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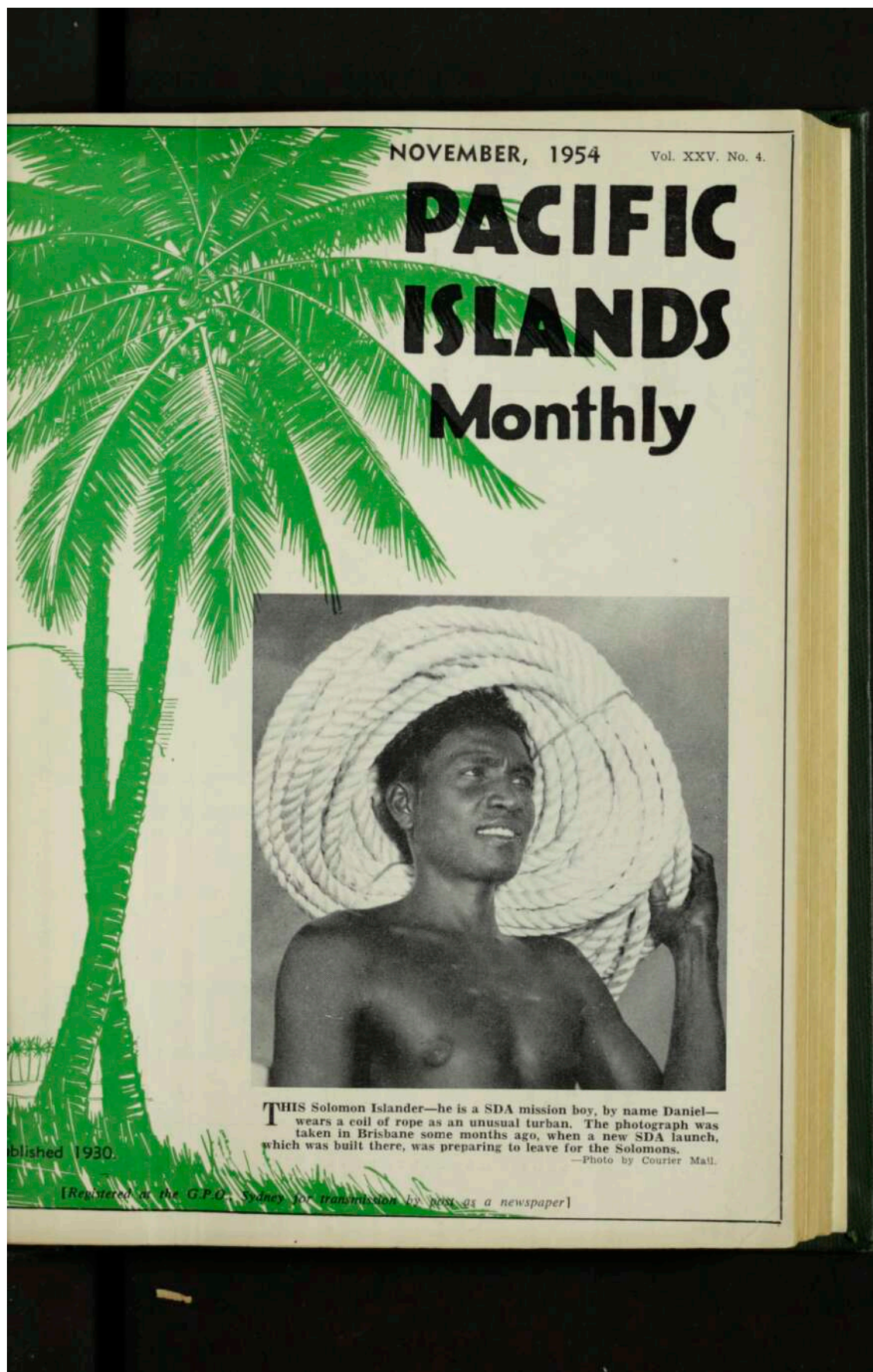
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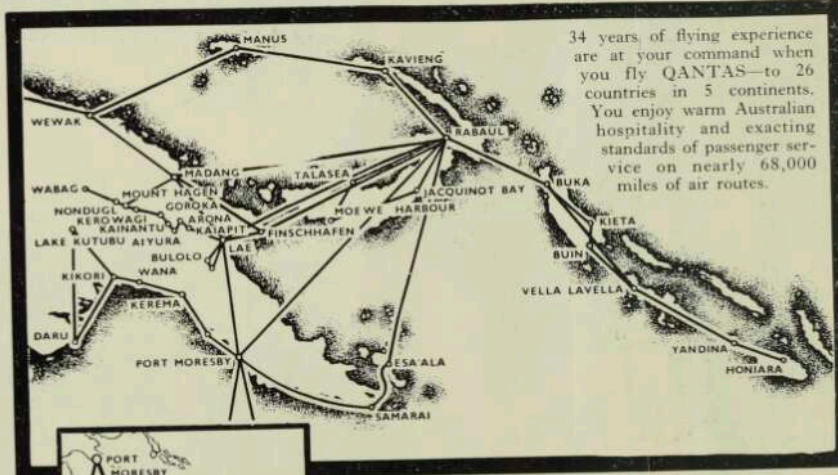
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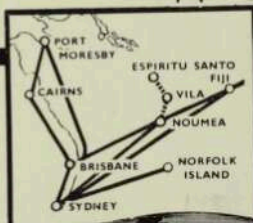


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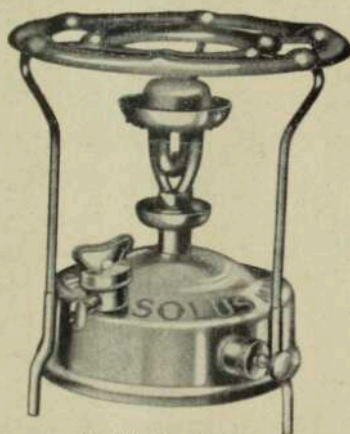
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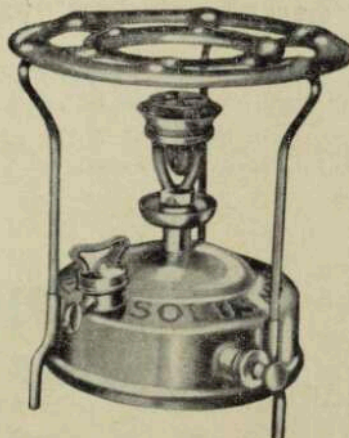
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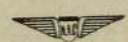
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NOVEMBER, 1954 — PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTH

Shipping Time-Tables

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

(There was a complete tie-up of Islands ships, due to wharf strike, in November. See page 17.)

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

Next sailing about November 12.

MV Malekula sails from Sydney for Samarai, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus, Wewak, Alexishafen, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney. Next sailing about December 1.

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

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

Next Sydney sailing, Soochow: Nov. 12, Dec. 21.

Next Sydney sailing, Sinkiang: Nov. 16.

Next Sydney sailing, Shansi: Dec. 3, Jan. 7.

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

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from New Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukunono and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any or all above ports at approx. five weeks

Australia - New Zealand - Canada - USA

Sailings of Orient Line Passenger Ships, 1954-55.

	ORONSAY 1954	ORCADES 1954/5	ORSOVA 1955	Orion 1955	ORONSAY 1955
SYDNEY	depart 19 Nov.	17 Dec.	28 Jan.	25 Mar.	15 July
AUCKLAND	arr/dep 22 Nov.	20 Dec.	31 Jan.	29 Mar.	18 July
SUVA	arr/dep 25 Nov.	23 Dec.	3 Feb.	2 Apl.	21 July
HONOLULU	arr/dep 30 Nov.	28 Dec.	8 Feb.	8 Apl.	26 July
VANCOUVER	arrive 6 Dec.	3 Jan.	14 Feb.	14 Apl.	1 Aug.
	depart 7 Dec.	4 Jan.	15 Feb.	15 Apl.	2 Aug.
SAN FRANCISCO	arr 9 Dec.	6 Jan.	17 Feb.	18 Apl.	4 Aug.
	depart 10 Dec.	7 Jan.	18 Feb.	19 Apl.	5 Aug.
HONOLULU	arr/dep 14 Dec.	11 Jan.	22 Feb.	24 Apl.	9 Aug.
SUVA	arr/dep 21 Dec.	18 Jan.	1 Mar.	2 May	16 Aug.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep 24 Dec.	21 Jan.	4 Mar.	5 May	19 Aug.
SYDNEY	arrive 27 Dec.	24 Jan.	7 Mar.	9 May	22 Aug.

The liners Orsova and Orcaades will each make an additional Pacific crossing in 1955. Orsova will leave Sydney for London on June 3 and will call at: Auckland, Suva, Honolulu, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Panama, Colon, Trinidad, Cherbourg. She will reach London on July 13. Orcaades will sail from London on August 22 bound for Sydney via the same route. She will arrive on October 1.

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

Auckland December 7 and January 4. Matua will leave Auckland December 23 and January 22.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel Maui Pomare is scheduled to leave Auckland every month for Harotonga 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 20. 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

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Tahiti recently added to this service.
Sailing dates:—
From Sydney, Northbound—Caledonien:
November 23, April 11; Tahiti: January
7, May 24.
From Papeete, southbound—Tahiti:
December 14, April 30; Caledonien:
October 31, March 18.
Small motor-ships Polynesian (Messa-

geries-Maritimes) and Neo Hebrides (H.
C. Sleigh, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular
service between Noumea and Sydney.

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

A service by Shaw Savill, with their new
all-passenger liner Southern Cross, will
commence from the UK early in 1955.

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APIA—Morris Hedstrom Ltd.

NOUMEA—Etablissements Ballande.

LAE—Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd.

SYDNEY—Birt & Co. (Pty.) Ltd.

Calls on maiden voyage will be made at
West Indies ports, Panama, Papeete
(Tahiti), Suva, Auckland, Sydney, Aus-
tralian ports, South African ports, Canary
Islands, UK.

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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 avail-
able. 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, etc.

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

Suggested sailing dates for the MV
Thorsisle are as follows:

San Francisco (Southbound)	Jan. 1
Papeete	Jan. 2
Apia	Jan. 2
Nukualofa	Jan. 3
Suva	Feb. 1
Lautoka (Vatia)	Feb. 1
Noumea	Feb. 1
Lae	Feb. 1
San Francisco (Inbound)	Mar. 1

Details from General Steamships Cor-
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Tahiti

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Tahiti, Papeete
Cable address:
Donald — Papeete.

Airways Time-Tables

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS
With Strato Clippers, using Sleeperettes and Berths*
Tues., Fri. and Sun.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is. - Honolulu - S. Francisco - Seattle - Portland.
Tues., Thurs.* and Sat.—Return via same route.

* Additional departure days which will operate from October 3 till December 31, 1954.

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

† Connecting with Strato Clipper at Nadi.

BY QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS
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NORTHWARDS
Tues., Thurs.* and Sat.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-San Francisco —with every Saturday service extending to Vancouver.

SOUTHWARDS
Mon., Wed. and Fri.—San Francisco-Honolulu - Canton Is. - Nadi (Fiji) - Sydney. Monday service commences from Vancouver, leaving Vancouver on Sunday.

TEAL DC6 services between Auckland and Nadi connect at Nadi Tuesdays and Saturdays northward; Wednesdays and Sunday southwards.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES
(CPAL)

(With Super DC-6B Aircraft)*
Every Tuesday—Sydney - Auckland - Nadi (Fiji) - Honolulu - Vancouver.

Every Friday return from Vancouver by same route.

* Tourist Class Services are available on these planes at 20 per cent. less normal fares.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways
NORTHWARDS
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (Skymasters)*

Depart: Sydney, 8.00 pm Arrive: Brisbane, 10.45 pm

Brisbane, 11.45 pm Moresby, 6.35 am

(Wed., Fri., Sun.)

Moresby, 7.55 am Lae, 9.10 am

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

* DC3 operating Moresby-Lae sector.

Sundays
(Sandringhams)

Depart: Sydney, 7.30 pm Arrive: Brisbane, 10.50 pm

Brisbane, 12.20 am Cairns, 6.35 am

(Mon.)

Cairns, 8.05 am Moresby, 11.55 am

(Night stop) Samarai, 10.30 am

Moresby,* 8.30 am (Tue.)

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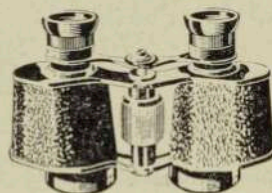
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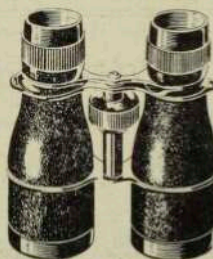
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SOUTHWARDS

Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays
(Skymaster)*

Depart: Arrive:
Lae, 5.45 am Moresby, 7.05 am
Moresby, 8.30 am Brisbane, 3.05 pm
Brisbane, 4.30 pm Sydney, 7.15 pm

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

* DC3 operating Lae-Moresby sector.

Alt. Thursdays (Sandringham)
(Nov. 18, Dec. 2, etc.)

Depart: Arrive:
Rabaul, 5.30 am Samarai, 8.45 am
Samarai, 9.15 am Moresby, 11.15 am
Moresby, 12.15 pm Cairns, 3.40 pm
(Night stop)

Cairns, 8.30 am Brisbane, 2.15 pm
(alt. Fri.)
Brisbane, 3.45 pm Sydney, 7.05 pm

Alt. Thursdays (Nov. 25, Dec. 9, etc.)

(Sandringham)
Rabaul, 5.30 am Samarai, 8.45 am
Samarai, 9.15 am Moresby, 11.15 am
Passengers wait in Moresby until alt.
Sat. (Nov. 27, Dec. 11, etc.) then:

Depart: Arrive:
Moresby, 6 am Cairns, 9.25 am
Cairns, 10.55 am Brisbane, 4.40 pm
Brisbane, 6.10 pm Sydney, 9.30 pm

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas

LAE—HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea)
(DC3)

Alternate Wed. (Nov. 17, Dec. 1, etc.)
Departs Lae 10.30 am, calls at Madang
and Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia
3.0 pm. Every alt. Thursday (Nov. 18,
Dec. 2, 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)

Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional),
Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate
Friday, returning same day (Nov. 12,
26, Dec. 10, 24, etc.).

RABAU—MOEWE HARBOUR

(Sandringham)

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul-Jacquinet Bay-Moeve
Harbour - Talasea - Rabaul Nov. 10, 24,
Dec. 8, 22, etc.

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

NEW BRITAIN—BOUGAINVILLE
(Sandringham)

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul - Buka - Kieta - Buin
Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1, 15, 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.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

(DC3)

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

(Drover)

Fridays.—Lae (7.30 am) to Gusap, calling at any of: Nadzab, Kalapit, Arona, Kainantu. Return to Lae arriving 10.30 am.

LAEBULOLO-WAU (Drover)

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

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.

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

Scheduled Flights with DC3 Aircraft
Mon.: Depart Lae at 7.30 am for Goroka, Madang, Wewak, Madang, Rabaul — remaining overnight.

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.

4. Aust.-Dutch N. Guinea

By KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

A weekly service with Constellations between Sydney and Amsterdam with a call at Biak, DNG, and Manila, Philippines.

DC3 aircraft link Biak with Hollandia, Sorong, Merauke and Tannah Merah.

5. N. Guinea-Solomons

By Qantas with DC3

Mon. (Nov. 15, 22, Dec. 6, 13, 20, etc.). Lae (dep. 6 am) — Finschhafen — Rabaul — Buka — Vellalavella — Yandina — Honiara, BSI (arriving 5.25 pm).

Tuesday (Nov. 16, 23, Dec. 7, 14, 21 etc.). Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vellalavella — Buka — Rabaul — Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.50 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

By Air France, Monthly.

Constellation aircraft depart Saigon November 15 for Darwin-Brisbane-Noumea and return.

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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymasters
Alternate Thursdays (Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 16, 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 am		
Bris., Thu. 1.30 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 at Noumea to allow connection with Noumea-Suva service—see below, Table 10.

† Alternate Friday, Nov. 12, 26. On alternate Saturdays (Nov. 20, Dec. 4) 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. Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 17, etc. † Alt. Sat., Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 18, etc.

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

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

By NZ National Airways, with DC3's
Double services each Sunday from Sept. 30 to Feb. 27, 1955.

12. Sydney-Auckland

Tasman E. Airways, with DC6 Aircraft
Mon., Fri., Sat.: Dep. Sydney 9.00 am,

arr. Auckland 4.15 pm. Wed. only:
Dep. Sydney 12.30 am, arr. Auckland 7.45 am. Mon., Wed., Thur., Sun.: Dep. Auckland 11.00 am, arr. Sydney 2.45 pm.

13. Sydney-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC6's
Dep. Sydney 12.30 am and arr. Christchurch 7.40 am Tuesday and Thursday.
Dep. Christchurch 11.00 am, arr. Sydney 2.40 pm Tuesday and Friday.

14. Melbourne-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC6's
Thur.—Dep. Melb., midnight; arr. Ch'ch., 8 am next day.
Thur.—Dep. Ch'ch., 10 am; arr. Melb., 2.30 pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with DC6's

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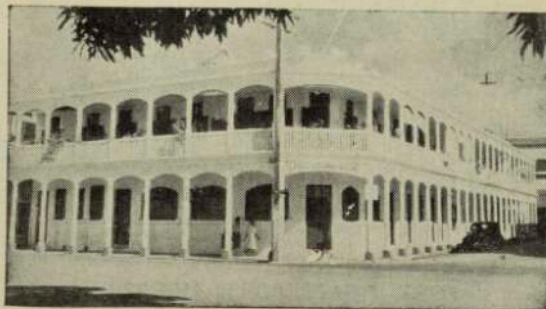
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Simogun Wants More Land for More Australians

PORT MORESBY, Nov. 6.

IT was a new experience this week to have Simogun, a native member of the Legislative Council, complain about the Territory's land policy—although most other people have done it.

And it was not from the point of view of natives not having land, but from the point of view of Australians not having it.

Simogun's statement will make it difficult for the Territories Minister, Mr. Paul Hasluck, when next he says that native interests must be respected "at all costs."

Simogun told the council during an adjournment that in the past the United Nations had prevailed on the Australian Government to make certain prohibitions, and it appeared now that "there was to be a prohibition on natives selling land." He did not agree with this.

He said he would like to see the Australian Government buy land from the natives and make it available to Australian settlers. There were many natives, but too few Australians.

He said that there was much land throughout the Territory not being used. Although, with the increase in health, future native needs had to be provided for, he felt there was still enough land for the Government to buy, and that Australians and the natives together could develop the country.

He said, "If the Commonwealth Government does not take action to purchase land and make it available to Australians, there are other countries who are looking with covetous eyes on the open spaces of the Territory."

"I have heard that the Chinese would like to buy land in the Territory, and I also have heard that the Japanese have similar ideas. It is imperative that the Commonwealth act and secure land for Australian settlers."

MR. WHITTAKER STATES HIS VIEWS

Mr. George Whittaker, speaking on the same subject, said the Minister for Territories took no cognisance of the fact that an enormous mass of Asiatic and non-Asiatic people is likely soon to spill over the lands of the South West Pacific. Asiatic countries knew that New

Guinea land was empty land by their standards.

He said one mostly heard that natives were the paramount consideration in all land matters and to a limited extent he agreed.

But the protection of European settlement in Australia and countries eastwards was an equally important consideration.

He added, "I submit that the welfare of the natives is not the most important consideration, but the national view is, and any policy which subjects our ultimate security and plans of defence to the theory that all European claims for land in this country must take a secondary place to native claims, is unsound and must lead ultimately to disaster."

Mr. Whittaker has been an extremely busy man since his election to the Legislative Council on October 9. Between that date and the LegCo meeting which commenced on November 1, he visited Japan and Korea, and represented P-NG at the Federal Conference of the RSSAILA in Canberra.

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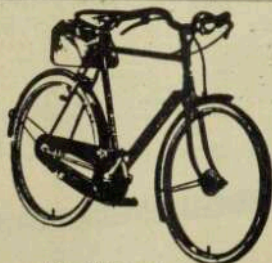
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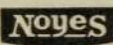
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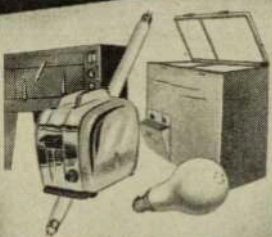
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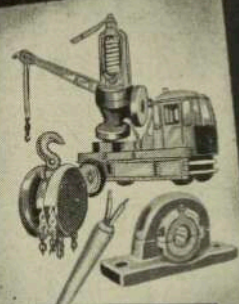
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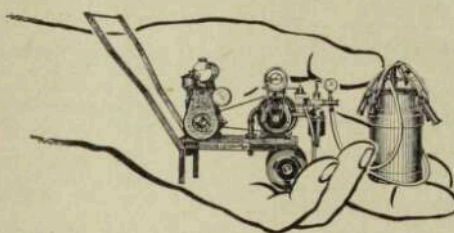
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CONDITIONS have changed very much since the South Pacific Commission was established (after World War II) to improve the standards and conditions of life in the South Pacific Islands, but the work of the Commission goes on without disturbance.

Because the problems of defence and survival now have become so very important, in a world torn between fiercely antagonistic ideologies, the six Western nations which formed the Commission might have been excused if they had set aside the minor matter of Islands' welfare, to be dealt with at a more convenient time. It is a measure of their good faith, and of their sincere wish to help the 2,000,000 folk for whom they are responsible in the South Pacific, that they continue to provide funds for research and education, and to keep first-class specialists busy on social, economic and health problems, although such skilled people are in demand for the grimmer and more urgent duties of a struggle that seems inevitable.

Although the Council of the Commission does a good deal of original research, its chief responsibility is that of maintaining liaison between the specialist Departments of the several Territories, and co-ordinating their activities and the results of their work. To a degree that few people realise, the various Islands Administrations already are

helping each other through the South Pacific Commission, and lining up vital data for the benefit of all.

FOR example, it looks as if the Blue Bariki, discovered and developed in Fiji as a sound and useful tropical Islands grass, may assist in removing the main obstacle in the way of the establishment of the cattle industry in New Guinea—namely, the introduction of pastures which can replace and hold their own against the tough and useless natives grasses. New Guinea's specialised work on rice culture will help every Islands' community in the South Pacific. Mr. Eden's achievement in Western Samoa, in discovering and fixing a disease-resistant type of cocoa, is going to help cocoa planters, not only in other South Seas Islands, but throughout the world. The benefits received from the good work done in French Oceania, in combating Filaria, is already being felt throughout Polynesia, and in more distant places like Southeast Asia, where it has been a scourge from time immemorial.

Probably, these achievements would have been made eventually by the individual governments, under the old system; but liaison between all Territories, through the SPC, has stimulated research, assisted the scientists by greatly

widening the field from which they have received vital information, and made the application of the lessons learned immeasurably faster.

The Commission, surveying the results of four years' work, must feel that the effort has been well justified. And the work is only just commencing. In all the three fields of social betterment, economics and health there is a great deal still to be done. The most important task is that of bringing literacy to Islands peoples who are simply crying for more education.

SOME critics, because of communications difficulties, deplore the fact that SPC headquarters were placed in New Caledonia. There should be very free and increasing intercourse between the skilled men of the Commission and the experts of the several Islands Administrations. The agriculture, education and health advisers from Moresby and Suva and Tahiti and Honiara and Apia should be frequently in Noumea; and the SPC Research Council experts should move with equal frequency through the South Pacific Territories. The printed results of their work, gathered and co-ordinated by the SPC, should go out constantly to all interests concerned with Pacific Islands administration. But because Noumea is away off the regular air-mail and passenger tracks, these communications are not as simple and easy as they should be.

As against that, the Noumea location has some definite advantages for the SPC. The co-operation and goodwill of French high officialdom are very helpful. The accom-

modation, for both offices and staff, provided by the huge, war-built Pentagon could not be found anywhere else, except at crippling cost. The site beside Anse Vata beach may be far from city amenities; but it is beautiful and spacious and—those concerned will please forgive us!—there is nothing at all to distract the attention of the ladies and gentlemen of the staff from the important tasks which they face.

Near the Pentagon, at Anse Vata, generously housed also in war-time buildings, is the New Caledonia branch of the great Institut Français d'Océanie, which is charged

See page 5 this issue for Late news—including land policy views of Members of PNG Legislative Council.

with the duties of scientific research within the French Territories of the Pacific, and is part of a French Empire-wide organisation that functions in no less than 14 French Territories throughout the world. Here, within a few hundred yards of the Pentagon, the eminent scientists of the Institute control six laboratories, wherein they conduct research into matters affecting soil values and conditions, insect pests, various aspects of agriculture, ocean conditions and the values of fish, minerals, ethnology, and so on. There is a good and valuable liaison between the Institute and the SPC Research Council.

The weakness of the whole set-up lies in the fact that it is dependent for its existence and the culmination of its work (the implementation of its findings through legislative action in each of the six Parliaments concerned) upon the goodwill of politicians; and that is a flimsy foundation for any such institution. Thanks to popular press and professional politics, most of the nations of the Western world hold their Parliaments in increasing contempt; but they seem unable to devise a better system of government.

Therefore, it is important that the scope, character and effect of the work of the South Pacific Commission be kept constantly and prominently before press and politicians. In that respect, the Commission in the past has seemed a little remote and withdrawn from the hurly-burly of mundane affairs.

† The Rev. S. H. Dewdney arrived in Sydney from New Guinea recently after spending more than 20 years as a missionary in the Islands. He will take 12 months holiday in England.

† A son was born to John and Phyllis Keenan, in Sydney on November 7. The Keenans are well known ex-residents of Papua-New Guinea, now living in Sydney. They have another son, aged 21.

Aus. Minister Defends Lands Policy

Reply to PIM Criticism

A COPY of the case made by the *Pacific Islands Monthly* (see page 21) against the new P-NG Lands Policy was sent in October to the Australian Minister for Territories; and Mr. Hasluck, with his usual courtesy, has sent the Editor of PIM his comments on the arguments used and the points made.

"While I do not agree with every point you make," he says, "I do not think there is going to be as wide a difference as you appear to think between your hopes for the Territory and the consequences of the directions I have given on lands administration."

"There may be some difficulties during the transitional period and there will not be the same freedom for individuals as in the past to pick out any piece of land they wanted and to obtain it. As the result of the new system, however, I feel confident that the eventual result will be that more land will be brought under European settlement in a more orderly fashion and with much less waste of effort and of resources and without the risk of setting up conditions which will be harmful to our future in the Territory."

The Minister then quotes numerous figures to show the areas of land of different suitability made available every year since 1947-48 for European settlement, with this result as on June 30, 1954:

Acreages of land available to Europeans	
Agricultural	97,016
Pastoral	26,911
Dairying	2,650
Total	126,577

The Minister claims that under the new system a man who wishes, not to speculate, but to work his land, has "a better and fairer chance of obtaining a suitable area."

He then says that the matter is one on which judgments seem to differ; and asks us to accept his assurance that he and his advisers have the interests of the Territory as deeply at heart as has the PIM.

COMMENT: The Minister's letter is typical of the conditions of which we have written at length on pages 21, etc. Except that he quotes total acreages of "available" land (which may or may not be suitable) the Minister gives no facts to support the drastic action he has taken—only theory, and an expression of his own wishes. As we have explained elsewhere at length, we believe his new Lands Policy puts a

END OF FLYINGBOAT SERVICES

Skymasters for Noumea, N. Hebrides, Fiji

QANTAS Empire Airways have decided to discontinue, at the end of March, 1955, the Qantas flyingboat service which now connects Sydney with Noumea and New Hebrides once a week, and Sydney with Noumea and Suva (Fiji) once a fortnight.

In place of this, Qantas will run a landplane (a Skymaster) on a "Y" service, once weekly, connecting Sydney with Tontouta (New Caledonia), Vila and Santo (New Hebrides) and Nadi (Fiji). Airfields near Vila, and in Santo, are now being inspected, to ascertain their suitability.

A proposal that the plane should run on from Santo to Henderson Airfield (Guadalcanal), thus giving the Solomonians a much-needed direct link, is being examined.

The Skymaster will return from New Hebrides to Tontouta, and run over to Nadi and back each week, before returning to Sydney.

The landplane will give faster transit, but travellers for Noumea will lose the advantage in the long car ride from Tontouta, while those for Suva (who now are landed in Laucala Bay) will have to go to Nadi (at the other end of Viti Levu, more than 100 miles from Suva).

MacRobertsons Buy NG Cocoa Plantation

IT was officially announced on November 10, that MacRobertson Pty. Ltd., Australia's biggest chocolate manufacturers, had purchased a 1,000-acre cocoa plantation in the Markham Valley, New Guinea. (See PIM, Oct., page 42).

† Mr. Harold Gow, Burns Philp's well known and respected manager at Apia, Samoa, has gone to New Zealand for urgent medical attention.

† The inspection by Mr. Hayden Smith (British Australian Tobacco Co.) of tobacco-growing lands in the Sigatoka area is being followed with keen interest in Fiji.

† Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Palmer of Levuka, Fiji, recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Levuka in 1904.

crippling handicap upon the Territory and that the only way now to escape it is an appeal directly to the Prime Minister for an independent inquiry into P-NG land settlement and development.

The Hasluck policy represents frustration and suffocation.

P-NG LegCo Discusses:

How to Spend the £10.5 Millions Record Budget

THERE were only three new faces amongst the non-official members of the Papuan-New Guinea Legislative Council which met in Port Moresby for 41 days at the beginning of November.

They were Mr. G. Whittaker, elected member for New Guinea Mainland; Mr. Robert Bunting, a businessman with interests in Samarai, Lae and the New Guinea Highlands who replaces Mr. J. Sedgers, who did not seek re-appointment; and John Vuia, native representative who replaces Aisoli Salin. Vuia is president of the Rabaul native village council.

The full list of non-official nominated members of this, the second post-war Legislative Council of P-NG, is:

MISSION REPRESENTATIVES
The Very Reverend James Dwyer
The Reverend D. E. Ure
The Reverend F. G. Lewis

THE NATIVE MEMBERS
Simogun Peta
Merari Dickson
John Vuia

OTHER NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS
Mr. B. Fairfax-Ross
Mrs. Doris Booth
Mr. Robert Bunting

The elected European members are:

Mr. E. A. James (Papua)
Mr. G. Whittaker (NG Mainland)
Mr. D. Barrett (NG Islands)

The most important work of the Council's first meeting and the work which took the longest to achieve, was the passing of this year's record budget of £10,000,000. Apart from passing a few minor Bills, including one which provides £100 penalty for any non-natives found in certain native villages between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., there was nothing of great significance in the routine work.

The colour, as usual was added by the adjournment speeches of the elected and nominated members, which provided a varied collection of suggestions, most of them good, but which will, as usual, probably get little attention from Canberra.

One of the most insistent pleas made at the present meeting was one to change the title of Administrator to High Commissioner, to bring this office into line with the titles of various other, and smaller, Pacific Territories.

This was moved by Mr. James (Papua) and supported by Mr. Barrett (Islands), Mr. Whittaker (new member for the Mainland) and a number of nominated members, including Mrs. Doris Booth, who remarked that she hoped that on this occasion "Canberra would

hear the voice of Papua-New Guinea."

Rather along the same lines was another suggestion, also made by the elected and nominated members, led by a Mission representative, Father Dwyer, that the Administrator's salary (£3,500) was "parsimonious in the extreme."

The meeting will probably bring a few shocks to the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, especially the plea by a native member, Simogun, of the Sepik, for more Australians to be given more land in the Territory.

The newly-elected member, Mr. Whittaker, had a lot to say on many subjects during the meeting, and helped add some life to the fight which the elected members appear to be continually waging during these Councils.

As Mr. James pointed out early in the week: "I have often heard it said that all the elected members do is criticise. Well, what can we do but criticise? What else can we do to help develop Papua-New Guinea?"

Mr. James made the very pertinent point that the unofficial members were never invited to help plan the works programme and the general plans for Territory development.

It's likely that the next meeting will last at least 10 days. It will probably begin on March 14, 1955.

Fiji Population.

London Moves—After Two Years!

SECRETARY for the Colonies was asked by a Labour member what steps had been taken to meet the request of the Fiji Legislative Council in 1952 for a British commission to report on the problem created in Fiji by the rapid rise in population.

The Minister said the Governor of Fiji had been informed that more information on the basic economic and agricultural resources of the colony was needed before the appointment of a commission would be justified, and a reply from the Governor was awaited.

500 Students Going Home By Air for Xmas

ABOUT 500 school-children from Australia, returning to their homes in Papua-New Guinea,

Singapore, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and New Hebrides and Fiji, for the Christmas holidays, will be carried by Qantas planes in the first three weeks of December. In some cases, special planes will be put on, and the first of the "Kids' Specials" is due out of Sydney on December 5.

† The marriage of Miss Evelyn Eugenia Waddingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Waddingham, of Lautoka, Fiji, to Mr. Keith Gordon Ussher, will take place at St. Peter's Church, Lautoka, on November 20.

† Rev. H. L. Fiebig, president of the New Zealand Methodist Conference, arrived in Sydney late June from the Solomon Islands to make a goodwill tour of the Eastern States.



(There are at least a dozen different varieties of Christian Missions working in Papua-New Guinea. But when a member of PIM's printing factory staff saw a proof of this Bill Gill cartoon, he came in with a broad grin to demand where was "Menzies' mob". "Menzies' mob" are Presbyterians—and our printer was amazed to learn that their only mission field in the Pacific is in the New Hebrides.)

BSI Residents Try Again to Oust Income-Tax

Residents of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate are making another effort to rid themselves of income taxation. A petition signed by local residents, traders and business-men has been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking that income tax be removed.

THE power of the BSIP Government to levy income tax was challenged in 1952 when some residents, on legal advice, refused to pay their tax.

Learned counsel held that the BSI was not a Sovereign State with the privilege of levying taxes, but a Protectorate, which governed only under an Order in Council and had power to legislate only for peace, order and good government.

It was realised, of course, that if the constitution was faulty in regard to income tax, laws to remedy the situation would speedily be made. But it was hoped by challenging the power, to give publicity to the dissatisfaction of residents.

The case was finally brought before the Judicial Commissioner in Honiara in March, 1953. Mr. R. C. Symes as president of the BSI Planters' and Commercial Association, being the nominal defendant.

The case was lost and an appeal was lodged. But subsequently the appeal was not proceeded with.

Copra is the BSIP's only export industry and on this planters pay a high export tax. In addition, every one pays a high rate of income tax. Income tax has produced a certain amount of revenue but it has done nothing to attract new capital, development or residents and consequently, in comparison with its neighbour, Papua-New Guinea, the BSIP remains a backwater. There have, of course, been endless complaints that the development of P-NG has not been pushed as vigorously as it might, but in comparison with the Protectorate the Territory flourishes. No one in their right mind would begin new enterprises in the Solomons if they could do the same thing in P-NG, and without the added burden of taxation.

§ An Australian girl, Miss Anne Hendy-Pooley, who went to Noumea to do secretarial work with the South Pacific Commission, will marry the Vice-Consul for the US in Noumea at the end of October. He is Mr. John Wheeler, of Peoria, Illinois, USA. The couple will live in Noumea until January, when Mr. Wheeler's term will be completed. They will return to America for three months before he receives his next posting.

Aid to Papua's Rubber Industry:

Pool Gives Only Sydney Evidence

AUSTRALIAN rubber manufacturers were co-operative in that they would always take delivery of Papuan rubber even when it arrived earlier than expected. There was no written agreement between them and the Rubber Pool or the producers in respect of Australian primage which continued to be paid by manufacturers, although technically it is not payable on Papuan rubber. (The primage, in effect, goes back to the producers, as a "bounty").

This evidence was given by Mr. C. S. Healy, secretary of the Rubber Pool, in Sydney, on October 18, when the Australian Tariff Board resumed its hearing.

The Tariff 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.

The Rubber Pool consists of Burns Philp and Co. Ltd., Colyer Watson Pty. Ltd., F. C. Tracy & Co. Pty. Ltd., and Harrisons Ramsay Pty. Ltd. The Pool was formed and took over the selling of all Papuan rubber at the end of 1949, when selling difficulties were experienced in Australia. The Pool members get agency commission and Mr. Healy's salary and other costs come out of this.

Mr. Healy said that baling of Papuan rubber had once been "terrible" but that since the Mann Report, two years ago, it had improved tremendously.

The Sydney session of the inquiry lasted less than one hour and was then adjourned to Brisbane, on November 9. It is expected that Australian rubber manufacturers will give evidence there.

On the night of November 9, three members of the Board and the Secretary, will fly to Port

Moresby, where further evidence will be given by planting interests.

REGULATIONS FOR RUBBER PRODUCERS

Regulations under the Rubber Ordinance, 1953, have been published in Papua, and set out in considerable detail descriptions of each of the 34 classes of rubber which may be exported from the Territory.

The classifications range from the usual RSS grades 1X to No. 5, plus various grades of Thick and Thin Pale Crepe and Estate Brown Crepe etc.

In spite of the copious details it appears that each estate manager or owner will be required to be a rubber expert in order to classify his rubber accurately. However, he may be helped in this by the Director of Agriculture whom the Regulations instruct to supply sample sheets to interested parties.

These regulations should please the Tariff Board which, in Sydney, was anxious to know whether planters had standardised samples with which to compare their product.

SALE OF US SYNTHETIC PLANTS

The Rubber Producing Facilities Disposal Commission, the group set up in the United States to sell the Government-owned synthetic rubber plants, has until November 27 to complete negotiations.

It is believed that a number of companies are interested and are prepared to pay more now than they were a few months ago.

Disposal of plants, and the terms at which they change hands, are of interest to all natural rubber producing countries because the price at which American synthetic rubber is sold puts a virtual ceiling on the price of natural rubber.

J. P. Bayly Clinic Opens

THE J. P. Bayly Clinic, established by Mr. Bayly, a leading Fiji land-owner and business man, to provide medical services for Suva's lowest-paid workers, is nearing completion in Suva, adjacent to the new bus terminal. It was expected that it would be ready to open on November 1.

Dr. G. Hemmings, a medical practitioner and an ordained minister of the Anglican Church, has relinquished his private practice to take charge. There is provision, also, for a full-time nurse, other staff being provided by Anglican voluntary workers.

There will be a small charge for service but only in accordance with the patient's means.

The building is attractively designed, and is decorated with paintings which have been donated by local artists.

BSIP'S 5-YEARS PLAN BEGINS IN 1955

PREPARATION work for a Five Years' Development Plan for the British Solomon Islands is now well in hand. The plan is expected to be put into operation on April 1, 1955, and to cost about £1½ million.

The Plan will be pruned or expanded, depending on the generosity of the UK Government. The exact amount of money that will be available is not yet known, but total cost of projects drawn up in Honiara for the Plan, including a possible reserve fund, is £A1,433,204. Part of this will be financed by BSIP's share of Japanese assets, viz, £470,000.

In his address to the BSIP Advisory Council in Honiara in October, the High Commissioner, Sir Robert Stanley, outlined the main projects covered by the plan as follows:

- A cocoa-growing scheme, in partnership with Levers Pacific Plantations (see elsewhere this issue).

- Establishment of an Agricultural and Industrial Loans Board whose function will be to give financial assistance for the purpose of expanding or starting agricultural or industrial enterprise. This Board will not normally deal in short-term loans which might be attractive to commercial banks; it will accept risks slightly greater than a commercial bank.

- Communications — including £35,000 for roads and bridges, plus improved Port facilities at Honiara.

P.N.G. Public Service Inquiry:

High Resignation Rate Due to Poor Service Conditions

Over 70 resignations of field staff in the P-N.G. District Services and Native Affairs Dept. had occurred in the last four years—due mainly to the fact that the men found it impossible to live on the salaries paid.

THIS evidence was given by the Director of DDS & NA, Mr. Alan A. Roberts, at an inquiry into Public Service wages and hours which began in Port Moresby on October 27.

The inquiry was before a Commonwealth Conciliation Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Chambers.

It will later hear evidence in other parts of the Territory.

Its terms of reference are to inquire into whether salaries and all allowances paid to Territory public services are adequate in relation to living costs, special local conditions and the need to attract more recruits; and to inquire into whether any change should be made in the spread of public service working hours. The committee is to furnish its report by December 31 or by any later date determined by Mr.

(In connection with the latter, two experts, one from Ceylon and one from the UK Ministry of Transport, will shortly visit BSIP).

- Establishment of a Teachers' Training and Vocational Centre and a project for the training of nurses.

Hasluck following the advice of the committee.

Other members of the committee are Mr. L. Butler, representing the Public Service Commissioner's department, and Mr. R. B. Brennan representing the public service association.

The committee was set up by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, following demands by the Public Service Association for an increase in cost of living payments and a five-days' week.

In opening its case, the PSA submitted facts and figures on general living costs in Port Moresby as at September, 1954, and stated that a man, wife and two children in the Territory needed an annual salary of not less than £1,360 to keep up a reasonable standard of life. A man and his wife alone needed £1,165.

Neither estimates allowed for savings.

In speaking about resignations in his department, Mr. Roberts said that District Service officers' salaries were inadequate. Many recruits were attracted to the life in this service but when the novelty wore off, and they realised they had responsibilities to their families which they could not meet on their salaries, many resigned. They could earn the same money under better conditions elsewhere.

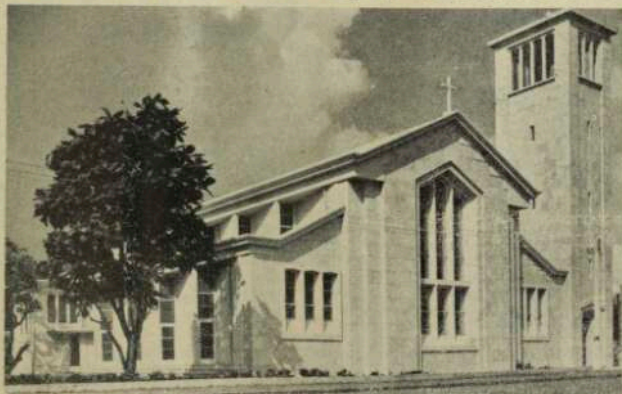
Mr. Roberts said that field officers cost about £3,000 to train, and that 71 officers who had resigned would cost a quarter-million pounds to replace.

Evidence was given on conditions in single hostels in Port Moresby, notably those for Administration women. The Committee was told of one of the Port Moresby hostels that had all its walls of paper, which, besides being a fire-risk, meant that girls who wanted to go to sleep early had to take sleeping drugs or use ear plugs.

† Frank Coleman, late of Hilaon and Belik Plantations, New Ireland, now is with Stapletons, a real estate firm at Avalon Beach, NSW—Australia. He will be glad to help any Islanders requiring accommodation while on leave.

† Mrs. H. B. Burrell, of Anson Bay, Norfolk Island, recently won first prize in the NI Agricultural and Horticultural Society's butter making contest. The prize was one year's subscription to PIM.

New Landmark on Apia Waterfront



The newly-completed Methodist Church in Apia, Western Samoa.

—Photo: Stinsons, Suva.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Something We Said in 1940

An old friend, writing from Noumea, said he had been looking through copies of the PIM, and had noticed our article headed, "This is Not a Merry Christmas", in the issue of December, 1940. Britain then was fighting alone, after the collapse of France. She had won the Battle of Britain, but the outlook was grim, indeed. Our friend quotes back at us this section of the article:

"But, at least, there is consolation in the thought that the spirit of our race has been proved, refined and hardened in this cruel fire of war. These people who, with such gallant courage, fought off the apparently irresistible onslaught of the Hun, will not be content with the muddled, selfish organisation of society which ruled their lives prior to 1939. They will—and rightly—demand the new world that already they have earned. There is a bad time coming for professional politicians, 'guinea-pig' directors, privileged nincompoops, and all the rest of the parasitical rubbish which has fastened itself upon our national economy in the fat easy days of peace. Sometimes, to this writer, the possibilities of the peace of tomorrow appear more terrifying than the activities of the war of to-day."

"Your article was very outspoken," says our friend, "but you miscalculated when you thought there would be a bad time coming for the 'parasitical rubbish' of society. They are stronger, and they have a terrible grip on this world of 1954. Practically half the population are doing nothing essential to a civilised state, but the parasites are controlling the roost—more and more. Where do we go from here?"

It is easy, now, to see what happened—difficult to foresee it in 1940. When the war was over, the masses naturally rebelled against their governments, which they blindly blamed for the gross imperfections of the pre-war politico-economic system. Thus they admitted to power the Attlee Socialists in Britain; the New Dealers in USA; the semi-Reds in France; the Chifley-ites in Australia—and in the pathetic confusion thus created, the Muscovite Reds crept in and took the world by the throat. These Socialistic post-war governments might have opened the way to something better in 1945-50 if the world had then been free. But the folk who believe in true democracy have no chance of cleaning up our system while there is an Iron Curtain across the world, and our fundamental freedoms are in danger.

Two Pools of Red Prawns

Mrs. E. M. Ducknell, of Sydney (formerly of Korolevu, Fiji) supplies a new variant of the legend of the

"Red Prawns of Vatulele" (PIM, June, 1954).

There are only two places in the world where red prawns are found—in the pool at Vatulele (as described in June PIM) and in a similar pool at Vatulailai, on the mainland opposite Vatulele.

A long time ago (according to legend) a great chief who lived at Vatulailai fell into love with a girl who lived on Vatulele. He told her he would go across to her and bring her a delightful gift; and he started thereupon upon a mighty task—namely, the building of a causeway of stones from his village to Vatulele.

But, although his love persisted, his back grew weary, for the stones he carried from the mainland were big and heavy; and he bethought him of a better way of conveying his gift. He went to the pool and, from the tree which grew there, he cut a forked shaft; and then he placed a couple of the red prawns from the pool in the fork and, with a mighty effort, he cast the spear from his causeway. It fell beside the girl, who was standing beside the pool in Vatulele; and the piece of wood took root and grew into a fine tree, while the chief's gift (the prawns) fell into the pool and there established themselves. And thus we have the sacred prawns in their pools, and the fine overhanging trees, of Vatulele and Vatulailai.

Our correspondent does not say what happened to the man and the maid. But she does note that she personally has seen these red prawns, and they are different from all other prawns in that they have the habit of swimming on their backs, with their whiskers waving in the air. We don't believe her!

Deductions from Sale of P-NG Coastal Fleet

What did Commander Evans (lately manager of the P-NG Government Shipping Service, and now en route to England) really feel about the sale and break-up of the fleet? A friend sends this extract from an article written by him not long ago:

"Though I am sorry that we did not remain in the Shipping business, as we were rapidly getting on our feet, I think it was a wise move of the present Government to dispose of the wooden vessels.

"From my experience of coastal ships in tropical waters, particularly in waters abounding with reefs, I am not in favour of this type of wooden ship at all and would stipulate, if I had any say in the matter, steel ships with slow-revving direct-reversing diesel engines and not, as these ships are, fitted with gear boxes. The type of engine in these

ships is far more satisfactory and actually designed for use in a static role in shore commerce work and not primarily for marine duties.

"However, even the present ships, which have now been sold to private enterprise, have played an active part post-war in putting the Territory on its feet and have given sterling service in spite of their teething troubles. The addition of steel masts and derricks, which have recently replaced the wooden ones originally fitted, will definitely lengthen the life of the ships.

"Shipping must play an even more important part in future development and it is for the benefit of all concerned that ships are run by small individual companies and private owners, rather than that the big firms should hold a monopoly."

Calling Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen

When Mr. K. H. McColl decided to leave the more strenuous business of the New Guinea mainland for the peace of plantation life on one of the Islands, he chose as his present home Maty Island (Wuvulu), which is among the archipelagoes north-west of Manus.

Mr. McColl found on Maty Island, where incidentally he was a Coast-watcher during the war, the graves of two Germans; but he was not able to learn anything of their history. So he has sent, through us, with a request for information, a letter addressed to Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen. Mr. Wahlen was the man who established a famous plantation home on Maty in the days before World War I and he now is a resident of Hamburg—from which, incidentally, he is backing the claim of the Waria Syndicate against the Commonwealth Government of Australia.

We have sent the letter on to Mr. Wahlen. Mr. McColl has had the graves cleaned up and, if he can get the names he asks for, he will have them inscribed on slabs of coral rock, to be used as headstones.

And here is another enquiry for the address of Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen. This one is from young Bernd Lohse. Mr. Lohse was through Australia and the South Pacific Islands a couple of years ago and he has written an outstanding book on what he saw and photographed. He is a close and clever observer of present-day conditions, and old Mr. Wahlen doubtless will be deeply interested in having a chat about New Guinea with his young compatriot.

Another Von Luckner Story

"Your readers perhaps are tired of hearing about the capture of Count von Luckner in Fiji in World War I; but this little episode, which occurred while I was in Suva, has never been told," writes "Birk."

"One afternoon I was walking home with Mr. D. R. Stewart, As-

sistant Colonial Secretary, and he told me he was worried because Billy Caldwell, who was then Postmaster and Collector of Customs at Levuka, had telephoned that a lad had arrived from the island of Wakaya, 9 miles away, and reported the presence there of 4 or 5 Germans, in naval uniform. Stewart said that the Governor and the C. S. rather ridiculed the idea. However, Caldwell rang repeatedly and assured them it was true, and asked the C.S. for permission to take a party over in the Customs lifeboat.

"While Caldwell was waiting for a reply, the AUSN Co's vessel, S.S. *Amra* arrived. Caldwell asked the Captain if he would arrange with his agent in Suva to take the ship to Wakaya. The Captain said he would not have sufficient coal to go there, and on to Suva. Caldwell then suggested to Stewart that he make arrangements for the *Amra's* agents to take some coal from the hulk at Levuka—the coal to be replaced later, if necessary. And that is how the *Amra* got away to Wakaya, with about six native policemen and a European Officer, just in time to prevent Von Luckner from escaping.

"All credit should go to Mr. D. R. Stewart and Mr. William Caldwell, both of whom have since gone hence."

How Deer Got To Wakaya Island

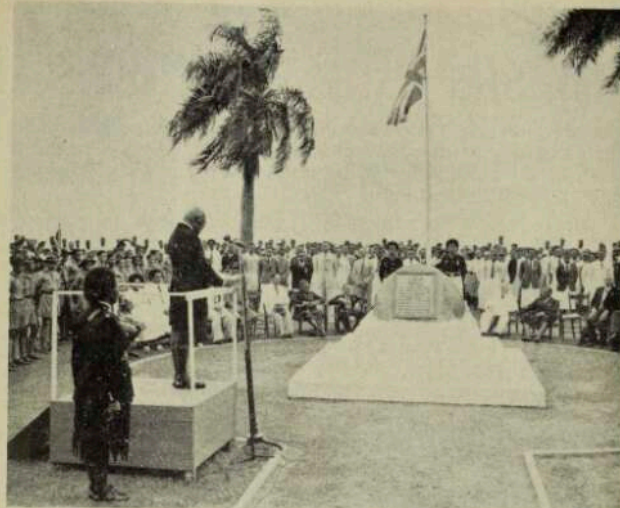
Reference to Mrs. Langdale's death (Jan. PIM) and to Captain Langdale and Wakaya (Fiji) recalls other days of early Fiji, and my father's connection with the island (writes Mrs. Lillian Hazard, of Magnetic Is., Q.)

My father, H. H. Steinmetz, first met Captain Langdale when the latter was serving in *HMS Sapphire*, in Sydney. Father was then in the course of what we call a Grand Tour. This was in 1877; and in 1879 he came out from England to join Langdale and a Captain H. Olive, as a partner on Wakaya Island.

Their original intention was to make the island a sportsman's paradise. I am afraid they were 60 years too soon in this venture, which was not a success. The deer they introduced became a pest to later owners of the island, although the deer provided sport for many in later years.

Captain Langdale became a District administrator. Captain Olive (RM), before his coconut planting days, was Commandant of Native Constabulary in Fiji, and arrived with the first Governor (Sir Arthur Gordon) in June, '75. I do not know what happened to him.

By patrimony, my father was a Freeman of the City of London. His German surname had been on



Sir Lala Sukuna giving an address during the Cession Day ceremonies at Nasova, Levuka. The plaque and stone commemorating the occasion is in the centre of the photograph.

—Photo: Fiji Public Relations Office.

Sukuna's Call for Equality Of Sacrifice

NO section of the community should be permitted to take more than its just share of the available resources — and therefore the Indians of Fiji must, as their sacrifice for the common good, watch their birthrate.

These admonitions were part of the speech of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, at Levuka on October 10, on the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Deed of Cession.

On this occasion, Sir Lala took the place of the Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, who was attending the 13th session of the South Pacific Commission, in Noumea.

In his speech Sir Lala recalled the doubts of many of the Chiefs before and at the time of Cession. He compared the Deed of Cession with the Treaty of Waitangi in New

Zealand, which was followed by the tragic Maori war.

"After 1875", he said, "we were saved from a similar situation by the wise policy of Sir Arthur Gordon, the then Governor, when the Government of the Colony handed back to the native owners the half-million acres of land that were being claimed by speculators. Nothing that has been done before or since has served more firmly to establish the Queen's Government in the hearts of the Fijian people than this one act of high generosity and princely goodwill".

For many years the Fijian population was on the wane while the Indian population was increasing, and at the same time the Fijian was well behind in the Colony's economic march. It was only in recent years that Fijians had been given the advice and help necessary to the production of cash crops.

But by giving areas of their land for settlement, the Fijians had made appreciable contributions to the common welfare of all races in Fiji — and now it was not too much to ask that other races should make theirs also.

the register of the Grocers' Company, in London, since Adam Steinmetz was admitted in 1780. Father was an old Harrovian.

After the Wakaya venture, and a few years' trading, he bought Munia, one of the loveliest islands in the Lau Group. He died nearly 20 years ago.

Private Samuela Vakaruru and Private Apenisa Waqamatia of the Fiji Military Forces in Malaya were killed, and two other men injured in a freak accident on October 2. A heavy tree limb fell onto the "D" Company base in the jungle, without warning.

NO THEORIES—IT WAS
JUST A CASE OF

Man and Cat Against the Sea!

Suva and Apia and Pago Pago still are rocking slightly under the newspaper earthquake started by *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, in its quest for world rights of the story of William Willis, "I-won't-talk" raft-drifter from Peru.

IT started when Willis, somewhere off Pago Pago, feebly radioed his arrival. Immediately, various folk in Suva and Apia, who represent newspaper organisations, began to receive long, urgent radiograms. They found it hard to make Sydney, London and New York understand that Pago Pago, Tutuila, where Willis and his cat had arrived were far away and quite isolated.

The Man . . .



—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

Then Tom Farrell came thundering in with photographer John Jones, and *carte blanche* from Sydney's big newspaper. Within minutes, Suva was staggered by the news that the spare TEAL flyingboat at

Laucala Bay had been hired by Mr. Farrell at £160 Australia per hour for 24 hours, with a reduced rate per hour for each subsequent period; and that it was off to fetch Mr. Willis and his cat.

Sydney, which hitherto had not been particularly interested in Mr. Willis or his cat, got the benefit of this adventure—mostly in a lavish double-spread of photographs. Because when Farrell and photographer caught up with Willis, they found that he was already sewn up by a New York newspaper—Willis' wife had done that job for him there.

The DT men flew from Sydney to Nadi by PAA, did a 140-mile taxi dash from Nadi to Suva, hired the TEAL plane there for the trip to Western Samoa; another 20-mile taxi dash, and then nine hours across the 80 miles of broken sea between Apia and Pago in a BP launch; then the trip in reverse, this time with Willis as guest. Anyone who knows that piece of sea between the Samoas, knows that the DT men will not forget it quickly.

Willis gave his balsa raft away in Pago—and he had also given away Meeki, his cat. But there were so many howls from New York about the cat that it was hurriedly retrieved and finished the journey back to the US with Willis; it was "worth 10,000 dollars to him."

Meeki, a fine black cat with yellow-green eyes, looked in good condition despite a straight diet of fish—and one parrot. Originally there had been a parrot on the raft, as well as Meeki and Willis, but Meeki ate the parrot two days off Pago. It was this eccentricity that probably endeared Meeki to her newspaper fans. Although laymen have various opinions about drift voyages in general, and Willis' in particular, everyone is agreed that Meeki is a cute puss.

By the time the cavalcade of cat, Willis, Farrell and Jones got back to Suva, local news-hawks could only stand and stare—but PIM's Suva correspondent prised some words out of Willis, and another correspondent got an exclusive interview with The Cat.

The Man Who Would Not Talk

By PIM's Suva Correspondent.

I MET Mr. William Willis, who had just finished a 6,000-miles journey by raft, with a cat for

company. Having an autographed copy of *Kontiki Expedition*, bearing a tribute from the author to the memory of my late father (an ethnologist with the same ideas as Thor Hyerdahl himself), I was anxious to meet this latest raft-voyager and find out what makes him "tick." I met my match.

He is a tall man, with dark-brown, swept-back hair, face and arms tanned to a rich mahogany. He looked extraordinarily well nourished for a man of 61 whose sole diet had been ground corn, sugar, raw fish for 115 days. He regarded me with narrowed eyes and said, obstinately: "I'm not talking, ma'am."

"No?" I said, slightly nettled, and added that it must have been rather like the *Kontiki* voyage, anyway. That stung him.

"Oh, no, nothing like that!" he assured me.

"Are you interested in the origin of Pacific Islanders?" No, he was not an ethnologist.

"Did you make any marine observations or study ocean currents?" No, he was not a scientist.

"Why did you do it, then?"

"Well," he said slowly, "I'm keeping the story till I hit Noo York."

"Yes, I know that, but why did you do it?"

"Well," he drawled, measuring his words, "I wanted to test man's endurance (he called it endourance) against Nature, and see how long a man can endure without sleep."

"Did you have any terrifying experiences?" His eyes narrowed again, his jaw tightened.

"No deep-sea monsters?" I wheedled.

"No."

"What, no mermaids?"

"No mermaids."

"A pity. How did Meeki, the cat, stand the voyage?"

"Alright, I guess."

"Well, that's fine."

"Fine, I guess."

I tried again. "Did you find human voices confusing when you landed, after all that time by yourself?"

"Well no, ma'am. I can't say I did. Just strange."

"I suppose you are very fond of your cat?"

For the first time a little warmth crept into his voice. "There'll sure be a welcome when I hit Noo York with that cat. Meeki's worth 10,000 dollars to me!"

"So you've again proved a theory," I tried again, desperately.

"No, I've proved no theory."

"Will you write a book?"

"Yes, it will be out in about a year."

I can hardly wait. No theory. No terrifying adventures. No deep-sea monsters. No mermaids. What will the New York "scoop" be?

Mr. William Willis and his cat proved a theory, whether they like it or not—that migrations could have been accidental; that anyone, provided they can sit still long enough, on a bit of balsa wood, can get a long way in a long time.

An Exclusive Interview With Meeki

APAKUKI TUITAVUA is one of my Fijian friends. Rugby fans will remember him as the popular captain of Fiji's 1952 and 1954 touring teams. He is also a government meat inspector, and at present is in charge of the Animal Quarantine Station at Vatuwaga, about four miles from Suva.

I am always in sympathy with underdogs (and cats), especially when they are being hounded and badgered by unintelligent humans, so when William Willis arrived in Fiji from Samoa during his flight back to New York, I decided to see his cat first.

Thanks to Apakuki, I was granted an exclusive interview with Meeki in a cage in the quarantine station to which she had been whisked during Willis' brief time in Fiji. Carrying a fish, which did not tempt Meeki, who seemed to be suffering from air-sickness, I arrived at the cage, then looked quickly away. Meeki was scratching the concrete floor.

After a discreet lapse of time I glanced back to the cage. Meeki was washing her ears, so I strode to the wire-netting gate, unlocked it and let myself in.

"Madam," I said, hoping I had guessed right, for Meeki's head did not look like a tom's. "I represent *The Nine Lives News* and *The Society for the Preservation of Intelligent Individuals*. Have you anything to say?"

Meeki arched her back and glared angrily with green eyes at my poised pencil. Then she stalked to a corner, where she sat looking wistfully through the netting at the

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... The Cat



—Photo: Liberty Studios.

If BP's Application is Granted:—

Unionists Threaten Another Australian Waterfront War

Burns Philp and Company have applied to the Commonwealth Department of Shipping and Transport for permission to (a) transfer the registration of their motor-vessels *Bulolo*, *Malekula* and *Malaita* from Australian to United Kingdom registry; (b) to sell any vessel at a satisfactory price; and (c) generally manage unprofitable shipping in the best interests of the company and stockholders.

MANY ISLANDS SHIPS TIED-UP BY AUSTRALIAN STRIKE

SHIPPING services from Australia to the Pacific Islands are already disrupted by the Australian waterside strike which commenced on November 2.

Waterside workers are striking against amendments to the Stevedoring Industry Act, now before Parliament, which, for the first time in seven years, proposes to give shipowners some rights to nominate their waterside workers. Under the present set-up, introduced during a former Labour Government, the Union has sole right to choose who shall or shall not work on the wharves.

The present Government says that the Union has abused its privileges by not allowing sufficient men to work on the wharves and by selecting only militant workers who will support any trouble-making Union policy.

The Burns Philp vessel *Bulolo*, which made a special excursion to Melbourne carrying cup visitors, was still there on November 8, and the company expects her to be there until at least the 16th. *Bulolo* was due back in Sydney on November 5, and was due to sail for P-NG on November 9. (See page 50.)

Passengers who went to Melbourne on her, are permitted to stay on board at no extra expense; or the Company will pay their fares by alternative transport back to Sydney.

Malaita is due in Sydney on November 10 and her next sailing is indefinite. *Mangola* is tied up in Sydney.

Soochow, of the Australia-New Guinea line, is tied up in Sydney. The Company can make no definite plans for her sailing until the strike ends.

Sinkiang, of the same line, is due in Sydney in mid-November.

AUSTRALIAN maritime Unions attach great importance to the move and are prepared to fight it vigorously. The Company would not comment, other than to state that the move is to counteract the losses which their vessels have incurred each year.

Union officials were not so reticent. They interpret BP's application as the first move towards replacing the present all-Australian crews on these three Islands ships with Asians, who will work under less stringent conditions and at low wages.

They have enlisted the services of the Rt. Hon. Eddie Ward, and this former Minister for Territories has promised to bring the matter before Parliament and to endeavour to frustrate the company's plans.

An announcement that eight new vessels will soon be put into the Australian coastal service by the Commonwealth Government, and will accommodate any men displaced by possible changes in the Burns Philp fleet, has done nothing to soothe the antagonistic union officials.

The company, by re-registering or selling the vessels, will place the population of New Guinea in a very precarious position, should any trouble eventuate in the East, they say.

Territorians, no doubt, will be surprised at this sudden concern for their welfare. However, the next move seems to be up to the Commonwealth Shipping Department.

(Burns Philp's ships run on the New Guinea service in competition with the three ships of the New Guinea Australia Line, which have Chinese crews. Although the NG-A ships are half the tonnage of the *Bulolo*, they are very popular with Territorians who appreciate the standard of service they get. Australian-manned ships, they say, are "run by the stewards" who practically dictate when passengers may eat, sleep, rise and drink.)

All these islands ships were expected to carry Christmas mails, parcels and stores for Papua-New Guinea and other parts of the SW Pacific.

Unilever in Cocoa-Growing Partnership with BSIP Government?

Lever's Pacific Plantations may enter into partnership with the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Government, and begin large-scale production of cocoa in the BSIP.

LEVERS Pacific Plantations is a unit of Unilever, the international combine which played a large part in depressing the price of copra in the years between the wars.

Little has been heard of Unilever since World War II—supply of copra is only now approaching demand, and the long years of the UK Ministry of Food Agreement has given stability to the industry in British territories in the South Pacific. But old-time planters have not forgotten Unilever; and they expect to hear of it again after 1957, when the MOF Agreement ends.

Mr. B. Fairfax-Ross, a member of P-NG Legislative Council, in May this year, urged that some instrumentality such as the present P-NG Copra Board, be retained after the Agreement expires. He said that it would be more than ever necessary then, when Unilever was likely to take over bulk buying, to have someone with the voice of Government to speak on behalf of producers.

It is believed that even now, Unilever has considerable influence with the MOF.

SW Pacific planters are unlikely to be pleased to see a Unilever tentacle reaching out towards the booming new cocoa industry, even if it is to the remote Solomons.

With Levers to supply the know-how, the enterprise would likely succeed—which would be in contrast to any of the other commercial enterprises in which the BSI government has engaged. The new scheme—if it comes to fruition—is to be part of the BSI Five-Years Development Plan (see elsewhere this issue) and this is financed in part by the £470,000 realised from Japanese assets confiscated during the war, and which the BSI received at the end of last year.

At that time, it was suggested that private planters who lost everything during the war, and who received no war damage compensation, might be given some of this money. But the Government refused to consider the idea—although certain funds have been set aside for people in straitened circumstances. An advertisement setting out who may apply, and where, appears in this issue.

Whether local planters will be any more pleased to see some of this money now used by the Government to enter into partnership with Levers, is doubtful. The idea may seem expedient now, in 1954, as a sound way of getting the Solomons away from an economy still

based solely on copra. But this may not have been necessary if the Government, right after the war, had seen fit to encourage residents to return and new settlers to go in and develop the country.

The reverse was the case—private interests were actively discouraged; and the Government, following instructions from Socialist Britain, embarked on a policy designed to make the Protectorate fit only for public servants and natives to live in.

Mr. and Mrs. James Judd, long-time residents of Fiji, departed per October sailing of *Orion* to settle in Sydney. Mr. Judd was first with Pacific Cable Board in Suva, and later joined the government service.

New Mayor of Suva

MR. A. D. Leys has been elected Mayor of Suva, in succession to Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane who did not seek re-election.

Mr. W. E. Goodsir was elected deputy Mayor.

Mr. Leys is a New Zealander; he was educated at the Auckland Grammar School and Auckland University College, graduating Bachelor of Laws. He went to Fiji in 1937 and is now a member of the Suva legal firm of Ellis, Munro, Warren and Leys.

Mr. Alan M. MacQuarrie, Secretary of American Samoa, left for Suva on October 6, en route to Washington, DC, USA. He represented Governor R. B. Lowe at a series of conferences with Washington officials on the 1956 Samoan Budget.

Mr. C. L. Regan of the Fiji Government Service has been promoted a Senior Magistrate in the Colony.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

BOOM times make for short memories—but there is a lot to be learned by consulting history. Twenty years ago producers of Pacific products were concerned about their markets, just as producers are today. It was from a different angle . . . but those times might come again!

Here are some of the matters discussed in our issue of November, 1934:

Messrs. Ray Parer and G. E. Hemsworth had been forced to withdraw their Fairley Fox plane from the London-Melbourne Centenary air-race because of radiator trouble.

Another aviation note was to the effect that Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, with Navigator P. G. Taylor, had completed a Sydney-Suva-Honolulu-Oakland (Cal.) flight in Lady Southern Cross. In Fiji, they had landed at Albert Park, Suva; and taken off from Naselai beach.

"Mr. Jack Hides, ARM, well-known for his remarkable patrols into the interior of Papua and New Guinea, leaves Moresby this month with Patrol-Officer O'Malley, and will undertake a lengthy patrol into the district between the Upper Strickland and Purari Rivers."

At the same time the Leahy brothers, Mick and Danny, were reported on a walkabout in an unknown region west of Mt. Hagen.

Some scathing comment came from some planters in the BSIP. No administrator, however able, they said, was capable of combining the dual offices of

Governor of Fiji and that of High Commissioner for the Western Pacific—and that the "sooner the shackles which fetter the island administration to a bureaucracy at Suva, are severed, the better." (However they had to wait about 18 years more before these particular shackles were severed in the arrival of Sir Robert Stanley who was the first HCWP who was not also Governor of Fiji.)

Another note from the BSIP stated that residents appreciated the new flogging laws which enabled certain types of natives to be dealt with in the "only way likely to impress them." (From a distance of 20 years we can only remark, "Tut, Tut!")

As a reprisal for "submarining" their banana export trade to Australia, Fiji put a 60 per cent. prohibitive tariff on Australian flour. This caused some panic in Australia and at the end of the month, Australian officialdom was trying to retrieve the position by announcing that Fiji bananas entering Australia would, in future, not be subject to sales tax, and probably not to primage.

A London correspondent commented on the copra market thus: "Our friends of Unilever are annoyed and refuse to buy. We just have to meet their wishes, as they are the only buyers in the market."

"Sydney interests are making a strong effort to organise in Australia, a market for New Guinea cocoa beans. It is reported that Australian confectionery manufacturers have displayed indifference, if not hostility to the NG product and a move is afoot to urge that a tariff be placed on beans other than from Australian sources."

TONGA'S ROYAL COMM'C'L TRAVELLER

Tugi Returns from USA
With Varied Ideas

SUVA, Oct. 25.

SOMEONE asked Tugi, Crown Prince of Tonga, if he had enjoyed his tour. (He had just arrived by plane on his way back from North America.) "I am not a tourist," he said, "I am a market investigator!"

As everyone knows, Tugi is not only Queen Salote's oldest son, and heir—he also is the Premier of the State. But, being also a thoughtful man of practical commonsense, he has made himself also the country's chief economic adviser. He has never been happy about Tonga's economic set-up—its dependence upon one crop, coconuts.

So, in America, he has been among some of the leading men in industry, studying markets, seeking information about things which his country could produce. Here are some of the ideas which he has brought back with him:

Tuna fishing in Tongan waters for the American market. He has been with the Van Camp people in USA, and has studied the industry they have successfully established with Jap long-line fishermen in Pago Pago. Pago Pago is close to Tonga, and the Americans there will take tuna from anyone who can catch them. Tugi argues that, with tuition—and some help in acquiring that queer, garfish-like bait used by the Japanese—the Tongans can catch sufficient tuna for the Pago Pago depot, in return for dollars, to appreciably affect Tonga's income.

New uses for coconut: Tugi brought back with him samples of two delicious confections, which have become popular in America—coconut chips, which many prefer to potato chips; and coconut syrup, which is like honey, with a strong coconut flavour. Both are made, and luxuriously packed in Hawaii; and sell at astonishing prices. Tugi also insists that he can get, in the Western American market, a better price for Tongan copra than he gets under the British Ministry of Food plan; and he already has asked what his chances are of getting free of the MOF copra contract.

Macadamia nuts: These nuts (well known in parts of Queensland) are now being increasingly produced in Hawaii, and the Americans prepare them and pack them in a way that makes them very popular. The samples brought back by Tugi were delicious: "and so," says the Royal commercial traveller,

"if they can be grown so successfully by Hawaii for America, why cannot they be grown by Tonga for Australia and New Zealand?" Why not, indeed?

Tugi also has some ideas about cocoa; but is warily studying the fact that practically every other South Pacific country lately has become cocoa-conscious. There may be some danger of over supply.

(Next to the table occupied by Tugi in the Grand Pacific Hotel, as he talked to his friends, was a table occupied by Mr. Paul Cadbury, head of the world-famous cocoa firm, now in the South Pacific on what he modestly described as an "exploratory" tour. As Tugi, next day, took off for Tonga, Mr. Cadbury left for Western Samoa.)

The Third Adam is Out

A FEW pre-view copies of Colin Simpson's third Adam book—*Adam In Plumes*—were issued on November 4. Official publication is, however, November 8—after we go to press with this issue.

This book will be reviewed in December. It seems, at first glance, fully up to the standard of *Adam In Ochre* and *Adam With Arrows*; and is lavishly illustrated with coloured and black and white photographs. Australian price is 25/-.

BSIP Plans Its 1955 Budget

IT is estimated that the British Solomon Islands Government will have £891,000 to spend in 1955. For the same period, revenue will be £672,267, which includes £158,250 from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund. Presumably the deficit between revenue and expenditure will be made up by a Grant-in-Aid.

Local revenue is expected to increase in 1955, from higher Customs duty, fees, posts and telegraphs and miscellaneous revenue and despite an expected decrease in the price received for copra. It is expected that the 1954 production of 18,000 tons of copra will not be equalled next year.

In common with other Pacific Islands governments, the BSIP is faced with a huge bill for overseas leave of staff. The cost of overseas passages for Protectorate officers going on leave is expected to be £18,000 more in 1955 than in the present year. This is said to be due partly to the improved recruitment position, partly to the high incidence of leave in that year, and partly to rises in the cost of fares.

Governors Meet in Noumea



When Sir Ronald Garver (centre, carrying hat) arrived in Noumea, New Caledonia, for the 13th Session of the South Pacific Commission, he was met by the new Governor of New Caledonia (extreme left), Monsieur R. Hoffherr, and a guard of honour.

—Photo: F. Dunn.



Some of those who attended—left, the French delegation; centre, Mr. J. H. Jones and Dr. J. Cumpston of Australia; right, the UK delegates—Sir Ronald Garvey, second from right.—Photo: F. Dunn.

An American at the Head of the South Pacific Commission

The next Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission will be an American—Dr. Ralph Clairon Bedell; and the 3rd. Pacific Conference will be held in Fiji, in 1956.

THESE announcements were made from Noumea on October 28 shortly before the thirteenth session of the Commission ended there.

Dr. Bedell, who succeeds Sir Brian Freeston, is 51 and is at present in Washington as Director of the programme development and review branch in the Division of International Education, United States Office of Education. In this capacity he is responsible for recommending technical assistance programmes in education for 33 countries and dependent areas.

He has had many years of administrative experience in American Universities, particularly in the fields of education, vocational training and sociology. He has taken an active part in the work of the Caribbean Commission and the West Indian Conference and is widely travelled, especially in Canada, Mexico, Central and South America and the West Indies.

It is anticipated that Dr. Bedell will take up his new duties in March, 1955. Meanwhile Mr. John Ryan, of Australia, and Deputy Secretary-General, has been appointed to act as Secretary-General.

The Pacific Conference, which is a meeting of representatives of the native peoples in the Territories in the SPC's field of activity, will meet at a time yet to be fixed in 1956. Some surprise was felt at the choice of Fiji for the second time; many people thought that the honour would fall to Port Moresby.

The first Conference was held at Nasinu, near Suva, in 1950; and the second was held at Noumea in 1953.

THE 13TH SESSION

NOUMEA, Oct. 28.

Although six important delegations from the six nations which constitute the South Pacific Commission (see October PIM) worked for many hours per day for three weeks, there was little in this Session of spectacular interest for the newspapers. Split into a series of committees, under the driving force of the President (Mr. Reg. Halligan, of Australia) the delegations, with members and staff of the Commission's Research Council, worked long and hard. They dealt mainly with budgetary problems, and with the Research Council's programme of work for the coming year.

The relations between the delegations were excellent. Because of the language handicap, and some differences of view in political policies, misunderstandings could easily arise between the French and the English-speaking people. But there was not a suggestion of that. On the contrary there was apparent on both sides an eagerness for co-operation and harmony in relation to the work of the Commission.

Each of the six delegations gave a cocktail party and reception—placing rather a strain upon the VIP's who were expected to attend the lot—and the most important was that given in the Pentagon by the President (Australia); and here the *Entente Cordiale* really was seen.

Mr. Halligan's most important guest was the new Governor of New Caledonia and France's High Commissioner for the Pacific—Monsieur R. Hoffherr, who has just succeeded

M. Angamarre. Another important French guest was M. Henri Sautot, famous here in 1940 when, as French Commissioner in New Hebrides, he was the first high official in the French Empire to defy Vichy and declare for De Gaulle. He now lives here in retirement, and has just been created an Honorary Governor-General of the French Empire—a high honour for a notable man.

Mr. Halligan, in a neat speech, presented the Commission's thanks to the French Administration for courteous readiness always to help the Commission's establishment at Anse Vata; and M. Hoffherr expressed the Colony's pleasure that such good relations existed, and that so much important work was being done.

The social activities included a week-end picnic along New Caledonia's shores, and a full-blooded deer-hunt. The outstanding kill of the day fell to the rifle of Professor Keesing (USA); and, when amateur photographers had been satisfied ("Professor Keesing, complete with stag") the body was carted to the Pentagon kitchens, to provide some variety in the menu. The staff, a week later, was a little blasphemous on the subject of frequent venison steak and pies. But all found compensation in the proud smile of the popular Professor.

The Governor of Fiji (Sir Ronald Garvey) was head of the United Kingdom delegation, and he and Lady Garvey were prominent figures in Noumea for a fortnight. They had the use of the residence of the British Consul (Mr. Johnson), at present absent in Australia. A smart and efficient section of the Colony's Defence Force turned out to provide a guard of honour for the British Governor, on his arrival and departure.

† The Anglican Bishop in Polynesia, the Rt. Rev. R. S. Kempthorne, and Mrs. Kempthorne, returned to Suva per Orion late October. Bishop Kempthorne had been attending the Pan-American Anglican congress at Minneapolis, USA.

MATSON MAKES PACIFIC PLANS

THERE have been new developments in regard to the re-establishment of the Matson Line's trans-Pacific passenger service.

The latest plan, released late in October, received great publicity in Australia, but once again there is a proviso: If the US Maritime Commission approves.

But if it does, two 14,000-ton, \$40,000,000, 360-passenger liners will be built in time to commence the run in mid-1956. Under the proposed plan they will operate a 17½-days, 20-knot service from San Francisco through Honolulu, Pago Pago, Suva and Wellington to Sydney southbound, and through Auckland, Papeete, Honolulu and Los Angeles northbound, with a 5-days stop-over in Sydney and a full 24-hours in Papeete.

The vessels will have 200,000 cubic feet of cargo space, including 28,000 feet for refrigerated cargo.

The design allows for a low streamlined profile, with raked bow, cruiser stern, and single funnel.

If approval is given—and the approval involves subsidies, and the subsidies may be conditional upon the results of the November Congressional elections which took place after the Matson announcement was released—the news will certainly be very welcome in Suva, Pago Pago, and Papeete.

Christmas Parties in Sydney

The New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney will hold two Christmas parties, as usual this year.

The Children's Party will be held on the afternoon of December 13. Parents of all New Guinea children who will be in Sydney at that time should send their names and ages, as soon as possible, to the secretary of the Club, at 77 King Street.

The following donations for the Children's Party have been received:—

Mrs. Wallace Brown	£	s	d
Mrs. Northam	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Green	1	1	0
Mrs. A. Innis	2	2	0
Mrs. F. Harvey	10	6	
Mrs. C. Perichon	2	2	0
	£	21	6

The cocktail party for adults will be held in the Club room, 77 King Street, on December 17. All visitors will be welcome.

The Pacific Islands Society will hold a party, also at 77 King Street, at 6.30 p.m., on November 25.

IN MELBOURNE

The NG Women's Association in Melbourne will hold a Christmas cocktail party at the Business & Professional Women's Club, on December 4, at 6 p.m. All Territorians are welcome, but they should ring Windsor 4586 for an entree card.

The Budget Session of the Fiji Legislative Council will be opened by the Governor on November 26.

P-NG LAND-SETTLEMENT POLICY IS INADEQUATE

Described as Narrow, Rigid and Unrealistic

A SURVEY BY R. W. ROBSON

I am of opinion that responsible Europeans and Chinese in Papua-New Guinea will regard the Australian Minister's newly-appointed policy covering land availability and settlement as too rigid, idealistic and unrealistic.

If I am right, the responsible citizens of the Dual Territory should lose no time in making a strong protest to the Prime Minister of Australia.

Mr. Menzies should be asked to examine the known facts, international as well as those connected only with Territorial issues; and, in the light of what may be disclosed, to consider whether the best interests of Australia and Papua-New Guinea are being served by a continuance of his apparent practice of leaving Mr. Hasluck to govern the Dual Territory as a little dictator, in accordance with Mr. Hasluck's well-known ideas in the field of native administration.

How This Position

Developed

BEFORE World War II, there were occasional attacks by Leftist politicians on Australian administration in Papua and New Guinea (then separate Territories), on the general ground that it permitted "exploitation" of natives.

From 1930 onwards I had a close personal knowledge of the Territories and I was one who did not take that criticism seriously. It was Socialist propaganda, built up for a political purpose.

No doubt, more could have been done in the fields of native education and technical training; but these primitive folk, on the whole, were well guarded by the Government officials and the Missions, and well treated by the great majority of employers. Under those conditions, they were making substantial progress towards that "Europeanisation" that is frequently termed "a higher standard of living."

In occasional controversies, however, I found it quite impossible to say this to people who had never seen the Melanesian Territories. They would howl with indignation, for example, when told that primitive bush kanakas were employed for 5/- per month, and all found. Yet that was then a perfectly sound arrangement, from all points of view.

Then came the war, and Socialist Government, with that champion Leftist, Mr. Eddie Ward, in charge of Territories. He surrounded himself with "advisers" of a very provocative, anti-capitalist colour. Most of us still have a lively recollection of how a University student and a

notable anthropologist, each wearing the red tabs of a Colonel of the General Staff, perambulated the Territories on behalf of Minister Eddie Ward.

THE Ward-Murray era followed. It started as an intensely provocative, anti-private enterprise Administration, in which private traders were to be more or less outlawed, and all shipping was to be a State monopoly. But by the time it ended (with the defeat of the Australian Socialist Government in 1949) the anti-capitalist campaign had collapsed under its own weaknesses.

But the laws regulating the use of native labour had been drastically altered (higher wages, looser contracts, abolition of penal clauses in relation to contracts), and an obligation to lift the natives to higher standards of life had been put in the forefront of policy; and this was high-lighted by the distribution of about £2,000,000 to the natives as "war damage compensation"—an unjustified and mostly unnecessary expenditure in which fantastic things occurred, and which mostly went to the enrichment of Chinese traders.

Simultaneously came the UNO Trusteeship for New Guinea, under which all kinds of queer people from countries which had barely reached the status of nationhood were given the right to wander through New Guinea at frequent intervals, and insist that Australia was not helping the natives, and was exploiting them.

STILL, these developments of native policy might have been generally accepted, and implemented, had it not been for another

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development, unforeseen in 1945-46.

By the time the Ward-Murray regime ended, and the Menzies Government was in charge, the international situation had changed profoundly. Instead of World War II being the "war to end war", to provide machinery for the maintenance of permanent peace, it proved merely to be the door-opener for the Cold War—a Muscovite conspiracy under which the whole world, with the help of a Red Asia, is to be brought under the control of International Communism.

It looked, for a time, as if anti-Socialist Minister Spender would restore to the P-NG administrative policy, the rule of practical common-sense; and there came into the picture Brigadier Donald Cleland, who was accepted as an Administrator with a well-balanced experience of the Territories, and a fair appreciation of the respective claims upon the Government of native welfare and private enterprise.

But Mr. Spender went off across the seas as a titled Ambassador, and there arrived, as the new Territories Minister, Mr. Paul Hasluck—a young man of ability, notable as a theorist and writer, and a tireless worker. He showed the liveliest interest in the Territories and their affairs. The present difficult situation developed from that point.

WITH the end of the Ward-Murray regime, the Territories had eagerly awaited the measures promised to promote European soldier-settlement and encouragement of private enterprise in developing the resources of the Dual Territory.

There was no suggestion of setting aside Australia's responsibility for native welfare. It was, and still is believed that that can be taken care of easily within the framework of the Trusteeship, and need not conflict in any way with the encouragement of private enterprise. In fact, private enterprise, under sound official direction, can do far more to promote native welfare than all the heavily-subsidised Administration schemes which have been produced.

Those measures did not come. Practically nothing was done to amend the harsher provisions of the native labour regulations which the Socialists had introduced. It is noted that much of the big development that has taken place is closely tied to the Government enterprise (like the new plywood industry in the Bulolo Valley). There has been great Government expenditure, in personnel and money, in establishing native co-operative societies. But straight-out Administration effort to make land and other basic facilities available has been limited.

OF planned soldier-settlement—demanded by all non-official Europeans since 1946, and in-

ferentially promised again and again by Canberra—there has been very little. Most of what has been done has been done through the personal initiative of the District Commissioners.

For example, Mr. Ian Downs, in Eastern Highlands, went ahead with plans under which carefully selected Europeans were encouraged to seek suitable lands; encouraged to establish good relations with the native owners; and then, before the European could buy the land and settle there, the whole proposition had to be vetted by the Administration, to ensure that: (a) the land would not be needed by the natives, (b) that the price was right, and (c) that this close contact between this particular European and the natives would be beneficial to the natives. That was the best settlement plan yet operated in the Territory, and it had excellent results in Eastern Highlands.

But towards the end of 1953, Ministerial orders came that all such land-settlement activities must cease, while Canberra worked out

the terms of a co-ordinated and comprehensive land and settlement policy.

The Dual Territory, for a year, has awaited this plan, with growing impatience. In a recent tour I found, in all Districts visited, men of a good type waiting and cursing, because they wanted land, wanted to get on with development, but could get no official information or help. Everyone, officials and non-officials, was waiting on Canberra.

And, now, here is the precious plan, outlined by Minister Hasluck on October 11 in a letter to Mr. P. W. Reilly, secretary of the Highlands Farmers' and Settlers' Association, in the Eastern Highlands. The Association has been strongly urging the Minister to give some ruling on land availability and settlement.

Minister Defines Land Policy

THE plan is set out in a letter of nearly five closely-typed pages; and it is devoted mostly to a

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There was a "Crundall The Chemist"—over 100 years ago—when the immortal Dickens wrote:

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Mr. E. V. Crisp Planning Retirement

Mr. E. V. Crisp, the managing director of Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. (which shares with Burns Philp interests the major trade of the Australian Territory of Papua), proposes to retire from the active management of the Company in December, after 30 years' service—although he probably will continue in harness for a little time thereafter as chairman of the Company.

Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. was established in Papua after World War I by Captain A. S. Fitch, who took the old steamer *Queenscliff* from Tasmania to Port Moresby on a speculative trading venture. From modest beginnings, the enterprise grew steadily into an organisation of some importance, and added to its strength by taking a prominent part in the establishment of the rubber-growing industry in Papua.

Mr. Crisp, who had gone to Papua as the representative of Holder Bros., an English firm with interests in the Territory, joined Captain Fitch as manager of his new Samarai Branch on December 12, 1924; and he succeeded "Cappy" as Managing Director when the latter retired, after the rehabilitation of the Company following the Japanese invasion.

Mr. Crisp will be succeeded in the post of Managing Director by Mr.

J. M. Mitchell, who was for many years on the staff of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. as Commercial Manager, and who five years ago joined the staff of STC Ltd. and became General Manager.

† Mr. R. W. Robson returned to Sydney, November 8, after visiting Fiji and N. Caledonia.



Mr. Mitchell.

Letter to the Editor:

Jack Hides and the Hidden Valley

(See also article on page 79.)

A REFERENCE in October PIM to a flight I made, with others, into the Lavani ("Shangri-la") Valley west of Tari, Papua, is followed by this statement:

"Meanwhile, in Sydney, Mrs. Jean Crofts, sister of the late Jack Hides, of Papua, refutes published reports that APC geologist, John Zehnder was the first (white) man to enter the valley. Mrs. Crofts claims that Hides and O'Malley visited the valley as part of the Tari-Strickland patrol in 1935. She says that she has pictures and maps to prove it and that Hides described these natives, their dress and mode of living in his book, *Papuan Wonderland*."

It is so easy, by the making of statements and the reporting of them to do people injustices, as well as deny them due credit, in matters of who-was-there-first in Papua-New Guinea.

The Hides-O'Malley patrol of 1935 did discover what I would call the Tari-type (Huri, or Hull, tribes) people, the people who wear hair wigs, decorated with purple and yellow flowers. Of that there is no question, and I was careful to mention it in articles I wrote recently about the area.

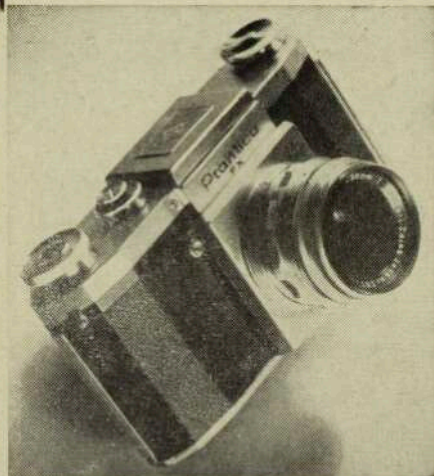
I have at my elbow, as I write, a copy of Jack Hides' patrol report and a map showing his route, which passed south of Tari, and south of the route taken by the patrol from which Mr. Zehnder made a side-trip. (The escort patrol led by Mr. D. J. Clancy, ADO, followed closely on the route taken by the Hagen-Sepik patrol of Mr. J. L. Taylor in 1938-39.)

If Mrs. Crofts can prove to my satisfaction or the satisfaction of any competent authority in District Services that her brother entered the Lavani valley I shall donate £100 to any charity she cares to name.

The fact that Hides, who passed through so much new country, did not happen to go into this particular valley, in no way detracts from the measure of credit due to him and to O'Malley.

What people never quite seem to understand is that the most a patrol can do is cut a corridor. In that country patrols taking routes 20 miles apart will cut quite different sectors of population, which may or may not be people of the same type. Both Ivan and Claude Champion did most valuable patrols into this same wide region.

The irony of it is that Jack Hides himself suffered from ill-informed statements that the country he found had previously been pene-



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trated by Michael and Daniel Leahy in 1933—a statement which the Leahy brothers would be the first to deny.

Even my own trips into New Guinea—which I have never suggested amounted to exploration—have drawn the most curious "refutations." One correspondent, who got himself published in the *ABC Weekly*, claimed that I said in a broadcast that a patrol I accomplished discovered the wignen of Wabag. This was in 1949, years after the Government station had been established there. He said these people had been discovered by Hides, "whom he had once been privileged to meet." In fact, the Wabag-area wignen were first visited by Mick and Dan Leahy in 1934, when Jim Taylor was not with them. The next Europeans into the area were the Fox brothers.

I am, etc.,

COLIN SIMPSON.

East Gordon, NSW,
October 27, 1954.

Miss Norah Harris, daughter of Mr. Tom Harris, of Santo, New Hebrides, has announced her engagement to Mr. Arnold. They will marry in the New Year.

Port Moresby Weddings



Upper: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Head after their marriage at Ela Protestant Church, Port Moresby on October 8. The bride, formerly Miss Marjorie Moss, arrived recently from England.
Lower: Mr. and Mrs. George Green who were married at Port Moresby Catholic Church on October 2. The bride was formerly Miss Marie Woods.

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First grade copra will be either very good hot-air dried or very good sun-dried; this will command

the top price. Third-grade will be the lowest grade smoke-dried—copra that is just good enough to be passed for export; this will be worth £10 less than first grade. In between these two will be a second-grade, price for which has not yet been fixed.

New regulations came into effect in BSIP on November 1, whereby Government copra inspectors are empowered to divide all BSIP copra into three grades. They will be graded and paid for as follows:

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These prices will be payable for the remainder of this year or until the new price with the £10 differential comes into operation.

Fixing the 1955 Price:

Free Market Copra Shows Small Improvement

PACIFIC Islands producers who are selling their copra under the UK Ministry of Food Agreement, still were in a happy position at the end of October, when (Oct. 25), free market price for Straits copra was £74 Stg. c.i.f. European ports. The 1954 MOF price is £Stg70, f.o.b. Islands ports—which is equivalent to about £82 c.i.f. Continental ports.

The free market price has tended to rise in the past month, and if it follows the pattern of the closing months of the last two years and continues this trend, it will give South Pacific copra producers a better bargaining point when the matter comes up for review in December-January.

Under the agreement with the

MOF, the price cannot rise or fall more than 10 per cent. in any one year.

The MOF has had the worst of the bargain in 1954 (when the price was raised by 7½ per cent. over the 1953 price) but the Ministry is still well on the right side of the ledger over the six years the Agreement has been in operation; in the early years of the contract, Pacific planters were getting about half the free market price.

Because free market price in 1954 has been consistently lower than last year, producers are anticipating that the MOF will press for a reduction in 1955. If the MOF is successful, it will be the first fall since the Agreement came into operation, although in 1953 the price remained the same as in 1952.

NG STABILISATION FUNDS

THE amount in the Papua-New Guinea Copra Fund at June 30, 1954 was £470,244. Contributions (at £2 per ton) during the previous year amounted to £197,185.

In addition to the above, an amount of £1,452,000 is held by the Commonwealth Government—this represents collections made from producers of copra between December 1946, and October 31, 1951, when the present scheme came into operation. The early collections were called a "Stabilisation Fund"; the purpose was to cushion the industry in times of depressed prices. Over the years, the compulsory deductions have varied from as low as £1 per ton to as high as £8/5/- per ton.

Cocoa Position:

Planting Boom and Fluctuating Prices

THE cocoa-planting boom continues in the South Pacific and there is, at present, scarcely one island territory that is not either planting up or planning to do so.

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vice-chairman of the chocolate firm of Cadbury Bros. Ltd. and his nephew Mr. Adrian Cadbury. They will later visit Australia, and cocoa growing areas in New Guinea.

There was considerable fluctuation in the cocoa market in early November. On November 2, Accra was quoted at £Stg385, on November 4, at £Stg407 (equal to Australian £510). New Guinea was quoted on November 4, as around £A420. However, at this quote the price obviously had not caught up with the steep rise in Accra.

Australian manufacturers in November were not interested in Accra at £A510; they were waiting to see if there were further fluctuations. This is the slack season for Australian chocolate manufacture.

The Accra crop is expected to be larger than at first expected but according to advice from New York, heavy Russian buying could be a new factor in skyrocketing prices—although, so far as the United States is concerned, a likely result would be a speed up in research for a substitute for the cocoa bean.

Commonwealth Aid to Goldmining Industry

GOLD producers in Papua and New Guinea may benefit from the Goldmining Industry Assistance Bill which was on its way through the Commonwealth Parliament in November.

Producers of less than 500 ounces of gold per year will get a subsidy of £1/10/0 per ounce. Others will get a subsidy rate depending on the cost of production—i.e. if their gold costs less than £13/10/0 per ounce to produce they will get no subsidy at all. Where the cost of production is £15 per ounce, the subsidy will be £1/2/6; and the maximum subsidy of £2 will be paid when the cost of production is £16/3/4 an ounce or more.

Official price of gold at present is £15/12/6 Australian per ounce.

This assistance may stimulate production from borderline mines and leases and generally assist the industry which (according to Mr. Menzies) is facing difficulties over which it has little control.

Of New Guinea Interest

Left, Miss Pat Loonan, of Port Moresby, who recently announced her engagement to Mr. Jim Thompson of Steamships Trading Co. And, right, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carter of Papuan Prints, Ltd., Port Moresby, who recently left for Australia and overseas on vacation.

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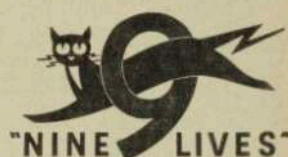
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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

The Modern Pidgin

For the first time, I recently had an opportunity of reading, and endeavouring to understand a native newspaper produced by the Department of Education at Rabaul.

I can realise now why so many folk look down their noses at Pidgin, as it is to-day set down, presumably, for the information and instruction of the studious indigine.

It was pleased to read, in reference to secondary school students that:

Ol despela native students ia ol i go Australia bilong kisim secondary education bikos i nogat secondary school bilong native long Territory. Long taim Territory i gat secondary school bilong en yet bihain balmbai ol despela students i noken go moa Australia bilong kisim moa bigpella save.

Welcome touches of human interest managed to rear their heads occasionally above the sea of departmental and political verbosity. One advocating the stamping of letters; another advertising a Land Rover for sale by a native village Council (for £750) and yet another advt. proclaiming settings of "Sydney faol" eggs for 8/- a dozen.

If Tolai native students are able

to fully digest the feast served up in the pages of this "pidgin" (and I quote pidgin) publication, then they have certainly made gigantic strides along the Road to Knowledge during the past decade, and their teachers are to be congratulated.

On the same subject—more or less—comes a report from a meeting of the Rabaul Advisory Council asking for at least a page in the "Rabaul News" to be printed in simple English. The suggestion was made by the Rev. F. G. Lewis, of the local Methodist Mission and the chairman of the TNG Methodists. He is a chap who has, incidentally, a lot of Islands' experience and was for five years Secretary of the Native Affairs Dept. in Samoa (1926-31) as well as being a pre-war MLC in TNG, and a good cove.

I don't blame him one little bit for wanting something more in the "News" than what there is now, because at present it's neither Pidgin nor English, and I am quite sure if native readers can understand the present publication, they could understand a simple English version of the Government propaganda.

If the object of the "News" is simply propaganda, then the editor would reach a far greater public by

printing his Government "hand-outs" in the Gazelle dialect which would be understood by all natives who have had education in both the Methodist and RC schools, and they are legion.

Mr. Lewis hits the nail on the head when he said: "I am sure that if officers with contact with natives of various departments were able to master the language of these people, their task would be simpler, more dignified and a credit to the Territory."

The DC then uttered the usual Government excuse that owing to constant changes ("exigencies of the service," as it is usually termed) a Government official could not be expected to learn the language of every place to which he is posted. Which only brings up the question of allowing a Government official to remain in the one area so that he will learn to *know* the native and his language.

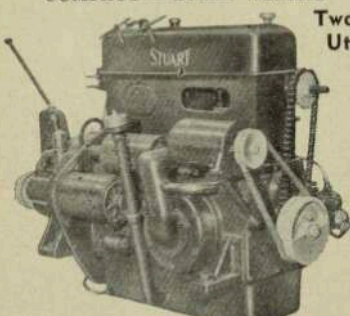
In pre-War days in Rabaul there were only a few Government officials who knew the local dialect—the *tinata* *Konua*, yet many of them had been living there for years. One was J. H. L. Waterhouse, the teacher (and he had learnt it while with the Mission), others were the Court Interpreter, Mr. Wayne (also an ex-Missionary) and the Supt. of Police, W. B. Ball. Learning the *tinata* does not require a high degree of IQ as you will realise when I tell you that I learnt it within six months.

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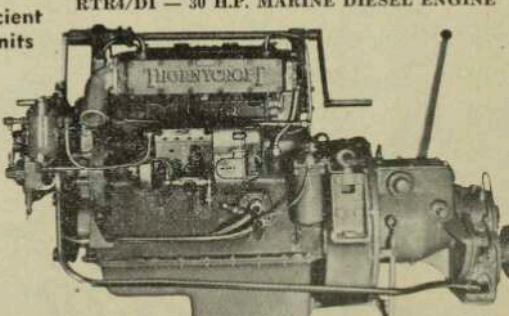


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Christening in Papua

Dael Karen, infant daughter of Captain and Mrs. Battersby of Taurama Barracks, Port Moresby, was christened there by Padre Boxham on October 17 — first christening at the Regiment Headquarters.

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(We do not know whether Tolala's Stanley Annandale and ours were related; nor, as stated in October PIM, do we know upon what point of law the case hinged. In the report we saw, Annandale's father was stated to have been a natural-born British subject; but the nationality of his mother was not mentioned. There is, in Samoa, the necessary machinery whereby parents, themselves nationals of a Sovereign State, may preserve the national status of their children born in the Territory. And elsewhere this issue, you will see that NZ has now amended her laws to permit the permanent residence of Samoans.) (OVER)

Link With "Quetta"

Mention was made last month in the review of the book, *The Romance of the Barrier Reef* (PIM, p. 86) of Emily Lacy and her epic swim. To old islanders this recalls two well-known Territory identities, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. L. F. S. Hore, of Rabaul, Kokopo, and later of New Ireland. I did not know the Colonel was ever a Papuan R.M. as stated. For some years he was Crown Prosecutor with the Military Occupation Forces in Rabaul, and was later DO at Rabaul and at Kokopo, eventually acquiring a plantation on the New Ireland coast. There were two sons, Dyson and Basil, and a daughter, who married the late W. E. Grose, MLC. Dyson's plantation at Garua, in the Talasea district, is reckoned one of the Territory's show places.

If You Are Born

In a Mandate

It was with interest I read of the case of a "New Zealand Protected Person," born in Western Samoa in 1924, with apparently doubtful national status, and not recognised either of Samoan or New Zealand nationality because born in a Mandated Territory. If that is the position in Western Samoa, what then is the position of children born in TNG? I know the question cropped up some years ago, but I don't know whether it was ever clarified.

The person seeking a ruling on his national status—Stanley Annandale—is, no doubt, the son of Stanley Annandale, a pioneer of Bougainville, who, with the late J. W. Campbell, planted the first coconuts of the now-extensive CPL plantations on that island. His headquarters were at Soraken, and nothing disturbed his proverbial British phlegm. I remember him when, during War I, our supplies in Bougainville were cut off, he would cheerfully enquire at the early morning "eye-opener" hour: "What'll you have, Old Man, a chlorodyne or a laudanum?" Beer, whisky and the other essentials had long been exhausted. Prior to

joining the CPL he was with the BSIP Government as a District Officer. He was a cousin of Lord Haldane who, at the time, was Britain's Lord Chancellor.

And now, apparently, his son has to plead to remain in NZ. Somehow it doesn't add up. To me, at any rate.

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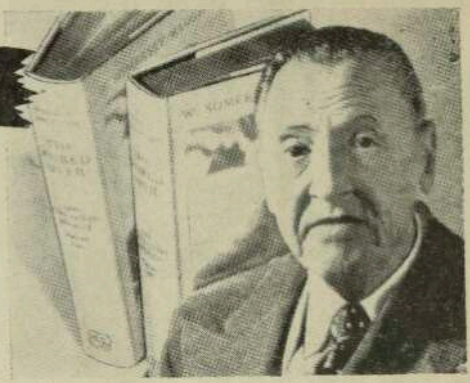
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Land Policy—German and Australian

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I often wonder what the position would have been in the Territory now if any other Colonial Power had been in the box seat since War I.

The Germans made a point of encouraging settlement by every means possible in areas where native unrest had occurred, and I recall to mind the Government action following the fearful massacre at St. Paul's mission in the Baining in 1904 when nine Europeans and five native students were killed by To Maria and his followers.



Captain Ray Taylor of Steamships Trading Co.'s "Munira" and his wife, nee Lucy English of Samarai, recently married at Samarai. They returned from a Sydney honeymoon late October.

The men of the villages concerned in the massacre were put to work terracing the hills of Old Massawa for coconut planting; and, furthermore, the Government decided to civilise the Baining by intensive European settlement, and gave every incentive to small German settlers, many of whom came from Queensland.

Thus came into being such estates as Guntershohe, New Mobisberg, Lassul, Neinduk, Nambung, Galtum, Gavite, Lilinakala, Rangarare and possibly a few others the names of which have slipped my memory. Anyway, they were a fine lot of plantations and I'll wager that the present owners have little to complain of.

The south-west coast of New Ireland was made available by the Ger-

mans for the settlement of Chinese planters about 1911-12, and that was the only area available to Asiatics with planting ambitions, at that time.

Too Many Spoon-Fed

Natives

In a recent issue of the *South Pacific Post* I noticed that a planter is advocating that Administration officials' help in developing a sense of responsibility amongst the natives—both as regards their labour and copra production.

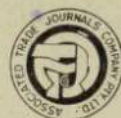
For years now the native has had many of the advantages of civilisation without incurring any of the burdens concomitant with their enjoyment.

The labour contract is anything but an equitable document, and Administration officials too often go out of their way to point this out to the employee whose benefits are legion and liabilities none, with the power of veto at the drop of the hat.

The whole system does not appear to be one which will successfully enable any race to become self-supporting in a modern world. You can't have it all one way—and the primitive native knows this. He is

accustomed to the "eye for an eye" policy. He is due for a rude awakening when the time comes for him to stand on his own feet economically and hold his own in world markets against hardened competition.

The many native co-operative societies have been lucky with a sellers' market and high prices for their produce. It would be an entirely different story had these societies been forced to face the prices prevailing in the '30's. (Over)



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Trade From the North

Sugar arriving in P-NG from Hongkong is said to be better packed and sells at about £3 a ton less than the Australian product. With such advantages it would indicate that Australian sugar interests will have to look to their laurels. Or will it be a case of the Government declaring Hongkong sugar a prohibited import, as it did with Saigon rice?

Village Councils Again

Once again there was a clash recently in the New Britain Advisory Council between official and non-official members when Don Barrett, MLC, tackled DC Foldi on the matter of natives defying the Administration by refusing to enter the native village Council system.

The Administration attitude now is, apparently, to accept such defiance with a good grace and avoid incidents. No names, no pack drill. Apparently there are other villages now wanting to step out of the system. All very confusing, *laka?*

The DC mentioned that one village desired "to revert to the days when the Government was their father and they had to pay the odd 10/-" (headtax). Continuing, he said: "When the Japs invaded their land the Australians fought

for them." I'm not so sure whether this was a happy remark or not (to make of the Tolai country.) A reference to the country's recapture by the Australians might have been better. We haven't got much to be proud of in the defence which was put up when the invaders came in.

Plans for Planning

Such a simple way of overcoming problems isn't it—this planning business? We now have for P-NG a Three-Years Plan (spelt with capitals to make it look more solid) and Assistant-Administrator Wilson clarified the development last month to the Rabaul TAC. Said he in conclusion:

"Planning of the three-year scheme must be done by a central body. . . . We must get balance between the various centres with the amount of finance available. There must be a central body which will get that balance and make a plan.

"We will try to look ahead to forecast requirements, with proper technical men who can plan ahead, and try to the best of our ability to provide those requirements."

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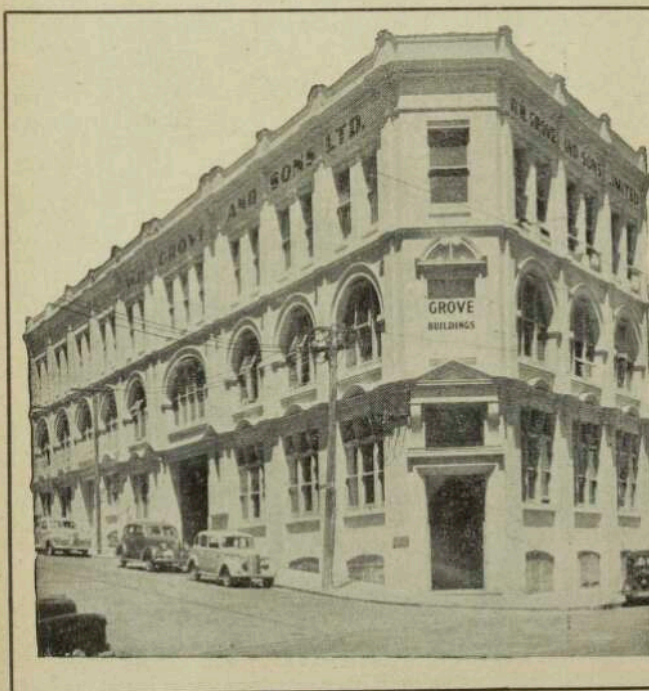
ABOUT 70 students have applied for cadetships under the Papua-New Guinea medical training scheme which will be started in the new year.

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After the final year, students will be expected to serve a year's residence at an approved Australian hospital, and then spend from two to five years in the Territory, depending on the length of the cadetship. The scheme will ensure that students with little financial backing will not have to look for jobs to pay for their way through university.

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C OF C FOR MORESBY

At a public meeting in Port Moresby on October 19, a group of businessmen formed a Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting elected an interim committee to draw up a constitution. It also, after long discussion, sent a radio message to the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, thus: "In view of indications that no tenders for new major wharves, roads or bridges are likely to be let this year in the Territory, will the Prime Minister kindly review the works programme to ensure a balanced development."

SEPIK VISIT BY ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator of Papua-New Guinea—Brigadier D. M. Cleland—began an extensive tour of the Sepik district in October. It was his first since 1952.

Accompanied by the District Commissioner, Mr. S. Elliott-Smith, he visited nearly every out-station and was received by big groups of natives everywhere he went.

At the beginning of his tour he opened a new native welfare clinic and maternity hospital at Wewak, which was built by the natives of the district with Administration co-operation. Thousands of natives turned up for the ceremonial opening and danced into dawn next day. Leading natives of the District, Simogun, MLC and Youwiga, took a leading part in the hospital's establishment.

The main ward of the hospital was named, "The Sister McAlister" ward after Sister E. McAlister, of Wewak General Hospital, who encouraged the project since its beginning.

TELEFOMIN—"A MISTAKE"

The Administrator included Telefomin in his itinerary, and he had this to say about it: "The Telefomin Post should never have been established where it was and when it was, six years ago. It is remote, isolated, and sparsely populated. The only access is by air, and because of weather conditions, more flights are abortive than successful. The Station presents a real problem in maintenance. However, we are there, and there we must remain, particularly after recent events. It would be contrary to all the tenets of good administration to withdraw and close the Post."

"Although the Telefomin Valley is geographically in what is generally known as the Highland region, it is very unlike the Goroka-Hagen area. The valley, while scenically rugged and grand, is poor and devoid of any good agricultural land. The people themselves are amongst the most primitive I have seen in the Territory. They need close watching with care and patience."

They are still suspicious of new ways but it is evident that they do now know that the Administration does mean something beneficial in their lives. The policy must be one of consolidation in the present areas, which are as yet only partially controlled. While this period of consolidation is proceeding, a process of assimilation must—and is in fact being followed—by taking selected Telefomins to other centres for periods so they can see for themselves what is happening in other districts."

WAU—THREE KINDS ONLY

The Wau Bulolo Town Advisory Council decided at a meeting in October that it wanted only three varieties of coffee grown in the Wau Valley.

Members said they wanted legislation passed to restrict the varieties to Blue Mountains, Jamaica and Arabica, which had proved themselves. There was danger of cross-pollination if new types were introduced.

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on October 11, after it had been closed for about five weeks.

However, there was no immediate rush by Qantas to make use of it—and apparently they have no intention of using it for some time. (A Sydney spokesman said "maybe months.")

Main trouble was slippery grass and weed, probably brought on by the wet season.

INDIAN TRADE EXPERT SEES NO FUTURE IN KENAF

The Indian Trade Commissioner in Australia, M. S. V. Patel, who followed the Indian High Commissioner, General Chariappa, on a tour of the Territory, said in Port Moresby in October that there would probably be a big increase in trade between India and the Territory in the next few years.

There seemed to be good prospects for Indian trade goods of all kinds in the Territory, especially hardware. India, for her part, would be interested in getting mango grove bark, which at present is imported from Kenya, and India would probably be a



Mr. S. V. Patel.
(Photo by C. H. Meen)

good market for copra when the British Ministry of Food contract expired in 1957.

Mr. Patel also had a word to say on Kenaf. In his opinion, it could hardly compete with Indian jute unless producers could do something about reducing production costs. Jute had already been reduced considerably in price during the last twelve months.

THEY SAY THEY CAN'T HEAR IT

Following comment—some of it by the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland—the Territory's ABC station 9PA, with short-wave station VLT6, recently sent out a technician on a survey of reception conditions in various areas of New Guinea.

The technician will make a report to the Director of Posts and Telegraphs in Queensland whether reception can be improved. The PMG operates the technical services for the ABC.

The Administrator said in September that he knew VLT6 was not being heard in various areas of the Territory and he would like to see an improvement.

There has also been agitation in Rabaul for a commercial station to be set up there, but the Administration has said that this is "against policy."

NEW ROADS

After being closed for about a year because of washaways, the Wau-Edie Creek Road was opened

to heavy traffic in late October. A lot of good work has been put in on the lower Edie, a bad trouble-spot, which has been strengthened with wire baskets.

The Port Moresby to Brown River Road which has been in course of construction for a year or two, was completed right to Brown River about the same time.

Commonwealth Works officers are now making plans for the bridge across the river.

LACK OF FUNDS HALTS HYDRO SCHEME

Work on the hydro-electric scheme at Goroka stopped about mid-October, and most Commonwealth Works officers were withdrawn. Some were left to keep an eye on the earth works in case any damage was done to the installation during the coming wet season.

The stoppage was sudden, and was due to the usual trouble—lack of money to finish the work. The plan had been extended to about

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double the original size and the early part of the plan had been completed when the money ran out. Its probable that the money will come through shortly, but meanwhile there has been agitation from Goroka people, including the Farmers' & Settlers' Association.

POSTAL CHIEF ON JOB

The new director of Posts and Telegraphs in the Territory, Mr. W. Carter, arrived in Port Moresby from Sydney on October 27 to take up his new duties.

Mr. Carter, who is 30, has the job of re-organising the Posts and Telegraph branch, formerly under the Treasury, into an entirely new and separate department.

VOLCANOES MUST WAIT MR MURPHY'S RETURN

Both the Rabaul Town Advisory Council and the New Britain District Advisory Council have lately discussed the "Escape Plan," in the event of an eruption.

The Town Council would like to see a simplified plan that got away from the mass of detailed instructions that would confuse the average person.

Both Councils have deplored the lack of a publicity medium to keep the townsfolk advised on what could be a matter of life and death.



Rabaul girls dance the Can-Can for the customers at the Rabaul Golf Club Ball in September. Dancers are, left to right: Jill O'Farrell, Betty Briese, Gwen Tacon, Shirley Ogilvie, Margot Edge.

—Photo by C. H. Meen.

But the Administrator, Mr. Cleland, has stated that it is against the Government's policy to allow a B Class Radio Station to function in the Territory. This was the medium of publicity recommended not only by the Councils, but also by New Britain's District Commissioner.

Why "policy" should be rated higher than safety, no one can say.

The local Administration is also strongly to blame for its casual outlook. "Funds (to implement the scheme) have dried up," said Mr. John Murphy, the District Officer, recently.

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Rear Admiral R. Dowling, accompanied by his aide, Lt.-Comdr. John Austin, are greeted by New Britain District Commissioner, Mr. J. R. Foldi and District Officer John Murphy after they had arrived by helicopter in Queen Elizabeth Park, on October 3. The occasion was a short visit by destroyers "Tobruk" and "Quadrant", and Aircraft - Carrier "Sydney" to Rabaul while en route to Manus for naval manoeuvres. Rear-Admiral Dowling is obscured by Mr. Foldi in this photograph; Mr. Murphy in shorts and felt hat.

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Money ran out after Mr. Murphy went on leave and no one gave further thought to the Evacuation Plan, which had been Murphy's "baby." No money was requisitioned for, and, of course, no money was supplied. What would have happened had disaster struck during Mr. Murphy's vacation is anyone's guess.

RABAU—AND 3-YEARS PLAN

The Assistant Administrator, Mr. Rupert Wilson, told the October meeting of the Rabaul town advisory council that its views did not go unheeded—that minutes of advisory councils were followed closely by the Administration when it wanted to gauge requirements for the different districts. This came as a surprise to many Rabaul residents who have had a lot to say recently on the subject of lop-sided expenditure in favour of Moresby.

Mr. Wilson also commented on the Government's new three-year plan of development in the Territory, and said he was anxious to hear all he could of Rabaul's views, so that Rabaul would be included in the plan, in its proper place.

TAC members were pleased to oblige. He was queried on wharves, roads, water reticulation, buildings, Land Settlement, electricity, and Budgetary Control.

Mr. Wilson then spoke of an "even balance with the amount of finance

available," which leaves Rabaul residents still unsure of what they might expect.

It was Mr. Wilson's first official visit to Rabaul.

WAU SHOW—AND FORMER ADO'S SUCCESS AS FARMER

Many visitors came from Bulolo, Slate Creek and Lae for the 5th Annual Wau District Show on October 3. Despite the rain early in the day (which caused some of the sporting events to be abandoned) the Show was successful. Commonwealth-NG Timbers Ltd., of Bulolo, had a very excellent exhibit depicting the manufacture of plywood, from the log of timber to the

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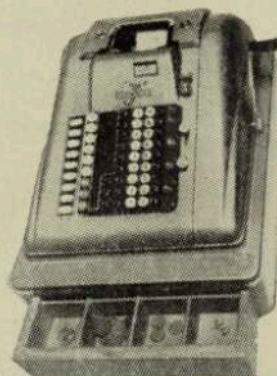
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finished product; this exhibit drew many interested spectators.

New Guinea Goldfields Ltd., of Wau, also had a very fine exhibit of timber products and also of gold production, in their pavilion.

On the Agricultural side, Mr. A. L. Hurrell, former Assistant District Officer, won the Gold & Power Ltd. trophy for the most successful exhibitor in the Show. He also won the O. P. Blanden Memorial trophy for the most successful exhibitor in the Agricultural and Livestock Sections.

The Show was officially opened by the District Commissioner of the Morobe District, Mr. H. L. R. Niall.

Following on the recent Fiji Government decision to ease the entry formalities for United States tourists to the Colony, the United States Government announced in September that Fiji citizens visiting that country would no longer have to pay for visas. These free visitors' visas will be usable over a two-year period and for more than one visit during that period if so required. Students from Fiji entering the States under an exchange scheme will, however, have to reapply should they leave the country within the two year period and wish to again return.

Rise in pensions for NG war widows

THE widows of New Guinea civilians who were lost during the war—mostly victims of the *Montevideo Maru* sinking—have had their pensions increased by 15/- per fortnight.

The New Guinea Civilian War Pension Scheme was established by the Commonwealth Government in 1946 to provide pensions for dependants of Australian civilians who lost their lives as a result of the Japanese invasion of the Territory of New Guinea. The pensions are paid at the same rates and on the same conditions as are provided in the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act for a soldier with the rank of private.

There would have been few, if any, of these NG widows if the Government of the day had evacu-

ated the men, as they were urged to do, instead of abandoning them to their fate.

Fiji Development Fund Close to ½ Million

THE Fiji Development Fund, which compels native copra producers to contribute part of their profits towards providing permanent improvements for the Fijian community, showed at September 30, 1954, a balance of £425,926/15/5. This is an increase of nearly £42,500 on the figure at June 30—despite the fact that withdrawals in the three month period totalled £29,784.

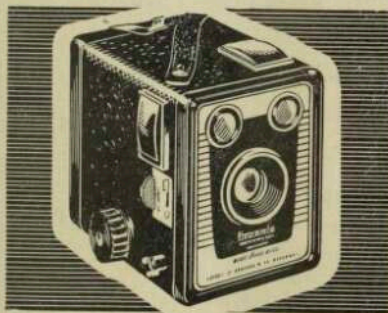
Compulsory contributions amounted to £185,925, of which the provinces Cakaudrove and Lau provided £62,459 and £48,835 respectively. The balance came from 12 other provinces.

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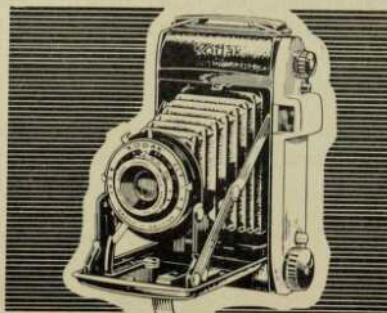
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Hostel for Fijian Girls in Suva

K EEN Fijian support is being given to a proposal by Lady Garvey, wife of Fiji's Governor, that a hostel be established near Suva for the housing of Fijian girls who are employed there but who live in distant villages.

Some Provincial Councils have undertaken to impose levies of from 1/- to 3/- per head to help the proposed fund.

Lady Garvey stressed the urgent need for a hostel in a broadcast early in October. Pointing to the pitfalls of city life for young girls, and the adverse effect on their health from crowded living conditions and poor food, Lady Garvey said she felt the time had come when there should be some thought to organising hostels, where the parents of the girls will know that they are being well cared for, well fed, and have the right companionship, recreation and guidance.

The idea was to erect as a beginning a building to house 20 girls, with a permanent Matron and Under-Matron.

A fund-raising committee has since been formed with Lady Garvey as President and Lady Maraia, Vice-President.

¶ Mr. Andrew Naturel, son of the late Andre Naturel, well-known Hebridean resident, will marry Miss Jacqueline Brossier in December. Miss Brossier is the daughter of Dr. Brossier, a medical officer in Santo for many years before he retired to his plantation.

¶ The Rt. Rev. Bishop Baddeley, well remembered as Anglican Bishop of Melanesia from 1932 through World War II, and lately Suffragan Bishop of Whitby, England, has been nominated by the Queen as Bishop of Blackburn. He left the Solomons in 1947.

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Harold Gatty on Future Of Pacific Tuna

SUVA, October 25.

HAROLD Gatty, whose vision and energy brought about the first organised tuna-fishing industry in the South Pacific, and who philosophically watched his company's effort being wrecked on the natives' lack of knowledge of tuna-catching, had some interesting comments to make on later and recent developments in the industry.

The fact that the Van Camp Company, of America, by using Japanese fishermen and a special technique, is getting huge quantities of tuna for the preserving works at Pago Pago, is regarded by Mr. Gatty with satisfaction—it proves that his theories and calculations (that the South Pacific carries large quantities of edible fish) were correct.

"The tuna of the Pacific Ocean is going to be one of the most important factors in the feeding of the future world," he said, "and the most important and valuable kind of tuna is the albacore. Wherever in the world—especially in the Pacific—the water temperature is about 64-66 degrees, the sea, from the surface right down to 200 fathoms or more, is thick with albacore. You can get them over a very wide area—from New Zealand and the Chathams, through the Kermadecs, for example, right up to the Equator.

"The Japanese, last August, fishing at 16 South and 129 East (just east of the Solomons) took 2,200 tons of albacore. Few people realise the enormous quantities of this excellent food that are available to any people, once they acquire the knowledge of how to catch it.

"The Japanese work on the basis that they will average from 4 to 5 fish per 100 baited hooks. They select their area; starting in the early morning they put out some 20 miles of lines, carrying thousands of hooks; and they begin to pick up in the afternoon.

"The Americans have found some areas around Christmas Island where the average per 100 hooks is 12 fish—that is literally a harvest of the sea.

"The thing goes down to basic economics. The Japanese put about 35 men on each small vessel. Most of the heavy work is by hand—there are few mechanical aids in putting out and hauling in those miles of lines. There is very limited accommodation for the men—not enough bunks—and they have no fixed wage. They are paid on results. Their average pay, last season, was about 70/- Fijian (79/- Australian) per month. All fish canned in Pago Pago (an American Territory) are

free of local tax and, being of American origin, the food enters USA without tax penalty. The enterprise we tried to found in Fiji had none of those advantages."

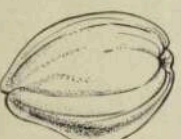
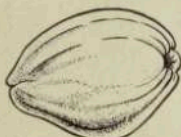
He thought that, if tuna-fishing flourishes in the future, it would be due to mechanisation. Two American tuna-fishing boats, working out of Hawaii, had each a crew of only 6 men—the little vessels were mechanised to do the work done on other boats by 35 Japanese.

Mr. Gatty believes that the Japanese will be the first to exploit this great wealth of fish food. Before the War there were 7 million Japanese fishermen—because of the crowded character of their small country, they simply had to go out and get what they could out of the sea.

Correction—No Vegetables

AN article in September PIM stated that Mrs. Nesbitt and Mr. A. Ireland, both of Wau, New Guinea, grew vegetables and fruit and supplied Bulolo. We are informed, by our Wau correspondent, that this is not so. Mrs. Nesbitt grows a little citrus but is mostly occupied growing coffee. Mr. Ireland grows no vegetables, either.

Disposal of sawdust, a prolific breeding ground for Rhinoceros beetles, is proving a problem in Fiji, due to the danger of fire spreading to the mills when the heaps are set alight. Chemical treatment would be very costly.



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Ex-Police Commissioner Leaves Papua-N. Guinea

WHEN the Bulolo sailed from Port Moresby, on October 18, Colonel J. S. Grimshaw, who had been Police Commissioner in Papua and New Guinea since 1947, together with Mrs. Grimshaw, left the Territory.

Two days later, Col. Grimshaw's resignation from the Administration became effective.

His resignation followed his suspension from office in September and a departmental inquiry, after which he was demoted to a job (unspecified) in the Department of District Services. His suspension concerned £25 worth of clothing (see October PIM).

Official secrecy surrounds the inquiry and what transpired there. Neither Col. Grimshaw nor the Administration would comment on any of the events which led up to his leaving the Territory.

Port Moresby and other Territory residents are naturally interested and there had been some public misgivings on the score that the Police Commissioner might have been "got at."

The Grimshaw affair had its only public airing in a brief debate at the October meeting of the Moresby Advisory Council when Mr. Vince Sanders sought to have the findings made public. He said that there had been rumours that the whole incident was due to personal dislike or had been politically engineered.

The president of the TAC, Mr. E. A. James, said that it was outside the province of the Council—as far as he knew no action had been taken against Colonel Grimshaw as a citizen.

Other members said that Grimshaw had the right to appeal against his demotion but had not exercised this right. And at that stage the matter was dropped.

ACTING COMMISSIONER

Superintendent C. Normoyle has been provisionally promoted to the position of P-NG Police Commissioner.

This has generally pleased residents of the Territory—particularly those on the "other side" where the Superintendent and his wife are well-known and popular.

† A son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Romans, of Rarotonga, on September 22. Dr. Romans is Chief Medical Officer in the Cooks.

Nauru's remaining phosphate resources were recently estimated at 60 million tons, which is 60 years' supplies at the present rate of shipment.

Well-Known Folk in Papeete



Photographed recently in Tahiti, from left: Mlle. Germaine Lehartel, now in New Zealand, who is engaged to Mr. Harry Duane (extreme right) who was formerly in business on Niue for seven years. Mr. Sam Burnett, Island Inspector for the well-known Auckland and Polynesian Donald organisation. Mlle. Madeleine Colombani—her father is chief engineer in the well-known schooner "Oiseau des Iles". Mlle. Juliet Teore; Mr. Oscar Nordman; Mr. Stan Waters of the Auckland firm of Atwaters, Ltd.; Mrs. Waters; and Mr. T. Brothers, a visitor to Tahiti.

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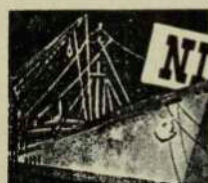
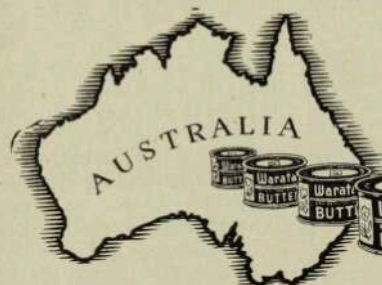
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After the war, BSI's Trade Scheme (not - so - affectionately known as the Trade Shame) took the place of the Big Firms which functioned in the Solomons previously. The post-war condition of the Solomons; the policy of the then Socialist UK Government in regard to the Protectorate; and the fact that there was no war-damage compensation scheme were factors in the Firms' decision not to re-establish themselves there.

The Trade Scheme therefore, runs retail stores, buys produce, conducts a lighter service and has various other functions previously taken care of by private enterprise.

It has not operated at a profit. In recent years the BSI Government has been anxious to dispose of the Scheme—but to date there have been no takers.

In his address at the October

meeting of the Advisory Council, the High Commissioner said that the Government believed that it should not trade in competition with private enterprise and that Government therefore wanted to dispose of the Scheme altogether or re-organise it to permit Government partnership with private investors. To these ends the Scheme's

finances must be strengthened to an extent that would provide inducement for purchase or investment; and it must cease being a Department of Government and assume its own legal identity. In order to achieve the latter, certain legislation would shortly be brought down.

New Consul in Tonga



Mr. and Mrs. C. R. H. Nott, photographed (by Hettig) shortly after their arrival in Nukualofa, Tonga, in September. Mr. Nott is now British Consul there, in succession to Mr. J. E. Windrum.

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CORRECTION—Mr. Gold Did NOT Write It

MR. EDWIN GOLD, of Mangaia, Cook Islands, wants it known that the article that appeared on page 121 of August PIM, with the letters "EG" appended, was not written by him. The views expressed therein are not his—to the contrary. What is more, he does not believe that the figures quoted there are authentic.

The article was written by a staff member; the initials got there by accident, and for this we are sorry. But as far as the article itself is concerned, it stands, as is. Our opinion then was, and still remains, that if Mr. Syme or anyone else can help the Cook Islanders to help themselves, then it will be an excellent thing. Like a number of other interested parties we now wait with open minds to see the result of this Mangaia experiment.

No Uplift

THE Exquisite Form Garment Co., of the USA, which has been planning the establishment of a foundation garment industry at Pago Pago (as reported in August PIM) has apparently shelved the project. It was unable to secure the concessions it sought from the American Government in Eastern Samoa. It is reported that the tax con-

cessions and relaxation of import duties on raw materials sought by the company were such that the project, had it materialised, would have been more in the nature of a socialistic scheme than representative of normal methods of private enterprise.—JACK THORNTON.

† Chief Palepoi Mauga of Mauputasi County, Eastern Samoa, has been reinstated as County Chief following a Conditional Pardon by Governor Lowe. Chief Mauga, who was also a former District Governor, was demoted 18 months ago when he was convicted of attempting to smuggle liquor.

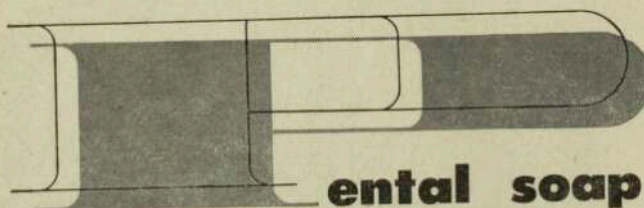
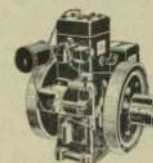
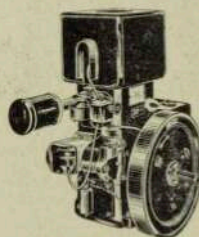
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SUVA, Oct. 27.
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"The original Drover was an all-metal, 3-engined plane designed around the variable-pitch propeller, which gave it terrific lift and speed. But that arrangement was unsuitable, and they were all grounded. De Havilland re-designed the machine with propellers of fixed pitch and, to make up for the changed performance of the props, they provided slotted flaps on the wings.

"This proved to be an excellent machine—except under New Guinea conditions. These Drovers will not take off comfortably with a high load, at a high altitude, such as the innumerable airstrips of the Central Highlands of New Guinea, many of them at 5,000 feet. Once airborne, they can fly safely at any reasonable altitude; but the take-off at 5,000 feet was so uncertain that they could not be used in New Guinea.

"But conditions here in Fiji are quite different. All our air-strips are at sea-level—no trouble about take-off—and the Drovers fly quite satisfactorily at any height required here. Thus we have in the Drover a small aircraft that represents low capital cost, flies normally at 116 mph, has great strength and power, and is as economical in operation (7 passengers and a lot of cargo) as anything in the world.

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UNPROFITABLE WAITING

Mr. Gatty said that one of Fiji Airways' biggest problems was the undependableness of the Trans-Pacific air-services. To give Fiji good service they tried to meet all arrivals at Nadi with an FA aircraft. But these arrivals frequently were off schedule, and then the planes carrying on the internal Fiji services had either to be brought away (so that passengers and mails arriving at Nadi were held up there), or kept standing at Nadi airfield for long and very unprofitable hours.

SUVA POINT AIRFIELD?

Another problem was Nausori, through which Suva was serviced. Nausori was a bad airfield, requiring heavy maintenance to avoid serious deterioration. It was not well equipped and it was 14 harassing miles from Suva. The only answer, in Mr. Gatty's opinion, is the construction of the long-discussed air-

field at Suva Point, equipped to permit night-flying. It must be constructed someday—why not now?

One learns that plans and controls in relation to the large, and now permanently-established international airport at Nadi are a little chaotic. Australia and New Zealand are fighting over the proposed third runway—one wants it and the other thinks it unnecessary.—R.

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On March 1, 1954, the meteorologists of the US Atomic Energy Commission miscalculated the upper winds and gave the OK signal for the firing of the first hydrogen bomb. The result, as all the world knows, was an atomic "fall-out" on the Japanese tuna fishing vessel named unappropriately *Fortunate Dragon* (*Fukuryo Maru*) and other vessels outside the official danger zone. As well, two small inhabited islands were polluted, but about this a good deal less was heard.

Dr. S. H. Riesenbergh, Trust Territory Staff Anthropologist, writing in a recent *Micronesian Monthly*, tells what the accident meant to 238 Micronesians, residents of Rongelap and Utrik in the Northern Marshalls, and explains why they recently sent a representative to UN Headquarters in Washington to plead for the termination of atomic tests in the neighbourhood of their islands.

Immediately following the accident, the US Navy brought the entire population of the two atolls to Kwajalein, housed them in barracks, gave them free rations, candy, movies, and medical attention.

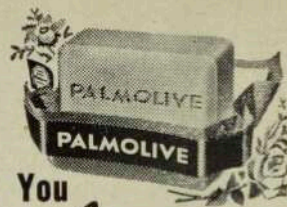
The 156 Utrik people, less severely affected, were soon declared medically fit and were temporarily transferred to a tent city on nearby Ebeye Island.

Early in May, an AEC survey party visited the polluted atolls. Rongelap was found still dangerously radio-active. On Utrik, all the poultry were dead, the dogs had gone wild, and the pigs "hostile and dangerous." Water in village tanks was "probably dangerous" and had to be drained off and replaced, but this atoll was again habitable, so the Utrik people were returned home aboard Navy *LST-1157*. All live animals that could be located were shot as the first job, on landing. Everything required by the people for resettlement was supplied, and they were given cash compensation for loss of copra production during their enforced absence.

The Rongelap people, now without a home, and fit for discharge from Navy medical care at Kwajalein in June, were taken to Ejit Island, one of the Majuro group, where a 15-house village had been prepared, complete with church, school, dispensary, cookhouse and storehouse.

Livestock was supplied by AEC, 300 fowls being flown in from Hawaii. The people hope eventually to return home to Rongelap. Meanwhile they are being paid compensation for loss of copra earnings.

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An Auckland man, Mr. Josiah Phethean, was married to Miss Fetuna Seira Epl Enari of Vaila village, W. Samoa, in August. The wedding took place in the LMS church at Vaila and a reception was held in the Tivoli Theatre, Apia. The couple plan to visit Auckland prior to settling in W. Samoa. Photo shows the bridal group.

—From H. Forsgren.



† Mr. A. M. Sinclair, of the P-NG Police Department, with Mrs. Sinclair, returned to Port Moresby by *Sinkiang* late September after 6 months vacation in Sydney.

† Miss Margaret Bishton, of Sydney, left recently for Rabaul, where she will spend seven weeks holidaying with her father. Mr. Bishton is a New Guinea planter.

Dr. Hyrum Marshall, Director of Public Health in American Micronesia since 1951, recently resigned and is now on a world vacation tour with his wife. The position has been filled by Dr. Eugene Macdonald, who is known to Health authorities in the South Pacific.

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The *Bulolo* returned to Sydney on November 5 and was scheduled to sail again for P-NG on November 9.

Mr. Frederick Wood-Jones, famous English Anthropologist, died recently in England, aged 75. During his varied career Wood-Jones, a B.Sc. of London University, was a Medical officer on the Keeling-

Cocos Islands, where he married a daughter of George Clunies-Ross; also Professor of Anatomy at Adelaide University, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Hawaii, Professor of Anatomy at Melbourne University, and lastly, curator of the Hunterian collection of anatomical specimens at the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

A Dutch botanist, Professor H. J. Lam, left Australia for New Guinea in September to make a botanical survey of Dutch Territory there. Professor Lam, who is director of the National Herbarium of Holland, said that botanical exploration in other parts of New Guinea had been carried on before, but had lapsed during the war.

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The Great Mangaian Experiment

EXPERIMENTS in self-help, now being undertaken at Mangaia, Cook Islands, are being watched with considerable interest by old CI residents. While many believe that the Mangaians will soon tire, others are wondering if all that has been lacking in the past are leadership and know-how.

In August (PIM), we reported that Mr. Ronald Syme of New Zealand had gone there determined to demonstrate, in a practical way, that it is within the Islanders' power to increase their earnings and improve their living standards.

Mr. Syme has apparently satisfied the Administration, and the Island Council of Mangaia, that his motives are genuine and evidently the Administration has given him its blessing — although reserving judgment on the results. Others with bright ideas have been to the Cooks; and gone, too!

Syme's interim report suggests that he is causing interest, and some annoyance in established trade circles.

- Project-A set out to prove to the Mangaians that unreasonable profit and unethical trade practices are taking place on this and other islands of the Cooks. The co-operation of one native-owned trade store was obtained to prove it.

Fair profits were set at 33 per cent. above landed costs, credit is completely banned, and Syme supervised the buying from regular wholesalers overseas.

Only essential lines are stocked—ready-made clothing, materials, canvas shoes, toilet articles, fishing gear etc. Some textiles are selling in this store at less than half the price of similar materials in Rarotonga—after the specified profit has been made. Documents are available for inspection by the doubting.

- Project-B was received with pessimism in Rarotonga: Syme set out to show that the copra output of Mangaia, or any other island, could be greatly boosted by the establishment of a public copra drier, whether Administration or privately owned.

The Mangaians are notoriously independent, spurning new-fangled ideas or any project that seems to suggest a forceable encouragement to earn more money. A simple hot-air drier, capable of handling only half-a-ton per week, was built.

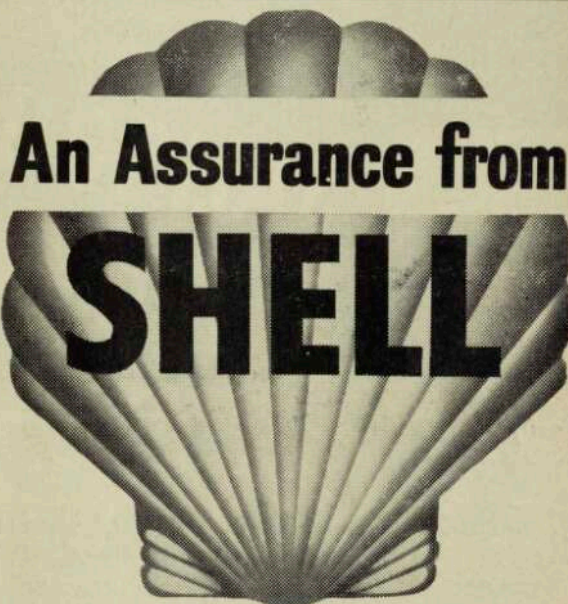
Dry nuts were then called for at the ruling price of 11d each, delivered at the drier. At this price there is a clear profit of £10 per ton,



after paying the labour involved in opening nuts and operating the drier. The support given by the population was said to be "almost disastrous", 10,250 nuts arriving in the first four days.

Buying was halted while the drier was reorganised. Still far too small,

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it was handling a steady 5,000 nuts per week, or about a ton of copra, on last report. "The lesson derived", says Syme, "is that copra-making without any modern facilities is a laborious, tedious, and disappointing task, which the Mangleians and any Islanders, use only as a final resort to make money. They would sooner collect their nuts and hand them over for quick money, and turn their energies to something more profitable and less irksome."

Syme is convinced that an Administration-owned drier on each of the outer islands could stimulate the export of copra and the well-being of the population. Alternately, the drier could be co-operatively owned by the people and under supervision of a local Maori official.

The present Mangaian output from Syme's drier is being sold to a local firm at a premium because of its good quality. The ultimate aim would be for the people to market direct to New Zealand.

• Project-C has still to be proved, though indications appear favourable. Syme's suggestion that the people could be stimulated to develop an export trade in coffee which is growing wild, was received without optimism in Rarotonga. But so far, the Aronga Mana—or Maori land court of Mangaia—has given the project great moral support.

Already there is a deal of activity, for the first time in years, in pruning coffee trees. The present crop will be available next April. Processing equipment will be on hand.

There are all the signs that the Mangleians are going to respond to re-developing this valuable alternative crop.

Equipment for experimental pineapple crushing is ready and the commercial possibilities of this export will be demonstrated soon.

Syme is convinced that only practical demonstrations will convince these people that their prosperity rests largely with themselves.

Papeete "Move on Please!"

AN unusual notice appeared in the official Government Gazette of French Oceania early in August, wherein it was stated that the visiting permits of two British and two American citizens had expired and would not be renewed.

The chief of police was charged with seeing that the persons concerned were out of Tahiti by not later than the sailing of the liner *Tahiti*, on September 10.

Our Tahiti correspondent reported that it was understood that a further list of deportees would shortly appear in the *Gazette*.

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INDUCEMENTS FOR COOK ISLAND BANANA GROWERS

UNLESS Rarotonga is prepared to revive banana growing, which has declined to virtually nothing in the last 20 years, there appears to be little hope of a greatly augmented shipping service to the Cooks.

This is the opinion of Mr. Ross Walker, general manager of NZ Government-backed fruit-importing organisation, Fruit Distributors Ltd. To encourage Cook Islands growers to produce bananas, an important guarantee was made to them by Fruit Distributors in October. All bananas will henceforth be accepted and paid for on the beach, provided that they come up to an export standard. All risks will thus be taken by the New Zealand taxpayer and the growers can go ahead and plant in the certain knowledge that everything they produce will be purchased.

The Cooks' banana industry was falling into a decline even before the war. In its heyday nearly 112,000 cases were shipped in one record year. As the main harvest season for bananas does not conflict with the citrus crop harvest, revival of the banana industry on a big scale could assure a regular all-year-round shipping service.

Mr. Walker considers that an easy

10,000 cases per month could be produced in the Cooks.

He is opposed, however, to the idea of Rarotonga becoming a central shipping point for export. Fruit brought in from outer islands by local craft and trans-shipped at Rarotonga would involve a great deal of bruising of fruit. On the other hand, direct pickup of fruit at

outer islands calls for substantial quantities to be available. Frequent calls for small quantities would be uneconomic for large export vessels.

This year's tomato crop had been greatly over-estimated by the Cook Islands Department of Agriculture and growers, Mr. Walker said.

Early in the season a crop of 150,000 cases was estimated; this

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was later reduced to 100,000 cases, but not more than 70,000 cases would actually be exported.

The citrus total for the season was 55,018 cases, as compared with 49,898 cases in the previous season.

Tilapia and Trout for NG Highlands

From Our Own Correspondent

FISH ponds are being constructed at Goroka, NG Eastern Highlands, to receive a consignment of Tilapia. PIM readers have heard of these fish, from Fiji and elsewhere. Their first claim to fame is that they multiply faster than any calculating machine and like to live in comparatively small ponds.

This Highlands area has also got trout. On September 22, Goroka Farmers' and Settlers' Association with the assistance of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., took delivery of 4,000 Rainbow Trout fingerlings. The fish were brought to Goroka by Mr. P. Edmonds, who has been responsible for their development at Bulolo. BGD General Manager Lars Bergstrand, has earned the gratitude of the Farmers' and Settlers' for his assistance.

The young fish were distributed in two streams at high altitude, in water temperatures of less than 55 degrees.

District Services and Agricultural Officer Jim Sharpe co-operated with the Association to provide quick transport and protection. No fish were lost before they entered the water.

In four months' time the result of this trial will be known. Larger quantities can then be obtained in the egg stage and hatched in the Highlands.

Meanwhile, the first of three one-acre Tilapia fish ponds has been completed at Goroka by the District Commissioner. The Department of Agriculture has promised to stock the pool. Pools are also to be constructed at Nondugl and Minj.

The introduction of pond fisheries, if successful, will provide the nucleus of a new source of protein for local natives.

It should later be possible to re-distribute the fish to other pools which settlers and natives will both be prepared to make if the Goroka venture pays off.

(Ed. Note: Trout fingerlings were released at Nondugl several years ago. We have never heard what happened to them.)

† M. Michel Coppenrath, son of a very well known and old-established family in Tahiti, was ordained a Catholic priest in Poitiers Cathedral, France, recently. His parents were present at the ordination. Another son, Hubert, is also studying for the priesthood.

TRAGIC STORY OF MANUS

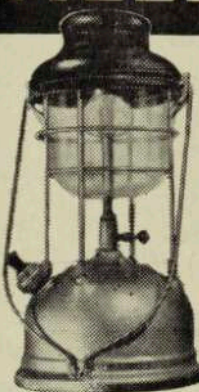
THE Australian Minister for Air formally stated on September 22 that Manus, under Australian control, is "not regarded as an air base but is merely a form of base for refuelling and servicing." The Government had extended, surfaced and widened the air strip at Momote and now could put large aircraft down there for refuelling and servicing.

This is a remarkable change from the day in 1946 when Dr. H. V. Evatt (then Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs but now mostly notable for his performances before the Petrov Commission) refused the United States permission to con-

tinue the operation of the Manus base, then one of the biggest and most powerful in the Pacific Islands. The Americans thereupon abandoned the base, to the delight and profit of various kinds of salvage folk; and when Australia, under the rapidly growing menace of Red Asia, later tried to re-establish the powerful organisation there, it was too late, and beyond Australia's capacity to restore and maintain.

† Mr. Hugh H. Hickling has retired from the position of Education Officer, Cook Islands, and has acquired a property at Glendowie, Auckland. It is understood that Mr. Hickling plans to write a book.

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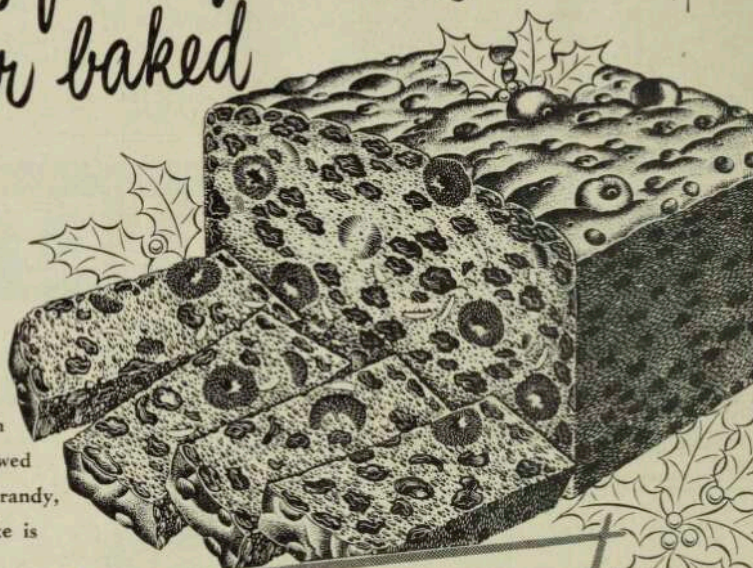
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Report to NZ:

Mr. Webb's Last Word on Cook Is.

RESIDENTS of the Cook Islands, who described NZ Territory Minister Webb's visit to the Group in August as a "waste of time," may be agreeably surprised at the report and recommendations he recently made to the New Zealand Parliament. They will be interested to see whether they are acted upon, or filed away out of sight.

Since his August trip, Mr. Webb has been made High Commissioner for New Zealand in London. It is understood that he will not be leaving for the UK until after the NZ November elections.

Some of the points he made are:

- There has been some valid criticism of New Zealand's administration of the Group, and some remedial action is necessary.
- Residents feel a degree of uncertainty in their future, due in part to rapid expansion of the Administrative staff since the war, causing it to become more impersonal and not sufficiently alive to the

necessity of consulting the people and explaining Government activities and plans.

- Every means must be sought to increase the participation of the Islanders in the Executive and Legislative sides of local government.

- The New Zealand Government has been unable to interest any private concern in a satisfactory shipping service from NZ, to replace

the aged and expensive *Maui Pomare*. Though at present adequate, she soon will not be capable of handling the citrus crop. Nonetheless, the only short-term solution is to keep her in service while continuing negotiations.

- Although some differed, the Minister was inclined to believe that, when the Cool Store at Rarotonga is complete, the NZ vessel

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should be able to load there, instead of calling at individual islands. He believed that this would be practicable if private owners could be induced to operate small refrigerated inter-island vessels.

• The subsidy at present being paid to TEAL to call at Aitutaki might be more profitably diverted to shipping, which would serve all islands instead of only one which was not even the administrative centre.

• No one can be in a position to make suggestions on plans for raising living standards by development of alternative crops, etc., until economic and social studies covering population and migration trends, available resources, land tenure, and social customs, have been made.

(The report did not say why they have not been made long ago, but, as food for thought, a table is given showing peak exports of commodities in past years. It shows that bananas reached an export figure of 111,780 cases one year, as against 99 last year; oranges 138,857 cases as against 32,429; orange juice, 20,214 gallons as against nil; lime juice, 57,255 gallons as against nil; mandarins 5,820 cases as against 1,304; grape-fruit 3,544 as against 421. Only tomato and pineapple exports have increased).

• The Minister agrees with Mr. H. E. Maude's report on co-operatives, in that they should be encouraged and fostered; it is hoped that a co-operatives officer will be appointed "in the near future."

• The 1939 amendment to the New Zealand taxation laws, making them apply fully to the Cooks, is "ill-conceived." The Cook Islands Legislative Council is now investigating other forms of taxation and its recommendations should receive Government consideration.

• In line with policy in Western Samoa, consideration might be given to the appointment of Maori Judges, to handle only minor offences at first.

• A request by the people that a New Zealand MP attend every session of the Cooks LegCo has been agreed upon. The Minister believes that eventually the Cook Islands will need direct representation in the NZ Parliament but that time is not yet.

• The Minister, quoting from a report by Messrs. Hunn and Graham, of the Public Service Commission, which recently studied problems in the Cooks, said that solutions had been offered which will cost New Zealand money. These included a single salary scale, dependent only on qualifications and not on race, and the employment wherever possible, of local Maoris.

Selected Fijian, Indian and European women will be trained as deaconesses for special service in the Methodist Church of Fiji. The deaconesses will assist in pastoral duties in certain circuits.

Shark—at Luxury Prices!

ISLANDS fishermen will find it difficult to believe that ordinary school shark—the kind that grows to about 5 ft long—was selling in the Sydney fish markets at 4/6 per pound in October, while imported Danish flounder fillets were retailing at 4/- and New Zealand gurnard at 3/6 to 3/9 per pound.

This looks like an opportunity for an Islands shark-meat export trade—but isn't. The Sydney fishermen see to that. All imports are rigidly controlled—to keep the price at 4/6 or thereabouts!

Police Constable Best and Mrs. Best, of Rarotonga, journeyed to New Zealand on vacation in October.

Fijian Minister for Honiara

THE REV. AESAKI VULA of Fiji was inducted on Sunday, September 12, by the Rev. T. Shepherd, as Methodist Minister in Honiara, BSIP. Mr. Vula has been in the Protectorate for about three months, staying at Banga Methodist Mission School with the Rev. A. Hall.

He is an outstanding footballer, and was selected for the Fijian football team which recently toured Australia, but decided instead to do Mission work in the Solomons. His Fijian wife, Tutulia, is a trained nurse, and has been nursing for some years in Fiji.

Mr. F. F. Wheeler, who has been export manager for Nirex Pty. Ltd. for the past six years, has retired from that company and is at present holidaying near Sydney.

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A photograph taken following the Gurau-Taulouelei wedding in Apia, W. Samoa, on September 9 (see October PIM). The bride was Miss Annie Gurau, adopted daughter of Mr. A. M. Gurau, MLA (standing second from left) and Mrs. Gurau. The groom is the son of the Hon. Taulouelei, MLA, standing, centre.

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In the NG Highlands—

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From Our Own Correspondent

EVER since the war there have been grave warnings and pessimistic predictions that very soon the Highlands of New Guinea would be without timber of any kind.

Visiting experts (some who made only brief inspections and some who have not made even a post-war visit) have blamed the steel axe, the settlers and the Administration. Most of them are wide of the mark.

The fact is that deforestation is a disease which has already been arrested, but it began before any European or steel axe was seen in these parts. It was the natural consequence of tribal fighting and irresponsible hunting, and both of these pastimes have virtually ceased, thanks to a firm application of law and order—particularly in the Eastern Highlands where one puff of smoke brings a hundred informers to the nearest patrol officer.

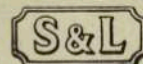
The natives themselves are now tree-conscious and an axe wound in a tree is regarded by the Dis-

trict Commissioner at Goroka as almost as bad as murder.

The steel axe may enable a native to clear a garden quicker but test checks have shown that the areas cleared under the normal practice of shifting agriculture are not necessarily more extensive because the

axes are made of steel.

In the densely populated Chimbu sub-District Administration policy and education have already clothed with trees hillsides which pre-war photographs showed as barren and eroded. Every "old" garden in Chimbu now carries hundreds of



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young casuarinas. And firewood is obtained by lopping branches and not by cutting trees.

The most denuded areas are the Goroka and Bena Bena grasslands and the Asaro valley below Goroka airfield. It is in this area that each wet season "Operation Tree Distribution" gets under way. Already this year, plans are well advanced and each week since the beginning of September boxes of pine and other seedlings are coming in from the Forestry Department's Nursery at Lae. The trees are rushed to the holding nursery at Goroka, where the officer in charge of the Highland Labour Pool, Mr. Norm. Mullins, works overtime. He is caretaker and chief planter of trees.

When the wet season sets in, streams of natives collect the seedlings and the Assistant District Officer takes them out four times a week to the Administration Meeting Centres where they are carefully allocated to those most in need.

European farmers are also planting trees and with such co-operation it is easy to understand how the Administration, the coffee farmers and the natives have already planted an estimated 900,000 trees in the Eastern Highlands District.

This season the target is one million before 30th June, 1955, and within 5 years the hillsides now being contoured by natives should carry a wealth of timber.

Around Goroka itself the planting scheme should provide not only a future stand of commercial trees but a place of great beauty which will be a fitting memorial to those who have quietly got something done while the experts continue to urge a cessation of European settlement and refuse to believe the facts now unfolding.

MORE SHOCKS ON THE FIJI RHINO FRONT

"MOST alarming" was the official comment following the discovery of 5 male adult rhinoceros beetles, 14 pupae, and 18 grubs under the rotted floor matting of a Fijian buri in the Tailevu District of Viti Levu, during October.

The Tailevu coast is the sailing point for numbers of small craft heading for other copra islands in Fiji, and it is an area where there is little or no quarantine examination of boats.

Mr. C. A. Stokes, organiser of the Fiji anti-beetle campaign, noting these facts, says that it is not difficult to imagine baskets of yams, etc., standing in this and similar buri overnight, then being taken aboard some small craft next morning as probable bearers of beetles.

The latest find suggests that it will be surprising if beetle colonies have not already been established on other islands.

Post Office Weddings in Apia



There are no registry offices in Western Samoa, but the postmaster at Apia can

officiate at weddings. Banns are displayed on the notice-board outside the post office, and there is a licence fee of £1, payable after the ceremony in the postmaster's office. In addition to residents at Apia (including Europeans) many couples travel from outlying districts to be married in the post office. Accompanying photograph shows Eki Fruen, of Segi village, and Tautega Fualaau, of Nafoa, immediately after their wedding in the postmaster's office.—JACK THORNTON.

† Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, former Director of Medical Services in Fiji and now a resident of Auckland, together with Mrs. McGusty, were guests at Government House, Suva, in August-September. Lady Garvey, wife of Fiji's Governor, is their daughter.

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Late in the Field, but now—

Australians Have Unique Collection Of NG Mammals and Birds

With possibly one exception, there are no privately endowed Scientific institutions in Australia—so lack of funds has until July, 1954, kept Australian collectors out of the rich New Guinea field. Overseas institutions have, however, been quick to investigate NG's bird and mammal life.

AN expedition has recently been completed in the Highlands of New Guinea by Mr. Ellis LeG. Troughton, Curator of Mammals at the Australian Museum, accompanied by Preparator Norman Camps.

Starting off from Korn Agricultural Station in the Mount Hagen area, and led by well-known Territorian, Mr. N. B. Blood, they visited Menjim, the Jimmi River area, Mageh, Tomba and the Kubor Ranges. Approximately one month was spent in actual collecting.

Apart from the Fly River expedition by the NSW branch of the Royal Geographical Society in the '80s, this two-man expedition represents the only attempt this century by any Australian museum to undertake field work in general zoology. There have, of course, been numerous overseas expeditions before and following on the last war, such as those of Archbold and Gilliard for the American Museum

of Natural History, Count Glydenstolpe of the Stockholm Museum, and others.

During the Sydney expedition, the accent has been especially on mammals and birds, according to Mr. Troughton—not only because of the rich radiation of marsupial life, paralleling that of the Australian mainland, but also the remarkable deployment of rodents, suggesting a primitive infiltration of furred animals through the Philippines.

Following German annexation of the NG Territory, the Director of the Berlin Museum, Paul Matschie, described a number of marsupials. The most spectacular of all, the red-brown and orange-yellow tree-climbing kangaroo (*Dendrolagus tree-hare*), bears his name.

A fine species of both bright and sombre species of the tree-haunting kangaroos had already been collected for the Australian Museum by Mr. Blood, under whose experi-

enced guidance the Museum party was successful in obtaining representatives of every marsupial family occurring in New Guinea, including the spotted native cat and large and small marsupial mice (family Dasyuridae), bandicoots (Peramelidae), and numbers of possum species (Phalangeridae). The latter included three kinds of Cuscus or "karpul", three of Ringtail possums, the small glider possums, beloved of servicemen during the last war, and pigmy and feather-tailed species.

The giant rodents included the genus *Mallomys*, a species of which was named rothschildi in 1898, and which was not represented in the Australian Museum until a pair was presented by Mr. Blood after the last war. The present party was fortunate in obtaining two specimens of this arboreal giant rat, with an average total length of 2 ft 6 in. It is file-like, and functions as a kind of "climbing-iron" for its arboreal leaf-eating existence.

Birds of Paradise collected numbered 32, including 9 species, with

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an average of three, and not more than five of any one kind. Contrary to a popular belief, museums do not seek huge collections or exercise an exterminating influence, the specimens being regarded as scientific treasures not requiring constant renewal, as with the exhibition of live animals and birds.

About 1,000 specimens were collected in little over a month in the field.

There were at least 220 birds' skins and over 170 furred animals, including a number of marsupials and rodents hitherto not represented in any Australian museum. Such excellent results could not have been obtained without much preliminary planning and the generous co-operation of the Administration of Papua and New Guinea and their various Services, in supplying preservatives and materials, and the services of an experienced officer.

Since becoming Mammalogist at the Australian Museum, Mr. Troughton has acquired a variety of specimens with the aid of officials and residents in New Guinea and adjacent island groups. Collections were also received in connection with Dr. C. E. M. Gunther's investigation of the animal hosts of scrub typhus, prior to the last war, and by Troughton himself during three months' study of the animal carriers of the infection in the Territories and Dutch New Guinea, towards the end of the war.

However, the present brief period of intensive collecting marks a forward step in the study of the fauna of the South-West Pacific which should expedite Administrative plans for a proposed Museum on the Territories, to be located at Port Moresby. A cross-section of the recent collections is to be retained

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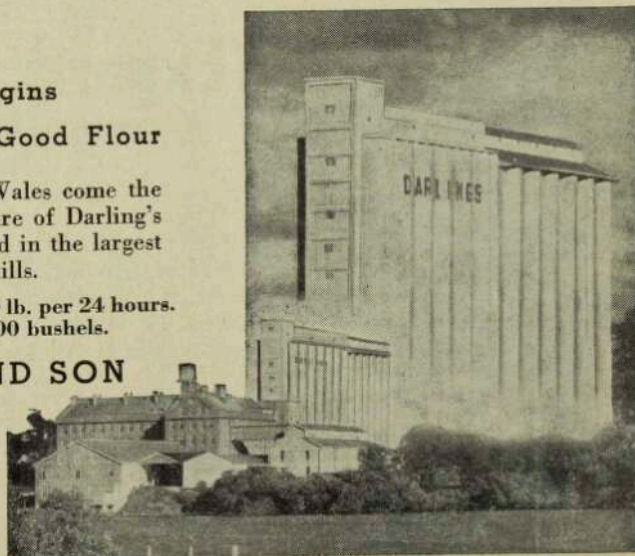
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Education Headaches In N. Guinea

Promising Experiments Among Tolais

BY R. W. ROBSON.

DESPITE various smooth Ministerial statements, issued in Canberra, I have found little evidence in a tour of Papua and New Guinea that much genuine progress is being made there in the solution of the South Pacific's toughest administrative problem.

That problem is the creation of a system which will serve efficiently to provide the natives with the simplest form of literacy. It has been before Australia for 30 years.

As a sort of community cross-section test, I tried everywhere to find natives who could (a) carry on a conversation in simplest English and/or (b) write a letter in simplest English. I found three—two in Moresby and one in Madang. I could have found more, of course, by going to training centres and Mission schools; but I was simply testing the rank and file.

Since World War II, Canberra has been insisting that "the native standard of life must be raised". But Canberra seems generally to have ignored the obvious facts that natives cannot be trained to better ways of living unless some medium is found through which they can be instructed, and that the existence of at least 700 separate languages among the Territories' 1½ million puts an almost insuperable obstacle in the way of finding such a medium.

There is really a double problem—that of finding a medium for teaching the primary or village children, and that of providing an organisation for carrying on education beyond the early primary stage.

Canberra has set up in the Territories a Department of Education, complete with an experienced Director and a large staff of experts. But I can find very little evidence that Canberra is providing that Departmental set-up with the authority and money necessary for a huge job, while leaving the Department alone to get on with it. There is evidence, however, that Canberra interferes unnecessarily with the Education programme.

For example, who made the decision—condemned by everyone who knows the Territories, and especially by those who really know natives—to send each year a score of young natives to live for at least four years among Europeans in Australia, and undergo a kind of secondary education? High officialdom in Port Moresby won't discuss or criticise that precious innova-

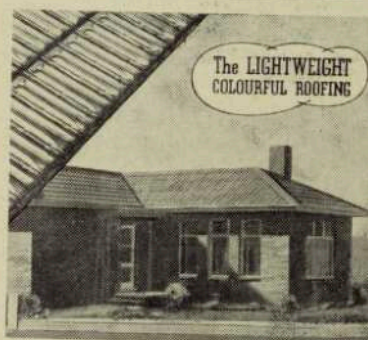
tion: but I am satisfied that the decision was taken in Canberra, under the influence of the "starry-eyed dreamers" who cluster around the Top Brass there.

I have no doubt that the young natives will acquire an education and behave themselves admirably in Australia. But what becomes of them, physically and psychologically, when they return home?

SEARCHING among the shreds and patches of a Mission-cum-Department school system for evidence of a comprehensible, co-ordinated plan of native education, I came almost by accident upon a bit of education organisation which has more commonsense and realism in it than anything emanating from

Canberra, and which is actually working—but which does not seem to be part of high officialdom's planning. It is Mr. Frank N. Boisen's system of "area education". He is New Britain District Education Officer.

Working in with the Department of Agriculture, and with native headmen in the Tolai villages (eastern end of New Britain) Mr. Boisen started, in Vunanami, a village higher school in a building provided by the villagers, in which the educational programme ignores the usual curriculum (which is based mostly on European history and ways of life), and centres around land usage, animal husbandry and the practical facts of village domestic life. It proved so



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successful that it is being extended to all the Tolai village higher schools throughout the Gazelle Peninsula.

(Native schools, in order upwards, are: Village (vernacular), Village Higher (English); Area (English); Central (usually boarding schools); followed by secondary education.)

The village councils, with funds raised themselves by taxation, are constructing suitable buildings for these Village Higher Schools—some to take 120 students, some 200.

The plan is that the schools shall be self-supporting—the students, under guidance, learn how to grow their own foodstuffs or to grow other crops which they may sell—and thus they learn the rudiments of sound agriculture, while acquiring a very simple education.

In some cases, the school establishment includes dormitories, and the students live in. In others, they are day students. But the whole system is based on self-support.

It has been found that the system encourages intelligence and initiative and develops a capacity for learning. Other points in its favour are that the villagers, erecting their own schools with their own money, take a keen interest in their welfare. The children also take a personal interest in the school's activities, so that it tends to become a village cultural centre. Some of the

teachers are European, but—with the demand steadily growing—for all these native communities are hungry for simple education and technical training—more and more native teachers are coming forward.

Important points are that this system of education is allied closely with native life (in which land usage must come first); that it is based on a liaison between the two Departments primarily designed to lift native economic conditions—namely, Education and Agriculture, and that the native village councils will co-operate by providing the school buildings, and supporting the school.

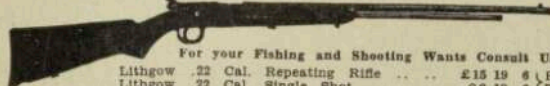
Even while enthusiastic Rabaul people (especially Mr. Don Barrett, MLC) were telling me about this new system, and its possibilities, Minister Hasluck was announcing the selection of another 20 natives to go to Queensland for four years' education. Gazelle Peninsula re-

action was sharp and unfavourable.

"Why in God's name can't they put these selected natives into self-supporting higher schools like these Tolai places?" asked one Kokopo planter. "They would learn something useful, and help the whole native economy. But in this Queensland training they will probably be ruined—they will return to New Guinea with their ways of living and their outlook so completely changed that there will be a place for them in neither community."

Fund raising is no problem to the Boy Scouts of the 2nd Papuan Troop. They pay their subscriptions in coconuts—two per week. When 400 have been collected copra is made and sold for approximately £4. The troop also raises money for uniforms, etc., by working for a local planter. In order to buy a boat costing £30, they dived for trochus shell.

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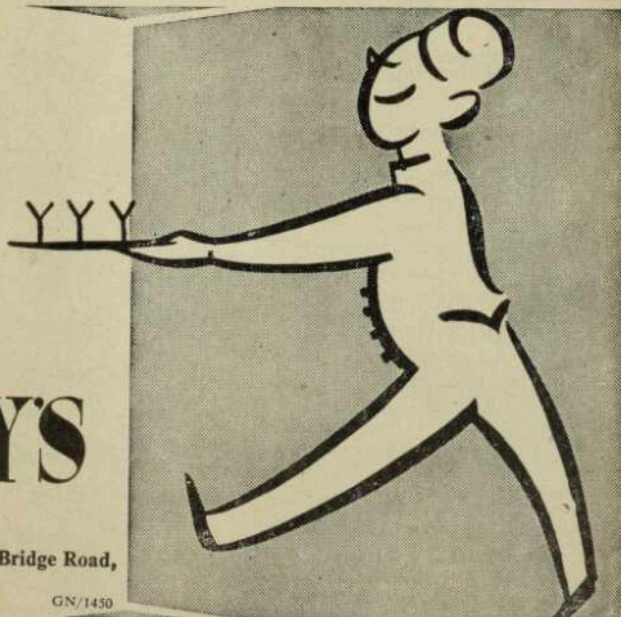
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THERE are some strange anomalies in the liquor laws in Papua and New Guinea. For example, hotels in Papua do not pay any licence fees. Barmaids are not allowed to serve in hotels in New Guinea, but they are employed in hotels in Papua. Another regulation quaint in a country where so much social life congregates in the lounges of the hotel, is that which says that there may be only one bar in each hotel—one bar specially equipped to attend to lounge demands is not allowed.

The whole liquor position in Papua-New Guinea needs revision.

The liquor evil definitely is creeping in among the sophisticated natives of the Kokopo District, in the Rabaul area. Generally, official supervision over the liquor laws is conscientious and efficient—but some poor types have been given authority at times, and one result is seen in the way in which some Chinese traders of the Kokopo District have been permitted to supply liquor to natives. These Chinese stores stock up with a very bad type of whisky and gin—not for the European trade but to serve the sophisticated natives. Some Europeans complain of howling and yelling, drunkenness and insolence among natives, as a result of this new traffic in booze.

Fishermen of Levuka, Fiji, have formed themselves into an Anglers' Club, whose objects are to encourage fishing and the study of fish. They will hold quarterly and annual points competitions. Captain S. F. Sanders has been elected president and Messrs. C. Sorensen and E. O. Sundin as vice-presidents. Mr. K. Thorpe is the new secretary.

Fifty nurses from territories throughout the Western Pacific region of the World Health Organisation will attend a seminar at Suva next July or August. The seminar will last from three to four weeks. Amongst the subjects discussed will be aspects of the training of local girls, health problems and welfare services in the tropics.

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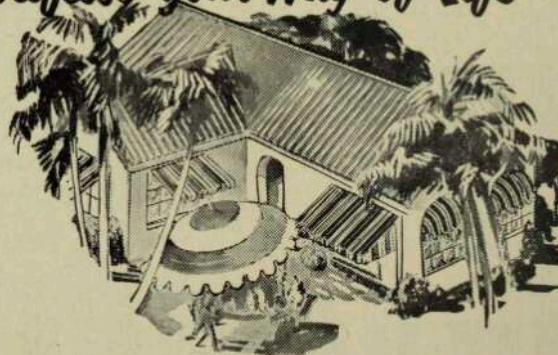
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J. L. Chipper's Warangoi Enterprise

WHEN the Japanese occupied Rabaul, Sept. 9, Rabaul area, and were growing rice and other food-crops up Toma way, they brought in a ship-load of Manchurian ponies to assist transportation. There is a quaint connection between the ponies and John Chipper's timber-getting enterprise over by the Warangoi Valley.

The ponies' headquarters were on the shore of Blanche Bay, near Kokopo. There, you will find to-day a large and increasing patch of growing millet—outcome of the imported fodder which the Japs threw away when Yank and Aussie bombs rendered the neighbourhood uninhabitable. There, too, you may see a large heap of rusted iron strips—the remains of the ponies' pack-saddles, similarly abandoned.

Having put in miles of road, from Kokopo, J. L. Chipper is now in profitable contact with the Kamarere forest. He has bridged the Neg-

utka River, just before it joins the Kavasas River to form the Warangoi; and, continuing the road across the land between the two streams, he is in process of constructing a flyingfox over the Kavasas, whereby to bring logs from the area beyond.

Our inspection car stopped there, and Chipper proceeded to drag about two hundred-weight of large iron staples out of the boot. I asked what they were for. He merely pointed to some very tall, growing Kamarere trees, which provide the framework for the flyingfox. The staples had been driven into the trunks at 12-inch intervals, and thus

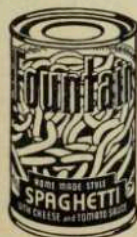
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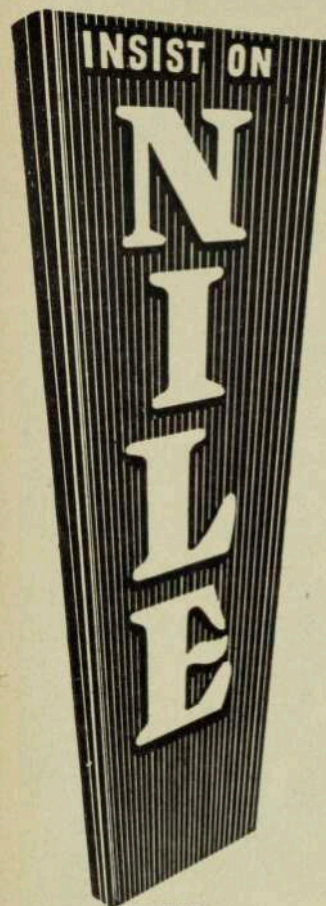
But what about the Manchurian ponies? Well, quite a lot of those iron staples were needed. JLC suddenly remembered the Jap dump at Kokopo. Among other things brought in for the ponies ten years ago were hundreds of small iron horse-shoes, now a desolate, rusty heap. JLC loaded them into a lorry; took them to his Toboi workshops; had the ends straightened out and pointed; and now they serve a useful purpose in the Warangoi forests.

Mr. Chipper has some 15,000 acres under timber-lease in this area. It is



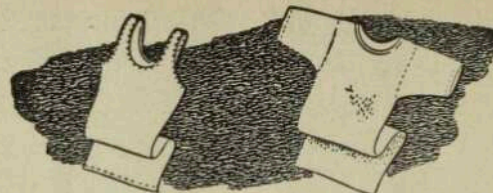
Using relics of Jap invasion, J. L. Chipper (Rabaul) climbs a Kamarere tree in Warangoi district, where a huge flyingfox is being installed.





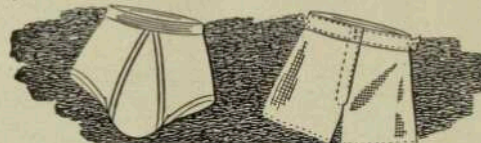
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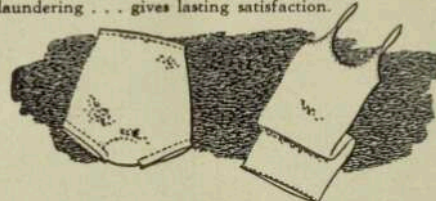
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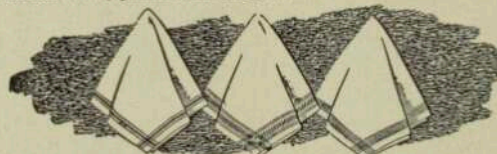
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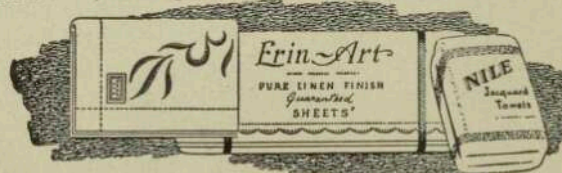
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estimated he has spent at least £40,000 opening up and roading this country for logging, and he hopes eventually that it may be a closer settlement area for Europeans. It is good land and would grow excellent cocoa. He has used some fine logs in building his new bridge. One of them, forming a pier near the centre of the river, had a girth of nearly 16 feet.

This Kamare tree is a type of eucalypt, described as a eucalyptus hardwood peculiar to New Britain—although a few specimens have been found in the Southern Philippines; and it takes at least 120 years to reach maturity. The Forestry Department has been out there gathering seeds and spreading them around the Territory, in the hope that forests will be established.



The bridge across the Negmutka (tributary of Warangol) built by Chipper interests (Rabaul) as part of timber-getting enterprise and (it is hoped) to promote new European settlement.

Mr. George Whittaker—that tireless RSL fighter for more and better servicemen settlement in New Guinea—was out there with us; and I think he very much liked what

he saw of the Warangol. I think that he will be Whittaker, MLC, before this appears in print; and, from such a forum, I hope that, with Warangol as his text, he will continue to remind the Administration that European settlement in New Guinea is immensely more important to our future than any bureaucratic fixations about native rights.—RWR.

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HE SHOWED OYSTERS HOW TO PRODUCE PEARLS

KOKICHI Mikimoto—the man who developed the art of inducing reluctant oysters to produce pearls, built it into a major industry with world-wide connections, and himself made a fortune from it—died in Japan on September 23, aged 96.

Mikimoto set up in business in about 1905, after 15 years of experimentation. So far no one seems to have succeeded in imitating his enterprise on a commercial scale.

His pearls have been wrongly called artificial. All pearls are an unnatural development in an oyster, but, from a chemical aspect, Mikimoto's products are in every sense natural pearls. Even the seed on which the oyster built was a pearl—not a grain of sand as has so often been stated. These seed pearls were usually imported from the United States where they are obtained from small shell fish in the Mississippi and other rivers.

A pearl's value depends largely on its lustre—and lustre depends on the chemical constituents of the water in which it is produced. Mikimoto's pearls are thus, in this respect, equal to the best Japanese un-cultured pearls—but cultured

pearls, produced, say, in the Persian Gulf, an area noted for its beautiful pearls, might be superior in lustre to Mikimoto's. The same may be true of pearls cultured at, say, Thursday Island.

The secret, or art, is in the highly skilled job of correctly placing the seed pearl in the oyster without killing the oyster.

One of the war reparations Australia gained from Japan was the secret of this artificial pearl culture, but Mikimoto must have smiled as

he conducted the Aussies over his pearl farm and laboratories.

IN AUSTRALIA—UNSUCCESSFUL SIDE-LINE

It is one thing to explain the process or to put down on paper, and another to develop the skills required—as the Australian CSIRO has discovered at its Thursday Island experimental station during post-war years.

The CSIRO's fishery research officer, at Sydney, said in September that no great effort had been made

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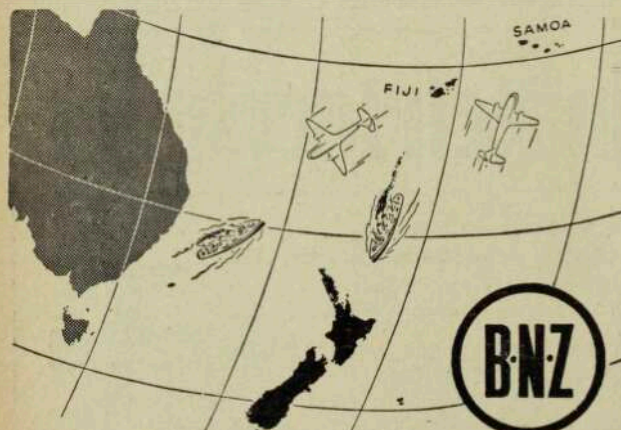
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at Thursday Island. The experiments were being conducted more or less as a side-line.

In fact, there was some opposition to the development of culture pearls on the part of Australia. A lot of technical difficulties had been encountered, and Australia did not have one pearl to show for the effort so far put into the project.

The officer conceded that, if successful, a worth-while industry might be developed by some interested private enterprise.

Meanwhile the Australian culture-pearl industry is in about the same condition as the Australian MOP industry.

It's Becoming Safer By Air

THE 1953 safety statistics just released by the International Air Transport Association and relating to a survey made by its 70 international member operators, show a continuous improvement in air safety records.

Although the actual number of accidents has increased slightly, this is more than offset by the large increase in traffic generated by IATA members. An analysis of the figures discloses fewer major calamities but more accidents to smaller aircraft which were not completely fatal. The average number of fatalities per accident dropped from 18.4 in 1952 to 12.0 in 1953.

Of the 25 accidents reported in 1953, five resulted in no passenger fatalities and in only one accident were more than 40 passengers killed. This showed an average of 7.57 passenger fatalities per million passengers carried, as compared with 9.04 in 1952 and 17.19 in 1949.

(All of which is highly encouraging to air-travellers, of course. But who wants to be a statistic anyhow?)

Royal Visit to Tonga

BY arrangement with the Tongan Government, a book called *The Royal Visit to Tonga* will be published in London in late October by Pitkin Pictorials Limited.

This official record of the recent visit to Tonga by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh is written by the Secretary to the Government of Tonga, Mr. K. R. Bain, who was also Secretary of the Tonga Royal Visit Committee. It contains a Foreword by Queen Salote and over 50 illustrations, many of which are the work of Fiji's Official Photographer, Rob Wright. Some hitherto unpublished photos from Queen Salote's private album are also included.

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MAGAZINE SECTION

Tropicalities

JEKYLL-AND-HYDE MYNAHS

THE mynah bird, as well known in the Pacific islands as the sparrow in European countries, is a native of southern India and Ceylon. It was brought into Tahiti early in the century to exterminate insect pests, particularly wasps.

At that time the coconut palms of Rarotonga were being attacked by the "stick" insect, a creature three or four inches in length which was causing great damage to the trees. This prompted Colonel Gudgeon, the then Resident Commissioner for the CI, to write, in about 1906, to the British Consul in Tahiti requesting information about the habits of the mynah bird.

The birds were subsequently imported into Rarotonga, where they killed off the "stick" insect with

commendable efficiency and rapidly increased in numbers. They then turned their attention to the local birds, which they harried out of the sky, so that to-day most of the few remaining native birds are only to be found in the inland valleys. The exception is the fairy tern, which continues to lay its eggs on the midribs of coconut leaves, defying the mynahs, and winds alike.

The mynahs have acquired a taste for ripe tomatoes, paw paws and citrus fruit, but do not harm unripe crops. As all fruit is, of course, exported before ripening, the mynahs have not affected the CI export trade, and this fact, together with the mynah's useful qualities, have prevented an "open season" for them in the Cook Islands. — W. H. PERCIVAL.

WILD IRISHMAN OF RAROTONGA

ENTERING the Union Steam Ship Company office in Rarotonga one morning, I found the place virtually in a state of siege.

There was old William McBierney pounding the counter with his heavy walking stick, and laying down the law in no uncertain terms to the Rarotongan clerk, who was not enjoying the performance.

But then McBierney is almost a law unto himself. Even at his advanced age he strikes terror into the hearts of clerks and departmental officials every time he's sighted in town. For there's going to be trouble for someone!

Through half-closed doors or from behind some filing cabinet, all

hands watch his progress—slow as it is to-day—from the time he alights from his cart until it is clear which way he's heading. Then some relax—and the unfortunates who are "for it" brace themselves for the storm.

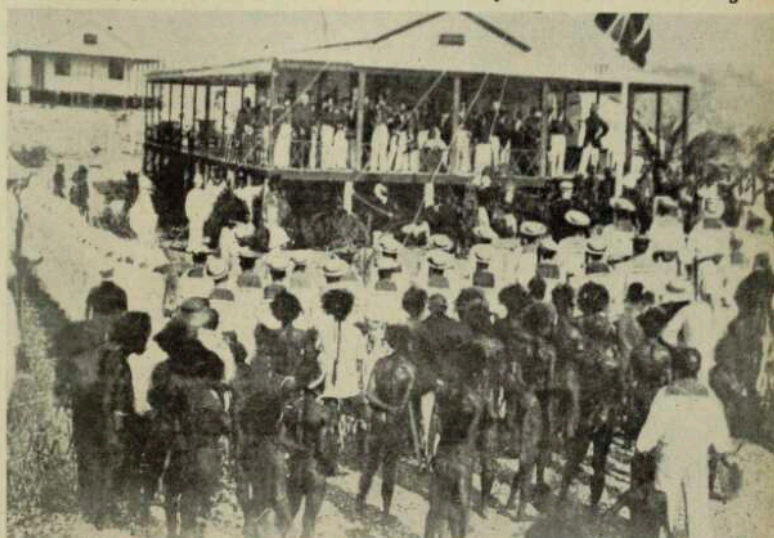
Though fearful for the victim, to hear old Mac in action is an education and a delight to the onlookers. Truly he is one of the most outstanding characters of the South Seas to-day. The story of his life is amazing, unbelievable, and largely untellable. He is extraordinarily well-read, a poet in his own right—and the classical Wild Irishman that one reads of but rarely meets.

He has always been a thorn in the side of the Administration, but he knows his rights and entitlements and certainly stands up for them. Perhaps he's lost a little of his fire as Father Time creeps up on him—but not so much that you'd notice! His like will probably never again be seen in the Islands, or, indeed, elsewhere.—JPS.

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER

CORRESPONDENT Nordman, of Tahiti, reminiscing on his service in Matson trans-Pacific vessels in the immediate pre-World War I days, recalls an occasion

This Happened in Port Moresby 70 Years Ago



This photograph, and the one on page 82, have been loaned to us by Mr. A. P. Lyons, formerly a well-known resident of Papua. These photos were taken on an historic occasion—November 8, 1884, when Commodore Erskine raised the flag at Port Moresby and proclaimed what we

now know as Papua to be a British Protectorate. This was the actual flag-raising ceremony. The natives in the foreground could be the great-grandfathers of the Hanuabada natives—but the present Hanuabadans wear a lot more clothes.

when Governor Schultz, of German Samoa, was one of his charges.

First day at sea he knocked on the door of the Governor's cabin to take his breakfast order. The Governor was in his berth reading.

"Would you care for an orange before breakfast," asked Steward Nordman. "Nine," said the Governor, without so much as a glance.

Nordman quietly closed the door, somewhat surprised, but never-the-less soon returned with the nine oranges in a dish.

Again entering the cabin, the Governor glanced at him in amazement—then roared with laughter. "I said 'nein,'" he explained—"that means, 'No.'"

Which reminds us that it is not difficult for the uninitiated to get himself deadlocked in the Islands even when both parties are speaking English. The Islander's affirmative reply to a European's negative question has trapped more than one.

CONCERNING FIG JAM, ETC.

I HAVE just left the Noumea restaurant waitress after five intense minutes, in which I tried to explain to her that I do not like fig jam for breakfast, for distressing reasons well known to wearers of dentures. I feel completely thwarted; and, from the girl's now guarded behaviour towards me, I am afraid that she is convinced that I am eager to bite her, but am deterred only by the gallant thought that I may hurt her. How does one discuss fig jam in relation to dentures, in French, anyhow?

A while ago my immediate neighbour here, a shy woman from Brisbane, retired hurriedly within her bungalow bedroom with an expression that sounded like "God Almighty." She had made some request of the servant, and the willing girl had quickly—and coily—returned with a partially covered article. I do not know what the lady really wanted, but it obviously was not a chamber-pot.

There is a great deal to interest and amuse the tourist in this charming country of New Caledonia. But if the mutually profitable traffic is to develop, our French friends should learn a little more English—and the language-lazy Australians should learn a lot more French.—RWR.

FUN WITH WORDS

AS Shakespeare asked, "What's in a name?" Certainly, some of the things that some native people have done to staid old English, brighten it up quite a lot.

In much-despised SW Pacific Pidgin, a lady's brassiere is sometimes described as a "banis belong su-su." Banis being a "fence" or something similar; and su-su, of course, being "milk."

Now, in a recent issue of *Carona*, a homecraft officer tells of her difficulties with a sewing-circle of native women in Kenya. The women

were enthusiastic sewers and had one burning ambition—to make an "apron-ya-fitty"—which, after much puzzling, their instructor found to be the local name for brassiere.

TRAGEDY OF HALF-CASTES

COUNTLESS articles have been written about the unhappy status of the half-castes in the Pacific Islands, and it is not much use adding here to that tragic record.

I do hope that, as the years pass, a more suitable place will be found in this community for the many people in Papua and New Guinea—especially New Guinea—of part European and part Asiatic blood. I refer particularly to half-Malays and half-Indians, born usually of a European father and an Asiatic or mixed-race mother.

The children of such unions are usually equal in quality to the best European average in the Territories, and it is a cruel thing that they are so often pushed away into a community by themselves. There are a number of instances of girls of an attractive type, with a reasonably good education, who have been compelled either to marry natives or part-natives of a grade considerably below their own, or to tie up with some of the poor-class Europeans introduced in the immediate post-war, simply because of what some folk regard as "the stigma of mixed blood"—R.

A Tragedy of Rarotonga

A RASH young man, in Tropic Climes,
Just wouldn't keep up with the times.
His Permit dear was left to waste—
And from the tap he'd slake his taste.

The water looked so clean and fresh,
But wasn't filtered through a mesh.
The Plumber, in a cunning way,
Just swapped some pipes, then crept away.

Of Elixir of youth and joy,
A glass-full took, this sober boy.
The liquid made him writhe and cough—
To see the Quack he staggered off.

This Roman Doc, the works to hear,
A stethoscope put to his ear.
A pitying look came to his eye—
He said: "Young man, prepare to die!"

The anguish, and the screaming pain,
The Annexe dogs would put to shame.
He lasted thus but for a day;
Then, mercifully, passed away.

The Inquest was a gory sight,
And went on far into the night.
For, from this young man's miles of guts,
Came eels and tadpoles, bolts and nuts!

This warning, please, take care to heed:
For if your stomach has a need,
The water, here, comes from a pond—
The better stuff comes from the Bond!

—A PASSING MOSQUITO.



Capt. Carl Oscar Anderson:

Fifty Years of Sea, Sail and Reef

By Jack Thornton

BORN in Sweden, reared in Copenhagen—a true Norseman and proud of it. British by adoption—and proud of that, too. That is what Captain Carl Oscar Anderson, 76-years-old ex-harbourmaster of Apia, W. Samoa, says about himself—usually with a hearty slap on the shoulder of his listener.

"I've got two boys at sea and five girls married to Americans—not bad for a Britisher, eh?" is another of the skipper's favourite quips. He is one of the old-timers who served in square-riggers, and as there are only a few of them left I feel that some of his life story (it would require ten books to record it all) should be recorded.

"I'm from a long line of seafaring ancestors," Captain Anderson said. "My father visited the Fiji Islands as master of a sailing ship, and one of my uncles sailed the China coast for many years. Another uncle became part-owner and master of a fishing smack and lost his life when he was swept overboard during a North Atlantic gale about 50 years ago. My brother retired from the Navy last year. So that's that."

"At 14 I joined the Danish training ship *George Stage*, as cadet for the annual cruise. She was a smart little full-rigged ship and became famous many years afterwards as the *Joseph Conrad* and ended her days in the United States Navy during the Second World War. At the end of the cruise, I signed on as boy in the Danish barque *Puck*, under the command of my father. She was a handy vessel carrying

just over 1,000 tons deadweight. We left Hamburg for Rio with general cargo and returned with coffee to Liverpool.

"I made only one voyage with the Old Man. We didn't get along too well together! One day at the beginning of the trip I heard the Old Man telling the second mate to keep me busy and never show me any favours. I was at the wheel when he said it. The second mate took him at his word, and whenever a dirtier job than usual turned up, I was for it, especially on Sundays. But I got a bit of my own back one Sunday on the return voyage.

"Coming down from aloft I saw the second's seaboots hanging on the pinrail at the mainmast, well-greased with whale oil, so I unhitched 'em and tossed 'em overboard. Only the cook saw me doing it, and as he hated the second's guts it was alright. After we'd paid off at the Danish Consulate in Liverpool, I tapped the second mate on the shoulder and asked if he'd lost anything at sea and if he knew where they'd gone.

"He said, 'Of course not!' So I said, 'Well, your seaboots went over the side at 47 degrees 30 North and 20 degrees 40 West!' Then I ran like hell.

"My uncle offered me a well-paid job on his smack but the smell of several thousand fish didn't appeal to me so I shipped out of Liverpool on the British clipper *Pass of Melford* for New York, and from there to Shanghai with case oil. Years after, when I'd got my mate's ticket, Dad happened to be home when I berthed and we had a great time together. When I reminded him of my first trip he said: 'So what? It didn't do you any harm.' He was good at heart, and his bark was worse than his bite. I only saw him twice after that before he went West.

"I SERVED in deep sea sail until shortly before the First World War, when I came to small ships in the Islands, lived through a hurricane in Tongan waters and met Jack London when he came to Samoa on the *Spartan*. I was master of the German schooner *Elfrieda* when the British cruiser *Encounter* captured us in Tongan waters. It was quite a friendly affair, for the Navy had known for months that we carried nothing but copra, trade goods and mail, and the captain put me ashore at Nuku'alofa where the German Agent told me: 'They can't take your ship—you're not a German. Go and protest.' So I said, 'Well, they've done it and I'm happy. You can damn well protest yourself if you want to.'

"The cruiser's commander gave me the choice of staying free in Tonga or taking the *Elfrieda* to Fiji as a prize-of-war on Admiralty pay. I took the job and stayed on as master after she'd been auctioned

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OLD BOOKS RE-READ

19 Years On—And Only Europeans Change at Tari

NINETEEN years ago two young officers of the Papuan Administration, Hides and O'Malley, undertook a patrol between the headwaters of the Strickland and Kikori Rivers. It was the only large tract of Papua left unexplored, and in writing afterwards of their task, Sir Hubert Murray, Lieut.-Governor of Papua, said that it was high time that the "ugly blank on the map should be filled in."

In the course of this patrol, the men, the police and their carriers, came down off the treacherous limestone barrier that straggles across N-W Papua, and into the beautiful valley which they were told was the Tarifuroro.

Today, it is simply known as Tari—part of the Southern Highlands district of Papua—and, in part of it, 10 minutes' flight from the patrol post at Tari, is the valley called Lavani—also the Hidden Valley, Shangri-La and other fanciful names.

Heaven alone knows what sets some incidents apart to become newspaper sensations. But that is what happened in relation to Lavani in May this year, when first it was visited, as part of a much bigger project, by a geologist, John Zehnder; and flown over shortly afterwards by the P-NG Directors of District Services and Civil Aviation.

Lavani is only one of many small pockets of population in an estimated, unvisited 60,000 people in this Highlands area, but as usual in such affairs, there have been the various side reactions to the great publicity build-up it received.

One reaction came from a sister of the late Jack Hides, now residing in Sydney. She claims that Zehnder did not discover Lavani; that, in fact, Hides did and that his writings, photographs and maps prove it. Much of this material was published in a book by Hides in 1936 called *Papuan Wonderland*. I have had a considerable amount of pleasure in re-reading it in the last few weeks.

Although, it is obvious from what he says in this book, that Hides never did go down into the valley of Lavani, it is remarkable that virtually nothing has been said about him, in the last few months, in connection with the Southern Highlands.

For Hides was the Colin Simpson of the 30's; his books, and he wrote several, were best-sellers; and what he wrote made the world Papua-conscious. It would be interesting

to know how many post-war Territorians have heard of him, or have read his books.

This has its amusing side—because Hides, in his day, had a bigger blast of publicity than Lavani or Zehnder and, turning back recently through the PIMs of that time, I came on a sort of apology for the fact that Hides' patrol had been selected for headlines; it was a matter of luck, we said, and no one would begrudge him his fame although there had been other fine patrols, both in Papua and New Guinea.

I went to New Guinea during the days of Hides, and one of the first things told me there was that there had been just as meritorious patrols on that side of the border—but that the Administration did not encourage its staff to write books about them!

And the Melbourne *Herald* of that time told how this patrol of

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Jack Hides and Mambu converse by signs. Mambu is wearing a wig.

ALL AT SEA

By PETER ENGLAND

(Illustrations by Bill Gill)



"... Started to come out in shorts."

LOOK, you can go by plane if you want to, but not me. Even a psychologist knows that the answer to "islands" is "boats"; the answer to planes is jets, bombs, plastic ashtrays, radio serials, and bacon in cellophane wrappers, and all that muck. Now listen.

The tale of the New Guinea islands is a long one, and the biggest part of it is tied up in one way or another with boats. Schooners, luggers, gunboats, lakatois, mail boats, copra tramps, luxury liners. British boats, Chinese boats, German boats, Dutch boats, boats of every nationality under the sun. Big overseas boats, little coastal boats, crazy plantation pinnaces crossing impossible distances of blue water, patrol launches on the Sepik, mission boats on the Fly, rafts on the Purari, pors on the Ramu. Adventurers' boats, beachcombers'

boats, millionaires' boats, pirates' and blackbirders' boats. And the *Bulolo*.

The *Bulolo* is a beautiful white ship which says good-bye to Sydney once every six weeks makes a dignified exit through the Heads, takes a quick look round to see that nobody is watching, then turns sharply to the left and heads like a homing pigeon for the sun—and the Islands.

This beautiful white ship is commanded by a small boy named Bill Wilding, who dresses up as a sea-captain and has the time of his life steering it through tropic seas and bullying his passengers into enjoying the trip whether they like it or not. As a hobby he collects tropical fish, and for all I know, probably also cigarette cards, snakes, stamps, butterflies and bull-ants.



Well—the siren has given a warning blast, the bells are ringing, and everyone is moving towards the gangway. "All visitors ashore!"

Friends, relations, wives, uncles, mothers-in-law, sweethearts and children have finished their tour of the ship. Examined the lounge, the cabins, the smoke room, the swimming pool; criticised the furniture, the weather, the library, the colour of the seamen's pants; read all the notices on the notice board, and pocketed large quantities of the ship's stationery. Kids have been lost, found, slapped, told to come here. Last-minute admonitions, greetings, advice, are still being exchanged.

But the siren has sounded, the bells are ringing—"All visitors ashore," and everybody's shoving and pushing along the deck. Those down on the wharf are starting to throw streamers. Here's a cove rac-

ing around taking last minute shots with a camera, followed by a giraffe taking last-minute notes in a little note-book. Yes, certainly you can put me in your paper, I'm a missionary on my way to Turkestan. What? This boat doesn't go to Turkestan? Well, I'm sorry about that, I've always wanted to see Turkestan.

"Streamers! Streamers! Any more streamers? Three for two shillings. Here you are, lady." They started at threepence each, but as the excitement mounts the vendors are thoughtfully matching the price to the demand. Now we all hold a bunch in each hand—at the other end friends, wives, kiddies, uncles, sweethearts, mothers-in-law. A plump and expensively dressed woman walking backwards and talking at the same time gets tangled up with a bunch held by a little girl with corn-coloured pig-tails. A grandmother sizzles her with a look.

We shout to each other and make signs, but are only half heard. Why don't they hurry up—hell. We glance this way and that, feigning an interest in the bustle around us, the last-minute officials going ashore, the little tug that is manoeuvring under our bows. Then we just look at each other.

At last. The gangway is up, the moorings cast off, and a little space of water appears and widens between the ship and the wharf.

"Good-bye, darling, good-bye, good-bye!"



Down the harbour the wind is cold and biting. Grey winter Sydney skies, ugh! Groups of tourists are doing things with binoculars and cameras.

In the lounge the Second Steward is taking names and allotting tables for the dining room, a dozen or so people waiting their turn. Bending



"Streamers—any more streamers?"

over him, a slinky black-haired Foreign Spy type in one of those close-fitting costumes which make it necessary to have the skirt slit up to the knee in order that the wearer may move her legs.

She gives her name in a husky whisper, just loud enough to make sure that nobody missed it. A liklik doctor from Wau, a storeman from Kavieng, a brace of patrol-officers, and a tourist have a quick startled look and then self-consciously resume their attitudes of polite boredom.

Now people are going down to their cabins, ringing bells, chatting with stewards about baths and meal hours. Others are chatting with the Purser, rather more vehemently, about missing luggage and why they hadn't got that lower bunk that was promised them.

Presently the bar opens. The tourists are still doing things with binoculars and cameras, but the old miners file into the smoke room like miners going on shift.

So. The musical gong is chiming its summons to dinner. We all snatch a quick one for the road, the ladies pay a quick visit to their cabins, and now we're being drafted to our respective tables. As usual, at every table there is a Life-and-Soul-of-the-Party type who insists that everybody exchange Christian names and life histories immediately. Yes, how d'y'do, how d'y'do. Most at my table appear to be round-trippers.

Who, me? No, I'm just—well, I'm sort of going home. This was a mistake, I had to explain at length that I lived at Wewak, and so was disembarking at Madang, but I wasn't really going to Wewak because I didn't live there any longer. No, I'm not in the Administration, I'm a sort of agent—well, I don't

have any agencies at the moment, but . . . Everybody was starting to look at me a little queerly, and there was an awkward pause. Only a girl on my left, with glasses, gave me a twinkle, she thought I was doing it on purpose. I kicked her on the shin, hard.



The first morning at sea. This is the life! Nothing like a brisk walk round the deck before breakfast. Wild Bill was tumbling down the ladder from the bridge. Calm sea, everybody down for breakfast. What the devil are rifled eggs? The loud-speaker was bubbling something about a Sports Committee.

The advantage of being in the first sitting is that you can stroll up on deck, grab a deck-chair, and then look suitably unconcerned when the second-sitters arrive to search vainly for somewhere to park themselves. Like musical chairs.

We were about four or five miles off-shore. Long white sandy beaches. Occasional clusters of clean-cut, summery looking houses, usually on rising ground or promontories, the sort of thing you see in coloured holiday posters. I thought, idly, one day I shall get off right here and live for the rest of my life.

Some sort of fish were causing a commotion in the distance—throwing up small clouds of spray. There were various conjectures—whales? sharks? porpoise? Up forward a rather strange young man in a navy blue suit was focussing a pair of Bill Wilding's giant binoculars on the distant shore. He had a peculiar, furtive manner, and every time anyone passed he jumped hastily aside.

Lunch. Dozing under a watery sun. Afternoon session in the smoke room. Dinner. The Foreign Spy was working on an ADO from New Ireland. Housie-housie in the lounge. But me, I took a book and a drink and went to bed.

Brisbane. There's something about Brisbane. The sun, the colour, the design of the houses, an air of carnival of gaiety. None of the frantic strain and bustle of the southern capitals. The policemen on point duty, in smart white helmets, smile as they wave you across the street, look as if they're ready to break into a song and dance routine at any moment.

For some unexplained reason we were held up for an extra day here, then we were preparing to move off again. The last of the Brisbane passengers were aboard, and a little bunch of well-wishers was standing on the wharf ready to say good-bye. A couple of seedy-looking streamer sellers. It was Sunday and the river was quiet. A few hundred yards above us a little ferry crossed and re-crossed, like a dragon-fly over a summer pool, lazily. Only we bustle.

The siren gave a blast, answered politely by the ships moored above

and below us—and we were off. A couple of little tugs helped us around the first sharp bend, and then, with a shrill toot, answered by our deep bass, left us to carry on alone.

We passed a small cargo boat with a solitary drowsy-looking seaman hanging over the rail. A girl near me waved a scarf. She said: "Isn't he mean, he won't even wave."

Somebody touched me on the elbow to tell me that the mouth of the river was silting up. What the hell am I supposed to do about that?

An excursion launch, crowded with trippers, overtook us, and somebody started playing a piano-accordion; half-a-dozen cine-cameras sprang into action. Near the mouth there were miniature lighthouses, like toys.

The weather was glorious, enough fresh breeze to make it exhilarating. There was a throwing off of restraint, an increase in tempo, a sort of excitement, since leaving Brisbane. Summer was here, holidays were here, shyness and awkward politeness had disappeared. At table, if you wanted the pepper and salt, you just reached across and grabbed them.

We were still following the coast, and now we were passing those peculiar peaks appropriately named the Glasshouse Mountains. They rise straight from the plain in queer pyramidal and cuboid shapes. At close quarters they are rather frightening.

Pictures to-night. An ancient newsreel, a cartoon, then one of those psychological dramas full of American journalists, Russian secret police, and a beautiful girl of uncertain nationality who was trying to play both sides at once. Well, I didn't have to see it out. I got up and borrowed a book and went to bed.



Up at six, bathed and shaved, and did ten rounds of the boat deck. We were in the open sea now, out of sight of land, with a fresh breeze and the ship moving pleasantly to an easterly swell.

Breakfasted off a couple of excellent kippers, which are, of course, the only possible alternative to bacon. The book I have been reading mentioned the fact that many great historical figures ate very sparingly, especially early in the day. Bismark, the Iron Chancellor, barely touched breakfast, frequently contented himself with a raw egg cracked on the hilt of his sword.

My morning siesta was disturbed by the report of firearms, strange cries, and the dull thump of bodies hitting the deck. All the little boys on board had one or more pistols of the Hopalong Cassidy type, and had apparently replenished their supply of ammunition at Brisbane. Bill Wilding looked down from the bridge, wistfully.

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"Foreign-spy type . . ."

The Experienced Man from Port Moresby

APPARENTLY Australian newspapers—in relation to New Guinea—were not a great deal different 70 years ago than they are to-day.

Count Goedicke van Asten, who has supplied us with this story, is now 94 and living in Auckland, N.Z. He spent most of his adult years in Tonga, but between this Port Moresby incident, and his Tonga residence, he spent some time, during Queen Emma's era, in what is now the Trusteeship Territory of New Guinea. The Count inherited his title—a Dutch one—after World War II.

Seventy years ago, on November 6, the British flag was hoisted by Commodore Erskine, at Port Moresby, in what is now Papua.

Shortly before that time I was living in Adelaide. It was a period when all the Australian papers predicted a brilliant future for New

Guinea. It would be a second El Dorado, they said, where enterprising young men would go to seek their fortunes. I believed myself to be one of these enterprising young fools. I left Adelaide, went to Thursday Island, and took passage in the *Else*, one of Burns Philp & Company's boats, for New Guinea.

When I arrived in Port Moresby it was November 5, 1884, but I was the most disappointed man living. I expected to find there a village or some kind of settlement. But Port Moresby boasted only eight European buildings; the European population was six—the Rev. Dr. Lawson, Mrs. Lawson, the Rev. Mr. Chalmers, of the London Missionary Society; Mr. Goldie, a trader for BP's, who was dealing with the many Indonesian pearl fishers, and a German named Hanstein.

I told Mr. Goldie of my great disappointment and how I wished I had not come and was anxious to return to

civilisation. He invited me to stay with him. The *Else* would be back within a few days, he said, and I could return to Thursday Island.

The following morning I had a long chat with Mr. Hanstein, who told me he had come to New Guinea to shoot Bird of Paradise for export to Queensland. Hanstein said that New Guinea had gold. He had proof of it, but it had not really been investigated. One day while shooting Birds of Paradise near the Fly River, he found in the stomach of one of the birds two small pieces of gold which it must have picked up near by, as these birds are not long-distance fliers.

That day—November 6, 1884—the whole of the Australian fleet arrived—HMS *Nelson*, *Espeigel*, *Raven*, *Dart*, *Harrier*, and *Swinger*—and at 10 a.m. Captain Erskine, commander of the flagship *Nelson*, accompanied by his officers, and the ship's band, landed and hoisted the British flag, declaring certain parts of New Guinea a British Protectorate.

In honour of the occasion, Captain Erskine then gave a lunch aboard *Nelson*. The local Europeans were invited but only Mr. Chalmers and myself accepted.

After the lunch, most of the officers went ashore to mingle with the natives and to collect curios. There I made the acquaintance of the captain of *Swinger*. I told him, too, of my great disappointment with New Guinea and that I was awaiting a boat to return to civilisation.

He immediately said, "Why don't you come with me? I am heading for Newcastle and it will be a pleasure for me to have you as my guest aboard." Thus I left Port Moresby to arrive at Newcastle the following Friday.

As soon as HMS *Swinger* dropped anchor there, a reporter came aboard to interview the Paymaster, who immediately referred him to me as having been longer in New Guinea than he. He was right—I had been there two days to his one!

So I told the reporter of Hanstein's extraordinary gold find, then I departed for Sydney.

On the Sunday morning, while still in bed, I heard the newspaper boys calling, "*Sunday Times*; extra edition; gold in New Guinea!" After breakfast I picked up a Sunday "*Morning Star*" and found an



Commodore Erskine presents a walking-stick to a local native, Boa Vagi, on board "*Nelson*".
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interesting story—quoted from the Newcastle "Courier." HMS *Swinger*, it said, had just arrived from New Guinea with a passenger who had reported that gold had been found near the Fly River.

But what the story did not say was that the gold had been found in the stomach of a bird.

Two Fijian boys, Petero Mataca, of Vuaka, Yasawas, and Ilario Nale, of Votua, and a Gilbert Islander, Sione Klies, recently began their 7-year studies for the Catholic priesthood at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, N.Z. Two Rotumans at the College have completed their second year. Also in N.Z. at the Marist Fathers' Seminary at Greenmeadows are a Fijian, a Rotuman and an Indian. It is expected that all will eventually return to the Islands.

THIS MONTH'S NEW READING

(Conducted by the Assistant Editor)

BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE

EVIDENTLY we are on the threshold of an era of books on the Occupation of Japan. *Sowers of the Wind*, by T. A. G. Hungerford, is the third we have received within as many weeks; it is unlikely that there will be another quite like it. Perhaps, not another as good.

Not for Sunday School prize-giving, this one. The theme is crude—sordid, if you like. Much of the narrative is in the vernacular of the Australian Army; there is no moral uplift and mighty little moral, except perhaps in its demonstration that all large-scale human experiments are reduced, inevitably,

to their lowest common denominator, which, in this case, was the common soldier.

General Douglas MacArthur, who sat in his ivory-tower and designed the Occupation, believed that it was the greatest spiritual revolution of all time. The Occupation to these Australians meant Jap women, the blackmarket, revenge—in that order. And although the General's picture is a much prettier one, Hungerford's gives a greater sense of reality.

Sergeant Rod McNaughton (who is as much a hero as a novel of this type will permit) and his outfit, went straight from Islands campaigning to Japan. This swift transition from the dangers of jungle warfare to the uneasy unreality of Occupation would be sufficient to unbalance the most moral of men, and the Australians accepted what was offering without restraint. McNaughton alone retains his in-born sense of responsibility and an awareness of where they were going. But he, too, is ultimately caught in the web, in his affair with the Japanese girl, Fumie.

Hungerford does not make the mistake of endowing this with the trappings of a grand passion; it was as permanent and as temporary as all such liaisons; its end foreshadowed in its beginning. Yet it is the central theme of McNaughton's year in Japan and had, in the end, unexpected consequences.

Technically, the book cannot be faulted, and this and his other novels (*The Ridge and the River* and *Riverslake*) put Hungerford in the top bracket of modern writers.

It was written about six years ago and won a *Sydney Morning Herald* literary prize in 1949, but, surprisingly has not been published until now. Surprisingly—because a great deal of literary tripe by Australian writers has seen print in those years.

Nothing had been heard of this writer until *Ridge and the River*, but his product has never been in the amateur class; nor, praise the gods, has it any of the arty-craftiness that characterises most Australian writing.

The present book should find a place along with *The Cruel Sea* and *From Here To Eternity*.

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE LAKE WENT OUT

ANOTHER portrayal of the Australian scene with a growing international reputation is Arthur Upfield. His *Death of a Lake* will not disappoint admirers, either; it is one of the best of his Detective-Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte mysteries.

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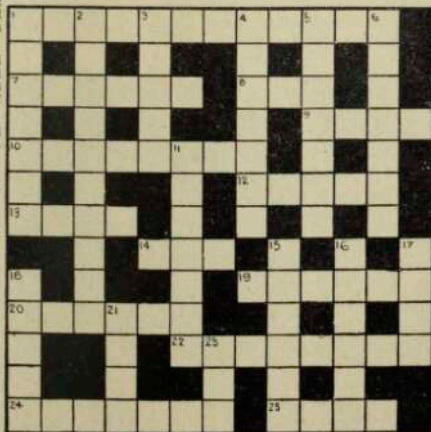
ACROSS

- 1.—What weapon has been named after the lightest element known?
- 7.—What is the capital of New Caledonia?
- 8.—Who wrote the words of "The Star Spangled Banner"?
- 9.—Who wrote the earliest of the Gospels?
- 10.—What was the name given to the body of reformers under the leadership of John Wycliffe?
- 12.—To what would you apply the names Wedgwood and Delft?
- 13.—Of what precious stone is Burma the chief producer?
- 14.—What word means near or towards the stern of a ship?
- 19.—What disease affecting the thyroid gland is caused by a deficiency of iodine in the diet?
- 20.—What would you call a member of the very old race living in the Pyrenees and speaking a language of their own?
- 22.—Of which distinguished Greek philosopher was Plato a pupil?
- 24.—From where on board ship were mutineers or pirates hung?
- 25.—What is the main ingredient in the making of glass?

DOWN

- 1.—Which Australian aviator lost his life in the Apennine Mountains?
- 2.—What is the deepest-toned instrument in the violin family?
- 3.—Which is the last letter in the Greek alphabet?

- 4.—Which famous Hungarian conductor had so much influence over his players that he was accused of mesmerising them?
- 5.—Where were the first Olympic Games held?
- 6.—Which war broke out in 1899 and ended in 1902?
- 11.—What is the name of Singapore's most famous hotel?
- 15.—What is the name of the strait between Cape York and New Guinea?
- 16.—Which island forms the most southern portion of New York State?
- 17.—In Alfred Noyes' poem "The Highwayman" what was the name of the landlord's black-eyed daughter?
- 18.—Which wood is very hard and jet black?
- 21.—What is the term for a piece of tobacco chewed in the mouth?
- 23.—What is the unit by which electrical resistance is measured?



Poultry Keeping in the Tropics.

Building an Economical Fowl-House

R. F. Rankin, of Western Samoa, who wrote this article, worked for two years in one of the largest and most progressive chicken and duck hatcheries in NZ and has visited poultry installations throughout NZ, Australia, England and Japan, where he studied poultry genetics and chicken sexing for four months under Dr. Masui, one of the world's foremost authorities in this field.

A REGULAR supply of fresh eggs provides a great saving to the housewife both in time and money. However, many would-be poultry keepers going first to the tropics are discouraged by reports of sudden death and disease among poultry. It is my experience that if fowls are properly looked after, they will provide eggs as regularly as they do in more temperate climates. But careless treatment, forgetfulness about food and water, etc., have more disastrous results in the tropics than elsewhere.

This article is not intended for the professional but for the ordinary backyard poultry farmer. The construction of the house is simple and the costs are kept as low as possible. By using flattened cement drums, obtainable cheaply in Samoa from the FWD, the cost of the house, and a run large enough for a dozen hens was only £13. It has only a dirt floor and naturally a dry situation must be chosen for dampness is very bad for hens.

It need be cleaned only once or twice a year as it has been found that the bacteria of dropping mould is beneficial. Coolness is achieved by being open on three sides and painting the whole outside with aluminium paint to reflect the heat. The inside can also be painted black.

Over the past four months I have kept

Back and front views of the house.



eight NZ-bred white leghorn pullets in the house pictured, with an average daily production of $5\frac{1}{2}$ eggs. We had an abnormally wet muggy spell but my pullets showed no sign of cold or sickness that was prevalent elsewhere on the island. Last year I had 30 birds in a similar house with similarly good results. I feel sure that having proved successful in Samoa the design should be suitable elsewhere in the tropics.

Materials required, given in order of construction, are as follows:—

- 4, 1 ft 4 x 4 hardwood corner blocks.
- 2, 6 ft 6 x 1 plinths.
- 2, 9 ft 6 x 1 plinths.
- 3, 6 ft 6 in. 3 x 2 front studs.
- 4, 5 ft 3 x 2 back studs.
- 2, 9 ft 3 x 2 top plates.
- 4, 8 ft 3 x 2 rafters.
- 2, 9 ft 3 x 2 front braces.
- 2, 6 ft 3 x 2 side braces.
- 2, 6 ft 6 x 1 back braces.
- 3, 10 ft 3 x 1 purlins.
- 1, 5 ft 6 x 1 door.
- 1, 9 ft 3 x 2 perch.
- 1, 5 ft 6 x 1 nest box.
- 1, 6 ft 3 x 1 odds and ends.

The first two hardwood blocks are joined by the 6 x 1 plinth projecting $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. over the top of the block. This is well set level into the ground and the other blocks and 6 x 1 is set level from it, giving a fairly solid 9 ft x 6 ft foundation. Make sure that the back of the house faces the prevailing wind to avoid rain being blown in the open front.

Once the foundation is laid the front studs and the top wall plate are cut and erected. The same procedure is then followed with the shorter back studs and wall plate, the whole being stabilised by the four rafters running across and projecting 18 inches over the front plate and a little over the back plate as seen in the photo.

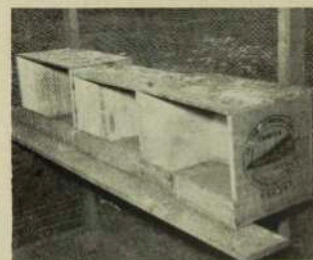
Braces are then inserted all round as high as the drums or other covering is wide. More braces are inserted 3 ft higher so that the wire netting can be attached. The three 3 x 1 purlins are nailed across the rafters and the roof nailed on with roofing nails.

Galvanised 2 in. and 4 in. nails are

used elsewhere. The sides and one inch mesh wire netting are now put on and the house is finished except for a door and yard exit for the hens.

The yard exit need only be a foot square on one side and opened by a sliding panel from inside. The door is made from 6 x 1 with an ordinary Z frame of 3 x 1. Only two nest boxes are needed for up to a dozen hens. Two boxes about the size of butter boxes are attached to the lower front brace with a board projecting out four inches beneath and in front so that the birds can walk along it and enter the nest with no trouble. The single 3 x 2 perch is set the same height as the nest boxes 2 ft from the back wall and as long as will allow the door to open freely.

I think a small run is essential. Most people like to see their hens scratching

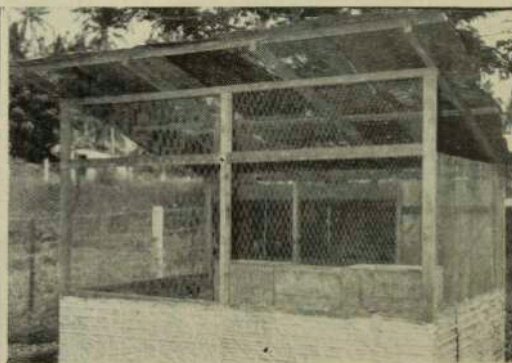


The laying boxes.

about and fresh air and exercise is essential to a hen's healthy growth, and 18 yards perimeter will just use up your 50 yard roll of wire netting, some of which has already been used on the house. I used gatal trees for posts as they take root and sprout further shade. Lime the ground well two weeks before putting hens into the run. And if you want consistent health and high production never let the hens out of the run. Most tropic soils are infested with parasitical worms which play havoc with a hen's productive capacity.

Green feed is considered a necessity. Grow some Chinese cabbage and give the

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Book Reviews

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However, Upfield's mysteries are not of the most mysterious; where he excels is in placing them so accurately into the Australian setting without making his characters into caricatures or his situations ridiculous.

"Bony" is, of course, a trifle larger than life; but all thriller-writers are allowed their eccentric sleuth as the pivot on which the plot revolves.

The other characters are satisfactorily true-to-type.

The lake, one of those phenomena peculiar to Australia, which carries water perhaps once in a generation, is in the far west of New South Wales. It had been drying ever since it was born three years before the story opens, and in the heat of high summer it was shrinking daily before the eyes of the half dozen who waited.

When it was gone, when the hollow that cradled it was once more a dust-bowl, what would be revealed? That was what Bony, newly-arrived at the out-station of Porchester Station in the guise of horse-breaker, was there to find out.

It is a slender thread of plot that runs throughout the story yet it never palls. Here is the Australian outback; unglamorised but not repellent. We did our bid, Mr. Upfield—and look forward to our next meeting with Inspector Bonaparte.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 12/-.)

LIFE AND LOVE AMONG THE FISH

NOW, *Lady with a Spear* is a very different kettle of fish—in fact, a whole Pacific Ocean and a Red Sea full of them.

If, like the reviewer, you would rather roost in a cage full of lions than go creeping around the sea bottom equipped with a snorkel and a face-mask, then this will be a trip into the unknown for you.

If, on the other hand, you are interested in marine biology as an amateur or professional, then this really will be your dish. There are the most entrancing passages concerning the love-life of various fish; to say nothing of how same can be inseminated artificially without any love-life whatsoever.

The lady with the spear is Eugenie Clark, part-European, part Japanese, all American, and extremely good looking, at that. On her own confession, she was completely fascinated by fish from the age of nine and in the course of time became a diploma-ed ichthyologist. In this capacity she did research in Micronesia and later in the Red Sea.

The greater part of her book is taken up with her Pacific adventures and this will be of considerable interest to Pacific dwellers

who want to know more about the inhabitants of their reefs and lagoons. Some of her encounters with the islanders who were called in to assist in her work, are amusing; and in this connection she learned to eat and enjoy raw, not-quite-dead squid.

Surprisingly, the book has a romantic ending at the altar, when Eugenie married Ilias Themistokles Papakonstantinou which, as the lady remarked, made the scientific names of fishes look trivial. He was a young Greek MD, living in America and "had a personality that could tempt a female ichthyologist's interests away from fish."

Ilias went to Cairo at the end of Eugenie's Red Sea assignment, to claim her. For their honeymoon—you've guessed it—they went spear-fishing!

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

A NATURALIST LOOKS AT P-NG

NO book which has a foreword by a reigning Administrator is likely to be controversial, or over-critical of government. Therefore, it is useless expecting anything of that sort from Charles Barrett's *Isles of the Sun*, which has an introduction by Administrator D. M. Cleland, of Papua and New Guinea.

The book has other virtues, how-

ever, although more as an account of a naturalist's wander than as a literary masterpiece. Even residents of long-standing will find considerable interest in Barrett's description of some of the Territory's natural phenomena, because, as the author says, Territorians are singularly unobservant on the whole—possibly as a hangover from the old-time idea that everything native was beneath the dignity of a European.

For the rest, it is pretty safe to say that Barrett Snr's overall opinion of the Territory differs considerably from that of Barrett Jnr.

For Barrett Jnr. is Don Barrett, MLC, one of the Territory's best known citizens, and he contributes to his father's book a tail-piece, the burden of which is: "What New Guinea might be—but isn't."

Barrett pere, on the other hand, is content to leave politics to *files*, and, reading between the lines, I think found the natural and native inhabitants of the Territory considerably more fascinating than some of its European residents. And in this respect I couldn't agree with him more: Those Territorians who insist on carrying the Blood-House traditions of the 20's and 30's into



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the 50's can be more than a little tedious.

Most parts of the Territory are covered in the narrative, as the author, on one of his visits to his son, was persuaded to become temporarily an entomologist for the Department of Agriculture. In this capacity, he received and released the Zanzibar wasps in which P-NG pins its hope of getting rid of Rhinoceros beetle, pest of coconuts. And, at a later stage, he travelled extensively in the Territory seeking pests of other crops.

In the course of these duties he learned that any travel in P-NG usually involves considerable discomfort; he probably knows now, too, that if he doesn't want to stay awake half the night listening to other people's parties, he should equip himself with some Super-Double-X knock-out drops for a bed-time tippie.

The book is illustrated with scores of excellent photographs.

(Published by Heinemann; Australian price, 22/6.)

The two Tongan dancers, Palu Tatupu and Veiongo Fakaua, nieces of Queen Salote, who recently scored a London cabaret success, have now made the first of three recordings, with an accompaniment of flute, ukulele, guitars and handclapping by a Tongan chorus.

Poultry in the Tropics

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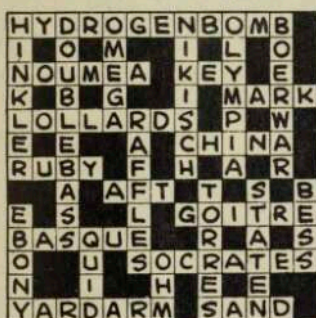
hens one a day. It grows very easily and besides food for the hens, is a healthy food raw or cooked for the whole family. If you haven't the time or energy to grow cabbage, paw-paw is easy to get and as good a food as any for the hens.

However, given the best home possible, unless properly looked after no hen will lay well. They must have plenty of fresh clean water at all times and they must be fed with the same type of food at regular hours. I have found that a

separate grain food is not necessary. Over the past year I have fed only standard laying mash (approx. NZ £1/16/- for 125 lb sack) and laying pellets (approx. NZ £1/10/- for 100 lb sack) entirely disregarding wheat and maize and the hens are laying well. I feed wet mash at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and have a hopper full of pellets before the hens at all times.

Economising by using local foodstuffs definitely does not pay. Resulting bodily growth is slow and fewer and smaller eggs are laid. Coconut and bananas may be cheap and plentiful but they should be used sparingly and supplementary to regular laying mash. Given care, good food and housing, hens will maintain production as well in the tropics as anywhere.

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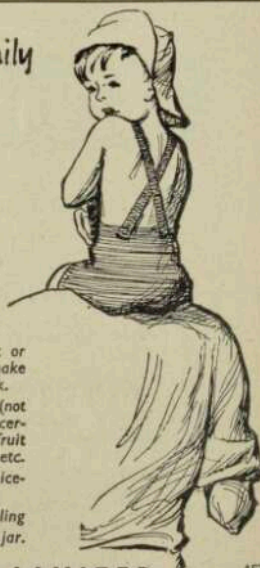
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to the new owner, till after the war, when I shipped as first mate on the American four-masted schooner *Etseltane* from Suva to Frisco, where I stevedored for a year then joined my first steamship—the *Australian*—for a trip to China, Japan, India and Australia, where I joined the *Dawn*—she was quite famous in the South-West Pacific—and brought her back to the islands, where I've served ever since.

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"After two years as master of the *Dawn*—they couldn't kill her naturally and eventually took her out of Suva and sank her outside the reef—I joined the Fiji Shipping Company and skippered the *Sir John Forrest* and the *Matusa*. If some of the old-time skippers happen to read this they'll understand the terrific strain of maintaining a day and night cargo service when we had no radar.

"It was an experience that decided me to take a spell ashore,

so when I heard about a sailmaking business up for sale in Levuka I bought it, and did very well until I was offered a good billet as master of the Tongan Government's *Hifufua*; the call of the sea proved

too strong so I sold out and became master of the *Hifufua* for 3½ years. She was specially designed with accommodation for Tongan Royalty, and Queen Salote made many visits to outlying islands aboard my ship.

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I look back on this, and my previous voyages in Tongan waters, as the most satisfying parts of my life at sea. When my contract expired I would have renewed it if I'd got on better with the British Consul in Nukualofa, but as things turned out I swallowed the anchor on April Fool's Day, 1932—or at least I thought I had until I came to Apia the same year, and for the next seven years did charter trips for the Western Samoa administration and commercial firms trading to the Tokelau, Puka Puka and Niue. Navigation on these voyages was child's play after sailing in Tongan and Fiji waters.

"On the outbreak of the Second World War I was appointed harbour-master and pilot at Apia, a job I held till the end of the war, after which I gracefully swallowed the anchor for the very last time."

Captain Anderson in retirement is a familiar figure as he walks with sprightly step into Apia each day. Many Europeans remark upon his physical resemblance to Sir Winston Churchill.

An Old Book Reread

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Hides' had discovered an entirely new race of people beyond the lime-stone barrier—tall, intelligent agriculturalists—with *near-white* skins. Whether the Tari people have ever been proved to be more intelligent than the rest of the P-NG natives I do not know; but Hides himself, when he reached Australia, denied that they were tall or white. The photo, page 79, taken of Hides and Mambu (which in local language still means "friend") proved that point. But in 1936 Hides certainly got his full measure of publicity, shaken down and running over. If he is a forgotten man in the Territories to-day, we can blame the war which divides "before" from "behind" as surely as any limestone barrier. Too many Territorians of to-day believe that history began, in P-NG, in 1946.

Reams have been written in the last few months by Colin Simpson and others, about Tari and the Lavani Valley, much of it making the same observations as Hides made in *Papuan Wonderland*. One of the first men Hides met in the Tari valley told him, in sign language, that they had never seen a European, but they had heard of them. The old man who led Zehnder into Lavani is reported to have said much the same thing.

There are the same descriptions of the agriculture and the men's wigs decorated with bachelor buttons and edelweiss; the same disposal of the dead.

When Hides' party left the limestone barrier they left their first glimpse of the Tari Valley and the river they called the Ryan (or the Tari) but they had a ten-hours' crossing of what they named Land-

slide Mountain before they followed a spur running northwards into the valley.

It was here they found the land of cultivated squares, the scattered farm houses and the friendly people who fed the spent party on sweet-potatoes, spinach and sugar-cane. The canyon they first entered opened out into a valley and for days they marched across it, northwards and eastwards over great rolling slopes, always rising until they had gained the tableland. From the tableland, Hides looked back over the valley and described it thus:

The two main sources of the Tarifuroro appeared to lie north-west and north-east of the majestic peak we called Mt. Jubilee, and from the broad valleys thus formed

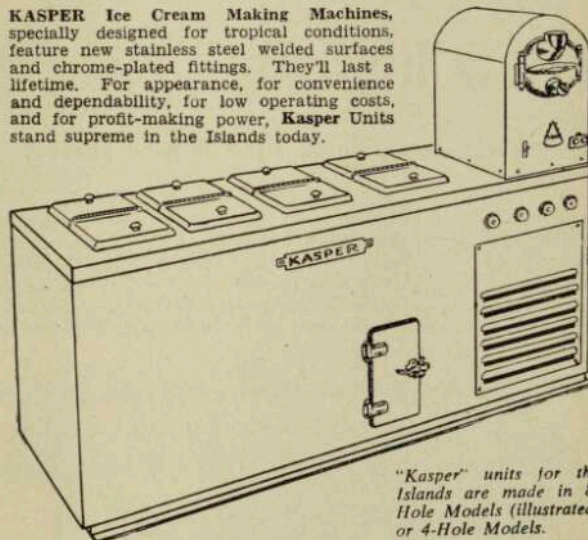
on both sides of it, the Tarifuroro came down between valley slopes 15 to 25 miles wide. It then carried on south, drawing to it the waters of numerous small streams of the cultivated lands, and then this mighty mountain river could be seen sweeping south-east to thunder through a deep limestone gorge of the barrier, and from there out to the plains of the great plateau. I had no doubt that it was the Kikori.

Across the tableland, after many days their path led them over Mt. Champion by a pass 11,000 feet high and down into the Wagi Furari. . . "We had passed through the backdoor of the Purari and I knew by the countless number of little spirals of smoke going up, that we had found an even greater population than the Tarifuroro."

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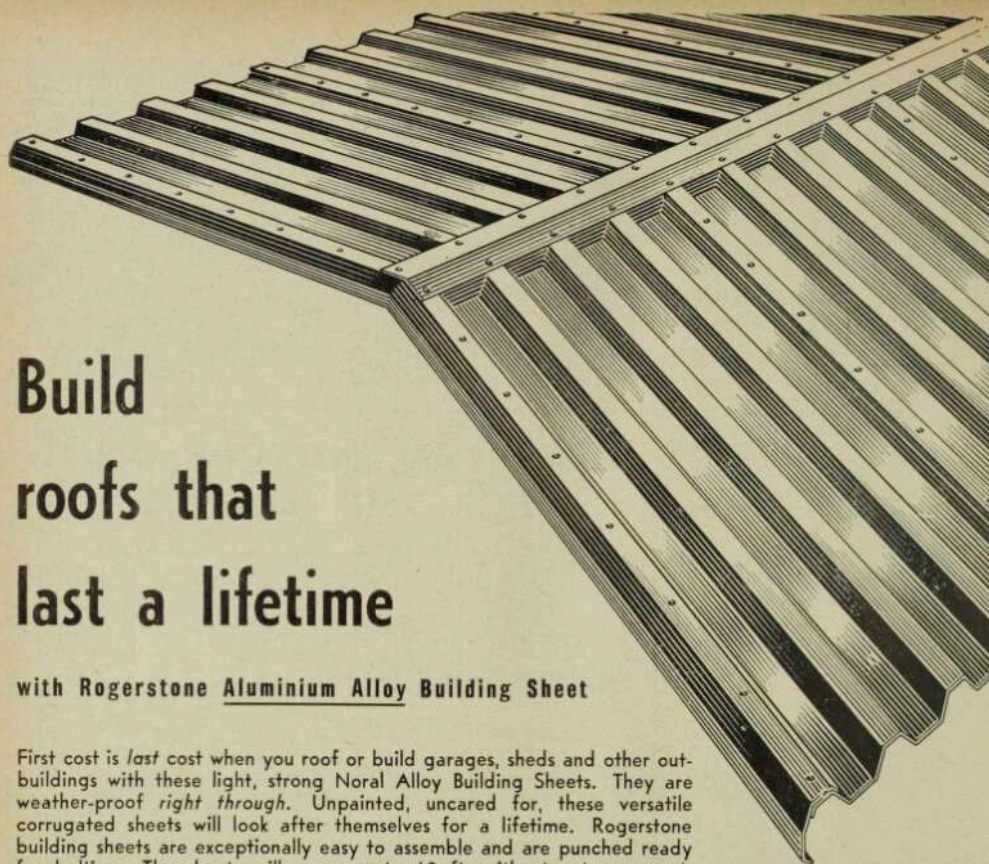
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In order to get back again into the headwaters of the Kikori, Hides and his party crossed the limestone barrier for the second time and in due course reached the coast at Kikori Government station, operation completed.

One is struck, of course, in re-reading this 20 years' old book, at the difference that air transport—then in its infancy—and radio have made to this type of patrolling, even in darkest Papua. Struck, too, by a few lines in Sir Hubert Murray's foreword to the book. He said: "The country traversed is too far from the coast, and too difficult of access to admit of agricultural development by European enterprise, or the production of base metals; and it would appear, therefore, that as far as white capital is concerned, it must remain undeveloped."

Sir Hubert's prophecy has held for 19 years. But the search for oil has been extended to that area; planes fly in to Mendi and Tari; and it is anyone's guess what the next 19 years will bring.—J.T.

†Superintendent B. F. Hooper, who joined the Fiji Police Force in 1929, recently left the Colony on pre-retirement leave.

† Brigadier A. E. Brown, Secretary-General of the Anzac Agency of the Imperial War Graves Commission, was visiting Fiji in October, inspecting the Suva military cemetery.

All at Sea

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After lunch we had boat drill—"a succession of short blasts on the siren; alarm bells will ring throughout the ship." After some confusion in finding our right stations (somebody had painted over the numbers on the boats), we stood around looking sheepish and passing weak witticisms on the subject of shipwrecks. Nobody ever remembers whether it is the front or the back strings of a lifebelt that should be tied. Presently a junior officer with a very much more up-to-date lifebelt than ours came along and dismissed us.

By dinner time quite a number of people had retired to their cabins. The sea was quite moderate, but we were rolling a bit. My own roommate was curled up in his bunk, groaning gently. When I asked him if I could do anything for him, he turned over and groaned rather more loudly.

After dinner, dancing on the Lido deck. A few young couples shrugged their way around the floor to some of those weird sounds that pass for modern dance music. Then the skipper turned up, re-shuffled the gramophone records, and led a pretty girl off in an old-fashioned barn dance. After a few minutes everybody was on the floor and encoring it for half an hour.

I got stuck with a cove who said

his name was Henry. He came from Tasmania. We had a whisky together and talked. Or, at least, he talked.

He had lost his wife a year ago. She had been a true mate, a wonderful woman, in twenty years they had never had a quarrel, he had vowed to devote the rest of his life to her memory. He was a

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violinist, he had five violins, all old masters, he loved them all. But most of all he loved his wife who had left him twelve months ago. At night he played to her on his violin, he more than played, his very soul went into every note, every chord, and she came back to him. Came back to him, every night, wonderful wife, wonderful music. He sagged slightly in his chair and started to snore gently.



Beautiful morning. Whispy clouds, light breeze, warm sun. The ship's officers had changed into whites, the girls were starting to come out in shorts and sun suits, the men in violently striped tee-shirts and loose jackets covered with palm trees, hula girls, and other tropical motifs.

Interest turned to the swimming pool, which had just been filled for the first time. This is a sort of huge tank set on the boat deck and reached by a ladder leading to another flying deck of its own. Its walls on the boat deck, however, contained a number of large glass panels, so that from here you get a sort of Esther Williams underwater ballet of flashing swim suits, bubbles and various shaped legs.

About a mile away on our port side was a long and winding line of breakers—Jolief Reef. Deep-sea navigation is always a miracle to me. That we should be able to

travel six or seven hundred miles over this trackless waste, and then pass a lonely reef with exactly the clearance indicated by the pencil line on the chart in the smoke-room, fills me with the greatest admiration. Don't tell me that it is perfectly simple with modern instruments, mathematical tables,

directional radio, etc., I know—but I prefer to believe it is done by magic.

We had a birthday at lunch. The placid, motherly-looking woman opposite me was ensconced behind a large and highly decorated cake. We stood up and sang, "Happy birthday," rather self-consciously.

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Her husband, a greying estate agent with bi-focal glasses, from Manly, Sydney, squeezed her hand, surreptitiously, under the table. We all felt very happy.

The loud-speaker said there would be a fancy dress ball to-night, and then went on to draw our attention to the necessity of filling in Customs Declarations and handing them to the Purser before reaching Port Moresby.

The sea was calmer. We had turned on a more northerly course after passing the reef this morning, and there was now only a light following swell. Everyone was becoming very matey. Introductions were no longer needed. We nodded, smiled, chatted, borrowed cigarettes, and had drinks with anyone we bumped into. This would have been impossible a week ago, now it seemed the only natural thing to do.

A few dinner jackets appeared to-night, for the first time. The ladies, of course, have been using war paint ever since we left Sydney. The estate agent from Manly was in elegant pearl grey. His daughter, who sat on my right—rather attractive—called it "Daddy's tux." For some reason the fancy dress ball had been postponed.



There were strange noises coming from the overflow in my hand-basin—gurglings, with an occasional sharp metallic ding. At breakfast we discussed rumours that we should reach Moresby at five this evening. The loud-speaker said it would like to see everybody in the lounge, at eleven-fifteen.

I had a talk with an old chap, his name was Joe, he would be 75 next birthday, he was going up to visit his married daughter in Lae. He had been a young engineer on the boat that laid the first cable from Australia to Vancouver via Fiji, Australia, and Honolulu in 1902. He told me quite a lot about cable laying. Recently the Australian end of his old cable had been renewed, and he had made a pilgrimage to the shore station, near Brisbane, on the occasion. He had been very tickled to be interviewed and photographed by the local press.

The Lido deck was justifying its name. Loungers in bath robes and towels sipped long drinks on their way up to, or down from, the swimming pool. The sitters on deck, when they got tired of reading, sunning, or gazing at the empty expanse of sea, turned their deck chairs round to watch the lower extremities of the swimmers pedalling past the windows. For an hour or so each day the water was lowered to about thirty inches to let the kiddies have a splash.

As we got nearer to New Guinea, Territorians were starting to fall into well-defined groups. Senior

Administration officers were getting more exclusive, and greeted their subordinates with an increasingly glassy eye. On leave in Australia they are just ordinary frogs; at home in New Guinea they are very large frogs, in a very small pool. Now they were back in their tropical uniform of starched whites they were swelling visibly, their voices were becoming richer, fruitier. They discussed obscure points of law, racial problems, long-term policies.

The planters and traders were dropping their reminiscences of golf, night clubs, sports cars, and Castle-reagh Street hotels, and starting to get together on the respective merits of hot-air and Ceylon driers, the iniquities of BP's and WRC, and

who knows what the hell the Administration will do next?

A lik-lik doctor, a brace of Treasury clerks, an Agricultural officer and a native labour overseer had formed a small protective association of their own, and had their heads together on questions of seniority, postings, family allowances, and how they put the District Commissioner in his place.

At four o'clock we had medical inspection. Show me your hands, please. Thank you. Next please. Rumour now says we shall berth at seven.

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of tourists. They were very anxious to know what points of interest they should visit. The Moresbyites were packed, ready to go ashore, their hand-luggage on the deck near the gangway.

Actually we got in about nine— and anchored off-shore for the night. An anti-climax. Everybody returned to the smoke room, the frogs first carefully removing their best suits of whites and putting them on hangers for the morning.

Mr. Daniel W. Montenegro, American Consul at Noumea, is to make an official routine visit to Papeete, one of the areas under his care, in November. The American Consul was withdrawn from Papeete in 1948.

Two CSIRO experts are now visiting Netherlands New Guinea exchanging information and experiences with the Dutch. They are Dr. R. Pilgrim, Botanist, and Mr. H. A. Haantjes, soil expert and head of the P-NG Regional Land Survey Unit.

A Public Works programme is going ahead in Aitutaki. The islanders are assisting the Administration by renovating the water catchments of the outer villages and by collecting the thousands of stones needed for levelling off the site of the new hospital. Voluntary labour has completed a 10,000 gallon water tank at Reureu, and a second tank, at Nikaupara, is under construction.

Mayne-Dodge Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mayne leaving St. Andrew's Church, Suva, after their wedding on September 25.

Mr. Mayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mayne, of Suva. He is an optometrist with a practice at Lautoka. The bride was Miss Meryl Dodge, of Christchurch.

—C. L. Cheng.

† Miss Susan Holmes, nutritionist for South Pacific Commission, visited various islands in the Cooks in September, studying and advising on diet. Miss Holmes has recently also visited the Solomons and Gilberts.

Baptist and Lutheran Missions will use a small, light aircraft for missionary work in New Guinea, the South Australian Baptist Union annual assembly was told recently. Leader of the Young Men's Missionary League (the Rev. A. S. Tinsley) said the cost would be £2,500—or less—initially, compared with £8,900 for the present system of charter aircraft. The pilot (Mr. G. McArthur) will be ordained before leaving, and the engineer will be Mr. B. Vaughan. Both men will serve as missionaries.

Cook Islanders will be interested to know that their film, *Moana Roa* was being screened in the Gilberts in September.

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One of the social events annually looked forward to by residents of Apia, W. Samoa, is the Latter Day Saints' Gold and Green Ball. Here President Stone of the mission crowns Miss Penina Gi as queen of the ball.

—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

Because of government town planning schemes, people on some mission land in Apia, Western Samoa, will have to be shifted to other property. This must first be surveyed and the Catholic Church recently advertised for the voluntary services of a retired surveyor to do

the job. Bishop Dieter, Vicar Apostolic of Samoa, said it would also be necessary for the surveyor to go over the boundaries of mission property in outlying areas. The surveyor would be paid travelling and out-of-pocket expenses and would be provided with accommodation.

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Shansi October Passengers

Right: Mrs. Les Webb of Rabaul—her husband is on Health Department staff there—returned with her mother, Mrs. P. Tombs, after vacation in Sydney.

Left: All well-known in Rabaul, the three ladies on the right and the little girl—Miss Betty Lee, Miss Beatrice Chang, Miss Helen Poon, and young Anna Lam—were being farewelled in Sydney by friends. These are, left to right, Brian, Betty and Jimmie Liu, Mr. Timothy Chang, Mr. Allan Lung, and Mrs. Dang.



WIDE INTEREST IN BETTER COPRA DRIERS

AN Australian built copra-drier has recently been shipped from Sydney to Rabaul where it will be installed on one of the plantations of the Adams family, in New Britain.

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The drier was in course of construction for several months in Sydney. It is understood that if it is a success others will be built.

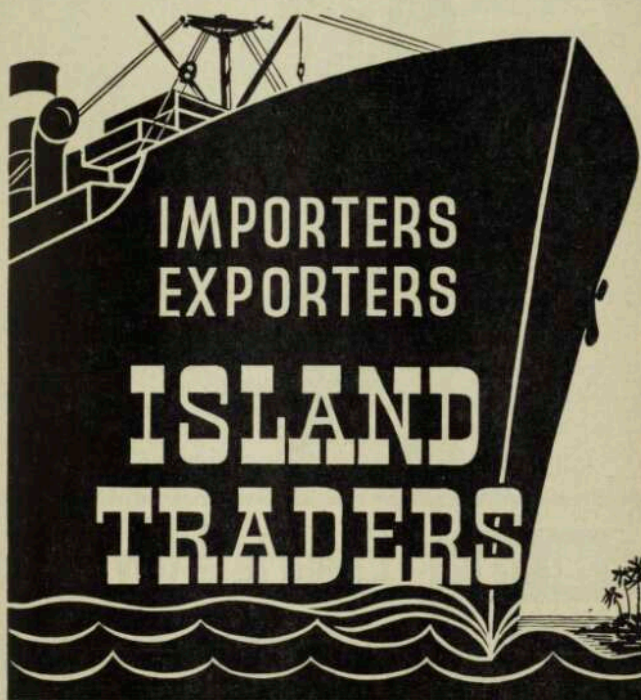
In the BSIP, the local Department of Agriculture has designed a cheap and easily assembled small hot-air drier suitable for use by small native or European producers. Essential parts of the new drier will be made locally in Honiara.

Fiji Could Become Big Rice Producer

An expert appointed by the Fiji Government to investigate the possibilities of large-scale rice production in certain areas of the Colony, has reported favourably.

The expert is Mr. P. McNee, Director of Irrigation and Drainage in Malaya, who found, as a result of an inspection earlier this year, that the potentialities of Toga, Navua, and some other small areas are worth full investigation.

The areas concerned are waste swamp land which would have to be drained. Mr. McNee estimates that a drainage survey would cost about £66,000 for the 35,000 acres involved or somewhat less than £2 per acre. Funds, if approved, would be provided by the British Government's Rice Investigation Fund.

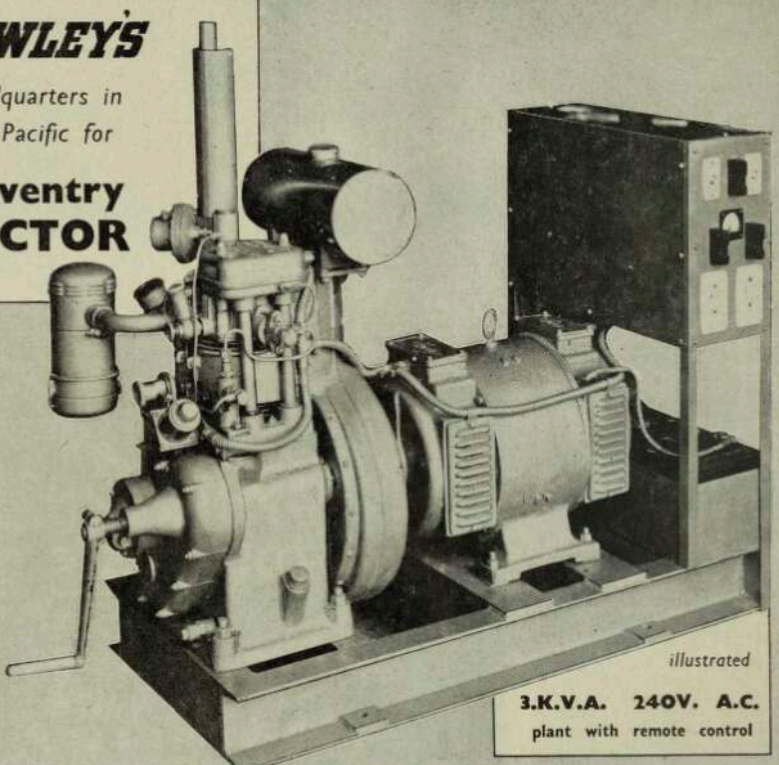


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News of the Small-Ships

IT HAPPENED IN THIS MONTH:—Ninety years ago on November 25, two years before William Marsters and his wives settled on the atoll, the American barque *Julia Cobb*, bound Adelaide from Frisco, piled up on Palmerston Island and became a total loss. All hands landed safely, but as early help seemed unlikely a boat was despatched to Aitutaki, 200 miles to windward. No succour was available so the life-boat put about and ran an extra 750 miles north-west to Apia, arriving there on January 27, 1865. The schooner *Annie Laurie* was then despatched to rescue the marooned seamen.

Also in November—25 years ago—came the tragic end to the non-magnetic research ship *Carnegie* as she lay refuelling with gasoline in Apia Harbour. A photo of her afire appeared in PIM, February (p. 59). Commander J. P. Ault, her master, was killed in the explosion and many valuable magnetic survey records were lost. Commander Ault's wife is still alive.

MARY WINKLEMAN:—For Arthur C. Johnson, of *Yankee*, who sought information on this vessel (PIM, July, p.103). Oscar Nordman, of Tahiti, has news. His diary, kept aboard *Galilee* records lying at day, in shipping forecasts par-

Winkleman in 1907. She was then said to be a thorn in the side of the Customs authorities through her Honolulu-Mainland smuggling activities. Cigars and opium were her specialty and one of her Masters took his life through the worries of the trade. Nordman recalls the vessel in Papeete in 1900 when he was a young boy. Even then she was known as *Tragedy Barque*. He believes she was about 500 tons gross.

Captain Martin Nagle, of the Tahiti Police, and one-time skipper of the New York Museum of Natural History's *France*, handed over that command to a Captain Harris, joint owner with his brother of *Mary Winkleman*, shortly after the latter vessel had been lost as she sailed from Pago Pago in 1923. An unsuccessful attempt was made by USS *Ontario* to pull her off the reef but she became a total loss.

THE WOMEN OBJECT:—US Weather Bureau Chief is having women trouble. For years it has been normal practice for his forecasters to allocate women's names to the seasonal hurricanes of the Southern States and North Pacific areas. They are allotted in alphabetical order—"Annie," "Betty," etc., for easy identification from day to day, in shipping forecasts par-

ticularly. Lately the Bureau has been flooded with protests from angry females wanting to know why. The Chief's reply is: "Because they're unpredictable." But he will consider another naming system.

DOWN THE DRAIN:—Another Island project foundered with the sinking of the 50-foot schooner

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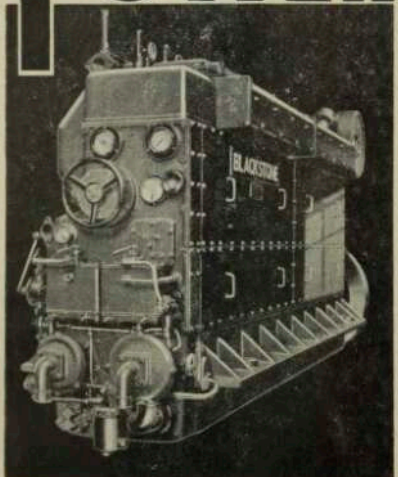
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Awatea north of Newcastle, NSW, on October 9, a few hours after clearing for New Guinea. Joint owners, Alex Cunningham and David Jeebes, who made a safe landing on the beach in their dinghy, said they had invested £6,000 and a lot of work in the vessel. Pearl-shell fishing, ornamental shell exporting and crocodile hide trading were intended. Cunningham was described as a sawmill manager and Jeebes a diesel engineer of Port Moresby. Meanwhile, in Sydney, within cooee of the writ-laden *Cygnets* crayfisher, at least two other large yachts were reported preparing for various trading ventures in New Guinea waters.

HUAHINE JETTY:—As part of a scheme for improving smallship facilities in the outer islands, the French Oceania Public Works Department recently sent their LCT *Te Porionuu* with a work party to complete construction of a jetty at Haapu, Huahine. Preparatory work had been undertaken by the local people over the past three years. The Works team completed the job in 8 days.

WESTERN SAMOA'S FLAG-SHIP:—Built in Apia for O. F. Nelson & Co. by their chief shipwright, Mr. A. Krause, the *Sulimoni* recently entered the Western Samoa coastal trade. The keel was laid in January and the vessel launched

in July. Built of Australian hardwood with Kauri planking, some of it from Fiji, the vessel has her wheel-house set high amidships. Just under 70 ft long, with a beam of 19 ft, *Sulimoni* has a gross tonnage of 54.73, a cargo capacity of 80 tons, and passenger accommoda-

tion for 15. She is powered with twin 88 hp Kelvin diesels giving her a service speed of 11 knots. She is believed to be the largest vessel ever built in Western Samoa, and probably the largest built in either Eastern or Western Samoa. Captain F. Strickland is in command.

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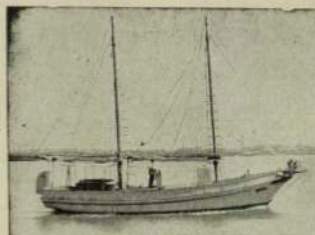
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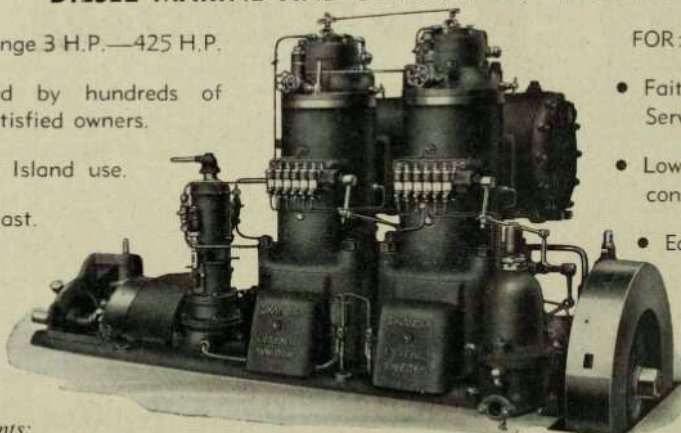
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FLOATING DOCK FOR WPHC?:—Western Pacific High Commission is considering the purchase of a floating dock, to be stationed at Tulagi, Solomons, for the servicing of BSIP and G & E smallships.

MOALA DAMAGED:—BP's Suva-built and based 126-ton wooden auxiliary ketch *Moala* suffered some hull damage in September when, in darkness, she grounded on Vatu Lele reef. She came off on the rising tide and though leaking badly made Suva, where repairs were carried out in about 10 days.

JUNK TRIES HER WINGS:—Ronald Johnson's fishing junk, brought as deck cargo from Hong-kong some months ago, now named *Bung Ho*, caused interest on Sydney Harbour when she sailed down from Rushcutter's Bay to Manly, October 9. She was possibly the first craft of her type to sail on this harbour. Johnson will likely head her for the Islands next Autumn.

JAPS DEPART:—Reaching their agreed quota of 950 tons of MOP shell, the Jap pearling fleet which has operated off Arnhem Land and Bathurst Island, sailed for Japan, October 10. There were 25 fishing vessels, a mother-ship and a Jap Fishery Department inspection vessel.

SORENGANA:—This interesting Baltic ketch, jointly owned by Capt. Scott-Elliot and Mr. Pearson, which has been trading in the Solomons for some months past, was reported laid up at Honiara and likely to require a new diesel.

SLOW—BUT NOT THAT SLOW!—Sensitive of the reputation of his former ship—like all old sailors—Mr. J. L. Russell springs to the defence of On Chong's former *Alexa* (PIM, Sept., p. 105), declaring that Captain Boulton's assessment was unduly harsh. "She was no *Cutty Sark*," admits Mr. Russell, "but I made a passage Sydney-Butaritari in 35 days, and return to Sydney in 33 days loaded to the coamings with 500 tons of copra." He enclosed a photo taken immediately after that voyage.

Mr. Russell also refutes a Rabaul correspondent's suggestion that the Catholic Mission's *Waimana* was ever square-rigged. "To the best of my knowledge she has always been a fore-and-aft schooner. . . . It is possible that . . . he has confused her with the topsail schooner *Alma Doepel*." A photo of *Waimana* taken 1924 was enclosed as evidence.

MAUREEN RESUMES:—Following refit in Suva, WPHC's *Maureen* resumed her G & E trappings in October. In error, in July, we confused this 60-footer with *Margaret*, which was the one sunk at Nanumea some years ago.

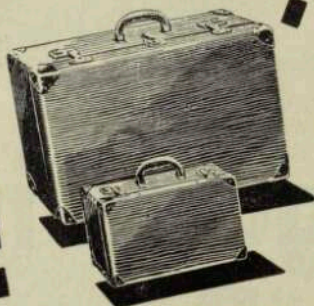
WRONGLY CHARTED:—Recently we reported that Cook Islands survey department had at

last "fixed" the positions of the main landings at Mauke and Atiu. Late September, Second Officer Daniel J. O'Leary, of the United States freighter *Pioneer Star*, said in Fremantle that his careful sights

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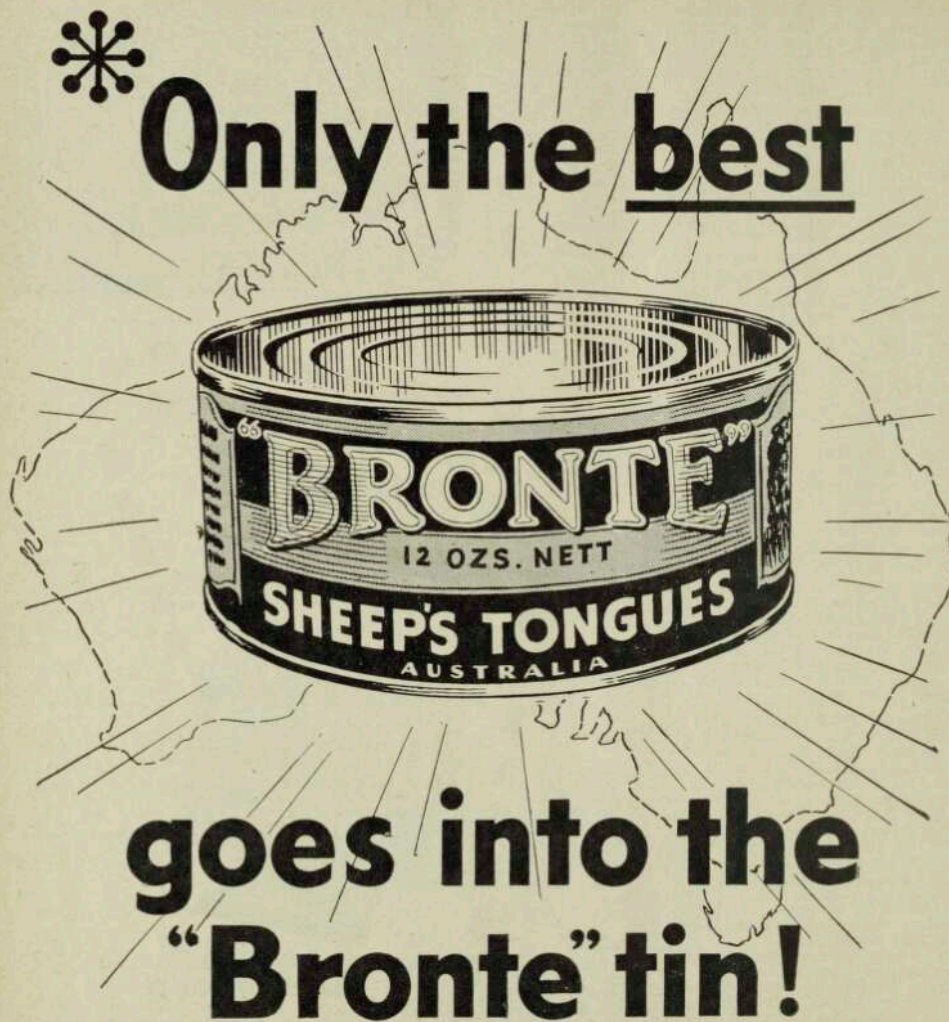


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taken on two trans-Pacific runs, placed the nearby Manuae group six miles from their charted position. His sight-workings have gone to US Hydrographic Office.

PEARLING LUGGERS:—Australia has about 100 pearling luggers to-day as compared with 250 in 1939, and they now cost £10,000 each to build. These facts were given in a recent Parliamentary debate in which some members appealed for financial aid to this "complex and risky industry."

How risky, was indicated at about the same time when it was reported from Darwin that a diver, Fred Motlop, had lost his life when his lines became tangled in the lugger *Fram's* propeller while he was being slowly towed along at 17 fathoms. Motlop was wound up to 6 fathoms, before the motor could be stopped, then in the excitement the tender on deck was knocked overboard causing the diver to again plummet to the bottom, rupturing his lungs. Throwing off his helmet in panic, he shot to the surface, was hastily fitted with another helmet and sent down again in hope of saving his life by equalising the pressures slowly—but when brought up an hour later the diver was dead. Following the accident, the Haritos Brothers' fleet returned to port.

FISHING DUTCH NEW GUINEA WATERS:—The latest SPC Quart-

erly *Bulletin* reports that Netherlands New Guinea's Fisheries Branch at present has 5 small vessels engaged in experimental fishing of coastal waters. Operating from Sorong is *De Goede Hoop*, a 72 ft. x 18½ ft x 8 ft riveted-steel North Sea trawler, equipped with latest electronic fish-locator, echo sounder, etc. This vessel, manned by Dutch officers and Papuan crew, has been regularly taking 1 ton per day of various kinds of fish from a shoal area off the north coast.

From Manokwari the experimental tuna fisher *Hollandia* is operating. She is described as a combined long-liner and live bait trawler, 82 ft x 18 ft x 8½ ft, with refrigerated fish-hold and a fuel capacity for 14-day cruises. Two small launches are trolling, trawling and beach-seining along the south coast, and a third, operating out of Manokwari, in the north, is surveying tuna-bait resources.

Mr. D. C. Zwollo is in overall charge of operations.

FOR RABAU FLEET:—After six months in building, the 57 ft motor vessel *Gazelle* took the water at Crowley's Bulimba yard, Brisbane, late September and was expected to sail for Rabaul, her intended base, late October. Modernly equipped, the 35-ton vessel will carry 70 tons of copra for her owner, Mr. Bernard Chan.

HE BUILT WIND-SHIPS:—Once

connected with the famous yard of Mathew Turner, Benecia, California, from whence many a fine wind-ship headed into the Pacific, Mr. Charles Brown Petersen, long resident in Tahiti, reports that he is still keenly interested in the craft that sail and steam in these waters. Charlie Brown—as he is generally known—has launched from his Tahiti boat-yard many little craft trading in French Oceania.

TAHITI LAUNCHINGS:—Captain Louis Carlson, Papeete's Assistant Harbour Master, kindly supplies details of craft commissioned there

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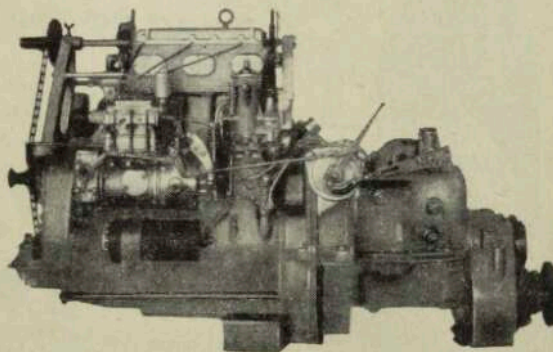
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For the Papeete-Moorea passenger and freight service *Tamariki Eimeo*, of 22 GT, was launched by Ellacott Brothers for M. John Teariki. This motor vessel is powered by a 60-hp Lister.

Fareute, a 7 GT fishing vessel, has been launched by T. Aumeran for M. Robert Aumeran. This craft has a 27-hp Lister. Another 4-tonner powered by a 50-hp Red Wing motor has been delivered to M. Francis Smidt by M. Theophile Fuller, and a third fishing craft, *Aorai*, has been rebuilt.

Aorai, of 28 GT, was formerly *Tamariki Auura*. The conversion was undertaken by M. Jean Le Caill, a leading boat-builder, as an addition to M. Robert Aumeran's fishing fleet.

A new company named Societe de Peche Polynesienne was registered in September with a capital of 150,000 francs, to engage in sport and commercial fishing. The 11-ton vessel *Vaiote*, built in Auckland in 1931, and recently registered in the name of M. Emile Martin, has been purchased. Operations base will be the Pirae country hotel of Mr. Somerset Brooke. Manager of the enterprise is M. Jules Grossmann, of Faat. It is assumed that operations

will be directed mainly towards the tourist trade.

ANOTHER N. C. DISASTER:— Making the same voyage from Mare Island to Noumea as the ill-fated *Monique* which disappeared last year, another smaller vessel was lost late September—*Generale le Clerc*, a craft of about 40 ft and 10

tons. Jointly owned by the High-Chief of Mare, M. Naisseline, and M. Buaha, and skippered by Captain Underwood, this petrol-motored craft was about an hour out from Mare when a heavy roll caused an open drum of gasoline on deck to spill down onto the engine. Despite an explosion and fire, the 17 passengers and 6 crew got clear.

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though the one tiny boat could not carry all. After a long struggle to land, it was found that four of the swimmers were missing.

The naval sloop *Tiare* and an aircraft on photographic work made a search next day but found no trace of men or vessel.

SAVOIE NEWS:—In Sydney, mid-October, Captain Henri Courtols reported that his charge, *Maria del Mar*, narrowly escaped the July fate of *Jacques del Mar*, the wreck of which has now broken into three pieces on Lord Howe. While discharging cargo in bad weather in October, *Maria* was caught by a terrific squall which all but set her on the reef alongside *Jacques*. Captain Courtols thereupon abandoned operations and proceeded to Sydney.

Captain Savoie has not yet decided on a name-change for *Wombat*, still in Melbourne and expected to enter Savoie service in November. M. Kollen, of Noumea, will be chief engineer, with Captain Savoie in command, when she commissions.

Colorado del Mar has not been sold but is running for Compagnie Francaise Nouvelle Hebrides on a monthly charter basis, their own *Albert Bonneaud* now ageing and in poor condition since her July stranding on Malekula. She may be replaced.

IN SERVICE IN NOUMEA WATERS:—*Lorraine*, ex *Maid of Pinto*, latest addition to the Noumea fleet, is now in service for M. Rene Reuter, Captain Henri Helme being in command of the English-built ex-trawler.

SALVAGE IN SOLOMONS:—Following advertisements for salvage of derelict war vessels on Solomon beaches earlier this year, a Rabaul organisation known as Michael Morgan Engineers, operating the LCT *Keravia*, recently removed non-ferrous propellers from eight of the derelicts, five near Buin and three near Honiara. Mr. Harry Brutnal, ex-RAN diver, and skipper of *Coral Star* when she recently turned turtle near Manus, is in charge of operations. It is understood that the only scrap worth handling at present is non-ferrous and that little is likely to be done regarding the hulls of these vessels.

HARBOUR CLEARED:—US Navy demolition teams recently completed work on clearing wrecks from Rota Harbour, Marianas.

RECRUITING:—The freighter *Czechuen*, under charter to British Phosphate Commissioners, made the rounds of 15 islands in the Gilbert and Ellice in October, repatriating and recruiting labour for the phosphate workings on Ocean and Nauru.

ANNUAL DOG WATCH:—Fully up to its usual standard of interest, the Ship Lovers' Society of Victoria has just published its 11th Annual

Dog Watch. Though there are no articles this year dealing with what could be classed as Island ships of other days, there is a contribution to the earlier history of the fine sailing ship *Salamis* which later, under the Norwegian flag, ended her days on Malden, the former guano island away north of the Cooks. Copies of the *Annual* are available from Australian booksellers (not from PIM) or from the Society, Box 1169k,

GPO, Melbourne, at 4/6, plus postage.

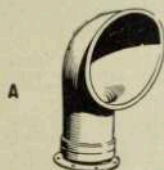
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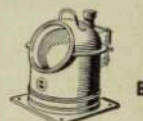
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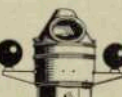
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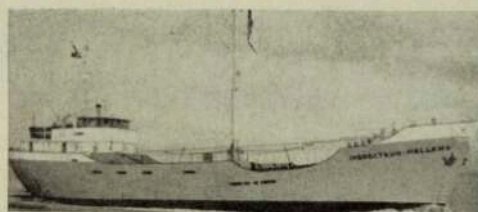
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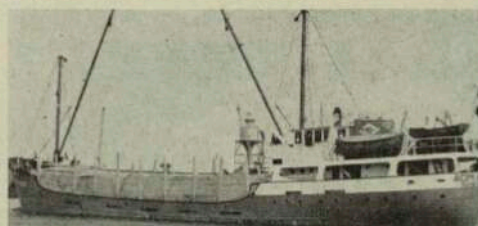
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REFITTING:—The Netherlands naval corvette *Ternate* from the Dutch New Guinea station was refitting at Garden Island, Sydney, in October. While in port, Leading Writer Cais Koppenol married a Dutch girl whom he had met some time ago when he came south from New Guinea in *Van Kinsbergen*.

JAPS RETURN TO PAGO PAGO:—Six more Japanese fishing Sampans from Tokyo have been contracted for by the Van Camp Seafood Company, and will arrive during November under a six months' contract to supply tuna for the fish cannery at Pago Pago. A new manager for the Pago plant is also due in November—Mr. Donald Doran, of Astoria, Oregon, who relieves Mr. C. Hedrick. The latter has been ill and will return to the US when he is sufficiently recovered.

The incoming Sampans range from 60 to 80 feet in length and are fully equipped for long-line fishing. They are: *Taiyo Maru*, *Takutaka Maru*, *2-Fuyo*, *1-Seisho*, *1-Shoho* and *1-Sansei Maru*. Two Japanese representatives from Tokyo will also call at Pago in conjunction with the fishing enterprise. They are Etsue Kobayashi and Kazu-zaimo Matsu Sayashi, both from Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Company.

HURRICANE HUDDLE:—Though leading meteorologists have repeatedly said that atom bomb tests could not be the cause of violent storms or unseasonable weather throughout the world in recent years, the US Government has now directed nuclear and meteorological scientists to make a thorough investigation. They will also make further research into the possibility of breaking up and dissipating hurricanes such as those which recently did great damage in Japan, the West Indies and the United States.

BYRD HEADING SOUTH:—Admiral Richard Byrd will head a United States Antarctic expedition again next Autumn.

UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT IN N. HEBRIDES:—Between the end of August and mid-October strange vessels have been sighted in the New Hebrides. They are assumed to be Japanese fishing vessels. Late August, Mare natives reported that a strange vessel had been loitering off the west coast of that island for several days. A Japanese fishing vessel put in to Santo with a sick man aboard at about that time. On September 21, a vessel was sighted off Canala, east coast of New Caledonia, using a searchlight on the sea. On October 16 the master of *Colorado del Mar*, bound from Erromango to Noumea, was followed by a small vessel for about

two hours, when she was 70 miles from Erromanga. Though not overtaking the *Colorado del Mar*, a searchlight was directed on her, then the unknown craft turned away. At 3 a.m. next morning, when 119 miles from Erromanga, another larger vessel of about 300 tons approached, her lights extinguished. When close, the stranger put on her lights and passed on an opposite course. At 6 a.m. a third strange vessel was seen coming out of a bay on Lifou Island. It altered course 45 degrees and the master of *Colorado del Mar* considered that this was the vessel that had called at Santo in August.

There is, of course, nothing illegal in the behaviour of these vessels

so long as they comply with international navigation laws and keep outside the 3-mile limit in those waters. A Japanese tuna fishing fleet operated very profitably last year in the Solomons-New Hebrides-GEIC area. Searchlights and floodlights are used in connection with their fishing operations. With trochus at its present high price some Jap skippers may also be trying their luck for shell in illegal areas, when they think they can get away with it.

PERSONAL:—Captain Ray Taylor, lately of Steamships Trading Co.'s *Muniara*, who was recently married to Miss Lucy English, of Samarai, returned to New Guinea late October with his wife after furlough in Sydney.

Mr. Max Horton, active and long-time member of WPHC shipping staff, recently resigned his position in the Solomons and has now joined Fiji.

Salvaged propellers from Solomons war-derelets. Mr. Harry Brutnall, centre, has been in charge of operations. Left is Brian Hollis, and right, John Lawson, of "Keravia". (See page 107).

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RAROTONGA HARBOUR:—If recommendations made to the New Zealand Government by a senior member of the Works Department who visited that island with Minister Webb in August are put into effect, Rarotonga may yet have a smallship harbour. Soundings are to be taken to decide whether Avarua or Avatiu would be most easily developed. A coral wall, or a pile breastwork alongside which inter-island 300-tonners could lie, seems the best that is likely to eventuate. Certain legal matters are involved, Union Steamship Co. claiming prior rights in Avarua harbour and A. B. Donald & Co. at Avatiu. The Union Co.'s right to have small craft ejected from the very restricted harbour when their lighters are working an overseas vessel outside, has long been a source of friction. That company owns the only jetty at Avarua; Donalds, the one at Avatiu. A wall alongside which vessels could tie up should eliminate the present obstruction of Avarua caused by mooring lines extending to both sides.

TASMAN STEAMSHIPS:—The future of Tasman Steamship Co.'s vessels *Madonna*, *Viti* and *Vasu* was still unsettled in mid-October. From Rarotonga it had been reported that

the refrigerated, one-time Fiji Government yacht, *Viti*, was to make three runs to the Cooks for tomatoes and pineapples in October-November, and Papeete reported that she was expected there with 24 round-trip passengers (presumably from Rarotonga), 380 tons of cargo late October. Latest advice

was that though *Vasu* was busy somewhere in central Polynesia, the other vessels were idle in Auckland pending discussions on the company's finances.

DOING THE ROUNDS:—The LMS supply ship *John Williams VI* was making her annual round of

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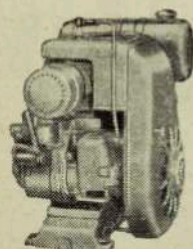
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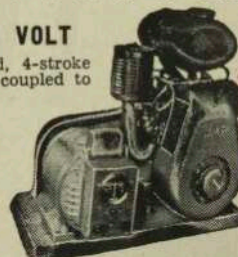
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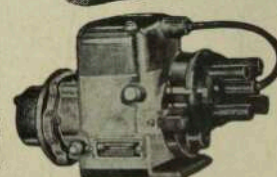
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the Cooks, Niue, Samoa, in October. The 420-tonner is normally stationed in Gilbert and Ellice waters.

DEPORTED:—Tony Morrell, of Suva, a survivor of the *Nukulau* foundering in the Tasman recently, "somehow got into New Zealand" according to a legal spokesman for the New Zealand Customs Department. They were taking action to have him deported as an illegal immigrant in October.

BRISBANE VISITOR:—APC's *Papuan Explorer*, under command of Captain Sinclair, and with her crew of mainly Daru men, caused interest in Brisbane in October. The 1,000-tonner was South to load a full cargo of distillate for Port Moresby.

News of Cruising Yachts

• **TOHU BOHU**, mentioned in February, has commenced her circumnavigation. This partly welded and partly riveted steel catamaran is 31 ft x 13 ft, ketch-rigged with 660 sq ft of canvas. There are bunks in each of the twin hulls and another 'thwartships in a shallow "cabin" between the hulls. Designed and skippered by Frenchman Claude Genet, this craft has three other men also aboard. A call was made at Gosport, England, in July, before heading down across Biscay.

• **RENEGADE**, 35 ft Auckland schooner, sailed from there October 6, with owner-builder Wilfred Brinsbury, his brother Allan, Peter Cohen, Bill Howse, and Ray Morrish aboard, bound for Noumea, thence Cairns.

• **VARUA**, American William A. Robinson's Papete-based schooner, which left that port mid-April for Hawaii, arrived back September 17 from Hilo. Robinson, who wrote "Deep Water and Shoal" after cruising the world in SVAAP, has permanently settled in Tahiti. Last year he had a run to South America and Panama in VARUA.

• **TAHITI RACE:** Next race to Tahiti will probably be directly from California



Miss Rebecca Frebault of the Marquesas and Mr. Ernest Lamberty, owner of "Anna Elizabeth", who were married at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Titikaveka, Rarotonga, on September 21. The yacht continued its westward course on October 11.

and not from Honolulu, according to Mr. Eugene Overton who is planning the 1956 event. He expects a good field — four owners have already indicated their intention to enter and others have signified their interest. Mr. Overton, who has made four past voyages to Tahiti in his yachts DWYNN WENN and TIARE, hopes to sail the course himself.

• **PAGAN** will be remembered in the Islands as having cruised from the US to Australia two years ago. Friends of lone-hander Bill Weld will be shocked to learn that he was found dead, shot through the head, aboard the 25 ft cutter at Hobart on October 20. A .45 revolver lay near the body. Police are investigating. Weld had settled at Hobart and was employed as a shipwright.

• Further support of Ernst Lamberty's praise of French Oceania officialdom (PIM Aug.) comes from James McConnaughey

of Dayton, Ohio, owner of the big motor-sailer MAREVA (ex SEARCH) now based in Tahiti, where her owner has a property. Mr. McConnaughey affirms that from his experience he has found the authorities there—port, customs, and government—extremely sympathetic to yachtsmen. We are inclined to agree with Mr. McConnaughey that too many yachtsmen—and other visitors—look on Tahiti as a place where they can get away with anything, and that their troubles with officialdom can be traced to their own misbehaviour.

MOVEMENTS:

Latest movements (fuller details in PIM of bracketed date):

• **ANNA ELIZABETH**, Dutch, d. Rarotonga Oct. 11 for Noumea via Niue, Tonga. (April, '54).

• **LADYBIRD**, NZ, a. Rarotonga Sept.

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• LADY STIRLING, NZ, unsold in Fiji, d. Suva Oct. 7, a. Whangarei Oct. 20, b. Auckland.

• LADYBIRD, NZ, d. Suva for Auckland late Oct.

• KONA, US, a. Suva from Wallis late Oct. to d. Auckland early Nov. via Kadavu.

• MARINER, US, a. Suva late Oct. from Wallis.

• HO HO II, Norwegian, at Auckland since February, sold to buyer in far south of NZ. Bryhn family will remain Auckland.

During the absence on leave in the United States of Mr. R. M. L. Bladney, Resident Agent of Aitutaki Island, Mr. Don Reid, former Official Secretary, Cook Islands Administration, and now of Island Territories Department, Wellington, will take over that Aitutaki position. Mr. Reid was one of the New Zealand representatives at the October South Pacific Commission meeting in Noumea.

Fiji Royal Visit Book and Films

THE Fiji Government has issued a well-illustrated record of the Royal Visit to that Colony. The text has been provided by Mr. J. W. Sykes, who was Tour Manager, and the photographic coverage is by Mr. Rob Wright, official Public Relations Office photographer. The price (from the Fiji Government Printer) is 12/6. (Mr. Sykes has recently been transferred to Cyprus).

A very fine film, made for the Fiji Government by the New Zealand National Film Unit, has also now been received in Suva. It was given its premiere at the Cession Day celebrations at Levuka in October and will be shown throughout the Colony by the Public Relations Office.

Mr. P. F. Henderson, "father" of the Adult Education Movement in the Cook Islands, was farewelled from Rarotonga recently. Through his enthusiasm, Mr. Henderson contributed more towards fostering a community spirit and an interest in local and overseas affairs than anyone has done for years. After he went to the Cooks, several community centres were established, educational films became a regular feature of village life, the magazine *Tumu Korero* appeared, and radio broadcasting commenced.

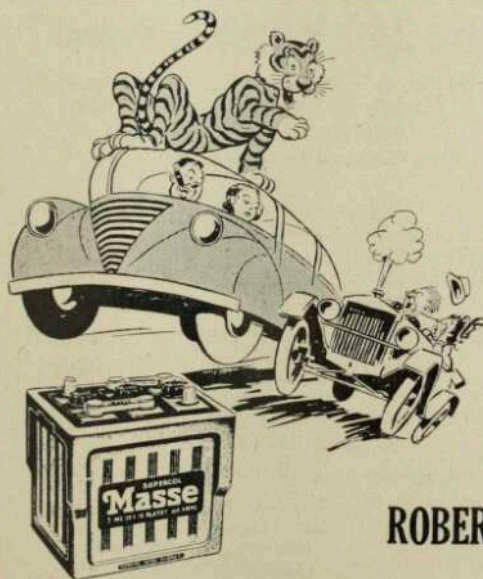
Ninety patients have been discharged as cured from the central leprosy hospital at Makogai, Fiji, during the last few months, reports Mr. F. J. Twomey, secretary of the NZ Lepers' Trust Board. Up to date, 1,221 patients have been cured and discharged at Makogai. It is expected that another 51 patients will be discharged towards the end of the year.

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Harris Must Serve Full Sentence

A FORMER officer of the Papua-New Guinea Department of Civil Aviation, convicted for theft in December, 1953, and sentenced by the Supreme Court of the Territory to four years' gaol, will have to serve his whole sentence unless the Commonwealth Executive intervenes.

The Full High Court of Australia decided this recently when it rejected an appeal by Edward Norman Harris against the severity of his sentence. Harris had confessed to stealing £3,620 from the Aviat Club at Port Moresby.

He was appointed treasurer of the club in 1952. He got into financial difficulties and began taking the club's money, first in small amounts, and then in large sums to bet on horses.

Members did not want to prosecute and would not accept long-service pay, superannuation or life assurance which Harris offered as repayment. But a charge was laid by Government authorities and Harris pleaded guilty.

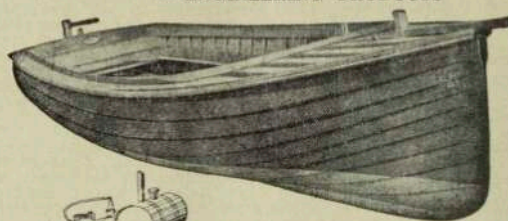
The High Court ruled that although Harris would probably have received a lighter sentence in an Australian Court, they could not reduce it unless it was established that the trial judge had been unreasonable or unsound in the exercise of his discretion.

Mr. Jack Turner is back at Nadi, Fiji, as manager of the International Airport. He was in charge there a few years ago, during an important formative period, and then had a spell in New Zealand. He is popular in Fiji, and his return was warmly welcomed. Before World War II, Mr. Turner was a well known pilot in New Guinea, and a mountain

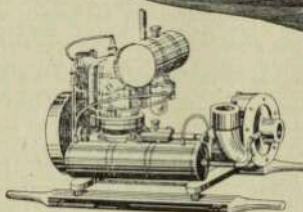
near the notorious Lamington is named after him. The PIM editor, recently in Fiji, had to answer many questions about NG "old hands"; and Mr. Turner was deeply interested in accounts of progress in the Highlands. In his day, they knew only Chimbu and Mount Hagen. "Where exactly is Goroka, and how big is it?" he asked!

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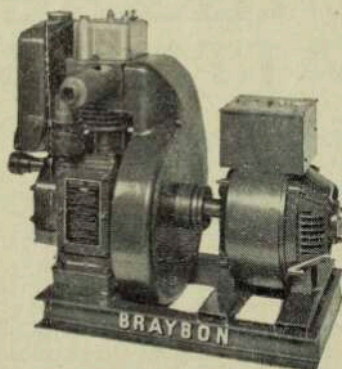
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Polynesian Boxers Now in Big Money

WEST SAMOAN heavyweight boxer, Fosi Schmidt, seems overdue to be matched against more qualified fighters than he has encountered in the last few months. On October 7, Schmidt secured the quickest victory of his Australian visit when he floored Sydney heavyweight Al McCoy in 40 seconds. The



Fosi Schmidt with Jimmy Ripley before the two boxers' departure to Australia.
—Photo by H. Forsgren.

Australian remained in the ring for some time after the bout and then had to be helped to his dressing room. This is Schmidt's 51st win in as many professional bouts.

Schmidt (alias Brownhawk) is a protege of Australian promoter Art Mawson, who recently visited Western Samoa again in search of fresh talent. Special bouts of likely prospects were held and were watched by Mawson and local promoter Eugene Paul.

Two Samoan boxers have done well in New Zealand this year. P. Ah Van won the Dominion amateur flyweight title, and Pusi Tau Leota is now the New Zealand amateur light-heavyweight champion.

In Auckland, NZ boxing officials have decided that Tongan heavyweight, John Halafihl, will meet the NZ heavyweight champ (Chubb Keith) in an open-air contest on December 7. Neither fighter has been guaranteed a minimum purse, but if they draw as big a crowd as that which attended the Lave-Brady fight in Auckland they should be splitting about £2,500.

Postage rates from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony to overseas destinations rose sharply as from November 1.

Scouting Movement Grows in P-NG

THE Boy Scout Movement in P-NG has, in the last few years, made remarkable increases in its membership. Native boys as well as European and Chinese are continually being enrolled, and this, with active leadership and wise management, resulted early this year in the Association attaining County status.

There are now 1,859 Scouts in the Territory—an increase of over 45 per cent. in the last 12 months. The number of groups throughout the Territory is 41, as against 27 in the previous year, and for the first time in its history the Movement has

two permanent buildings. They are the Territorial Scout Headquarters at Port Moresby and the Rover Den at Boroka (see PIM, September).

The HQ building was prefabricated in Australia and supplied at cost by the Queensland Pastoral Co. A small sail-boat was also given to the Rabaul Sea Scouts by the Chinese community. (See October PIM).

At the October Synod of the Fiji Methodist Overseas Mission, it was announced that there are now 30,000 Fijian members of the church, with 146 ministers, 510 catechists, and 5,512 local preachers. Youth Fellowships have increased by 286 last year to a total of 9,819.

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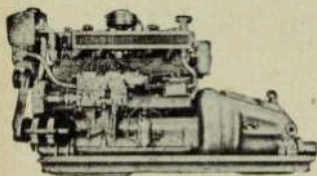
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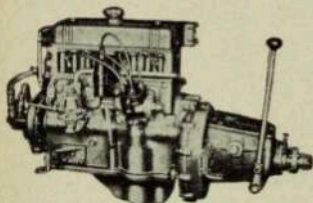
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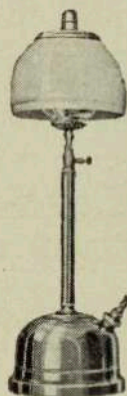
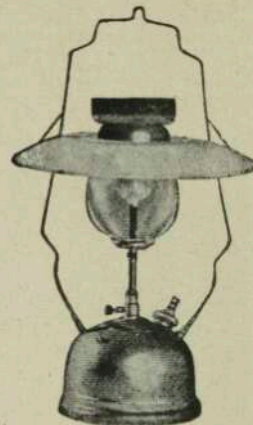
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Incredible Mass of Iron Ore Interesting Moves in New Caledonia

BY R. W. ROBSON

NOUMEA, Oct. 22.
THE enormous mass of iron ore—mixed with chromium, nickel, cobalt, manganese and various other metals—that constitutes a large part of the French island of New Caledonia is beginning to assume international significance. In a world which, while declaring its hatred of war, is daily preparing for "the final arbitrament of arms," the availability of metals is a factor which the major countries dare not ignore.

Iron ore is vital. Some people say that New Caledonia's deposit is the largest and richest in the world.

Metal concerns in various countries, for long years before World War II, showed a lively interest in NC's iron ore. Australia's BHP has looked at it again and again. Important people in United States and Germany have investigated. But all nations except one appear to have been scared off by the political and industrial set-up here, and the unpredictability of the French governing authority.

The exception was Japan. The Japanese got a large mining concession at Goro (on the southeast coast, nearly opposite Noumea) and they formed the Societe La Fer, registered it as a New Caledonian Company, brought in much equipment and a large labour force, and began to ship something like 10,000 tons of ore per month. There was an open cut, a mile long, worked in six benches, each 30 feet high and 100 ft long; and the ore went straight from the faces, along conveyor belts, down into the ships' holds.

At one time, not long before Pearl Harbour, there were from 15 to 20 Japanese ships to be counted at any one time at Goro, awaiting their turn at the loading bank. After war broke out, the French Government seized and froze the property and interned the Japanese; and it is still "frozen."

I HAVE had a day in a Land-rover traversing the southeast corner of New Caledonia. We went through various ranges of low mountains, across the great Plain of Lakes (at least 50 miles long and 20 miles wide), and along the eastern coast, liberally broken up into deep, landlocked harbours. I saw an occasional patch of bush in the valleys; some lovely wild orchids on the plains; one bird like a swallow; and one honey-bee which hung excitedly around the rim of my glass

as we picnicked beside lovely Carenage Bay; but otherwise, for eight dusty, parched, jolted hours we saw not one sign of life—not one human being, not an animal, not even a scavenging ant.

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world growing hungry for metals, is beyond computation.

Every expert that comes along—and hundreds have made this journey in recent years—sees the same thing: easily-worked, rich ore in such a position that it can almost be made to slide itself down to the ships, which lie beside the shore in deep water in a sheltered harbour.

Why, then, does one find a virtual desert, no human movement, in a region that should be teeming with industrial life?

There was a certain amount of activity and development before World War II—a number of local shows, in addition to the big Japanese installation at Goro—but all ceased when Asia invaded the South Seas in 1942. Since then there has been little more than manoeuvring by a variety of national interests for possession of the mining leases.

But, as the Cold War continues, and the nations are increasingly reaching out after metal supplies, the picture is changing.

A LARGE part of the Plain of Lakes is held securely by Edward Griffiths (a tough old Australian who came here 30 years ago to cut kauri timber, and became deeply interested in mining) and his associates; the great French Nickel Company has substantial areas; and some leading French

citizens of Noumea also are in on this iron floor.

All are eagerly awaiting the next moves. Mr. Griffiths, for example, has endless cobalt-bearing areas for sale. Cobalt is in demand in the new world of atom power; and is used much in connection with jet-propelled planes.

It seems most unlikely that Australia can stay out of this picture. Australia's need for ore, and her production of steel, are growing every year. But Australia's reserves of iron ore are not impressive.

At present there is an extraordinary one-way traffic between Australia and New Caledonia. Ships run regularly from Eastern Australia with coal for Noumea's large smelting-works, and go back empty. Everyone asks, why don't those ships carry back NC iron ore to the hungry steel-works at Newcastle and Port Kembla? It is a much greater distance from Newcastle to Iron Knob, in South Australia, (whence comes much of Newcastle's iron ore) than from Newcastle to Noumea. There is an explanation,

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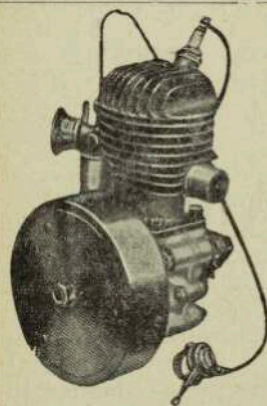
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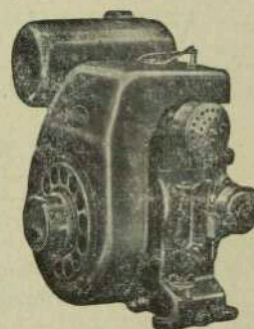
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one supposes, but none here can give it.

SINCE 1952, the Japanese have been trying, with increasing urgency, to regain possession of their Goro iron ore concession, to assist in the re-establishment of their metal industries. The French do not appear to have been very co-operative; and so Goro remains "frozen." But one hears that the United States, as part of her policy of building up Japan as a major bulwark of the Western world against Red Asia, is asking France to expedite Japan's plan of regaining access to these vast iron ore reserves.

One hears whispers, also, of other interesting angles on this metals situation. French administrative and top commercial people here are staunchly conservative and very definitely anti-Red; but, in recent years, there has been an intrusion into local government affairs here of a political element which, if not Red, is far around to the Left.

These latter people are quite aware of the international significance of NC's huge mineral resources; and some moves which have taken place here recently, in the fields both of politics and mine-ownership, are construed as an attempt to block the free movement of metals towards the Western and anti-Red nations.

With much of the world so eager to purchase rich metal ore, it is difficult to understand why France does not encourage the exploitation of these huge deposits, for the great enrichment of her old Pacific colony.

One expert has calculated that NC could sell one thousand million tons of this 50 per cent iron ore—and then probably could scarcely see the places it had been taken from.

I travelled for many hours across country that was solid iron ore; but otherwise it was so useless, from the viewpoint of sustaining life, that it might as well have been a hole.

To Study Native Gardening

A SUBSISTENCE Agriculturalist of the South Pacific Commission, M. Jacques Barrau, arrived in Honiara, BSIP, in mid-October. He will remain in the Protectorate for about a month, and will study native gardens on Guadalcanal and Malaita and in the Western Solomons, to find out what plants are usually grown, how they are grown, and how far they provide a balanced diet in conjunction with other foods available.

He will also consider what new food plants could be grown, if there is need for additional food plants, and whether improved types or improved production methods of plants already cultivated would give a better result. M. Barrau was formerly in charge of the Depart-

ment of Agriculture in New Caledonia, and joined the South Pacific Commission about two years ago. He will also visit New Guinea.

Not Enough Women on Kioa Island

THE transfer of 52 Ellice Islanders from over-populated Vaitupu atoll to Kioa, an island in the Fiji Group, took place in October, and experienced observers are critical of the apparent lack of foresight and common sense in the selection of these settlers.

Since the Vaitupu islanders bought and first started settling Kioa some

years ago, the resettled population has developed a preponderance of males, and the settlers have requested, and G & EIC HQ has been officially advised, that future groups of settlers from Vaitupu should consist of married couples, or single people with females predominant.

Yet this latest batch of settlers with the approval of G & EIC officialdom, included a heavy preponderance of single males.—JACK THORNTON.

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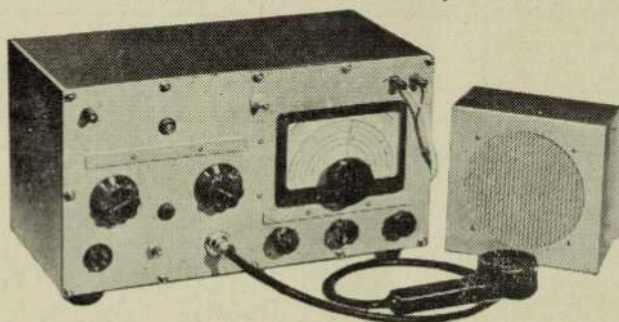
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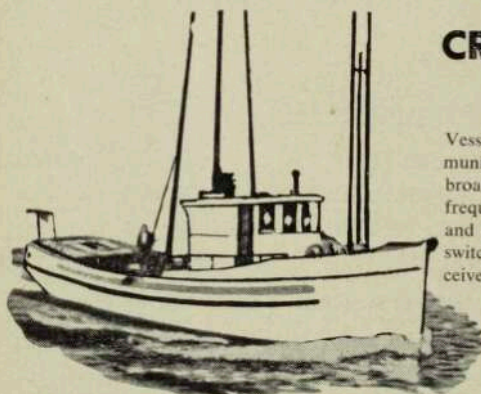
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FROM W. Samoa comes word that Les Reid, ZM6AS, hopes to appear on the air from the Tokelaus for one or two nights round December 6-7. Frequencies will be around 3.6/7.1 mc/s only. From which we judge that Barry, VR2BZ, will also appear at the same time. He hoped to have 14 mc/s available on last advice. Exact date will depend on RNZAF plans re the Sunderland flight. Call-signs to be used will not necessarily be the same as last time.

Barry is, of course, a member of the RNZAF. Les is an Apia bank clerk.

Here is the Samoan situation at present: ZM6AB, J. D. S. Fahey, Apia Radio—Inactive.

ZM6AK, R. Guthrie, Faleolo Airbase — Inactive.

ZM6AL, E. Bethan, PO Box 57, Apia—active 14 mc/s CW/phone.

ZM6AP, B. M. Tarlton, PO Box 33, Apia—active all bands, including 10/15-metre bands, when open. Currently preparing for 6-metre operation.

ZM6AQ, I. M. Tarlton (father of 6AP) less active. Believed new gear being prepared.

ZM6AR, R. E. Berry, Apia Radio—intermittently active. Believed new gear building.

ZM6AS, L. Reid, Bank of New Zealand, Apia—active 3.5/7.14 mc/s, CW and phone, with ABC-5.

ZM6AT, N. R. Sagers, Broadcast Station 2AP, Apia—very active, mainly 14 mc/s phone, 813 final, and V-beam.

It is understood in Apia that Ray Caldwell, KS6AB, officer in charge of Tutuila Radio communications station, American Samoa, is not at present active. Ray is the only licensed American Samoa station.

We're hoping possibly to have a photo of the ZM6 boys—or some of them—by next month.

From Fiji Wyn-VR2CG checks in from the Nadi side, with his summary of the situation as he hears it:

VR2AP, Al, too busy boat-building to touch radio—and the XYL is "agin' it".

VR2AS, Stan, active 7/14 mc/s CW.

VR2CB, Bruce, inactive, but being prodded onto 6 metres by VR2CG, so may appear there.

VR2CG, Wyn, active 80 metres through to 6 metres, CW/phone, with SSB on 30/80 metres. Reports requested on sigs auto-keyed on 50.68 mc/s, 0500-0700 GMT daily—with another 100-watt 144 mc/s transmitter soon to be paralleled. Also active mobile from car, on 21 mc/s, 20-watts input. Has worked six countries with this latter rig.

VR2CJ, Keith, active with SSB phone on 3.8 mc/s, with many contacts.

VR2CS, Keith, recently departed from Fiji, so that call may be deleted.

Doug, ZK-1-AB, maintains the Rarotonga reputation for hearing rafts that Gordon Hitch, ex-ZK-1-AB, originally established with the "Kon-Tiki". Doug appears to be the only person to have heard the Willis raft as it neared Samoa in October. He passed the word on through his commercial channels to Ray Caldwell, his opposite number in Pago Pago—and the rest is history! Many tired of listening for Willis, who apparently did

not make any more signals with his hand-cranked lifeboat set since a few days after clearing Callao. We assume that Doug picked up the 8364 kc/s signal (he also had 500 kc/s). One report said that Willis never put water in the receiver accumulator all the way across—as he 'could not remember whether it was to go in just one hole, or all the holes in the battery-top"! Most surprising was the speed made by Willis—well in excess of the Kon-Tiki speed.

According to "Break In", Palmyra came alive in July when KP6AK started up—and is presumably now on 14.220 kc/s phone. Whether Palmyra stays alive will probably depend on what luck the tuna-fishing company has there (PIM, October, p. 51).

Though we have nothing to add to the VR6 rumours, W6MUR reports receiving a letter from VR6AC in which he said that he expected to be on the air July. Our report of September from SM8RJO seems to suggest that again it never happened.

According to "Amateur Radio", Ray Baty, VR3A, is keeping Fanning on the map—with over 4,000 contacts since arriving on the island early this year. Writing to his father he reports that Phil-VR3C has gone to Washington Island for six months. Like the commercial coconut plantation on Fanning, Washington is

owned by a Burns Philp subsidiary of which Phil is local area manager. His Fanning headquarters are some miles across the lagoon from the VR3A QTH at the cable station. There is a radio link.

For those who've been working FK8AP, Marcel Legal's QTH is Hydro Base, Noumea.

First Micronesian ever to receive a Ham license, Kodep Raber, has been a technician with the Administration there since 1947. He was responsible for the installation of a station on Lukonor Island, Truk Group, some time ago, and has since been engaged on a new receiving station at Truk headquarters—and helping to train other young Micronesia operators.

Photos of Island Hams—in groups or



Mr. Doug Cannold, ZK-1-AB, of Rarotonga, who intercepted signals from the Willis raft as it neared Samoa.

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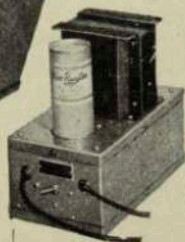
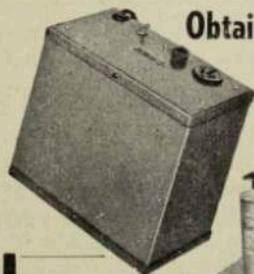
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Jubilee of Levuka's Anglican Church

THE Anglican Diocese of Polynesia will celebrate the golden jubilee of its oldest church—the picturesque Church of the Holy Redeemer at Levuka—on November 7.

The parish of Levuka was founded on November 15, 1869, and in the following year the Rev. William Floyd of Ballarat, Vic., was appointed Vicar. He became Archdeacon of Fiji in 1908 and died in 1909 after 40 years as vicar of Levuka.

Levuka's first Anglican church was built in 1873 (the year before Cession), and the second in 1887. The present Church of the Holy Redeemer was built in 1904.

The beautiful carving of the altar and lectern is believed to have been done by an Italian craftsman living in Fiji 50 years ago, and another famous feature of the church is a series of about 26 stained-glass windows of excellent quality.

The Diocese of Polynesia was established in 1908 under the wing of the Anglican Province of New Zealand.

The present Vicar of Levuka is the Rev. F. C. Bastian.

The Bishop in Polynesia (the Right Rev. L. S. Kempthorne) will return from visiting the USA in time to preside at the jubilee services.

More than 24,000 plant specimens, including some hitherto unknown to science, were recently collected in Fiji by Dr. Albert C. Smith, curator of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, USA. Dr. Smith completed a nine months collecting

trip to Fiji in January this year. Fiji is of special interest because it appears to represent the eastern rim of an ancient land mass that presumably extended westward from Fiji to Indo-Malaysian regions. The modern, isolated remnants of that great continent—Fiji, New Hebrides, the Solomons and New Caledonia—are, in effect, refuges where a great number of distinct species of plant life have evolved. New Guinea was apparently the centre from which much of the plant life spread eastward.

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Two Other Cakobau Clubs Back in Fiji

TWO Fijian war clubs, which once belonged to Cakobau, Fiji's first and last "King," have been returned to Fiji. They have been presented to the new Methodist Centenary Church which was officially opened in Suva on October 9.

About 80 years ago Cakobau gave the clubs to Dr. Frederick Langham, who played an important role in the development of Fiji.

When Dr. Langham died in England, the clubs passed to the Rev. Mr. Bloomfield, whose son later took them to New Zealand. They were given to the official representative of the New Zealand Methodist Church (Mr. R. A. Garlick) for formal presentation to the Fijian Church during its recent centenary celebrations.

Cakobau's favourite club—now in use as the Mace of the Fiji Legislative Council—was presented to Queen Victoria on October 10, 1874, when the Deed of Cession by which the sovereignty of Fiji passed to the British Crown, was signed.

The late King George V. returned the war club to Fiji on October 3, 1932, for ceremonial use in the Fijian Legislative Council. Although, formerly bathed in human blood, it is now handsomely decorated with silver olive branches and doves, as symbols of peace.

More Radio-Active Fish

TWO tons of tuna taken to Japan by a vessel which had fished off Australia, and a further ten tons from another vessel which had fished off New Britain and Truk, had to be dumped at the end of October when declared to be too radio-active for human consumption.

Nuclear scientists have said repeatedly since the March Bikini H-bomb explosion that any dangerous flow of radio-active water through ocean currents was impossible, but they seem to have overlooked the fact that radio-active fish might travel great distances.

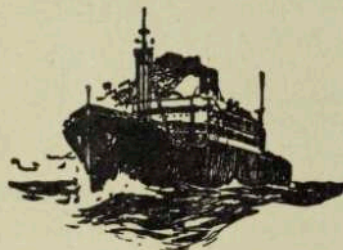
There have been differences of opinion, however, between Japanese and non-Japanese nuclear scientists on the definition of "dangerously" radio-active.

† Miss Noelle Sandwith, a young English artist, is spending several months in Tonga where she is recording native village life in a series of charcoal drawings. Last year she made studies of the aborigines in outback Australia which created great interest among art followers. At the end of her time in Tonga, she will return to England where she will show her South Seas collection.

† Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Chalmers, prominent residents of Fiji, are leaving the Colony. Mr. Chalmers was born there, worked for a time in Government service, then entered the insurance field as representative for Edward Lumley and Sons (NZ) Ltd. During the war he became commander of the Suva Battery with the rank of Major in the Fiji Military Forces. Since then he has served as a member of the Fiji Copra Board, the Fiji Town Planning Board, and the Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Board, as Local Authority for the Suva Rural San-

itary District, and as a member of the staff of the Fijian Development Fund Board at various times. Mrs. Chalmers has taken a leading part in Suva amateur theatricals, including many broadcast performances, and has been an enthusiastic member of the Fiji Arts Club. She has been a member of the Fiji Broadcasting Commission since its formation last year.

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By R. W. ROBSON

THE schooner, all night, had bucked a south-west swell. Kokoda Bob, the precious evening, had had more than his share. So, when he crept out at dawn for a look around, he really was not prepared to believe in anything he saw, at first.

He sensed something strange about the sea. It wasn't the Papuan Gulf's dirty grey-green—it was purple, and curiously sluggish. "Cripes," said Kokoda Bob, "I wonder whether it was gin or rat-poison!"

But the sea stayed purple. The ship ploughed through a kind of scum. A Papuan yelled something about floating berries, and scooped a net-full off the top of a wave. Kokoda Bob glared at the things in horror. Passionfruit-skins—covering the surface of the sea! No—it couldn't be! He groped his way below and reached for the medicine-chest. This must be a hangover mixed with malaria—and the worst he had ever known. They had told him in the Snake-Pit in Moresby the previous night that it was time he left the Dual Territory. They were right.

BUT the things he saw were not chimeræ. They were passionfruit skins; and, late in August, I saw them sent off to the Gulf of Papua. Little did I dream they presently would scare old Kokoda Bob into the ranks of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As everyone knows, passionfruit-growing was introduced to the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea by Mr. George Greathead, for Cottees Ltd., after he had retired from his trail-blazing job as Central Highlands District Commissioner.

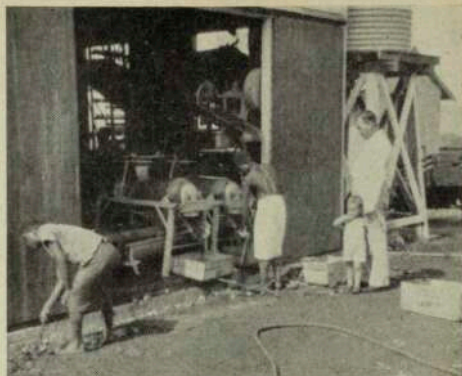
TOP—Mr. Greathead and small daughter look on, while native workers start the passionfruit skins on their long, long journey to the Gulf of Papua. The skins are shot out of the pulping machine, just inside the door; fall into a stream of fresh water, flowing in the ditch; and the natives are pushing them down the ditch into a larger channel, which eventually reaches the Wahgi River.

ABOVE—Baskets and tins of large passionfruit, just unloaded from trucks, being emptied by native labourers into the receiving end of the large new pulping machine. The fruit passes right through the building, while it is separated into skins, seed and juice.

This region will produce passionfruit twice as big and juicy as normal Australian fruit; the vines need a minimum of attention; the natives around Goroka are rapidly extending their passionfruit cultivations; and, even under the handicap of air freighting—there is no road yet into the Highlands—there is a good market in Australia and overseas for all juice sent out.

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any quantity of fruit. I cannot see how it can be economic, as yet. It had to be pre-fabricated, flown in, erected, synchronised by experts (also flown in), and specially powered; and, although production is quickly and steadily increasing, it still is idle a large part of the time. But it is going to have a marked effect on Eastern Highlands economy.

Under the guidance of a proud and happy Mr. Greathead, I saw it put through 1,450 lb of fruit in 40 minutes. In the year ended April, 1954, they processed (by primitive methods) 120 tons of fruit. In the current year, this may be trebled. With the new plant, 300 tons could be put through in 300 hours—which means that even now the machine is not working at 15 per cent. of capacity.

But its introduction also means an unlimited market and regular revenue for a new and excellent product, which fits in admirably with the Administration's Highlands native development programme. Already, 95 per cent. of the fruit coming into the mill is grown by natives. The steadily increasing European settlers thereabouts are mostly going for coffee.

THE bag and basket containers off the Cottee collecting trucks (which go around the district) are tipped straight into the mill's first container, where they are vigorously stirred in ever-changing water. From collecting truck to sealed can, the whole process is automatic—no hand touches the fruit.

Then the fruit is carried over into another bath—chlorine, to remove anything unpleasant left by the water. Thence it is carried across wire strainers, widely spread, where trained natives watch for defective fruits and remove them. Thence up to the roof in an ingenious elevator; tipped into a chute; and thence by gravitation into a cunning gadget, which (using the paper-bag principle) sharply squeezes the fruit in such a way that the resulting explosion blows the pulp clear out of the skin. The skins go down an outside chute; the pulp carries on into another gadget.

The latter is also ingenious. Somehow, inside, it quickly separates the juice from the seeds; and the seeds also are sent off along an outside chute. The juice now appears in a large container, low down. Another section of the big machine

comes into action, and sucks the juice up into a third gadget, where it is de-aerated—apparently, in the earlier stages, it has become too freely mixed with air for effective canning.

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I WAS interested in the by-products—waste, at present. The seeds are cleaned and dried, mostly, and distributed among the natives, for new plantings. But there is a growing surplus. While I was there, they were carting some of the seed

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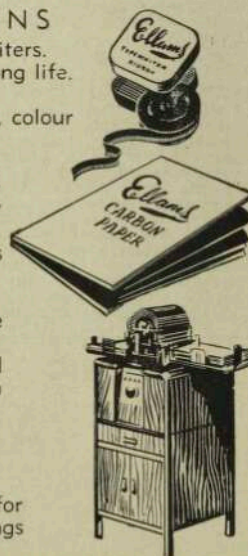
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over to Mr. Jerry Pentland's place. One of his activities is the preparation of mashies, wherewith to feed the increasing fowl population of those altitudes. Some believe that crushed PF seeds will feed fowls.

Mr. Larry Dwyer insists that the biggest by-product, the skins, can be mulched, as a good fertiliser. They are discussing it, now, in the Highlands.

Meanwhile, the skins are shot out of a chute into a ditch; the ditch carries them into a water-race; the latter runs into a creek; the creek presently reaches the Wahgi; and, as we all know now, the Wahgi is the big tributary of the bigger Purari, which ultimately finds its way southwards through the vast mountains of New Guinea, into the Gulf of Papua. Goroka's PF skins in the Gulf of Papua? Far-fetched, but why not?

Ladd-Swinburne Wedding



Mr. Charles Swinburne was married to Miss Patricia Ladd, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Fred Ladd, at the Anglican Cathedral, Suva, on October 4. Bride and groom are both on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand, Suva. The photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. Swinburne leaving the Cathedral after the ceremony. The little boy (nearly out of the photo), waiting to hand the bride a horse-shoe for luck, is Peter Blanchard.

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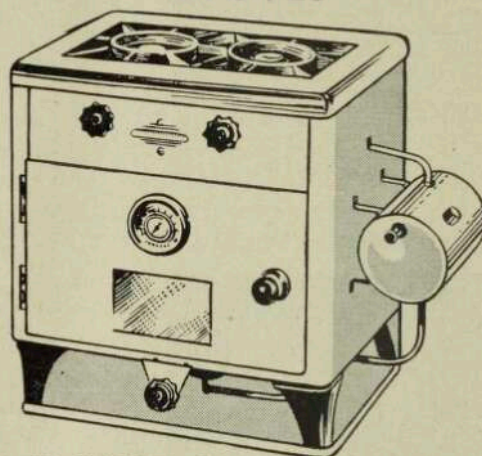
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P-NG Land Settlement Policy is Inadequate

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defence, in relation to native welfare, of the system which the Minister now has finally decided upon, and proposes to implement. Here is the introductory paragraph:

"There has been no change in land policy. That policy is to respect the native ownership of land, and to ensure that enough land is reserved to the natives to meet their present and prospective needs. Land can only be acquired from the natives by the Administration; and the Administration will not acquire land unless the natives themselves are willing to sell, and unless the Administration is satisfied that the land to be acquired is surplus to the present and prospective needs of the natives. Having acquired the land, the Administration will make it available on leasehold in accordance with the land laws of the Territory."

The Minister then goes on to make a series of statements, of which the following is a summary:

In future, the Lands Department is to handle all lands questions, including acquisition from the natives and leasing to the settler. It is recognised that the Department has not the required staff at present, and he hopes that land-seekers therefore will recognise the officials' difficulties.

The process of acquisition has been haphazard, different officers at different times applying their own rules to determine whether land was required by the natives. This is to cease—the Lands Department will handle all such matters in accordance with Government policy.

The system of acquiring particular

areas of land at the initiative of the land-seeker is condemned, because this tends to make European settlement widely dispersed, and out of range of services and facilities. The Lands Department will make land available only near existing services and facilities.

Department will not be encouraged to acquire new areas of land until it is satisfied that the land already acquired is insufficient for current demand and that sufficient use is being made of it.

It is considered necessary, before acquiring more native land, "to know far more than the Administration appears to know about actual native ownership of land."

Until policy on this point can be made more precise, and sound procedures can be developed to serve that policy, we feel obliged to proceed carefully."

Some "minor acquisitions" may be permitted in order to clear up transactions under way; but "the Lands Department will have to take the responsibility of ensuring that the long-term achievement of policy would not be hampered or limited in any locality by further acquisition of land."

The Minister says that the following procedures have been laid down:

(a) The further acquisition of land from the natives should be supervised by the Lands Department acting in consultation with the Departments of District Services, Health, Agriculture and Forests, regarding present and prospective needs, and the best economic use of any land acquired.

(b) Land held or acquired by the Administration should be examined by the Lands Department in consultation with the other Departments concerned, to determine the best use to be made of it, and a land-use plan prepared.

(c) Land available for disposal in accordance with a land-use plan should be advertised as open to application, and applications should be considered by a Land Board.

Points Against Minister's Plan

THE Minister, with the courtesy characteristic of him, sent a copy of his Reilly letter to the Editor of the PIM. On October 15, just before departure for Fiji and places east, I acknowledged the Minister's communication, and I said that I believed the reaction of most Territorians to his outline of policy and procedure would be unfavourable, for these reasons:

1.—Your approach to this basic problem of the administration of Papua-New Guinea by Australia is unrealistic and idealistic, and does not take sufficient cognisance of the facts that an enormous and growing mass of Asiatic and semi-Asiatic peoples is likely soon to spill over into the empty lands of the Western Pacific; that Papua-New Guinea is in the category of empty lands—they maintain 1½ million natives when, according to Indonesian or Borneo or Philippines standards they could maintain 50 times that number—and the Asiatic countries, especially Japan, are well aware of it; and that in discussing lands policy and availability you treat Papua-New Guinea as if it were a thickly settled country, whereas, even taking mountains into account, it actually is one of the most thinly settled countries in this part of the world.

2.—Most of your discussion in this outline of policy is dominated by the proposition that the needs of the natives are

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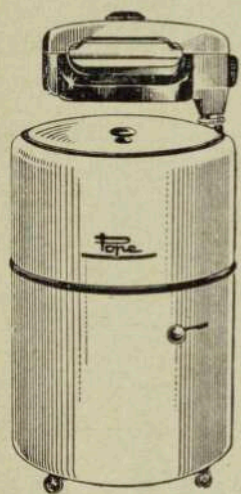
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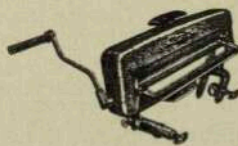
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in all circumstances a paramount consideration, I respectfully but most strongly submit that this is not so. The protection of European settlement in Australia and countries eastward thereof is an equally important consideration.

The point is that if there is not in New Guinea a strong enough European settlement and economy to tie Papua-New Guinea irrevocably to Australia, then Australia inevitably must surrender Papua-New Guinea to the Asiatic races; and once established in Papua-New Guinea those Asiatic races are only one short step from Australia.

The welfare of the Papua-New Guinea natives is a most important consideration but I maintain that, in the overall view, it is not the paramount consideration; and any policy which subverts our ultimate security and our plans of defence to the theory that all European claims for land in Papua-New Guinea must take a secondary place to native claims, is unsound and must lead ultimately to disaster.

3.—I submit that it is impossible now, in view of what has happened in Asia in the past 10 years, and still is happening, to maintain the United Nations proposition that native welfare in Papua-New Guinea must be our paramount consideration. The availability and use of land in Papua-New Guinea represent the core of the problem of what is to be done in Papua-New Guinea by Australia—and the security of Australia and all South Pacific Europeans is now of greater importance than any arguments put forward by the Trusteeship Council.

We must treat New Guinea now, not so much as a Trusteeship, but as the first bulwark of our defence against the growing menace in Asia. If New Guinea is to be thus regarded—and I base my whole argument on acceptance of the fact that it cannot be regarded in any other way—we must establish in New Guinea in the shortest possible time the strongest possible community of Europeans; and in that regard the first essential is the encouragement of land settlement by Europeans.

There is no reason why native welfare and the rapid training of natives to a higher standard of life should not be adequately provided for within the framework of an administrative policy based on the paramount need for European settlement; and I contend that such a policy is quite feasible within the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement and that no challenge to the authority of the United Nations is necessary. It is merely a matter of a realistic interpretation of the Trusteeship Agreement and a realistic acceptance of international conditions as they have developed since the United Nations Charter was accepted at San Francisco in 1945.

My contention is based on my belief that the survival of the European countries in the South Pacific is of more importance, in our view, than the conceptions of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Council, no matter how praiseworthy they may have been in 1945, when we believed that international relationships could and would be controlled by an international body.

4.—I cannot imagine how even the very limited amount of European land settlement in Papua-New Guinea which you now apparently envisage can be handled by the Department of Lands—a procedure which you emphasise on every page of your letter to Mr. Reilly. In May, 1954, the total personnel of your Lands Department (apart from draughtsmen, surveyors, mines and geologists) totalled nine, including three typists. It is difficult now to get skilled personnel for your Papua-New Guinea Public Service. If land selection and settlement are to be entirely

the responsibility of the Department of Lands, years must pass before sufficient trained personnel is available to allow any perceptible increase in European settlement in the different Districts.

5.—The procedure proposed, even if Lands officers were available for the 15 Districts, seems to me—in view of what I have seen personally in recent times in the different centres of administration—far too rigid. Different Districts clearly demand different methods—conditions vary widely—and obviously the man who should be in control of land settlement machinery should be the District Commissioner, subject only to the Administrator.

Any attempt to deprive the District Commissioner and the Administrator of this responsibility, and to channel all European land settlement plans through a Lands Board, tightly controlled by Trusteeship-based regulations and a Canberra Minister of definitely fixed ideas, is going to be strongly resisted by both official and non-official Europeans throughout the Territories. With all respect, I agree in advance with the viewpoint which I know they will express.

I think I should have accepted their point of view and their arguments even if there had been no danger from Asia; but with that danger so plain, and developing so rapidly, I feel that it is the duty of all publicists who knew anything of the circumstances, to resist this policy that you have outlined by all the means available to them.

Appeal to Prime Minister

FOLLOWING the foregoing facts and argument, here are what appear to be the outstanding points, as they affect the present life and probable future of the European residents of Papua and New Guinea.

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ories have an Administrator of great ability, with an outlook capable of holding the balance fairly as between the Missions and Trusteeship Council (who put too much emphasis on native welfare) and non-official residents, who naturally measure all administrative problems from the private enterprise angle.

Brigadier Cleland has the generally loyal support and goodwill of what I think is the most competent and honest administrative personnel in the South Pacific Islands. These young Australians are doing a fine job; and, given a clear-cut policy that they can believe in, they will establish in P-NG an economic setup that will be a credit to Aus-

tralia and some guarantee of security for the rest of the South Pacific countries.

ALL sections, official and non-official, have suffered for about two years under a sense of frustration. The cause is the inability of all classes to get on with the task of settlement and development; and there is growing recognition of the facts that this is due to Canberra's failure to understand the real character of Australia's obligation in P-NG, and to Canberra's temperamental inability in any case to hand over complete responsibility to the Administrator and his competent and experienced



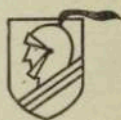
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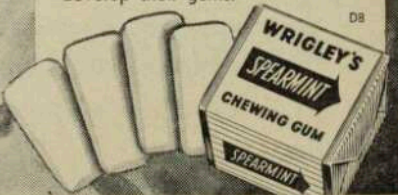
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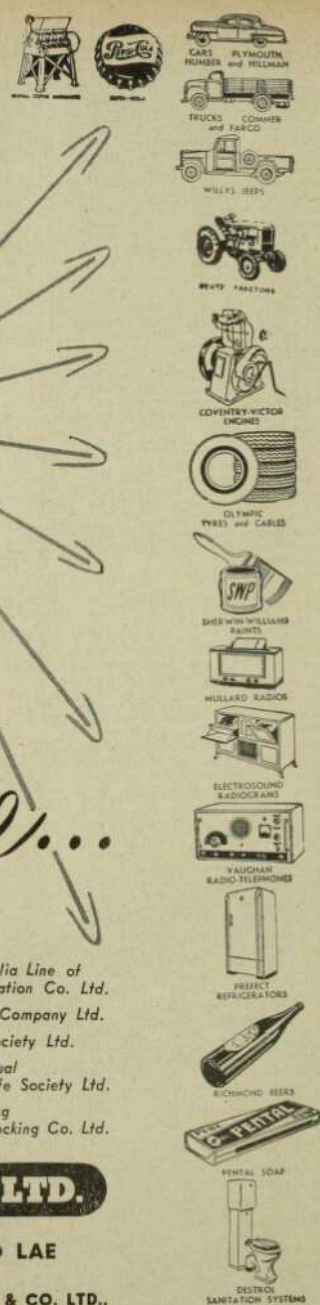
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Evidence of this is provided, for example, in the Canberra decisions to (a) send each year to Australia 20 natives for secondary education, for four years, in Australian schools; and (b) the hamstringing of land acquisition and settlement through the rigid and unimaginative system just devised and announced by the Minister. These indicate that Canberra's line of thinking on P-NG's two fundamental problems (native education and land settlement) is put right out of focus by Canberra's undue sensitiveness on the subject of native welfare.

Minister Hasluck's intense—almost fanatical—preoccupation with native welfare is seen in various directions—in a book he wrote on Australian aborigines, for example; in notes he compiled for the 1954 Budget debate; in the speech he made in the Budget debate on September 1, 1954; and especially in this recent letter to Mr. Reilly. It is most unfair to Australia—and especially to both official and non-official residents of P-NG—that anything of such importance to the whole South Pacific as the future control of New Guinea should be subjected to Mr. Hasluck's undue preoccupation with natives and a personal interest in P-NG administration so intense that he is unable to leave the task without unnecessary interference to the experienced and competent officers in the Territories.

THE Minister quotes—and can continue to quote—endless statistics to prove marked "progress" in P-NG. But analysis shows that the "progress" is due mainly to (a) the distribution of enormous Australian subsidies there; (b) the expenditure by private companies on oil search; (c) the phenomenal profits accruing to old-established plantations from high copra, cocoa and coffee prices. If progress is to be measured in terms of development based on new planting and new settlement and increased European production therefrom—which in our view is all that really matters—the picture is quite different.

These are the facts (irreconcilable under present conditions) to which the attention of the Australian Prime Minister should be directed.

Some people are certain to describe this article as anti-native, and an attempt to argue that Australia's responsibility for native welfare should be ignored.

It is not. It is, however, a plea that Australia's responsibility in relation to these natives should be seen in better focus, and against the really terrifying picture of the Cold War.

Australia, as a defence measure, has an important obligation towards the P-NG natives. It is vital, as part of Australia's bastion of defence in New Guinea, that the natives be given some degree of

literacy, that their standard of living be improved and that their goodwill and loyalty be cultivated.

That is an important part of our security plan; but it is not paramount. And the job of implementing it should be left to the trained and experienced men in the field, and not made the subject of far-reaching, over-riding plans and decisions by high official theorists in Canberra, who too often are guided by deeply implanted prejudices, or by advisers who have not that practical knowledge that can be gained only by long residence in P-NG.

(See Minister's defence of policy, page 10, this issue.)

New Stores in Madang



These are part of a dozen large corrugated iron stores being built by the Administration near the waterfront in Madang, at a cost of £12,000. The structures were formerly placed at Manus by the Americans, and were taken in pieces and brought here. The Highlands are still dependent on air transport, so there is much demand in Madang, the nearest sea-port, for storage space for goods going in, and produce going out.

Madang has doubled in size in two years. District Commissioner F. A. Bensted is working on a road in through the Ramu country, to the Highlands. He hopes to get through soon to Dumpa, which is only 30 miles air-line from Goroka—but there is a lot of mountain country in that 30 miles. The Japs made a jeep road right through from Madang to the Highlands, and the DC is trying to re-locate it.

The increasing number of people who have to spend from four to 24 hours in Madang bless the enterprise of Mrs. Flo Gilmore, whose new hotel provides commodious and cool lounges and dining-room, and can accommodate 30 comfortably, "and 50 at a pinch". Apparently ample a couple of years ago, the accommodation now is insufficient, and a substantial addition to the bar, and more bungalow bedrooms in the grounds, are being provided.

* Miss Kiran Mishra, B.A., Dip.Ed., has returned to Fiji after studying at the Universities of Delhi and London. She went to India on a Government of India scholarship, gaining her B.A. and Dip.Ed. at Delhi. Later she went to London on a Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship where she gained an Associateship at London University following post-graduate studies in education. Miss Mishra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ram Narayan Mishra of Viseisel.

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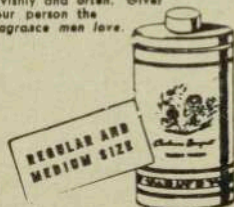
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Interesting Tonga Weddings



Miss Ruby Caroline Skeen was married to Mr. Adolph Johansson at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Nukualofa, recently. This group shows, left to right, front, Miss E. Johansson, Miss Norma Skeen, little Miss Patricia Skeen, the bride and groom, His Lordship Bishop Rogers who officiated at the marriage, and Miss Joyce Cocker. Back row, Mr. Albin Johansson (brother of the bridegroom's late father), Mr. L. W. Robertson (groomsman), Mr. L. Denny (best man), and Mr. R. S. Skeen (father of the bride). —Photo by Hettig.



Miss Judith Denny, of Nukualofa, was recently married to Mr. S. P. Boulton. This photo of the wedding group shows, left to right, Mr. I. T. Simmonds the best man, the groom and bride—now honeymooning in Australia — the bride's

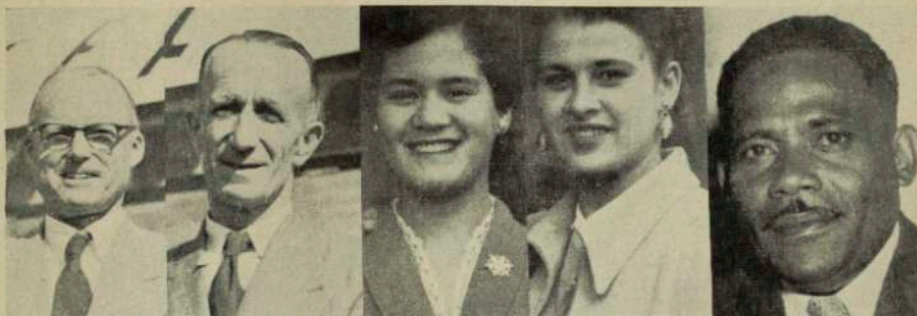
father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Denny (Mr. Denny is Nukualofa manager of Burns Philp (SS), Ltd.), and the bride's sister, Miss Jennifer Denny.

—Photo by Hettig.

¶ Mr. Mahendra Pratap, son of well-known Suva business man Shankar Pratap, recently left the Colony to continue his studies at the London University. Mahendra is a former pupil of the Brothers' School, Suva.

¶ Mr. William H. Simpson—PX1—who left Port Moresby last year because of illness is still in Brisbane. He would like to see old Territorians visiting that city. His address is C/- J. Roberts, 50 Payne St., Torwood, Brisbane.

Recent Coral Route Travellers . . .



Travellers on TEAL's Coral Route Service recently included, left to right: Judge Smith and Judge Pritchard who returned to Auckland from the Cook Islands after holding Appellate Court sittings there. Miss Rose Quensell, who returned to Tonga after attending school in New Zealand and who was farewelled by Miss Ofa Schaumkel, also of Tonga. Mr. S. Bukasego, of Moturika Island, Fiji, who went to New Zealand on holiday.

—TEAL Photos.

Pacific Islands Society

MEMBERS and guests of the Pacific Islands Society, Sydney, were entertained at the October meeting by interesting coloured slides of Japan and Korea, photographed and presented by Major Basil Croft, Chief Signals

Officer with the Australian Forces in Japan, who had recently returned to Sydney.

Unfortunately heavy rain marred the attendance.

The Society will hold its annual cocktail party on November 25, there being no December meeting.

The Marist Brothers celebrated the 66th anniversary of their establishment in Fiji, in August. One of the first three Brothers to arrive, Brother Alphonsus, now well into his eighties, is still stationed in Suva. He has seen the roll of Marist Brothers schools rise from 15 pupils, in 1885, to well over 1,000 in 1954.

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LAE town has grown so fast in the last few years that visitors from other centres in the Territory wonder at just how it has been done. The answer probably is that we have faith in the future of the Morobe District of which Lae is the port.

In 1948, Vacuum Oil Company set the ball rolling by building its Bulk Installation on the southern side of the airport. This installation includes six 500,000 gallon tanks, oil stores, drum filling and cleaning departments, workshops, offices, residences for married employees and a mess and quarters for single men, plus a mile-long pipeline from the wharf area at Milfordhaven to the installation.

Qantas followed soon afterwards with its own little "township", and since then other companies, big and small have followed suit while the Government too, has helped in shaping Lae as a model town. Lae's overseas terminal at the airport, is the best in any of the South Pacific islands.

Namanula which was once a bush covered plateau, is now a township in itself, for Namanula was chosen to replace the Lae flat area as the main residential and business section, and gradually it has taken shape, although in the beginning there was some opposition to the idea.

However, there are more than 100 residences on top now, in the streets which run from First to Thirteenth plus Coronation Drive, Memorial Drive and Huon Road.

At the sea end of Namanula a business area is beginning to spread, and the beautiful War Cemetery and Botanical Garden takes up a large area of the other end of the plateau.

A European School and play centre and the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches are also on Namanula. The Catholic church has been built in the shape of a cross, to a South American design.

Lae's Picture Theatre is up to city standards and its attached shopping-block is very modern and a boon to shoppers.

There is no Chinatown in Lae—all business leases are now in the same section and already Chinese and European merchants are building side by side.

Kam Hong is erecting a general store, cafe and residence opposite the New Guinea Company's new store and adjoining the block cleared by Burns Philp.

This new scheme did not at first meet with general approval but is now thought a good idea.

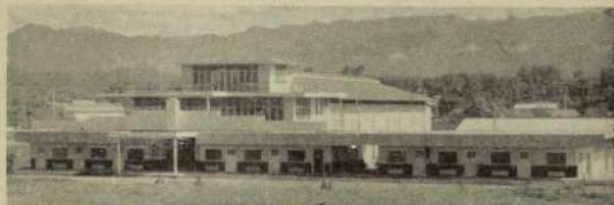
Lae is a town of clubs; right on the edge of Namanula, overlooking the sea, is the flourishing Returned Servicemen's Club. The spacious, new boomerang-shaped Lae Club is being built on the adjoining block.

Mrs. Flora Stewart elected to build her large and modern Hotel Cecil on its pre-war site, down on the flat overlooking Voco Point, and it is often debated here whether her move was wise, as most of her "bar" customers will reside on Namanula; but when one sees the

amount of motor vehicles coming into Lae these days it seems now that it really does not matter where the hotel is situated, as the thirsty will be able to make their visits to the hotel without any undue difficulty.

Lae has a new permanent wharf (although it is not large enough); a fine airport (with the threat of a bigger and better one); and, at long last, will have a new hospital.

There is a nine hole golf course; a bowling green under construction; and a rifle club has been formed. There is a swimming pool of a kind and much discussion at every meeting of the Lae Town Advisory Council (but no real action) about a new one; and a sports reserve which could be the best in the Territory (but is not). (Over)



Lae picture theatre and shopping centre. —Island Arts Photo.

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BUT a town has to have something to keep it living and growing (unless like Canberra or Moresby it lives on Government money) and Lae's reason for existence is the richness of the Morobe district.

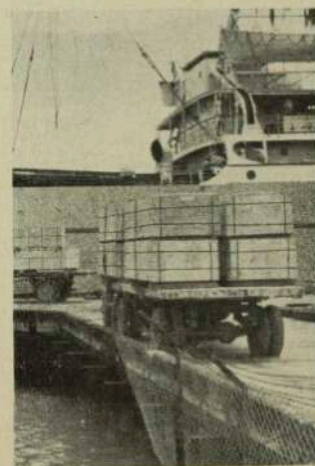
With the gradual decline of its gold producing potential new enterprises are springing up and although rice, coffee, cocoa, peanuts, beef and dairy cattle from Wau, the Markham Valley and Zenag have bright prospects, the industry with the big future is timber. Timber for ply-wood, for building, or for export as logs—we have it all.

While the ply-wood manufactured from kiln-dried pine found in the large stands in the Bulolo-Watut area is being exported ready for the market, anisopteros (New Guinea Ash) peeling logs from another Morobe forest, the Trans-Busu, near Lae, are being shipped to Australian manufacturers to be turned into ply-wood there.

The two companies concerned in the export trade are Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers and South Pacific Lumber. The former company's product is in great demand in the United States; and the South Pacific Lumber people have been working seven days a week to keep the supply of logs up to fulfil the Australian demand.

Representatives of two Californian companies, Fiddes Moore and Pacific Coast, which have been importing the Bulolo product into America, recently visited the field and inspected the mill and resources. They returned home greatly impressed.

Commonwealth New Guinea



Plywood ready for shipment to U.S.
—Photo: Island Arts.

Timbers, the company formed by the Australian Federal Government and Bulolo Gold Dredging Limited in partnership, should soon be producing 1,000 tons of ply-wood a month and when new men are trained a still greater output can be expected.

Although the ply-wood is becoming a great dollar-earner for Australia (more than \$750,000 worth has been shipped since the first consignment left Lae in April last), the local and Australian markets have not been neglected.

Agents have been appointed at Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, and Rabaul to handle the product, while recent visitors, three members of the Ply-wood Association of Victoria, said that the ply-wood has been well received in Australia and that the quality and finish of the product is top grade. Victoria is keen to purchase the ply-wood and they would like to see deliveries increased.

Exports began in April when Sura loaded 219 tons for San Francisco. Since then Lakemba has taken two shipments totalling 1,618 tons: Sura one shipment of 911 tons and Thorsis has shipped two consignments totalling 1,493 tons, making, in all, 4,271 tons exported to the United States of America.

During May last, the South Pacific Lumber Company made its first shipment of logs, which will be turned into ply-wood in Australia, and since then the company has exported 1,000,000 super feet to Australia.

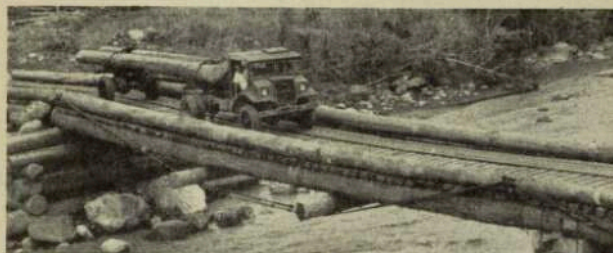
Before the trees could be felled the fast-flowing Busu River had to be bridged and the company swung an 85 foot suspension bridge (named the Dickie Moore Bridge after the company's manager, Mr. R. Moore) in very smart time. A huge boulder is used as the base of a

pylon at one end while at the other end logs are crossed in tiers for this purpose. (See PIM for Oct.).

The company has contracted to cut ten million super feet a year. Of this about 20,000 super feet a day is to be sawn for local consumption while the remainder is being shipped in log form to Australia.

Besides ply-wood the exported Trans-Busu timber is being used for laths, lattice-work, slats in venetian blinds, mouldings and as finishing timbers.

The company is shortly to instal



Logs of NG ash are trucked out across the Busu River.

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South Pacific Lumber Company was formed by Messrs. Stan Murdock and Peter Murphy, long experienced timber men from Healesville, Victoria, where they conduct a mill, which cuts Mountain Ash, and two pallet manufacturing factories. They also conduct a timber yard in Melbourne.

The coconut estates on Ysabel owned by Solomon Islands Rubber Plantations Ltd.—a £70,000 Brisbane company—are now leased to BSI interests at a rental of approximately £3,000 per year. The published balance sheet for the year ended July 31 shows that the directors are now paying dividends of approximately £2,400 per annum to preference holders. The directors are Messrs. W. E. & E. W. Savage, Mr. N. V. Whitehouse, and Colonel F. W. G. Annand.

Cook Islands Residents in Auckland



These people from Rarotonga recently arrived in Auckland, via the TEAL Coral Route Service:

Upper: Miss P. Tinirau and Miss N. George. Lower: Miss N. Taulneke and Miss T. Upoke.

—TEAL Photos.

Qantas Passengers for P-NG

Left to right: Mr. J. Hamilton-Fisher, a new "voice" for 9PA, Moresby. He transferred from ABC staff in Perth. Mr. J. L. Beach, who joined the staff of P-NG Department of Civil Aviation. Mr. W. G. Jenkins, who arrived from London to join Australian Petroleum Co.'s staff.



MR. WEBB TAKES A GAMBLE

THE appointment of New Zealand Island Territories Minister Clifton Webb to the position of High Commissioner in London is conditional upon the National Party winning the NZ mid-November general elections.

But as a remarkable manifestation of faith in just that, an advertisement appeared in a Wellington newspaper in October announcing the immediate sale of household effects and antique furniture on behalf of "the Hon. T. Clifton Webb, who is leaving for London shortly."

Should things go awry in November, and Mr. Webb is seeking a quiet place of retirement, no doubt some of the Rarotonga "beach Europeans" will be happy to put him up!

† Mr. E. C. Rutt, accountant for the ANZ Bank, Suva, since the branch office was opened there, has been transferred to South Australia.

† Miss Ivy Pullen, a double certificated hospital Sister, left Brisbane for Papua on September 24. She has been accepted for Missionary service with the Unevangelised Fields Mission. She has had slight training as a dental nurse and also trained for three years at the Melbourne Bible Institute.

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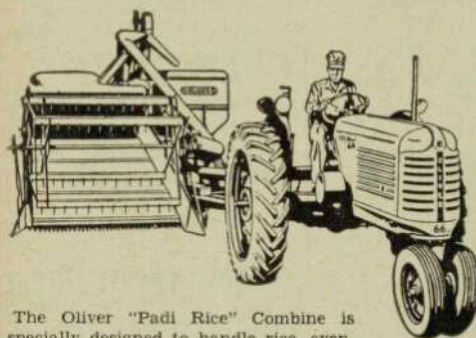
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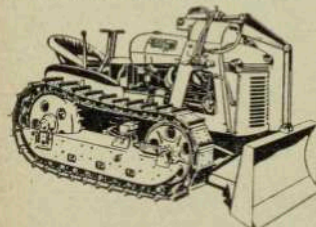
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Man and Cat Against the Sea

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brown earth outside while commenting cattily about humans: "For a hundred and fifteen days, from Peru to Pago Pago, I dreamt about earth—and then what happened? Locked up in Fiji, with a concrete floor! Haven't you humans got any consideration for travelling cats?"—**JACK THORNTON.**

What It Was All About

WHEN wiry 61-year-old New Yorker William Willis released the tow line of a Peruvian naval tug on June 22, ten miles off Callao, the news was flashed to the world that *Seven Little Brothers* was on the way. But by the time he released the tow line of *Manua Tele* off Pago Pago wharf soon after midnight on October 21, 5,900 miles and 115 days later, the name of the 34-ft. seven-log balsa raft had become established as *Seven Little Sisters*. The Port Captain at Callao advised PIM that the raft was named *7 Hermanitas*—and the dictionary says that *Hermanitas* may be little brothers or little sisters. This—or the *Kon-Tiki* venture—could not be described as a true drift voyage. Willis's raft carried a substantial sail area, which drove him at a surprising speed. *Kon-Tiki* made only 42.6 miles per day; Willis averaged 51.3 miles per day with his smaller raft. Willis apparently passed very close to the south of the Marquesas, which he did not sight, close past uninhabited Flint, which was the only land he sighted before the Manua Islands, and close north of Suvarrow.

Though he carried the latest type of Marconi Salvita lifeboat transmitter he used it only on June 30 when he reported all well to Callao naval base; and again when, unable to make a landing on the Tutuila coast and carried on to the northwest.

Through the alertness of Mr. Doug Cunnold, officer-in-charge of Rarotonga Radio, these signals were picked up from the little hand-turned-generator set. He promptly contacted Tutuila Radio through commercial radio channels, and *Manua Tele*, about to sail for her annual refit in Suva, was despatched. When located, Willis was nearer Upolu than Tutuila and the tow back against the Trades to Pago Pago took 13 hours.

Two months out of Peru, his cans of fresh water rusted and to eke out supplies he thereafter drank 3 glasses of sea water per day.

Like the *Kon-Tiki* men, Willis found the ocean alive with dolphins which provided him with a steady fresh diet, supplementing his corn-meal.

Willis' raft was well equipped with navigational gear, although he seems to have been extraordinarily ignorant of its use. He did not find

Bound for Papua-New Guinea per Sinkiang in October



From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Eginton, who returned to Port Moresby. Mr. Eginton had been on sick-leave in Sydney. Mr. A. H. Buckland of the Department of Education, Port Moresby, who returned from furlough. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Blumberg, who returned from leave. Mr. Blumberg is with the Department of Lands at Port Moresby.

out how to wind his chronometer before sailing, and, though it was faulty, used a watch instead. Nor did he know how to put distilled water in his radio receiver battery (the emergency transmitter did not use a battery.)

There was nothing amazing in the voyage as a feat of navigation. But, if only accidentally, he has demonstrated again that some people could have reached Polynesia from east as well as from west.—JPS.

ANOTHER BUMPER YEAR FOR "STEAMIES"

LIKE other concerns in P-N.G. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. of Papua is riding the boom very happily. It reports a profit of £138,477 in the year ended July 31; so that Preferences get 10 per cent. and Ordinaries 12½ per cent. dividend — which distribution takes only £80,000 or so of the profit.

The subscribed capital is £662,500; and there now is £700,000 in general reserve and £132,000 in P/L account. Sundry creditors are £184,000. The total on the assets side of the balance sheet shows £1,703,000, including a substantial sum in "cash in hand and at bank". Great growth since the days, three decades ago, when "Cappy" Fitch took the old *Queenscliff* to the Papuan coast on a hopeful trading expedition.

Captain A. S. Fitch, retired some years ago, resides in Sydney. His successor, Mr. E. V. Crisp, retires from the managing directorship next month, but probably will remain for a time in the Chairmanship.

Following a visit to Fiji by Mr. Peter B. Watts, Vice-President for Oceania of Junior Chamber International, a Junior Chamber of Commerce, is to be formed in Suva.

UNDERSIZE TROCHUS FROM BSIP AND NEW GUINEA

QUANTITIES of undersized "chicken" trochus shell are being fished and exported from Papua-New Guinea and Solomons waters, according to Mr. Kenneth E. White, Australian representative of an English shell-buying organisation.

The legal minimum is 2½ inches

diameter, but Mr. White says that he recently saw large quantities of very much smaller trochus from those sources in button factories in Japan and Europe. A percentage of such shell is constantly reaching Sydney en route to world markets.

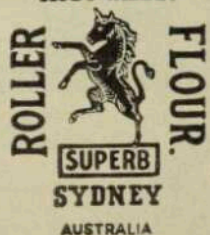
He said that he drew the attention of the BSIP Government to this situation some time ago.

The fishing of such shell, Mr. White points out, is bound to have an adverse long-range effect on the valuable reef beds of those Territories.

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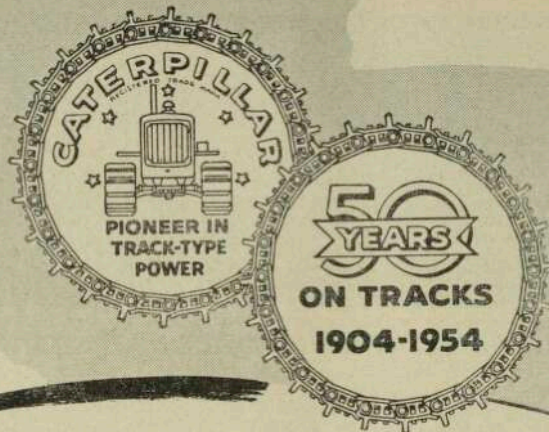
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FIJI'S NEW BUTTON INDUSTRY BOOMS

THE button-factory, established in Levuka, Fiji, in 1953, is now producing 72,000 trochus-shell buttons daily.

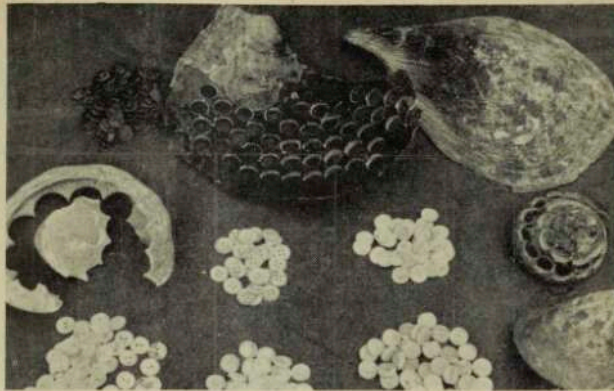
Mr. A. G. McCown, of Levuka, manager of Pacific Pearl Shell Products Ltd., which owns the factory, reports that the enterprise, using the most modern German machinery, is now prospering. As well as the daily output, 11 million blanks, ready for drilling and fashioning as required by buyers, are held in store.

There are orders on hand sufficient to keep the machinery running at present capacity for at least two years. Included in the 27 sizes of pearl-buttons being turned out, are some made from shell of a natural khaki colour to meet an Army order.

In addition to buttons there are also some interesting by-products being produced. The fine dust from the cutting and grinding operations, when mixed with explosives for gun ammunition, prevents or greatly reduces visible gun-flash, an important military use. Coarser grindings are sold as an iodine-rich fertiliser.

The cores from the centres of the cone-shaped trochus shells, after the button-blanks have been drilled from all over the outer surface of the shells, are being sold to Cyprus to be made into necklaces, rosary beads, and artificial teeth.

The Levuka factory has machinery, not yet installed, for making terazzo tiles and sink-tops,



Some of the products of Mr. McCown's factory. Below right is seen the trochus shell and the successive steps required to turn out the high-quality finished product. Dark shell at top supplies khaki buttons.

—Photo: Fiji Public Relations Office.

etc., from a mixture of plaster and shell-chips.

Markets for the factory's products have been found in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya and South Africa.

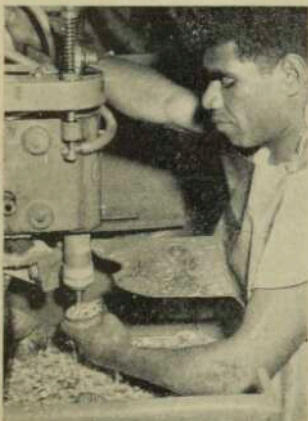
Together with one other modernly equipped button factory at Lautoka, owned by an Indian business man, Mr. B. D. Laksham, the Levuka factory has a temporary monopoly in the Colony under the Protected Industries Ordinance. So long as favourable tariffs permit the industry to export to Commonwealth countries with an advantage over Japan, this new Fiji industry should thrive.

Bean-Mills Wedding

MISS JOCELY HELEN BEAN, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bean of Nabilla, Upper Rewa, Fiji, was married to William Thomas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mills of Hamilton, NZ, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Suva, on September 4.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. G. Hemming and the reception, which was attended by a large number of guests from all parts of Viti Levu, was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Costello.

Two popular teachers at the Brothers' Schools in Tahiti departed for France on leave recently. They were Brother Henri returning home on his first vacation for 22 years, and Brother Leophane who went to Tahiti in 1947.



A Fijian operator cutting blanks from a trochus shell at Mr. A. G. McCown's Levuka factory.

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Married in Suva



Miss Anne Evetts of a well-known Suva family was recently married to Mr. Hans Furrer, a Swiss architect, now resident in Fiji. This photo was taken as they left the Anglican Cathedral.

Both bride and groom are keen members of the Fiji Arts Club music section—Mr. Furrer is conductor of the Suva Orchestra. Mrs. Furrer is an accomplished violinist.

—Photo: C. L. Cheng.

NZ War Cemetery in N. Caledonia

BRIGADIER-GENERAL BROWN, of New Zealand, recently spent a few days in New Caledonia in connection with the NZ War Cemetery at Bourail. He represented the War Graves Commission.

It is expected that the War Cemetery at Bourail (on the West coast of the island and about half-way up the island from Noumea) will be opened next year, the tentative date being Anzac Day.

It is splendidly situated and the Brigadier has expressed satisfaction with it. He will despatch an Horticultural officer to supervise the planting of trees and shrubs.

¶ Mr. R. G. Roberts, District Officer, Ellice Islands, has been transferred to Ocean Island. Mr. P. B. Laxton has been appointed DO Ellice Islands.

Bogg-Graham Wedding at Mt. Hagen



A wedding attended by guests from a wide area of New Guinea took place recently at Mt. Hagen, Western Highlands, when Miss Noreen Audrey Bogg was married to Mr. Kenneth James Graham at the Catholic Church there. The group shows, left to right, Mr. I. Thistlethwaite, Mrs. R. W. Dishon (Matron-of-Honour), Patricia Dishon, the bride and groom, Susan Blood, and Mr. W. R. Dishon.

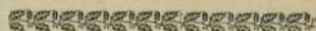


Guests present at the Bogg-Graham wedding included, left to right, upper photo: Messrs. R. Wright, N. B. Blood, E. Burchett, W. G. Sippe, and K. Walters. Lower: Mesdames C. Pfarr, N. B. Blood, E. Burchett, and K. Walters.

The Fiji European cost-of-living index dropped by one point to 235 in the latest quarterly revision. The index is based on a cost of living of 100 points in August, 1939. It rose steadily to 236 in April, 1954, the present being the first decline since 1939. There was a slight easing in prices of fresh vegetables, flour and eggs. The Indian index also fell by

one point to 269 for Suva, and by eight points, to 298, for country districts.

Mr. Frank Hurrell, formerly of the Agricultural Department at Madang, N.G., has gone to live in Wau where he is taking over a dairy farm. He intends to grow vegetables and to establish coffee on his land.



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Progress and Plenty in N. Caledonia

From R. W. Robson, in Noumea.

REMARKABLE progress has been made in the past two or three years in changing Noumea from a shabby and dilapidated little Islands seaside township into a neat and orderly Territory metropolis, with pride in itself and faith in the future.

Modern buildings are going up in every street, and the repulsive, shack-like structures of last century are being removed. The local-born population is increasing rapidly, and astonishing things are being done in the subdivision, roading and building of new residential areas.

There is no pick-and-shovel technique to be seen. Instead, one sees everywhere modern machinery at work—bulldozers, electric cranes, road-graders, huge lorries, all that kind of thing. Gangs of men are cutting ditches and tunnels for an automatic telephone system. More gangs are doubling the installation through which Noumea receives its electric light and power from mountain streams.

Wages are fantastic. A competent typist, or a well-trained native foreman—any really worthwhile operative—gets from £100 to £150 Australian per month. A high official's wife told me she pays her Indo-Chinese married couple, (house-servants) 11,000 francs (£78 Aust.) per month.

Costs are equally fantastic. The same lady pays £1 per dozen for eggs. A taxi from Anse Vata to the town (1½ miles) cost me 100 francs (14/3); lunch at the Hotel du Pacific (garnished eggs, leg of a chicken that was mature when Captain Paddon was here in 1850, and cheese, with a glass of beer) was 135 francs (20/-).

The population is as varied as ever. There are four communities (European, Tonkinese, Javanese and Melanesian) and, as they mix freely, there are other communities in between; but—in contrast with past decades—they all seem happy and well-fed, and getting their full share of this wave of prosperity.

NATURALLY, there is little sign of social discontent. But there are peculiar echoes of recent great events in Asia. There still are 2,000-3,000 Javanese here; but the majority who were left here by war-time interruption of their labour indentures have now obeyed the call home of the Indonesian "republic". The wise ones resisted the instruction; and they now seem convinced

that they are a lot better off here than in Java.

Immediately after the surrender of Northern Vietnam (Tonkin) to the Reds, the local Tonkinese (4,000 maybe) celebrated; and a considerable number lined up for early air transportation to their "liberated" homeland. One or two plane-loads have gone; but the enthusiasm for some reason now is trickling out of the remainder and a proportion of the remaining air reservations have been cancelled.

Present demands for labour cannot be met, and the outlook in that respect—with the Asiatics inclined to go home or, being unindentured, disinclined to labour—is not encouraging to enterprise. Every available Melanesian prepared to work is fully employed at very high wages; but the majority of them (there are less than 40,000 altogether) prefer to live in their own villages, on their own land.

The drastic political change made a couple of years ago—under which semi-literate Melanesians were given a vote and permitted thus to dominate the General Council—has had some social repercussions. The Melanesian voice in local administration is obviously embarrassing to the French Government, and one end result is dislocation in public works and stagnation in some directions. But nothing can be done about it. French high officialdom, under political Socialist domination in Paris, continues to make these decisions.

Therefore, while this present boom and evidence of prosperity and progress are most gratifying, one wonders where it will lead and whether it will last.

However, just as Australians are sure that their phenomenal social and administrative costs will be carried so long as the wool market holds, so New Caledonia believes that all will be well while the world wants its abundant metals.

Further Progress in Leprosy Control

A NEW vaccine for the treatment of lepers has been discovered by Sister M. Suzanne, who spent many years at the Makogai Central Leprosy Hospital, Fiji, working under the hospital's former medical superintendent, Dr. J. C. Austin.

Recently she has been doing experimental work at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

The vaccine, Bacterium Marianum, is now being used at Makogai, and favourable results are expected.

Dr. A. E. Dugdale, recently of Timaru Public Hospital, NZ, staff, has been appointed a Medical Officer in Fiji and will commence duties early 1955.

DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. SAM MERVIN

Mr. Sam Mervin, who with his brother John, has operated inter-island vessels in French Oceania waters for many years, died in Papeete, October 5, aged 54.

He followed his father as master of local vessels before coming ashore to operate the fleet.

In recent years the Mervin company seems to have had its troubles and the fleet is now dispersed through loss or seizure.

MR. ERNEST WEAVER

Mr. Ernest Weaver, well known resident of Suva, Fiji, died on September 11 at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Weaver was born in Downe, Kent. He migrated to Australia and, in 1914, at the outbreak of war, joined the 29th Battalion, AIF, as a quartermaster. In 1919 he and his sister, Isabel, went to Fiji where they both held positions in Walter Horne and Co.'s store. In the ensuing years Mr. Weaver held several positions with Island companies and worked for some time in the hotel business, both in Suva and Sigatoka. He finally became caretaker at the Suva baths.

He is survived by his wife and five children, two brothers still in Kent, and two sisters.

MR. PAUL POZNANSKI

Mr. Paul Poznanski, a resident of the Gilbert and Ellice Is. Colony since 1923, died at Betio, Tarawa Island, on August 6, at the age of 53 years.

Mr. Poznanski was a well-known employee of Burns Philp Company until the outbreak of the Pacific

War in 1942. During the Japanese occupation of Tarawa he was cruelly treated by his captors, but at the end of hostilities he was the first man to attempt private trading in the Colony. He later worked for the Colony Wholesale Society and remained with them until his death. Mr. Poznanski was originally from the Marshall Group.

MRS. JANET SNOW

Mrs. Janet Snow, member of an old established Fiji family, died at Viti Levu Bay on October 2, aged 86.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawrie who went to the Colony in 1866 from Australia. The family at various times lived in a great many different parts of Fiji. Mr. Snow died in 1934. There are two sons and six daughters all still living in the Colony.

MR. J. J. REAL

Mr. J. J. Real, a former Land Officer and Deputy-Registrar of Titles in the Fiji Lands Department (1938-46), died in September in Tanganyika, aged 57.

MR. G. R. ROBERTSON

Mr. G. R. Robertson, for many years with the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. in Fiji, where he was born, died recently in Brisbane. He joined the CSR staff in 1910 as a junior clerk, transferring to the field staff at Sigatoka in 1912; at the outbreak of World War I, he joined the AIF, serving in France.

After the war he was appointed cane inspector and head overseer at Lautoka, becoming Assistant Manager of the mill there in 1928. From then until his retirement in 1946 he



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served as Manager at Lautoka or Labasa. He left the Colony after his retirement. His father was a mill manager with CSR in Fiji in the 1880-1890's.

**REV. FATHER THEOPHILE
ESTIBAL, SM**

Rev. Father Estibal, SM, died at Moa Moa Catholic Mission headquarters in Samoa on October 13, aged 74. He was born in France and went to Samoa with retired Bishop Darnand 49 years ago. He retired, like Bishop Darnand, last year, after serving the mission at various stations in Eastern and Western Samoa.

MR. J. CLARKSON

Mr. J. Clarkson, 60, a resident of Fiji for 20 years, died suddenly on Fanning Island in October. He was foreman in charge of a team which went up there last year in the Vasa to carry out reconstruction work for Cable & Wireless Ltd.

He was employed by Whan Construction Co. of Suva, the contractors.

Mr. Clarkson is survived by his wife and two children.

MRS. BLANCHE HElsen

Mrs. Blanche Helsen, mother of Mr. M. H. Helsen, Manager of Burns Philp (South Sea) Co., Suva, died in London recently, aged 87. She is survived by her daughters, the Marchioness M. de Goesbriant, of Nice; the Countess of Lublensky, Salisbury; Mrs. Philip Oliver, of London; Mrs. G. Stocken, of Cornwall; and by her son in Suva.

MR. WILLIAM RILEY

Mr. William Riley, a well known and respected resident of Fiji—he was born there on Naigani Island—died suddenly on October 22, aged 57.

Mr. Riley served his apprenticeship with Mr. Arthur Whippy, well known Fiji boatbuilder, and married Miss Julia Whippy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everard Whippy, of Wainui. He was later employed by various firms in Suva and Levuka, and at the time of his death was a License Inspector for the Fijian Development Fund Board. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters.

Under the management of Australian boxing promoter Mr. Joe Lynch, Doug Brown, Australian light heavyweight, and Bill Price, Indonesian middleweight champion, visited Papeete at the end of August. There Price was matched against Ernest Gavinet, the latter winning on points in a contest of 10 three-minute rounds. Brown fought Rene Teharuru, winning on a foul from the Tahitian. Teharuru, who made an unpopular showing against a Samoan visiting boxer in July, was again active with rabbit punches.



Hansenide Colony, Mt. Hagen.

STAMPING OUT LEPROSY FROM NG HIGHLANDS

UNDER wise supervision, and with the support of Government finance, the Hansenide Colony at Togoba, eight miles from Mt. Hagen, in the New Guinea Western Highlands, has made remarkable progress in the five years of its existence.

Native lepers, or Hansenides, are continually arriving for treatment as the Colony's influence spreads throughout ever-increasing areas of the Highlands. Up to June 30, 1954, 709 cases had been admitted, of which 363 were subsequently discharged. These returned to their villages, increasing confidence and gaining the co-operation of the native people instead of driving the disease underground.

Situated on a typical highland plateau, the Colony was built by willing local workers. Temporary buildings were erected and gardens laid down. Within nine months the first patients had been admitted and a saw-mill was producing timber for permanent buildings.

Although some local Hansenides clamoured for admission even before the Colony opened, it was several months before the natural timidity of these primitive people began to break down. Before the year ended, 121 patients had requested admission. By the end of 1951, 260 patients had been admitted, some being flown in, and others—often crippled with the disease—travelling on foot from great distances. By the end of 1952 the area within a 20-mile radius of the colony was considered reasonably free of the disease.

Most of the hospital is now operating in permanent buildings and is efficiently run by the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission. The main drug now being used is DDS (diamino-diphenyl-sulphone). It is easily administered, has no side reactions and has proved extremely effective.

Much work lies ahead of the

Colony. As the confidence of the native people increases, larger areas of thickly populated territory are coming under its control.

There are undoubtedly a great many Hansenides living in the thousands of square miles which, as yet, have remained untouched. But a good start has been made. The Colony is being linked by road and will have its own airfield. It can be expected that the tempo of treatment will be stepped up in the future.—LHB.

After the British destroyer *Diamond* hit the cruiser *Swiftsure* bows-on in manoeuvres a Court-martial was held. The story came out of it that, as *Swiftsure* went astern out of the collision, the admiral signalled to *Diamond*: "What do you intend to do now?" Reply from *Diamond's* captain: "Buy a farm."

'EUROPEANISATION' IN THE NG HIGHLANDS

AMONG the crowd which gathered to watch the plane come in to the Mount Hagen airstrip in Central New Guinea, I noticed a tall man of good bearing. He was pointed out to me as an interesting example of how a man, after experience of European contact, returns to village life. He gave some years of good service in the New Guinea Police Force, learned Pidgin English, lived in semi-European fashion and wore the well-known uniform; and when his term expired he returned to his village. When I saw him he wore the common native costume—a small apron of plaited material, a bunch of leaves poised over his posterior, and a kind of net arrangement around his head, while draped around his neck was his wealth expressed in terms of gold-lip shell.

A primitive savage, perhaps; and yet a completely dignified citizen of the Highlands.

In the four years since I last saw the Highlands' natives, the progress of Europeanisation has been rapid. Four years ago very few of them had altered their attire. But, today, at least 50 per cent of them around Goroka wear a laplap instead of the small native apron and that rear bunch of green leaves. In one horrible instance, a man wore a pair of decrepit shorts. All, however, follow the ancient practice of plastering themselves with pig-fat as protection against the cold, and practically all of them still wear the plaited native hood hanging from the back of the head, which is so characteristic of the Highlands' native.—RWR.

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News from Lautoka

LAUTOKA, Fiji, has an active Red Cross Society unit which holds functions to raise local funds. One such recent function was an afternoon tea party at the home of Mrs. M. Y. Sahu Khan, which was attended by European and Indian residents. The society has commenced production of a fortnightly news sheet entitled *Red Cross News*, produced by voluntary workers. Profits from its sale will go to a Fiji disaster fund.

A greatly improved telephone system came into operation in Lautoka on October 16. In addition to new equipment, efficiency has been improved by the appointment of a supervisor.

The overseas freighter *Nausica* left Lautoka on October 23 with a shipment of manganese from this port, bound for the United States. The manganese is being mined far up the Sigatoka valley and brought by truck over 100 miles.

Here, as elsewhere in Fiji, Hindus celebrated the annual Deepavali Festival, or Festival of Lights, on October 26. Homes are cleaned, decorated with flowers, incense is burned, festival lamps lit, all don new clothes and friends are invited in to eat rich foods. The festival, says our correspondent, is designed to promote the universal brotherhood of man.

Elections for the Lautoka Town Council were to take place on November 6, to fill the vacancies of Mayor C. A. Adams and Deputy Mayor M. B. Nityanand. Nominees are Mr. S. Hollander, Mr. J. Prasad, Mr. J. A. T. Hodgkinson, and Mr. M. B. Nityanand.

The committee of the Lautoka Branch of the Fiji Teachers' Union met recently to discuss voluntary donations to the Teachers' Union Scholarship Fund, the Pandit Amal Chandra Memorial Fund, and the Lady Garvey Appeal. To aid these worthy causes the teachers decided also to organise a social evening.

Tahiti Has a Mail Grievance

TAHITI business men are angered by the fact that American air-mails, brought south by PAA, are sometimes delayed at Nadi, Fiji.

They believe that the British TEAL Coral Route service gives preference to mails trans-shipped at Nadi by the British QANTAS and BOAC services. When the total mail offering at Nadi is more than can be carried, the American mail invariably is left behind, these business men say. They feel that all mails should be treated without discrimination, first come, first served. (It may be, however, that American air-services deal with British mails in the same way).

Sea Travellers to Papua and New Guinea



Northbound to P-NG by "Shansi" in October were, left to right:

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dunn and child,

who returned to Lae where Mr. Dunn is in Robert Gillespie Pty.'s shipping department. Mrs. D. L. Robertson, bound for Madang where her husband is a pilot

with Madang Air Charters. Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Holloway, who were bound for Goroka on a visit to their son, Inspector B. J. Holloway of the Police Department.

THE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE

A SYDNEY radio talk by American Judge William Douglas, wherein he compared the British and French colonial administrative systems, to the disadvantage of France, recently brought strong comment from Senator Henri Lafleur, who represents New Caledonia in the French Senate.

Judge Douglas had compared the restlessness in Morocco and other French Territories with India's peace and goodwill towards Britain. This, he said, was because Britain had handed over to the Hindus, an India in which administration had functioned soundly and efficiently.

The Senator wondered where Mr. Nehru had learned how to govern, seeing that he "had passed half his life in English gaols". He appeared to challenge the suggestion that the British teach their subject peoples the fundamentals of good administration. "We French", said the Senator, "prefer to form an elite among our natives and, through the play of our Constitution, give them equal political rights."

That system can be seen at work today in New Caledonia and French Oceania. It has its critics. The British seek the same end, by different methods. The ultimate aim of both Powers is to keep these "liberated" countries permanently within their present Empires. Britain seems reconciled to the probability that all will ultimately become completely independent. France, up to the present, will not accept that.

As a further measure in the re-organisation of Government in Western Samoa, the Samoan Affairs Office is to be abolished on December 31, and most of its functions will be taken over by the Secretariat Department.

Stephenson-Yelland Wedding



Recently, at the Roman Catholic Church, Port Moresby, Miss Lorraine Stephenson was married to Mr. Lloyd Yelland of PHD, Tari. From left to right: The bridesmaid, Miss Loretta Stephenson; the bride and groom; Mr. Ted Glover (best man); and Mr. Claude Champion, who gave the bride away.

—Photo: Papuan Prints.

Business Expansion in Fiji



Here is another sign of the present remarkable growth and development in Fiji. This shows the official opening, in October, of the new workshop of the Island Electric Co. at Wailu Bay, Suva. On the right is Mr. Con Maesepp, founder of the business and a highly-respected "old hand"; and, in the centre, Mr. Syd Gould, conveying to Mr. Maesepp the community's congratulations and good wishes. (Stinson photo.)

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Chinese Tax-Evaders' Colony is Off

FOLLOWING an October debate by the French Oceania Territorial Assembly, a stay has been called on police plans to banish Chinese head-tax evaders to Mangareva (PIM, October, p. 162).

The original *Gazette* notice read like a new colonising enterprise, containing the names of bakers, mechanics, taxi drivers, labourers, employers of labour, etc. Curiously, there was no mention of the deportees being under arrest. They were merely informed that they must confine their residence to Mangareva and get there by the first maritime opportunity—and stay there until further notice.

Once there it seemed that they would be left entirely to their own devices. It may be that to the Chinese, the thought of going to Mangareva was so distasteful that they preferred somehow to pay their head-tax.

Fr. Oceania Air Service

TO augment the French Oceania inter-Island air services, a Catalina amphibian aircraft arrived at Papeete from France on September 28. It will enter the regular Papeete - Huahine - Raiatea - Bora Bora service which has been disorganised since a Gruman amphibian was seriously damaged by fire in May. Spare parts are still awaited for that aircraft.

Formerly operating as Air Tahiti, the inter-Island service was reorganised last year and is now under the control of an organisation called Régie Aérienne Interinsulaire. All passenger arrangements are managed by Compagnie Messageries Maritimes through their Papeete office, but the ownership of the airline appears to be closely connected with the Department of Public Works of French Oceania. Two pilots, one French and one New Zealander, are employed.

Aerial Survey Companies Amalgamate

HUNTING Geophysics Ltd., a subsidiary of Hunting Aerial Surveys Ltd., of England, and Adastra Airways Pty. Ltd. of Australia have amalgamated to form Adastra Hunting Geophysics Pty. They will carry out uranium and oil aerial surveys in Australia on a charter basis.

Both these organisations have been on charter to the Fiji Government in recent years, carrying out an aerial mapping of the Colony.

The English company started the job, but struck a bad year for cloud. Adastra continued, and now have almost completed it.

CREDIT UNIONS ARE POPULAR WITH FIJIANS

FROM a rather hesitant beginning, no less than 45 Credit Unions are now registered in Fiji and show indications of being, an important factor in economic development of the Fijians.

The idea was brought to Fiji in January, 1954, by the Rev. Father M. Ganey, S.J. of British Honduras, at the invitation of the Governor of Fiji.

On the occasion of World Credit Union Day, the third Thursday in October, the Fiji Central Committee of the movement issued a summary of progress.

The 45 unions have a total of £12,500. Sixty new unions are awaiting pre-registration investigation. In Suva 12 different groups have been formed and several more are awaiting sanction.

Mr. Roy Bergengren, past-president of the Credit Union National Association of America, commenting on the Ordinance to regulate credit unions which was enacted in Fiji in July, says, "When I think of how some of our most powerful leagues fumble the ball every time they seek legislation, I marvel that your legislators in Fiji were able to draft and pass such a good law so early in the game."

The Fiji Ordinance was set up under the advice of a provisional committee headed by Mr. J. N. Falvey, MLC, which assisted Father Ganey. A central Credit Union office has been established in Carnarvon Street, Suva.

The Fiji report shows that there has been a surprising absence of delinquent loans. There is also a genuine eagerness of the people to assimilate accepted economic practices, and they have ability to develop management at an early stage.

Some extraneous capital may be required during the formative years, says the report, but it is anticipated that the unions will be self-sustained within five years.

† Sir Henry Milne Scott, of Suva, who had spent some weeks in Australia, returned to his home in Fiji early in November.

AN APPRECIATION OF DR. TOM BRENNAN'S LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

AN appreciation of the character and achievements of Dr. Edward Thomas Brennan, former Director of Public Health in New Guinea from 1928 to 1942, who died in August, 1953, aged 67, has been printed as a pamphlet and dis-

tributed among his innumerable friends. It is exceedingly well written, and will be treasured as a fitting memento of a man who lived his life fully and worthily, loved his fellow-men irrespective of colour, and gave most generously of his skill and service.

Dr. Brennan's life was full of highlights. For his services with the AIF in World War I he received several decorations. Then he served with the Australian Navy. For two years as captain and navigator of the *Lady Betty*, he travelled up and down New Guinea, organising and establishing a medical service in the new Mandated Territory; and it was there, on the 45-ft schooner that he and his bride (the charming American woman, Ruth Todd) made their first home. After a spell at Madang, in charge of the mainland division of the medical services, he became Director, and settled in Rabaul, where he and his wife became so well known, and where their three daughters were born.

Everyone knew Tom Brennan. He was intensely interested in people and had friends in all walks of life; and, although he loved to talk and theorise, he was a man of such rapid action that he often left the bureaucrats gasping. The Brennan hospitality was famous in three continents.

He tried hard to get into World War II, but his health was deteriorating and he was allowed to serve only "behind the lines"—in important posts, but ill-fitted to his wishes.



Father M. Ganey with members of the newly-formed Fiji Police Credit Union when they opened an account recently at a bank in Suva. The Fijians shown in the picture are Inspector Jiorji Sugaturaga (President), Constable Simone Memoivalu (Secretary) and Sgt. Poasa Tuinakelo (Secretary).

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New Hebrides Labour:

Another Attempt to Solve Vital Problem

IN an effort to solve the New Hebrides' desperate labour problem, a move has been made to get 2,000 labourers from the north of Indo-China. The plan has yet to get the approval of the Condominium Government and it is understood that it is not favoured by the British who have suggested Fiji-Indians as an alternative.

If the scheme is approved, it is understood that Mr. John Retard, of Aore, Santo, and a Vila lawyer, Mr. A. de Preville, will fly to Indo-China to recruit the required number of men and women for plantations, commercial houses and for others in need of workers.

Catholic Vietnamese are anxious to undertake long contracts and according to the RC Bishop in Vila, they have no leaning towards Communism.

If successful, the scheme would be controlled by the Condominium and both British and French interests would share in the labour available. Before the war, Tonkinese labour was brought in but was available for the French community only. The British community had to make do with native Hebridean labour, or go without.

Most of the Tonkinese brought in before the war no longer work on plantations—they have set themselves up as shopkeepers and taxi drivers. The war and post-war trouble in Indo-China and the steep rise in the cost of shipping, prevented their repatriation and they have now become free settlers in the Condominium. A large proportion of them are believed to be Communist.

The new scheme for imported labour embraces strict repatriation after fulfilment of the contract. But it seems doubtful whether the new scheme would work while the old Tonkinese remain under such different circumstances.

ASIAN LABOUR IN FRENCH ISLANDS

Fiji Indians May be Interested

FROM R. W. ROBSON

NOUMEA, Oct. 22.

IT was widely published in Australian and other papers a few weeks ago, on the assurance of a New Caledonia mine-owner (M. J. Brochet), who had arrived in Darwin, that there were 5,000 Indo-China Communists in New Hebrides

and 4,000 in New Caledonia, and that the outlook was not good.

Close inquiry here discloses no alarming picture. It is true, as stated repeatedly in PIM, that there are from 3,000 to 4,000 generally undesirable Tonkinese now established as a permanent community in the New Hebrides (mostly in Santo) and that there is a mixed bag of Indo-Chinese and Javanese of perhaps the same size in New Caledonia. It is true, also, that these are people highly susceptible to Communist propaganda, and that Red agents are among them. But my impression is that the French authorities have the whole situation well under control.

There is no more Communist danger here, while present wage conditions last, than there is among the poorer types of restless, Red-inspired trade unions in Australia, like wharf labourers and transport workers.

The French administration officials hate Communism and, given a free hand, they soon would root every sign of it out of the place. Unfortunately, in French politics—both metropolitan and local—the restless Reds have an influence out of proportion to their numbers, and the officials, accordingly, walk warily and avoid open conflict with the bureaucrats who, in the sacred name

Round the World and Home Again



These Cook Islanders, led by the Rev. Tux Pittman, standing right, passed through Sydney in October, homeward bound after attending a British Empire Boys' Brigade camp in England. They left Rarotonga in May and travelled by sea.

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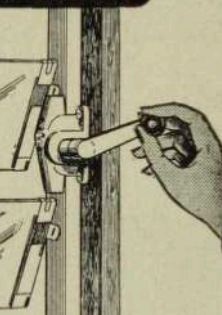
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of democracy, are obliged to work in with Red politicians.

The plan to introduce Indian labourers and technicians from Fiji, to help meet the big labour shortage in New Caledonia, is still under serious discussion. From an industrial and economic viewpoint it has a great deal to recommend it and it would be good for both Fiji and New Caledonia. But again in this field there is an intrusion of political considerations. High officials of Britain and France do not wish to cause any perturbation in New Delhi. Australia is not sure that she can regard with equanimity the establishment of another Asiatic colony near her shores—although the permanent settlement of Fiji Indians in New Caledonia does not appear to be in the plan. So everyone is being wary.

The outstanding facts are that New Caledonia needs the labour, the skill and the developmental impulse which Fiji Indians could supply, while Fiji has more of those qualities at present than it can profitably use.

Aniseed Liquors Out, But You Can Have Beer

FRENCH colonies may soon find it is harder to come by hard liquors that are aniseed-based. However, there should not be any difficulty with table wines, light aperitifs, beers and the like—which people in British colonies still naively associate with the Demon Drink!

The French Government recently passed legislation concerning the alcoholic drinks that can be imported into French colonies. The restrictions are designed to prevent drunkenness amongst natives, and, in particular, to save them from the aniseed-based beverages which are closest to absinthe and highest in alcoholic content. The effect on natives, who frequently drink these liquors neat, can be disastrous.

(According to the encyclopedia, absinthe is a spirit flavoured with the flowering tops and pounded leaves of wormwood and other aromatics. These are macerated for about eight days in alcohol and then distilled. The result is a green liquor, which turns white when water is added. The "evil effects" of drinking absinthe are described in some detail—everything from a "deranged digestive system" to hallucinations and madness. The best absinthe used to be made in Switzerland but manufacture was prohibited years ago. Wormwood has, of course, nothing to do with worms or wood—it is a plant of the *Artemisia* family. The connection between absinthe and the aniseed-based liquors we do not know.

Australian Pipe-dream—

CHEAP TEA FROM NEW GUINEA

IN late October the price of tea in Australia rose to 7/4 per pound. This produced the usual angry howls from housewives and the usual inquiries as to how the tea-growing business is progressing in New Guinea. There is, of course, a touching faith among Australians that NG will come good and produce tea—just like that! But, so far, NG has produced only the odd pound; not the odd ton.

But even if and when the tea starts flowing south there will be no guarantee that the Australian consumer will readily accept it. A Sydney man who knows about tea has made the thoughtful observation that New Guinea tea, though good, will, like all other teas, have a distinctive flavour. The public may not like that flavour, and a great deal of expensive publicity may be involved in making them drink it.

Tea is like tobacco—and everyone knows that even the New Guinea natives would not accept home grown twist while there was any chance of getting the old dollar-source "Lord Beaconsfield".

But assuming there are no marketing problems, plenty of others remain. Bushes take seven years to reach production from seed, four years from cuttings, so

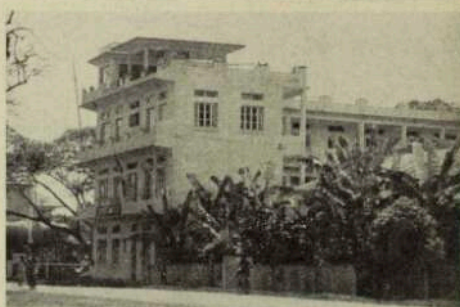
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Part of an August consignment of 24 cases of gifts from the NZ Lepers' Trust Board, to the leper patients of French Oceania. Also donated were 87,000 francs for additional modern equipment at the Orotara settlement, Tahiti. The gifts were divided between Orotara, and Reao in the Tuamotu Islands. Dr. Eric Bridgman, of Rotorua, NZ, centre, officially presented the gifts in Tahiti. Mr. Tony Bambridge, left, provided the transport.

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apart from anything else, no large-scale quick relief is in sight. Then the bushes are very fickle—sometimes declining after only one year's production, or the quality of the buds may change for unexplained reasons.

Then, greatest problem of all, is the necessary labour force. This may be reduced by using mechanical plucking methods. Mr. Bobby Gibbes is experimenting with a tea-plucking machine (See Oct. PIM) run on rails, but no machine so far invented has proved as efficient as experienced human tea-pickers.

Experienced Ceylon tea-pickers can handle 30,000 buds per day. New Guinea labour, even by temperament, is unlikely ever to work at that speed, even if the numbers of pickers are available.

The art of tea-picking on overseas estates is handed down from generation to generation. Tea is the life and business of these people. It is

doubtful if any heavy-handed Highlander will ever be brought to feel the same way about it.

Anyhow, no matter what quantity of tea is grown in NG it is unlikely to affect the Australian price. The Australian price of coffee and cocoa are not affected by the fact that they are grown in the Territory. Territory growers receive world price for whatever commodity they produce—and they would be horrified if anyone suggested otherwise.

A flourishing tea industry in NG might save Australia from going tea-less during a war. But even that cannot be guaranteed.

Mr. Len Howie, who has been assisting the Roman Catholic Mission, 250 miles west of Lae, in the New Guinea Highlands, returned to Adelaide recently. He will later return to New Guinea and continue his work.

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NORFOLK IS. NOTES

THE Norfolk Island Horticultural show took place in mid October and although entries were not as numerous as in previous years the quality of most exhibits was very high. Mrs. Monty Laing won the Administrator's Cup for the most points scored and a former New Guinea resident Mrs. Marjory Davis was only 6 points behind.

Residents on the island met during the month to hear suggested improvements to tourist facilities. They discussed means of improving fishing, tennis and other sporting facilities, Islands concerts, barbecues and accommodation. All agreed that the best advertisement for the island was an enthusiastic guest.

Heavy rain, a tin roof and bad acoustics provided players with some stiff competition during a Revue staged recently by the Norfolk Island Dramatic and Operatic Society. It was the Society's annual performance and the large crowd which packed Rawson Hall was well entertained, in spite of the rain.

During June and July many poultry owners on the island were getting 7/- a dozen for eggs. But during September they had more eggs than they knew what to do with—and to make matters worse, there was no egg preserver in the stores.

Residents are becoming impatient with the lack of road maintenance. Highly expensive Works Department graders are used occasionally, but islanders would rather see one man with a lorry load of coral employed full time to fill in scours and pot holes before the roads become unusable. Petrol dropped in price to 6/1 a gallon during September.

The Department of Civil Aviation's recent demand of £250 per annum for the weekly broadcast of plane and shipping movements was refused. Residents are not happy about the service being discontinued as they no longer have news of delayed arrivals.

The MV Malaita experienced her first delay in years on her Sept. call at Norfolk Island. Big seas were running at both landing places and it was three days before unloading could commence. Round trip passengers were not inconvenienced by the weather.

Late Mining Reports

APC report (9/11/54) their Omali No. 1 side-tracking bore, in Papua, now at 13,422 ft. close to gas level encountered in original hole at 13,743 ft. No. 2 bore at 7,500 ft.

NG Goldfields, in October, got 1,147 oz gold and 1,301 oz silver from Golden Ridges, nothing from Alluvials, 93 oz gold from Koranga, 106 oz from tributaries, and 223,672 sup. ft. of sawn timber.

Samoaan Residence in New Zealand

BY filling certain requirements Western Samoans may now become permanent residents of New Zealand. (See PIM, Oct. P. 161).

It is now possible for suitably screened persons to remain in NZ, with a review of their case after six months and again after five years of residence. If these periods have been satisfactory, permanent residence will then be granted.

In addition, Samoans may now be issued with a 3-months' visiting permit by the local authorities, without reference to New Zealand. Applications for student entry permits, or for permanent residence, must still be submitted to Wellington. As in the past, permits will be issued only after an investigation of the health, character, police record, ability to speak reasonable English, and living habits of the applicant. Applicants must be accustomed to living in the European way, and they must not have more than 50 per cent Chinese blood. Their intended place of residence in New Zealand must be approved, as must also the character of the persons with whom they will reside. They must have work to go to, and the work must be approved.

Many Visitors to Sydney Polynesian Association

VISITORS to Sydney are always welcome at Polynesian Association functions, which are held at irregular intervals (inquiries to phone FW4661 or P.O. Box 2232, Sydney). Recent visitors included from Tonga Nina Brown, Truda Cameron, John Tukia, and Captain Carl Johnson. From Samoa, Fosi Schmidt and Jimmy Ripley—the two boxers lately in Australia, Mrs. Augusta Lembke (nee Wetzel), from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Captain Willie Schutz, Chas. Adams of Tarawa Radio, and former residents Mr. and Mrs. Keith Strachan and family, Captain Tom Milner and his wife, Dr. Helen Phillips, from Fiji, Peter Miller, Hugh Aspinall Jack Garrett, Keith Bish, and Ray Thompson.

The Association met recently for a farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. Ern. Wendt before their return to Suva where Mr. Wendt is engineer of *Yanawai*. The party was given at the home of former Levuka residents Mr. and Mrs. Monty Griffin of East Hills.

The Association has continued its regular charitable concerts to provide funds or entertainment for institutions in Sydney.

MORE TABULATED FACTS ABOUT NEW GUINEA

A VERY valuable contribution to the geographical and historical records of New Guinea is contained in *Birds of Central New Guinea*, by Ernst Mayr and E. Thomas Gilliard.

It is described modestly as "Results of the American Museum of Natural History Expeditions to New Guinea in 1950 and 1952"; but is more than a scientific compilation. The authors have not only given in easily accessible detail a large amount of purely ornithological data; but, in arranging the background of their work they have prepared, in both typographic and photographic form, a picture of Central New Guinea that commands high praise.

One learns, necessarily, a great deal about Highlands birds of which few of us ever suspected the existence; and one is also given a lot of fascinating natural history about the Highlands—the effect of the natives' methods of cultivation, of the recent arrival of the Europeans, some interesting anthropological angles—in fact, anyone who keeps a reasonably complete library on New Guinea must have this book.

It is really a Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, and it may be purchased for 2 dollars. There are over 100 large pages—and the reproduction of the large photographs is something one must see to believe.

Australia is under a debt of gratitude to this Museum and to Mr. Tom Gilliard for the work that has been done over the past decade in making Central New Guinea better known, and in tabulating and arranging what is known.

Goat meat from West Australia is selling in Fiji for 2/6 to 3/- per lb—which is 1/- under Fiji-grown goat-meat.

Story of a 'Community Development' Project

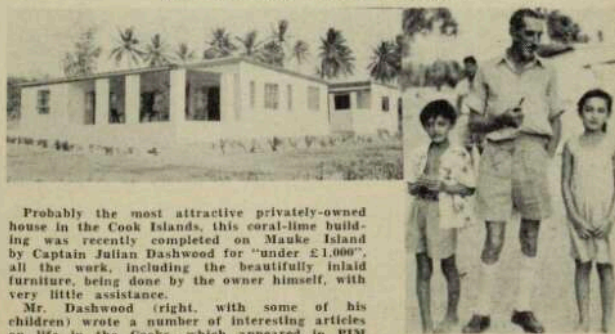
ALTHOUGH the South Pacific Commission has been at work for some years, the term "Pilot Project in Community Development" probably conveys nothing to the average Islands dweller. However, "community development" is very dear to the hearts of the earnest workers who are trying, under Commission direction, to plan higher standards of life for the Islands communities.

Mr. Howard Hayden, Director of Education in Fiji for many years, has written a book about an experiment in Community Development in Moturiki—a readable and attractive volume, just published by the Melbourne office of the Oxford University Press.

Moturiki is a long, thin verdant island of pleasant appearance, sheltering under the shoulder of Ovalau, at the eastern end of Viti Levu, in the Fiji group. There is on Moturiki a community of some 650 Fijians, self-contained in that they grow most of their own food, and sell in nearby Levuka enough copra and surplus food to purchase their modest needs in manufactured goods. They lived in the ancient Fijian way, almost untouched by "Europeanisation."

So, under joint Commission and Fiji Government direction, there went to Moturiki a carefully-selected team, to show the Moturikians how, by organised effort and less labour, they could get a good deal more out of life, without abandoning anything worth keeping in their present method of living. This new book tells the story and provides data of significance to all interested in native welfare in the Pacific Islands.

Julian Hillas Builds a House



Probably the most attractive privately-owned house in the Cook Islands, this coral-lime building was recently completed on Mauke Island by Captain Julian Dashwood for "under £1,000", all the work, including the beautifully inlaid furniture, being done by the owner himself, with very little assistance.

Mr. Dashwood (right, with some of his children) wrote a number of interesting articles on life in the Cooks, which appeared in PIM under the name of "Julian Hillas" back in the 1930's.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Application forms which can be obtained from Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd. (Island Agencies Department), 7 Bridge Street, Sydney, should be returned, completed, to The Secretary, B.S.I.P. Assistance Board, P.O. Box 24, British Solomon Islands. Applications received later than six months from the date of publication of this notice will not be considered.

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BOOKS

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Some Memories of the Late Eric Weiner

STORIES once current about Eric Weiner, former strong-arm dentist in Wau, New Guinea, have come back into circulation since Eric was unhappily killed in a road accident in NSW. Bill Gill, formerly a rubber-grower at Milne Bay, reminds us of two of them.

The new Papuan Hotel had been built in Port Moresby, and much admired by all, and New Guineans, passing through on the steamers, made a point of inspecting it. Eric Weiner visited there one evening, and he spoke disrespectfully about the new pub. A loyal Papuan remonstrated with him; and the festive Eric, always happy to engage, knocked him down. His pal leaped forward, and the lusty dentist dealt similarly with him.

The hotel manager, Frank Mahony—a son of the famous Sudest family—came in and tried to quieten Weiner. Weiner grabbed him, turned him upside-down, and tore his shirt off. The outraged manager sent for the police.

The police at that time comprised one European, somewhat undersized. He took one quick look at the brawling bar, and decided the matter called for consultation with his Superintendent; and he got on his horse and thankfully rode off to Konedobu, where the Super. lived. After that, they decided to in-

crease the size of their police in Port Moresby; and that was when "Big Tom Gough" was introduced—still favourably known to the present generation of Port folk.

Here is a story that Eric himself liked to tell. The barman at a hotel in Wau induced Weiner to make him an upper set of teeth; and then he quietly disappeared, with teeth not paid for.

Some time later, when in a hotel in Rabaul, Weiner met the barman. "And how is the plate?" he asked, genially.

The barman said it wasn't too good—hurt him a lot.

"Let's see it", said the dentist.

The barman handed it over.

"Poor job—I'm ashamed of it", said the dentist, and put it on the floor and ground it under his heel.

New Cook Islands Newspaper

The Cook Islands Administration, as a further move in its plans to improve liaison with the people of the widely scattered group, plans to commence publication of a monthly journal before the end of the year. Experimental broadcasts have been taking place with the same object. It is not known yet whether the pages of the new publication will be open to public correspondence as well as to the official view.

The editing will be undertaken as a part-time job by Mr. Gordon F. Russell, meteorological officer.

In 1953, the Cook Islands Further Education Department commenced

publication of a monthly, entitled, *Tumu Korero (This is the News)*, which presents in the main facets of Cook Islands history, customs, etc., and has never attempted to be a "news" dispenser.

News from the Coffee Front

LATE in October, the US Federal Trade Commission filed a formal complaint against the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, which markets 40 per cent. of the 3 million pounds annual coffee consumption of USA.

The charge is that the Exchange had restrained coffee trading over the past year, causing prices to rise out of all proportion to supply and demand.

Twelve months ago "futures" for October, 1954, were quoted at 58 cents. The actual spot price, October, 1954, was about 68 cents for Santos No. 4—the grade on which US prices are based. The spot price went to 94 cents in February, since when it has fallen steadily through buyer resistance—buyers purchased from Brazil in the July-September quarter only half the 4 million sacks bought in the same period in 1953. The price halted at around 70 cents through August, but has since dropped steeply.

US prices, of course, affect world prices and early November Australian buyers and sellers were adopting a "wait and see" policy, with no one prepared to quote. A further fall appeared certain.

Scouting in Fiji . . .



Scoutmasters from all over Fiji attended the first Wood Badge training course at Nasim, Suva, from September 14 to 22. Despite heavy rain the course was successful and was conducted by Training Commissioner Edgar Derrick and Assistant Roy McLister. Photo shows all those present during the nine days of training.

—Photo by Caine's Studios.

ISLANDS PRODUCE

(Unless otherwise stated, quotations are in Australian currency. Aust. £ equals approximately 24/- Stg., NZ. or W. Samoa; 22/6 Fiji; 30/- Tonga; 140 Pac. Francs; \$US2.24.)

COPRA

The official price paid by the British Ministry of Food for copra produced in British Territories in the South Pacific (Papua, New Guinea, Solomons, Gilbert and Ellice, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands) for the year as from January 1, 1954, is approximately £10 Sterling per

ton, f.o.b. chief Territories ports. Each Governmental authority, handling and shipping the copra, makes deductions from the £70 Stg., such charges being different in each Territory. The following are the prices now being paid, per ton, to growers in different Territories:—

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

	At Main Ports	Crushers, Ex-ship Sydney
Hot Air ..	£A75 0 0	£A97 0 0
FMS ..	£A74 5 0	£A97 0 0
8 m o k e - dried ..	£A71 10 0	£A96 0 0

Fiji

Pltn. . . .	£P70 15 6 (60 pts. & over)
FMS	£P70 10 0 (45-57½ pts.)

W. SAMOA:—After deductions producers receive approx. £A57/12/-, £A57/5/-, and £A56/15/- per ton under the three gradings in use.

E. SAMOA:—Government pays \$112 (£A50) per long ton, plus bonus at end of year if average proceeds higher.

SOLOMONS:—See page 26 this issue.

NEW HEBRIDES:—On October 12 £A58/2/- per ton f.o.b. Vila. (Producers receive 84 Pac. francs per kilo.)

COCOA:—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson, Ltd., Sydney) for which on November 4 was £Stg.407/10/- (£A509 approx.) c.i.f., ton, Cont. ports.

N.G.:—£A420 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

Samoa:—Sydney agents on November 6 quoted Samoa cocoa at £8350 (£A420 approx.), f.o.b. per ton, first grade.

COFFEE:—P.-N.G. Market unsteady, no Sydney quotation.

PEANUTS:—P.-N.G.:—Ready sale Sydney for Virginia Bunch, in shell, large, well cleaned, at 1/6 per lb.

RUBBER:—P.-N.G. price is based on Singapore price, which on Nov. 3 was 79.506 cents lb. RSS (1/3d Aust. approx.). No spot available. June shipment 23.37d Stg. quoted to London.

VANILLA BEANS:—Sydney quotation by Victor Karp, Tuk & Co., Tahiti. Supplies very short. Quotation nominal, 85/6, c.i.f.

RICE:—New season's (1954-1955) price is: P.-N.G.—Dry brown and dressed £83 f.o.b. per ton. Other Pacific Islands, including N.Z. dependencies, £90.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between Torres Strait producers and Otto Gerdau Co. (USA) for 1954: Sound grades, £A735; D, £A390; E, £A300; EE, £A225, all f.o.b. Australian port. Manihiki: £A390, c.i.f. Auckland, rising tendency.

TROCHUS SHELL.—Rising tendency. First Grade NG and N. Hebrides quoted early Nov. £A340 per ton, ex wharf Sydney, less rejects.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—N.G., 1st grade £A240 per ton less rejects, ex-wharf, Sydney. N.H., £230, ditto, B.S.I. No 1 grade £A180-£A200.

LONDON AND US PRICES

Copra: Straits, c.i.f. Cont. Ports, per ton, Oct. 25 spot, £Stg.74; Nov.-Dec. shipment, £Stg.72/10/-; New Hebrides, Nov. 4, afloat, 83,000 metrop. francs (£A106/10/- approx.) Philippines, US quote Oct. 25 \$201, Nov. 4 \$172.50, per short ton (£A101 and £A86/5/- approx. per long ton).

Cocunut Oil, c.i.f. Cont. Ports, in drums, per long ton, Straits, Nov. 4, £A136/17/-.

Cocoa, Oct. 18, W. African, Nov.-Dec. shipment, £Stg.360, c.i.f.; US quote, Bahia, Oct.-Nov. shipment, 39½ cents, Accra, Dec. shipment, 42 cents.

Coffee, US quote, Oct. 15, Santos-No. 4 spot 68 cents, Dec. shipment 61.5 cents; Colombia, spot 71 cents.

Trochus, Singapore, Oct. 18, for shipment £Stg.465, Maccassar £Stg.380, Mergui £Stg.325, Padang £Stg.300, all c.i.f.

Greensnail, Singapore Oct. 18, for shipment, £Stg.240.

ISLANDS MINING SHARES

Fiji

	Aug. 1939	July 1	Nov. 3
Emperor . .	b9/11	b17/9	s16/9
Loloma . . .	s25/6	b27/-	s26/3

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

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Oil Search .	s3/11	b32/-	s16/6
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Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b7/2	s5/3
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Sandy Creek .	b1/3	s6d	s9d

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Fiji.—Through BANK OF NSW, ANZ BANK and BANK OF NZ, Australia on Fiji basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A113. Fiji-London, basis £100 London B. £110/12/6; S. £112. NZ-Fiji, basis £100 NZ: B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ, Australia on Samoa basis £100 Samoa B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. Samoa London, basis £100 London: B. £100/7/6 S. £101/10/-. Samoa-NZ, basis £100 NZ B. £100; S. £100/10/-. Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

PAPUA - N.G.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kavieng, Madang), BANK OF NSW (branches: Pt Moresby, Lae, Bulolo, Rabaul, Madang, Samarai; agency: Wau) and ANZ BANK (Port Moresby) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-N.G. 10/- per £100.

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia-BSI: 10/- per £100.

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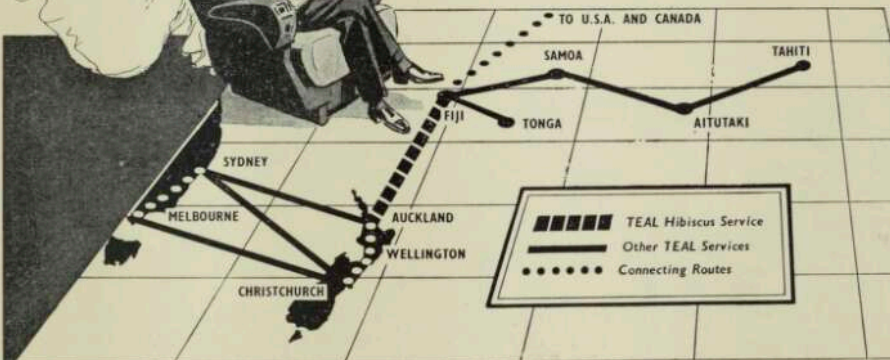
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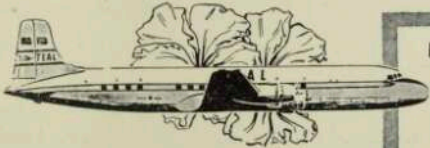


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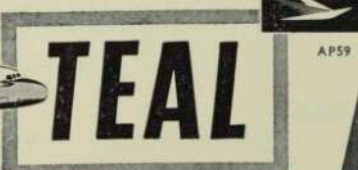
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Rabaul, Lae, Madang, Kavieng.

IN PAPUA:

Island Products Ltd.,
Port Moresby.

IN FIJI:

W. R. Carpenter & Co. (Fiji)
Ltd., Suva.