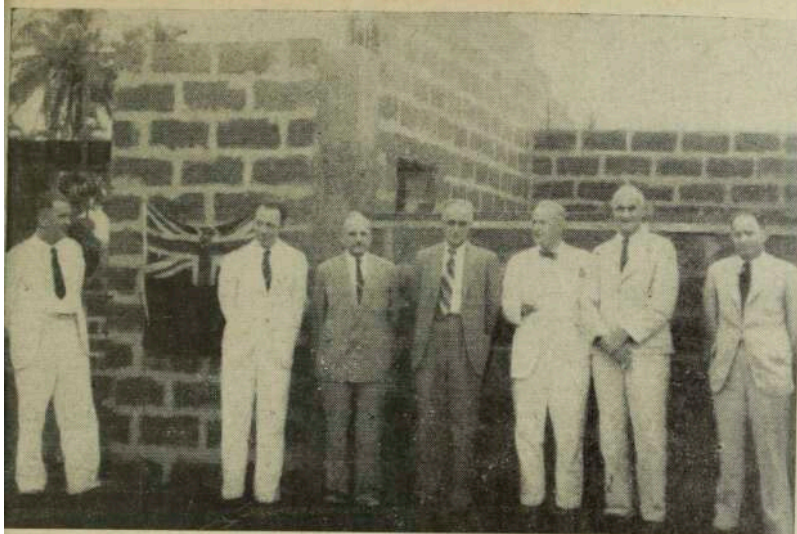
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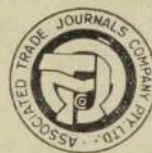


When Mr. Clifton Webb, NZ Minister of Territories, led a Parliamentary delegation to the Cook Is. in August, he unveiled a plaque affixed to the wall of the recently commenced, but long-awaited, Rarotonga College in Rarotonga. This group was taken outside the construction. Left to right: Mr. H. H. Hickling, Director of Education in the Cook Is.; Dr. C. E.

Beeby, Director of Education in New Zealand; Mr. Clifton Webb; Mr. S. W. Smith, MP, Undersecretary to Minister of Agriculture in NZ; Mr. Nevill, Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands; Chief Judge Kay of the Cook Islands; and Mr. J. B. Wright, Secretary for Island Territories.

—Photo by S. G. Kingan.

Mr. J. N. Pease, senior representative of Pan American Airways in Fiji for the past two years, has been transferred to the company's San Francisco office, and his place has been taken by Mr. H. E. Umber, lately of the Alaska Division.



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WHEN vessels of the Kayler-Dhal Fish Company of Seattle, USA, returned recently to Honolulu, they reported that tuna fishing in the Palmyra area had been disappointing.

The company set up a fishing camp on the atoll following good reports by US Fish and Wildlife survey vessels, but their results were far below those of the Government vessels.

Earlier this year, as a result of Fish & Wildlife surveys in the area, Honolulu and American West Coast fishermen began to show a lot of interest in the Line Islands as a tuna fishing ground.

Considerable hauls were taken in the vicinity of Palmyra and Christmas Islands, on two survey voyages from Honolulu by the department's fishery research vessels.

Some time later we reported that plans were afoot for the establishment of a fishing camp on American Palmyra atoll.

No one can account for the poor results achieved by Kayler-Dahl. The director of Pacific Ocean Fishery Investigations, an organisation set up by F & W, said that research work had indicated that the northern summer months were the time when yellowfin were at their greatest abundance in the area. He considered that the blame must be

placed on the fishing gear employed, which was steel cable instead of the usual cotton line.

A half to two-thirds of all fish hooked were lost through wire breakages of the branch lines, or the tearing of the hooks from the jaws due to the non-elasticity of the wire.

Commonwealth, one of the Co.'s

vessels, under Captain Harry Sperling, was to head south again in September for another trial with other equipment. Wire gear is being experimented with as it can be more readily handled mechanically with less expensive manpower required. On the results of these experiments the future of the Line Island fishery will largely depend

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W. Samoa Assembly in Session:

British Preference Tariff to Remain

BRITISH Preferential Tariff, the proposed abolition of which caused a good deal of opposition in New Zealand and English trading circles earlier in the year, is to be retained in Western Samoa.

This was one of the decisions of the new Legislative Assembly at its first business session in August-September.

Preferential tariff has been the subject of financial sub-committee and departmental inquiry for some years. It first received publicity in 1953 when NZ's delegate to UN said that NZ had made the way clear for the abolition of preference in Samoa because the majority of Samoans desired it.

There followed a storm of criticism from British exporters and the whole matter has since been in suspense, awaiting the attention of the W. Samoan Legislative Council.

During the recent session approval was given for easing rates of customs tariff on certain essential goods and foodstuffs. This is deemed to lower the cost of living.

The session was marked by the strong opposition of a majority of European and Samoan members to the suggested establishment of Labour Unions and a Labour Department, and to what was described as the hasty action of the Government in instituting, without the approval of the Assembly, a plan whereby the four unofficial members become associates of the various heads of government departments and members of the standing Committees of the Legislative Assembly, sharing between them 32 portfolios in association with the three official members—Secretary, Treasurer, and Attorney-General.

The Labour Bill was based on a recommendation recently submitted by an adviser from the New Zealand Department of Labour and Employment. The majority of members considered that as there is only a small permanent labour force in Samoa, the elaborate plan was called for and that an Arbitration and Wage Board and a Workmen's Compensation Act would meet the needs of the situation. The Bill was withdrawn following debate and an amended Bill, still considered unsatisfactory, was referred to a Select Committee for investigation.

A motion supporting the reintroduction of a measure whereby cer-

tain village Chiefs will be empowered to see that copra and cocoa quality is maintained at a satisfactory level by local producers, was approved by a majority vote.

Educational policy recommendations made in a recent report by Dr. Beeby, Director of Education in New Zealand, were, after discussion held over for action at next session.

Against the strong opposition of country members, a motion to establish a new telephone system was approved. The expenditure was opposed by country members on the ground that their areas would not be served by the system in the foreseeable future.

A Bill to prohibit the export of Samoan antiquities, fine mats, etc.

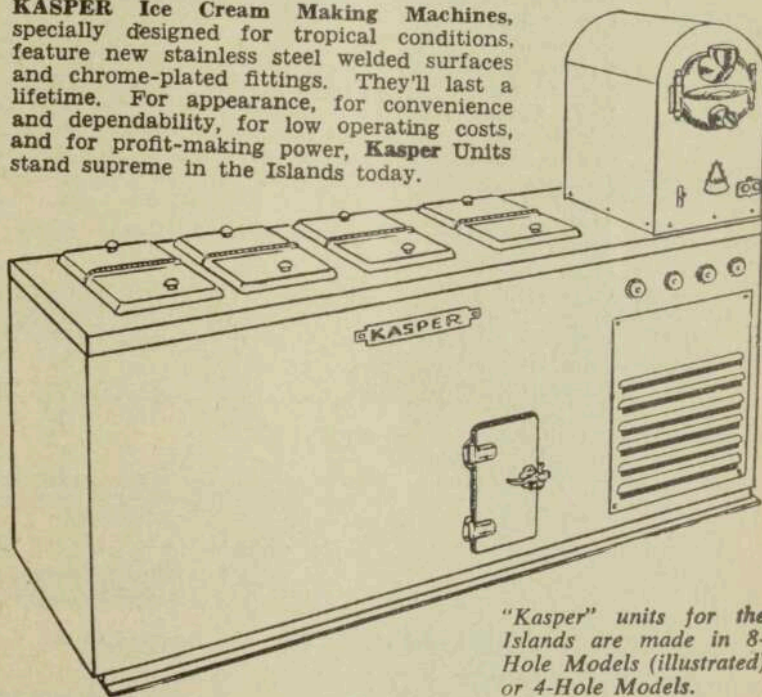
to countries other than American Samoa was debated and will be considered further at next session.

A select committee was appointed to consider the provision of funds for the erection of a new building at Mulinu'u to house the Legislative Assembly and the Land and Titles Court.

Figures were given by the Treasurer in the course of the session which indicated that estimated copra and banana exports for 1954 will probably be exceeded, though, due to adverse weather conditions, the valuable cocoa crop will probably fall short. For the first 7 months 1100 tons had been shipped as compared with 1350 tons in the same period last year.

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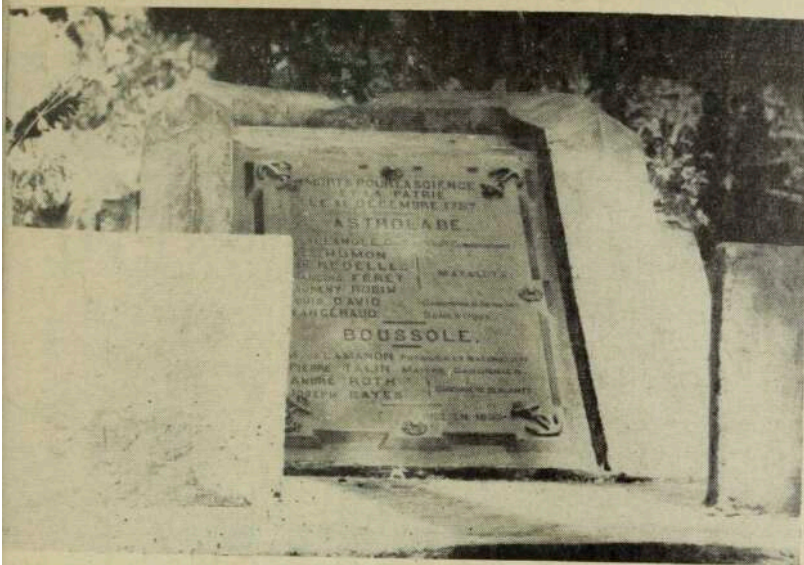
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To a lesser extent, much the same

thing has happened in New Zealand, although claims by individuals have been limited to £5,000 and total claims arising from one accident to £50,000.

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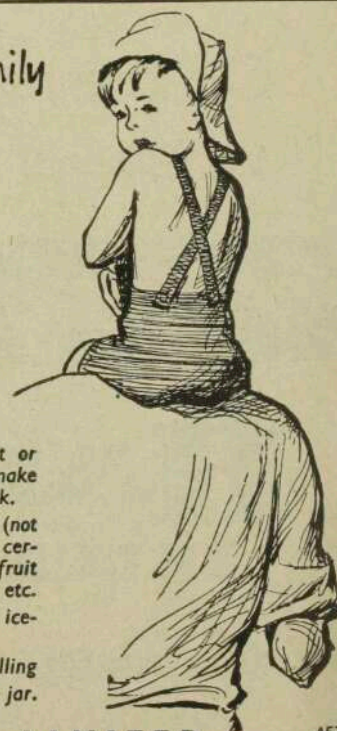
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NEW GUINEA MEAT INDUSTRY Pasture as Important as Breeding

FROM one end of New Guinea to the other—and especially in the Highlands Districts—I found evidence of the intense interest which Administration, Missions and many private concerns are taking in the establishment of sheep and cattle. There now are experimental flocks and herds everywhere—both in the coastal belts and in the high country—and sooner or later New Guinea and Papua are going to establish pastoral industries which will be real money-makers in this food-hungry world.

But the chief problem in this widespread experiment appears not much the acclimatisation of the stock—that surely will be achieved by selection and cross-breeding—but the establishment of suitable grasses which the stock may live.

The casual visitor, flying over Papua and New Guinea, sees apparently enormous areas of shadow-land; but when he gets down on the ground he finds that these are merely vast stretches of native grass—a tough, non-succulent growth which has practically no value. Experiments, however, have shown that if this coarse growth is wiped away by mowing or fire, the tender young kunai shoots which spring up give quite considerable sustenance to stock.

One landholder said that stock will live on the young kunai shoots for a while, but sooner or later the native paspalum gets in on top of the kunai and takes possession, and is worthless as a fodder.

Landholders are trying to find a method of establishing grasses like guinea grass after they clear away the native grass, and before native paspalum, which similar rubbish can get hold of, by observation and experiment, they are having some success.

There is, of course, a considerable difference between the cool Highlands and the hot and humid coastal areas, but there certainly is a rich field for experiment in the establishment of suitable fodder grasses. I believe that sooner or later these problems will be solved, and that this vast island of New Guinea will become an important source of meat production.—RWR

To Study Samoan Forests

MR. Stuart Cameron, B.Sc., a lecturer in geography at Auckland University, is to carry out a year's study of the forests of Western Samoa under a grant provided jointly by the University of Hawaii, Bishop Museum, and Yale University of the United States.

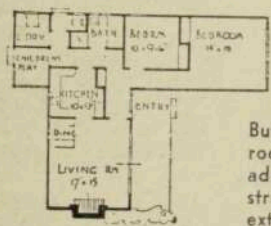
Mr. Cameron is a graduate of Auckland University and was on the staff of the State Forest Service for a number of years until World War II, when on behalf of the Australian and American military authorities in the Pacific zone he was seconded to the Solomons and New Guinea to locate stands of timber suitable for military construction in those areas.

Though working independently, Mr. Cameron's research is likely to be integrated with the geographical survey of Western Samoa currently being carried out by Auckland University men under Professor K. Cumberland.

Diver Bill Tebb, who has been diving for the Australian Government at Port Moresby for three and a half years, arrived in Sydney for three months' leave late July. He travelled on the *Bulolo*, of which he has very fond memories. He served with the RN during the war on two-man submarines, and he moored one of these alongside a ship off the Normandy coast on D-Day. The ship was the *Bulolo*.



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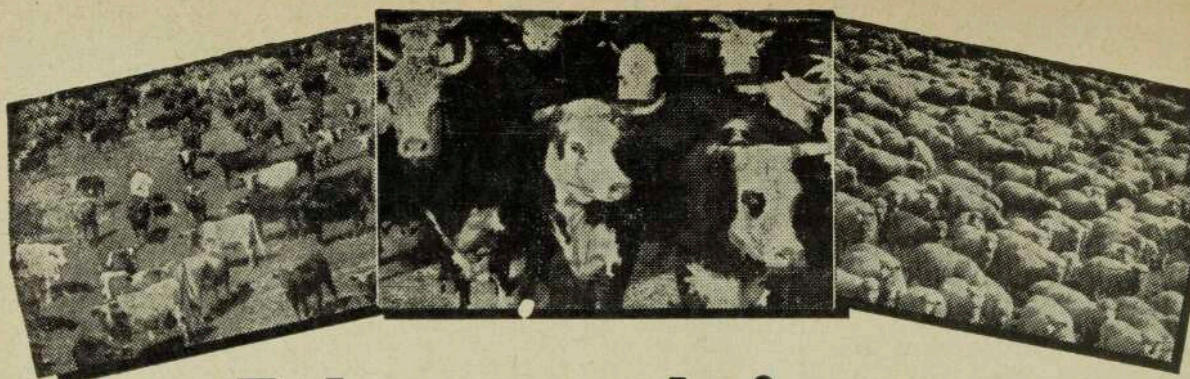
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He's in Trouble Again!

Crayfish-Expert Toyer Arrested

SHIPWRIGHT John Cox, better known to PIM readers as Captain Jack Evan Toyer, would-be crayfish king, and master of the motor vessel *Cyghet*, was arrested in Sydney on September 20, and charged on three counts of false pretences.

Further charges were to be laid against him and the total sum involved is said to be nearly £8,000. Toyer, and the company he began in early 1953 (*Cyghet Co. Pty. Ltd.*) for the purpose of catching crayfish in the Gulf of Papua, recently received unfavourable publicity at the hands of *Sydney Truth* (see M. September).

Following Toyer's arrest and subsequent release on bail of £1,500, shareholders convened a general meeting and accepted Mrs. Toyer's resignation as governing director. Though neither of the Toyers now have any control over the company, it is expected that Mrs. Toyer will omit her name at the next general meeting for re-election as a director.

The company's assets still appear to outweigh liabilities and directors

hope they will yet be able to carry out their original intention.

Toyer, who was arrested just prior to departure for Rockhampton on a fishing trip, will appear in Court on October 12 on the following charges:

(1) Having falsely pretended on September 8 that *Cyghet* was available for a fishing and tourist trip to the Barrier Reef, thus obtaining £550 from Herbert Denby with intent to defraud.

(2) Having falsely pretended on April 12 that *Cyghet Co. Pty. Ltd.* owned 24,000 acres of cattle country in N.G. on which the company proposed to breed cattle, thus obtaining £1,100 from Denby with intent to defraud.

(3) Having falsely pretended on May 25 that the company had a contract for the sale of £500,000 worth of fish fillets with a Sydney firm, thus obtaining £1,000 from Mr. D. G. Cox with intent to defraud.

Toyer claims to have a perfect defence to all charges.

When Lyndy Gill, aged six, fell from the Samarai wharf in mid-August she was saved from probable drowning by the quick action of Mr. Stan Ericson, who dived in, fully clothed, to the rescue. The child, a passenger in *Soochow*, overbalanced while walking along a wharf stringer.

Headquarters of the US Trust Territory of Micronesia will soon be located in that area. Until now they have been at Honolulu. It is expected that a transfer to temporary quarters at Guam will be completed by September, pending a decision as to the best location for permanent headquarters.

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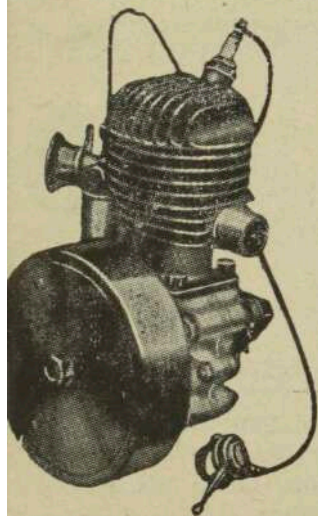
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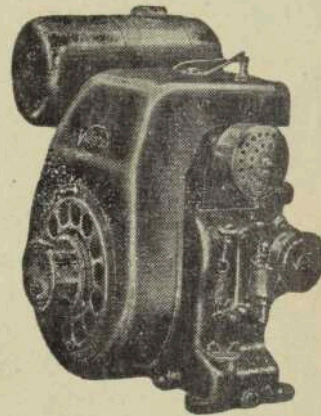
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FIJI TOURISM MUST BE BASED ON EXISTING HOTELS

SUVA will have to do without up-to-date hotels, and the local Tourist Bureau give less attention to advertising "Sunny Fiji"—particularly where Suva is concerned.

This is the opinion of Mr. Pat Costello, astute Fiji business man who, in a recent letter to a Suva newspaper, discussed one aspect of tourist economics—establishment of suitable and sufficient hotel accommodation.

He quoted from a Sydney newspaper in which the NSW Licensing Board estimated that a modern hotel in that State cost £4,500 per bedroom—a 20-bedroom hotel costing about £90,000.

"Let us assume," said Mr. Costello, "that such an hotel could be built in Suva for £120,000. What would be the rental of such an hotel, and what tenant could afford to pay, say, 8 per cent., or £9,600 per annum, plus rates, taxes, etc., as well as furnishing the hotel?"

The pros and cons of the Fiji tourist industry have entertained the minds of a lot of people in the last few years.

On the one hand there are the outright opponents who seem to see it as a potential degrading influence

on the Fijian population (though no one has yet shown that there is more sin per head of population in Honolulu than in Suva); and on the other, there are the disillusioned tourists who have taken to the pen and claimed to be victims

of over-enthusiastic and misleading tourist organisations.

Tongan Premier (Prince Tung) visited Honolulu in September to complete negotiations for the sale of Tongan mats in USA.



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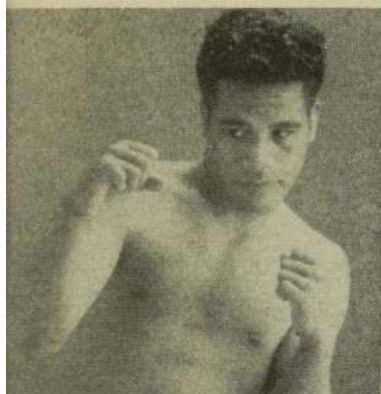
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KITIONE LAVE BEATEN BY BRADY

Schmidt Wins Two Bouts

TONGAN heavy-weight boxer, Kitione Lave, was beaten by Australian champion Ken Brady in the seventh round of a hard fight at Melbourne, on September 24. This was the second time Lave was lost to the more experienced Brady—his second defeat in a professional career of 29 bouts. Until the end of the fifth round



Kitione Lave.

th fighters appeared fairly evenly matched. Lave impressed with his st punching and neat blocking. s sharp right-crosses worried Brady consistently. But Brady became increasingly determined after being hurt in the third round. By the end of the sixth had taken the lead on points.

The seventh round had not been progress for more than a minute when a series of hard blows to the head made Lave an open target for what was to follow. The 19-year-old Tongan was hammered remorselessly until he staggered to the ring centre with his hands by his side, completely defenceless. Before Brady could attack, the referee called a halt and declared Brady the winner by a tko.

It was disclosed later that Lave had broken his hand in three places in the second round.

Weights were: Ken Brady, 14.12; Kitione Lave, 13.91.

Soon after his defeat by Brady, Lave received a cabled invitation from English promoter Bruce Godcock to fight at Doncaster under his management.

AMOAN heavy-weight boxer, Fossi Schmidt, who so far has had 50 fights (none of which has lasted more than three rounds), captured useful publicity in Sydney during September.

Trained by expert handler Bill Connell, the rapidly improving Samoan floored two opponents within the prescribed time. One aspirant publicist with the mighty name

of Jack Dempsey lasted two rounds, and the other, Harold Davis, was knocked out in the third.

Samoan light-weight, Jimmy Ripley, withdrew from all fights when he was found to be suffering from appendicitis.

TALENT SCOUT

Australian Boxing Club director (Mr. Art Mawson) left for Samoa and Tonga recently on a talent search. He hoped to sign up six winners of the Pacific championships, including two heavy-weights for fights with Kitione Lave and Fossi Schmidt. Following the announcement of his intended trip, Islands officials were besieged with entries for the Pacific championships.

Freak Storms in Suva

AN 18-years-old Fijian girl, Miriama Nayama, was killed by lightning as she removed laundry from a wire clothes line at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Lami, near Suva, on September 20. Lightning struck one of two coconut palms between which the clothes line was suspended, leaving a charred hole in the trunk.

Earlier in the day there was a heavy fall of hail at Tamavua and Nasinu which created much interest, as a great many people there had never seen hail before.

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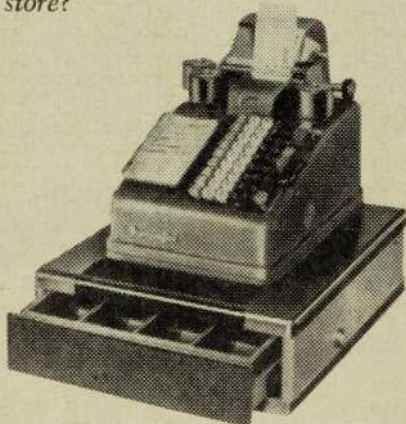
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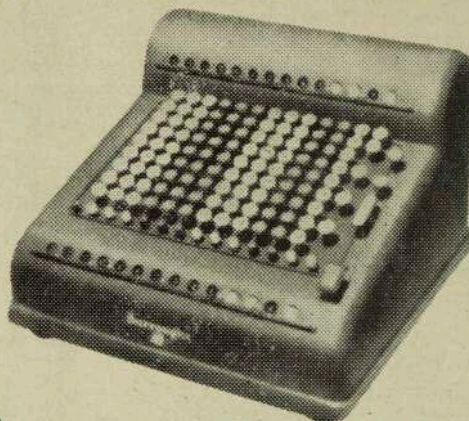
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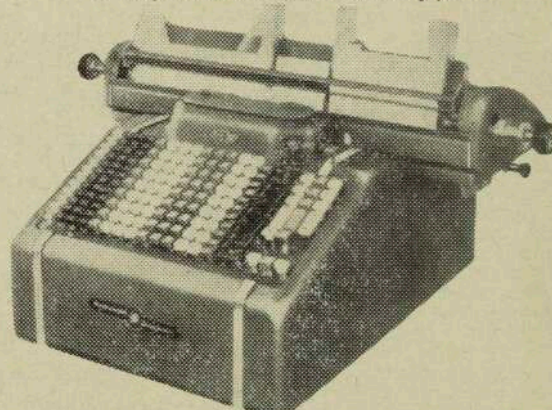
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Planters of New Guinea Meet in Rabaul



This photo was taken at a function held when delegates to the Planters' Association of New Guinea met in annual conference, in Rabaul, in mid-August.

Seen in the photo, from left to right, (Standing) Messrs. W. R. Paul (Gen.

Sec.), F. R. McKillop (B'ville.), J. Willoughby (A/Sec. Terr. Dept.), J. Middleton (Madang), P. R. K. Murray (N. Ireland), R. McKay (B'ville.), J. O'Brien (Madang), F. R. Wilson (N. Britain), W. J. Grose (N. Ireland), E. A. Stanfield (N. Ireland), I. MacDonald

(chairman Copra Marketing Board).

(Seated) Messrs. J. L. Stokle (N. Britain), C. R. Lambert (Sec. for Terr.), D. Barrett (president), E. T. Fulton (N. Britain), J. R. Foldi (Dist. Comm.), J. T. Allan (N. Britain).

Ex-residents of Fiji in New Zealand are being better served with news from home since the Fiji Broadcasting Commission took over. The weekly Public Relations Office Newsletter, formerly broad-

cast at 0630 GMT on Tuesdays, is now broadcast at 0630 GMT on Wednesdays and repeated at 0915 GMT. This later broadcast is better received in NZ and should be satisfactory through the summer

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Problem of NG's Growth:

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THE rapid growth of population and settlement in New Guinea has created there serious problems relating to the supply of electric light and power.

During the first half of September, Rabaul was subject to irregular, frequent blackouts; and Moresby's supply mechanism was breaking down momentarily.

The Works Department was doing its best, trying to maintain the present plants—inadequate at practically all the larger centres—and build up generating capacity generally. But the Administration, will for some time, be lucky to keep pace with just housing and industry.

One of the situation's worst features is seen in the way in which the authority providing electrical apparatus for hospitals—such as X-Ray and radiological equipment—has allowed itself to get out of gear with the authority responsible for electricity supply.

Report has it that thousands of pounds' worth of such equipment has been bought, despite warnings that suitable power is unavailable; with the result that it is lying

around useless. In Rabaul, I saw a stabiliser worth about £200, bought for Rabaul hospital with the best of intentions, standing useless until Rabaul gets a different power supply. Lae also has valuable equipment and insufficient power.

A radiologist I met said that the Administration is inviting tenders for £16,000 worth of hospital equipment, but the power installation available now, and in the immediate future, made the specification ridiculous.—RWR

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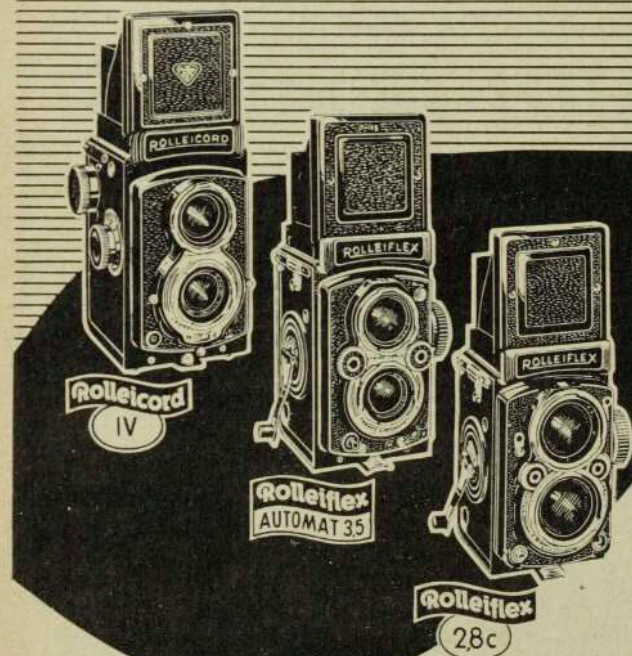
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TREELESS HIGHLANDS Where Afforestation is Needed

It is a remarkable fact that in the Central Highlands District of New Guinea, where there probably is more need for afforestation than in any other place in the South Pacific, there is no representative of the New Guinea Department of Forestry.

As is well known, the forests have been removed from these great valleys in the course of ages by the natives; and it is believed that this has affected the climate. Rain falls around the top of the ranges, where there is ample forest—often when there is no badly-needed rain in the valleys.

The need for afforestation is much in the minds of officials and settlers. The natives are encouraged to plant trees, and seeds of suitable kinds have been distributed. The natives obligingly have done their best—but they do not understand the need for tending and watering the young trees, and practically all have perished.

Mr. James Taylor (former ADO and one of the discoverers of the Central Highlands) is eager to encourage afforestation and has established a large plantation of hoop pine.

Lines of hoop and klinki pines may be seen growing along the hill-sides above the District Office at Goroka, under Mr. Downs' jealous eye. Good stands of hoop and klinki pines may also be seen growing near Goroka on the plantation of Mr. A. R. Lane—in fact all the settlers in this area seem to be doing their best to plant trees.

But what is needed is an effort on a national scale, co-ordinated and directed by the skilled men of the Forestry Department—who, under present conditions, appear to give most of their attention to afforestation in the Morobe District.

District Commissioner Ian Downs has propagated thousands of hoop and klinki pines at Goroka, and he is patiently trying to persuade the natives to take special precautions to prevent the grass fires which kill the young trees.

An Apology for a Missing Word

Mr. Tom Neale, late hermit of Iwarrow, warmly contradicts a sentence which appeared in a story of his atoll adventure in August PIM.

By the unfortunate omission of an essential word, the wrong impression was given. Instead of adding "his supplies," the sentence involved should have read "his conut' supplies" were also raided by shell divers who were stationed

there from May to September last year". As published, "Supplies" suggests canned goods, etc. Mr. Neale, in a letter to a Rarotonga resident, did complain that coconuts within his compound had been raided. We apologise to Mr. Neale and the divers.

Six senior military officers from New Zealand paid an official visit to Fiji and Tonga in August, representing Navy, Army artillery, Air Force, Intelligence and joint planning. Routine discussions, on defence matters were held in both areas. Tonga is in the process of establishing an Army defence force at the present time.

"Orion" is a Busy Ship

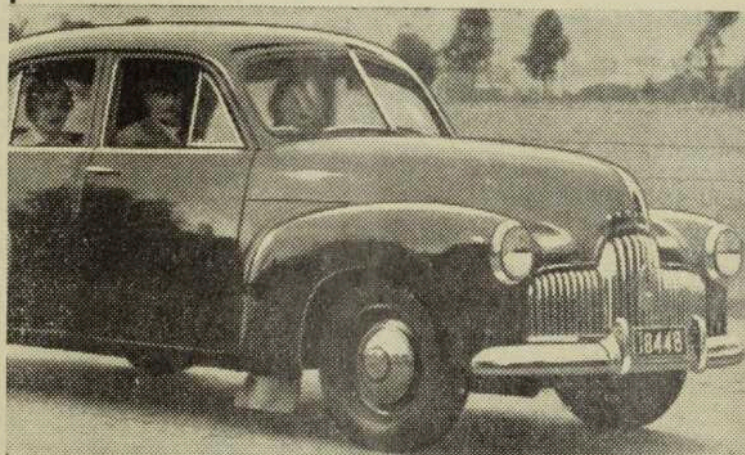
THE liner *Orion* has made two Pacific cruises—one to Fiji and New Zealand, the other to Port Moresby by the Barrier Reef—since her arrival at Sydney on August 7.

She is at present on the round trip, Sydney to Vancouver and San Francisco, and on her return at the beginning of November, will make an eight-day cruise to Noumea.

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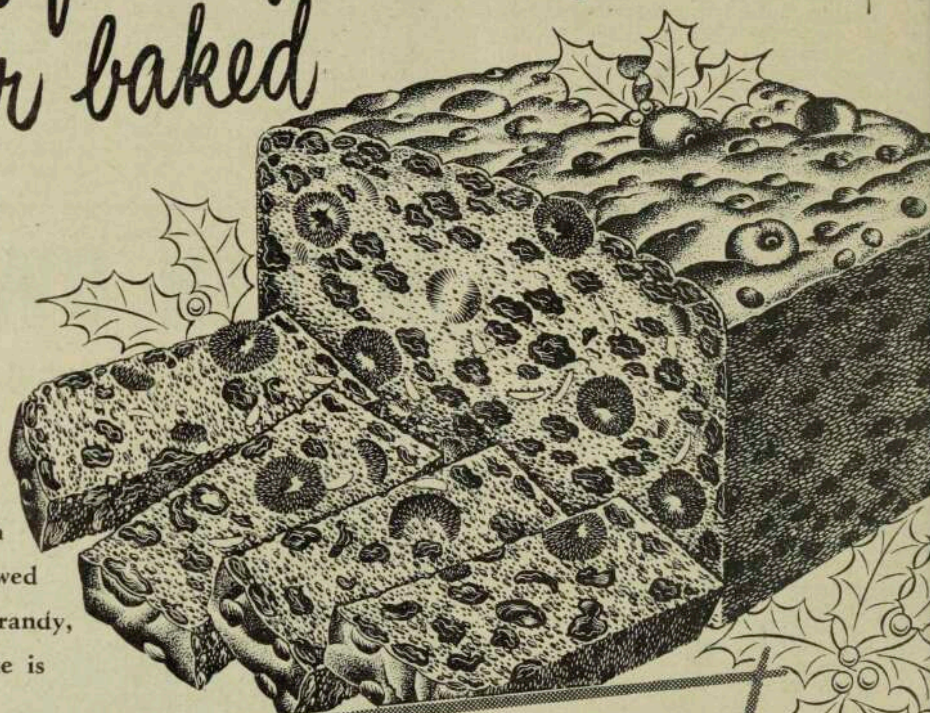
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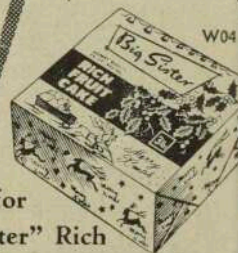
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Notes Made Here and There in the Cooks

By James P. Shortall

A BRONZED giant of a man with a pleasant American accent stepped ashore from a TEAL aircraft at Aitutaki one day last May. "Banner's the name," he said. Albert H. Banner of Honolulu—here on a mission of absolutely and emphatically no commercial value hat-so-ever."

In one hand he carried a pair of vimming flippers and a diving mask, and in the other a leather case which proved to be full of plastic specimen-containers. Working for two-thirds of the year as a lecturer at the University of Hawaii and for the other third on scientific field work, Dr. Banner was there to collect specimens of the Snapping shrimp—a tiny, non-edible creature that inhabits holes in coral below the waterline.

Financed by Yale University and Bishop Museum, the project—one of pure science—embraces the whole Pacific. This year he has been covering Polynesia. Together one day we hiked via the war-time road, to the highest point of the island, where the Americans had a radar station. Even the road, armpit high with grass, vines and shrubs, was barely traceable.

Here and there we passed old concrete foundations and at the peak were glad enough to sit on the site of where the radar station once was, and enjoy the view below, with the airstrip, now unused, away on our right, and right below, work proceeding in packing oranges on one of the citrus-scheme plots. More impressive, however, is the great area of good land that still lies idle.

Somewhere below us surveyors were then at work. One of their flags waved in the breeze alongside us. Any major scheme for development of these islands calls for a greatly expanded Survey Department and Land Court, as, at present practically the entire resources of these two instrumentalities are concentrated on keeping

ahead of the expansion plans of the Department of Agriculture's replanting scheme.

At the present rate, it will take many years to complete the survey of these Islands—even where the people are willing to permit a survey and title settlement to be made. None of Mangaia Island, for example, has ever been surveyed for this latter reason.

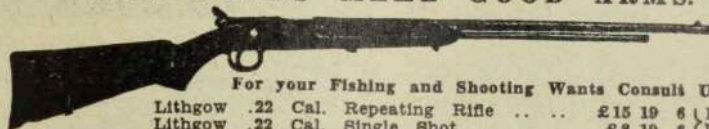
COOKS, TOO, HAVE TUNA

In August PIM there was a photograph of Aitutaki R.A., Rex Gladney, with a line-up of some of the tuna he had been catching—thus proving that the Japs are not the only people in the Pacific catching these fish.

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old trolling line with spinner—one selected from an enormous collection. The launch would cruise up and down at selected points off-shore, and return by breakfast time—and if there were not at least a couple of 30 lb yellowfin aboard it had been a remarkably bad morning.

At about the same time, down at Rarotonga (a particular unfishy island, by the way) great hauls of tuna were being taken by the local fishermen—using deep-line methods—right off the main settlement. On one day, 60 tuna were taken there, 12 by one man alone. Those fish were selling at about 2/- per pound.

TREE-CLIMBING OCTOPI?

Do octopi come ashore and climb pandanus palms to eat the flowers? Many people in the Cooks believe that they do—but they also believe that this is a different kind of octopus to the one that they catch on the reef for food purposes. Some say the tree-climbing one is a "decapod"—i.e., having ten legs or tentacles.

(The Curator of Molluscs at the Australian Museum, Miss Joyce Allan, FRZS, was sceptical at the reports of tree-climbing "decapods." The only known ten-legged molluscs, she said, were squids (cuttle fish) which were completely helpless out of water. The octopus could move

very quickly on the beach for periods of up to three minutes, but had never been seen climbing trees. The coconut crab, which in the darkness could be mistaken for an octopus, was, she thought, a feasible explanation for the reports. Further reports, accompanied by photographs, would be welcomed by her, however).

ATIU COPRA PROJECT

From the upper slopes of Atiu one can clearly see uninhabited Takutea Island. At present it is being run as a sort of co-operative by the Atiu people. The people have formed a Takutea Committee elected from among the able-bodied

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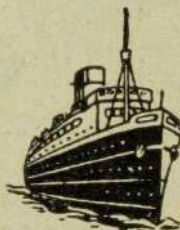


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An Aitutaki family making arrowroot by primitive methods. A small export trade in this commodity is carried on from the island.

men, which administers the proceeds of the copra sales. A gang will decide to make the 16-mile boat trip across to prepare a load of copra. When it is sold, half of the proceeds go to the committee's akutea fund, and the other half is shared equally by the men who did the job. The island's share is used for the building of boats for transport to the island and for otherundry expenses connected with the copra industry. The Committee has its own boat. Several trips are made each year. Under this financial arrangement the men who actually do the work receive the cash. There is a roster system, so all able-bodied men have a chance to participate.

NOTHER AIRFIELD?

Someone drew me aside at Rarotonga one day and said, "Have you heard about this Titikaveka airfield?" I said I had not. Why build an airfield round there on the south side of the island, on some of the best agricultural land in the Cooks and what was wrong with the present splendid airstrip which now is unused, and costs £4,000 per annum for upkeep?

My informant said he wouldn't know—nevertheless in New Zealand, recently, he had been shown a map of the island with a twin-strip airfield marked on it—right there at Titikaveka; he was told that the airfield would handle four-engined bombers when completed.

HIGH COST OF BEACHCOMBING

Just what "a little grass shack in Halekehua, Hawaii" costs the American beachcomber to-day we have not heard, but it must be plenty.

On Rarotonga that accessory, which according to the books was formerly thrown in with the Chief's capely daughter, now costs 30/- or 100 pieces of palm-leaf thatching and a roof for even the most modest shelter calls for about 800 pieces. Beachcombing is not what it was.

LIGHT IN A DREAMY WORLD

Probably the only important undertaking in the Group manned completely by Cook Islanders is the Rarotonga TB sanatorium, of which MP Manea Tamarua is in complete charge, with his wife, a trained nurse, heading the nursing staff of Cook Islands girls. The sanatorium was extended in 1952 to accommodate up to 64 patients, but the New Zealand Government has not yet provided the funds for extra staffing, etc., and at present a maximum of 40 patients are being accommodated.

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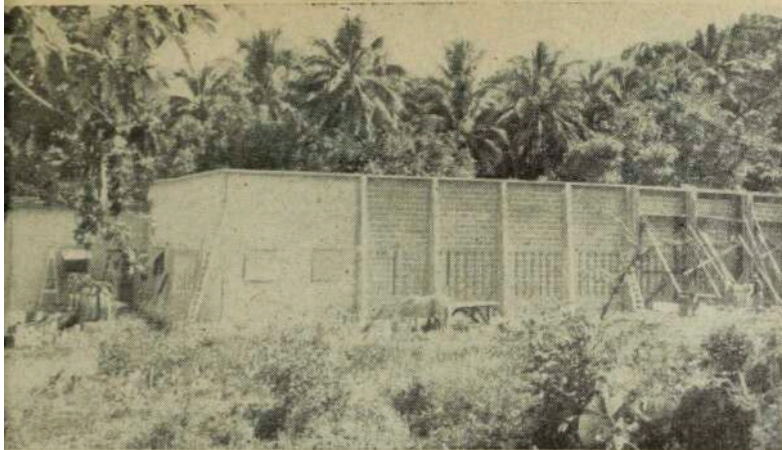
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The medical department hopes to commence a mass miniature X-raying of the population in 1955 and no doubt all existing sanatorium accommodation will be taken by the cases then discovered.

TB is the principal killer in the islands—as in most Pacific islands—counting for 30 per cent. of all deaths, and about 60 per cent. of

deaths in the 10-20-years-old age group. No organised anti-TB campaign has yet been carried out.

The Rarotonga sanatorium, since its establishment on one of the most attractive sites on the island, overlooking the airfield and the northwest coast, has also, accidentally, provided a beacon-light for mariners of a greater usefulness

than any other official navigation light in the group.

FIRST IN GETS THE PRIZE

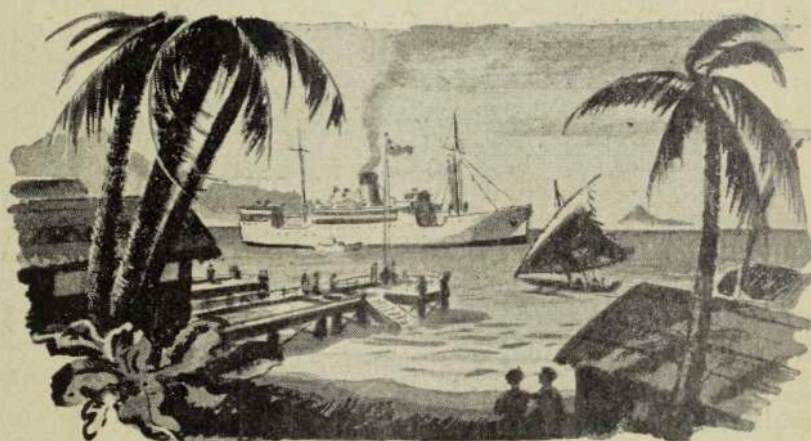
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arrives in the very early hours, as she often does, boats will be out and alongside even before daylight.

The reason is that the cargo-handling surfboats are each privately owned by a number of men in one of the very few co-operative enterprises in the Group.

By general agreement, first boat alongside receives first cargo—and that is important where a ship comes only once a month—and where there may be a comparatively few boat-loads to handle. First comer may receive two loads, the others one.

Best and keenest workers are perhaps at Aitutaki where, as the ship steams in to the anchorage the boats come far out to meet her and the *Maui's* passengers enjoy the fun as the individual boat crews struggle to be first alongside and fast to the ship while she still steams in at a fair speed.

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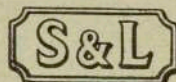
"Why all the fuss about our freezer?" a Rarotonga resident inquired. "Surely we are as entitled

to our piece of fresh steak as the Public Servants back home."

That looks like what the Americans call a "loaded" question. "Back home" the piece of steak is provided by private enterprise. Here it is costing £32,000 of New Zealand public funds to establish the new public domestic freezer. It will serve

only one of the 15 islands of the group, and not many islanders, even on Rarotonga, are able to pay 3/ pound for rump steak, or even 2/ per pound for beef sausage although the prices are reasonable for European salaries.

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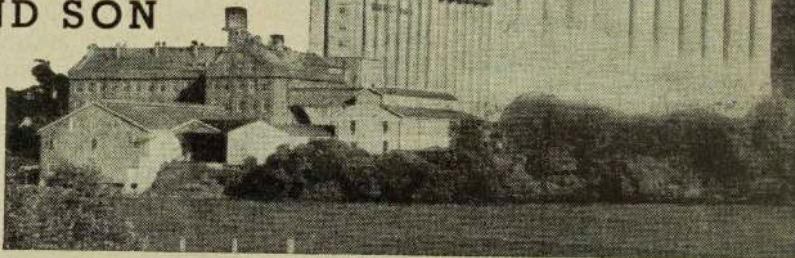
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and possibly the same number of islanders?

There is another point, however: the freezer will provide, as a by-product, refrigeration for the 116,000 fruit cool-store, the contract for which should be let this spring.

Meanwhile the freezer is still cited by many Islanders as a diversion of funds towards an essentially European facility. To prove that this is so, it is pointed out that the former ice delivery round the island has been dropped since the majority of European public servants have been provided with their own refrigerators. Now, with no ice delivery, those who do not own refrigerators cannot keep fresh meat over the week-end even where they can afford to buy it.

HE HAVES AND HAVE NOTS

Previously we mentioned the Salt Report and its Rarotonga water supply master-plan. Reports additionally are shelved for a year or two before their advice is put into effect—if ever. But many Rarotongans have another explanation as to why no urgency has been taken by the Administration in the matter. "Just take a look round all the European Administration houses," one senior and respected Cook Islander said. "You'll notice that they are all equipped with extensive water filters which the ordinary mortal could not afford." As an interim measure there seems to be no reason why these filters could not be fitted to the many public water taps round the land.

RUSSET OR JUST RAIN

The Department of Agriculture has recently changed its system of grading oranges as it affects payment to growers. The new gradings are now "Russet" and "Clean." The citrus rust mite, while not spoiling the flavour of the fruit, does very much spoil the appearance, causing speckled brown, ugly patches all over the fruit. In June an entomologist was due from New Zealand with a consignment of flies from California, known as *Coniopterygidae*, it is hoped that they will eventually succeed in routing the mite.

'S CHEAPER DOWN SOUTH

One of the causes of the high cost of living in the Cook Islands could be unfair profiteering on the part of the traders. The prices of a few items there were noted and compared with the prices on the same articles in Auckland. Here they are: pareu material, cotton-rayon, 7/- per yard at Raro-

tonga-Auckland 1/11 to 2/6; cane knives, 17/6 as compared with 9/11; fish-hooks, 4d each as compared with 1d for the same size; open-necked shirts, 25/- to 28/-, same shirt in Auckland 15/-; axes £3/10/-, Auckland £1/14/-; ukeleles, 38/- as compared with 27/-; a well-known brand of sweets, 1d each as compared with 3 for 1d; corrugated iron, 32/- at one island—could be landed there at resellers' price for 14/- sheet. All other prices are retail prices.

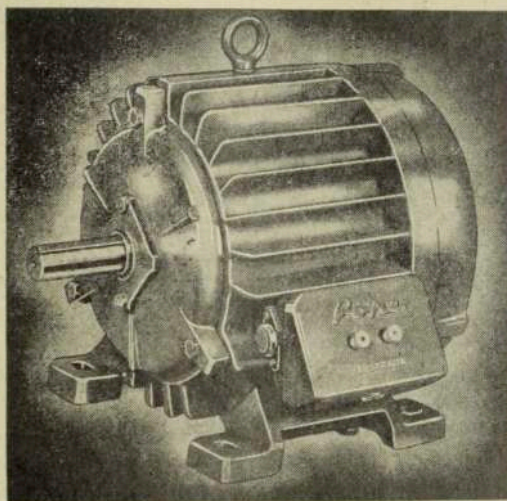
Obviously traders could obtain these goods in Auckland at prices substantially below the prices mentioned—and that difference alone would cover the cost of freight up. And in addition, the Cook Islands are exempt from the 20 per cent.

Sales Tax which is added to the retail cost of a great many items in New Zealand.

One trader on an outer island boasted that he had arrived there a couple of years ago with £600 capital and was now clearing £1,000 per year! Nice work! But it certainly is speeding the departure of the islanders for New Zealand, and contributing to the sometimes well-founded discontent.

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land and John jokingly remarked one day that he had a place reserved on the reef for Mr. Graham's latest acquisition, the *Nukalau*, still afloat at the time.

Well, he's missed there, as she has since found her end in the Tasman Sea. What John could have built from the wreckage of *that* ship, with her wooden hull and her cargo of hardwood poles!

The Harringtons built their hotel in self-defence. As TEAL agents, through passengers to Rarotonga look to John and Myra to accommodate them in the interim between ship and plane arrivals. With a lot of people passing through that can cease to be amusing.

So now the third of a little group of attractive pandanus-thatched, concrete-floored, two-berth cottages has just been completed and work is proceeding on a shower-and-toilet block nearby, to accommodate transients if they require accommodation.

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That is John D., the Hotel Proprietor. There is also John D. the storekeeper on six days of the week. But in addition there is John D.,

the Oil Company Agent—apart from being the TEAL Agent.

The day before the TEAL Solent arrives in from Samoa, Tahiti-bound, there is a general exodus from the main island, and Akaiaimi islet, an hour's run across the lagoon, springs to life. John with staff and family head off right after lunch with the TEAL and oiling launches, and soon, as a great spring cleaning of the TEAL reception building proceeds, the party is joined by Resident Agent Gladney and his staff, with the outward Cook

Islands mail, and CAA boss P. Dixon with staff and family supervise landing operations, radio communications at the isle.

The cooks get busy preparing food and that evening is something of a social occasion. But at crack of dawn, Akaiaimi comes to again. Peter Dixon is off like a hare to a little grass shack where a radio station is concealed. He talks with the main radio station across the lagoon at the airfield and announces the aircraft's arrival. There is a great preparation

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breakfast—and of refreshments for the passengers, all beautifully laid out within and on the verandah of the big thatch-roofed house. The CAA launch, also equipped with radio, is off to patrol the landing area, and the gasoline barges are readied.

Then in comes the big Solent. In on time the passengers are ashore and for an hour the little islet is like some famous resort—then away they go, the mess is cleared up, the barges beached, doors locked, and Akaiaimi abandoned to "Brownie"—the permanent caretaker, and a couple of Islanders—until next flight comes through.

John D. has an interesting, if busy, life.

LOCAL TIME SIGNAL

Enjoying a long cool drink at the home of Peter Dixon, manager of the airport, the telephone gave a long sustained ring and the locals present glanced at their wrist-watches. The duty operator at the radio station gives this time signal at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

LANGUAGE NO BARRIER

There was a discussion going on at John Harrington's one evening regarding his young children who obviously understand English but cannot speak more than a word or two of it yet—as they have been reared for by Aitutaki women.

Then someone recalled the case of a former European resident of the Cooks who married a local girl. He could not speak a word of her language, nor she a word of his—but they managed to rear a sizeable family and lived together in complete harmony!

HIGH COST OF MOTORING

Motorists require a separate driving license for each island of the Cook Group; they are priced 5/- each. However, with roads as they are—lacking quantity and quality, islands other than Rarotonga—and petrol priced at 7/6 and up, per gallon, there is no great encouragement towards a motoring tour of the group.

The Trade Commissioner for India, Mr. Patel, in an extensive tour of Papua and New Guinea, has visited all the principal centres, and shown a keen interest in the established industries. Mr. Patel leaves this month by Messageries Maritimes liner to visit New Caledonia, New Hebrides and French Oceania, and, on his way back to Sydney, he will spend several days in Fiji.



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Tropicalities

NO PLACE FOR THE LOVE-BIRDS

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"Very well," said the DC, with tender regard for his children's pets, "we shall send them back to Australia."

"Oh, no," said high officialdom, "you can't do that—there is a law in Australia forbidding the entry of such birds from abroad."

The argument was short and brisk, but high officialdom won, and the two precious love-birds were destroyed there in Port Moresby.

It was a great comfort to a modest average citizen like the writer hereof to hear a full-blooded District Commissioner expressing his candid opinion of some of the laws which he himself has to administer.—R.W.R.

REPORT ON THE CANTON COCONUT CROP

FOR the 1954 situation on the Canton coconut crop (see September Tropicalities) comes now a report from Mrs. Jeanne Johnson at that Pacific outpost. Though the latest Sailing Directions, says Mrs. Johnson, report a dozen palms on the atoll, there are probably a few more than this.

Of the original palms planted by Captain Allen and his son, not one remains to-day, though the progeny of one, far from impressive, is there, near the north-west corner of the atoll and a few hundred yards from the airfield.

Elsewhere, however, in the Miller fishing camp there are some healthier specimens brought in by Captain "Dusty" Miller of the fishing vessel *Joyita*; and some better specimens on the south side of the entrance at the Pan American Airways and British District Officer's camps. Recently the United States Civil Aeronautics Administration staff imported quite a few young palms from Samoa per the Eastern Samoa Government's *Manu'a Tele*. At mid-September these seemed to be doing well.

All of which suggests that per-

haps within a few years Canton may no longer be its present bleak self.

WITH OR WITHOUT DOG

ONE of the curiosities of the Cooks is the dog and no-dog islands—and the sooner they're all no-dog islands the better.

Rarotonga is decidedly a dog island, with packs of the snarling, fighting mongrels running thick through the main township each evening. Cyclists ride at their peril, as the useless brutes hurl themselves at them out of the darkness. The wonder of it is that the Islanders, on their comparatively low incomes, can bother to find the cost of registration and collar for so utterly useless a breed. Even the most ardent dog lover would have trouble in developing a liking for one of these. Now and again the police kill off unregistered strays, but the registered strays, un-kennelled and unfed, are there in droves.—J.P.S.

GUARD FOR THE VIP's

THIS story has a beard on it—but they still tell it with gusto around Papua-New Guinea.

The Administrator was expected in Wau by a certain plane, and the policeman lined up the local police to do the honours. A plane came in about the time the Administrator was due. The policeman, to make sure that this was the plane, said to the pilot, as he leaped off the machine, "Whom have you got aboard?"

"Oh," said the pilot, "a couple of old goats," and hurried away.

So the policeman, being accustomed to the citizenry's attitude towards Top Brass, lined up his police and waited for the passengers to alight.

The staging was put beside the machine, the door opened wide, and there appeared a couple of mature goats—two distracted animals which had been brought into the District to start one of Morobe's early herds of milk providers.

OFF THE RATION

OVERHEARD in a New Guinea Highlands' home—

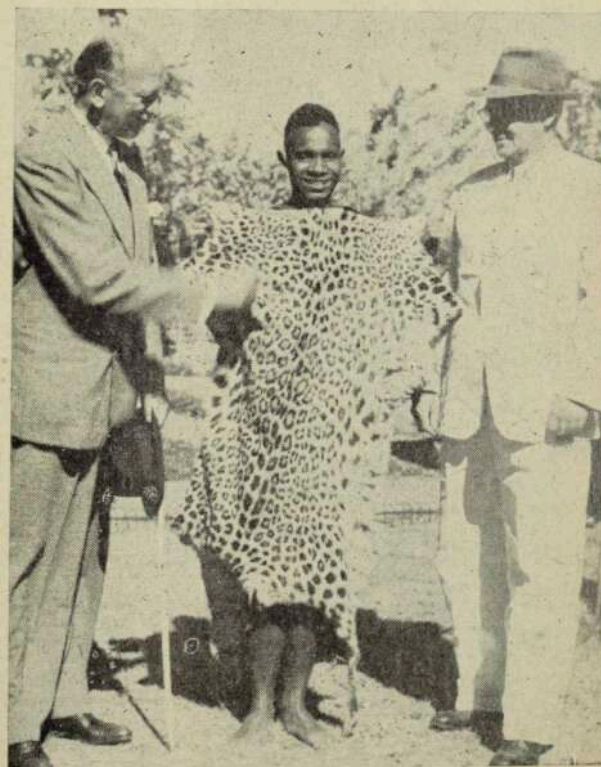
Housewife (examining her kitchen shelves): "My God, this boy eats matches!"

Houseboy, shrilly and indignantly: "Missus me no kai kai matches." (Over)

Gift From India

At the Kila Police Depot, Port Moresby, on July 29, General Cariappa, High Commissioner for India in Australia, presented a Leopard skin to the Drum Major of the Royal Papuan Constabulary Band. The General is seen here with Brigadier D. M. Cleland, Administrator of Papua and New Guinea, and the Drum-Major who is wearing the skin.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.



A HIPPOPOTAMUS FOR XMAS?

FOUR years ago the body of a camel, washed ashore on the Island of Aunu'u, near Tutuila, Eastern Samoa, excited the interest of the islanders who wondered, until the village school teacher explained facts to them, what kind of fish had fur and legs. The camel was one that had died and was tossed overboard from a Matson vessel.

Recently another strange carcase appeared at Aunu'u. This time the people decided it resembled a hippopotamus and sent word thus to Tutuila. They used the carcase to attract sharks, who willingly attacked the decaying mass of flesh; four sharks were caught by the islanders.

Rechecking the story, the carcase was found to be either a sea-lion or large seal that had wandered too far from its native habitat and had expired in the warm water around Samoa.

Undaunted, the people of Aunu'u are now eagerly looking forward to spotting a floating elephant.—E. W. JOHNSON.

COOK IS. ENGLISH

THE English commonly in use among Cook Island native teachers is hardly the Queen's, and some of the screeds that are received from them by a European headmaster are couched in very peculiar terms indeed.

It is not commonly known that married girls are permitted to retain educational jobs, and these young ladies sometimes have to retire pro tem by reason of a Happy Event. This obviously can never occur without it being known in advance, yet it is customary to send a note of apology for absence to the Head. One such, recently received here, convulsed the directorate. It read:

"Will you please excuse me for my don't school. I am not come because I was born yesterday."

And judging by the lady's seeming brief acquaintance with English, one would imagine that the statement wasn't far wrong!—EG.

SOMETHING NEW—A FIJI-INDIAN POET

LEONARD SEWAK CHAND RAMSAMUJ, a westernised and versatile 30-year-old Fiji-Indian, is breaking entirely new ground for one of his race. He has forsaken the traditional commerce and handicrafts of his forbears to become a poet—a part-time poet at the moment, but his work is receiving notice.

He was born in Suva in 1924, the son of the late "Ratu" Ram Samuj, a well-known businessman. After primary schooling at the Marist Brothers' School he had four years' study in agriculture at Wesley

College, Auckland, and two years' in law at Victoria University, Wellington. Neither subject appealed to him and he devoted himself mainly to the study of the English language, written and spoken.

In 1942 he won the Boyce Cup for oratory at Wesley College, and in 1946 he won the New Speakers' Prize at Victoria University and came second in the Plunket Medal Oratory Contest, New Zealand's premier competition. He had never attended elocution classes. He learnt the rudiments of public speaking from his father who coached him for a contest he won in Fiji in his teens.

Ramsamuj then started submitting verses to NZ publications, several being published under the pen name "Omar Hjumes."

Fellow students detected the inversion of his name and the camouflage of the two additional letters, and thereafter Ramsamuj used his real name.

After his formal studies he travelled in India for a year. His NZ verses were published in Bombay in an anthology, "Music of Life." One critic commented: "The

English is that of a writer born to the language, whereas the attitude of mind is Indian, despite the foreign upbringing."

After India, Ramsamuj went to England for two and a half years, making occasional visits to the Continent. He worked at the India High Commissioner's office in London, and also as private secretary to Mr. Cyril Asquith, general secretary of the National Labour Organisation. He lectured on international affairs and on India affairs to the Fabian Society.

In 1951, another collection of his work, "Love's Intoxication," was published in England by the Fortune Press. It was illustrated by "Joss," of the London *Star*. One reviewer wrote: "No Indian poet, with the exception of the late Mrs. Naidu, has shown so much gift and promise in this type of Indo-Anglican lyric poetry."

Ramsamuj returned to Fiji last year, when informed of the ill health of his mother, who subsequently died. He is now employed in the District Officer's headquarters at Nausori.—JACK THORNTON.

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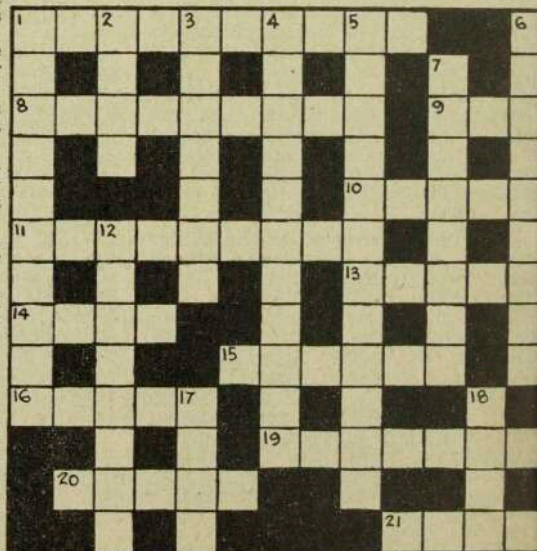
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ACROSS

- 1.—What was the name of the American secret society formed after the American Civil War opposing Negro influence?
- 8.—Who was China's first President?
- 9.—What is the name of the long linen robe worn by officiating priests?
- 10.—Who composed "The Creation"?
- 11.—Which former independent State is now a constituent republic of Russia with Vilnius the capital?
- 13.—Which modern ballroom dance with graceful slow movement came from the Argentine?
- 14.—What is the name of the species of wild goat found in the Alps, Pyrenees and Himalayas?
- 15.—What name did the Romans give to their supreme ruling body?
- 16.—A member of what race would speak a dialect called Romany?
- 19.—Who was the legendary youth who nightly swam the Hellespont to visit Hero?
- 20.—Which architect designed the English Houses of Parliament?
- 21.—Which American aviator made the first flight over the South Pole?

DOWN

- 1.—Who was the German Commander-in-Chief on the Western Front when Germany surrendered?
- 2.—In which English county would you find the cathedral city of Canterbury?
- 3.—Which important white metal obtained mainly from pitchblende?
- 4.—In which film did Shirley Temple play the part of Corliss Archer?
- 5.—Who was Shakespeare's wife?
- 6.—Who led the outlaws of Sherwood Forest?
- 7.—What is the name of Daphne de Maurier's latest novel based on the life of her great, great grandmother?
- 12.—What word in the English language is derived from the name of the founder of the Greek tragedy?
- 17.—In the Wars of the Roses which House had a white rose as its emblem?
- 18.—Which Shakespearean king had a daughter called Cordelia?



The "Charley"

BILL GILL Shows How
Not to Get into the Copra-
Cutting Machine Business.

"COME at once urgent Charley
Jacksons Hospital."

I lay in the Brisbane-bound train and read the telegram over and over again. The refrain of the impunctuated message blended with the rattle and clatter of the flying wheels, but not very happily.

It must be really urgent, I thought, otherwise even such a reckless old walrus as Charley would not have summoned me on such a long and expensive journey. Jackson's Hospital? He must be desperately ill (my thoughts ran on) but he was well enough when he boarded the ship in Sydney not long ago.

Charley, I remembered, had been proud of his rugged good health. When I first lobbied in New Guinea, he would boast, "I suffered from every tropical disease known to Science, except a wooden leg. But I haven't had a twinge (bar a touch of alcoholic remorse) for over half a century." Ah, well, reflected, it is the course of all nature. A melancholy welcome waited me now, no doubt.

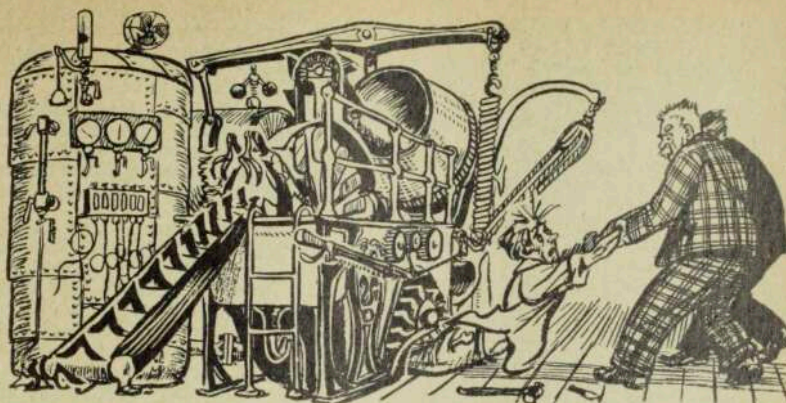
I well remembered my first meeting with Charley. I had walked from the South Coast over the range, and descended on the north coast of eastern Papua, slap-bang into Charley's plantation.

I had heard of him, of course, for he was quite a "character" even then, and legends already had begun to distinguish him from those of lesser clay. But he had never heard of me—although that didn't lessen the heartiness of his welcome.

"Come on up," he had said. "You'll stay the night, of course, or as long as you like. Come along," and he yelled to his house-boy to rustle up a bucketful of eggs."

In those days the price of copra was somewhere in the vicinity of a ton and the coconut-boys were having a really grim battle, living of their plantations as far as manly was possible.

His boy, I remembered, had come downstairs on the run, and actually with a bucket. He proceeded to toss around amongst the passer-pora cover-crop, sending clouds of bred, ginger chickens squawking and flapping in all directions. Charley had sat yawning away cheerfully, with never a moan about the wretched condition of the copra



Got caught in the teeth of the coir chopper . . .

market—which, of itself, indicated an unusual individual. Presently his boy had appeared, grinning from ear to ear, and slapped down a gallon billy-can full of eggs, a loaf of sipora-yeast bread and a kettleful of tea.

"Hop in!" Charley had said, drawing up his chair to the table. "I had a feed just before you came, but I'll have a cup of tea with you."

"But all these eggs," I had protested. "There must be over two dozen of them. I'll never eat a third of them."

"So?" said Charley, with a grin. "Have a shot at it, anyhow," and I had opened nine of the eggs before finding one that was eatable. In all there were four eggs "fit for human consumption" and even these, somehow, tasted like "the curate's egg."

I AWOKED, as the train pulled into the platform at Brisbane, feeling frowsy and irritable; and the first thing that caught my eye was not calculated to improve my morale.

There was Charley, composed and smiling, with hand outstretched in welcome. I had been worrying throughout the long journey in case Charley were really ill; and yet, when I found him hale and hearty, a perfectly illogical rage boiled up inside me.

"What's this?" I cried wrathfully. "What d'you mean, dragging me all this way, when there's nothing the matter with you?"

"Why, what would be wrong with me?" enquired Charley, affably. Then, not waiting for a reply: "Come along with me. Our fortunes are made, fellah," he said, patting me on the back, "and I'll be famous, famous."

"But what about this hospital of yours?" I said, feeling my rage succumb before my curiosity, but resolved to have a last snarl at him. "What kind of a dirty trick was that to pull on a friend?"

"You sound as if you are disappointed at not finding me on my deathbed," said Charley with his devilish knack of putting one in the wrong. "I am living in a hospital—

of a kind—and that's where we're going right away."

As we bowled along in a cab Charley began: "D'you remember Jacko?"

"Shall I ever forget him!" I answered. "That crimson and blue dial—the odd colours that whimsical nature had added so unexpectedly, here and there, the —"

"What are you talking about?" said Charley sharply. "I'm not talking about a blue—ah—about a monkey. I'm talking about Ginger Jackson from the Islands, and well you know it!"

"No relation of Jacko the Mandril?" I came back, in mock surprise.

Ignoring my feeble jest, Charles continued: "So you don't remember Jacko? Well, that's soon remedied, for here's his hospital."

"Where?" I asked in perplexity. "Behind that junk heap?"

Charley coughed self-consciously.

(Over)



Fell into the hopper . . .

"That's not exactly a junk heap," he said, "although it does look like one. It started off as a 'Doll's Hospital'. When Jacko came south he had trouble finding a job, so he started on his own, repairing kiddies' dollies."

"But business wasn't too brisk, so he expanded his field to include vacuum cleaners, wheelbarrows, mangles, helicopters, flying-foxes or anything at all, in fact. As most of the stuff he handled was beyond repair, it was only natural that a certain amount of discarded parts should accumulate. But come on inside."

CHARLEY darted through a narrow passage in the mountainous pile of rusty rubbish. We emerged at the entrance to a large shed in the last stages of decrepitude. Over the entrance, painted by an extraordinarily unskilled signwriter, was the sign, "J. Jackson, Doll Hospital."

"Here we are," cried Charley, and leaned against one half of the double door, which sagged sufficiently to allow him to enter. Copying his technique, I followed.

The shed was large and gloomy, sagging and teetering at more angles than Euclid ever wot of. In the centre stood a pile of what appeared to be the most eccentric exhibits from the surrounding junk pile.

"There it is!" said Charley, his voice husky with emotion, "The 'Charley Copra Cutter'—the invention that is going to revolutionise the whole industry." Then, cupping his mouth with his hands, he hollered, "Oy! Jacko, where are you?"

"'Ere," said a muffled voice from under the pile of scrap. "Got caught in the teeth of the coir chopper. Gimme a hand out will ya'?"

Together we managed, with great effort, to drag the lank and wild-eyed inventor from under the contraption. Presently he recovered his composure with the help of a mysterious bottle (which he kept in a wall cupboard, the door of which was decorated with a red cross) and proceeded to explain the finer points of the machine to me, whilst Charley stood off beaming with pride.

"Nah, 'ere's how she works. You start the power unit, used to be a concrete mixer but is orright when she ain't under load. Your coconuts travel along this conveyor belt onto this old anvil where these 'ere rocker arms from an old marine diesel tears off the husks which fall into this hopper—got me? Yes, it is an old kitchen sink but it serves—it serves. The husks pass along under the machine, where I got caught just now, and comes out the other end as doormats with the word, 'Welcome' stencilled on 'em. It ain't quite finished yet—I got a few minor adjustments to make afore she's complete."

"The de-husked nut drops off the

anvil into this 'ere split cup, and round comes the splittin' knives, see?—yes, butcher's cleavers on the spokes of an old wheel. Good, ain't it?"

"The two halves then come up agin' this glorified egg whisk which scoops aht the meat. The shells slide into the furnace for fuel and can be sold arterwards as finest charcoal."

"The meat goes up on this bucket-belt elevator and is emptied into this 'ere hopper which rotates at three 'undred revs, and 'arf dehydrates the meat before chuckin' it into the 'ot air drum where it's dry as a tater crisp in a brace o' shakes—see? It's foolproof, I tell you."

During this exposition we had climbed to a small platform about half-way up the thing, from which vantage point I gazed in stupefaction at the fantastic agglomeration.

"But will it work?" I ventured doubtfully.

"Work?" cried Jacko. "I'll say she'll work. 'Ere, 'arf a mo," and he sprang down to the floor level, seized the starting handle of the concrete-mixing engine which, after many loud bangs and much profanity, came stuttering to life and, sure enough, like some sort of nightmare dredge, the various components began to creep, crawl, rotate and oscillate to the accompaniment of loud groans, creaks and chirrup—a hair-raising experience!

"You aint seen 'arf yet," cried Jacko, leaping up on to the platform again—but in his eagerness he stumbled against Charley, who lost his balance and fell headlong into the hopper, which was now revving in fine style.

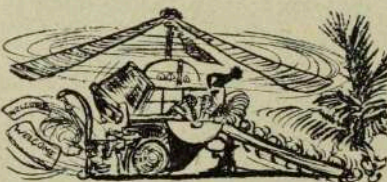
"Stone the crows!" cried Jacko as we stared aghast at the wildly whirling legs, "Wot's the old perisher up to now?"

"Stop the damned thing," I yelled, heaving him off the platform with a mighty shove.

Eventually we got Charley out of the hopper. His face was like a dish of mincemeat in a butcher's window. For a long time he was incapable of uttering a sound but finally he managed to croak: "Out, take me outa here," and, leaning heavily on my arm, he managed to stagger to the doorway.

"Wot a thing to 'appen to my sponsor," muttered Jacko. "But you shouldn't ha' studied the works so close while she was agoin'."

Then, as we reeled along the passage through the junk pile, his enthusiastic voice followed us. "It



"She'll fly up after the nuts . . ."

ain't complete yet," he called. "I've still got to rig the vanes of a helicopter atop of her so you won't have to bring the coconuts to her: *She'll fly up and go after the nuts.*"

P.S. For the benefit of those interested, arrangements have been made for the publication of a detailed diagram of the "Charley" next month perhaps—W.G.

P.P.S. Perhaps not.—Ed.

Ships, Timber and SW Pacific



NORMAN K. WALLIS is a leading figure in the timber trade in Sydney, and since the war he has become an inveterate traveller in the Western Pacific in search of suitable timber for Australia.

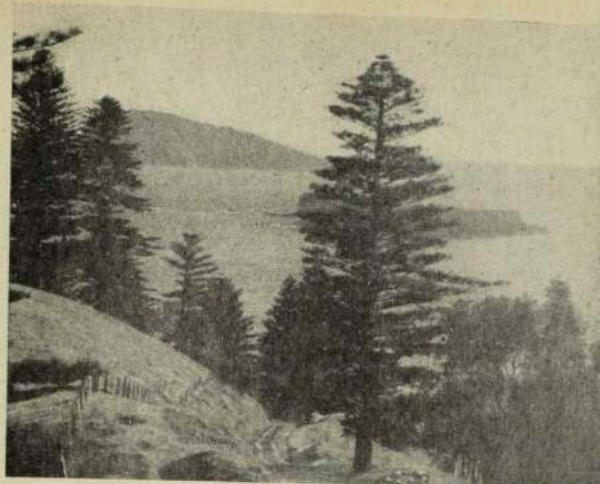
Before the war he was well-known as the owner and skipper of the deep-sea yacht *Wanderer*, of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, and as a keen officer of the RANVR.

After a University education he joined the family firm of Wallis Bros. Pty. Ltd., timber merchants of Annandale, and at present he is also President of the Timber Development Association. When war came he joined the Naval Reserve and, with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, commanded *Corvette Gympie* and later a frigate.

In 1946 he went to Singapore, from whence he made a wide survey of timber in Java and Borneo on behalf of the timber merchants of Sydney. Since then he has done exploratory work in the New Hebrides, in the Solomons, and in New Guinea, where he has recently been taking thousands of feet of film. A year ago he was at Tenaru, on Guadalcanal, building a narrow-gauge railway to carry the logs out of the jungle. Norman Wallis is an energetic worker, a fine writer, good speaker, an excellent raconteur, and he is doing a good job for the Pacific Islands both as a timber merchant and as an enthusiastic publicity merchant.—BRETT HILDER.

Brief Sojourn

AMEL was born in Fiji and has lived on numerous other islands. At the end of last year, she spent some months on Norfolk Island, which is in the Pacific, yet out of it. As a dweller from Real Pacific Islands, she wrote us this description.



Coastal Scene.

THE plane from Whenuapai (Auckland) was filled with holiday-makers, honeymooners and binary citizens like ourselves, all peering through the windows trying to get that first exciting glimpse of the rugged cliffs of Norfolk Island. When the plane landed and the door was opened, we were enveloped, once, in its warm, friendly, informal atmosphere. At the small guesthouse to which we were whisked by a tall, lean, kindly taxi-driver, we were greeted by the proprietress, hospitable, passed, hard-working Betty, and two gentlemen who sat sunning themselves on the edge of the verandah, their feet in a hydrangea bush, their hands firmly holding their glasses of beer. "Hi!" they said, looking us up and down from city hats to city shoes, "welcome to Norfolk Island! How long are you staying?" "Three months," we replied.

Of course, we set up housekeeping for ourselves, at "Devon," a pleasant, roomy house, surrounded by lawns and flower beds, and concealed from the street by Norfolk pines and thick bushes. The house having been occupied by the Army during the last War, the rooms and units were carved out of the kitchen tables, and all the things were meticulously numbered from 110 to 113. Number 110 was the house; 111 was the garage; 112 was the laundry; and 113 was an open coily in a guava grove, and called "Officers Only." The house was embowered in lush, glorious begonias climbed high; night-blooming Cereus in the air with its heady perfume; and many tropical and sub-tropical flowers rioted together in the garden. We never quite recovered from the surprise of seeing bananas and guavas fruiting side by side. Nature is lavish with her fruits and vege-

tables on this island, where the climate is so kind that from November until February—hot months in the Southern Hemisphere—it was cool enough for a blanket every night.

The lawn at "Devon," which was once a croquet lawn, was a favourite playground for hundreds of birds. Brilliant scarlet and purple parrots landed and took off; armies of quail marched regularly over it; green and bronze doves dived busily under the mulberry trees; and the tame little fantails almost perched on my sunhat. But the lovely birds are the Island's worst pests, consuming and wasting many tons of fruit annually. They have a daily diet of fruit salad, flitting from pears, to guavas, to bananas, to peaches, to oranges, to pawpaws and to figs.

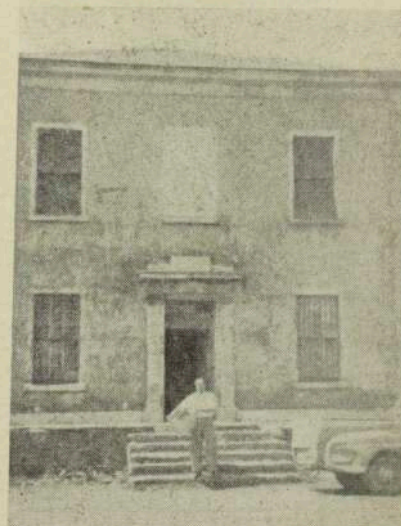
Other pests on the island are rats, and rabbits. The latter, however, are confined to Philip Island, it being strictly forbidden to bring live rabbits to the mainland. We were told that years of inbreeding and semi-starvation have now reduced these rabbits to the size of rats. Surplus horses are also becoming a nuisance on Norfolk as they graze on land which could be given over to dairy herds.

When we were not occupied with mowing lawns, weeding flower-beds, chopping wood, cooking, housework and office work, we explored the Island, from Cemetery Bay to Anson Bay, from Bird Rock to Puppy's Point.

There were not many ruined buildings, green hills and valleys, bean fields and banana plantations, bays and headlands that we did not see. There were unforgettable panoramas of smooth hills curving down to the sea, and of white surf clawing at the rust-red cliffs, which were crowned always with tall Norfolk pines, straight and unyielding even where the wind blew strongest.

At Headstone, there is a memorial to the warders who captured Barney Duffy, the escaped convict . . . and were cursed by him. Within a week after Barney was hanged, the warders were drowned while fishing near Headstone. We searched for the remains of Barney's tree, the large hollow pine in which he is said to have lived for seven years after escaping from prison. The tree itself was destroyed by fire several years ago, but a distinctive rock alongside it is still there.

At first, we could not find it. We were told to follow a stream in a rush-grown valley near St. Barnabas' Chapel and to look for this particular rock, near the stream and almost at the edge of the cliff. Evening was coming on, and we were half-way to the cliff when a cloud suddenly darkened the valley, and, in the rainstorm that followed, we fancied we could feel Barney's



The Bond, and also the library.

cold, sad ghost hovering near. We found the rock two days later.

We hiked very energetically to Duncombe Bay to see the attractive cairn, composed of large, round 'pebbles' from the sea-shore, which was recently erected to mark the spot where Captain Cook first landed on Norfolk Island. This walk includes part of the Bridle Track, which goes through some beautiful scenery . . . and also one of the densest areas of lantana we had ever seen.

One of the steepest roads on the Island is that which goes down to Ball Bay. On the beach at Ball Bay are the remains of the whaling station which was destroyed by fire two years ago, and was subsequently the scene of a tragedy when a live harpoon head which had been left in the fireplace of the mess kitchen, exploded, and killed several members of a picnic party when they lit the fire. The whaling station now presents a very disorderly scene, littered with burnt buildings, damaged boats, broken machinery and the ribs and vertebrae of several whales.

Kingston, bare of verdure, bristling with crumbling ruins and lashed by the restless surf, is picturesque rather than beautiful, but it is of great historical interest with its numerous relics of the early days of Norfolk Island.

To-day, the least decrepit of the old buildings have been restored and are put to various uses. Administration officials, Post Office and Bank are in one, the Government Liquor Bond and the Library are in another. The Library is open on Mondays and Fridays, and, by a



Barney Duffy's tree.

strange coincidence, so is the Bond. On these two days, it is extraordinary the number of residents one meets, hurrying to Kingston to change their library books!

Emily Bay, the Island's best bathing beach, is at Kingston, and nearby is the golf course, which, on New Year's Day, was transformed into a racecourse.

Approximately one hundred spectators attended the big meeting, to place their 5/- and 2/- bets at the Tote (a shed with a "Pay In" window in front and a "Pay Out" window at the back), to cheer their horses to victory and to eat picnic lunches on the hillside. Before each race, the horses were paraded solemnly around the Birdcage (an ancient ruin) while patrons sat on tufts of grass, chewed their pencils, and earnestly made notes in their race books.

The Administrator, Brigadier H. B. Norman, was an enthusiastic punter, and after every race, he queued up without fail at the Pay Out window. He confided that he had an excellent turf tipster. As no dividends were higher than half a crown, no fortunes were won or lost, but everyone agreed that it was much better fun than Randwick.

Driving or walking along the high-banked, leafy lanes, we looked through the hedges of hakea, tecoma, oleander and hibiscus, and found the homes of Norfolk Island—the old homes, with shingled roofs, weathered walls, and stone verandahs, built 50, 60 and 70 years ago; the middle-aged homes, mellowing with advancing years; slick, new, modern homes, self-consciously out of harmony with the local scenery; and Franklin Boyer's Dream Home, where he lives with his wife, Julie, and seldom pines for his original home in the USA.

Norfolk Island names fascinated us. Not only the names of the Islanders—and who could fail to be thrilled at meeting a descendant of those famous "Bounty" mutineers?—but also of places and roads.

There were the shopping centres, Burnt Pine and Middlegate. The roads—Rooty Hill, Bullock's Hut, Stockyard, Cutters' Corn, Journey's End, Two Chimneys, New Farm. And the names on peoples' gates—Coolibah, Felicita, Poucette, Dunroamin, Torrie Glen, Naumai, Idlewhile, Ravenna and many others, original and intriguing.

Our neighbours—helpful, hospitable and friendly—were a constant joy to us. One of them was Mr. Alfred Bacon, a sprightly 84, with a fund of witty stories and a fondness for playing the zither. In the course of a roving life, Mr. Bacon has lived, at various times, on Sunday Island, north of NZ, of which he has an album of beautiful photographs.

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THE SAGA OF SAMMY

THOUGH yachtsmen in Papeete last year, and early this year will be thoroughly familiar with one of the most interesting nautical characters ever to appear in the port of characters, the story of Sammy is worth telling to others. Sammy suddenly arrived in Papeete per Messageries Maritimes liner from France in mid-1953. An Egyptian of about 25 years of age with a flowing black beard, he created some interest even before becoming a yachtsman.

His wealthy father had sent him to France to study, but Sammy, it appears, decided that the money he had been given for this purpose could be more profitably spent on travel. There was very little left of it when he stepped ashore in Papeete, but sufficient to purchase a 16-ft. flat-bottomed and very unstable dinghy.

To the amazement of local yachtsmen, Sammy set about rigging this utterly unseaworthy punt for an ocean voyage to Australia. A mast and sail were fitted, but no centre-board, and some old, inflated motor inner tubes were fastened in bow and stern to cope with emergencies, of which there seem likely to be many. Sammy then purchased some stores, put them in cans with push-on lids, and was ready for sea.

He got outside the harbour, after some preliminary capsize, then capsized again and returned for some readjustments to stability. Another attempt was made some time later, with the same results.

By then Sammy, though equipped with the very best in tropical sunbathing, was financially reduced, sleeping on the footpath in front of Messageries Maritimes office, under a derelict yacht at Fareau. He had cabled to Pa for more money, but there were lengthy delays in receiving it, or even an acknowledgment of the SOS, and he was too proud to accept hospitalities which was offered.

Desperate, Sammy decided to make another attempt, but in Honolulu this time, in spite of orders from the Harbour Master forbidding him to leave the harbour. He got to Moorea, 12 miles away.

Then came the long-awaited money. Frantic messages were despatched to Moorea to tell Sammy to come back and get his cash—some millions of francs—and abandon his utterly mad attempt on the high seas.

Sammy came in a schooner but later went back and sailed his "yacht" on a two-day voyage, back to Papeete, where she was again put up for sale. Sammy moved into the best hotel in town, gave elaborate parties, and lived

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The High Seat of Abundance

By Charles Brown, Jr.

IN early 1920, a century after William Ellis, the pioneer missionary to the Society Islands, wrote his testimonial of the Bora Borans, I voyaged from Uturoa, Raiatea, the very core of the Society group, to Bora Bora. I was the only white passenger on the small, fore-and-aft rigged, one-masted cutter which was homeward bound to this or northwest outlier of the Societies. I was sailing there to see whether the inhabitants would place me on the high seat and feed me with an abundance of tidbits.

Under a crescent moon, lifting and falling on the high seas, the cutter swept headlong through the white, brawling reef passage. Her boom well off to starboard, she leaped along in full career up the lagoon to the pier at Vaitape, the capital of Bora Bora. At midnight, her voyage happily done, she poured to the Island of Happiness she had brought me so far to see.

The Polynesian captain said for me to sleep away the night on his cotter. I accepted gladly his invitation; I was dog-tired.

The voyage of 28 miles had consumed a day and two nights! All the one day, the becalmed sea was white-hot glass. The motorless cutter had simmered in the sun. And, my tongue dry as a parrot's, I gazed longingly from under a broad-brimmed American army hat at Bora Bora, remote and lonely, its sea, heaven-aspiring escarpments and two-fold peak draped with fluffy cumulus clouds. Not before low sunset did a sailor's breeze blow at the tiller.

Hardly had the captain given his invitation, than the broad-shouldered man on the jetty spoke to me. "The *popaa*—white man—has come to Bora Bora to be eaten by mosquitoes. The extra bed at his house has a mosquito-net over it."

Stepping across the gunwale, the baker gave greeting to me. "Just tell me Sam, like everybody hereabouts does," he said, in the King's

English. "You'll come home with me."

I liked the cut of the young man's jib. And, moreover, his gracious offer had on it the hallmark of sincerity. "Sam, I'll sure be delighted to stay with you."

Hereupon, the half-caste planter of Vaitape ordered three brawny crewmen to sling my duds upon their shoulders.

SAM'S habitation was one cigarette smoke from the jetty. A cottage of European build, with a red, iron roof sheltering the front verandah, it stood near the

'On the arrival of strangers, every man endeavoured to obtain one as a friend and carry him off to his own habitation, where he is treated with the greatest kindness by the inhabitants of the district; they place him on a high seat and feed him with an abundance of the finest food.'—Polynesian Researches.

blue lagoon, at the foot of Sam's big coconut plantation. The verandah took my fancy; it would be just the place in the delicious coolness of evening to entertain Sam with the stories of the battles I saw in France and Belgium. Yes, I had stories to tell, stranger than fiction!

And the sight of Sam's dry beach was always to give him and me a Bora Bora thirst. Madame Sam, her French voice tinkling melodiously like glass bells, would laughingly open many a fresh bottle of beer and fill my glass and Sam's. On the verandah, he and I were to find the happiness of living.

And here, the first evening after my arrival, I met the villagers. In twos and threes, they straggled along, shaking my hand and greeting me with the Tahitian word *lorana*.

"*Hare mai tamaa*. Come and eat with us," they gave their time-honoured invitations, just like their ancestors had invited Missionary Ellis to eat with them!

Some of the men came only in red and white loin-cloths, others wore a shirt and blue denims. All were barefooted. Numerous were the six-footers, erect, strapping fellows with enormous limbs and biceps that bulged beneath their skins, bronze giants of men, like the giants of olden times.

And true daughters of Mother Earth were the Polynesian women, their skins alive with the golden

glow of velvety fruit. Mites of women, slender, kindly-eyed, some whose features had been cast in a Mongolian mould. And tall, comely women with clear, sparkling intelligent eyes, of magnificent body proportions, bearing themselves with the majesty of queens. The older women wore the universal dark *Ahu Vahine Tahiti*—the Mother Hubbard gown—while the young ones captivated my eye with their gay, showy print dresses.

Never would I forget the woman whose ageing face was wrinkled like a stained-glass window. Giving me her dinner invitation, she said, "When you come to eat, I'll show you under my lime-tree a fountain at which all wishes uttered by men are fulfilled."

But what nonsense it would have been for me to make known my wishes at her bubbling spring when all my wishes were coming true right at my open-hearted hosts' and hostess'. I could not have wished for a finer table than theirs. Madame Sam's cuisine would have made the French chef at the Diadem Hotel on Tahiti green with envy. And each precious red drop of Sam's gurgling wine contained the exact amount of iron required for my war-shrivalled body.

Sam and Madame Sam certainly placed me on the high seat of abundance.

HOW the good days stretched! I twisted the clock and the calendar to serve my purposes. But the abundance did not diminish. There was no escaping the abundance. I abandoned myself to the urge of my stomach, munching and swallowing, possessed of a devil of hunger. The more I ate, the more Sam and Madame Sam smiled their joy to see me eat. These were moments of living, when I came in touch with the hospitable couple on a high level of understanding.

"Everybody is very jolly at Bora Bora," I was told on Tahiti and Raiatea.

Two nights after my arrival, I went to see what jollification the youths and maidens of Vaitape were making on the mahora—village green. Sam, clean tucked out from cutting copra, took a bath and went to bed early.

I sauntered past houses of bamboo thatched with shaggy pandanus-leaves, set among giant banana-plants, coconut-palms, and breadfruit-trees crystallised all over with moonlight. In one house, oval shaped and fifty or sixty feet in length, the village elders were holding their weekly-prayer-meeting. I thought the *himene* (hymn) they were singing exceptionally beautiful, with the men mingling their deep basses with the altos and light sopranos of the women, until the combination of sound was like that

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manner to which he was accustomed until the next ship bound for Australia removed him from the scene about last March. A gentleman, a non-drinker, and a non-smoker, but with a passion for yachts, of which Tahiti is desperately short, Sammy—that was the name he was known by—will long be remembered in that yachtsman's Mecca as the greatest trier, and the dumbest yachtsman, —JPS.

More Stories of The Count

A STORY about Count von Luckner which is probably not well-known is that after he had been taken prisoner at Wakaya and put on the SS *Amra* he and his party were disarmed and given parole; he then realised how he had been bluffed and that the ship was not armed.

Meanwhile, the Captain on the bridge was trying to unload the Count's revolver; failing, he sent for him, handed him the revolver and asked him to break it for him as he could not. The Count took the revolver, broke it and handed it and the bullets back to the Captain.

A similar story concerns the Count and his party after they had landed at Suva, and settled in a building which had been built by the Fijian Chiefs as a rest house. A heavy guard was posted around it.

One day the Count was taking a walk in the grounds and came across a sentry. He went up to him, stood at attention and stared at him for a minute, then said: "That is a nice rifle you have. May I have a look at it?" "Yes sir," said the sentry and handed it over.

The Count examined it very carefully remarking that it was indeed a good weapon and jokingly said as he handed it back: "I would sooner be at the butt-end." He said good-bye and walked straight to the guard-room and reported the sentry for not saluting him.

In World War I, Fiji sent a Contingent to England, a native labour corps to France and trained another European Company as reinforcements, so manpower was at a pretty low ebb.

Continuous rumors kept floating into Suva that another two boats containing Germans had landed on Viti Levu and were believed to have a rendezvous with the Count who was by this time confined in the Suva gaol.

These Germans were supposed to have been seen at different places and the Authorities were kept busy sending armed parties into the bush to find them. Failing, they thought it would be a good idea to form a kind of Home Defence Company and attached to it what was called a Veteran Corps, to be used as a kind of Guard—this was commanded by the late Sgt. Tommy Horne.

The Governor of the gaol, a Mr. Dalton, became aware that some strange noises came from the prisoners' cells at night and he was of the opinion that they were tick-tacking some messages to someone on the Tamavua heights which overlooked the gaol.

One night the signals were so

This Month's New Reading

(Conducted by the Assistant Editor)

WITH the approach of the gift-giving season, there has been a mild spate of books this month—and for once, all of them in their various ways, readable.

No matter what the literary tastes of your family and friends you should be able to manage something to suit from amongst this collection:

Journey by Junk, by Willard Price. Published by Heinemann Ltd., Australian price 25/-.

The Romance of the Great Barrier Reef, by Frank Reid. Published by Angus and Robertson; Australian price 22/6.

The Lady of Arlington, by Harnett T. Kane. Published by Peter Davies Ltd.; Australian price 15/6.

The Toll-Gate, by Georgette Heyer. Published by Heinemann; Australian price 12/6.

Who Wanders Alone, by Peter Pinney. Published by Angus and Robertson; Australian price 21/-.

Too Dead to Run, by Jason Manor. Published by Secker and Warburg, Australian price 12/-.

Death of a Lake, by Arthur Upfield, published by Heinemann, Australian price, 12/-. (This book will be reviewed in November).



With a little more co-operation from publishers, we might have received Price's *Journey by Junk* before Michener's *Sayonara* (reviewed last month). They complement each other but appreciation of *Sayonara* may have been deeper if the solid background of Price had already been absorbed.

Price and his wife went to Japan to see whether MacArthur's 20th century miracle—i.e., Japan's overnight acceptance of democracy—was as all-embracing as the Gen-

distinct that he became alarmed and rang up Headquarters. The OC immediately dispatched Sgt. Horne with a section of the Veteran Corps, to investigate. They took up position under the large breadfruit tree which was outside the wall of the gaol alongside the prisoners' cells. They could hear the tick-tacking distinctly and thought they could see something moving in the trees.

Sgt. Horne challenged three times to come down. No reply; so he gave the command to fire. Two flying foxes dropped to the ground.

The enemy outside being disposed of, the Veterans entered the gaol to take possession of the alleged wireless set. As they approached the cell the mystery was solved—it was a carbide lighting plant working—BIRK.

eral believed it was; and whether it was likely to stick.

For their investigations, the Prices choose the Inland Sea and hired a Japanese fishing junk, the owner and his two uncles to help in their quest. The book, therefore serves two purposes—it is a travel story about a region that has a peculiar charm if only one-quarter of what the author says is true. And it provides a penetrating study on the Japan of to-day and what is likely to be the Japan of the future.

Like Michener, Price is appreciative of the land and its people. Unlike MacArthur, he does not believe that the Japanese have been "democratised."

Not that the ordinary Japanese are at fault; after the surrender and in the early days of the Occupation they embraced democracy—what they took to be democracy—with a fanatical fervour peculiar to the Japanese. But as the years sped this new religion did not seem to work out according to the Japanese book. The leaders of the Occupation were frequently proved to have feet of clay; the measures they introduced, tried and proven in the Western world, often were contrary to ingrained Japanese custom and culture; the great "forms" (such as land reform) frequently left the people it was signed to assist worse off than before. In recent years the tendency has therefore been to abandon many of the much-acclaimed innovations of democracy and for the country to revert to many of the revered institutions of the past, with power again held tightly in the hands of the few.

At the same time, there is another problem—the growth of Communism, a power with more vitality than the wishful-thinkers would have us believe, and tied closely with this, the rising flood of population coupled with the loss of Japanese overseas territories, her lack of materials and a world fear of an insistent drive for overseas markets. The available arable soil of Japan will not support the present Japanese population, which is growing at the rate of 2 million per year. What is the answer?

This book is interesting, entertaining—and thought-provoking.



The 1,200 miles of the Great Barrier Reef stretch along the Queensland coast from the region of the Tropic of Capricorn to the tip of the Continent. The reef is counted among the wonders of the world, the happy-hunting ground for scientists and sight-seers, as well, it and the seas within it, without, its innumerable islands

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islets, have been a road to a venture and tragedy and thus have provided bounteous material for the story-teller.

Frank Reid, with *The Romance of the Great Barrier Reef*, is possibly the first to collect these stories within one book. Most of them have been told before, many times, but they lose none of their virtue in that.

Here are the stories of early shipwrecks and castaways; of sunk galleons and buried treasure; of cannibals and unfortunate white women who were forced to live with the aborigines. Here is the story of the castaway Chinamen of Ross Island, who allegedly were treated as "store" cattle by the men; of the hungry Louisiade Archipelago natives; here is Nicholas the Greek and many others which have become part of the legends of Papua, the days when that Territory was regarded as a sort of outer suburb of North Queensland.

There are stories of pearls, of beche-de-mer and trochus fishing and founding of the Jardine dynasty when Frank married his Samoan princess, of the Malietoa family, who had arrived in Northern Australia with a party of missionaries. She died when well into her eighties and is buried at Somerset.

Finally, there is the story of the *Quetta*, which struck an uncharted rock near the eastern approach to Torres Strait on February 23, 1880. The ship sank in a matter of minutes; of the 280 people on board, 173 perished.

Among the survivors was a 10-year-old Emily, daughter of Mr. Dyson Lacy, a station-owner near Mackay. She was an exceptionally strong swimmer, and with brief periods when she clung to rafts which drifted her way, swam for 9 p.m. on a Friday until 8 a.m. Sunday—the last period for hours with no assistance at all when she was picked up by the *Albatross*.

A year later she went to England to finish her education and then met and married Mr. Standish Hore, a barrister. He became aide-camp to the Governor of Tasmania and later they went to Papua, where Mr. Hore was, for short time, Resident Magistrate. Mrs. Hore died only recently at Bowral, NSW. Mr. Dyson Hore Lacy, a well known planter of New Guinea, is her son.

This book has innumerable associations for those who dwell in the SW Pacific; a "must" for collectors of books about this region.



It is a remarkable fact that all the books written about the American civil war, comparatively few have been written from the point of view of the Northern (and winning side). The wiles and craft of the writers seem to be known.

for the cause of the Confederacy—maybe because of the lingering glamour of the Deep South; perhaps because lost causes make better story material.

If your knowledge of American history is dim and you have hitherto believed that Robert E. Lee was the name of a Mississippi steamboat, *Lady of Arlington* will put you right. It concerns Lee, the General, and his wife, Mary.

When the fateful year of 1861 came, Lee, a West Point graduate, was offered the leadership of the Northern army; he chose instead to fight for the South as the General of Virginia's forces.

The General—at least according to this version—was one of the few Northerners who had no delusions as to the improbability of his side winning the war to a successful conclusion.

According to the Southern creed, everyone of European blood South of the Mason-Dixon Line was a gentleman; all those above it were not. As it was inconceivable that gentlemen could be beaten by those of lesser birth, the war was as good as won. The surprising thing was that, with most of the material advantages, the Union should have won after four weary years to prove that the Southerners could be so long. It says much for the spirit of the South, if not for the leaders of the Northern forces.

Most of the action is seen through the eyes of Mary, and Lee

is presented in a sympathetic light as a man of outstanding integrity, a great soldier, a devoted father and husband. As with most novels based on real people and facts, there is a certain lack of intimacy with the people it concerns—in what should be some of the more emotional parts of the story, one is asked to take much for granted instead of sharing with the characters the mental conflicts and reactions that must have beset them.



Nothing much can be said about a book by an established writer of the calibre of Georgette Heyer—except, of course, that it is up to standard and will be accepted eagerly by her fans.

Heyer does not pretend to be profound or to discuss weighty matters of history; but she has made the period novel—frequently so tedious—popular, and her admirers will not be disappointed in the latest. *The Toll Gate* contains the regulation number of Dukes, Earls, lowly Knights, low and high-born villains,

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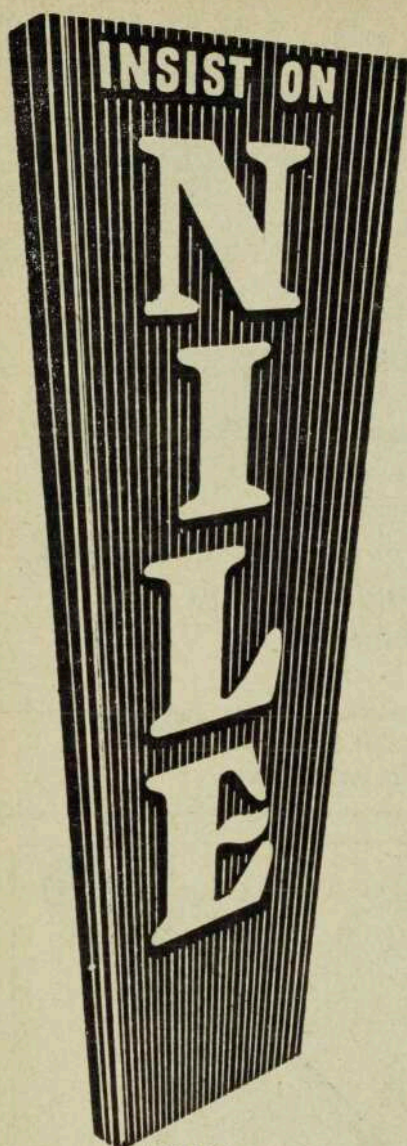
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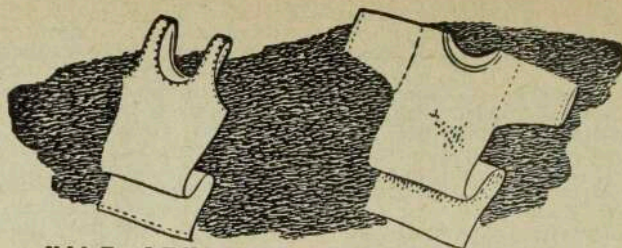


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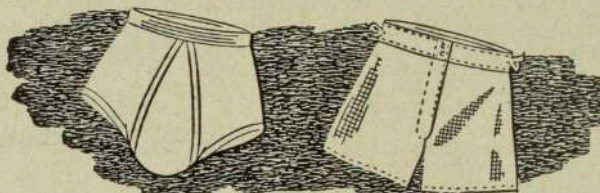
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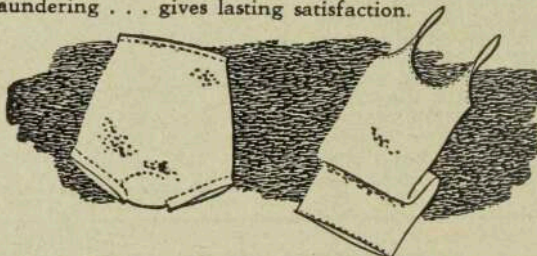
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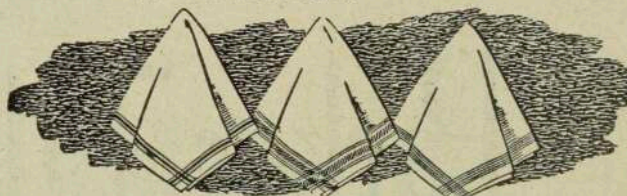
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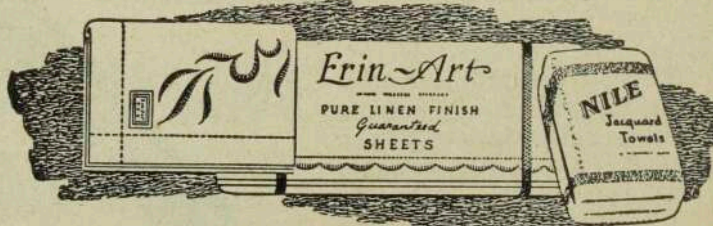
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This one also has a toll-gate, left in charge of an urchin whose father, the gate-keeper, has mysteriously disappeared. A Captain of Dragoon Guards befriends the urchin and out of a sense of adventure temporarily takes on the job of gate-keeper. He remains on when he fights the heroine, a junoesque creature, grand-daughter of the impoverished squire.

There is considerable skulduggery in the local shrubbery and in a hidden underground cavern but all the mysteries are successfully solved and there is the usual happy ending.



It was something of a misnomer to call Peter Pinney's second book *Who Travels Alone*. On w stretches of his journey, from the Balkans through the Middle East to North Africa and to Kenya, he without an attendant lass. e shares their beds or their sleep-bags impartially.

He carries all his possessions in a ring bag. Never has more than a w pennies to jingle; is in perpetual visa trouble. His travels, therefore, are not at the tourist level d consist mainly of running encounters with those who live at the vest level anywhere from Zagreb Zanzibar.

People, however, are kind at these

levels and when they are not, he works—bill-posting in a political campaign in Trieste; selling baked corn-cobs or editing a paper in Athens; breaking stones somewhere else. When pressed, he describes himself as a student—which description covers many sins in that part of the world.

It is a life in which (according to the author, anyway) wine is more important than food; but which, one suspects, is a great deal more pleasant to read about than experience—particularly if you are past that first flush of youth when uncertainty, dirty food, vermin-infested beds, or a night or two under a hedge are no longer "glamorous."

The book has not the exuberance one might expect—the author seems to have turned what might be youthful adventure into a vocation and one is left divided in opinion as to whether he does these fool things from some compelling urge of youth—or merely to be able to write a travel book about them. Similarly a group of Australian girls he met in Greece were undecided whether he was a bum, a bludger—or a battler.

However, the book itself with its straight-forward, surprised-at-nothing style and its excursions into the back-alleys and by-ways untrod by the tourist, is good entertainment.

Peter Pinney, bane of stuffed-shirts and frustrater of Consuls, is the grand-son of Sir Hubert Murray, of Papua; son of a former Admin-

istrator of Norfolk Island. Perhaps his travels and method of same are, therefore, only natural reaction to family tradition.



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Americans could not live (or die) like this, or there would be few of them left.

It concerns politics and the graft that seems synonymous with it in the States, and Senate investigation committees. There is considerable gun-play in each chapter, with men sniping at one another from behind trees and around corners of houses, with the regulation number of corpses as a result; and there are the furious newspapers which soo-

the local cops and the District-Attorney on to greater efforts.

All of this, naturally, leaves the timid Anglo-Saxon somewhat bewildered—for him the processes of the Law are considerably less spectacular. But if you are conditioned to this kind of Who-dunnit, you will probably find it better than average, and there is certainly never a dull moment.

Mr. S. R. M. Harvey has been appointed a geologist on the Lands Department staff and is expected to arrive in Suva from South Africa in November.

Mr. Spencer Tarte, of Suva, returned to Fiji recently after attending a special military course at Sandhurst. He now joins the Military Forces.

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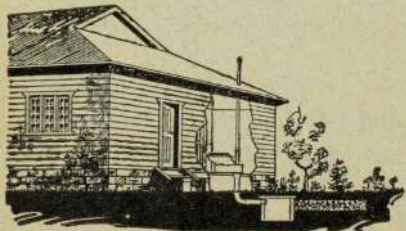
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Brief Sojourn

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Sunday Island, which many people have loved and left, is described by Mr. Bacon as "the loveliest in the Pacific." He first went there as a boy of 17 to work for the Bell family. After some years he left the island, but its appeal was so strong that he returned at the first opportunity. Circumstances kept forcing him to leave, but he always returned when he saw a chance to do so. Now he is too old to go back, but he loves it still, and speaks of it with a nostalgic gleam in his eyes. He lives in a small hut near "Evon" with his beloved zither and his devoted old dog, Pono, for company.

We shall never forget Christmas morning at Norfolk Island, when we awoke to find an entrancing cello-sone parcel on the table. Glowing through the transparent wrapping were a dozen lovely brown eggs, and on top of the eggs, a friendly little card:—

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"Mainlanders"—that is, residents who are not descended from the original Pitcairners—are people from many parts of the world and in all walks of life, who have bought or bought land on the island and settled there.

Life on Norfolk Island does not suit everybody's temperament. Some people have come with the intention of being permanent residents, but have departed after a few weeks, complaining of loneliness, mental inertia, lack of culture, or too much work. One suspects the last was the deciding factor. Norfolk Island is not for lazy people.

Others have come for two weeks and have remained for two years. Content to spend the rest of their lives there, they confess that Norfolk Island they have found an ideal of happiness—congenial company, a lovely climate, fertile beautiful surroundings and freedom from the wear and tear of civilization.

An ideal which could easily be achieved, we thought wistfully, as they bore us far away again from the "emerald isle set in a silver

Mr. Terence McManus, of New Hebrides, married Miss Margaret Murray, of Sydney, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on September 19. The couple will fly to Santo in October to live in a home which is being built for them there.

Young farmers on Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands will be invited to attend a leadership school at Bathurst, NSW, in October. The school will be held by the Junior Farmers' Clubs of New South Wales. The Clubs will pay the travelling costs of one member from each island.

Resident Commissioner Bernacchi and Mrs. Bernacchi, of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, left Tarawa on August 23 aboard RCS *Nareau* on an official visit to Ocean Island and Honiara. Mr. I. G. Turbott was officer in charge during His Honour's absence.

A ten-year-old Fijian girl was killed, and two boys were injured and taken to Levuka hospital, as the result of the collapse of a burre-type school building at Veisoto, Ovalau, on September 20. Fourteen children were inside the burre when the heavy thatched roof and coconut log framing came down on them.

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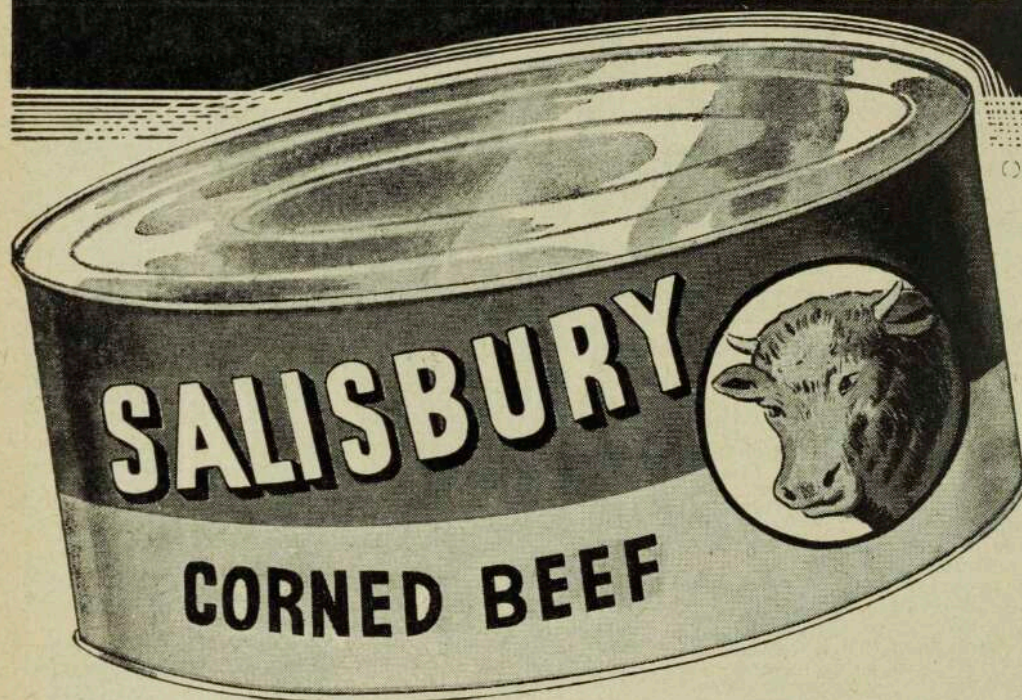


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an organ. The elders called for me to come in and sing.

"I can't sing," I begged off. "I have a bullfrog in my throat."

On the greensward, by the forgotten graves beneath the lovely by-red flamboyant tree, I found the amorous youths and sparkling maidens dancing the hivinai, round dance.

On their heads were wreaths of mysterious phosphorescent flowers that pulsed and dimmed and glowed the moonlight; from their necks hung long gold and silver chains of jasmine and frangipani blossoms. Three striplings seated on the grass were furiously blowing bamboo nose-flutes, playing the most passionate music they knew.

As the dancers tripped round and round in a wide circle, over the moonlit crimson carpet of flamboyant flowers, their voices were coming like conch shells, eerie and fantastic to hear. That was a dance!

Hare mai e ori, Popaa. Come and dance, White Man," called the dancers, opening wide their hearts to me.

Dancing was what exactly needed me most! I leaped into the magic ring. And found myself sandwiched between a beautiful girl and a hulking pug-nosed

wench chewing mape-nuts with her front teeth! I put my hands on the soft nude shoulders of the floweret, and felt the wench clamp her spread-fingered hands over my shoulders.

"Hei! Hei! Hei!" shouted the joyous circle. Round and round the humble headstones we danced in passionate abandon, our hips and rumps wiggling and quivering, our abdomens shaking and tossing to the sounds of wild, passionate flutes. We danced with an unrestraint that was boundlessly gustful and imaginative.

Presently they commenced singing a passionate-throated heathen bridal song, a mighty *fortissimo con passione*, wedding themselves to hilarity. I opened wide my mouth and lo! The bullfrog leaped out of my throat. I sang like a mockingbird! How happy was I—no one can conceive how happy!

"Waitai! Very good!" The high-spirited wench behind me laughed raucously, and hit me a solid whack between the shoulder blades.

"Maitai!" I passed the word on to the little island princess who was mischievously tossing her curly red-gold hair in my face, smacking her so hard that she cried, "Aue!", and, clasping her arms, bent double with laughter.

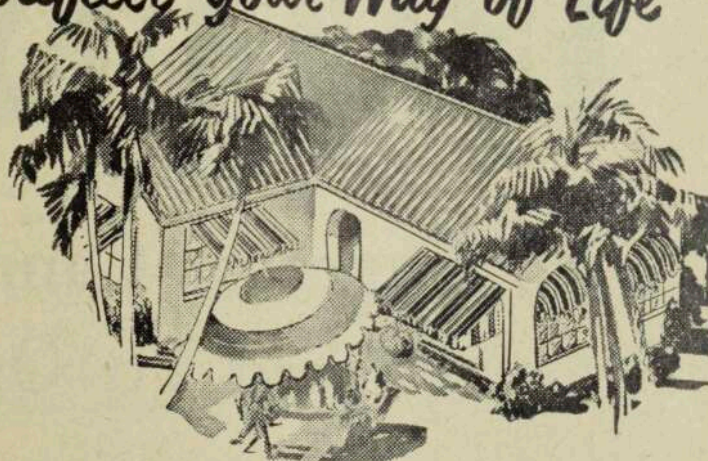
"Maitai! Maitai! Maitai!" Everybody was playing maitai. The



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tropic night resounded with whacks, aues!, and shrieks of laughter.

Finally, we stopped to recover ourselves. Little Flower, my partner, took from her hair a white waxlike *tiare Tahiti* flower and put it in front of my left ear. The chief agent of flirtation, the love flower, worn before that ear, signified that I had a *vahine*—a woman, Little Flower!

"The *hivinau* is our oldest dance," she said in her school-learned French, flashing a lyrical smile. "They danced it in the heathen time. And my great-grandmother—she of Vaitape who was called Many Skies—danced it with the red-headed hunter of whales the night he got her with child."

Thus, without asking, I learned how Little Flower came by the reddish-gold hair streaming in lovely tresses over her neck and shoulders. And why her satiny skin was a light honey-varnished hue, and her sensual mouth was a little red jade cup brimful of kisses. And why, when she looked at me, as she did every second, the liquid depths of her eyes were luminous with the fragments of sunsets and the shine of stars. She was indeed lovely—young and ripe as a mango! And though the word "sex-appeal" had not yet been coined, Little Flower could have written textbooks on "sex-appeal." From my throat came a softly breathed

"Aue"—an exclamation of wonder, of surprise that such a creature could be. I made gallant advances to the sensuous little beauty.

After a quarter of an hour, at least, had passed, the youths and maidens, having recovered themselves, started wandering off in pairs. I took Little Flower by the hand and strolled with sweet

pastoral thoughts down to the silv beach to eat *mape-nuts* and talk cabbages and kings.

ONE magnificent, golden night Sam and I visited his good friend Wong Foo, whose store and bakeshop faced the village green. The buyer, curer, and exporter of most of the island



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anilla, the yellow merchant-baker as a rugged individualist. Although Sam did not say what his visit was about, I suspected it concerned his opening vanilla.

When we entered the store-shanty, Wong Foo, perched up on the counter, was singing in a high nasal sang, "Tsi-tsi-tsi-glug-glug-tsi!", accompanying himself on a one-string fiddle.

The wizened old Chinaman, clad in blue denims, was profuse with his bows and *Ioranas*. He seated us at the big social table near the brass coffee urn and rows of white bowls. Great was my surprise when he set before us threeinking glasses and a large bottle of the label of which snarled a Chinese tiger. When Wong brought the stack of little, thin-as-cardboardava pies, I looked questioningly at Sam. But his mind was pre-occupied.

"This 'Tiger Teeth Gin' arrived yesterday," Wong informed Sam in stardised Tahitian. "It's bite is vicious." He filled the glasses. Wong toasted me, with Sam interpreting. "May you have all men's friends to place you on the high seat of abundance."

To which I responded that Wong's beautiful sentiment would forever occupy a niche in my memory. I proposed for him a long and healthy life, and "lots of pretty girls to s!"

Shortly, Sam and Wong put their heads together and started coming in tense whispers. The very time they looked at me was when Wong unleashed a second bite of "Tiger Teeth." Much was there in their actions that puzzled my flustered brain.

Not until I had eaten my sixth did Sam deign to regard me. Relief was considerable when he spoke. "I know how bored stiff you are by what you don't understand. When you're bored stiff, there's nothing like stretching your legs. I'll meet you at the candlenut-where you and Little Flower had last night's rendezvous that you've been so secretive about all

Notwithstanding Sam's little dig at me, I could have somersaulted with delight. I thanked Wong for the pies and two bites of "Tiger Teeth," and wished him pleasant dreams; then, I hurried out into the night. A soft breeze was blowing down from the heights, carrying with the fragrance of jasmine and frangipani; it was like a kiss from the starlight. The reef was singing the deep undertones of the

CONTROLLED along the road. In the bamboo-walled, palm-thatched houses beneath the nut- and breadfruit-trees shined like frosted glass and silver, natives were singing fish songs and canoe songs with swinging uses, clapping their hands

rhythmically. "Come and sing with us, White Man," they called. Two sparkling-eyed, flower-adorned girls, walking hand in hand, made as pretty a picture as I could wish to see.

Suddenly, I felt drowsy. Why walk to the candlenut-tree when Little Flower was not there? I would wait where I was for Sam?

At the right of me, a foot back from the road, in a luxuriant garden, was the imposing bungalow of the vanilla king of Bora Bora. The spacious verandah was full of wicker chairs and tables, and, on each side of the double doorway in which scented breezes were stirring the white lace curtains, burned a ghost-lamp. Below the stairs was

a lush lawn. I could not have wished for a softer mattress. In no time, I was dozing on it.

And but a few minutes had passed when, between half-shuttered lids, I saw the old cinnamon-brown plutocrat bending solicitously over me. He gently raised my head and slipped a pillow beneath it; then, he spread a quilt over me! He faded away to the house and set an oversized lamp at the edge of the verandah. As long as the light focused on me, he knew for a certainty, no long-toothed ghost would molest the White Man!

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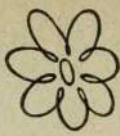
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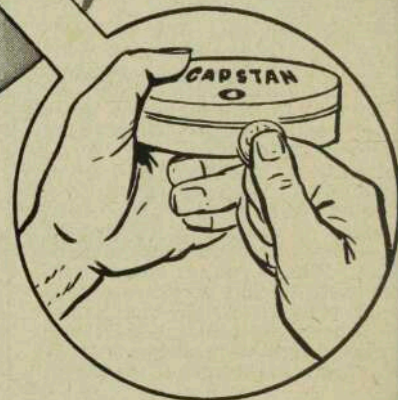
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world. Not if I lived as long as he whom the missionaries say lived one hundred sixty and nine years could I forget the fineness of consideration and spontaneous outpouring of heart of that brown man Bora Bora for the white man over the seas.

"SHAKE a leg!" shouted Sam, poking my ribs with his toe. "You'd lie here till coconuts dropped pineapples, if I'd let you. Rise and shine!"

I woke with a start. The moon had fallen to midnight. Sam was tapping the pillow in the quilt to turn to the owner.

"You and Wong got your heads part at last?" I arose.

"Yes; and our talk wasn't about vanilla, as I let you think." Sam mimed like a wooden idol; then, seeing a fellow who never could keep anything to himself long, he said, "Wong's agreed to furnish us muscovy ducks, three suckling pigs, six of his fattest coconut-fed chickens, nine kilos of rice, fifty vanilla pies, and one five-gallon cask of red wine. And he'll do—"

"What's all that chow for, Sam?" I was damn curious.

"That's for the farewell dinner," said Sam and I will give you a night before you kiss the soil Bora Bora good-bye, next week. And Wong'll be at the dinner. He'll play his fiddle and sing the song

that begins, 'Tsing, Tsang, Tsung!'. And he's also going to bring six cartons of cigarettes and a dozen bottles of 'Tiger Teeth.'"

"And I'm inviting Little Flower," I said, putting her name down on the guest-list. "She likes Wong's pie-crust."

Land Court Judges in Cooks

Two Judges of the Maori Land Court, New Zealand, journeyed by Air Department calibration aircraft to Rarotonga in September to conduct hearings of the Cook Islands Appellate Court.

They were Judge Norman Smith and Judge Ivor Prichard.

Main work of the appellate court in the Cooks is to hear appeals against Cook Islands Land Court judgments. Its decisions can often clear the way for productive use of blocks of land. The court was established in 1946.

The US Navy is looking for four healthy young men prepared to marry girls on the Western Pacific island Chichi Jima. There are 163 people on the island, but they are all descended from a few Americans who settled there 100 years ago and they agree it is time they had some new blood. The Governor sought the help of the Navy, which has promised a free trip to the prospective bridegrooms—and a free return if they are rejected.

On the advice of the consultant firm of Urwick Orr and Partners of London, which the Fiji Government engaged earlier this year to look into ways of improving the efficiency of the Colony's public service, the Fiji Government is appointing a Chief Personnel Officer. The new appointee will deal with policy matters in regard to staff and methods.

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Some species are soft-shelled and not edible, except the one called Chinese olive, which can be treated as an olive. The Galip nut is most closely related to the Java Almond, *Canarium commune*, which makes such a beautiful avenue in the Botanic Gardens at Bogor, In-

donesia. These nuts are favoured articles of food there as are the Galip nuts here, both natives and Europeans regarding them highly.

I would refer you to Burkill's Dictionary of the Economic Products of the Malay Peninsula, under "C" *Canarium*, for quite a good description of the species, and its economic uses.

The Galip nut, of course, seasonal in its fruiting; and on odd trees have been cultivated. *Pacific Islands Monthly* has formed you, the nuts are mainly collected in the bush. The nuts are very rich in protein and oil and when roasted, compare more than favourably with other well-known types of nuts. For example, ma-

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Sea Scouting



The Senior Ranger, new craft of the local Sea Scouts, seen here soon after recent launching. During the ceremony the first post-war warrants issued to Chinese scouts were presented to Master Chum Fatt Pang and Asst. Master Sea Scout Master Daniel, NG.

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The plant manager, Mr. Paul Hedrick, suffered a cerebral haemorrhage recently and has been

a patient in the Pago Pago hospital where he is reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Hubertus Van Pel, recently appointed fisheries adviser to the South Pacific Commission, has also been visiting American Samoa recently, investigating fishing conditions from a commercial and subsistence point of view.

The American wrecking team at Canton has now stripped two-thirds of the main and B-decks of the wreck of the *President Taylor*, and has in places cut away side plating to within two feet of the waterline. The valuable bronze propellers have been shipped to Japan.



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CURRENT news is short this month, due to your correspondent's transfer from Auckland to Sydney. However, there is word from Rarotonga which should interest DX men.

Stuart Kingan, ZK-1-AA, long silent, states that he has just acquired a permanent home at Avatiu (Rarotonga) and will be back on all bands in the near future, mainly phone but also CW. In the immediate post-war days Stuart, then in charge of the Ionisphere station, and second Op, David Evaroa, kept ZK-1-AA on the air almost 24 hours of the day. Conditions on 20 metres were very good — thousands of overseas stations making contact with ZK-1-AA — later also with David, a very keen amateur, who, with Stuart's tuition, became ZK-1-AH — first and only local-born to qualify since World War II. (Fred Eley, ZK-1-AG, now inactive, also born in Rarotonga, was on the air pre-war.)

Those who worked ZK-1-AA in those early days will recall how, every half hour, the station had to go off the air for a while as Ionisphere measurements were taken. David, now on the New Zealand Post & Telegraph Department's mail-grinding staff at Wellington, and temporarily off the air with housing problems, has the call ZL2ASJ to-day.

Stuart, ZK-1-AB, out on a tour of his Southern Group radio kingdom (he's ZL1RI), was reported on the air from Rarotonga Island in August, and probably also on from other islands as his tour made its way round.

Seated alongside Mr. H. E. Maude of the South Pacific Commission's permanent office at the September meeting of the Pacific Islands Society in Sydney, yielded an interesting story of the establishment of the RNZN-P. & T. Department radio station on Pitcairn Island during the war, though not a Ham story, it concerns a station which is very much in the Ham

The story arose through your correspondent, then radio operator in a merchant ship, having met Mr. Maude and the schooner "New Golden Hind" en route at that time. The schooner, engaged on hush-hush jobs to isolated islands, had just been down to Pitcairn to pick up the Swiss Markwalder family, survivors of the yacht "Trondjem" which had been wrecked on that island. Back in New Zealand from this cruise, Maude was immediately attached to an expedition which sailed aboard an American Liberty ship with staff, install-technicians, and equipment, for Pitcairn. Half way to the Island the ship suddenly dropped off.

American Chief-Officer remarked that these ships had been built in a hurry and they sometimes forgot to tighten up some of the bolts!

Radio silence was broken and within three days three ships were on the scene, the tanker eventually taking them in tow and heading north for the Cooks — speed probably well in excess of the ship's best under her own steam. However, before arriving anywhere, a

hurricane developed to the north, and an argument developed between the two Masters as to the safest course. The tanker's Master won the argument—but was wrong. They crossed the track of the hurricane, the tow parting, and the Liberty, with its Pitcairn expedition aboard, somehow survived seven frightful days of 50-degree rolls, all hands fully expecting her to turn turtle.



Mr. R. Garrett.

Eventually, a salvage tug, arrived and towed the vessel back to Wellington, where the propeller was replaced and the expedition despatched again, this time to arrive safely at the Island.

The station is still there, but silent, partly because a qualified operator could not be found in recent years, at the poor money offering, and partly because a low-powered station is adequate to-day for the Island's needs, contact with the outside world being maintained via Rarotonga and with ships when nearing the island.

As one can scarcely meet Mr. Maude without the conversation turning to the WPHC's lonelier charges, it also turned to Washington Island and Ron Garrett (now VK9RG and BP plantation

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inspector, with HQ in Rabaul) whose entry into Ham radio must have been as unorthodox as any on record.

Ron's knowledge of radio was nil when he went to manage that island and its Gilbertese labour a few years before the war. But one day Worthing Castle, a Honolulu Ham whose call we've forgotten, came in with his wife aboard their yacht.

Worthing's urgings, advice by letter and radio, and assistance in providing or despatching equipment and books from Honolulu later, put Ron, only European on Washington, on the air as the first Ham ever to be established on that atoll.

Some of his difficulties in the damp climate can be gauged from the fact that, without any mechanical aid of any kind, Ron not infrequently laboriously unwound the thousands of turns from various transformers, to find the corroded break, then rewound them again after repairs.

Then, of course, came the war close-down and VR3A became a link in the Pacific coast-watching system.

To-day Washington Island is off the air—except when Phil Palmer, VR3C, takes along his portable rig from Fanning when he goes up to supervise the loading of the island's copra aboard an overseas ship.

The following VK9 changes and additions are listed: New stations: VK9JH, J. F. Hanran, c/o DCA, Port Moresby; VK9PF, P. T. Filmer, Kavieng, New Ireland. Change QTH of VK9GV, G. V. Campbell from c/o AWA, Lae, to c/o DCA Mess, Lae. Delete VK9RO, R. M. Ellison of Lae, station closed.

We also regret to record the recent

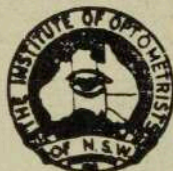
death of Bill Macgregor, VK9MC, of Baiyer River, NG.

Our last VK9 list appeared in May issue.

We note that VK4IC on Willis Islet, one of a total population of two persons on this meteorological reporting outpost off the Queensland coast, is very active on 20-metre phone. These boys receive a surface mail once per year, in June.

In the North Pacific KC6KU, J. Youngstrom at Kusaie, a recent recruit appears to be a keen man. He's using a Viking rig.

A new man joined the Tarawa radio staff in August—Mr. R. Jones. We believe he replaces Mr. Adams. Though there is no information, there are hopes that he may live the VR-1 air.



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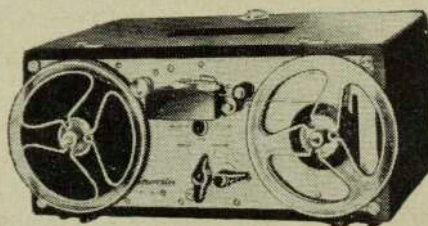
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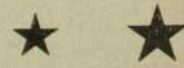
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Air Travellers to P-NG



Among those flying to New Guinea on September 14 were: (left to right) Pastor White, president of the Coral Sea

Union Mission, who was returning to Lae after visiting San Francisco to attend the World Conference of Missionaries.

Mr. F. Keen, who is with the Department of Works at Lae; he had been on leave. Mr. V. Cox, general manager of Gibbes Sepik Airways, returning to Goroka after a five-months' trip abroad. Mrs. L. Murland, who was going to Wau to rejoin her husband.

A European entrant in the recent Thakaundrove (Fiji) fishing competition, was knocked unconscious when the large walu he had just hooked leapt from the water and hit him between the eyes. The stunned man was rescued by his Fijian companion who also retrieved the walu. Later, the hospitalised victim was cheered to learn that his unkind catch weighed 24 lb, and was recognised by the competition committee.

LAE OR MADANG?

Which Will be Highlands Port

THE building of the bridge across the Markham River at Markham Point is steady but slow progress. It is half-way across and is believed the worst of the job is over.

Preparations had been made to build a bridge across the Erap—an important tributary of the Markham on the north side of the Markham Valley, giving access to the Upper Markham—when the banks of the river at the site selected collapsed, and the plan had to be abandoned. Some of the material for the bridge had already been assembled. Another site, further up the high country, has been chosen, and the bridge should be across the Erap by the end of the year.

It is planned then to carry on the Markham Valley Road westwards, to cross the Upper Markham, and on across the Markham-Mu Divide to Kainantu.

Meanwhile, other people are trying to hurry on the road link between Gusap and Madang.

Although most people expect that the ultimate port of the Central Highlands district will be Madang, people of Lae still are confident when they get their road up the Markham Valley to Kainantu, joining in with the Hagen-Gusap (Central Highlands) road there, Lae will become the port of the Central Highlands.

There is much interest in this dry of road communications, as between the seaports of Lae and Madang and the Highlands.

Pastor White, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, a year ago, came by jeep, from Kainantu to Lae. He was held up at one river, and to change jeeps there—otherwise the journey was completed by him in 12 hours.

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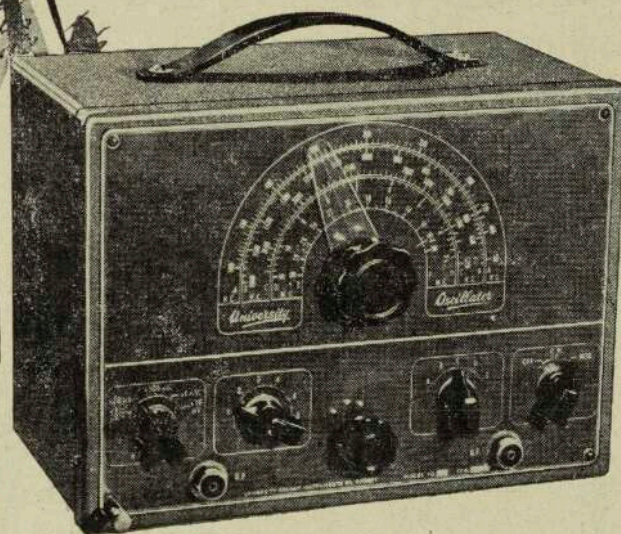
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News of the Small-Ships

IT HAPPENED IN THIS MONTH: Still to be seen on Palmerston land are articles of furniture from a French barque *La Tour Auvergne*, wrecked there October, 1913. Surprisingly, nothing appears in the several standard works available in libraries about this wreck.

Tahiti correspondent Oscar Nordman recalls that he was serving in the old *Sonoma*. While bound from Honolulu to Pago Pago a radio message was received that *La Tour Auvergne*, bound from Papeete to Noumea, was posted missing at 100 yds. Arriving in Pago Pago in February, 1914, they found there the French gunboat *Zelee*, out searching islands along the route of the missing vessel.

Later, when *Sonoma* arrived in Papeete, news was received that all hands from the French barque had been picked up on Palmerston Island. The crew were later repatriated to France. A few months later the *Zelee* was sunk in Papeete Harbour by the German raiding cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau*.

HURRICANE WARNINGS:—With another hurricane season in sight, summarise the voice weather broadcasts available to small ships. New Guinea-Solomons area: Port Moresby on 1250/6130 kc/s at 5/0855/1230/2200 GMT Monday to

Friday; 0225/0855/2155 GMT Saturday; 0855 GMT Sunday and holidays. Also on request from VIG (ships 6280, VIG 6225 kc/s) at 0600/2200 GMT. Brisbane on 4917/9660 kc/s at 0815/0845/2000 GMT. For New Hebrides/New Caledonia area: From Vila-YJX on 3450 kc/s at 2115 GMT and on request (ships also on 3450 kc/s). For waters from New Hebrides eastward to Cook Islands: Nadi on 7530 kc/s at 0915 GMT; Suva broadcast station on 930 3980 kc/s at 0037/0137/0637/0907 GMT (Sunday, 0137 GMT omitted). From Suva PO Smallships' station at 0230/2130 GMT, currently on 6300 kc/s, but by the time this appears this station will probably be using the new 4074 kc/s channel.

When a hurricane has formed, Vila, Nadi and Suva give regular hourly bulletins, on the GMT hour or half-hour.

SAVOIE ADDITION:—Captain Emile Savoie, of Noumea, who recently lost *Jacques del Mar* on Lord Howe Island, and sold *Colorado del Mar* to a New Hebrides firm, has purchased, through the agency of Captain W. L. Kennedy, the well-known Australian coaster *Wombat*, lately owned by Kauri Timber Co., of Melbourne.

Wombat was built at the Government Dockyard, Melbourne, in 1915.

She was converted from steam to diesel and her present twin motors were installed post-war. She has a tonnage of 273 gross, 129 nett.

SEVEN LITTLE BROTHERS:—A Bentleigh, Victoria, radio amateur believes that in mid-October he heard signals from New Yorker William Willis, who is aboard a

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balsa raft adrift somewhere between Callao and Samoa.

There has been confusion in regard to call-sign and frequency in use, but PIM was officially advised by the Port Captain at Callao that Willis would make signals on the international distress frequencies of 500/8364 kc/s at 1600 and 2300 GMT.

As a standard lifeboat transmitter is being used, it is unlikely that Willis can use R/T—which the Victorian amateur thought he had heard. The call-sign in use was reported as 75TAS, then as 7HTAS.

Assuming that Willis is still afloat he is not likely to reach first landfall, the Tuamotus, or more probably the Marquesas, until late September; and if he carries on to Samoa, as planned, he could not be expected for another six weeks.

If Willis is unable to put up a kite aerial, his radio range will be very limited. Last verified signals were heard when the raft was only three days out of Callao, on June 26.

NEW HEBRIDES COMMUNICATIONS:—The following is now the situation in regard to Smallships communications in the New Hebrides:—

British controlled station YJX, at Vila, listens 3450/6900 kc/s and replies 3450—or 6900 kc/s if requested. Watches: 0200-0530/1300-1430/2130-0000 GMT daily.

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Lord Howe—This island will listen on any frequency and reply on 6410 kc/s by arrangement through Sydney Radio.

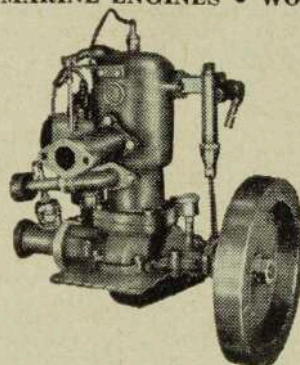
VEGA AWAY:—After delay, the

steel yacht *Vega* cleared Papeete for Honolulu, August 21, to begin a new life in the passenger trade, under the ownership of Mr. Omar Dar of Honolulu. It was returned to US registry before departure.

A crew, mainly Tahitian, was signed on for the voyage north. Considerable refitting will be done before *Vega* attempts to run passengers from Honolulu to

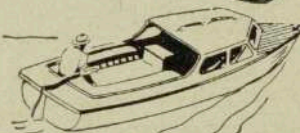
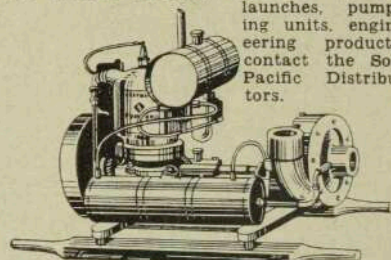
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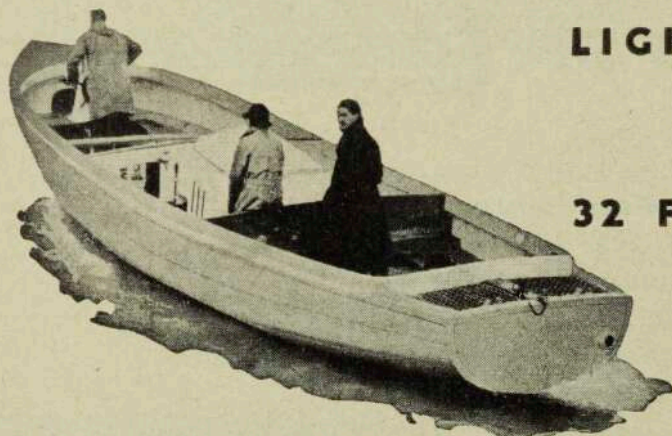
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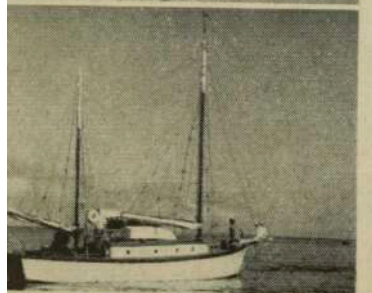
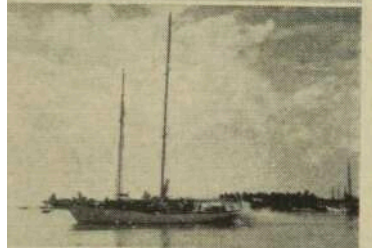
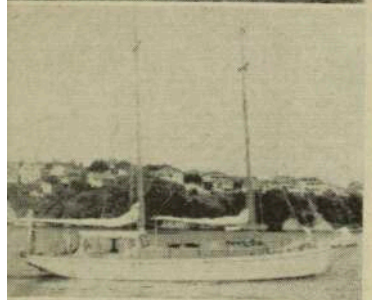
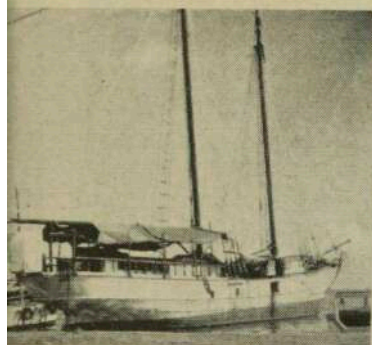
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peete, and possibly to Mexico during the season.

ABOVE OR BELOW:—Californian toward Fenton, having completed a



contract piloting helicopters in Papua for APC, reached Samarai with the launch *Anne* early September bound for the Trobriands, where he plans to do some shell diving.

FUNDS IN SIGHT:—The Melanesian Mission's fund to replace its over-age *Southern Cross VII* had reached over £NZ31,000 early September.

Top to bottom: FLORENCE ROBINSON, to be sold under writ in Papeete during September. Ronald Johnson's unnamed fishing junk which may go to the Islands soon. LADY STIRLING, Auckland motor-sailer, up for sale in Suva. American yacht MANDALAY leaving Papeete west-bound. American yacht MAKAI which arrived at Papeete from the Pacific Coast early September.

tember. An all-out drive to raise the estimated £100,000 required for a new vessel is being made in New Zealand, England and America. Meanwhile *Southern Cross VII* was lying for sale at Halvorsens boat yard, Sydney, late September.

TREASURE HUNTS:—Two salvage expeditions are fitting out to visit the *General Grant*, wrecked on Auckland Island, south of New Zealand, in 1866.

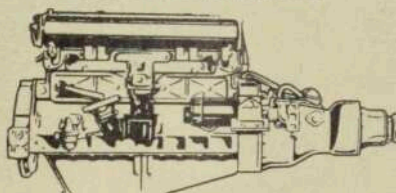
In Auckland, Mr. Charles Levard and associates, planned to clear port in the steam trawler *Waipu* in mid-October. They are backed by an anonymous Auckland woman. William Havens, and a crew of three, are, meanwhile, planning a similar expedition from the UK, but are having trouble with a writ

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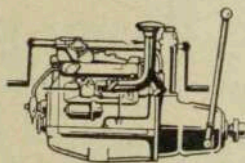


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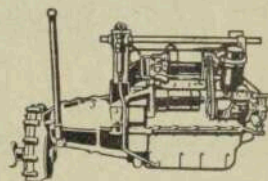
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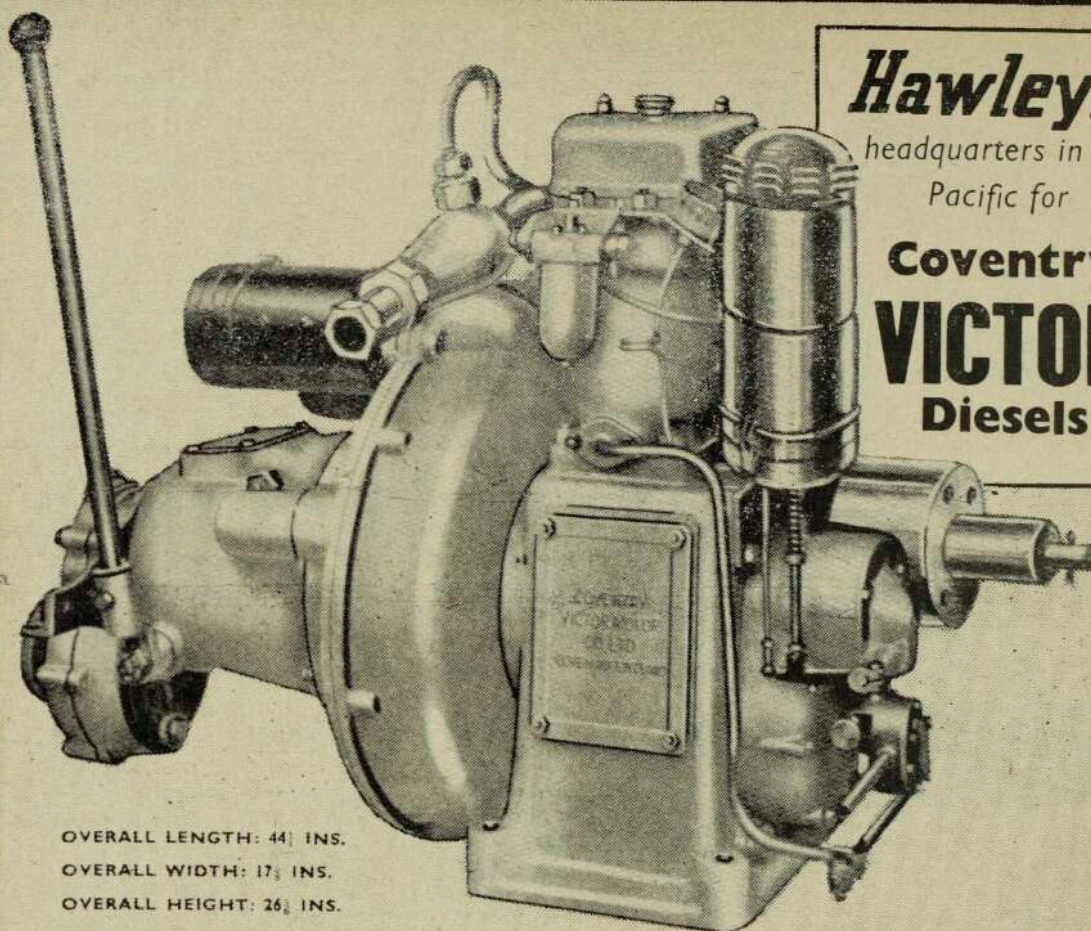
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The *General Grant* was said to have sailed into a huge cave which runs 250 yards into the 1,200-ft high cliff. She was supposed to have 9 tons of gold aboard. The vessel has long-since broken up and the wreckage is widely scattered, well off-shore in deep water.

BSIP MAY YET SEE KOVALA: In February, 1949, PIM representatives saw the launching at Ballina, Sydney, of a patrol craft for PHC service in the Solomons. She was named *Kovala*.

Three years later, another PIM representative watched her cruise down-harbour bound for the BSIP. At time she got as far as Ballina, the north NSW coast. She has never got any further.

We now learn that *early in 1955* work should be completed on modifying and re-engining the craft with machinery more suited to the conditions and long steam-distances applicable in the Protectorate and G and E Colony." In years, this vessel has had endless money poured into her and she has yet to do her first hour's work.

AND WILL TRY AGAIN:—Other boat-building plans are in view for PHC and several modern 105-ft vessels are proposed.

Two will be fitted with echo-

sounding gear for navigational and survey purposes. All will have some refrigerated cargo space. They may be built in Hongkong.

In addition, small patrol vessels *Bina* and *Betua* are to be re-engined early 1955, with machinery more suited to the long-steaming distances in BSIP and G & E services.

KURIMARAU SOLD:—WPHC flagship *Kurimarau*, laid up for sale at Ballina, NSW, since late 1953, was sold in July to Mr. S. Berg, a Norwegian, of Sydney. It is likely to be seen again in the Islands after certain work has been carried out. Mr. Berg had shipping interests in Hongkong before the war.

TASMAN STEAMSHIPS FOLD-UP:—The New Zealand ex-service-man shipping co-operative, the Tasman Steamship Co., announced in mid-September that it would go into liquidation.

No details available as to the fate of *Viti*, *Vasu*, and the recently converted corvette *Madonna*. Some members of the original group may reorganise and remain in business.

CHANGES IN P-NG:—Native co-operatives in the Gulf Country of Papua are equipping their canoes with 25-hp outboard motors. With good prices being offered for mangrove bark and other produce, the paddle and pole are being laid aside for a little relaxation.

SOUTH PACIFIC SHIPPING CO.:—Since the loss of *Nukalau* on her first round-trip voyage for the company, and the settlement of insurance claims, the Fiji partners in this organisation, Mr. Jack Turner, and Captain J. McK. Arnot, have been bought out by the Auckland members, Mr. Lew Graham, Mr.

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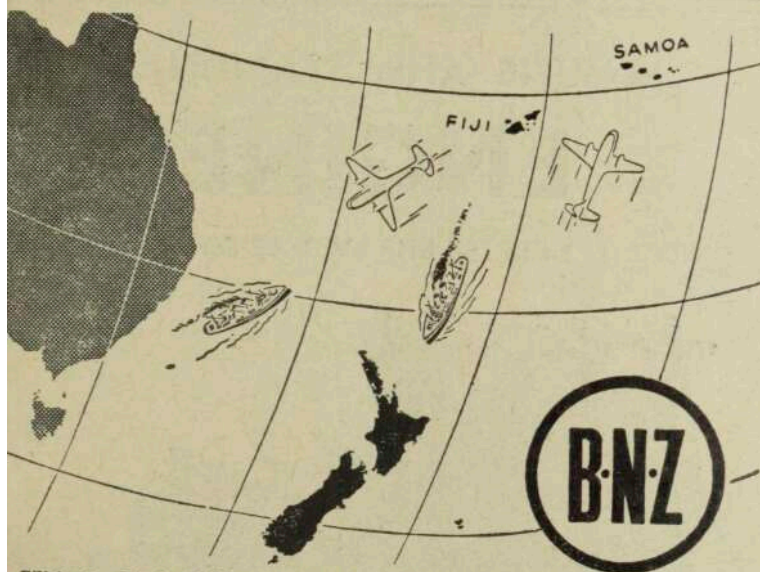
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Cecil Harrison and Captain Jim Ewer. The latter have several vessels under consideration. Meanwhile Mr. Graham and a partner have purchased, as a speculation, the well-known New Zealand coaster *Nikau* from the Anchor Shipping & Foundry Co., of Nelson. It is a similar vessel to *Alexander*, which Graham lost on Aitutaki reef. A New Hebrides ship owner is interested in buying the vessel which may again be seen somewhere in the Islands. Graham will register her in Vila, under the British flag.

JAP TRAINING VESSEL IN SUVA:—Launched only last June, and having sailed from Japan August 8 on a fishery training cruise, the modern Japanese vessel *Daijuji Maru* put in to Suva early September to land a couple of injured seamen for hospitalisation. Of 472 gross, 297 nett tons, this vessel has a speed of over 20 knots with her single 6-cylinder diesel. Most of the 70 men aboard are University students undergoing a special fishery course. When piloted in by Assistant Harbour Master Captain James, the helmsman understood all steering orders perfectly, but when berthed and ashore none of the crew appeared to understand a word of English. She was held in Suva pending payment of £25 in harbour dues—there appeared to be no money available on the vessel.

The ship is refrigerated and had a quantity of fish aboard. She is equipped with radar, echo sounder, direction finder, etc., and fluorescent lighting throughout. She was the first Jap ship to visit Suva since the war.

LIFESAVER:—What may be a development of value to seamen was

reported from Buckinghamshire, England, in September. A radio amateur had succeeded in making contact over a distance of 25 miles with a set powered entirely by the rays of the sun.

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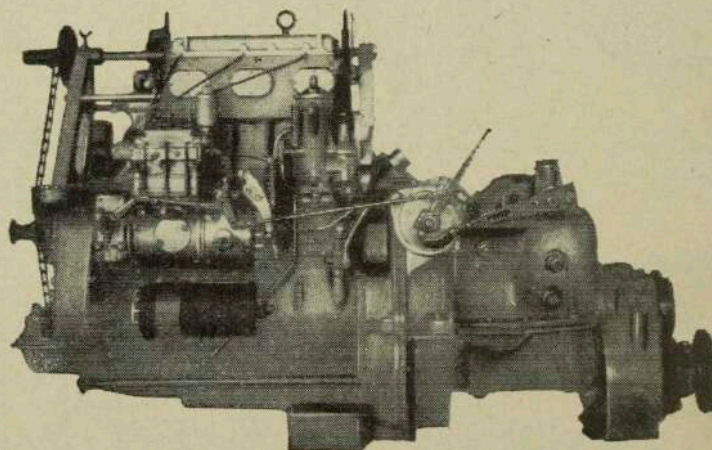
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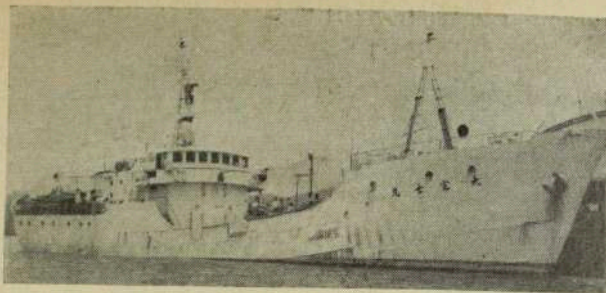
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he correspondent notes that it
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gh possibly the busiest shipping
in the Territory, is probably
most backward in the way of
ir facilities (A slipway for 300-
ers is now under construction).

SH FOR SALE:—Last month
reported that Captain "Dusty"
er and his tramp-fishing vessel
a had abandoned operations at
on Island in favour of Samoa.
ain Miller is trying to estab-
market in Apia for the surplus
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Pago Japanese-supplied tuna
ery. It is understood, how-
that operational and ice costs
proving a handicap.

SAMOA ADDITION:—In re-
months the Western Samoa
lships fleet, depleted over the
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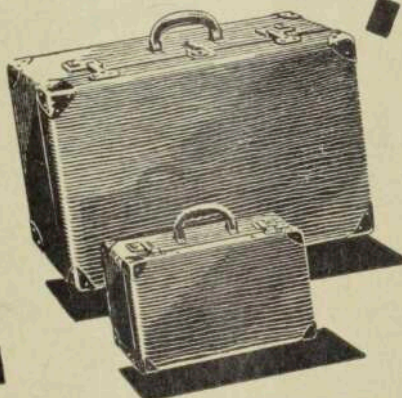
Dai Fuji Maru—see opposite page.

wishing to make prior radio con-
tact, the following is the situation:
WPHC craft in the area contact the

local British-administered station
which listens and replies on 6280
kc/s at 0400/2000/2100 GMT—the
frequency also being used for point-
to-point contact with Tarawa at
those times. Additionally, the
United States Civil Aeronautics Ad-
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maintains full 24-hour watch on
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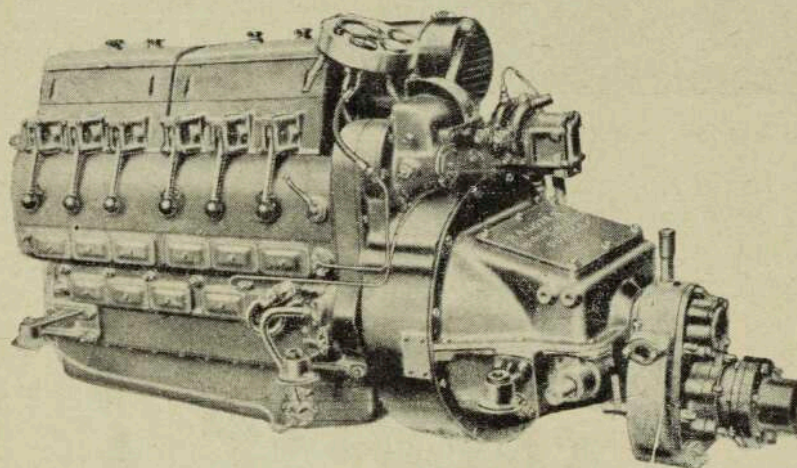
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Rosalie, on her refit-voyage to Auckland and of late, told of the sinking of the well-known New Caledonia raider *Notou* by the German raider *Orion*, on August 16, 1940, only 20 miles from Noumea. He was in command of *Notou* at the time.

Having been assured that no raiders were in the vicinity, Captain Jago did not suspect a German vessel when the *Orion* signalled him to stop. By the time the raider had disclosed her identity it was too late to take evasive action. *Notou* was boarded, all stores and personnel taken off, and a bomb placed in the engine room, sending *Notou* and her cargo of coal to the bottom. Captain Jago and his crew remained in *Orion* while she, in company at times with others, sank various vessels, including the *Rangitane*. After the prisoners were transferred to the supply vessel *Ermland*, which penetrated the Allied blockade and reached a French port, where the men were interned for five months, they were released, though forbidden to go to sea for "the duration." Captain Jago, who has lived in New Caledonia since 1929, returned there after the war and is now living alone.

In connection with the activities of German raiders during the war: the War History Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs published in 1949 a booklet compiled largely from the captured logs of the raiders, and containing

maps and photos of great interest. The booklet, "German Raiders in the Pacific," is available through booksellers at 2/6 NZ, plus postage.

WRECKED AND AFIRE:—The Papeete auxiliary cutter *Haupeaterai*, 26 GT, registered under the ownership of M. Aldred Richmond, became a total loss on Rangiroa reef, Tuamotus, in August, and on September 5 the inter-island passenger and cargo vessel *Hiro* was narrowly saved from destruction by fire at Papeete by the smart action of Papeete fire brigade, military and police volunteers. *Hiro*, formerly named *Memory*, was built in the US and went to Tahiti in the mid-1930's under the ownership of the late Lewis Hirshon. Of 183 GT, 120 nett, *Hiro*'s registered owners are Societe Francaise de Navigation. This twin-screw vessel regularly ran US servicemen from Bora Bora to Papeete on vacation during World War II.

NO-NAME JUNK:—Ronald Johnson's unnamed fishing junk now lies free of Customs restrictions at moorings in Rushcutters Bay, Sydney. Johnson is undecided yet as to future plans.

This craft, roughly though solidly built, measures 32 ft x 12 ft x 12 inches draft and has ten water-tight bulkheads dividing the hull into a series of wooden tanks which may be flooded at will and in which fish may be kept alive. One or more of

the compartments is used for fresh water supplies. The accommodation is confined to one narrow athwartships compartment towards the stern, over which curves a kind of permanent wooden awning closed on the forward side. A removable cover with a small man-hole closes in the after side, as required, in bad weather. A long centre-board, when fully lowered, increases the vessel's draft to about 10 ft. A long rudder, pierced with a series of diamond-shaped holes, is lowered to any desired depth by a tackle. The lateen sails are at present unshipped. Cooking is done in a sand box

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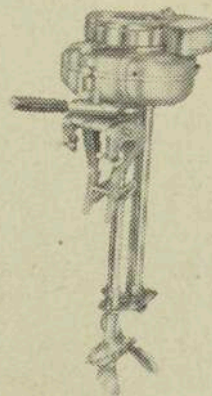
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located on a gallery built out over the quarters and stern of the vessel. This also holds the fishing gear. Projecting timbers on either side fore and aft take care of bamboo poles for poling the craft in the shallows, and probably are also used as bollards or cleats for some of the standing and running gear. Almost the entire deck consists of hatch panels, each several feet square, giving access to any particular compartment or portion thereof.

This craft, unorthodox in appearance, could be useful for shoal-water work in the Islands, for fishing or copra transport. She would have to be badly damaged, or flooded by seas on deck, before she would sink.

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TONGA FLEET:—A modern type of steel vessel of around 500 gross tons is now under construction in Holland for the Tonga Copra Board. This will replace the Suva-built ketch *A'oni* which will then become a personnel-shifting vessel to replace the over-age *Hijofua*. The latter vessel will likely go to Auckland to load materials for the new

Nukualofa government hotel construction job.

SIXTY YEARS AGO:—Tahiti correspondent Oscar Nordman sends along a letter he has received from Count Goedicke van Astén, now of Auckland, formerly of Tonga.

The Count mentions that in 1890,

when he was 30, he signed as supercargo in Crawford & Co.'s San Francisco-registered 3-masted schooner *Golden Fleece*, then trading to the Marshall and Gilbert Islands.

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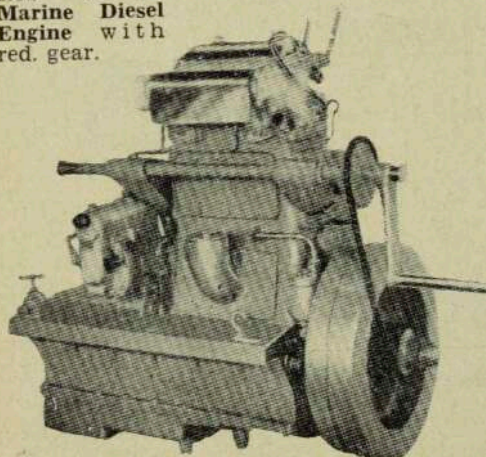
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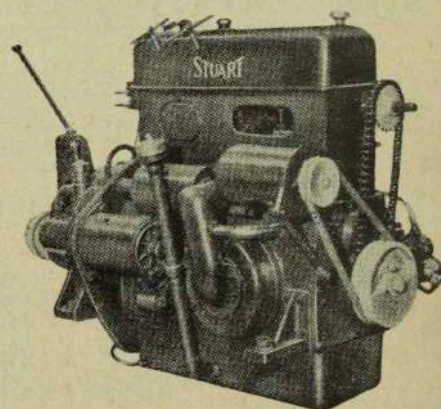
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Nordman had served in the latter. The Count believed that *Galilee* was hit by German fire on the port of Papeete during World War I, but Nordman says the American vessel then in port, was the *William MacDonald*, a four-master, which the Germans spared when they saw the Stars and Stripes.

MANUA ON THE JOB:—Eastern Samoa Government's YMS *Manu'a Tele* recently undertook a tough inward tow of a barge loaded with \$125,000 worth of road and construction equipment and materials from Pago Pago to the Manua Islands, the 70 miles taking 48 hours to Faleasao Bay, Ta'u.

Manu'a Tele, which maintains communication between Apia and Tokelau for the Western Samoa Government, will proceed to Suva for annual refit after completion of September Tokelau charter. While in Suva, Chief Engineer James Ford, of Fiji, will take a NZ holiday.

ADI KEVA:—An inquiry at Suva into the June stranding of Morris & Co.'s *Adi Keva* on Perua Reef, found the cause to be fatigue on the part of the Master to his first mate having been hospitalized five days earlier and replaced.

Immediate cause was failure to allow for a known compass error, to take into adequate account the fact which could have been anticipated. The Master's certificate was returned.

DR SOLOMONS:—Mr. F. Jones, the British Solomon Islands, has purchased through Sydney shipbroker John Kennedy, a 50-ft work-boat fitted with a 66-hp Kelvin diesel engine, on completion of certain repairs at Tuncurry, NSW, will be shipped north as deck cargo.

BOMB VICTIM:—Aitichi Islander, 40-year-old radio operator of the tuna vessel *Fukuryo*, one of the vessels accidentally annihilated by radio-active ash in March H-bomb tests at Bikini, in a Tokyo hospital on September 24, thus becoming the island's first victim of an H-bomb. The Japanese Government is dealing ten million dollars compensation for loss and damage to boats and cargoes. The American Government has raised \$100,000 to one million dollars.

TRAORDINARY BUMS:—New Zealand University students, writing from Lae, N.G., they had helped to deliver goods from Cairns, are eager to do some other delivery jobs, really anything heading towards Asia. A PS says: "We're not usual run of bums!" "Messrs. Brown, Linn and Murphy, Lae," they.

Yachts of Cruising

Islands of yachts known to be cruising in the Pacific appear below thus: Name; Date; d, depart; b, bound; a, arrived; details about these yachts will be in the PIM issue shown in parenthesis.

thesis. Full details will be given on first mention only, or as they come to hand later. Otherwise only latest movement reports will be given, in the form indicated above.

● **TAHITI, US, d.** Papeete Aug 19, b. Honolulu (May, '54).

● **FLAMINGO, NZ, d.** Rabaul Aug. 26, b. Solomons (Oct., '54).

● **ANNA ELIZABETH, Dutch, d.** Aitutaki early Sept. '54, b. Rarotonga, Nukualofa, Noumea (Oct., '54).

● **BOUNTY, NZ, a.** Brisbane early Sept., thence if unsold will d. Auckland Oct. (June, '53).



Frenchman Marcel Bardiaux whose single-handed passage from France to the Pacific via the Horn is one of the most notable smallship efforts of recent years. Bardiaux and his "Les 4 Vents" have recently been in Noumea.

—Photo by F. Dunn.

● **MARINER, US, a.** Pago Pago Sept. 8 thence for Suva, Auckland late Sept. Owners are now given as Jim Robinson and George Leland, the latter apparently having replaced George Karl. Also aboard: John O'Donnell.

● **SOLACE, Eng., a.** Papeete Aug. 30, d. westbound late September (July, '54).

● **ARTHUR ROGERS, Br., a.** Vila mid-Sept., b. Noumea, Auckland (July, '54).

● **PRIMAVERA, US, a.** Papeete Aug. 16 after local cruising. Will d. Honolulu Sept. via French Oceania ports (July, '54).

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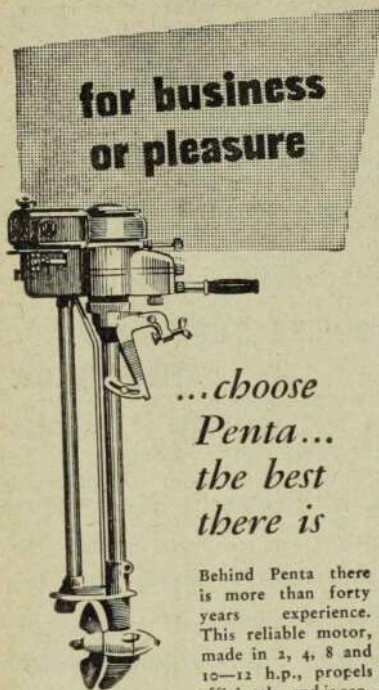
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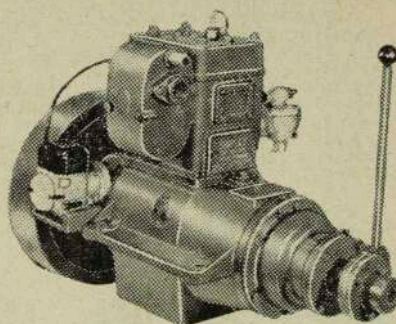
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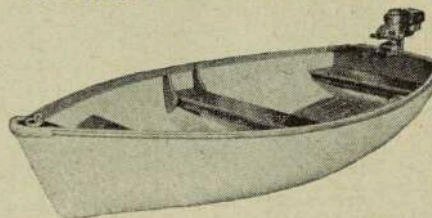
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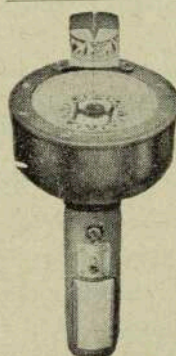


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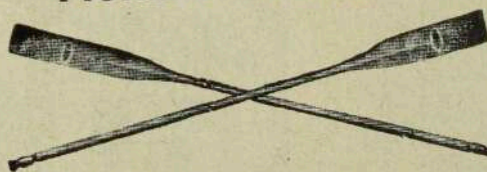


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● MAKAI, US, a. Papeete Sept. 8 from San Francisco via Monterey, Taiohae, Karoa (Aug., '54).

● SERVA LA BARI, Chile, d. Papeete Sept. 2, b. Valparaiso via Moorea, Bora Bora, Pitcairn, Easter (July, '54).

● BEATRIX, Dutch, unorthodox whale-creaked craft, now lies at moorings, and looking very rusty, in Ruscutters Bay, dney.

● LADYBIRD, NZ, a. Rarotonga Sept. 5 from Papeete, b. Tonga, Fiji, Auckland.

● LANDFALL II, 50-footer from Oakland, Cal., cleared Papeete early September for Auckland via ports. Personnel aboard include owner W. F. Holcomb and Mrs. Holcomb, Dr. Dean Smith, and Mr. Raymond Jonsson, when the yacht arrived at Papeete from Balboa via island ports. LANDFALL II, previously named MAVOURNEEN, is out on a 3-year circumnavigation. This staysail schooner has been a past unsuccessful entrant in two Trans-Pacific Races.

● MANDALAY, a. Vila Sept. 14 via Pago Pago, Apia, from Papeete and on offer for \$5,000, planned to beat back to Papeete if unsold.

● KERERU's crew, boatless since selling their little ship in Santo in August, have purchased the 26-ft. Auckland sloop WAIMANA and were preparing in mid-September to clear for Fiji where they plan to island-dodge in the vicinity of good harbours through the coming hurricane season. Ray Williams, Jim Fitzgerald and Norman Ziska are the team.

● STORTEBECKER III, first reported as heading back for New Zealand via the Islands from Canada and then as heading north instead for a cruise in Alaskan waters, has now been sold by English owner Dr. Franklen-Evans.

● MOONRAKER was being readied by Peter and Ann Pye at Victoria, BC, in September for the return voyage to England. This yacht called at Tahiti last year.

● In early September the 49 ft. yacht JENCO left Oslo Fiord, Norway, for Australia, where owner Jens William Jensen plans to settle. With him were his 25-year-old wife, their two young children, and two other young emigrants. They expect to take about 12 months on the trip.

A United States military intelligence mission, calling on their opposite numbers in Australia and New Zealand in July, also made a brief call at Nadi, Fiji. The mission, headed by Major General A. G. Trudeau, Director of Intelligence, US Army, was entertained by representatives of the Fiji Military Forces.

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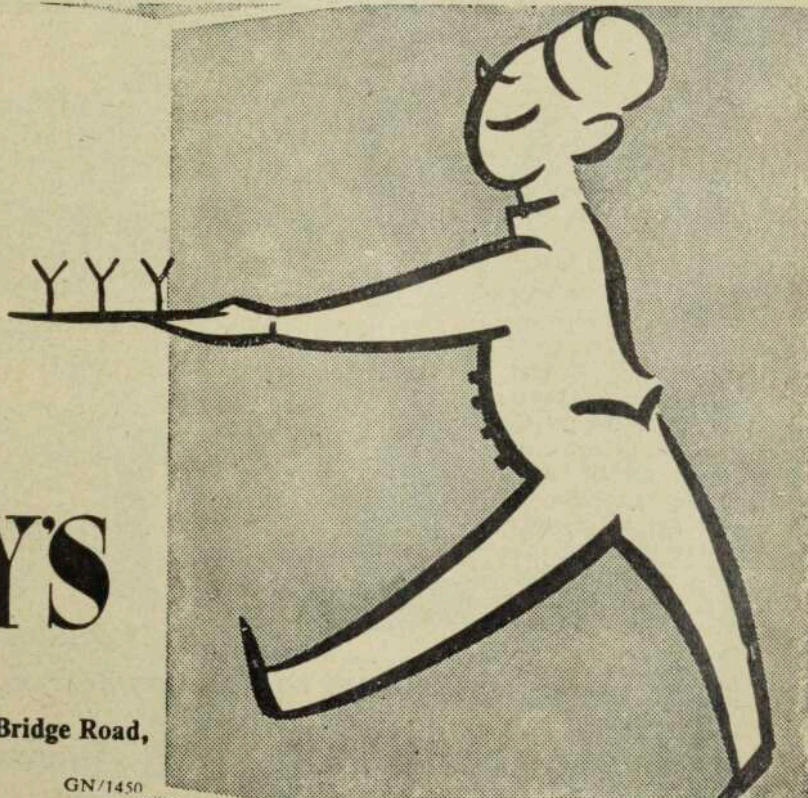
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MEMBERS of the Pacific Islands Society, Sydney, had something of a "Fiji evening" at their September meeting.

Mr. G. A. K. Williams, a member who had recently made a round trip voyage to Fiji, Tonga, Niue and Samoa in *Tojua*, gave a lecture illustrated with excellent colour slides—some of the most interesting shots were taken on a side trip to the Yasawas in Captain Trevor Withers' launch *Turaga Levu*.

This lecture was followed by a sound colour-film of the Royal Visit to Fiji, made and introduced by Major A. D. Diffey, late of the Fiji Military Forces and now settled in Auckland. Major Diffey had just returned from England and left Sydney the following day for Auckland.

Major Diffey's film was a particularly good amateur effort. The spoken commentary was added to the sound track in London by a well-known BBC announcer. A copy of this film is going to the Fiji Infantry Battalion in Malaya, where it will be popular.

Major Diffey was able to get many of his shots from positions as close and well placed as those of the professional camera-men on the job.

The Annual Report of the US Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands gives the following interesting figures on education within Micronesia: At June 30 there were 6,363 children attending the 144 public elementary schools which carry the children through the first six years of their schooling. Sixty-eight of these schools are single-room build-

ings housing several classes. In addition, there are 18 mission schools enrolling a further 1,000 children—17 per cent. of the total. As in British territories, the mission schools are required to maintain educational standards equal to government schools. In practice, they are in many cases of a higher standard.

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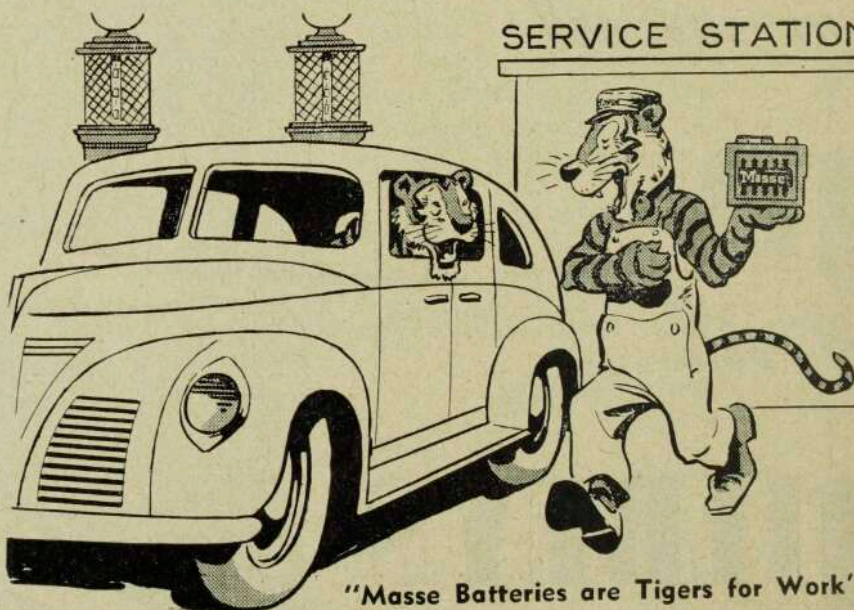
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the Margarine—Butter War

Manufacturers State "Cheap" Copra Little To Do With Price

QUEENSLAND'S Minister of Agriculture, H. H. Collins, seems to have said the right thing in the wrong place, when in early September he spoke in defence of margarine producers.

Mr. Collins said that people who buy Australian products for margarine ingredients were just as entitled to sell their products as were the producers. His statement was made at a meeting celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Dayboro Cooperative Dairy Association—and was not given a popular reception by the Queensland butter producers, who have had more to say than others in other States about the importation of coconut oil from "low cost countries" (meaning New Guinea) for use in producing their competitor, margarine.

Mr. Collins suggested that "black-our-produced" copra played a small part in Australian margarine, and this was met with a counter-attack from the Queensland dairy-farmers' organisation on the following day when it was claimed that an analysis of five brands of margarine on sale in Queensland showed 50 to 70 per cent. coconut oil.

They may have been right—or they may have been wrong. Inquiries amongst the leading NSW margarine producers indicate that the percentage of vegetable oil used varies according to where the margarine is to be sold—that is, either in cool or hot climates; and in competition with butter or other-

NSW firms use high percentages of animal oils where the product is to be sold in a cool climate, the reason being that vegetable oils give a margarine of poor plasticity and undesirable hardness. Animal oils give a type of margarine more closely approaching butter in consistency and hardness. On the other hand, for the export trade to tropical countries large proportions of coconut oil are used, as its melting properties are far better and it provides a margarine product which does not become too

is therefore true to say that, so far as margarine for sale in Australia is concerned, far more animal fats are being used than vegetable fats, and other competitive reasons if for no other. Manufacturers ask why they should use high-priced coconut oil when tallow is so much cheaper.

Australian State quotas for table margarine are based on the quantities manufactured in the base year 1938-39. After the war no new licenses were issued, but it is alleged that two New South Wales firms defied this ruling by entering the trade several years ago, and that they now supply half to two-thirds of Queensland's total requirements. Their activities are to be tested in the High Court shortly.

All firms agree, however, that the existing quota figures for the various States are actually in excess of the market demands, which are only 10 per cent. of the total edible-fat consumption of Australia.

Probably 90 per cent. of Australian margarine is manufactured in Sydney; these firms have branch distribution offices in the other

States. Cost of margarine in NSW is 2/7½ per lb as against 4/2 for butter.

Lieut.-Col. J. P. Love and Master-sergeant T. Jones, Jr., of the United States Army, arrived in Honiara, BSI, by air on August 2 from Honolulu, to take back the remains of two American servicemen who were killed on the Island during the last war. Reports that the remains found near Rove Rifle Range were also those of American Servicemen, were investigated and found to be incorrect. An American Army Graves Registration Unit was based in Honiara from 1947 till early 1948, making an extensive search for the bodies of American servicemen, many of which were found and shipped back to the United States for re-burial.

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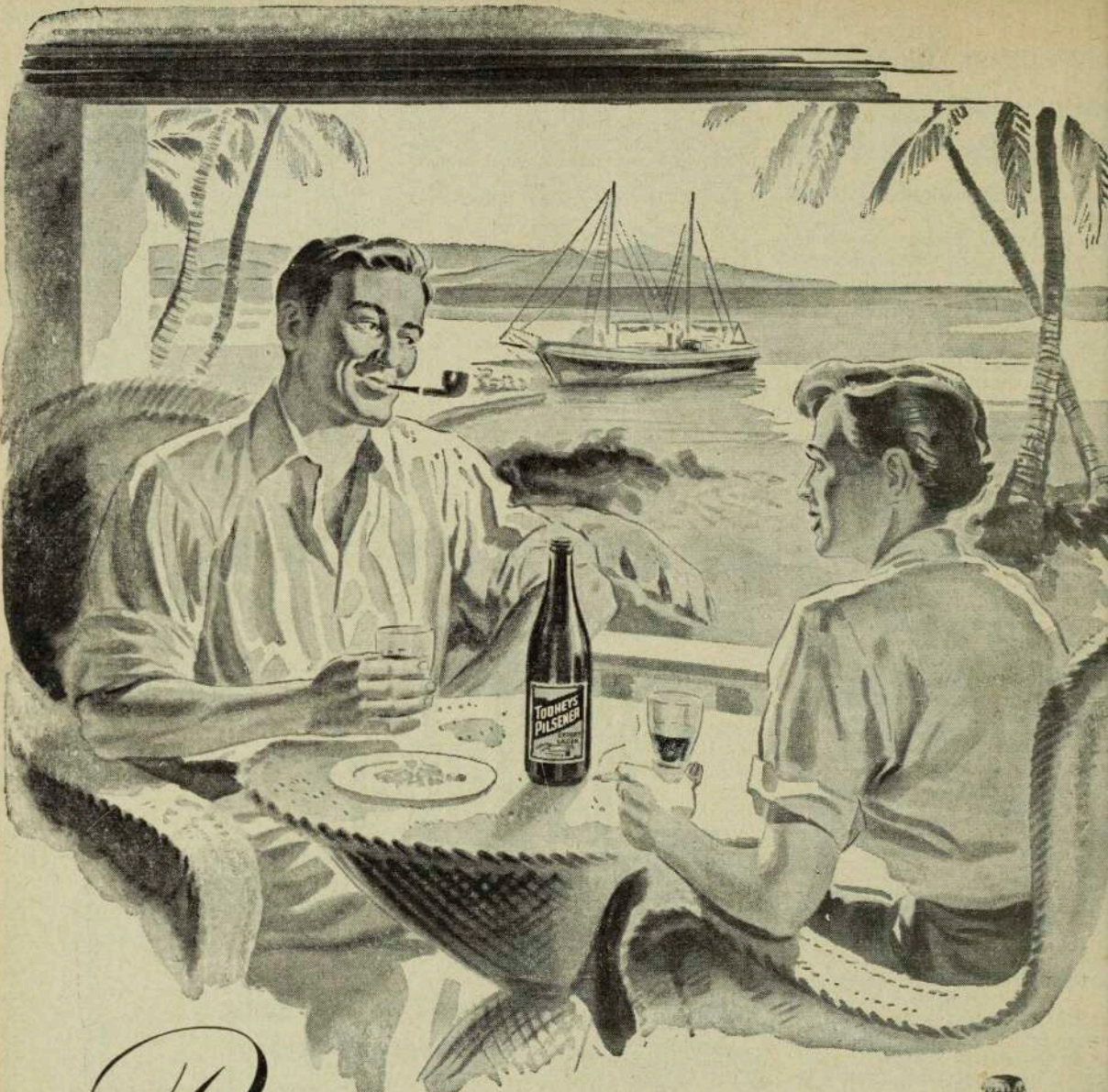
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A black and white illustration of two men sitting at a table outdoors, likely on a veranda or balcony. The man on the left is smiling and smoking a pipe, while the man on the right is looking at him. On the table are two glasses of beer, a bottle of Toohy's Pilsener, and a plate of food. In the background, there is a tropical landscape with palm trees and a sailboat on the water. The scene is framed by a dark horizontal bar at the top.

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OCTOBER, 1954—PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTH

Current News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

TOURISTS SEE MORESBY

The Orient Liner *Orion*, which did a 2-days visit to Port Moresby in early September, was the first cruise-ship carrying Australian tourists to call since the war.

Port Moresby managed to do a good job of entertaining in spite of the fact that the 1,000 passengers increased the town's population by one-quarter overnight.

A real factor in this success was the way in which the Administration co-operated to the hilt, putting themselves behind arrangements for any Chamber of Commerce could. Their help probably made the difference.

The visitors seemed to have had a good time, and certainly the Moresby people did.

A highlight was a canoe race across the harbour with tourists acting as ballast—and spirits weren't damped by the ducking of them got when two of the canoes collided in mid-harbour.

Port Moresby shops, on their best operative behaviour, sold out practically everything worth selling as tourists started in on a buying spree. One shop, in a few hours, did £200 worth of multi-colored goods of indescribable pattern.

The shops are reported now to be even more interested in encouraging more of these tours, and possibly a mooted Chamber of Commerce will finally get sufficient support to get it going. Two past attempts have come to nought.

The festivities during the *Orion's* visit weren't all gay. On Tuesday afternoon at Bomana War Cemetery, about 90 relatives of war dead buried there (relatives came to Moresby on the *Orion* through an arrangement with the Imperial War Graves Commission), took part in a moving service.

MADANG DISCUSSES "BOY-TROUBLE"

Madang now is having some trouble with native sex-offenders and at a recent meeting of the Town Advisory Council, ways and means of nipping the trouble in the bud were discussed.

Some members suggested that native compounds be moved out of the town. There then would be fewer natives for the police to control.

A woman member, Mrs. E. Sowerby, asked if something could be done by way of warning mothers new to the Territory about

native servants. Many of these mothers were told that the servants were reliable, but she viewed with grave concern the number of offences that had taken place, particularly against children.

Members agreed that the position had become worse in the last two years, and a number of attempted cases had not come to the notice of the authorities.

District Commissioner Giles said that at one time in Papua a Black Book was kept, and when offenders were released from prison they were ordered to stay in a certain area where regular checks were made on them.

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The Pacific Islands Society (Founded 1937)

Visitors from the Pacific Islands to Sydney, or persons interested in Islands affairs, are invited to communicate with the Honorary Secretary of the above Society which was formed to constitute a social and cultural centre for those interested in the Pacific Islands.

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Dr. C. Haszler suggested the use of identity cards with finger prints for all natives seeking employment.

The Council carried a resolution that all natives convicted of sex offences be banned from town areas and restricted to a particular area.

EXPERT TALKS TO SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Are there koalas in New Guinea?

The matter came up for discussion at a September meeting of the Papua New Guinea Scientific Society in Port Moresby, during an address by the visiting mammalogist at the Australian Museum, Sydney, Mr. Ellis Troughton.

Mr. Troughton, with a preparator, Mr. Norman Camps, had just completed a two months' collecting expedition into the Highlands.

He told the meeting that he had heard many rumors about NG koalas, but they seemed to be about as elusive as the Queensland striped cat. He would like very much to be the first scientist to say positively there were koalas in the Territory, but personally he doubted it.

One member said she thought that, about 18 months ago, there was a koala found at Amau, behind Abau, on the south coast of Papua, but she was not sure. She thought the koala had been taken to the Kwato mission but had died later.

Mr. Troughton suggested that New Guinea people who see something unusual, or hear of something

that the natives think unusual should get hold of a specimen, preferably its skull, if not all of it, and send it off to somebody who knows—they might have something valuable.

NZ FRIGATE'S EXUBERANT ARRIVAL

The New Zealand frigate *Pukaki* cut a 9-ft. piece out of Port Moresby's new wharf when she arrived on a four-day visit on September 10. She also damaged her own bows.

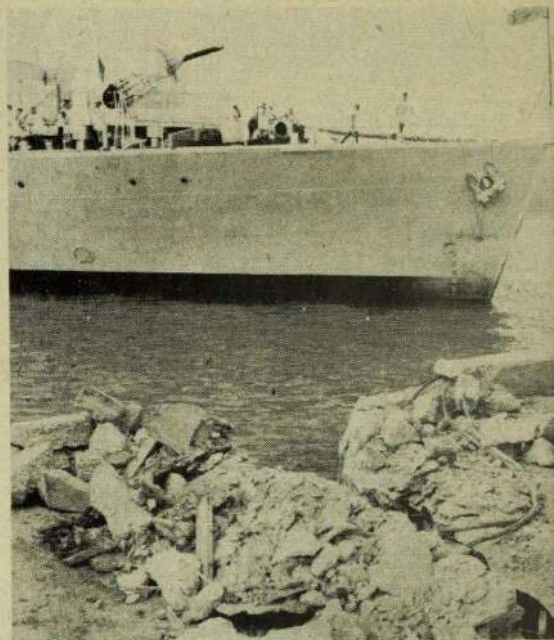
The ship was on her way home after 12 months in Korean waters, and her 150 officers and men got a warm welcome in Moresby, despite the damage to the wharf.

Moresby's new wharf is getting its baptism of fire early. A month or two ago, the APC 900 - tons steel vessel *Hanne Sven* put a large dent in the other side of the wharf,

cutting off the water supply to area.

COMMEMORATION WEEKEND AND SOGERI SHOW

It was the Territory's Commemoration Day and Show Day at So-



Pukaki, and the dent in the wharf. (Papuan Print)

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the ranges outside Port Moresby, September 15.

The administrator, Brigadier D. Cleland, used the show to give an annual holiday address, drawing attention to the fact that the spot is an historic one, being so close to the Kokoda Trail, where some of the foundations to the Territory's recently growing traditions had been laid.

Sogeri, too, he said, was also one of the spots where the on-wards we had been planned, and a base where the Japs had first been fought and driven back.

The show itself got an unexpected nipper from repeated showers. At year the same thing happened, the show had to be postponed a week. Maybe next year the Agricultural Society will try putting on earlier, probably about June, which is well inside the "dry" period. A total of about 1,500 Europeans went through the gates, not counting the children, and Port Moresby, 20 miles away, seemed to be deserted during the day.

At Rabaul during the holiday the number turned up to watch a baseball match, or series of matches, at the sports reserve.

It is time perhaps, that Rabaul had a show. If Madang and Wau Sogeri can do it, so should Rabaul.

MORE MOFs FOR MORESBY HOTELS?

Antas announced in September that as from September 17, two head of three Sandringham g-boats will carry out the Moresby Port Moresby run each night. The statement said that an increase to three Skymasters a week on the run would enable the to be made, because the Skymasters could handle the traffic.

As a result of the alteration, Sandringhams will arrive in Port Moresby from Sydney, each Monday, none will arrive on alternate days.

The alternate aircraft carried out the run from Moresby out over the Tasman Gulf to Daru, before returning again to Sydney, but in the Western service will be every second week by one of Monday Sandringhams, after it completes its normal run to New Guinea or Bougainville.

As there is no interference with postal services on the face of it, say.

However, it means that New Guinea people taking the south-bound Sandringham on the alternate Thursday, will have to wait in Port Moresby from Thursday until Saturday, until the Sandringham completes the western run.

They do not wish to wait until Friday, they can go South on the Skymaster, but this means aircraft change and an extra stop in Moresby anyway.

It is to be hoped that Moresby can stand it. But we doubt

it. It sounds as though it will mean that more mattresses are dragged out to be put on more hotel floors.

PINK SEAS AND HOT ISLANDS

Queer things continue to happen in the Bismarck Archipelago. The latest is pink seas.

A definite pink tinge was reported in the sea at Namatanai, on New Ireland, on September 17 for about five minutes after two earth tremors were felt. The tremors came in two waves and lasted about 20 seconds.

More pink sea has been seen in the St. Andrews Strait, south of Manus, where submarine volcanoes recently have been busy pushing up islands.

The largest island has appeared

from the sea, and sunk again, near Lou, about three times in the last 15 months, but following its last appearance in July it seems to be there to stay.

After its July appearance, the then ADO at Baluan, Mr. Jim Landman, and the Rabaul volcanologist got together and decided to name it "Tuluman Island", which, in the local language, is "hot." On last reports it was several acres in size and about 40 ft out of the water. The island is horse-shoe shaped with the crater shooting from the centre.

It appears to be joined to nearby Lou Island by land and the second emerging island nearby may easily be joined, too.

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MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EUROPEAN CHILDREN

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This brings the total number of privately-endowed scholarships to six.

Six have been made available by the anonymous donor "AMV," the New Guinea Club is financing four, Mr. Gilbert Renton one, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cromie three. They are designed to assist in meeting the expenses of students' secondary school education in Australia.

The extension from year to year of the scholarships is conditional on parents continuing to reside in the Territory. Successful candidates are selected by the donors. Students examined and recommended by the P-NG Department of Education. Age, intelligence, and for certain scholarships, financial position of the parents are considered.

KEEPING CHIMBUS HAPPY

Dissatisfaction among some P-NG employers with Highland, and particularly Chimbu, labour has prompted the Administration to examine the all-over results of the island labour scheme.

Some of the recommendations suggested for getting better value of Chimbus will probably make some Territory howl with rage, but as the Director of District Services, Mr. A. A. Roberts, points out, Chimbus are keenest to offer for commitment and Highland natives present the only big reserve of labour to meet increasing Territory needs.

For good or ill, therefore, Territorians seem stuck with Chimbus. Since the scheme began in January, 1951, the total number of natives employed by private enterprises has risen to 50,870. Highlanders—of whom 90 per cent. are Chimbus—comprise 9.3 per cent. of the total labour force. Many employers are satisfied with the Chimbus and employ them regularly as part of their labour force.

Where trouble has arisen, investigation by Administration officers frequently shown lack of ability of European supervisors, and attention paid to the welfare of the Chimbus. A tendency has arisen among some employers to get trouble from Chimbus and a general atmosphere of distrust has built up on both sides.

The District Commissioner of the Northern Highlands, Mr. I. F. Downs, recently he was convinced that type and location of work was

a relatively minor cause of dissatisfaction among Chimbus. He considered that if given proper attention, combined with good labour relations, they would do any type of work satisfactorily.

It was essential that the Highlanders had their own cooks, and that wherever possible, their food

should be cooked as it was in their villages—in the ground in a stone oven. Other suggestions for keeping them happy included providing them with pigs as week-end rations; showing them movies; teaching them to play football; and organising hunting parties for them.

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HOSPITALS, AT LAST

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Work on the new Lae European hospital having started a few months ago, it seems likely that there may at last be some progress with Mr. Hasluck's much advertised (over the last few years) £7-millions hospital programme for the Territory.

THE THREE-YEARS' PLAN

Possibly the most important announcement, for a number of years, was made by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, on September 22, during the debate on the Estimates in the Commonwealth Parliament.

Mr. Hasluck said Cabinet had accepted the principle of a 3-years development programme for Papua-New Guinea and the Northern Territory.

Each April, the programme will come before a Cabinet sub-committee which will decide how much of the 3-years programme can be accomplished. This will assure there is no hiatus between the end of the financial year and the passing of the Budget.

It is this hiatus which has caused all the trouble for years in the Territories.

There has been a particular instance in Port Moresby in the last

year when work on the Brov River Road ceased because the Works Dept. had run out of funds. Consequently, several months' good work in the dry season was lost.



On September 1, a children's Fancy Dress Ball was held at the Red Cross in Port Moresby. Seen at left, some of those who took part in the Grand Parade; on the right, a young "geisha" receiving her prize.

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A radio telephone zone station
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present stations working to a
e centre in Madang.
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nk telephone links from Goroka
Port Moresby and Lae.

WILL CATER FOR WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Port Moresby ABC station, 9PA,
feature a women's session in
programme for the first time
month.

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assist in medical and child wel-
work.

MUD BANKS AT KIKORI

orrential rain in the Papuan
District in September closed
flying-boat alighting area at
Kikori.

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ERO CLUB ON THE WING

e Aero Club of Papua got one
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ting trainee-pilots.

e club is the only licensed fly-
chool in the Territory, and will
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to keep up sufficient flying
s to retain their licences.

ub membership is about 70, with
greatest number of these all
ing to be pilots, and most of

them taking evening courses in
aeronautical subjects as a pre-
liminary.

In response to an appeal from
the nursing sisters on behalf of the
patients at Makogai Leprosy Hos-
pital, Fiji, a supply of movie films
recently arrived from Hollywood,
sent by the Family Theatre organ-
isation there. The films were
brought to Fiji free of charge by
Pan American World Airways.

Former residents of Apia,
Western Samoa, who have recently
been paying a visit home are Mrs.
Luise Sasse, from New Zealand, and
Mrs. Priscilla Muench, from Manila,
Philippines.

The Fiji Broadcasting Com-
mission is reported to be planning
to shortly open another transmitter
in the Suva area to provide altern-
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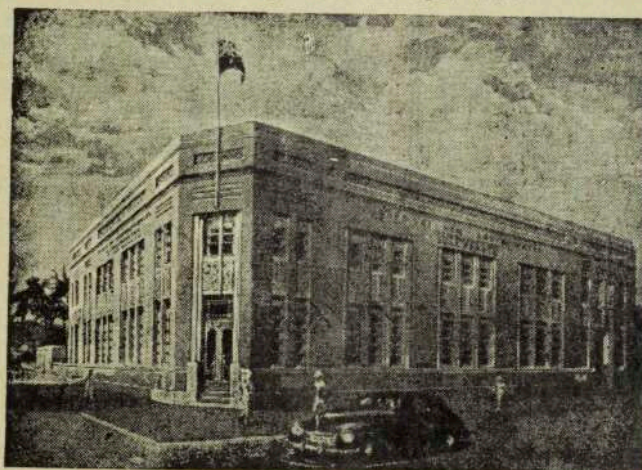
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He was then away South, working on a machine which he has invented for tea-picking. Mrs. Gibbes says it is made on legs which go down on each side of the row of bushes, and is pushed along, and the gadget works on the leaves from above. Many people, realising that in tea-plantation, there is more in finding skilled labour for picking than in learning how to grow the bushes, have tried in vain to make a machine; but Bobby Gibbes does not turn away from it because others have failed.

In Lae, I met a young Customs official who comes from Ceylon and who, with his charming wife, is now a permanent resident. Their families are tea-growers and they point out that generation after generation of tea-pickers and tea-makers are maintained by the big estates. The average wage of a tea-picker is 4/- per day, which includes food. The people live comfortably, but frugally, on rice and coconuts, coconut milk, vegetables and fish; and their skill in tea-picking and tea-curing is handed on from generation to generation. Can the native peoples of New Guinea be trained to pick and cure tea in a period measured in decades? The alternative, if a tea industry is to be established in New

Guinea, would not be tolerated for political reasons—namely, the introduction of trained Asiatic tea plantation hands.

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Passing through Moresby, on the way up, I found the whole town in a twit because of a pending visit by the luxury cruiser *Orion*, with 600 passengers and 500 crew. The shrewder traders were making special provision to entertain the crew, rather than the passengers.

Returning, I found Port Moresby in the full blast of the *Orion* visit. The streets were packed with hundreds of eager people, sweating in unsuitable clothes, buying the most unsuitable things, and in a good many cases using most unsuitable language to the hundreds of completely sophisticated Haruabada natives who had assembled for this special "Killing".

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"Native Rights"

Official sensitiveness on "native rights" has made conditions tough for Europeans in P-NG since "Edwardian" days; but Port Moresby's latest ukase seems to be carrying matters to extremes.

There is much building around Moresby; and builders, needing rough bush timber and gravel, have been in the habit of simply going out onto unoccupied and apparently ownerless land, and taking what they need—as they would do in similar circumstances in Australia. Now Top Brass says that this practice must cease; the District Office is receiving complaints "every day" from natives that Europeans are taking their gravel and timber; and now, if they want such things, they must seek out the native owners, and get permission.

"If they cannot find the owner" says high officialdom, "they should ask at the District Office and an

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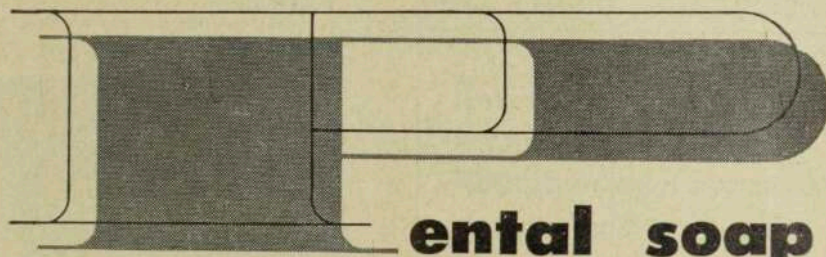
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agreement will be worked out them."

No Zoning In Lae

The original plan for the town of Lae, New Guinea, has broken down so far as it provided separate sections for the European and Chinese populations. It is the decision was made by Colonel K. Murray—he objected to segregation of the Chinese and said that if a Chinese wished to live in a part allotted to the Europeans had a perfect right to do so.

After that, Mrs. Wong Fong, a well-known storekeeper, was given a permit to build a store in an area called Air Corps Road. A Seeto Chim was then allowed to build a good store in the same area. Now Mrs. Wong Fong has built another store in the Milford Road district which according to the original plan, was to be strictly reserved for industrial purposes. Mrs. Wong Fong has three shops in Chinatown, so, with the two which she now has in the European quarter, she has five stores in

† Miss Camilla Wedgwood, senior lecturer in Anthropology and Native Education at the Australian School of Pacific Administration, is making a study tour of the main educational centres in P-N.G. She has previously done anthropological work in the Territory. Between September 3 and November 14, she will visit Rabaul, Kavieng, Madang, Lae, Finschafen, Madang, Wewak, Maprik, Vanimo, Goroka, Moresby, Popondetta, Samarai, Kerema.

Wedding of Rabaul Inter



On September 11, at St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, Mr. Edward Chow married Miss Nellie Chow. Both from Rabaul, N.G., and are seen in photo cutting the wedding cake.

—Photo by B.

Canberra's Fumbling Policies in New Guinea

THE precarious character of the Australian hold on the Trust Territory of New Guinea is actively shown by implication in a new brochure, "Economic Development of New Guinea," recently written by Mr. Theo Thomas, a well-known planter of Kokopo, New Britain.

Most thinkers have developed the thesis that if Australia does not use effective use of the enormous resources of New Guinea, for the benefit of Australians and New Guinea natives, then Australia can expect to hold New Guinea indefinitely against the rather terrifying demand that is developing in crowded Asia for new territories. Mr. Thomas's plain facts and arguments support this. It is acknowledged that the present Australian Government has accepted this viewpoint; but, as Mr. Thomas points out, the development so urgently needed cannot proceed under the vague and fumbling policies which have been outlined in Canberra, through the predominantly political set-up. Mr. Thomas states that the existing drawbacks to development in New Guinea are:

- Lack of political stability in matters of future policy.
- Shortage of land available for development of primary products other than by natives.
- Instability of native labour conditions.
- Unavailability of adequate credit facilities for large-scale development.
- Unfavourable publicity.

Mr. Thomas is very emphatic on the lack of a developmental land policy. He could have gone on and pointed out that, with Indonesia, the Philippines, etc., as examples, New Guinea (Dutch and Australian) is capable of supporting a native population of from 50 to 100 millions, instead of the present 2 or 2½ millions there now. It is taken as certain that, if New Guinea is to be strictly reserved for the Asiatics, as so many starry-eyed eyes now insist, Asia will not be out of the picture for the 50 or 60 years necessary to increase 2½ million natives to even 50 millions. Mr. Thomas does not say so—but the logic of the facts he presents shows that unless Australia pursues a realistic and vigorous policy, it risks New Guinea's resources somehow or other increases the population of New Guinea (even if it is necessary to introduce large numbers of people from more crowded Asia), the Asiatics will come in and take control.

Mr. Thomas points to the "instability of native labour," but does not offer any solution to this most important problem.

ALL persons interested in the future of New Guinea—and more especially those who now are baffled by the contradictions in Australia's policy there—should obtain a copy of Mr. Thomas's booklet. It clarifies most of the Territory's curious problems, and brings them into focus. Here are the last half-dozen paragraphs in the compilation:

"Producers should be closely associated with the Government in all stages of research and development.

"In most other tropical countries, including Indonesia, Ceylon and Malaya, there are research institutes established and maintained by producers alone, or in association with the Government. Policy may be largely controlled by the Government, but the producers' views receive adequate consideration. These institutes are apart from the various producers' associations which deal with their own policies and problems.

"The copra industry is not receiving the attention of research which it warrants. Greater research

aimed at the improvement of production through higher yielding palms, pest control, and mechanisation, should be undertaken.

"Action is being taken to encourage the planting of rubber trees of a higher yielding species than the bulk already developed, but all phases of production, from the planting of seed to the production of raw rubber in its exportable state, should be dealt with by research for more economical production of this produce.

"Means should be devised to cope with the shortage of efficient plantation overseers by proper method of selection of local returned soldiers; and immigrants could provide the basic material for this, if the selection and training scheme was adequately supported by the Department of Territories.

"INFLUENCE OF RELIGIOUS MISSIONS ON GOVERNMENT POLICY AND TERRITORY ECONOMY."

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and the country's economy. This results in clashes of interests, with a consequent damaging effect on native outlook.

"The spread of Christianity, and the establishment of a high moral code in the minds of all inhabitants, are most worthy aims; but when denominational sections endeavour to exert political influence on a low or high plane to ensure the adherence of their followers, or to assist in the strengthening of their particular creed, the ultimate result is not in the best interests of the country.

"The only safe course for missions to follow when evangelising a community whose primitive superstitions and beliefs can be hoped to be eradicated only after many generations, is by confining themselves to their main objective. Any deviation builds up mistrust in the indigenes, with consequent regression in development."

Tahiti Tourist Bureau— Third Round

EARLIER this year the Sydney travel agency known as World Travel Headquarters Pty. Ltd. opened a branch office in Papeete in the former American Consulate building. A sign erected over the entrance—"Tahiti Visitors' Bureau"—was later the occasion of a protest by the official Syndicat d'Initiative which maintains an office in the Custom House building, with the sign, Tourist Bureau, at its entrance—worded in English for the benefit of English-speaking tourists. It was officially decreed, however, that the WTH sign was permissible.

The Syndicat d'Initiative has now issued a sticker, apparently intended for attachment to literature handed to arriving tourists, which clearly states where their two offices are located; it notes that their services are entirely free; and it was that the Government takes no responsibility for "private Tourist Agencies, including the Tahiti Visitors' Bureau."

The sticker seems likely to give an unfortunate impression to visitors not knowing the whole story.

NZ Tomato Battle Looms Again

THE Dominion Council of Commercial Gardeners in New Zealand has again been protesting vigorously to the Government against the importation of Cook Islands tomatoes, and especially against their being permitted to enter the New Zealand market after September 30 of any year.

The Auckland growers claim they have over £1,000,000 invested in glass houses and that it is possible for them to compete on equal costs footing with the Islanders. The Auckland growers claim their selling price has increased 30 per cent. over the past 20 years.

These growers—they are very numerous—will bring all possible pressure on the Government to import this year beyond September 30. There is not much doubt about the result—the NZ growers will win, the Islanders have not. The same battle was fought years ago in Australia with regard to tropical and semi-tropical produce which was produced in Australia and also in the Islands. Australian produce won.

When the matter was discussed in the NZ Parliament, Mr. J. Barnes (Govt., St., Kilda) called on the Minister of Agriculture to give due weight to the interests of consumers. He said that the difference was of importance to consumers—the Cook Islands tomato selling at substantially less than the Auckland hot-house produce.

Some NZ residents have pointed out that in eating qualities Auckland tomatoes are far superior in flavour and should easily be able to hold their own in spite of high production costs.

Northern Territory Prospecting and Developing Co. Ltd. has applied for an oil prospecting permit over an area of about 8,000 square miles in New Guinea. The company has been registered in Wewak, N.G., a foreign company.

Popular Papeete boxer Ch. Cowan and other Tahiti boxers to visit Apia in November, returning the July visit made to Tahiti by two Samoan boxers. They will be under the management of Gustave Spitz, and it is expected that the team will include Sam who caused some comment by his tactics in fighting the Samoan Pasitale, last July.

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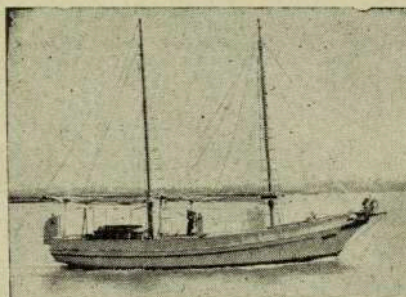
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LEGALITY OF A 1895 MARRIAGE

The Other Side of the Story

May PIM there appeared an article entitled "Legality of a 1895 Marriage—French Court Not to Convince." It said that a European named Walter Edwin Vivish was married in Manihiki to a Polynesian woman by a native doctor, and that there was a daughter of this marriage, who now Mrs. Edith Bopp du Pont, who is in Tahiti.

It is said there was a second marriage, which also produced children; and, as some dispute over ownership of property developed between the children of the two marriages, a French court had been asked to decide on the legality of the Manihiki marriage.

It was stated that the New Zealand Department of Islands Territories had investigated the Manihiki marriage, and had endorsed the certificate, said to have been issued in 1895 by the native doctor, a statement to the effect that marriage had been recorded at proper place in Rarotonga, in Cook Islands. It appeared, however, that the French court required further evidence of the legality of the Manihiki marriage.

We now have received the following letter addressed to the Editor:

YOUR article considerably misrepresents certain facts. Being one of Walter Edwin Vivish's children, I could feel indebted if you would do good enough to publish the following rectification:

The article says: "The children of the second marriage claimed that Edith Bopp du Pont could not inherit because the first marriage was not legal." This is entirely untrue.

The author of your article states the facts wrong. No one claims that Mrs. Du Pont could not inherit, nor that there was ever a second marriage. Such claims would be completely unfounded. The facts are as follows:

Walter Edwin Vivish, who always resided in the French Authorities, was a bachelor, and was registered as such at the British Consulate at Papeete, had 6 children, 3 women, one of these children Mrs. du Pont, born from the first marriage. All these 6 children were fully recognised by their father as being "natural born"; none of these are legitimate children. The law suit pending before the court in Papeete, and started by Mrs. du Pont, is the result of her claim that she and her deceased husband are Walter Edwin Vivish's legitimate children, alleging in Court that their parents were married in Manihiki, in 1895. The remaining 4 children (myself being one of the youngest born from the third marriage) oppose this claim.

In his will, Mr. Walter Edwin Vivish divided his estate between all his children. If the Court ruled that our father was married to the second woman, as Mrs. du Pont pretends, we, the 3 youngest, born from the third woman, would become, according to the French law, plainly illegitimate, and thereby barred from inheriting at all, notwithstanding our father's will. For the French law states that, in a case like this, illegitimate children have no right to inherit from their parents.

Not only is there no question, as your article says, of preventing Mrs. du Pont from inheriting, but in fact just the reverse could happen; for if her claim is successful, the 3 youngest would be eliminated, and Mrs. Bopp du Pont would obtain

their share of Mr. Edwin Vivish's estate. This is the reason for the opposition in Court.

THE above explanation should help the author of your article to understand why the French Court wants a proof beyond doubt that there was a marriage.

Your correspondent should know that the law of England (Mr. Walter E. Vivish's country of birth) states that the validity of this, or any marriage, has to be judged according to the laws of the country of domicile of the person.

Further, your article says that the Court here wants a statement from an official of higher standing than Mr. Nevill. This also is entirely incorrect. The Court here wants,

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as a proof, an abstract fr registers. It happens that reco were lost in Manihiki. Strang enough, the Registrar in Rarotor issued a written statement, produ by Mrs. du Pont in Court here, s ing: "... that it would appear t the marriage took place. . . ", t merely expressing a view. T appears more an action of a defe lawyer in favour of his client, th that of a Registrar. In the Fre legal system a Registrar deliv abstracts from records in his c and not commentaries about certain events. From the C Islands, where this marria allegedly took place, only facts any, are needed. It is up to the partial and learned magistrates Papeete to judge the case.

In the chapter of your "Pac Islands Year Book" devoted to Cook Islands, I read: "... "missionaries . . . virtually direct the government" and also "... m fantastic situations developed."

The native preacher who allege performed the marriage in 1895 longed to the London Mission Society, I infer. It could well plain certain attitudes taken in y May article.

May I add that I would be 'easy to convince' that Mission rule is gone in the Cook Island I am, etc.,

CHARLES HENRY VIVISI
Faaa, Tahiti, 17/8/54.

BRAVERY AWARD TO FIJI INDIAN POLICEM

IT was announced on September 24, that the Queen approved the immediate aw of the Colonial Police Medal Sergeant Puran Jorawar, aged the first Indian in the Fiji Po Force to receive this award.

Sergeant Jorawar was a passer in the Fiji Airways de Havill Rapide which crashed and burned while making a fo landing near Labasa Airport, April 24.

The citation states that he 'mediately broke the windows in fuselage, undid the safety belts those passengers who did not k how to work them, and helped t to escape. That all the passen were successfully evacuated f the burning wreck is due alr wholly to the courage and comp disregard for his own pers safety of Sergeant Jorawar. He the last person to leave the bur wreck. About 45 seconds after had left the petrol tanks explod

A new large-scale map of Levu is now on sale at the Le Department in Suva. The ma in four sheets and its full siz 6 ft by 4 ft. It can be supp coloured or plain. A set of sheets is priced at 25s.

French Governor Walks from a Bois Assembly Meeting

IN the best traditions of French Oceania politics, fireworks began early in a recent extraordinary session of the Assembly Papeete. M. Ceran Jerusalem apparently was the cause.

Governor Petitbon had scarcely commenced speaking at the opening of the session on August 31 when it was interrupted by M. Jerusalem, who had returned from France the previous day. M. Ceran Jerusalem demanded that he be re-elected as President of the Assembly in place of M. Ilari.

Last November, our Tahiti correspondent reported a spirited session of the Assembly which took place on October 17. A dispute occurred following the taking of a vote for an amir to represent French Oceania in Paris. When it was announced that M. Ceran Jerusalem was President of the Assembly—having won the vote 15 to 10, the vote was disputed by the opposition party members, and a police investigation showed a rigged ballot. It was then announced that M. Ballard, of the Poroi faction, had won 13 to 12.

M. Ceran Jerusalem, in protest, resigned his position as President. This post fell to M. Ilari, who held it ever since. Shortly afterwards, M. Ceran Jerusalem journeyed to Paris to attempt, it was said, to have the Buillard decision quashed. He has only now returned.

At the present session a "tumult" broke out as soon as M. Ceran Jerusalem rose to speak. The Governor and most of the opposition members later walked out of the chamber. When the shouting gesticulating had subsided and the session resumed, M. Ceran Jerusalem asked for a secret vote to be taken as to his reinstatement as President. It was taken, giving a result 11 to 13 against him. One member, M. Gedron, was absent in Paris. M. Ilari remains as President.

There was considerable heat on both sides of the Assembly and the session was accomplished, the members attending, according to our correspondent, "only to collect their francs per day."

About the only measure that appears to have been accomplished in the session was the approval of construction of oil tanks at Fareute and at Mutu Tahiri air fuel base near Faaa. The Fareute tanks at the naval base will provide fuel storage which has been nonexistent in Papeete, fuelling being from drums only.

Fiji Aerial Survey Nearly Complete

AT last the aerial survey of Fiji appears likely to be completed. Carried to its conclusion by Adastra Airways Ltd. of Australia, the survey is being made at a height of 20,000 feet, and only a few small areas remain to be photographed.

An English Company made the first attempt in 1951; and Adastra tried last year. These attempts were not a success because even on fine days Fiji is rarely cloudless.

The whole of Viti Levu has been photographed with the exception of two small areas in the wet zone, and most of Vanua Levu has also been covered. During a brief cloudless period Taveuni was completely photographed together with all the islands in Lomaiviti except Nairai.

Adastra Airways are being paid at the rate of £5 sterling per square mile of accepted photography. Cost of the survey is being met from a generous grant of £33,500 sterling by the United Kingdom Government from Colonial Development and Welfare funds.

A bottle containing a message, tossed overboard from the *Rangitane* a few hours out of Panama, was picked up in September, a year and nine days later, on Aitutaki, Cook Islands.

† At the September meeting of the Rabaul Advisory Council, Mr. K. E. Cummings was re-elected Chairman.



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RABAU'S TREE-LINED AVENUES NO MORE

MALAGUNA Road, remembered by old residents of Rabaul, New Guinea, for its beautiful rain-trees, will likely be treeless shortly—despite a plea by Mr. J. L. Chipper that they should be cut back and given a second chance.

These trees were severely damaged during the war and now are apt to shed branches onto unwary pedestrians and passing vehicles. A Forestry Officer said that they should come out, forthwith. Some members of the Town Advisory Council, including Mr. Chipper, disagreed, but the majority ruled and so far as the TAC is concerned, Malaguna Road trees are due for the axe.

The recently appointed South Pacific Commission fisheries adviser (Mr. Van Pel) spent a week in Viti Levu during September. He was returning to Noumea after visiting Western Samoa. Mr. Van Pel inspected fish ponds at Sigatoka and Matavatuou and visited Fijian and Indian fishing villages along the southern coast of the island. He conferred with Government officers, market officials and fishermen in Suva.

Good Service by Non-British Doctors

ONE is impressed with the generally good work done, in the P-NG Department of Public Health, by the couple of score of "New Australian" doctors who solved an administrative problem after World War II by providing staff for most of the Territories hospitals.

As is well known, large numbers of Central European men with medical degrees arrived in Australia after the war, but were not allowed to practise unless they underwent a further period of study and were accepted by the BMA. But British

doctors generally would not go the comfortless tropics—and so restrictions were placed there on engagement of the Central European medical men. The Territories benefited.

While in Rabaul, I was told of remarkable record achieved by J. Saavredin, while in charge of native health area. He reduced infant mortality from 25 per cent to 5 per cent.—which most people thought was without precedent.—RWR.

¶ The engagement of Miss Sheila Heenan to Mr. Royston Marker, announced in September, has been broken by mutual agreement.

BOOKS OF ISLAND INTEREST

Primitive Heritage.—Writings in Anthropology collected and edited by Margaret M. and Nicolas Calas. This work comprises: Funeral Ceremonies in Australia; Ceremonies by Natives Converted to Christianity; Precautions during Pregnancy in New Guinea; Marriage in Borneo; Aztec Human Sacrifice; Self-Mutilation; the Hebridean as an Artist, etc., etc. Available Soon—Orders Booked. £1/9/9, post, 1/6.

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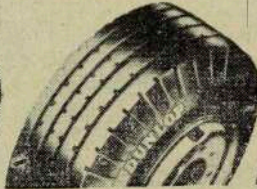
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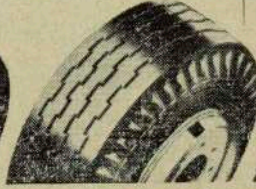
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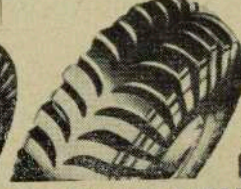
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More Water For Rabaul's Home-and-get-it Supply

From Our Own Correspondent:

RABAUL, September 28.
THE Commonwealth Department of Works is installing water tanks and pumping equipment at six more water points in the town of Rabaul, N.G.
The wells—two near Malaytown, one off Malaguna Road near Pannel Hill, one near the native market, one in Old Chinatown, and one beside the Harbourmaster's office—have been in existence many years, and no one seems to understand why there has been so protracted a delay in using them for the benefit of the townsfolk.
The cry "No funds" has become a standard excuse for delays on public works, but waste of time and money has been extraordinary during the recent 4½ months when one public water point has been used by up to 100 trucks per day, and up to 50,000 gallons of water have been used away.
Rabaul's water supply—or lack of it—was discussed again at the September meeting of the Town Advisory Council. Members carried a motion asking for a grant of £100 immediately to alleviate the situation.
Mr. Don Barrett pointed out that P.N.G. will have something like £100 million to spend in the coming year, £10,000 did not seem excessive for the second biggest town in the Territory, and the most progressive town in the Territory, out of water supply difficulties.

Girau-Tualaulelei Wedding

MISS ANNIE GIRAU, adopted daughter of the Hon. and Mrs. A. M. Girau, was married on September 9 to the third son of the Hon. and Mrs. Tualaulelei, thus linking two very famous Western Samoan families.
The marriage took place in the LMS Church, Apia, the Rev. S. G. S. officiating. Misses Helen Brebner and Ualesi were bridesmaids, with Misses Siaki Seumanutafa Loligi and Fili Ualesi as best-man and groomsmen respectively, while Jackie Schaafhausen of Tualaulelei were flowergirls.
The reception at the White Horse Inn in Apia was attended by the High Commissioner, Mr. G. R. Powles, and Mrs. Powles, and a large number of other guests, including a cross-section of the Apia community.

Harry Duane, formerly a well-known storekeeper on Niue, who resided in Tahiti for the past year, returned to Auckland per the Mata in September accompanied by Miss Germaine Lehartel of Papeete. The two are to be married in New Zealand.

Australians Enjoy Rugby Tour of Tonga

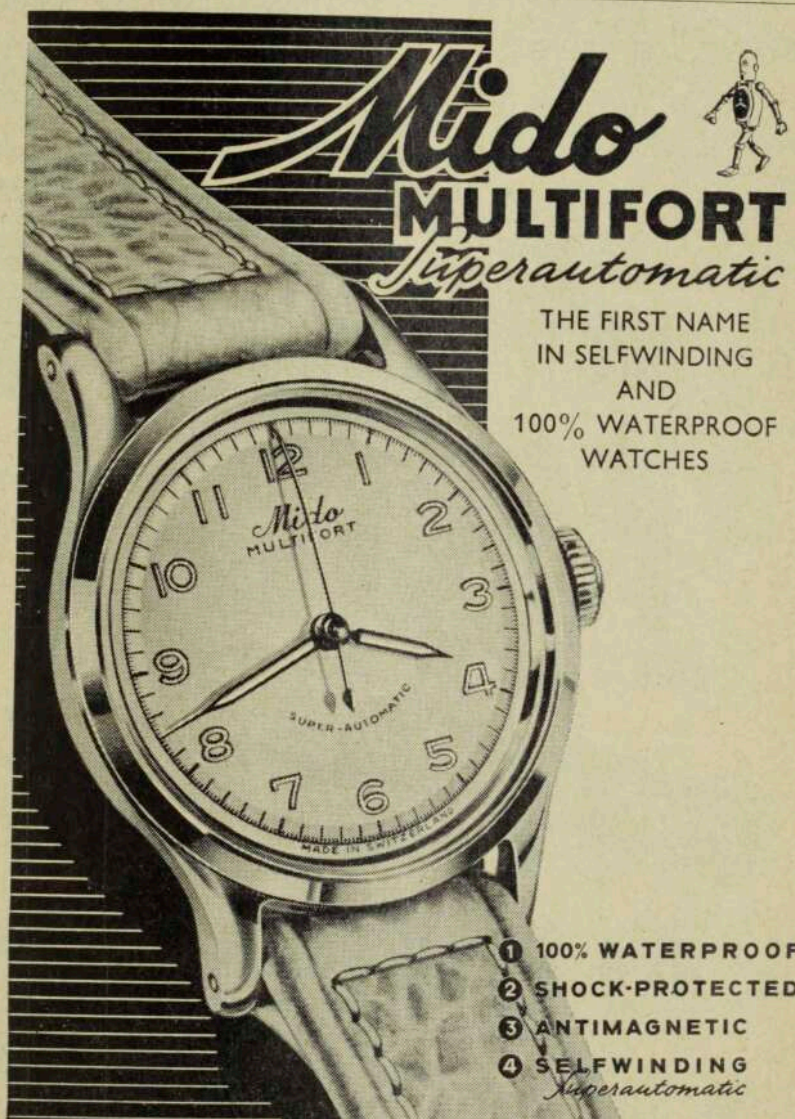
THE Australian Rugby Union team which recently visited Tonga and Fiji played seven matches—five in Tonga, including two Tests, and two in Fiji—but won only one game. This was against Tonga in the first Test on September 19.

Although the Australian team wore the green and gold, they were not a Commonwealth or State representative team. Each player paid £125 towards his tour expenses, the remainder being provided by the Fiji and Tongan Associations.

Socially the tour was a great success and the Australians left with happy memories of Tonga and Tongans who entertained them with the usual Polynesian open-handedness at picnics, feasts and dances.

A Forty-Hours Week for French Oceania

APPARENTLY to the anger of some and to the satisfaction of a good many others, legislation was passed in Papeete at the August session of the Territorial Assembly making the 40-hours week legal as from September 1.



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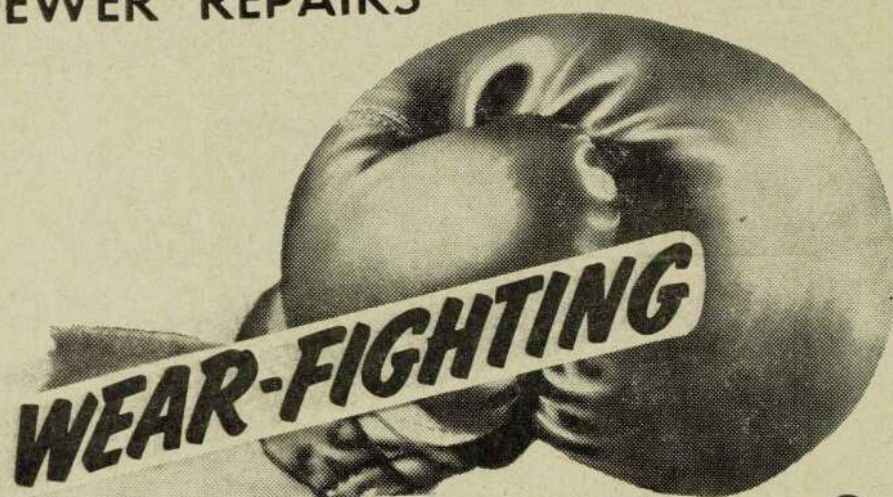
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

DR. EDWIN HUNT

Dr. Edwin Hunt, who served as medical officer in Niue and Western Samoa for many years, died in Suva on August 16, aged 85. He had been living in retirement in Fiji for many years.

M. LEON VARNEY

Monsieur Leon Varney, a well-known accountant of French Polynesia, died in Papeete, September 1, from a heart attack. He was 56. Mr. Varney was the son of a former manager for Etablissements Gaudin in the Marquesas, and was born there. He was the father of Lieutenant Raymond Varney who was killed in Indo-China in January of this year.

MR. W. A. MacGREGOR

The death of William Alfred Macgregor, manager of the Baiyer River Stock Station, Western New Guinea Highlands, occurred at the station on September 12. He died in sleep and on his 58th birthday. A tribute to him and his life in New Guinea elsewhere in this issue. After World War I service, "Bill" Macgregor went to the British Solomon Islands as a plantation overseer, and he enjoyed telling the story (published some years ago in PIM) of how he came to leave the Protectorate for New Guinea. He and other plantation men were involved in a plantation "war" with the Malaita boys and during the fighting some of the natives were killed. Macgregor and another were charged with the killing and sent to Suva for trial where they were defended by Sir Henry Milne Scott. They were acquitted and, according to Macgregor, he was returned to New Guinea in style in the Governor's motor.

One of his hobbies was amateur photography, and until his death he operated a "ham" station from the islands, keeping regular "schedules" for other enthusiasts throughout the Territory.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ruby Macgregor, of Clarence River, New South Wales; a son John, with DDS&NA, a Patrol Officer stationed at Madang, New Guinea; and a brother, Mr. Roy Macgregor, of Madang, New Guinea.

MRS. MICHAEL LYNCH

Mrs. Caroline Lynch, wife of the late Michael Lynch, died at the station of Compassion, Fiji, on September 12, after many years residence in the Colony.

She was married at Lautoka in 1912 and with her husband lived in the great many years in the Dreikoenig district. Mrs. Lynch has been invalid for the past three years following an accident.

She is survived by a son employed by the Colonial Sugar Refining Co.

MRS. MURIEL F. BEVERIDGE

Mrs. Muriel Frances Beveridge, wife of Mr. John Beveridge, formerly of Fiji and the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, died on August 11, at Reading, England, after a short illness.

Mrs. Beveridge arrived in Fiji with her husband shortly after World War I and lived for a time at Tailevu. Mr. Beveridge later entered the Government service and held posts in several parts of the Colony.

They went to the Solomons before the Second World War, where Mr. Beveridge was in the Western Pacific High Commission service. After a period of 11 years there they left for Berkshire, and bought a small farm. Mr. Beveridge's address is Glebe Farm, Brimpton, near Reading, Berkshire, England.

MR. JOHN WILLIAMS CALDWELL

Mr. John Caldwell died suddenly at Suva hospital in September, aged 42.

Born in Fiji he was the son of the late Mr. C. V. Caldwell, a District Commissioner in the Colony.

John Caldwell had been an employee of the Fiji Posts and Telegraphs Department and later in the Lands Department as a surveyor with the Native Lands Commission.

He was a keen yachtsman and a foundation member of the Royal Suva Yacht Club, having imported the yacht *Miranda II* from Sydney. He was also an enthusiastic footballer. Mr. Caldwell is survived by his wife and two daughters.

MRS. G. STEPHENS

Mrs. G. Stephens, born on Western Samoa and a resident of Fiji

for the past 40 years, died in Suva on August 26.

She is survived by her husband, an employee of the Fiji Department of Agriculture, and by three sons and a daughter. (Over)

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MADAME AUGUSTINE MALINOWSKI

Madame Augustine Malinowski, a resident of Tahiti since 1913, died in Papeete on August 24, aged 74. A son is a well-known and popular Customs Officer in Papeete.

MR. UA TURUA

Ua Turua, a former Rarotonga Island Councillor, a member of Cook Is. Legislative Council and President of the Cook Islands Progressive Association, died at his home on August 26.

A service was held the following morning at the LMS church at Avarua, and a funeral ceremony at Ua Turua's residence.

MR. T. M. BRYCE

Mr. T. M. Bryce, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales in Suva from 1940 to 1943, died in Melbourne on September 17.

MRS. SHRI RAMAN

Mrs. Shri Raman, wife of a well-known former civil servant of Fiji, died in Suva on September 22.

Mrs. Shri Raman was the mother of Dr. Satyanand, leading member of the Indian community in Auckland.

MR. E. S. WEAVER

Mr. Ernest Stanley Weaver well-known Suva resident, died there on September 11, aged 67.

Mr. Weaver, who was born in England and served with distinction in the First World War, went to the Colony in 1919, as drapery manager for Walter Horne & Co.

He married Miss Lilly Williams, formerly of Melbourne, in 1922. He is survived by his wife and five children.

CANON ROBERT ROOK

Canon Robert Rook, father of Mrs. Doris Chapman of Norfolk Island, died there early in September. He was 92. Cannon Rook retired from his post at St. Andrews Anglican Cathedral, Sydney, in 1939, and was still an honorary Canon of that Cathedral at the time of his death.

He has lived on Norfolk Island since retiring.

He was ordained in 1888 and for many years honorary clerical secretary of the Church of England in Australia.

MRS. MARGARET ("MAXIE") LEVIEN

Mrs. Margaret Levién died in Melbourne on September 9. She was the widow of the late Cecil Levién whose influence in the establishment of large-scale gold mining and aerial transport in New Guinea places him as one of the most conspicuous figures in the history of that Territory between the Wars.

As far as is known, Mrs. Levién never went to New Guinea, though her husband was there from the start of World War I until just before his death in Melbourne in January 1932. He resigned his post as District Officer, Morobe, where he had been stationed two years, in 1919. His duties as DO had convinced him that there was gold up on top, and he was right.

Armed with the first New Guinea Miner's Right he headed towards what is now Wau, to find Mr. Park, Nettleton and Sloane panning for rich gold at Koranga.

Three years later when the Creek field was discovered it was Cecil Levién who realised that its full exploitation depended on air transport. He headed south to organise what became Guinea Gold, which took control of a large number of leases in Koranga and Bulolo areas, and in April, 1927, the aircraft owned by this Company was flown into Wau—or what is now Wabua from Rabaul. This was the pioneering venture that later became Guinea Airways and Bulolo Dredging Ltd.

Scholarships for Fiji

The Fiji Government is offering four scholarships to cover a one-year period of study for Diploma in Agriculture at Gatton College, Queensland. Applicants must be men between 22-32 years. The course will commence with the new scholastic year.

The Government of India is offering three one-year scholarships of 200 rupees per month, to male students of Indian extraction in Fiji, to study medicine, engineering, or education at Indian universities. Students must provide their own passages to and from India.

A new dispensary and nurseries for children has just been completed at Buma, in the British Solomon Islands. It has been built to cater for the babies born of women suffering from leprosy or other contagious tropical diseases. Mr. Twomey, field officer of the Zealand Lepers' Trust Board, says that if a new-born child is removed from its mother's care at birth there is only a slight chance of the baby becoming infected with leprosy.



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Bill MacGregor

tribute by PETER ENGLAND.

WELL, there's another old-timer gone. They don't come like that any more, and the few that are left are getting a bit lonely as they see their old comrades tiddle up, one by one, for the last long ride over the border . . .

Bill Macgregor was a man. He was a bushman too, and a horseman, and an adventurer; and a man in the days when there was still freedom in the world.

In the 1914-18 war Bill, with the other Roy, rode with the Light Horse in the campaigns which made the emu-feather cock famous throughout the world.

In the early twenties he was in the Solomons, when conditions were a bit tougher, and natives not quite so tame, as they are now. There was a story of some trouble with the authorities. Anyway, somewhere in 1928 he came over to New Guinea.

He did short terms with an oil company, with the Board as a plantation inspector, then he joined Reg Beazley in a recruiting venture on the coast.

He couldn't be long without his loved horses. He landed a team pack and saddle-horses at Milneburg with the idea of using them on his recruiting trips. This was not a success. The narrow, stony tracks, the swampy plains, the rivers of the Sepik valley were far from ideal for horses.

In the early thirties, he put in a few years as a plantation manager in Sarawak. Later, about '35, he tried his luck, with some success, on the Miri goldfield. Later still he mined gold on the Maramuni and Garamambou. He was at the front when war broke out.

He joined up again and, attached to various branches of the Allied Forces, gave valuable and distinguished service throughout the Pacific campaign.

When the fighting was over and the Provisional Administration was set up, he went down to the task of getting the country under control again. He put in some 12 months as a District Services Officer and played a part in rehabilitation and reconstruction.

At the bush called again, and in a light work boat, bought from the Sales Commission, he went back to the Sepik, prospecting. He tried the Karawari, but with poor results.

When he was offered the job of establishing an experimental cattle station on the Baiyer River for the Agriculture Department. He took it. Bill was starting to feel it was time he settled down. He was with his horses and his cattle. Starting from nothing he built up the station: houses, stores,

fences, yards, pastures. He got together a herd of first-class stock . . . And there he died, in the bush that he loved, surrounded by the work of his hands.

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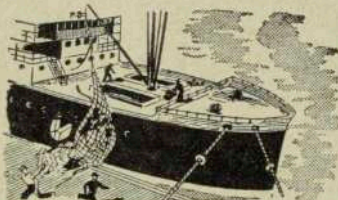
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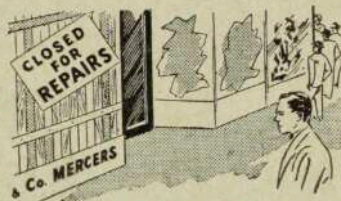


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was always a bushman, he was a playboy, a gallant, a fan breaker of hearts. In his young days he was said to be the handsomest man in New Guinea, E. Flynn chuckled in. There is a story of a lady anthropologist came to the Sepik to devote herself strictly to the study of native culture . . .

Yes . . . Bill was a man, right. And I guess there's not much room left for his type here anymore. Well, where he's gone won't be troubled with permits, visas and ordinances and a pack of petty officials yapping round his heels. It'll be just like old times to Bill.

But the world will be just a little poorer, a little colder . . .

Awards to Brave Fijians

TWO Fijian soldiers, serving in the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, at present fighting Communist Terrorists in Malaya, have received awards for leadership and outstanding personal bravery.

The men are the late Sgt. N. I. Wara, who receives the MM, and Sgt. Sefanaia Rovoka, who receives the MM.

Sgt. Wara was killed in the Peng area of Johore on November 28, 1953. His citation states: "While leading a patrol of ten soldiers through a jungle swamp on October 6, 1953, they were ambushed by terrorists. He quickly deployed his inexperienced men under cover. Alone, and in the face of heavy fire, he charged and dispatched the terrorists, even though his rifle was jammed after one burst."

Sergeant Ravoka's citation credits him with a fine sense of tactical leadership. Leading a patrol from "D" company on September 18, 1953, he located a lean-to in which three terrorists were sheltering. Deploying his men at the jungle clearing, Sgt. Ravoka advanced against the hut and, shooting an alarmed sentry, let the men inside. In a brief but furious gun-fight, four terrorists were killed.

ANOTHER FIJIAN CITATION

Major G. Mate, of the Fiji Infantry Regiment in Malaya, has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished leadership of his Company, 1st Battalion, during operations against the terrorists in June and July. During the two years, Major Mate's Company has accounted for 43 terrorists.

Shortly after the announcement of this award, it was reported in Malaya that a son had been born to Major Mate and his wife. This is the second Fijian child to be born in Malaya, and the Mate's child.

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inches. This made all the difference to the producing life of the tree and it also made it necessary to employ more European supervision, which in turn added to cost of production.

Seeds from high-yielding trees now being imported from Malaya, Major Walker said, but air-freighted they cost 7d each—the freight of 3d now being paid by the Administration—and must be planted within a matter of days. Of these seeds, about 20 per cent. survived the various stages to become mature trees.

One member asked Mr. Lattin how much of the £7,000,000 Commonwealth grant to the Territories was allocated to the rubber industry. The same member commented that it seemed inconsistent that the P-N-G Administration levied an export tax on rubber while the Department of Territories was asking, on behalf of the growers, for assistance for the industry. He also asked to know what the industry in Papua had done for itself in the last years.

Mr. Lattin replied that the Australian grant was a general grant and there was nothing specific aside for rubber; that the industry was not controlled by the Administration, and that export tax was wholly revenue-producing and no provision was made for helping the industry from it.

Another member asked what was done to improve native skill in rubber tapping; and another (Mr. Date) remarked that the whole marketing arrangement seemed to be "untidy." Would it not be better if all duties were eliminated from all rubber, and the manufacturers paid a bounty on the rubber used?

Mr. Lattin declined to comment. At a later stage, Mr. Date (still apparently looking for a tidy solution) said that he noted that cost of recruitment and repatriation averaged at about 2d per pound. The Administration took over the cost of these expenses, would not the planters' needs be met?

Major Walker, to whom the question was addressed, said that theoretically it probably would—but he seemed doubtful of the result.

Chairman asked why the planters had fixed the amount of assistance they required at 2d—was the present rate of duty not 1d or 1½ or some other? And why is the rubber industry more deserving of assistance than cocoa or coconuts?

He commented that one reason for assistance might be in order to provide work for the natives, but these labourers were so difficult to train and to train, it might be to forget the rubber industry

and concentrate on some other that would show results. If the Commonwealth committed itself to assisting the industry now, in ten years time world conditions might be such that rubber was even more depressed than today, then the Commonwealth might well feel committed to helping it further.

He asked how long it was contemplated that assistance would be necessary; was it likely to be permanent?

Neither Mr. Lattin nor Major Walker was prepared to commit themselves on this question.

The Chairman said that at present, the duty paid on rubber was a purely revenue-raising measure as far as the Commonwealth was concerned. On present rate of importation,

this meant about £1½ million to the Treasury. If the time should come when this duty and primage was not required for revenue purposes, the Commonwealth might, at the expense of the Australian consumer, find itself in the position of having to keep it on as a protective tariff to safeguard Fapuan planters who produced only 3,000 tons of rubber.

The Chairman said that the planters' claims for relief had been stated in very broad terms and at subsequent sittings of the Board they would be required to give additional details as to costs, the trading results in audited accounts from individual plantations, and statistics from all estates showing trees per acre, age of trees, acreage

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planted or prepared for planting and all other relevant statistics. He said he must make it clear that claims for remission of 2d duty must be well supported by facts and figures, to show that 2d was warranted and not just chosen arbitrarily because 2d happened to be the duty at the moment.

Latex "Should Be Excluded"

MR. Watson, of Fibre Processors (Aust.) Pty., Ltd., did not present a prepared submission but his verbal evidence was heard by the Board.

He said that he had believed before attending the sitting that the Papuan rubber industry might ask for an increase in duty on latex; however, after listening to submissions by the Territories' Department and the Planters' Assn. he was now of the opinion that the reference to latex in the Board's

terms of reference should be deleted.

He said that his firm manufactured material for the shoe trade which consisted of scrap leather bonded together by latex.

To his knowledge, no rubber was exported from Papua in the form of latex and his opinion, after inspecting latex in Papua, was that it would be useless for the work of his company, due to the imperfect laboratory control that would be exercised over it.

He said that they imported their latex from Malaya where it was produced under close laboratory control. It was imported in 40 gallons drums which were made in Malaya; the drums too, would present an obstacle to the export of latex from Papua, as these, once used for latex, were useless.

Next Meetings of Board

THE inquiry on rubber will be continued in Sydney on October 18, and in Brisbane on November 9. On the night of October 9, some of the members of the Board (Mr. M. E. McCarthy, Chairman, Mr. J. B. Cumming and Mr. F. W. Higgins) with the secretary, Mr. J. A. Hueston, will fly to Port Moresby, where they will conclude the inquiry.

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COINCIDENT with the announcement that New Zealand Fruit Distributors Ltd., the New Zealand Government's fruit exporting and distributing agent, would establish a fund to encourage the Fiji banana industry, Harvey Turner, chairman, and C. Ross Walker, general manager of the organisation, departed around of the fruit growing islands of Polynesia in mid-September.

In a ten-day tour they hoped survey citrus fruit production prospects in areas other than the Cook Islands.

In Fiji they were told by grower representatives that this year's estimated export crop would be 365,000 cases—as compared with 382,000 cases actually shipped last year. The growers hope to export 460,000 cases next year, 600,000 in 1956, and a goal of 750,000 cases—the quantity asked for by New Zealand—by 1957.

The Department of Agriculture plans to increase the planted area to 3,000 acres, arrange for improved weeding, cultivation, fertilisation and the use of insecticides and assist people interested in entering the Colony's banana industry.

Because bananas delivered to the wharf are not in regular quantities and because of the difficulty of allocating the correct shipping space, importers are arranging to pay growers half the f.o.b. price of bananas left behind. This arrangement will apply at least until the end of 1954. Bananas despatched in a non-refrigerated vessel will be inspected before loading, and if in good order but fail to arrive in New Zealand in that condition, will, never-the-less, be paid for full, thus generously satisfying a complaint of some shippers.

These concessions are in addition to the 3d. per case subsidy given by the NZ Govt. recently announced that it would pay on all bananas.

New Zealand importers are prepared to come to arrangements whereby fruit cases will be supplied from NZ to meet any serious deficiency, thus overcoming this bottleneck.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fulton, three small daughters, arrive from Australia in September. Makurapau Pltn., N. Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carter returned to Port Moresby on October 1st after an extended holiday abroad. Mr. C. H. Patel, Suva businessman, made a business visit to Tonga, Samoa and Tahiti in September-October.

Mr. K. J. Garnett of Suva, accompanied by his wife and family, left recently for Glasgow. He will study Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh University.

FAITH IN HONIARA'S FUTURE

Mr. Kenneth Dalrymple Hay, one of the best-known and most enterprising residents of the IP, while in Sydney briefly in October, was able to report progress on his two latest business projects here.

Mr. Hay said that his aerated water manufacturing plant is now turning out 100 dozen bottles of "fountain-water" per day, and that a demand has developed from the Gilbert Islands. However, until planned extensions are made, the output is inadequate to supply even the local market.

Mr. Hay plans to set his new picture theatre in motion next January. It has been under construction for a considerable period. An experienced Sydney projectionist has been hired, and a contract for the supply of films has been arranged.

Mr. Hay was able to scotch some rumours that had been circulating to the effect that he had been hard-pressed by a recent Court judgment. The business was never more prosperous, said Mr. Hay.

The Court case referred to was first reported in PIM of May, 1954 (p. 18). The details, somewhat involved, were briefly that a British firm sued Mr. Hay at that time for breach of contract and damages in regard to an option which they claimed to hold on the lease of steel airfield matting which Mr. Hay owned. The Court awarded the firm a sum of £10,000-odd in direct loss, plus a further sum covering the expenses of a chartered ship, sundry damages and court costs. The total amount was in the vicinity of £90,000.

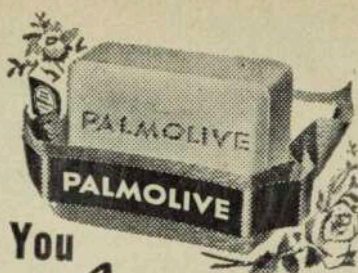
More recently another Court decision on an appeal by Mr. Hay, judgment being that the £17,000 sum was reduced to £10,000, but that the other amounts remained unchanged. Rumours that the appeal had been rejected in its entirety were quite inaccurate.

FINAL SALE OF P-NG COASTAL FLEET

The Government-owned coastal fleet of Papua-New Guinea now has been sold, and Commander Evans, who has been responsible for the liquidation of the fleet, has left Rabaul on a visit to his home in England. He intends to return to New Guinea, and probably will be acting as Harbourmaster at Port Moresby, for a time.

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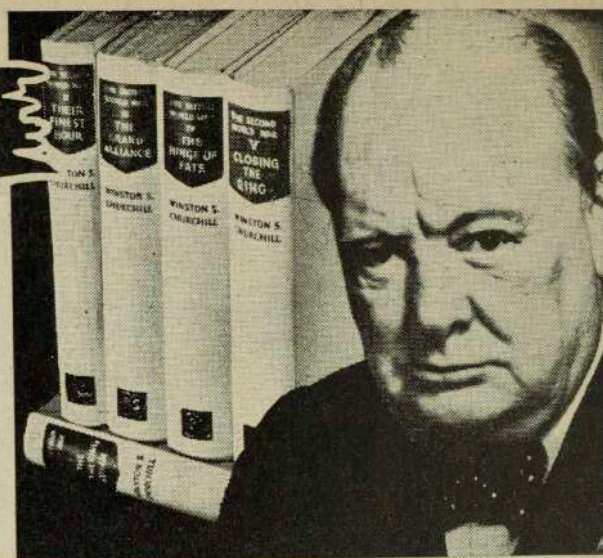
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ther Pacific Migration?

ing Space for Gilbertese in BSIP

has been learned that ten Gilbertese have just spent several months in the Western Islands where they have been considering "the suitability of Gizo Island for Gilbertese resettlement." The Gilbertese have now gone to Tarawa and what their plans are to Gizo as a new home are unknown. (The Gilberts are crowded, of course, and resettlement of surplus population is a C problem). They are considering Gizo itself, settlement will, indeed, be extremely limited. Gizo island—one of the most picturesque spots in the— is largely a hump of red volcanic mud, with a tiny fringe of land around the edge. My impressions of it are the same that to see anyone you walk the steep path or another like mountain goat; and that, typically in the background where (or it may be fore- d) is the towering, floating that constitutes the island of Abangara.

Why Gizo? I understood the District Officer in charge 18 months ago, that these Islands were reasonably

well populated, and that the natives thereabouts were keener than most BSIP indigenes to develop their land. Why not Guadalcanal or somewhere else where there is space and few people.

It could be said, of course, that the largeness of Guadalcanal would be totally foreign to atoll natives. But in for a penny, in for a pound—Gizo bears about as much resemblance to the Gilberts as the Nullabor plain of Central Australia does to NSW's Blue Mountains.

Ilu Farm, a dozen miles or so outside Honiara, and from which it was planned to teach the BSIP natives to be peasant farmers, is now for sale. Why cannot the Gilbertese buy that? To be sure they would be miserable. But all migrants are—and their children and grandchildren might benefit.

Eighteen months ago, I and the PIM suggested that Guadalcanal might blossom and bloom if selected Fiji-Indians were invited to take up land there. This seedling idea was planted on barren ground and was ignored except for a mild rebuke from the High Commissioner to the effect that there was not enough land for the Solomon Islanders themselves.

It would be interesting to know how many more acres of Guadalcanal are under cultivation in October, 1954, than in April, 1953.

In many respects the US Marines appear to have wasted their time when they bothered to take that country back from the Japs.—JT

Promotion for Mr. J. W Sykes

MR. J. W. SYKES, who has been in the public service of Fiji for many years—latterly as Assistant Colonial Secretary—has been promoted to the post of Deputy Colonial Secretary in Cyprus. He is at present on leave in England and will go directly to Cyprus from there. Mr. and Mrs. Sykes (she is a daughter of Sir Hugh Ragg, of Suva) have been well-known members of the Fiji community over a long period, and have many friends there. He joined the British Colonial Service in 1938, after graduating from Oxford. He will find Cyprus, in a political sense, much more lively than Fiji—there is a strong movement there for union with Greece.

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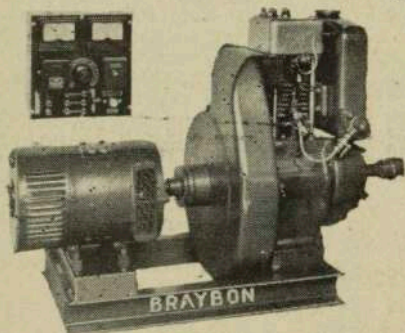
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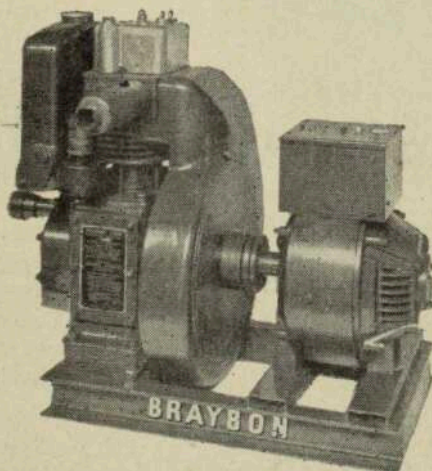


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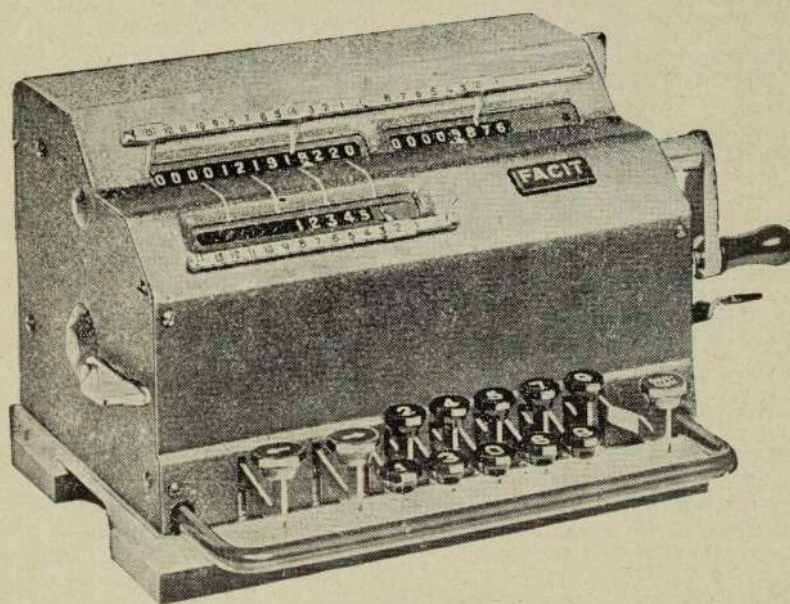
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New Guinea in 189

Astounding Changes in Man's Lifetime

An interesting comparison between New Guinea of 60 years ago and New Guinea of to-day made recently by Mr. J. Mitchell, General Manager Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. Mitchell was acknowledging receipt of a copy of the Handbook of New Guinea, published in September. Before 1900, Papua was called "British New Guinea" what is now the Trust Territory of New Guinea then was "German New Guinea."

THESE lists of business civilians and others (written by Mitchell) are rather astounding to me when I think back to my first business visit to British New Guinea and German New Guinea about 1896, in the SS *Titus*—a steamer to establish a shipping service from Australia to and German New Guinea was then serviced by our schooner *Myrtle* and *Ivanhoe*, from Port Moresby. At that time, a few residents of the respective territories.

Our exports then from New Guinea were principally sugar, wood and Birds of Paradise. Port Moresby and West; and alluvial gold, pearls, vine and sundries from Samarai at the Eastern end. There was no shipping in British New Guinea (now I at that time; but there was in the German Territory, and was shipped to Germany in vessels chartered for the load.

The anchorage in New Britain at that time was Herbertshohe, (the site the RC Mission) and the principal residents and traders were Forsyth Co. ("Queen Elizabeth"), Rondahl, Mouton and Herndon. Matupi (that was in what Rabaul Harbour) and also I P. G., at Duke of York Is. Herbertshohe there was the son family.

In those days the list of people in British and German New Guinea was so small that or almost everybody. Few of the present generation know of the ships, primitive life and the old hands, who have all gone on—I am about the only one with a memory of those earlier

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POOR COPRA FROM FRENCH OCEANIA

The French Oceania Department of Agriculture, in broadcasting from Papeete, warned local copra producers that French Oceania copra was developing a bad reputation on the world market.

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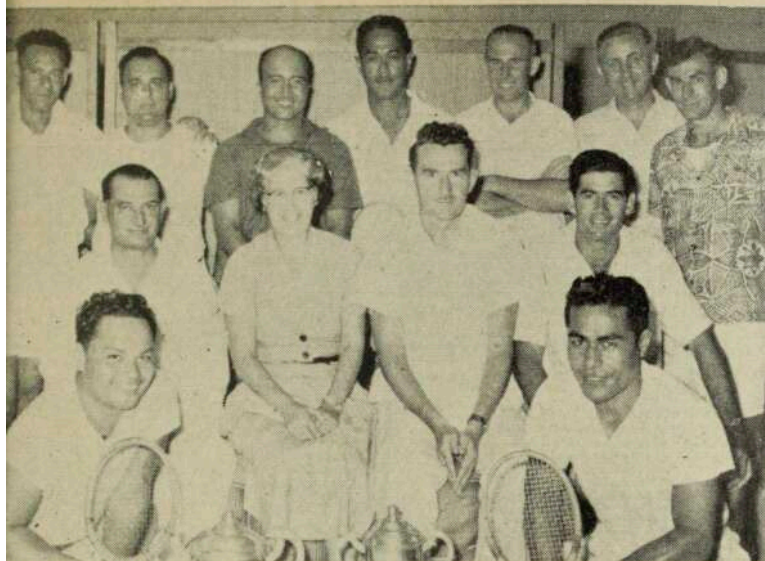
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The photo shows Mrs. Powles surrounded by some of the players after she had presented the Ernest Reid Memorial Cup to the winning Apia Tennis team. Standing, left to right: S. Devoe, H. Scanlon, G. Ilalaole, L. Yandall (Pago Pago captain), R. Banks (Apia captain), E. Johnson, and R. Rankin. Seated: Hon. G. F. Betham, Mrs. Powles, A. McQuarrie, R. Heke. Kneeling: S. Ho Ching and O. Crichton.

—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

Entertaining Port Moresby



Popular artist Anita Brookman (left) entertains guests at the APC Club Dance in Port Moresby on September 10. At right, Samoan Missionaries photographed performing a traditional dance for the first time in public in Moresby. The dance was the Port Moresby Red Cross Society's Dance held on September 8 for the members of the "Orion".

—Photos by Papuan Prints.

En Salote is president of the newly formed Pan-Pacific Women's Association in Tonga. This was announced at a recent meeting of the association in Perth, WA. She has

called the association "a society of the women of Tonga for building up the land" and has asked all members to begin with improvements in their own homes.

Joe Will Join the Army

FIJI'S star Rugby winger, J. Levula, listed in the 1951 NZ Rugby Almanack as one of the five players of the year, is to join the Army. It is not known whether he will go to Malaya where the Fijians have been fighting since 1952.

Levula was an outstanding member of the teams which visited New Zealand in 1951 and 1954 and Australia in 1952 and 1954. He recently turned down an English Rugby League club's offer of £2,500 in addition to all other expenses for a season in England.

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They Still Talk about Land Settlement Schemes in P-NG

(From Our Rabaul Correspondent)

IMPLEMENTATION of a Land Settlement Scheme in New Guinea is uppermost in the minds of a large proportion of Rabaul citizens.

Legislative Council candidates John Stokie and Don Barrett made it an important plank in their election platform: the RSL Rabaul Sub-branch has stressed it on behalf of Returned Servicemen: the

Asiatics have voiced their opinions in the Press.

But todate no encouragement has come from Canberra, despite pressure from all sides.

Mr. J. R. Foldi, New Britain District Commissioner, gave some indication of higher-up policy when he recently told delegates from the RSL Sub-branch that instructions from Canberra disallowed purchase

of any native land except for Government utilities.

The South Pacific Post reports that the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck, had stated that native rights must be satisfied before a Land Settlement Scheme could be initiated. Later Mr. Hasluck denied that he had made such a statement.

New Britain Native Lands Commissioner, Mr. Jack Read, has in the last month investigated land rights of the Matupi Islanders. His investigations in one area are still incomplete, it is anyone's guess when they will be completed.

Much of this delay can be attributed to the lack of co-operation of the villagers who, like the pre-war Irishmen, don't know what they want and won't be satisfied until they get it.

The local RSL has stated that unless a Soldiers' Land Settlement Scheme is implemented soon, Ex-Servicemen will be too old to take advantage of it. A Soldiers' Land Settlement Scheme would naturally embrace all Ex-Servicemen throughout the Commonwealth: and though it is natural that the League should watch the interests of its members, it is also true that this is partly responsible for the "sitting-on-the-fence" attitude of the Government.

It would entail vast expenditure and a huge administrative machinery to police it in all its aspects, and settling Servicemen, with no knowledge of Territory conditions or labour, on valuable land occupied by Government capital, would present a grave risk of heavy financial loss.

It is possible that the Government would listen more sympathetically to a more modified general Land Settlement Scheme: one which would give first preference to returned Servicemen now in the Territory, second preference to Protected Persons, and third preference to Servicemen outside the Territory.

Mr. Keith McCarthy, ex-New Britain District Commissioner, during his tenure of office, were he given authority to settle land in the New Britain District for Land Settlement, he would serve approximately 25 per cent of any area so opened to satisfy the needs of local natives.

The reserve percentage would, of course, vary, according to the amount of land and the density of population of the indigenes in the local area.

Put into effect, this idea would provide sufficient argument to overcome Governmental qualms on behalf of the natives.

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Steel silos are being erected and will soon hold the 100-tons of dry-grown rice, which has already been purchased from farmers at Erap and Sunshine. The rice has been machine harvested.

Following a successful season, farmers in the Morobe District are extending their acreage this year. Samples of rice sent into Lake from both Sunshine (at about 1,000 feet) and Erap (nearly sea level) have been most satisfactory. It is now believed that enough rice can be grown in the Morobe District within a few years to feed the natives in the Morobe District and that, later, the present rice will be superseded by a dry rice culture.

Successful rice growing will need continuing co-operation between administration and growers. Rice is a new crop for New Guinea; up to recently it was one of the few crops where rice was the staple diet of native labour and yet an attempt was made to grow it. The N.G. Administration, through the Dept. of Agriculture, has to date bought all the rice grown in the Morobe District.

Names of N. Ireland

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An additional plaque will shortly be added to the existing War Memorial at Kavieng, New Ireland. It will give the names of residents of New Ireland who lost their lives through Second World War.

Names of persons eligible, with their number and the Service to which they belonged, will be gratefully received by the Secretary, New Ireland Sub-branch of the R.N.I.A., New Ireland.

Barry Bond of Rabaul has a new daughter Jeanette. His sons already have a son.

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Sydney Cocoa Price Falls £100 in Month

FOLLOWING the uncertainty in the cocoa and coffee markets in Sydney in early September, there has been a sharp decline in price of these Pacific products, although buyers expect cocoa prices to hold around early-October quotations.

Apia, W. Samoa, reported a sharp decline in overseas cocoa quotations during September, offers dropping from above £stg.500 on September 1 to as low as £stg.100 a week later. By the 15th, no offers were being made at all, but at the end of the month, quotations were at an unsteady £stg.370-£stg.400 per ton, f.o.b. Large amounts of cocoa are being harvested and growers are reluctant to accept present offers. There appears to be little overseas interest in September Grades.

Papua-New Guinea cocoa was quoted in Sydney on October 1 at £A460, ex wharf, buyers predicting that the recent decline would now taper off. At the beginning of September the Sydney price was £A560.

The fall is attributed by Sydney merchants to a predicted Accra crop becoming available commencing October - November and to removal of price-fixing currency adjustments in Brazil.

The latter developments are also influencing the coffee market and no Sydney firms were prepared to quote early in October. One estimate put the price would be "below 6/- lb." for Papua-NG, although the retail price is still over 11/- per lb.

(See article page 39 this issue)

MOP Situation

Sydney reported a keen demand for Manihiki MOP, mainly on the part of European principals in September-October. The price has risen steadily for some months and early October Sydney buyers were seeking parcels at £A390, Auckland.

In Australian northern waters the Australian fleets have had a particularly poor season. The Bo Pearl Co.'s eight luggers together harvested only 35 tons by the end of September. In contrast the American-financed Japanese pearling fleet there reported it was doing particularly well, and in October announced it has received its season's quota of 950 tons.

† A daughter, Judith Margaret, has been born to Captain and Mrs. Stammer, of Lae, N.G. Stammer is now flying with Q.E.M. Empire Airways. He went to the Territory originally for Taylor's Transport and has also flown for Guinea Air Traders and Mani Airlines.

Papua's Hidden Valley is Hidden no Longer

From Our Own Correspondent

LAE, Sept. 28.

TROPLANES must no longer be a surprise to natives in Papua's so-called Shangri-la valley near in the Southern Highlands—September they had another visit, this time from a single-engine plane owned and piloted by Captain Bobby Gibbes.

Captain Gibbes flew in and along out of the valley—but low enough for everyone on board to get a good view. He could not visit the valley is *tambu* there is nowhere to land any-

The District Services Dept. does now expect that a ground patrol will enter the valley until some time next year. They are concentrating their position around where tribal fighting continues.

Besides Captain Gibbes, those on the aircraft were Mr. Van der Steen, a film director; Mr. Simpson, the Australian author of the *Adam* books; an officer of the Department of Health, Mr. Yelland; and another Gibbes, Mr. T. Chadam.

The flight into the valley was on behalf of T.V. Films Pty., for whom Mr. Simpson is a Guinea adviser. Both Mr. Simpson and Mr. Alderstein took red and black and white films of the flight.

Meanwhile in Sydney, Mrs. Jean Hides, sister of the late Jack Hides, refutes published reports that APC Geologist John Zehnder was the first man to enter the valley in May. Mrs. Crofts claims Hides and O'Malley visited the valley as part of their Tarland patrol in 1935. She says she has pictures and maps to prove it and that Hides described natives, their dress and mode of living in his book *Papuan Heritage*.

LOOKING FOR A NG FILM?

An Australian company (Associated TV Pty. Ltd.) has now announced its intention of making a film based on a patrol in the Highlands. Managing-director, Mr. C. Scrimgeour, left for London by late September, to ask Australian actor Peter Finch to play the part of a patrol-officer in the film.

Scrimgeour took with him a minute film of the New Guinea Highlands where the big film will be made. He screened the film at a reception prior to his departure and said that the commercial film would be in full colour and would use one of the wide-screen processes.

Another Indian Commissioner Departs

COMMISSIONERS to Fiji for the Government of India are developing a reputation as birds of passage, second only to American and French South Pacific territorial Governors.

Dr. N. V. Rajkumar, who arrived in the Colony only last December, departed again on September 20 for Vietnam. He has been appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the International Truce Supervisory Commission there.

Prior to coming to Fiji he had been Adviser to the Indian Delegation to the United Nations.

The previous Commissioner, Mr. A. K. Sen, had scarcely arrived in Fiji when he was again transferred to another post, in June, 1952. Though the Suva office was maintained by a local staff, there was no appointment until Dr. Rajkumar arrived in December the following year.

Dr. Rajkumar's successor was not known late in September.

Mr. Hardy Rossiter, veteran of Norfolk Island, recently celebrated his 90th birthday there. As gardener to the Melanesian Mission, a great many of the fine old trees in the Chapel grounds to-day stand as monuments to his work.

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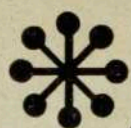
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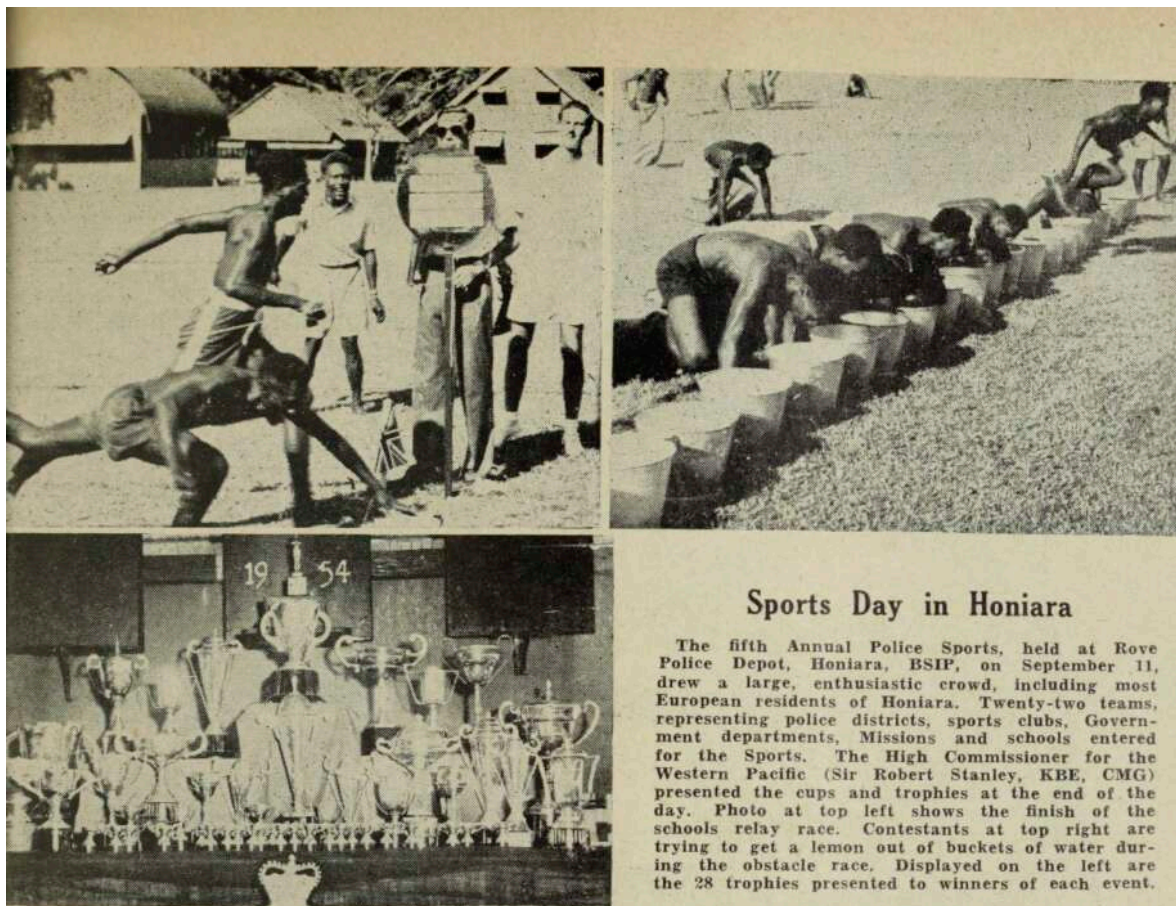
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Sports Day in Honiara

The fifth Annual Police Sports, held at Rove Police Depot, Honiara, BSIP, on September 11, drew a large, enthusiastic crowd, including most European residents of Honiara. Twenty-two teams, representing police districts, sports clubs, Government departments, Missions and schools entered for the Sports. The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Robert Stanley, KBE, CMG) presented the cups and trophies at the end of the day. Photo at top left shows the finish of the schools relay race. Contestants at top right are trying to get a lemon out of buckets of water during the obstacle race. Displayed on the left are the 28 trophies presented to winners of each event.

THE AFFAIR OLLIER

ALTHOUGH Madame Ollier had been living quietly near Noumea, Caledonia, since May, Noumea was the last to know that she had been implicated, in Sydney, by the Royal Commission, which is dealing with espionage in Aus-

tralia. It was rumoured in New Caledonia, for sometime that "a woman of unsound mind" was being looked after by the police. But until the French Ambassador in Australia announced, in early September, that Madame Ollier had been arrested in Noumea and was being returned to France to stand trial for breach of security regulations, little more was given to reports.

After the Ambassador's announcement local newspapers were muzzled and police and government officials refused to comment until nearly a week after the Australian announcement. It was then stated that a few days before the departure of the French ship *Tahiti*, Madame Ollier had been arrested and placed in the prison. One hour before the ship sailed she was taken aboard guard, and was to remain under surveillance for the rest of her voyage.

Madame Ollier was formerly Second Secretary to the French Embassy in Canberra. Madame Ollier went to Noumea at the end of May, apparently to see her son, who is serving his military service in the Noumean barracks. She booked an air passage scheduled to leave for Sydney on June 9, but suddenly cancelled it on June 8.

In evidence, before the Royal Commission, Petrov said that he had met Madame Ollier secretly on numerous occasions to try to obtain information from her.

Rarotonga Broadcasts on New Frequency

IN continuation of its test broadcasts, Rarotonga shifted to 5995 kc/s in the 49 metre band on September 15. The weekly general-interest broadcast is still taking the air at the same time—6 p.m., Wednesdays, Rarotonga time. (Thursday, 0430 GMT). Tests have now been made successfully on 3390, 5050 and 6180 kc/s as well as the present channel.

Mr. Niel McCowan and Miss Nora Urquhart were married in Brisbane on October 2. The couple will live in Fiji, where Mr. McCowan is a plant pathologist.

Six Dollars a Day?

DURING the closing stages of the session of the United States Congress just concluded, some questions were asked as to why wages below the Federal minimum were being paid to government employees at Guam and Eastern Samoa. The subject arose through a recent request by the Pentagon military headquarters for legislation to legally exempt these areas and Wake Island from the minimum-wage law, where the 75 cents per-hour had never been accepted.

Secretary of Labour James P. Mitchell admitted that at Guam alone, the Navy is employing 15,000 Filipinos at less than minimum rates, but pointed out that previous Democratic administrations had done the same. His department was trying to devise a formula for raising wages in these islands, but an immediate rise to the legal 75 cent rate would seriously dislocate local economics.

The proposed bill received no formal committee consideration before the session closed.

Mr. Tom Marchington, after 33 years' service with the Fiji Customs Department, and lately Collector of Customs, is retiring, due to ill-health. Most of his service was at the Lautoka and Levuka offices.

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New Pacific Airservice "Beginning to Mo

SYDNEY friends of Captain Monkton, one of the movers in South Pacific Airlines, Honolulu, said at the end of September that "things were beginning to move up there at last." They quoted Captain Monkton saying that the first flight on service to Tahiti would be made in the "very near future".

At about the same time, Gordon Taylor left Sydney for London to take delivery of a Bermuda flying-boat with which he intends to operate a luxury charter service in the Pacific from Australia.

Conversion work will have to be carried out on the aircraft after arrival early November to equip it for the planned service and to comply with Australian requirements for certificate of airworthiness. It is not expected, therefore, that it will be available for service before next April.

On the delivery flight Sir Gordon will be accompanied by Captain Harry Purvis, Mr. Jack Percival, Eugene L'Huillier (engineer), Mr. McMillan (an English radio operator), and Mr. Chris Black (another pilot). Mr. McMillan has been in charge of preparation for the flight, which will be made to the Middle East.

It has been reported from England that since Sir Gordon Taylor, one of the huge £5-million Pribilof flying-boats there some time ago and originated the idea of a service to Australia via the Pacific, more than one airline has developed keen interest in the idea and in the Princesses, which previously had been considered taking off the British Government's hands.

NATIVE ORDERLY ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

IT was announced in Port Moresby on October 4 that a native medical orderly had been committed for trial on charges of manslaughter following the deaths of natives as a result of injections of Yaws given in the Middle Ramu valley of Faita in August. (See PIM.)

The Coroner, Mr. T. Ellis, made investigations at the village together with a pathologist, Lae, Dr. Craggs, found that the natives had died as a result of injections given by the orderly in the normal course of his duty.

The injections had been of coconut milk exposed to the air and mixed with NAB powder and had set up a highly toxic metabolic

Blazey-Logan Wedding



On September 22, Miss Pam Blazey, of Port Moresby, was married, at St. John's Hill, to Mr. Neville Logan of the Department of Lands. Seen in the group, left to right, are: Mr. Don Levy, Mrs. H. Blazey, the bride and groom, Mrs. Margaret Kelly (matron-of-honour), the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan, who came from Cairns for the wedding, and Mr. Cyril McSherry (bestman).

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Growing LDS Church



Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Stone, who have recently completed a tour of the Cook Is. and Fiji for the Latter Day Saints Church. Mr. Stone is superintendent of the mission (headquarters in W. Samoa). The LDS have 10,000 adherents in this part of the Pacific and a large building programme is in progress, financed almost entirely from the tithing fund of the church at Salt Lake City, Utah. Builders, missionaries and educationalists give their time to furthering the Church's affairs in the Pacific, free of cost.

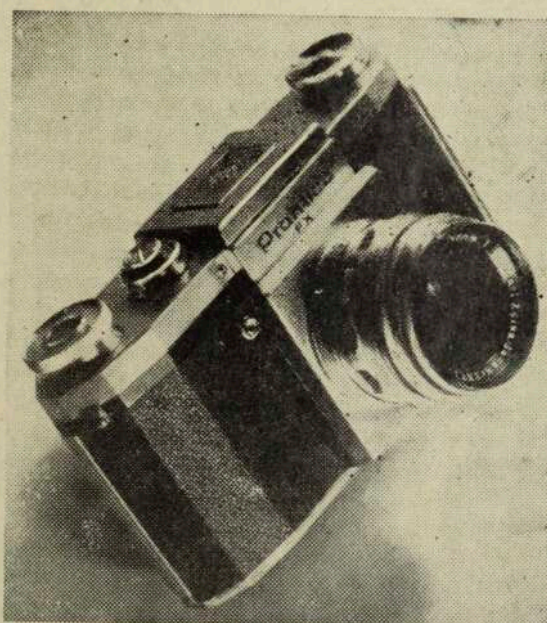
Baldwin-Troth Wedding



Police Officer John Baldwin married Marcia Troth at Ela Protestant Church, Port Moresby, on August 29. A member of an old Territorian family, Mr. Baldwin is seen here signing the register. His bride and sister Dallas (Mrs. Corliss), of Lae, look on. Mrs. Troth was Matron-of-Honour.

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September travel to P.N.G. included left to right: Mrs. T. Kienzie, who returned to Kokor September "Sinkiang" after holding in Sydney, was accompanied by her father, Mr. H. S. Holliday, known in Guinea. Mrs. B. also travelled by "Sinkiang" to join her husband employed by Department of Health, Moresby.



Left: Mrs. Alan de Groen, who left Port Moresby with her husband, on August 30, in the "Bulolo". They will spend six months' leave in Australia. Right: Miss Judith French, of Port

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"We are making haste slowly," said Mr. Crisp. "Before we start the hotel on that corner block (right opposite Hotel Papua), we shall complete the 'freezer', alongside the hotel site. When the 'freezer' is complete, we shall take another look at the position. Maybe, by then, we will know whether this is to be an importing country: that will make a difference. Building costs are terrific—one cannot go rushing into big projects, these days."

Besides, the Administration does not help. Costs of running a hotel are extremely heavy, and hotel owners surely should have what they can get from liquor sales. The Administration is passing Club liquor licenses on a most enormous scale everywhere."

Hotel owners elsewhere in P-NG commented bitterly on this matter. Mrs. Stewart, who conducts an excellent hotel at Lae, points out she is surrounded by no less than 15 licensed clubs, which seriously affect her hotel bar trade; that in turn makes it difficult for her to maintain a good standard of accommodation for travellers.) "It is easy to criticise the private owners here," said Mr. Crisp. "But many critics appreciate the cost of maintaining European staff? By European married man we mean on the staff costs STC £3,500. We have to provide housing—we obtain no less than 55 homes in Port Moresby. Someone compared conditions in our department store with those in Anthony Horderns, in Sydney. Do Horderns provide all their staff with housing, and a trip overseas every two years?"—RWR.

Wrought Breaks on Norfolk

After two months of dry weather, heavy rain fell at Norfolk Island in September, giving urgent water to local gardens. Commercial crops and domestic vegetable crops should now be away to a fine crop after poor growth through drought, strong winds, and temperatures as low as 54 degrees.

The Fiji Lands Department has issued a new large-scale map of the Levu in four sheets, which, laid up, measure 6 feet by 4 feet. Price, plain or coloured, is 25/- each. On sale from the department only.

NZ Protected Persons, But No Home in NZ

FEW people outside of New Zealand and her Territories are aware that Western Samoans, unlike the Cook Islanders, are not allowed free entry into New Zealand. They are usually given a visitor's permit for six months, and after that they remain only at the pleasure of the NZ Government. Frequently these permits are not extended and return to Samoa is then compulsory.

This state of affairs was publicised in NZ recently when Mr. F. L. A. Gotz, a former resident of Western Samoa and now a NZ parliamentarian went on record as saying that the present restrictions on Samoans entering NZ should be abolished.

At about the same time a deportation case involving a man called Stanley Annandale was before the NZ Courts. Annandale arrived in NZ on a Samoan visitor's permit; it was extended once but second extension was refused. Annandale claimed he was of New Zealand citizenship but born in Samoa in 1924 at the time when the Territory was a Mandate. The Crown agrees that Annandale's father was a natural-born British subject but contends that Annandale is not, because Western Samoa was not a true British territory at the time of his birth.

Samoan Nurses Graduate



On August 20, in the packed government recreation hall at Tutuila, Western Samoa, 19 young Samoan women graduated as fully trained nurses. They were the 38th class to graduate since 1916. Each received a graduation pin from R.N. Miss Lillian Turner and diplomas were presented by Mrs. Lowe, wife of the Governor. Seen in the photo is Nurse Si'usava'i Moi, of Manua, receiving her graduation pin.

The outcome of the case is not expected for some time but it is of considerable interest to people of Samoan birth living in NZ.

Background details of this case are not available here, and the precise point of law on which the case rests is not clear. But it apparently is complicated by the generally unsatisfactory method of defining national status for people resident in Trusteeship Territories. In Western Samoa persons are either "New Zealand protected persons" or nationals of some Sovereign state. The matter is further complicated because, domestically, residents are either of "Samoan" or "European" status—the latter category including the Chinese residents of the Territory and people of mixed descent.

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OIL AND LABOUR Some N. Guinea Possibilities

ON what they now are getting plus what they know they get, the oil interests operating in the western end of Dutch New Guinea expect to be producing shipping oil soon at the rate of 750,000 tons per annum.

The oil interests and the Dutch Administration are spending at least £12,000,000 Australian on development within two or three years; and the Dutch New Guineans being employed, or about to be employed around the oil industry number from 5,000 to 8,000.

Having spent £10,000,000 up to 1953 in the search for oil in Papua, the oil companies now are spending at the rate of from £3,000,000 to £4,000,000 per annum. They employ 1,000 Europeans and 2,000 natives. There is everywhere in Papua an air of confidence—the people there not say "if oil is found"—they say "when oil is found." So—it is calculated that when oil is found, other 10,000 workers will be needed generally in P-NG. One can imagine where they will come from—it does not appear that the indigenous population can provide them.

Incidentally, there are now 17,500 non-indigenous people in P-NG, and the enumerated natives are not less than 1,530,000—there are many scores of thousands still to be enumerated. To an increasing degree, the natives are gaging in agricultural industry through their co-operative societies—especially marked in New Britain and New Ireland—and there correspondingly fewer native labourers available.

MAROONED—BUT NOT BY REQUEST

TAHITI has a short way with evaders. If all reports are correct, 40 Chinese who did not pay their taxes are to be removed from Tahiti and exiled on Mangareva. (Mangareva is in the Gambier Group, at the foot of Tuamotus).

Whether they are to be marooned on the beach to fend for themselves in some way, or whether they are going as prisoners to work on some public works project is not stated. We assume that the latter is the case, or that possibly land has been made available to them to develop.

Tahiti people are apparently asking why the Chinese should be sent to Mangareva rather than to China. There could be several reasons, apart from the cost of sending them there. They may have been born in Tahiti, or, they may not be wanted in either of the Chinas of today.

WAR ON PESTS

What New Guinea is Doing

THE pest *Promecotheca* has done a lot of damage to coconut plantations along the south coast of New Britain, and the copra yield from that area will be down a year or two, but the pest is being under control again.

Mr. R. E. P. Dwyer, Director of Agriculture, told me that, for a number of reasons, *Promecotheca* eventually died out there a few years ago; and its natural enemy, a parasite wasp called *Pleurotropis vulvus*, having nothing to live on, died out, too. Then, a couple of years ago, *Promecotheca* built up again and, unchecked, spread alarmingly. But, in the past year, the wasp has increased, and the pest has been arrested generally; it is not expected to give much more trouble in that locality.

GIANT SNAILS

The panic created by the very rapid increase in the number of giant snails introduced to New Guinea and New Guinea as a food-plant by the Japanese invaders, has passed away. For some reason that one yet has explained, the snails have decreased in numbers, in size and in strength of shell. Originally, the creatures were around Rabaul in countless numbers—roads which were freely used by motor traffic were slimy with their crushed shells, and the shells were strong. They are seldom seen, and the shells are like egg-shells.

We do not know the cause—maybe a soil deficiency—but there is no doubt about the shrinkage in size and in shell," said Mr. Dwyer. Whenever we notice them spreading, we attack with metaldehyde, as a poison bait, and they are destroyed in that way. Rivers hinder their progress. The only place where they moved into a new district was at Manam Island—they presently got across somehow. Hansa Bay. Birds seem to be the only natural enemy."

RHINO BEETLE

There is now no doubt that the Asian beetle—*Oryctes Rhinoceros*—is well established in New Guinea and New Ireland, and also in Bougainville. Mr. Dwyer says there are reports that it is also established now in Dutch New Guinea.

The *Centaurea* and *S. Australis* of the Rhino Beetle have been in New Guinea Territory a much longer time and, while bad enough, are not nearly so destructive as the coconut palms as the *Centaurea* type.

They are working steadily on the Rhino Beetle," said Mr. Dwyer. "We have some good men in Mr. Gordon, chief entomologist, Dr. J. J. Szent-Ivany, and Mr. J. H. Dwyer, assistant entomologist, and

we are keeping in close touch with the general work of the South Pacific Commission. Obviously, we must try to secure biological control over this pest. We are making an attempt here to establish the *Scoli*id wasps, from Zanzibar, one of the beetle's enemies."—RWR.

RIVALRY FOR JAPAN'S COPRA ORDERS

THE US Trust Territory of Micronesia is having some hot competition from Indonesia in supplying Japan's copra requirements.

Shipping connections and the distance factor decree that Japan is the logical market for Trust Territory produce, but the ability of Indonesia to accept payment largely in Japanese produce, has reacted unfavourably.

Micronesia also insists that Japanese copra importers deposit 25 per cent. of the payment at the time any sale is arranged—and well before it is actually delivered to Japan—as a guarantee that the buyers will not later dishonour the deal if the ruling price falls before delivery.

Indonesia, on the other hand, asks only for a 3 per cent. deposit from the Jap importers. Furthermore, Japanese importers of Indonesian copra are able to give their Japanese consumer customers (the soap and margarine manufacturers) a 10 per cent. rebate because, in importing from Indonesia they earn certain privileges in overseas exchange.

These various factors, says the Island Trading Co., the organisation handling Micronesia's exports, add up to making the profitable sale of Micronesian copra on the Japanese market almost impossible at the present time.

There has, however, been a very keen demand from Japan for Micronesian trochus this season and the entire Territory's output of 350 tons was sold in May for August-September delivery at a high (though unstated) price.

Willing-Arnold Wedding

MISS K. WILLING (formerly of Hobart) and Mr. Cecil Arnold, were married in Honiara, BSIP, on August 28, at the SSEM Church.

The bride wore a full-skirted ballerina-length gown of white embroidered Swiss organdie, with a tulle veil held in place by a coronet of pearls.

The wedding-cake was made by members of her family in Hobart. The bride's mother, Mrs. B. Willing, and her brother, Mr. L. Willing, arrived from Tasmania for her wedding.

The wedding reception was held out of doors on the lawn of Coconut-Grove residential area, which had been decorated with hibiscus, frangipani, and wild ginger by the bride's friends.

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COPRA

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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

FIJI

Pltn. . . .	£F70 15 6 (60 pts. & over)
FMS	£F70 10 0 (45-57½ pts.)

W. SAMOA:—No details—producers expect about £NZ58 in 1954.

E. SAMOA:—Government pays \$112 per long ton, plus bonus at end of year if average proceeds higher.

SOLOMONS:—After deductions producers receive £A67/10/-, main ports.

NEW HEBRIDES:—On September 29, Vila, 7,900 Pacific francs (£A55/6/-).

Currency Note: Compared with Sterling, Aust. £ is worth 16/-; Fiji £ is 18/-; 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 October 7 was £Stg.380 (£A475 approx.) c.i.f., ton, Cont. ports.

N.G.—£500 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in October quoted Samoa cocoa at £S400 (£A500 approx.), f.o.b. per ton, first grade.

COFFEE.—P.-N.G. Market unsteady, falling, no firm Sydney quotation, but below 6/- per lb. MANGAIA (Cook Islands).—Robusta, green, unprocessed 1/- - 2/- per lb. on plantation.

PEANUTS.—P.-N.G.:—Ready sale Sydney for Virginia Bunch, in shell, large, well cleaned, at 1/6 per lb.

RUBBER.—Papua - New Guinea: Price based on Singapore figure which fluctuates for day to day. Quotation on October 6 was 28½d Aust. lb. Singapore rate Oct. 6 No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 73-5/16c. lb. c.i.f. (approx. 25½d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotations by (Victor Karp, Tulik & Co.): Tahiti.—Supplies very short, White and Yellow 88/-.

RICE.—New season's (1954-1955) price

is: P.-N.G.—Dry brown and dressed f.o.b. per ton. Other Pacific Islands, including N.Z. dependencies, £90.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed bet Torres Strait producers and Otto Ge Co. (USA) for 1954: Sound grades, £A D, £A390; E, £A300; EE, £A225, f.o.b. Australian port. Manihiki: £. c.i.f., Auckland.

TROCHUS SHELL.—Market unst Recent N.G. parcel £A315 per ton wharf Sydney, less rejects.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—N.G., 1st g £220 per ton less rejects, ex-w Sydney. N.H., £210, ditto. B.S.I., 1 grade £175-£190, ditto.

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Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. tinal ports, Oct.-Dec.:— Accra . . . (£A600 approx. per long

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	Aug., 1939	July 1	Oct.
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Loloma . .	s25/6	b27/-	b27/

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Bulolo . . .	b124/-	s60/-	b55/
Mandated All.	b3/8	b1/-	s1/4
N.G.G. Ltd. .	b1/10	b1/11½	b2/
Oil Search .	s3/11	b32/-	b21/
Oriomo Oil .	b5/-	s15/6	b10/
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b7/2	b6/4
Placer Dev. .	b68/6	b260/-	b27/
Sandy Creek .	b1/5	s6d	b5d

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SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. tralia on Samoa, basis £100 Sa B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. Sa London, basis £100 London: B. £100 S. £101/10/-; Samoa-NZ, basis £100 B. £100; S. £100/10/-; Samoa-Fiji, £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

PAPUA - NG.—COMMONWEALTH F (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kavi Madang), BANK OF NSW (branches Moresby, Lae, Bulolo, Rabaul, Ma Samarai; agency: Wau) and ANZ F (Port Moresby) quote exchange Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £100.

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