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A Papuan woman from Japen Island, Netherlands New Guinea, holding a local earthenware water pot which has been glazed with resin. The woman's dress is interesting and in contrast to that of the native women on the other side of the New Guinea border. On top of a long sarong she wears a jacket copied from that of Indonesian women.

—Photo by Jaap Zindler, Biak.

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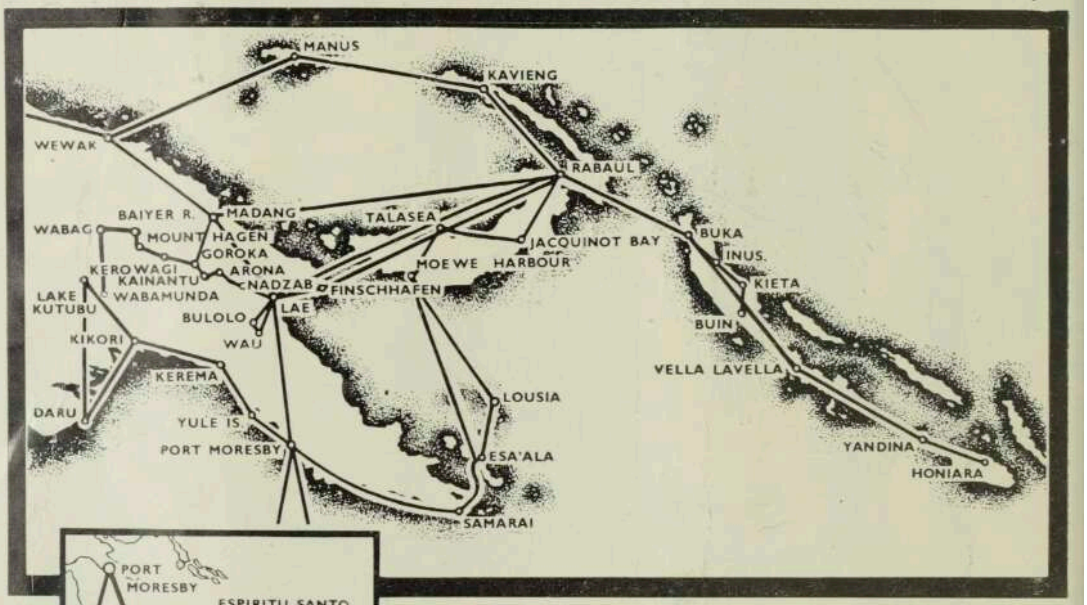
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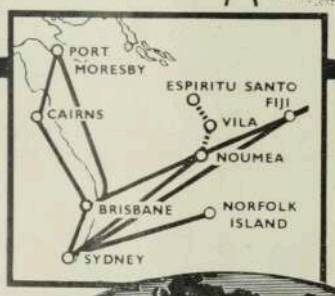
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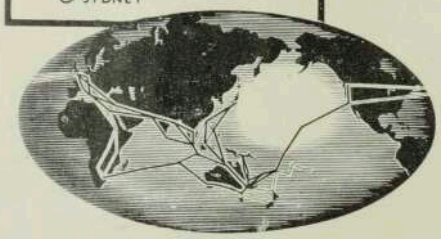
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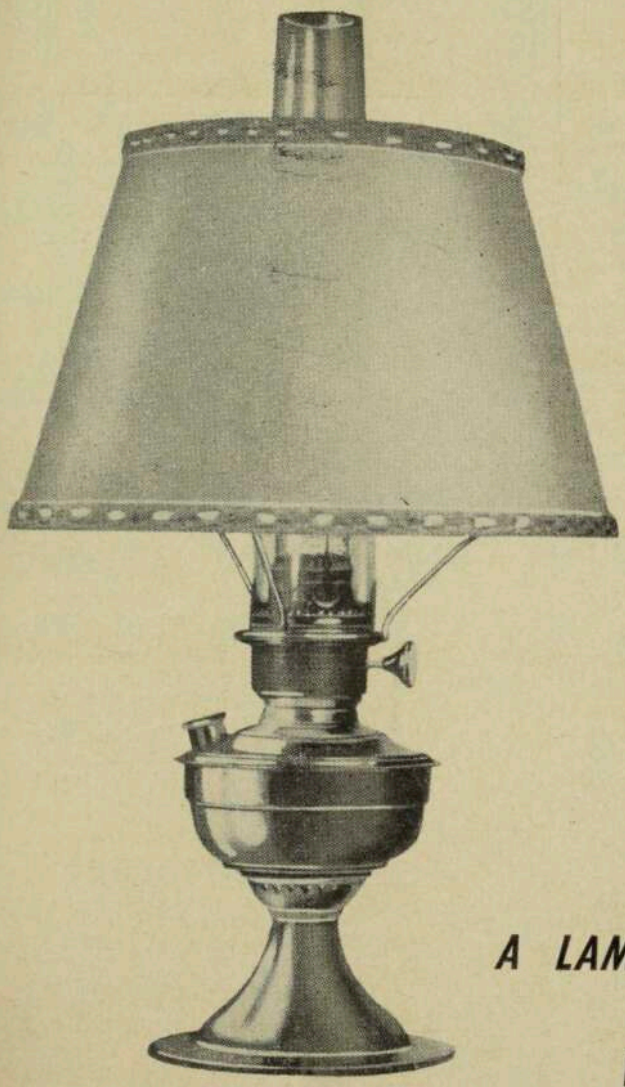
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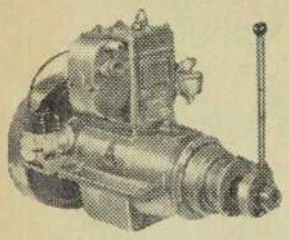
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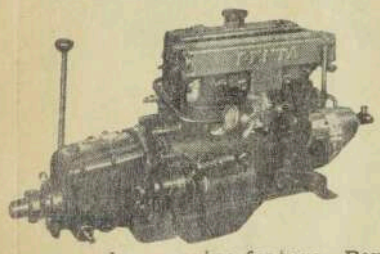
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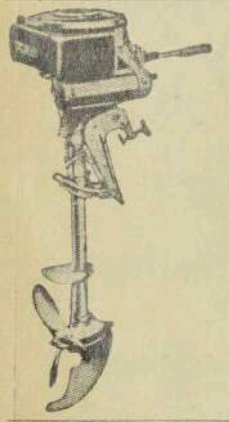
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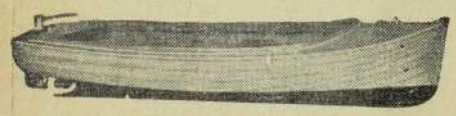


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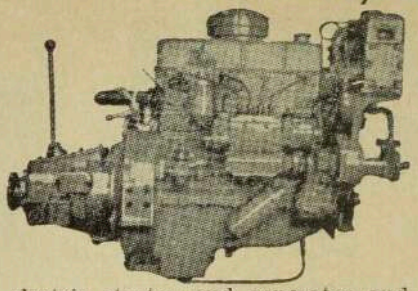
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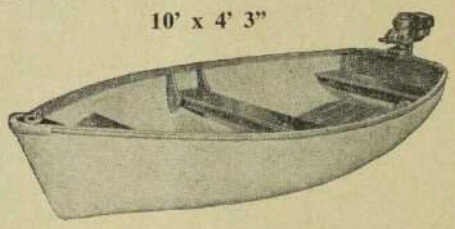
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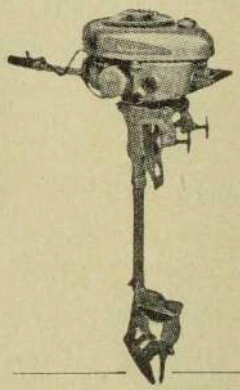
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Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., Bridge Street, Sydney.

MV Sinkiang: Sydney, Brisbane, Port oresby, and return.
MV Fukien: Sydney, Port Moresby, Lae, isbane, and Sydney/Melbourne.
MV Soochow and MV Shansi: Sydney, isbane, Port Moresby, Samarai, Lae, adang, Kavieng, Rabaul, Sydney, Mel-urne.
Next sailings: MV Fukien, May 5; MV ochow, May 13; MV Sinkiang, May 23; V Shansi, May 28.
The above dates are approximate, and ble to be altered by as much as two eks.
Details from New Guinea Australia Line . S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents), 6 Bridge . Sydney.

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

MV Tofua maintains a service from ckland to Suva, Nukualofa, Vavau, le, Pago Pago, Apia, Suva and return Auckland.
MV Matua maintains a service from ckland to Suva, Lautoka, Apia, Suva, llington, and return to Auckland. Each Autumn there is a temporary rearrangement of schedules while the respective vessels are on annual survey. Next sailings from Auckland are:
MV Tofua: April 26, May 24, June 21.
MV Matua: Leaving Auckland June 6, this vessel will follow the Tofua's normal route while that vessel is on survey.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The regular passenger vessel "Maui Pomare" is out of commission indefinitely. In consequence the Union Co.'s "Matua", normally on the Fiji-Samoa service, will make a special voyage, leaving Auckland about May 5, Rarotonga May 9-10, Mangaia May 11, Auckland May 17. In addition trans-Pacific freighters with very limited accommodation will call at Rarotonga only, as follows: "Waitomo" southbound mid-April; "Waitemata" southbound late May; "Wairuna" southbound mid-June. All will discharge at Auckland.

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.

Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

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Australia - New Zealand - Canada - USA

Sailings of Orient Line Passenger Ships, 1954-55.

		ORION 1955	ORSOVA 1955	ORONSAY 1955	ORCADES 1955	ORONSAY 1955
SYDNEY	depart	——	3 June	15 July	7 Oct.	18 Nov.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	——	6 June	18 July	10 Oct.	21 Nov.
SUVA	arr/dep	——	9 June	21 July	13 Oct.	24 Nov.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	——	14 June	26 July	18 Oct.	29 Nov.
VANCOUVER	arrive	——	20 June	1 Aug.	24 Oct.	5 Dec.
	depart	——	21 June	2 Aug.	25 Oct.	6 Dec.
SAN FRANCISCO	arr	——	23 June*	4 Aug.	27 Oct.	8 Dec.
	depart	——	——	5 Aug.	28 Oct.	9 Dec.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	24 Apl.	——	9 Aug.	1 Nov.	13 Dec.
SUVA	arr/dep	2 May	——	16 Aug.	8 Nov.	20 Dec.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	5 May	——	19 Aug.	11 Nov.	23 Dec.
SYDNEY	arrive	9 May	——	22 Aug.	14 Nov.	26 Dec.

* Thence to U.K. via Panama.

The liners Orsova and Orcades 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. Orcades will sail from London on August 22 bound for Sydney via the same route. She will arrive on October 1.

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

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, coming from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route.

Details from Messageries Maritimes. Luxurious new liners Caledonien and Tahitien recently added to this service.

Sailing dates:—

From Sydney: Tahitien, May 24; Caledonien, August 23.

From Papeete for Sydney: Caledonien, July 30; Tahitien, September 11.

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Next sailing: See advertisement bel

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Norwegian motor vessel Thorsisle, car ing cargo and passengers, maintains regular service between North Americ ports and French Oceania, Samoa, F New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

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

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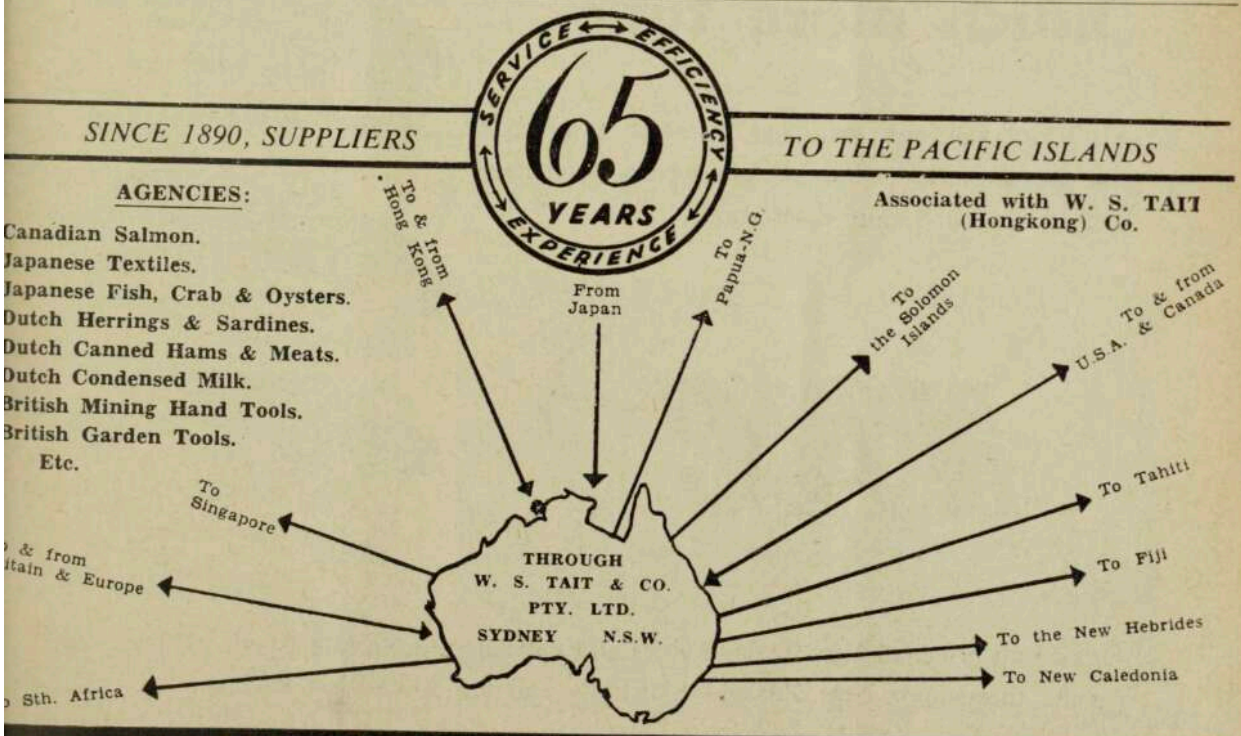
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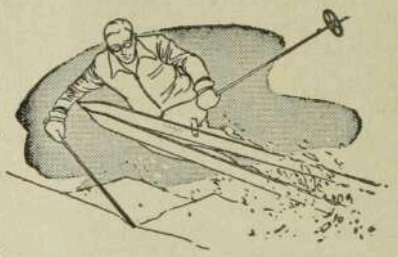


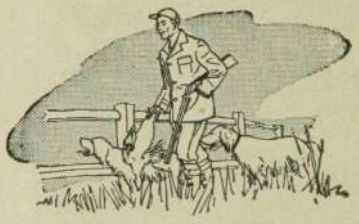
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lt. Fri., April 29, May 13, 27, etc.)

Thursdays
(Skymaster)

Depart:	Arrive:
dney, 8 pm	Brisbane, 10.45 pm
sbane, 11.45 pm	Townsville, 3.30 am
	(Friday)
wnsville, 4.15 am	Cairns, 5.25 am
rns, 6.25 am	Port Moresby, 9.15 am
rt Moresby, 10.35 am	Lae, 11.55 am

SOUTHWARDS
days, Wednesdays and alt. Saturdays (Skymaster)*

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

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DC3 operating Lae-Moresby sector.
lt. Saturdays, Apr. 2, 16, 30, etc.)

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LAE-MANUS (DC3)

ery Wednesday.

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rns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via avieng, Rabaul and Finschhafen; arr. ae, 2.55 pm.

MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)

Yule Is., Kerema, Kikori, L. Kutubu.— very alternate Friday returning same ay (Apr. 29, May 6, 20, etc.).

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Tue. (Apr. 5, 19, etc.) Port Moresby-marai-Esa'ala-Losuia-Moewe Harb - alasea-Jacquinot Bay-Rabaul. Return-g via same ports (except Losuia and a'ala optional) alt. Thu. (May 5, , etc.).

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Catalina)

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Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Buka-abaul.

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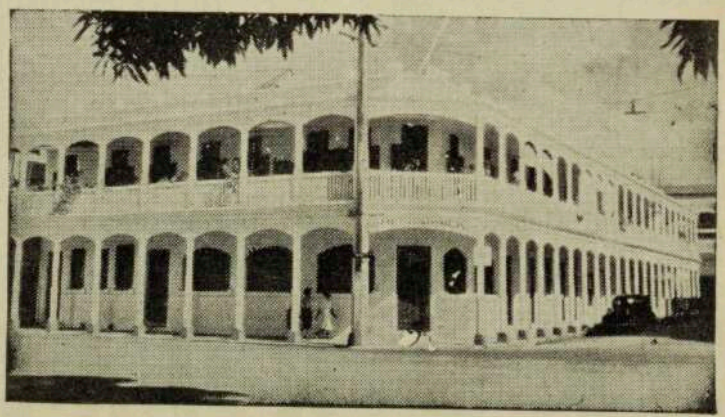
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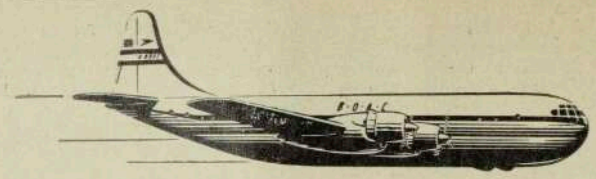


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"As most of the vehicles are for Noumea, traffic difficulties will be increased," writes a correspondent. "Accidents (most of them slight) are common in the town, and if the importation of cars continues at the present rate, the position will become desperate. Noumea's streets were never intended to carry the heavy traffic that has already been built up."

Pagopago Prisoner's Extra Activity

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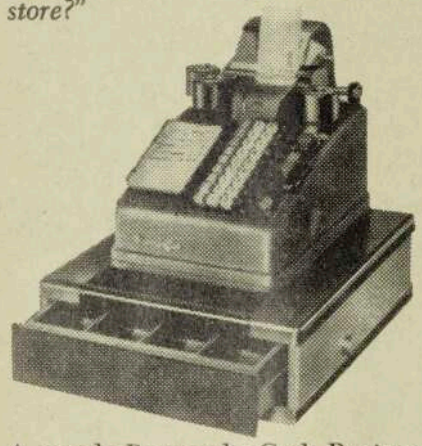
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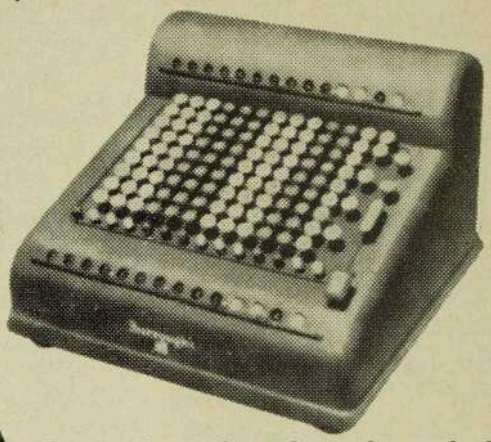
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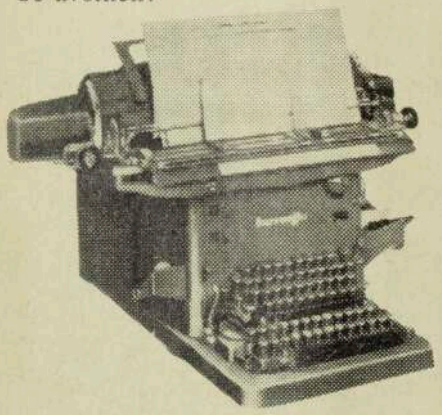
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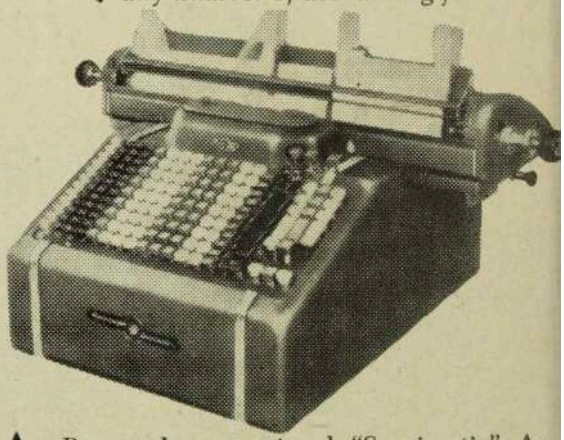
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Editorial . . .

ASIANS AND AFRICANS 'CONFER', WHILE HELL'S BROTH SIMMERS

READERS of this journal over the last ten years will not be surprised by the new orientation of South Pacific defence. Australian and New Zealand forces are going to Malaya—where a Fijian Battalion has been stationed for three years.

Ever since the erratic Australian Socialist leader, Evatt, connived at the betrayal of the Dutch in the Netherlands Indies, and threw his influence as a high official of United Nations in favour of the formation of the "Republic of Indonesia", and drove the Americans out of the great Manus base nearly 10 years ago—this journal consistently has pointed out that there is danger to our safety in the increasing Red penetration of Southeast Asia.

For years, our warnings were treated by Bureaucratic Brass and so-called Statesmen in the same way as were our warnings, in the 1930-40 period, against the ever-growing menace of Japan. Our rulers were a little late in recognising the Japanese danger; and they are similarly late in taking preparations to meet the thing that is taking shape in Southeast Asia.

There can be no argument about the meaning of the developments and events which have followed Moscow's decision, taken at the end of World War II, to organise and use Mongolian Asia against the British Commonwealth and the United States. In Moscow's view, the English-speaking world must be crushed, because it is Western civilisation's main bulwark against Muscovite Communism.

After 1945, a Red Government was placed in absolute control over China's 500 million people; Malaya was honeycombed by Reds; French control over Indo-China was determined, and the richest area (Northern Viet-Nam) transferred to Communism; the futility of the bumbling United Nations was demonstrated in Korea (still under an uneasy truce); Thibet was over-run and occupied by the Reds; Siam and Burma have been left in a state of panic; Afghanistan is so deeply penetrated by Red influence that it now is coming close to outright war with Pakistan; and the gang of political adventurers which the Japanese installed as a "government" in Indonesia before they departed in July 1946, now are kept in power by the Communists, and have a close and growing tie-up with Red China.

For years, both politicians and press in the South Pacific seemed to regard all those events as fortuitous and accidental and unconnected. But now even the most reluctant politicians have to admit that they conform with Moscow's world strategy—all are part of the pattern.

Now, Australia is falling over her own feet in her haste to "re-align Australian defence policy which, until now, has been based on conditions in the Middle East." She is doing now what she should have done six or seven years ago, when she conceived the Colombo Plan, and tried, by handing over many, many millions of pounds as a free gift, to induce the Southeastern Asiatics to stay at home and be good boys.

IT is difficult to see what actual good now can be achieved merely by sending Australian and NZ forces to Malaya. It is not military action—like policing the Malayan jungles against the Chinese terrorists—that is needed; but strong and ruthless political action, backed by military force, either to establish selected governments in all those Southeastern countries to stamp out and keep out all Communist activity; or to ensure that the nationalist governments already there shall maintain, without mercy, all measures necessary to prevent Communist penetration.

The post-war breed of politicians, however, will not attempt anything like that. The Anzac battalions probably will camp somewhere near Singapore, merely as a token force, to show that we are aligned with the Americans against the Muscovites. It is not even yet clear that the Anzacs will assume jungle guardianship, so that the overworked Fiji battalion—which has been kept in Malaya long beyond its allotted time—may return home.

THE Reds may be expected to continue their white-anting process; the further penetration of Indo-China and Indonesia will be followed by increasing Communist power in the so-called Parliaments of Siam and Burma; and when the seemingly inevitable explosion occurs, the Reds will be nicely placed in Southeast Asia to do the bidding of Moscow in relation to the South Pacific.

There are only two factors which perhaps may give us comfort at the moment. One is that efforts still are going on to get a Cold War Peace Conference at Prime Ministerial level—the idea being



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that, if such a conference were successful, Communism's outward thrust might be halted, in South-east Asia as elsewhere.

The other is the absence, from the Asian scene, of any mighty industrial machine such as that which equipped and maintained Japan's advance into the South Pacific.

If war comes, Russia's industrial potential will not have much to spare for Asia; and China's heavy industries, while growing quickly, still are negligible in comparison with what would be needed to maintain a war effort in the Pacific.

BUT if the worst were to happen, the South Pacific would be far more likely to attract attack early in World War III than was the case early in World War II.

Then, our lives were not greatly affected—until Japan came in late in 1941, we had only a few raiding ships in the Pacific to remind us that the Powers were engaged in armed conflict.

This time, if and when it comes, atomic bombs from long-range planes and submarines may reach the South Pacific countries before the actual declaration of war. Therefore, it is to our advantage that the armaments which the Asiatic Communists are building up for our undoing should be kept as far away as possible. The occupation of Malaya by our forces will assist in keeping the Red line at least in the latitude of Indo-China. We should have some little warning if we are to be attacked by aircraft from Saigon.

BUT—and this is a really ugly *but*—we of the South Pacific could be gravely embarrassed and endangered if the Reds succeed in building up secret bases in Indonesia, which lies well southwards of Malaya, and is actually within sight of the northwestern coasts of Australia and New Guinea.

While the situation steadily is deteriorating in Indo-China, it is fairly well under control in Malaya. But in Indonesia—between Malaya and the South Pacific countries—it is bad, and getting worse. The weak, babbling, inexperienced politicians of Indonesia are the natural prey of Communist agents; and the increasing build-up of underground Red organisation there does make us increasingly liable to a treacherous attack.

Our security can be guaranteed only if Western control were re-established over Indonesia, and maintained until the Indonesians were trained in the fundamentals of competent government. But, in a world over-run by sentimental theorists and dreamers, we cannot expect to see this situation dealt with in a practical way—not, that is, before and until the world reverts to war conditions.

. . .

And the irony of it all is that the Asia-Africa Conference — an anti-European manifestation due to commence at Bandoeng, Java, on April 18—proposes to discuss, under the heading of "Colonialism", the Indonesians' wholly indefensible claim to Western New Guinea.

In its final analysis, the Asia-Africa Conference has only one meaning. If European communities —especially those in the South Pacific—are to survive in the world that they have created, they must maintain superiority in arms, go always fully armed and realise that the way to racial survival does not lie through appeasement.

† The MV *Beaverbank*, aboard which Mr. G. R. Powles, High Commissioner of Western Samoa, and Mrs. Powles travelled on vacation to Europe, also lifted nearly 2,500 tons of copra and several hundred tons of cocoa beans for the United Kingdom late in March.

WIDESPREAD INTEREST

PIM's Quarter-Century Colour Photograph Competition

THE colour photograph competition which PIM is running in conjunction with its Quarter-Century special issue in July has aroused widespread interest. It has been also, an embarrassing success —so far as the judges are concerned. At closing date (March 31) over 200 entries had been received, quite 70 per cent of which are of high artistic and photographic standard.

Obviously colour photography has become a major hobby amongst Pacific Islands dwellers and we feel that, at present, we have a collection of "The Pacific in Colour" that is unique. We wish that we could do something with it, as a collection. But the exceedingly high cost of reproduction will limit us to only a fraction of the valuable material that has been sent to us.

As well as the first prize of £25 for what we consider is the "star" photo, we propose to use several others in our Quarter-Century issue. For these latter we will pay £5 per transparency. One of the photographs chosen—not necessarily the £25 first-prize winner—will be used on the cover.

Prize winners will be announced in May or June PIM. All unused transparencies will be returned to their owners in due course.

Dr. Bedell Arrives In S. Paci

A FAMOUS American specia in the field of internatio education, Dr. Ralph Clai Bedell, B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D., new appointed Secretary-General of South Pacific Commission, arri in Sydney by Pan-American A ways on April 7, en route to S headquarters in Noumea, N Caledonia.

Although his visit clashed w the Easter holidays, most of th interested in the South Pac Commission met Dr. Bedell various functions, or privately. and Mrs. H. E. Maude on April brought together at an even reception a considerable num who wanted to meet the Secretary-General and his wife. Bedell visited high officials Melbourne and Canberra bef departing for Noumea on April

Dr. Bedell was formally insta in his new post on March 1, bef he left Washington. Those attended the ceremony inclu Ministers or other high offic representing the six Mem Nations—Britain, France, Austra New Zealand, United States, Netherlands.

PIM EDITOR VISITING FAR EAST AND EURO

The founder and editor of *Pacific Islands Monthly*, Mr. R. Robson, is booked to leave Syd early in May, for the Far East, Europe. While in the East, Robson will seek official permiss to visit the Fiji Battalion stationed in Malaya.

From Singapore, Mr. Robson go on to London, and will sp some time in Europe before retu ing next October.

PIM QUARTER CENTURY ISS

The *Pacific Islands Monthly* established by Mr. Robson in 1 and the issue of next July will the magazine's Quarter-Cent Issue, and will carry a numbe special features. There will, course, be a review of the Sc Pacific events of the 25 years, wh include a depression, a World W an Invasion, a Cold War, an flation and an Economic Boom.

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Sir Robert Stanley, KBE

THE British High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Sir Robert Stanley, who has jurisdiction over the Solomons, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and Britain's share of the New Hebrides Condominium, paid a farewell visit to the G and E Group in March. Sir Robert is due to retire from the Colonial Service later in 1955.

Suva Calling . . .



Young lady ringing up the grocer? No, big lady speaking to Suva from 200 miles away and saying: "ZQG8 Naitauba calling; ZQG8 Naitauba calling. Are you receiving me, Miss Swan? Are you receiving me? Over."

The young lady is Miss Liz Hennings; she is keeping her daily 10.45 a.m. sked with Suva by radio-telephone, the small instrument no larger than a table radio which has taken the distance and the isolation out of living in the remoter islands of Fiji. Not only can you speak to Miss Swan (or one of the other radio mothers who look after a special group of charges) and receive and send messages, but you can be connected to any telephone number in Suva and so add last minute items to your grocery order, conduct business, make a social call or even seek medical advice. Apart from the fact that one must operate a "Listen" and "Speak" knob on the set, and perpetuate one's conversation with the formula "Overs", the whole thing is as efficient as an ordinary land telephone service—and a great deal more efficient and considerably less frustrating and interesting than Suva's present service.

A CAUTIOUS OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

'Important' Gold Discovery Could Change Solomons' Economic Outlook

Announcement of gold discoveries at Gold Ridge, Guadalcanal, BSIP, virtually ignored by the Press in Australia, could be of economic significance to that Cinderella territory, and to the British Commonwealth.

A press statement was issued on April 2 by the Western Pacific High Commissioner. It said:

"Gold lodes believed to be of some importance, have been discovered at Gold Ridge.

"They are the source of the concentrations of alluvial gold in the Tsarivonga, Sorvohio, and Metapona Rivers, on the northern side of the central mountains of Guadalcanal. They are a 'tricky' type of deposit, with surface indications resembling closely those of Fiji.

"The three Government Geologists of the Survey visited Gold Ridge with an equipped labour force on March 14, 1955. Plans were based on previous prospecting activities and geological investigations.

"A tunnel was started at Kuper's Creek on the site of a 1950 sample which indicated values in excess of 2½ oz of gold to the ton. Before the end of the first day's work it was apparent that a long-sought-after lode had been struck.

"Free gold was visible in hand specimens.

"Once recognised, the form of the lode and its surface indications were studied; and it was possible to move immediately to other parts of the field and identify surface indications observed in 1950 as being of two other similar lode bodies. The geological environment favours the occurrence of other lodes.

"Samples have been taken, and until these are assayed the tenor of the lode-bodies cannot be known. Considerable development work will be necessary in order to ascertain their extent.

"Surface prospecting is virtually impossible near the ridge crest, owing to deep weathering and leaching of the ore bodies. Diamond drilling is recommended.

"After being abandoned for some years the area has recently been granted, under prospecting license, to the Balasuna Syndicate (J. A. Johnstone, manager), the pre-war holders, who were responsible for earlier mining activity in this area.

"Twenty-two miles to the south-east of Honiara, Gold Ridge is a steep-sided spur, which rises 1,200 feet in its 1½ miles of length from the confluence of the Sorvohio and Tsarivonga Rivers. From the now dilapidated house erected by the Theodore interests on the summit, just outside the southern boundary of the leases, a magnificent panorama of the northern coastal plains can be enjoyed. It was from here that coast-watchers observed the movements of Japanese forces, and the battle which followed the American landings, in 1942."

That ends the official statement, but some further details are available from Mr. Grover, who came to Sydney immediately following the March discovery, and was interviewed on April 7.

He said that the field is in some respects fortunately placed, because an American war-time road exists as far as the Tinahula River, several miles from Gold Ridge. Beyond that, a road would have to be built over difficult country. At present, all materials must be carried by native porters. The entire area is covered with dense rain forest.

Mr. Grover said that the Kuper's Creek strike was on a steeply-dipping lode of the reticulated quartz veinlet type, with numerous veins containing free gold, and it obviously is the source of the free gold sluiced from the creek in pre-war years.

The second lode, in the south of the field—which had been visible for years but unrecognised as an ore body—showed no signs of free gold; but the ground below it had been thoroughly sluiced in the past, and pits and tunnels driven in search of it then had narrowly missed it.

The third lode mentioned is at least 15 feet wide, and some rich but limited concentrations of gold were found in surface outcrops there.

The three lodes, said Mr. Grover, when plotted on the topographical map, assumed immediate importance, and explained several features which had been unexplained since 1950—in particular, the rich gold concentrations on Williamson's pre-war lease.

First indications suggest that these three bodies are extensive; but considerable underground developmental work is needed to confirm the extent and richness of the ore. The Geological Survey will carry out future sampling as the lease-holders develop further the tunnels and cross-cuts which the Survey started.

Honiara would be the port of access to the field, said Mr. Grover. No immediate labour problem should be encountered, as it should be possible to obtain labourers from the southern coastal villages.

FIRST SEEN 400 YEARS AGO

THE history of gold in the Solomons goes back to the discovery of alluvial deposits by miners with Mendana's expedition

on May 19, 1568, believed to have been at the mouth of the Metapona River (in the headwaters of which is Gold Ridge).

But the recent history begins in 1930, when a Mr. Kajewski, an Australian botanist, known to the natives as "Mr. Leaf" (and now believed to be living in Queensland) discovered gold. As a result, Gold Ridge and the rivers below it became the scene of active prospecting on a fairly large scale between 1935-54, with several small mines operating. Several syndicates were engaged in sluicing on the Ridge, but efforts to locate the lodes were unsuccessful.

The Balasuna Syndicate (Australian, known as the "Silent Six"), spent a lot of money on developmental work, channelling water from a river some miles away. They sluiced some areas and drove three tunnels into the ridge, as well as excavating numerous pits and trenches.

Then came the war, and the field was abandoned.

The Theodore interests, associated with the phenomenally successful Emperor and Loloma gold mines, Fiji, went to the area in 1941, to prospect some hundreds of square miles of central Guadalcanal, surrounding these existing known goldfields—which were specifically excluded from the Theodore agreement, but in which the latter showed great interest.

After the war, some prospectors returned, but they were discouraged by labour and other problems, and some of the pre-war prospectors were now too old for the hard conditions.

The Theodore group also returned to the same pre-war areas (which excluded Gold Ridge). They proposed to spend at least £10,000 per year for five years—under agreed conditions. But trouble arose over the so-called "one-mineral rule," a post-war development of the mining laws of all British Colonial Territories, which has since been removed. Under its terms, the company had the right to prospect for one specified mineral — rights to others found in the process of exploitation might not be granted. No big mining organisation would accept this. After a personal appeal by Mr. Theordore to the Secretary of State in London had failed, the Fiji group withdrew from the Solomons in May, 1946. (See PIM, January, 1947, p. 8).

In 1948, the Balasuna Syndicate was the sole remaining prospecting organisation. It interested Mr. E. R. Hudson, of Broken Hill, in the area, and Mr. J. C. Grover and Mr. H. J. C. Conolly were engaged to make a geological survey. Certain aspects were reported encouraging, and in 1949 Mr. Grover and Dr. Owen Jones were sent to make further geological investigations, to ascertain whether the whole mass of the Ridge was a large low-grade proposition. The answer was negative, but the field was further narrowed. Mr. Hudson then withdrew and the lease lapsed for 5 years.

Mr. Grover was engaged by the British Government in 1950 and narrowed the field still further during nine weeks' work.

In 1952, Anglo Oriental (Malaya) Ltd. took a prospecting license covering the field, but later cancelled it.

As there was no further interest at the end of 1954 by outsiders it was decided by the Senior Geologist that the Geological Survey team, which had numbered three geologists since the end of 1953, should spend two weeks in further investigating Mr. Grover's 1950 recommendations to the Government. As a result of this action the present announcement has been made.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

When the Coral Worm Loses Its Tail

Note on the mysterious Rising of the Palolo has been received from Mr. C. G. R. McKay, of NZ, formerly of Western Samoa.

Writing in SPC Bulletin in July, 1953, Mr. McKay evolved the following formula: *The Palolo rises on the 7th morning after the full moon (nearest to the end of October), being that last quarter of the moon nearest to the day when the sun passes over the zenith on its way southward. . .*

Mr. McKay's theory of the reason: The parent anelid, deep down in the coral, requires a combination of light and of minimum water pressure to activate its reproductive processes. The sun, at its zenith, provides the direct heat and light. Within a few days thereafter there comes the very low tide which attends the zenith sun in that region. The combination brings about the spawning of the coral worm, or Palolo.

This, in rather better words, is substantially the theory which we presented in recent articles in this journal.

Padre Sherwin Remembers New Guinea

One man prominent in Anzac Day reunions in South Australia this month will be the vicar of St. John's Church, Murray Bridge—but much better known in New Guinea as Patre V. H. Sherwin, of the 17th Australian Infantry Brigade, AIF. Padre Sherwin was active in the Morobe Goldfields heyday; and between 1941 and 1946 he seemed to be in every bit of unpleasantness in Salamaua, Wau, Lae, Wewak and Rabaul.

"The longer I remain in 'civili tion' (said he, in a recent lett the deeper and more reverent comes my estimation of the syst and the men whom I knew in in the years when such names Bill Money, 'Sharkeye' Park, Bridge, Ian Mack, etc., etc., w not memories, but familiar face

"I had a session with Joh Robins recently. He was one of pilots pre-War, and immortali himself in a famous exhibition aerobatics over Wau, Salama Bulolo, Lae, the *Macdhui*, and Jacobsen's cockaroo farm up Markham—in a Stinson pla Strong men swore, women got vapours, and Carl Jacobsen's co aroos had a first-class moult! was a good show."

Did You Know About Westhoven?

Can anyone provide some det of an inland prospecting trip m in the area of the Delta Divis of Papua, about 1934, by (Frank?) Westhoven? If so, the would be gratefully receiv by Mr. S. C. Chance, PO Box 1 Brisbane.

Mr. Chance is compiling account of "Explorations in Delta Division (Papua)", from time of Staniforth Smith, Pratt Bell, W. H. H. Thompson, and Ryan (the latter severely woun at the Bamu River), right thro to Claude Champion and Ge Anderson. He has details of crossing of New Guinea by Leahy and Mick Dwyer. But cannot locate an account of W hoven's trip.

It should be a valuable comp tion and Mr. Chance deserves help he can get.

Not a Matador

It comes from a P. Mor resident, and it is almost too a be true:

They were unloading a bull a ship. The bull broke loose began capering around. All h sought tall timber. One lad wa the direct line of fire. "Stop bull!" they roared at him.

He leaped like a monkey f ladder. "Not me," he shouted a stevedore—not a matador!"

What Does 'Mess' Mean In Administration?

From an American reade Guam, after subscribing for year to Pacific Islands Month

"It is interesting to note tha Americans are making just as l mess out of their Trust Terr

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n Micronesia as the British and ustralians appear to be doing in heir respective Territories and landates. Since the war, I have pent several years in and around olomon Islands, New Guinea, and ew Britain and Bougainville areas, nd I feel that such a comparison justified."

It is difficult to generalise in such atters. Non-official folk judge adinistration methods by the andards of commerce. In comerce, if an enterprise is not conicted at a profit, it must perish. rofit-making calls for foresight, inistry and efficiency. If Administation is carried on with grants ovided by guardian countries (New uinea and Solomons and Micro-sia are good examples) then the les of commerce do not necessarily pply and—especially if there are lot of idealists running the adinistration—the things that hapn often sicken the soul of the alists of private enterprise. . .

As always, it comes back to the dividual. Many individuals — too any—are apt to regard a "Governnt job" as making no call for e qualities of industry and efficicy—without which, in competitive ivate enterprise, they could not e.

nother Shangri-La

Comment by a retired P-NG Disct official on the announcement t Patrol Officer James W. Kent d discovered a new valley full of tives of a very friendly and perior type, in NW Papua, near e Dutch border:

'Wot, still another Shangri La! ere is no doubt that the present- Patrol Officers are a race of per-men. . . This place they deibe cannot be far from the ntry which Karius and Leo sten traversed over 25 years ago."

ey Hated 'Excellency'

am much amused by Canberra's istance to any move to give a her title to the Administrator of pua and New Guinea (writes SCH, ormer RM in Papua).

When Sir Hubert Murray was utenant-Governor of Papua, he "His Excellency," and he rcised all the privileges of his tus. Politician Ministers and nberra officials, who would very ch have liked to push him und, simply hated the set-up; l it was a foregone conclusion Papua that when the next head the Territory was appointed, he uld be an Administrator with a e (His Honour) no higher than t of the gentleman who held the ritories portfolio.

see nothing wrong with the es of Administrator and His Honour; but I see everything wrong with the present system under which all the power and authority remain in Canberra with the Ministerial and official heads of the Territories Department.

Mysterious NH Visitors

According to a New Hebrides correspondent, writing on February 27, the British Resident Commissioner had then just arrived back from Maewe Island, where he had been investigating an extraordinary report.

The local natives say that a party of heavily-armed Europeans came ashore on the island earlier in the month. They said the men were in military uniform. As far as we know the Resident Commissioner's investigations failed to shed any light on the incident.

He Really Earned That Medal

If there is one craft that really meets difficulties in the Pacific Islands it is modern printing. Hand composition is simple; but as soon as linotypes and semi-automatic presses are introduced, the troubles commence. Such machines should be kept under the eyes of experts; and, when a spare part is needed, it is needed urgently. Experts and spare parts usually are thousands of miles away, in Auckland and Sydney.

So (writes a correspondent) Mr. Walter Bock thoroughly deserved the Imperial Service Medal awarded him recently. He went to Papua as a Government compositor in 1912, when conditions were primitive; he became Government Printer in 1934; and he filled that position until retirement in 1953. Only another printer and publisher can have any idea of the practical difficulties Mr. Bock met and conquered in those 40 years of long and efficient service. He still is residing in PM.

In Memory of Rupert Brooke

ON the eve of the Gallipoli Campaign, 40 years ago, died Rupert Brooke, who has been described as England's most gifted lyric poet at the outbreak of World War I. Although only 27 at his death, he was already something of a legend.

He is remembered yet in Tahiti and other parts of the South Seas which he visited about 18 months before his death—although his poems are perhaps not as well-remembered as they might be.

A long article about Brooke will appear in the May issue of PIM.

BULOLO GOLD RETURN

Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., Vancouver, reports a decline in both yardage dredged and gold recovered for the quarter ended on February 28.

Comparative figures for December - February are:

	1955	1954
Yardage dredged	3,407,700	4,442,330
Ounces fine gold	15,096	18,973

For nine months ended February 28:

Yardage dredged	11,454,150	10,874,180
Ounces fine gold	45,628	55,757

† Police Superintendent Ronald C. Clammer, of Rabaul, NG, in March was spending part of his leave in Southeast Queensland (otherwise known as "the Gold Coast").

Rabaul Nurse Returns

Miss Diana Mack, of Rabaul, who is nursing at a Sydney hospital, left Mascot, on March 24, to visit her mother in New Britain. This farewell party at the airport comprised (left to right): Miss M. Woolnough, formerly a Methodist missionary in TNG, Nurse Lily Lo, Nurse Jill Walsh, Nurse Mack, Mrs. Walsh, Miss Woolnough and Mr. J. Walsh, formerly of Nelson and Robertson Pty., Ltd., who had recently returned from New Guinea.
Photo: B. Liu.



CO-OPERATION IN S. PACIFIC URGED, BECAUSE—

Copra Planters Could be in Trouble after 1957

With the MOF Copra Agreement less than three years to run, and the free world price of copra declining, all interested British countries in the South Pacific should unite to organise a selling organisation to come into operation after 1957.

THE initiative has already come from planters in Papua-New Guinea where their representatives in the P-NG Legislative Council in March, urged the Australian Government to invite other interested Governments, such as Fiji and New Zealand, to join Australia in discussions.

It is realised that any discussions and any organisation that might be set up subsequently, would have to be on a Government level. Many planters in P-NG have already expressed the fear that British producers of copra might again become the victims of the Unilever combine when the present arrangement ends.

Mr. B. Fairfax Ross, a nominated member of P-NG Legislative Council, who is also President of the Papuan Planters' Association, said growers had to decide whether to continue with bulk marketing after 1957, or to sell individually.

There were grave dangers in the individual system—dangers that the price would revert to the weakest seller. Mr. Ross said many planters believed it a good idea to retain the present Papua-New Guinea Copra Marketing Board, with government backing.

He was supported by Mr. Bob Bunting, another nominated member, and by Mr. Don Barrett, elected member for the New Guinea Islands, who is also president of the New Guinea Planters' Association.

Mr. Barrett suggested a meeting of all copra producers in the Territory to find a common ground on which to establish the future of the industry. He said his Association was at present conducting a survey of the opinions of all its members and the results would be sent to Canberra.

A TAX IS CANCELLED

A FEW months ago, the Australian Customs Authorities decided to put a special tax upon small boats built in Australia for the Islands, and equipped with British motors. Australian boat-builders, agents for British motors, and Islands boat-users united in protest. The offensive measure—which was actually an attempt to protect Australian-built motors in this Islands trade—was withdrawn early in April.

More Trouble on Coral Route

TASMAN Empire Airways Coral Route service received another set-back early in April due to breakdown in navigational facilities in Western Samoa.

It came at a time when TEAL was getting its Fiji-Tahiti Coral Route Service reorganised following the recent grounding of the Mk.IV Solent aircraft.

On April 5, it was announced from Auckland that the Satapuala-Faleolo airport on Upolu, Western Samoa—the airport for Apia—was closed forthwith, and would probably remain so for the next six or eight weeks due to a breakdown of radio navigational facilities there. The Coral Route Service, Suva-Aitutaki-Papeete will continue—that is, TEAL will over-fly Satapuala.

The Solent Mk.IV's used on the service had been grounded in late February after the discovery of a fault in the wings of a similar type of aircraft of about the same age in England, due to metal fatigue.

Pending the preparation of an earlier-type Mk.III Solent, which carries a smaller pay-load and which had been held in reserve in Auckland, TEAL hired a Qantas Sandringham to make several flights on the Coral Route. The Mk.III was in service and the Mk.IV's were expected back within a few weeks, when the April 5 announcement came.

The interruption is serious for Pacific communications generally, and particularly coming as it does when the tourist season is due to begin.

¶ Colonel and Mrs. H. T. Allan, formerly of New Guinea, and now of Mullaway, Woolgoolga, NSW, are booked to sail from Sydney on a leisurely world tour, via the Far East, at the end of May. They will be in Europe in August and September. Colonel Allan has made a good recovery from the illness which overtook him in February.

Cold War In Pacific—

NEW ANZAC FORCES FOR MALAYA

NEW ZEALAND, in order to ma sure that an enemy engaged infiltration and subversion co be stopped before he reached t Dominion, has undertaken consid able commitments in Malaya.

The Prime Minister (Mr. S. Holland) told the NZ Parliament March 24, that he had recommend to Cabinet that the Dominion sho send air squadrons, naval units a a commando squadron to Mala and should raise an infantry divisi with armour, artillery and ancill units, "for use if necessary in t Pacific area in the event of war.

NZ, said Mr. Holland, had agre to send two frigates—and a thi if necessary—to Malaya.

This is additional to the grou attack squadron and half a tra port squadron which NZ had alrea promised to send to Malaya.

Half a reconnaissance flyi boat squadron, now based in F would be made available for serv in Malaya.

The Australian Prime Minis (Mr. R. G. Menzies) said on Ma 26, after his return from Lond "It is vital for Australia that Mala and Singapore be defended w success against attack. . . She has desire to leave her defence to othe

A Canberra announcement sta that Australia would train a co plete Army division for use south-east Asia. A battalion wh the Federal Government was pl ning to send to Malaya would only an immediate token gestu

The proposed new division, 20,000 trained men, would be a to reach any Asiatic trouble-s in a matter of days. It was p posed to spend £A30,000,000 modern US transport planes, ens ing great mobility for the divisi

Norster-Hewitt Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. John Norster leaving John's on the Hill, Port Moresby, a their wedding on March 8. Mrs. No was formerly Miss Mary Hewitt, of P-NG Administration.

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EXCELLENCY" TABU!

USTRALIA AND P-NG ADMINISTRATOR

ANBERRA resistance to any improvement in the official and plomatic status of the man in arge of Papua and New Guinea typical of the mean and narrow tlook of the Australian Department Territories in matters of this kind.

Here are the titles of the governntal heads of all the other big rritories in the South Pacific:

British Solomons — High Comssioner.

Fiji—Governor.

Western Samoa — High Comssioner.

New Caledonia — High Comssioner.

American Samoa—Governor.

Cook Islands — Resident Comssioner.

French Oceania—Governor.

n practically all these cases, the n occupying the position is dressed as "Your Excellency."

But in Papua and New Guinea—ich in area, population and trade nover is the largest Territory in South Pacific—the man at the is Administrator, and is entitled y to be called "Your Honour".

But the Administrator of Papua d New Guinea probably is subted to far more bureaucratic erference from official headrters than any Governor or High mmissioner. Maybe, if he were nted the higher status, Canberra ld not order him around in the that Canberra appears now to Maybe, that is why Canberra sts the change. There seems to no other reason.

HERE were only four members—all Government members—who voted against a motion in the G Legislative Council in March the title of Administrator be nged to that of High Comsioner.

he matter originated at the ember sitting; and, in the rim, Minister for Territories luck announced that the title of h Commissioner would be unable—"Administrator" adequateerved the purpose.

Port Moresby this was coned as an attempt by the ister to tell the Government bers of the Council how they ld vote in March.

hen the motion came up in ch, the Assistant Administrator, Rupert Wilson, said that he done some research and found the present title was quite able. It served very well in h Africa. It did not mean the Administrator at official functions anywhere lost the precedence to which he was entitled.

"In these circumstances," he said, "I cannot support a motion whose only effect would be to change a logical designation into an inappropriate one, and which alteration would not in any way vary the present power, authority, ranking and precedence of the holder."

After that forthright utterance, nobody seemed to want to take part in the debate, so Mr. E. A. James had the reply.

He said he couldn't see what South Africa had to do with it, because the debate concerned the effect of the title of Administrator in the Pacific; and undoubtedly a changed title, from Administrator to High Commissioner, would improve the status of the head of Papua and New Guinea internationally.

The international sphere was the important one; and (said Mr. James) "Mr. Wilson, I suggest, is falling into an error which apparently was fallen into lately by another critic not in this Chamber, and that is that they are being prescribed in their outlook by looking at this with the Australian view."

The president (the Administrator) told members they could vote on the matter according to their consciences. Mr. James asked for a division. The four who voted against the motion were the Assistant Administrator; the Government Secretary (Mr. S. Lonergan); the Director of District Services (Mr. A. Roberts); and the Collector of Customs (Mr. T. Grahamslaw).

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years ago.

AT this time in 1935, the South Pacific—probably because of growing Italian and German ambitions in Europe—slowly began to emerge from the Depression. Certainly it did not emerge very far before war conditions smote it, but most commodity prices began to move from the starvation levels they had occupied in the previous four years. There were no "rich planters" then—but they managed to exist. And, of course, there were some rich goldminers.

Here are some other extracts from our issue of April, 1935:

Reorganisation of the Administration of Norfolk Island was under way — an Advisory Council was to replace an Executive Council; the Administrator to consult the Advisory Council on matters of public expenditure. These and other reforms were expected to "remove a certain antagonism against the Administrator".

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Queen Salote was planning a trip to England and was expected to take with her as a present to King George V, on his Silver Jubilee, Tui Malila, the Royal Tortoise that Captain Cook is supposed to have given to one of Queen Salote's ancestors. (Somehow neither the visit nor the gift seems to have eventuated. George V's grand-daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, admired the Royal tortoise during her visit to Nukualofa in December, 1953).

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What happened to the 4,000 or 5,000 confessed Indonesian and Eurasian communists who, in 1935, were living in special camps far up the Digoel River in Dutch New Guinea? In April, 1935, we had a long article about these people whom the Dutch had marooned in what was described as the "centre of the great untamed island of New Guinea".

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The Union Company was calling tenders for a 3,500 tons vessel for the Auckland-Fiji - Tonga - Samoa run. (When she eventuated she was called "Matua", but in the meantime the service was carried on by a series of makeshifts. The depression years had been a period of ship withdrawals from that part of the Pacific —presumably New Zealanders were not eating so many bananas in those days).

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A Hollywood party of 60, including Charles Laughton and Clark Gable, were reported to be en route to Tahiti to film "Mutiny on the Bounty".

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Fiji was having a gold boom "in spite of what the Fiji Government has done to discourage speculations". (Discouragement unspecified). £10 shares in the Aloha Syndicate, which had an option over a block held by Costello interests in the centre of Tavua field, had soared to £430.

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In the same month the directors of New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., had decided to write down capital by about 75 per cent. —from £4,472,331 to £1,118,081.

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Port Moresby was talking about a water supply from the Laloki River to replace the storage tank and the queer roof catchment on the hill behind the town. But some residents were cautious—it was premature, they said, for a small population of 350 to saddle itself with a debt of £20,000. (Population of Moresby is now about 5,000—they waited until after the war for the Laloki supply—and it probably cost more than £20,000.)

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There were indications, we said, that the Samoan Mau was breaking up as a political body. Many of the Chiefs were withdrawing their support; others were only luke-warm.

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A prophecy that did not come true: "Though the depressing effect of whale oil flooding the copra market is only one of the factors that tends to lower the price of the South Seas principal product, Pacific Islands planters will be cheered to learn that the recent indiscriminate slaughter of whales had decimated the sluggish leviathans and that within a decade whale oil competition will be nothing more than a dark memory".

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Fashion Note: "Clothes come to us classically simple in design, shrieking sophistication and poise, bouffant, billowy and 'Little Women-ish', with the eternal feminine in every fold."*

Changes in Pacific Air Services

WORK has been proceeding on Tontouta aerodrome, New Caledonia, with the ultimate intention of making it fit for 64-tons Pan American Stratocruisers.

According to our Noumea correspondent, Pan American has signified that it is willing again to include New Caledonia in its trans-Pacific services if Tontouta is brought up to international standard.

When Pan American resumed its trans-Pacific services after the war, Tontouta was included in the service. The Company then used Skymaster aircraft.

In the last 12 months, drainage of the main runway has been undertaken, surface has been improved and the French aerial technical service now considers that it could take Super Constellation aircraft. Stratocruisers are about five tons heavier.

It is believed that it will be some time before Tontouta will be classed as up to Stratocruiser standard—due, our correspondent states, to the small financial allocations made to the French Civil Aviation service. It is believed that the same trouble is causing delay in reconditioning of the airstrips at Palikolo (Santo) and Vate (Vila) which are required before Qantas can change over its flying-boat service in those areas to land-planes.

SYDNEY-NEW CALEDONIA-NEW HEBRIDES-FIJI SERVICE

At present Qantas Empire Airways are accepting no further bookings for flying-boat services to Noumea, New Hebrides and Suva after May 31. It is possible, however, that the flying-boats may continue in service for some weeks after that date if airstrips to serve Vila and Santo are not in satisfactory condition.

This service eventually will be operated with Skymaster aircraft and the present shuttle service to Fiji (but to Nadi instead of Suva) will be maintained once fortnightly from Noumea in between the return flight from New Hebrides to Sydney. This will still give New Caledonia its direct link with Fiji—but will land passengers 140 miles away from Suva, of course.

LAE STILL CLOSED FOR SKYMASTERS

Lae aerodrome in New Guinea, which was closed for Skymaster aircraft last November when excessive wet weather made the surface unsatisfactory, is still "out" for these planes. The Sydney service terminates at Port Moresby and a DC3 aircraft flies between Moresby and Lae.

DCA plans for New Guinea include a new airport for Lae at Malahang, several miles from the present site. It therefore would be uneconomic to spend too much on improving the existing strip. Take-off and approach is over the sea at Lae and it is impossible to do much to lengthen the strip which is too short for modern aircraft.

However, something is being done to improve it in other respects and it is hoped that it will be back in service for Skymaster aircraft shortly.

EAST SAMOA TO REPLACE CANTON IS?

Our Pago Pago correspondent reports that the President of the US has approved an application of Pan American World Airways eventually to set up active business at the Tafuna airstrip in American Samoa, and that this is only an early phase in a plan that will shift the PAA group from Canton Island to Tutuila. Preliminary plans call for a Hawaii to Eastern Samoa to Australia run.



Taurama Barracks Church

The Administrator (Brigadier D. M. Cleland) and Mrs. Cleland leaving the new church at Taurama Barracks, Port Moresby, on March 6, after the opening ceremony. On the right is Lieut.-Col. F. J. Searle, Senior Chaplain Eastern Command for the United Churches.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

Bank of NSW Expansion in P-NG

THE Bank of New South Wa has a building programme un way in P-NG which will c £½ million by the time it is co pleted. (An announcement to t effect will be found on pages 80 this issue).

The Port Moresby office was cently completed. Staff quart and offices for Rabaul and Lae now planned. In April, as a meas of the bank's growing activity that area, it was announced t the New Guinea organisation will detached from Queensland cont In future P-NG will be a complet separate administrative divisi ranking equally with any of Australian States.

The bank, which was establis 45 years ago in Papua, r has Branches at Port Mores Samarai, Bulolo, Lae, Madang, Rabaul, and Agencies at Gorc Wau and Kokopo. The new adm istrative division will be supervi by Mr. A. E. Davis, manager Port Moresby, who will still ret the management of that Branch

Samoan Status Question Aga

THE Western Samoa Execu Council approved in March setting up of a Samoa Sta Committee to carry out furt study on the complex questi associated with national status.

Under the present law m persons of part-European part-non Samoan, e.g. p Chinese-part-Samoan) blood, r choose Samoan or Europ status. Status does not dep entirely on the proportion Samoan blood, but every mem of the population must fall un one of the two headings, differ laws applying to the two gro especially as regards suffrage.

The members of the Council State and five other European Samoan members are expected form the committee.

† It was stated in March PIM t Mackay Pacific Trading Comp had been reorganised, without inclusion of Mr. C. W. Mansell, would carry on. However, sub quently, some difficulties develo and Mackay Pacific Trading was, late in March, put into liqui tion. Another company, planne engage in trading in the Pac Islands is in process of forma and registration.

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EW INDUSTRY
OR PAPUA

ird Hills Cutch Factory in Operation

HE announcement that the cutch factory of the New Guinea-rneo Mangrove Company was in oduction at Aird Hills, Papua, was ade in early March, after the ant had been visited by the inister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck.

Cutch is produced from the bark the Mangrove tree and is used r tanning and dyeing.

A spokesman for the company id in Port Moresby in March at cutch was used extensively in nada and Japan, especially in e fishing industry. Most of the tch produced in Borneo was ex-rted to Japan.

As yet, only small quantities had en shipped to Australia, where other product was generally used r tanning. It was hoped to find a market in Australia for the Territory product, however.

It is understood that when the company first set out to manufacture cutch in Borneo over 40 years ago, it was believed that harvesting mangroves would be a 40-years cycle. Recent research has revealed, however, that the maximum amount of the material that makes cutch is not present in the mangrove until it is 80 years old, although it has regenerated itself and looks mature in 40 years. This is the reason why the vast areas of mangrove swamp in the Gulf country of Papua caught the attention of the company.

It was hoped initially that production would begin in July, 1953; then it was set at July, 1954, and again the factory was not ready.

Setting up a cutch factory has been likened to putting in a sugar mill and the difficulties that have attended such a large-scale project in the extraordinary and peculiar conditions of Papua's vast swamp lands, can be imagined.

The supply of mangrove bark will come entirely from local natives who will cut the tree and strip off the bark. A comparatively few Europeans are needed to run the factory once it is established.

SIX INDIANS LOST IN FLOODED VITI LEVU RIVER

FLOODS swept large areas of the western half of Viti Levu on March 8, when the main highways were cut at many points and Nadi Airport was out of action for a time.

Nadi township, where the flood was the worst for 23 years, was isolated. Shops and the new police quarters were swamped and crops in the district suffered badly.

The flood area stretched from Rakiraki, in the north-east of the island, to Korotogo, on the south coast. At Ba the traffic bridge was nearly 3 ft under water.

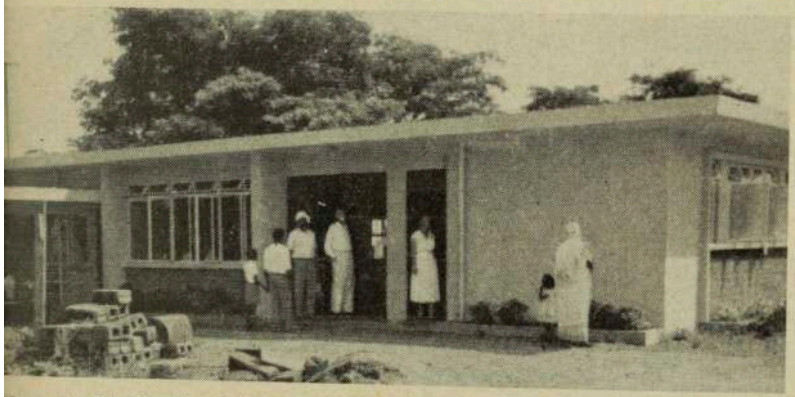
More flooding occurred on March 20, when four Indian men, a woman and a child were drowned.

The six victims were travelling from Tavua to Suva when their taxi fell from the Lomawai bridge, on the Queen's Road, into the swollen river. A seventh passenger, the wife of one of the men drowned, was rescued by a Fijian ex-serviceman.

Those killed were the driver of the car, Mr. Sahai Butru, Mr. Munsami Naidu and his son, Mr. Hanumant Naidu, his daughter-in-law Gangana, his granddaughter Dementi, and Mr. Desga.

Mr. Desga's wife, Parbati, was rescued by Filimone Narube, a veteran of the Solomons campaign. He dived into the river, dragged the woman from the car, brought her ashore and successfully applied artificial respiration.

Suva Gets Practical Help From Bayly Clinic



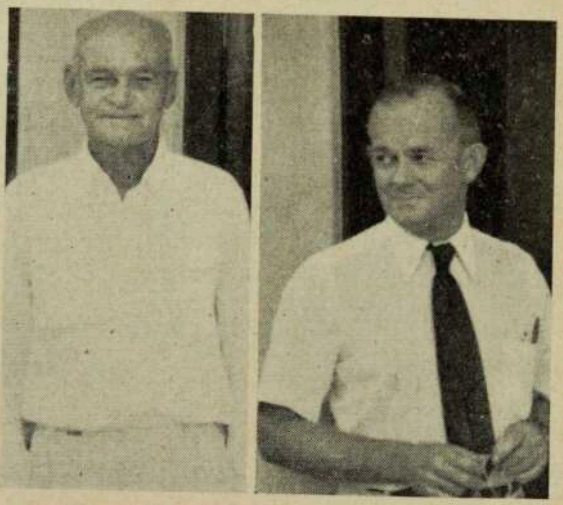
The J. P. Bayly Clinic which ned in Suva, Fiji, in November doing such a fine job for the er-income families of the area t already accommodation is ed. Over 100 patients are ated there each day.

The clinic is the brain-child of George Hemming, who gave up vate practice in Suva to devote time to it. And it was Mr. J. Bayly, Fiji business man, who le the doctor's dream a practical position by providing the fine dern building in which the clinic oused.

full-time nurse is employed, the rest of the work entailed keeping records, admitting the ients, etc., is performed by a nteer group of Anglican nen.

nly members of families whose total annual income is £200 or less are treated. Each patient pays a nominal fee of 2/-. The waiting room is generally so crowded the observer naturally wonders what these people did for medical attention before the clinic existed. Suva is fortunate in having a Hemming-Bayly combination—the one to realise the need and be prepared to devote his time to it; the other to provide the hard cash without which the best dreams languish.

Photographs, show, top, the J. P. Bayly clinic, which is situated in the busy market area of Suva; and, below, the men Suva has to thank for it—Mr. Bayly and Dr. Hemming.



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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

lore "Lost Tribes"

iscovered

Towards the end of last month e discovery in P-NG of another ost Tribe" of natives was released the Australian Press, synchron- ng with Minister Hasluck's visit the Territory. (No, I do not ne- ssarily infer anything at all). id so another 20,000-odd primi- es became material for Civilisa- n's Grist-Mill.

They were reported to be a par- ularly friendly people and eeted ADO James Kent and his rty with lavish hospitality— le realising the advent of the iteman means the introduction a thousand trials and tribula- ns, restrictions and regimenta- ns which they must face if they to secure the "advantages" and nenities" of the twentieth cen- y.

There's no doubt we take our ponsibilities to primitive peoples y seriously. Government and ssions will now make every pre- ration for an intensive cultiva- n of this virgin soil in which to se potential "democrats", and owers of one or more of the ny Christian denominations king adherents in the Terri- y.

Time alone will tell whether se fine, primitive people will re- n their happy, care-free disposi- after white contact.

met ADO James Kent by nce a couple of days after he ved in Sydney Town—a quiet, ssuming cove, on well-earned e and anxious to join his wife West Australia. He had been nping the streets seeking ac- modation until he could leave the West.

o me it seemed incongruous that an whose achievements that day being blazoned with pride ss the front pages of the Press, his gear checked in a railway k room while he searched for a e wherein to lay his head! A ewhat different type of hospi- y to that accorded him by the ly-discovered Faiwomin people, ed away in the Hindenburg ges. . . . People in Sydney at time were too busy thinking of ny Ray and Spike Jones, no t.

orical

curacies

ere was a lot of talk last th over the NSW Obscenity for the control of sex books, Deadwood Dicks and so on. I should like to see a Bill brought down to censor historical inaccuracies concerning P-NG.

The reader of thrillers or sexy literature does not expect the truth, but does expect a degree of accuracy from newspaper feature articles—even on New Guinea, now and since the war. Invariably, however, these Islands stories strive for such romantic highlights that the truth is handled carelessly.

And there is really no need. The truthful version is just as romantic —properly handled.

One such careless handling caught my eye last month. It purported to portray the attempt of August Englehardt to found a colony of sun-worshippers on the small island of Kabakon in the Duke of York group—not far from Rabaul. I have mentioned August Englehardt on several occasions in these columns. He was a most interesting and attractive character, whom I knew personally. He came to the German colony in the early 1900's.

According to the feature scribe, the "Palm Temple" was located on an island called "Kahakua" and Englehardt died (so the article infers) **circa** 1904. I did not meet him until 1911, and the last I saw of him was when he was an internee in Rabaul (behind barbed wire) in 1917. He died some years after that.

"No women were allowed on the island," writes the scribe. But, actually, a woman did arrive, to marry one of the clan. But he had died, and so she lived with three or four other Disciples of the Sun for sometime before she also died of malaria.

Feature articles should at least be accurate in place names and dates, and thus have an historical value for the reader.

Strangely enough, the same island was featured in another Sydney paper a few months previously, which described how "Pat the Miner," had acquired "his own coral kingdom," lazing the days away amidst "wild orchids (which almost over-ran the island), waving coconut palms, tropic sun and £62/10/0 a week." But nary a word of its having been a "Palm Temple" for sun-worshippers!

A Touchy Spot

One is inclined to regard Lae as a super-sensitive spot in P-NG where international incidents occur —or is it, perhaps, that the town has a more efficient publicity man?

In February there was the incident over the Japanese wreath. In March, a local complaint was lodged because US Army personnel showed a film (for which no charge was made) in the Stewart Hall.

Washington, advised by the US Embassy in Australia, sent an investigating officer from Guam to Lae, who fined the Doughboys £40 for showing films ashore, which

Reception at Port Moresby



His Excellency Archbishop Carboni, Apostolic Delegate to Australia, meets Port Moresby residents at a reception given in his honour at the Roman Catholic Presbytery. Mrs. John Ahearn made the presentations. The Archbishop visited the Territory to open a new seminary for native students for the priesthood at Rabaul and to visit the Roman Catholic missions in Papua and New Guinea.

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should only have been screened afloat. The reports published in Australia described a very petty incident, which should never have occurred.

To what extent will regimentation extend in this sad, old world in the Christian year 1955? And we are supposed to be a democratic people!

To Booze or Not to Booze

It must have been amusing (were it not so tragic) to listen to portion of the debate on the Native Liquor Bill in the recent P-NG Legislative Council—especially when some Members could not understand Simogun's Pidgin-English utterances which favoured/did not favour the Bill!

It only goes to show how Pidgin can be misinterpreted and makes one a bit apprehensive about Court interpreters, upon whose translations often depend a man's life.

A frequent pitfall for the uninitiated lies in the two negatives, which constitute an affirmative.

The debate undoubtedly resolved itself into the official and non-official viewpoints—the former in favour, the latter against. I assume (from the reports) that the official attitude in favour of drinking permits was merely in accordance with top-level instructions; whereas the non-official members spoke according to their conscience, beliefs and experience, and paying no attention to the UNO policy of granting the native every human liberty possible —whether for his good or not.

In the matter of P-NG natives drinking, it is a pity that the government of New South Wales does not realise the potential danger of its policy of allowing P-NG natives to drink in public bars there.

A senior P-NG government official told me the other day of an incident in which a soldier was entertaining a couple of P-NG natives in a Sydney bar and, on being approached by the official, the soldier expressed his annoyance at anyone taking exception to hospitality being shown to "these coves who probably hauled my mates over the Kokoda trail."

Recourse to higher authority brought the official no satisfaction, as nothing in the NSW Act forbids the serving of alcohol to P-NG natives. If this statement is correct, action of some kind is certainly needed.

Only last month a Madang native was charged in a Sydney court with using indecent language in George Street, Sydney. City papers featured the case on account of the Pidgin-English employed. The native's excuse was that he and another native had been drinking. He was fined £1; but no comment was made on his having been allowed to consume alcoholic liquor.

Spare the Rod

The absurd extremes to which governments will go in their fear that the corporal punishment bogey may be thrown at them was exemplified in Rabaul recently, when a RC priest was fined for tanning the tails of a couple of disobedient native school-girls. And yet we have scores of long-haired psychiatrists, sociologists and others vainly endeavouring to put a stop to child delinquency and trying to exp its causes!

About the same time that "offence" occurred, an Eng female school-teacher was fine a Northampton Court for canin of her pupils. She appealed her appeal was upheld. The corder remarked: "It was regrett that the prosecution was launch

And the same regret, in opinion, applies to the case of RC Father at Vunadadir. Such inane, near-sighted, velvet-glo mealy-mouthed policy in a cou of primitives is the quintessenc absurdity, and is only encoura future trouble—repeat, trouble.

As time passes, it becomes apparent that we, as a gover authority in a native country, "h not got the guts of a louse" w disciplinary measures are concer And why? Because we are af of UNO censorship, or that sub peoples may become pro-Com nists. All of which is, indirectl victory for Communism, becaus is building up for a Big Pay when the undisciplined primi become mature.

A Bit Pessimistic

Listening the other day t broadcast in the ABC Cour man's Session I was surprise hear that "coconuts in P-NG nearing the end of their bea period."

I remember seeing coconut Ceylon, 80 years old and produ 12 cwt to the acre. The spe was giving a build-up for the c industry in P-NG. But surely t is no need to cry down the "Consols of the East" in the pro

When we took over German in 1914, there were 86,000 planted with coconuts; in 1953 bearing area was 187,594 acres. it would appear the majority o conuts in the Trust Territory, way, are not more than 50 old. Not too old for coconuts— viding you feed them occasio

Kiap Cardew, down in Buk 1920, directed each adult nati plant 10 coconuts a year. A idea; but somebody got the ji and the practice went into dis Seemed a bit too much like "f labour." There would be a goo turn now in that area had the tem been maintained.

A Territory of Snarls!

After reading a recent issu the *SP Post* it struck me that old P-NG had become, more ever, a Territory of Snarls.

There was Minister Hasluc tacking the people (European course) for "public apathy" re ing the political development c country. There were aircraft doing a whinge about hotel

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d service in Moresby. Another inge came from Manus military d air personnel because alleged dequate beer supplies were due poor shipping facilities. Others nplained of high prices, and yed for price control. The nuabada natives wanted special oholic drinking privileges in a b!

tifling departmental policies e blamed by a resigning govern- nt official for the loss to the Ad- nistration of many valuable pub- servants.

omeone has said somewhere, netime, that criticism and dis- sfaction of present conditions d towards future progress. If so, G should go ahead by leaps and nds.

stal Gazing

saw recently the possibility of e changes in office among high- l personnel: A sort of General t between Moresby, New York South Pacific.

Comment?

nly reference I heard on ister Hasluck's return from

Creevey-Lambourne Wedding



ing the cake are Mr. and Mrs. Jack y, who were married at St. John's Hill, Port Moresby, on February 26. bride was formerly Miss Dorothy urne, of the Department of Works Photo: Papuan Prints



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Insurances effected at Lloyds of London

P-NG in March was an ABC s
ment to the effect that an inc
in the wages of native govern
employees was being consid
Rather a poor show for an
newspaperman Minister, who s
know the value of good pub
at the appropriate time.

Pidgin Acquitted

Poor old Pidgin-English, v
has been taking the knock
UNO and some of the
haireds, appears to have
absolved of its crimes and
into its own again. It is
officially adopted by P-NG
cationalists, and the NT Educ
Advisory Board is toying wit
adoption—another brand, natu

I hope the written form w
English, and not the phe
conglomeration as hitherto
all due respect to the old Ge
missionaries in the Territory)
a lad has brains enough to
then he has brains enough to
to write in English. Not forg
that in Pidgin (true Pidgin)
are no two words with the
sound, a point I did not
mentioned by Professor Hall i
valuable treatise.

This might be a good tir
cull out all the bastardised
that have crept into Pidgin d
the past two decades.

Paradise in N.G.

Chips Rafferty, film ma
and slap-happy screen actor
incidentally quite a good cove)
to P-NG in May to "shoot"
Into Paradise, centring a
Moresby, Goroka and Ma
Rather an incongruous so
title, judging by recent hea
of "Unrest in NG". No, not
hunters this time, but £-Hu
due to the general dissatisfact
the ranks of the Public Ser
and the reported raw deal
out to them by the Minister.

Rabaul Conditions

I see that Doc Calov has m
return trip to Rabaul afte
absence of many years and th
ditions there, according to *SP*
shocked this former TNG M
Officer—especially the unhy
conditions in New Chinatow

The Doctor is not one
publicity at any time, so h
pressions of opinion can be
as a reliable indication o
situation. Shortage of staff
cause (so I hear from
quarters) coupled with shoe
financing from the Big To
Moresby.

Doc Calov is probably the
known of all the old TNG m
and will always remain p
with the old-timers. At one
he was Rabaul's best op
batsman in any cricket matc

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NG Legislative Council in Session

)ecision on Native Liquor Permits Deferred

From Our Port Moresby Correspondent

Debate became heated at the March meeting of the Papua-ew Guinea Legislative Council when the controversial amend-ents to the Native Liquor Ordinance were discussed.

E Council passed more than thirty bills in record time dur-ing the meeting (March 21-25) adjourned debate on the amend-bill to the Native Liquor Ordin-of 1953, to the Council's next g in June.

bate on this bill showed an zing range of opinions on the ion of whether natives should llowed to drink.

her important matters included ll for superannuation for the tory Public Service, which pro- payment of pensions for officers ng at the new earlier retiring of 50 and 55; and a Liquor Bill governs hours and conditions erritory hotels and clubs.

viously there have been two r ordinances for the two Terri-, and in Papua the clubs 't been restricted at all—which nade many New Guinea hotel-rs and clubmen a little un-. When the bill gets assent, Papuans will be brought into

Council got off to a good by passing a motion, moved by E. A. James, that the title of nistrator be altered to that of Commissioner. This debate was what heated, too, although were only two speakers—the ant Administrator, Mr. R. n (who was against it) and ames.

James' victory was regarded me quarters as a defeat for Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck, who had previously n against the move, which was brought up in the Council in nber, 1954.

March meeting of the Coun-s one of the best yet. The was done, and there was plenty portunity for debate—and the rs did not pull their punches. h of the smoothness of the il's business was due, as in the to its president, the Admin-r, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, s no novice when it comes to cting a meeting.

he Native Liquor Bill

proposed amendments to the ative Liquor Ordinance are to ntroversial Section 9, which at t gives the Administrator to issue permits to drink to n natives.

Although the Ordinance of 1953 was assented to last year, regulations on Section 9 were not proceeded with because of the opposition from sections of the community.

Last November the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, outlined a proposed new Section 9 to the Missions' Conference, then sitting in Port Moresby, and asked for a reaction. The reaction was that the missionaries could not agree. Some wanted the permit system introduced at once. Others wanted it suspended for five years, and then reconsidered. And a third group did not want it at any price.

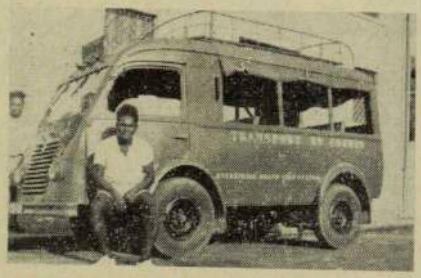
The new amendments seek to repeal the old Section 9 and replace it with one giving natives right to apply, in writing, to the Administrator for a permit to drink. The amendments set up a Liquor Consent Board to advise the Administrator and to check on the applicant through the District Commissioner of his district. The Administrator would have final say on whether an application should be received or rejected.

The Consent Board would have a membership of three—the Director of District Services (chairman), the Director of Health and the Commissioner of Police.

In the debate, a Mission Member, the Rev. F. G. Lewis, Methodist Mission, said the bill contained great dangers for the native people.

A nominated member, Mr. R.

Lifou Enterprise



Changes have come to New Caledonia. For example, the Grand Chief Pascal, of Lifou Island, has entered the public transport business with this bus. Driven by one of the chief's men, it is well patronised, especially by those of the chief's people who work in Noumea.

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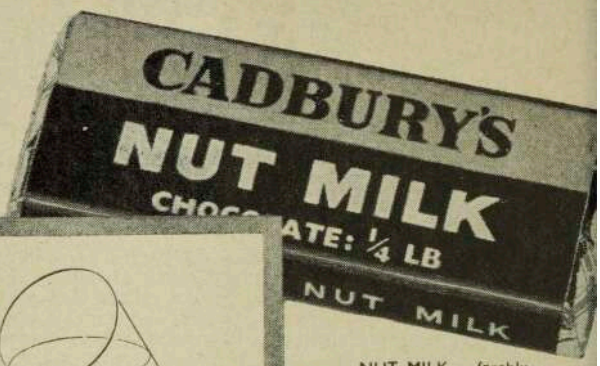
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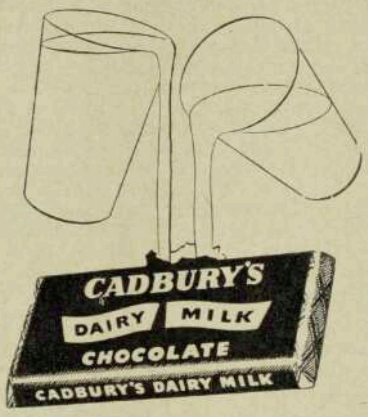
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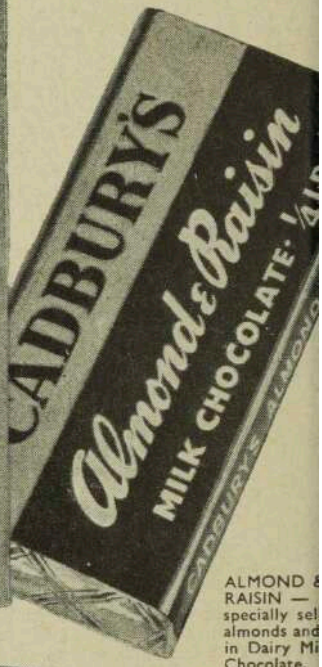


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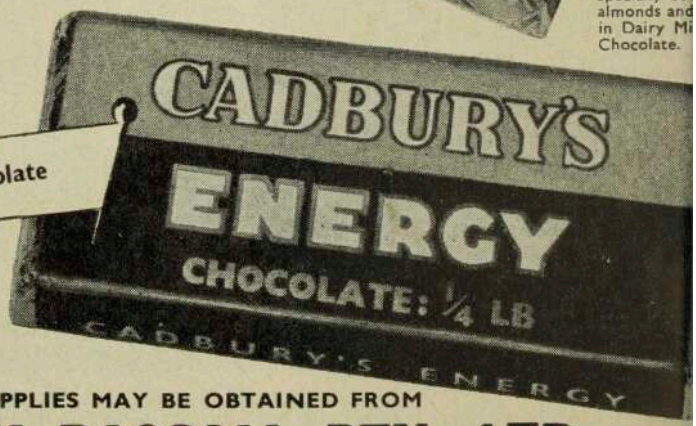


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nting, said if you gave one permit would have to give hundreds.

Mr. G. Whittaker said the supply liquor to natives would increase ne, and already the police force overtaxed. He said it was un- al for such a measure to be en without a request from the ive people themselves and he ld like to know where the scheme inated.

imogun, a native Member, said was not against the principles of bill, but after talking to a lot his people he thought it would a good idea to defer the bill for or five years. Some natives d drink but others could not.

hn Vuia and Merari Dickson, two other native members, osed the bill and thought it ld be deferred.

he Rev. D. E. Ure, of the London ionary Society, said liquor was ading and he believed that if ferendum were taken Territory rs would be 99 per cent. against

r. S. Elliott-Smith, Sepik Dis- Commissioner, said he was in ort of the bill,, which was a one if handled safely, as he ved it would be. It didn't allow criminate drinking, as many le seemed to think.

. J. K. McCarthy, former New in District Commissioner, said le couldn't continue to put their s in the sand and ignore the that natives *were* drinking. This ould control native drinking.

. E. A. James said in view of ttitude of the native members uncil, he believed the Council d be shouldering a grave re- sibility if permits were issued diately. It was a responsibility imself, did not wish to accept, he opposed the issue of permits.

John Gunther, the Director of h, in an eloquent appeal on f of the bill, said that unless eople of the Territory gave the es guidance and leadership and ted them as partners they become restive and want to n too quickly. Many thinking es wanted the privilege of be- ble to drink if they desired. ill would not allow indiscrim- drinking.

Gunther believed that because ssion was anti-liquor as part belief, it should not be per- d to push its views on to others majority was against them.

gadier Cleland, in a statement the Chair, said that he accepted responsibility for the amend- , which were not the result of d Nations proposals or pro- from any outside body. The r had been brought up in its t form because he had ht, and still thought, that it ime, for it to be ironed out.

he people were encouarging s to drink for their own economic ends, he said, and native convictions for illegally drinking liquor were increasing. It had to be stopped and the proposed amend- ments were aimed at that control.

However, he concluded, after hear- ing the debate, he had formed the opinion it would be wrong for him to use the official majority to pass the bill. He said he therefore sug- gested that the debate be adjourned while he had further discussions with the proposed Consent Board.

FILM-MAKERS STILL LOOK TO FIJI

BACKGROUND shots for a Holly- wood film tentatively called "Pearl of the South Seas," are being made in Fiji by Mr. Lee Zavitz, an RKO "special effects" man and photographer. Mr. Zavitz, who first visited Fiji with the "His Majesty O'Keefe" unit in 1952, said at Suva that because of over-ex- ploitation, Hawaii was now little used by film-makers.

Fijian extras, who provided much of the interest of the "O'Keefe" film, have been engaged for some of the scenes and Mr. J. B. Turner's vessel *Scot* has been converted into an old-time trading schooner. The scenes were shot on a small island about 12 miles from Lautoka.

The film will have Virginia Mayo and Dennis Morgan in the principal roles. In Fiji, doubles are being used for the stars in distance shots.

During March, a Universal group was looking over Fiji as a possible site for a Pacific war film.

Mr. Thomas Strabert, the man who filmed the famous "Conquest of Everest," is planning a short visit to Fiji to cover agricultural pro- jects.

A new TEAL 20-minute colour film of Fiji, made by Robert Steele Productions and entitled "Red Hibiscus," deals mainly with Viti Levu's tourist trails. Picturesque aspects of the island scene are well presented, and the film has been highly praised in NZ.

¶ M. Jean Brock, Customs agent at Noumea and Qantas agent for New Caledonia, is optimistic about tourist trade possibilities. He plans to give organised tourist parties enough time at Noumea to become familiar with French life and customs and then to take them across the island to the picturesque east coast, where Houailou will be headquarters for further excursions. As in many other countries, the standard of hotel service is a major question. M. Brock, who comes of British stock and is married to a Melbourne girl, will himself accom- pany the parties.

Leper Scouts Save Man

THREE Boy Scout patients at the Fiji Leprosy Hospital, Makogai, saved the life of a young man who had picked up a live electric wire. The wire had been broken during the felling of a coconut palm. While one boy ran to have the current switched off, the other, using rubber-soled shoes as insulating pads, removed the badly-burned man from the wire. They carried him to hospital on a stretcher made from Scout poles and shirts. The boys had gained their first-aid badges three weeks previously.

Solomons Veterans Meet

A REUNION of men of the 1st Bn., Fiji Infantry Regiment, who served in the Solomons campaign, 1943-44, was scheduled at Suva for April 13, the 13th an- niversary of the sailing of the bat- talion from Suva.

For its services in the Solomons the unit received a Special Com- mendation from General O. Gris- wold, Commanding Officer of the 14th Army Corps, US Army. Since January, 1952, the 1st Bn. has been fighting the Communist terrorists in Malaya.

† A Washington, DC, report says that Canton Island now has a population of about 280, mainly air- port employees, and that the island now boasts a "supermarket."

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NORFOLK ISLANDERS MISSED ASSAULT TRIAL

From Our Own Correspondent

NORFOLK ISLAND has so crime at any time that a case of assault created precedented interest.

On March 25, Austin ("Cu Tea") Buffet, aged 47, pleaded g to a charge of assaulting J Needham, and was sentenced t months' imprisonment, two mo of which he had already serv

Buffet entered Needham's ge store on the night of Januar and, with what a doctor terme blunt instrument," struck Need four or five times on the head instrument was sufficiently sha inflict several 4 in. wounds in N ham's scalp, and to lop off the of the third finger of his left h

Subsequently, local JP's comm Buffet for trial on a charg malicious wounding, and on M 24 Mr. Justice Simpson flew Canberra to Norfolk Island.

But, according to a Sydney report, "nobody at Canberra the foresight to save public m by having the trial set down hearing on the day after J Simpson and the legal eagles in. Norfolk Island law requi presiding judge to sign an for the empanelling of a jury requires that jurors receive days' notice. Because Judge S son had not signed the order b he left Canberra, the trial—if were to be one—could not be before Tuesday (March 29)."

On March 25 Buffet agree plead guilty to assault if Crown would prefer this char an alternative to a charg malicious wounding. On the morning, the charge was dealt by a Court which had been vened almost without the k ledge of anybody living at No Island.

During the hearing, counse the defence (Mr. Tony Larki Sydney) asked Sgt. Alf Gou NI's only policeman: "Is it true the accused, at the time of offence, entertained suspicions his wife's conduct with Neec whether or not those susp were well founded?"

Sgt. Goulding replied: "From I have heard, yes."

In press interviews, Mrs. denied that there were any gr for such suspicion. Buffet n said that when he attacked ham he (Buffet) was emoti overwrought.

(The doctor who was sent Sydney to make the medica amination of Needham and giv medical evidence, was Dr. Alex of Port Moresby, who is at p technically on leave in Sydne

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E FROM THE EAST

NG Could Save 00,000 its Rice Bill

CE from the East, which last September was held in Papua- Guinea ports as a "prohibited ort" may be permitted into the itory **if Australian rice interests ot bring Australian rice down to mpetitive price.**

peaking on the subject of rice rtation at the March meeting he P-NG Legislative Council, John Gunther, Director of th in the Territory, said:

here has been a great increase ne price of rice since 1941, and Territory has been aware that Australian trade at one time at an export price far in excess ne home market price, but as trade at that stage had a poly, the Territory had to t it . . . It was fair that this alian Territory should give ity to the Australian trade, we expected to receive con- ation in price . . . but despite ts that P-NG would seek its on the world markets unless Australian price became com- ve, the Australian trade re- ed adamant. The position has arrived where the Territory mer can no longer be used to lise the Australian industry."

difference between the price stern and Australian rice is £25 to £30 per ton; as P-NG ts 15,000 tons per annum, this mean a saving of about £300,- n the Territory's rice bill.

en shipments of Saigon rice held up in P-NG last Sep- r, PIM asked why. The l reply was that it was nt Territory policy that only alian rice be imported.—" ermore, that Australian rice rown, Saigon rice was white f the latter were used for rations, supplementary foods have to be issued.

that time there was a dif- e of about £3 per ton in the f Eastern rice in comparison Australian.

dney rice merchant said that igh price of Australian rice ow be largely attributed to owers who were demanding £35 per ton for unprocessed rice.

dney firm interested in the ation of Far Eastern rice to Guinea said the the Admini- n announcement was good for them and for consumers. was plenty of high quality astern rice available.

THE high price of Australian rice has always been a mystery to the PIM. In 1952 we tried to investigate the whole set-up and got nowhere—except to form a conviction that the whole thing was a racket.

At that time growers were getting £30 per ton; wholesalers were paying £75 per ton. When we attempted to find out what happened to that £45, we were smartly told to mind our own business—not to "blot our copybook" was the expression used.

If growers now are getting £35 per ton for rice, no doubt they earn it. (It would be interesting to know, in this connection, how much rice-growers in the Territory get for their rice). And we still believe that the exorbitant price of Australian rice is caused by the middleman somewhere along the way between grower and wholesaler.

NEW NATIVE RATION SCALE

Dr. Gunther said that Australian brown rice was of high quality, well packed, with good keeping qualities. Some of the samples of Eastern rice which he had seen were rubbish, and unfit for consumption. Badly packed and undried rice would have poor keeping qualities. Importers would have to be on their guard or they might be faced with a wastage which could cancel out the whole of the price differential.

Dr. Gunther said also that changes in the native ration scale would be introduced shortly. White rice would be deleted from the scale entirely and would be replaced by "processed rice"—a vitamin enriched product that was obtainable from the East and could be processed in Australia. The new scale would also define "brown rice" and add another staple—baked pearled wheat which was as nutritious as rice although native labour might be inclined to reject it at first.

Australia's Bid to Retain NG Trade

APRIL 4: Pim was informed today, by a representative of the Rice Mill Owners' Association that that association had offered rice to Papua-New Guinea at "a very low price" in order to hold the monopoly of the P-NG rice market. The Association is awaiting the reaction of the Administrator of P-NG to its proposals.

At the same time we received the following despatch from our Port Moresby correspondent.

"The Australian rice trade in late March offered to reduce the price of Australian rice sold to New Guinea.

"Representatives of the Rice Mill Owners' Association of Australia told the Department of Territories at a conference that millers would reduce the price from £83 a ton to £72, but no further.

"The Territories Department forwarded the offer to Port Moresby for decision by the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland. Despite the reduction, there is still a big difference between Australian and world prices for rice."

(No comment on the above is necessary—except to say that while most employers of labour in P-NG would prefer to patronise Australia rather than the East, if Australia can compete on a reasonable basis, most of them will wonder why the Australian middlemen have so suddenly found that they can afford to sell their rice at £11 per ton less than they have been doing).

¶ Two German deaconesses, Sisters Lydia Mohring and Elizabeth Kessler, arrived in Australia at the end of March on their way to Tari, in the highlands of central Papua. They trained at the Martha Maria Deaconess Institute, Nuremberg, and underwent a course of study in London in preparation for their mission appointment. At Fremantle they were met by the W. Australian secretary of the Methodist Overseas Missions (the Rev. A. Crookes Hull) and Mrs. Crookes Hull.

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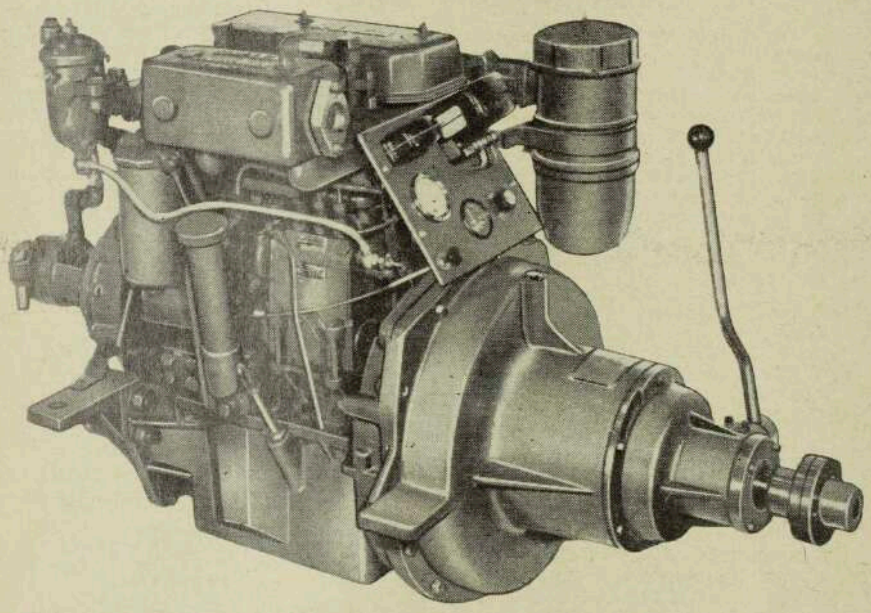
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PIM IS CHALLENGED ON—

Value to Australia of New Hebrides

By a Special Correspondent

I DO not agree with your summary of the position in the New Hebrides—namely, your contention that that archipelago has no economic future so long as the condominium continues. I think it is of importance to the future of Australia in the South Pacific that Australian interests should be encouraged to go into this Territory, and develop its rich resources.

The old days of the "Pandemonium" (governmental confusion and total lack of guidance for private enterprise) have gone. In their stead has come prosperity—and a very real prosperity—which is based on the rich soil of these islands.

The economy of the New Hebrides Islands is now a very viable one, based on copra, coffee and cocoa. Mining of rich manganese deposits will shortly come into the picture: while, in the southern islands, there is an active timber industry, run by Australians.

Co-operation, with some slight national bias, is the order of the day between French and British. Whilst there is competition in trading the Burns Philp interests seem to be doing well, and are forcing the French traders to keep prices within reasonable limits.

There are 50,000 natives in this group, and there have been interesting changes in recent decades. In 1930, no less than one-third of all these natives had spent a year or more as plantation labourers in Queensland, and the British influence was marked. Except for a mere handful of officials, all the British in the group are Australians; and both directly, and indirectly through the Presbyterian and Anglican missions, they have maintained a good relationship with the natives, and that pro-British sentiment still remarked.

AFTER seeing the extensive new plantations, the bustling shipping, and other signs of prosperity, I cannot accept that statement in the PIM recently that there has been no development of New Hebrides' natural resources since the World War I.

The Administration staff is small, but it is more than "a skeletonised administration." The Joint Court is functioning at intervals, and its staff efficient.

The Australian Government which, about 1906, fell heir to 1,000 acres of New Hebrides land, bequeathed to it by the late Sir James Burns and allied interests) has ceased to maintain a solicitor in Australia; but the need for this really has passed. Many of the land titles have been issued. When a solicitor is required, he is sent to New Hebrides from Australia.

The Tonkinese are not now the menace you have suggested. They are heading outwards, for Haiphong and Hanoi, as fast as they can book passages—I believe the number remaining in New Hebrides is down to 900.

There is a shortage of labour in the group, but it seems to be to some extent correcting itself. The residents of New Caledonia, who own many of the properties here, are not anxious that the immigration of Asiatics should be encouraged. They (the New Caledonians) now are looking for labour towards Wallis Island.

EDITORIAL NOTE

THE well-informed comments of our correspondent embrace opinions which are not necessarily those of the PIM.

Settlers in the New Hebrides have advantages (notably, better transportation, no income taxation, little interference with private enterprise) which are denied those of the adjoining Solomons Islands Territory. Nonetheless, there is nothing much in the over-all picture in the New Hebrides to encourage new settlement and enterprise. Lack of a labour supply is a very serious factor.

The British Administration is too small, too remote, too disinterested and too ill-equipped financially to be of any real help or encouragement to settlers. According to report, the French Administration is more helpful. But neither can be expected to either actively assist new people to make their homes in these very attractive and rich islands, or to create conditions which would encourage suitable immigration.

The reasons for the lack of development of this fine archipelago over the last 50 years have not changed.

It is generally believed that if no politico-economic partnership with the French in New Hebrides were involved, Australia would extend her Papua-New Guinea administration over Solomons and New Hebrides, to the great relief of the British Colonial Office and the British taxpayer.

But Australia will not enter into a New Hebrides Condominium with France. One cannot blame Australia for that.

The French, socially, are among the world's most charming and agreeable people. But, politically, they are a pain in the neck. Australia has had few contacts with the French in the Pacific—in the South Pacific Commission, for example. No one can claim that they are happy contacts.

Australia, economically, is to-day almost bursting at the seams. Well-endowed private enterprise, seeking opportunities, may move into the New Hebrides, as our correspondent suggests. But, if the dual control over New Hebrides could be replaced with something more workable, that trickle of private enterprise into one of Australia's nearest and richest islands neighbours could become a torrent.

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Coconut Fibre to Be Produced Again in N. Guinea

ANOTHER attempt to produce coconut fibre for commercial use is to be made in New Britain —but it will not be the first fibre produced in NG, as an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* stated in March.

Credit for the establishment of this industry goes to Mr. Richard Gault. About six years ago Mr. Gault discussed with Mr. H. N. Green, of the Islands firm of Robert Gillespie Pty. Ltd. the commercial possibilities of various small industries. Desiccated coconut and coconut fibre were selected as two worth trying.

A desiccated coconut plant was established—then came the typhoid infection incident which closed down all desiccated coconut production in Papua-New Guinea. Attention was then turned by Mr. Gault and Gillespies, to a fibre industry.

Four years ago a New Hebrides firm which had purchased coconut fibre processing machinery and commenced operations, went into liquidation and their machinery was purchased by John Lawler & Sons Pty. Ltd., of Sydney, who, as previous purchasers of the entire output of the mill, were keen to see production expanded to meet the demands of their mattress manufacturing industry. This did not eventuate.

Mr. Gault and Gillespies purchased this machinery and shipped it to Rabaul in January, 1955. Meanwhile, Mr. Gault had also purchased fibre decorticating machinery formerly in use by Australian Fibres Ltd., which closed its Kokopo plant in 1953.

The new industry is now being operated by Mr. Gault and Robert Gillespie Pty. Ltd. An arrangement has been made, however, whereby John Lawler & Sons Pty. Ltd. will receive supplies of coconut fibre as payment for the machinery taken over from them.

The *SMH* article implied that John Lawler was operating the plant in NB, which is not so.

The article was also misleading in other respects. The mill will have an initial output of about 40 tons of fibre per month, and at the end of 18 months it may have worked up to its maximum capability of 120 tons per month. The plant will certainly not be "semi-portable," as suggested.

At present Australia is importing about 20,000 tons of fibre per annum from Ceylon, the present landed cost being £45 to £50 per ton. The new Rabaul plant, using a different process to that employed in Ceylon, will turn out a better quality product.

THIS will not be the first coconut fibre industry to operate in New Guinea, as the newspaper article implied. Such an industry probably existed in German times; and in the 30's W. R. Carpenter & Co. was producing fibre at its Pondo, New Britain, mill. Australian Fibres Ltd. operated at Kokopo after the war.

Some of the problems met with by the Kokopo organisation were explained by Mr. Les Clark, formerly of that company. The mill was located too far from its sources of supply, its output was too small to be economic; drying of the husks was a major problem, and a high freight rate on the finished produc was the final blow.

Mr. Clark states that from the be ginning, the freight rate to Sydne was greatly in excess of the rat applying to fibre imported fro Ceylon. Then came the *Bulolo* fir while that ship was discharging i Sydney in late 1951. The shippin company investigators reached th conclusion (with which Mr. Clar disagreed), that spontaneous com bustion in a shipment of fibre wa the cause. Freight rates on fibre wer subsequently increased 100 per cent.

Prior to that, however, it has be come evident that a £4,000 kil dryer would be required to dry th fibre before it was baled.

The company was purchasin husks as they lay on the ground i the plantations. In New Britain damp climate these were invariabl saturated when brought in to th mill. Sundrying could not be don satisfactorily, and the fibre coul not be baled damp.

Mr. Clark considers that any com pany operating in that area wi have to contend with the dryin problem. However, the new compan is satisfied that it will be able t meet all the problems and delive its produce at an economic price.

MORE JAPS IN HIDING

WHEN four Japanese soldie surrendered themselves to th Dutch authorities in Hollandi Dutch New Guinea, last Octob (they were recently repatriate aboard the Jananese mortuary sh which visited New Guinea—s elsewhere this issue) most peop believed that they were the last the Jap troops still in hiding sin the Pacific War.

However, at the beginning April it was reported from Mani that military aircraft had dropp leaflets over Lubang Island, miles from that port, urging Japs known to be in hiding the to give themselves up.

Still in possession of their rusti rifles, but with their uniforms lo since worn out, the men are said be dressed in animal skins and a led by a fanatical Imperial Guar officer who will not let the m believe that the war is over.

A Japanese mission, using a hig powered amplifier system, has far unsuccessfully tried to persua the party to surrender.

¶ Mr. J. G. Smith, a Brisba barrister, has been appointed Pub Service legal officer in Papua-N Guinea. He will represent t Crown in court hearings. M Smith and their three children w live at Port Moresby.

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The Future of Fiji's Pearl-Button Industry

WHEN Mr. A. G. McCown visited Suva in March it was rumoured that he was planning to move is pearl button factory to that city om its present location in Levuka, n Ovalau Island.

Mr. McCown was non-committal, it he admitted that his location Levuka sometimes caused trans-rtation difficulties.

One other difficulty which might solved easier with a shift to Suva uld be the availability of skilled aftsmen from overseas for the anufacture of the button residue o costume jewellery, etc. Skilled chnicians for this trade, like any ner, are scarce. They might be ghtly less scarce if they had to e in Suva rather than out-of-the-y Levuka.

Although Mr. McCown has all the chinery necessary for this part the industry, so far lack of crafts-n has forced him to concentrate y on button making for which al labour is adequate.

Buttons made from a natural aki-coloured shell found in Fiji ters are popular and so far the entry of Japan into the button de and the consequent high price which trochus shell has soared, had little effect on his market.

Before he began production he ested about £15,000 in trochus ll at a time when it was only to £80 per ton on the open rket. His factory is still working that shell; and, in addition, he over half-a-dozen launches of own which are employed in hus fishing in Fiji waters.

t present the open market price rochus is about £A400 per ton—rice at which Japan, thorn in flesh of all button producers, s only about one-quarter of her irements.

is calculated that for the re-ning three-quarters of her needs manufacturers pay no more £50. This is achieved simply he poaching and plundering of nese fishing fleets that have seen everywhere in the SW fic in the last 18 months.

is understood that the men on ships receive a wage equivalent bout 7 dollars per month. In tion they get a bonus of seven rs for every ton of shell they ct. The mother-ship transports shell so poached back to Japan bout 14 dollars a ton. The bulk panese requirements are there-landed there for a ridiculously sum and as a result Japanese manufacturers are prepared to pay a fantastically high price for the comparatively small amount of shell that cannot be poached.

Basically it is a problem of hungry mouths and population pressure: Japan has got to export cheap goods or go hungry.

However, other button manufacturers who are likely to be forced out of business by Japanese methods are not likely to take that academic view. They are more likely to feel that if a country like Japan, with so few natural resources, does not voluntarily put a brake on its disastrous fecundity, the products of such indiscriminate breeding deserve to starve. And there is something to be said for that view.

GRIM LIQUOR PROBLEM STRESSED IN NC

From Our Noumea Correspondent

NOUMEA, April 1.

CHARGED with stabbing her lover to death while she was under the influence of drink, a Loyalty Islands woman was sentenced at Noumea to three years' gaol.

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Yours sincerely,

Colin W. Mansell.

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LAUTOKA CANNERY WILL CLOSE

Fiji Pineapples Are "Uneconomic"

WHEN the Colonial Sugar Refining Company pineapple cannery closes down at the end of the 1955-56 packing season, Fiji will be without a cannery for the first time in about a quarter century.

The announcement in March by the CSR that it intends closing down its cannery at Lautoka, Fiji, has had a disquieting effect upon the commercial life of the community.

In the past twenty years Fiji has seen little progress in extending the range of its primary or secondary industries. Its eggs are still carried in too few baskets.

The quality of the Fiji canned pineapples was generally considered overseas to be excellent, and in New Zealand, particularly, there was a good demand.

A Fijian resident who recently sampled Malayan pineapples in London said that in comparison with the Fijian product they tasted like cooked turnips."

On the production side, the company had its own land. It had workshops and engineers available at the sugar mill to carry out any repairs; it had chemists, soil control, and men well experienced in agriculture. It also had the raw sugar. As one business man described the situation: "If the CSR cannot make a go of it, nobody can."

Apart from the announcement that it found the industry "uneconomic", the company has given no detailed reasons why it will cease operations with the 1955-56 pack.

Probably one factor in the decision is that the industry is merely seasonal, and except for a few months of the year the capital represented by the idle canning plant is unproductive. A deciding factor may have been the failure of CSR experiments in pineapple growing on Vanua Levu. These had been going on for some time, but were abandoned as unsuccessful last year. If pineapple growing in this area had been possible, this may have taken the place of the area adjoining the CSR pineapple plantations at Nadi which would have been the logical area of expansion had it not been for the fact that the land was used for establishing Fiji's international airport.

The successful pineapple plantations and cannery established in Ovalau by Mr. A. G. McCown in the early 30's were later sold to a British company, soon ran into difficulties and closed down.

A similar fate overtook several other companies which entered the industry. Nonetheless, it has shocked Fiji to learn that the powerful CSR company, after an interest in the industry extending back almost 20 years, is also preparing to quit the field.

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The P-NG Servant Problem

SIMOGUN SAYS IT 'STINKS!'

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, March 28.

JUST how great are the difficulties of obtaining efficient servants in Papua-New Guinea these days was emphasised at the Legislative Council meeting in Port Moresby in March, when one of the three native members, Simogun, had a few words to say about it.

Simogun, speaking in Pidgin, got up to draw the Council's attention to the need for more native coconut planting, and pointed out the Morobe district as an example of what was being done in the way of native economic development.

And then came the sting.

Simogun said he would also like to mention that the house made available in Port Moresby for the native Council members was in a disgusting condition—in parts shockingly dirty. The laundry, he said, "stinks."

And the "individual" allotted to the members as a personal servant seemed incompetent, and had disappeared for the last two days, so the members had done the work themselves.

Simogun suggested that if Port Moresby did not have any good servants, then perhaps it would be a good idea to get some from New Guinea.

Simogun's complaint brought some action. He reported next morning

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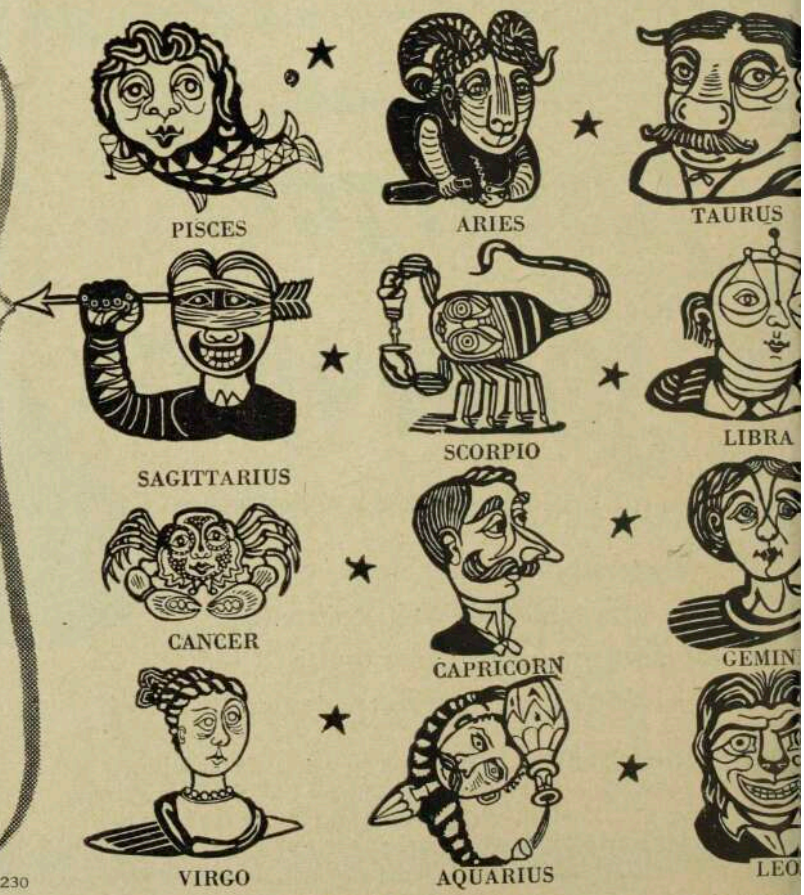
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hat things at the house were good."

A District Services official later eported, although not to the Coun-il, that it was interesting to note hat the missing servant was, in act, a Chimbu (from NG High-nds).

(Simogun continues to be the ersonality man of the Legislative ouncil. When he gets up to speak ere is is an air of expectancy out the Council chambers because hat he thinks and believes he ys, and begs no one's pardon. He more often with the Europeans an against them, but he has no aggerated respect for them, or for e Government. He speaks in dgin and what he had to say out the house was no doubt an ic of its kind. To say something inks finish" in Pidgin if, of course, t the vulgarity it is in straight glish—it is a plain term cover-a plain state of affairs from an r-ripe paw-paw to the unsatis-tory state of the drains.)

C NICKEL MINING IS BOOMING

S an indication of the size of its smelting programme, the Nickel Co. at Noumea has signed a tract with the Pentecote group mines (at Kouaiou, on the NC t coast) providing for delivery he Nickel Co. this year of 150,000 s with an average nickel content 4 pc.

ctivity in the Kouaiou region is in full swing after a quiescent od. Bulldozers and "traxcavators" working at extraction of the from open-cuts. The mineral is ied 20 kilometres along a new l to the sea, where a 250-metres ess belt conveyor is planned to ships in a couple of hours. ut 200 workers are employed at installations.

he Pentecote group has opened a mine on the west coast. The ut—about 5,000 tons of low-e nickel ore monthly—will travel ilometres by lorry to be loaded Japanese ships for Japan. The shipment is scheduled for l.

he Nickel Co.'s administration cil in Paris will shortly ask the eholders to increase the com-'s capital from 984 million to million francs. (It is presumed these are French Metropolitan cs).

anwhile, the NC administration d recently that the country's ral riches are gradually dis-aring. About 10 million tons of l ore have been exported. (Most of 6 pc content but some ship-s have been as rich as 11 pc.) ould have been politic to slow the rate of export in past years, and now, when there is a nickel boom, it is necessary to curb the draining away of the country's basic wealth. In future, export licences will be granted only to those contracts which have official approval, and exports will be no richer than 3.5 pc.

Application of this ruling will be general, but exceptions might be made after study by the authorities. —*Noumea Correspondent.*

† A recent survey shows that the Territory of Hawaii now has thirteen standard broadcasting stations, three FM stations, and three television stations, in addition to hundreds of commercial telephone and telegraph stations.

MR. W. J. LAHORE LEAVES SUVA

THE new manager of the Suva branch of the Australian and NZ Bank, Mr. W. C. G. Roberts, has taken over from Mr. W. J. Lahore, who has been transferred to Brisbane as manager of Head Office there. The bank's general manager (Mr. H. T. D. Williamson) paid a brief visit to Fiji at the end of March.

Mr. Lahore's departure from Fiji is regretted by all sections of the Fiji community. Although he went there to establish the ANZ Bank only four years ago, he quickly became part of the business and social life of Suva.

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P-NG Students at Suva Medical School Face Formidable Task

The second largest racial group amongst students enrolled this year at the Central Medical School, Suva, is the 25 young men from the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

IJIAN students top the numbers poll with 48; in addition there are 19 Fiji-Indians; 11 from estern Samoa; 12 from the Cook lands; one from Nauru; three m the New Hebrides; 12 from stern Samoa; four from Tonga; ee from the US Trust Territory; ht from the BSIP; one from lbert and Ellice Islands, and three m Niue.

Of the thirteen P-NG lads who re sent to the CMS this year, 10 in a preliminary class of 12 ich is being intensively coached English and mathematics, with ne preliminary science, in the e that by 1956 some of the dents will be fit to begin medical dies.

The following observations and ductions with regard to the P-NG dents are my own and not those the staff of the School in Suva. ey are based on some knowledge the Territory, and on courteous but sometimes non-committal answers to inquiries I made a few weeks ago at the school in Suva.

No one at the school appears to know on what basis P-NG chooses its CMS students, but my own guess is that they simply choose the best available in the hope that Suva will be able to perform a miracle that so far P-NG has been unable to perform for itself. The fact that 10 out of this year's 13 are now studying English explains clearer than a volume of words, the inadequacies of the P-NG native education system to fit students for advanced studies. The other three who were enrolled at Suva this year and are not in the preliminary class are probably taking the less exacting courses, such as sanitation, public health, etc.

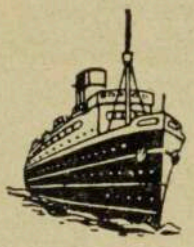
The principal of the school—who is far more optimistic than I—thinks that by the end of 1955 six or eight of these boys now in the preliminary class may be able to begin First Year of the Assistant Medical Practitioner course. But he admits that throughout their whole academic career they will—like the P-NG students who have been there before them—have a hard uphill battle. "How much French do you know?" he asked me. I admitted to no more than I had learned at school. "Well, how would you like to study medicine at a French University? That is about what it amounts to for these P-NG lads."

It is probably even worse than that. Our education teaches us to line up facts and come to a conclusion—in other words, to reason. With NG education in its present stage, most of these native people simply regard education as a series of Euclid's self-evident facts—to be swallowed whole, and as an end in

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itself. In other words, they have learned parrot-fashion and not by reasoning.

In 1951, with little preliminary warning, 37 Micronesian students from the US Trust Territory suddenly arrived at the CMS; in 1952, 13 more came. Few of these had adequate English and, like the NG lads, had to go through the preliminary classes.

But in the last graduating class the two top students of the year were Micronesians. They are described as "not brilliant" in the full sense of that word, but so keen and so determined to apply the knowledge that they had, that they overcame all obstacles.

Students entering the school from Fiji are required to have passed the Senior Cambridge examination—which is roughly equivalent to Australian Leaving Certificate standard. How many students in Papua-New Guinea could even attempt such an examination? Judging by the fact that 10 of this year's batch of P-NG students had to go to the preliminary class at the CMS I think I am pretty safe in saying nil.

THREE are about 2 million natives in Papua and New Guinea, all in need of the kind of help provided by AMP's. Graduating NG students from the CMS, for many years to come, will therefore be a tiny drop in the vast stream of P-NG requirements. Is it of any value, then, that this token number of young men should go to Suva and struggle through the course?

In spite of the uphill fight that they have in order to graduate, and in spite of the inadequate way in which they have been prepared for the experiment in their own Territory, I still think it is.

These present students can make little impact on the solution medical difficulties in their o country, but the people who run t School in Suva are as much terested in turning out success human beings as they are in tu ing out successful professional m and in this way the P-NG men v develop a pride in themselves, their school and in their race, wh is hard for them to do in th own country where race prejudice

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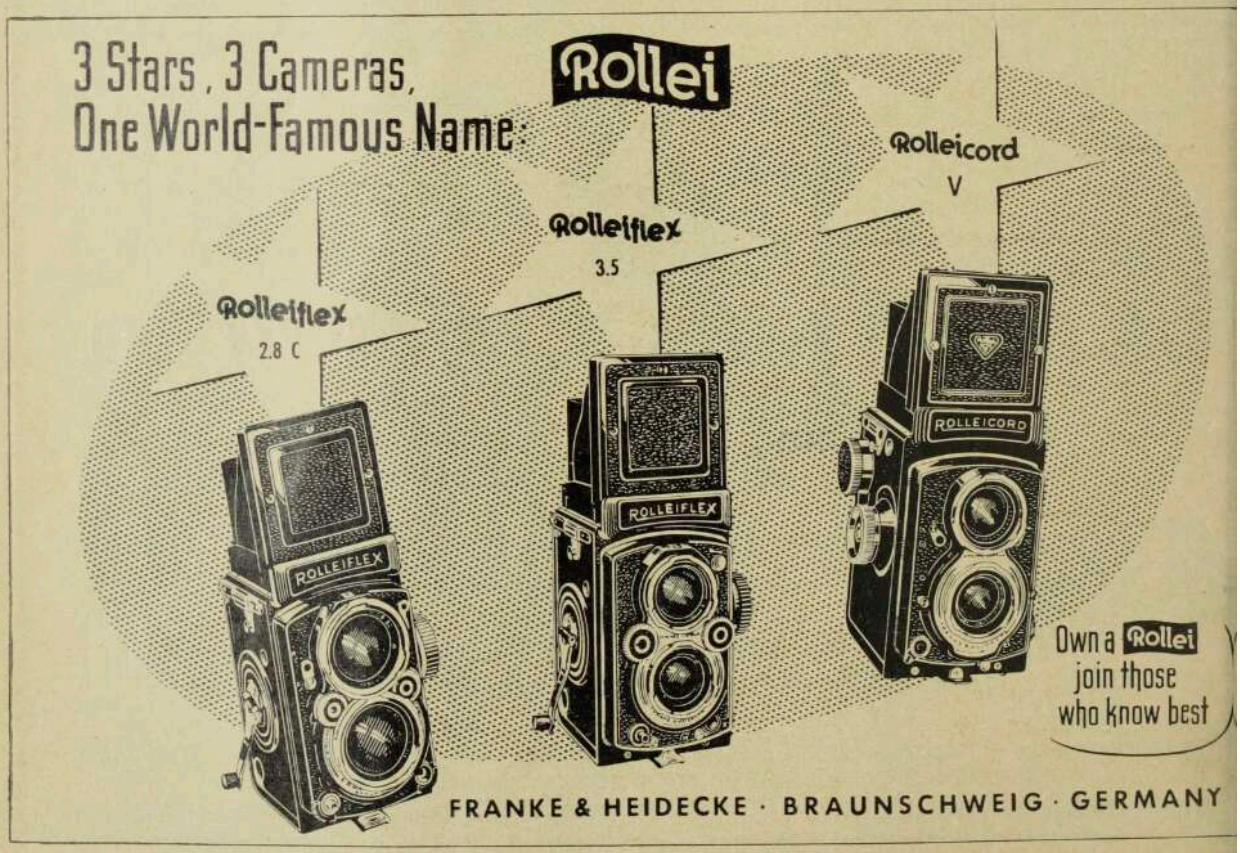
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reater than it ever has been in iji. They rub shoulders with other acific Islanders, more socially and olitically advanced than they, but n an atmosphere where the mphasis is on self-discipline and ervice. They are guided by men ho not only are medical men and cturers, but who believe in the chool and bring to the solution of s problems, full missionary zeal.

The lads, no matter from whence ey come or how few have been eir advantages, are welcomed into e student body and made to feel part of it. Their material com- rts are well taken care of in the w school on the heights above va where they live, attend their tures and laboratory work, and joy adequate recreation.

In the last three years of their urse, half their time is spent in actical work in the local hospitals.

There is only one drawback to IS training for P-NG boys that I n see—and this applies also to ir own fellows from the other ucationally backward Territories New Hebrides and BSIP—and t is the long years that the urse takes. The AMP course has w been extended to five years—d added to this the lads with in- quate education have at least one r, sometimes more, in the pre- inary class. Six years is a long e in the lives of these young ple.

robably the best contribution NG can make to the success of CMS scheme is to get on with business of plain sensible educa- n of its masses of children, and eave all the fancy window-dress- for UNO for a couple of genera- s hence. The difficulties are nendous—everyone is prepared to nt that. However, the fact re- ns that after over 70 years in ua and over 40 years in New nea, the Australian administra- obviously cannot produce one uan or New Guinea student who apable of passing a Leaving ificate examination.

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I have said, no one in Suva could—or would—tell me how P-NG chose its CMS students. I did see some of the general- wledge papers that the School P-NG contenders for CMS urs.

ere were about two dozen tions and many of the answers hilarious—or pitiful, depend- upon the way you looked at it.

any of the questions were left swered but many who did at- t to answer proved only that, he average P-NG youth, the d outside his village is still a d book. I forget most of the tions, and their answers but are some I do remember:

To the question "On which river is London situated?" one student answered "Nile." Another said it was not on a river—it was "on the land." (Which I thought showed good commonsense, anyhow; I hope this student got in.)

One student said the present Prime Minister of the United Kingdom is "Mr. Menzie." Another, "Queen Elizabeth."

One answer to "What is the large Pacific Island, one half of which is administered by Holland and the other half by Australia," was "France."

The definition of the letters UNO had many of them tied in knots. "United Nations Ohio," was one answer. Another candidate thought it meant "United Nations October."

However, in case Fiji should get too puffed up about its scholastic attainments by comparison, I was given these three genuine howlers which turned up in school examinations (nothing to do with the Central Medical School) last year:

Question: Name the two people who climbed Mt. Everest. Answer: Queen Elizabeth and Ratu Mara.

Question: Who is the present Commissioner of Police in Fiji? Answer: Black Maria.

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OMEN in Tonga, led by Queen Salote, are moving towards a general improvement in hous-g, hygiene and diet, said Mrs. comb, wife of the Rev. H. W. comb, principal of Tupou Boys' llege, in a *Melbourne Herald* in-rview. Mrs. Secomb, who spent uch of her childhood in Tonga, s been visiting her parents at lbourne, in company with her sband and their three children.

Conditions in some Tongan lages are very poor, and Queen lote has asked church organisa-ns to help, said Mrs. Secomb.

At the same time conditions for ngan women have greatly im-ved in recent years and a travel-g baby health centre—a well-pped van operated by a Euro-an sister and two Tongan sisters s doing valuable work.

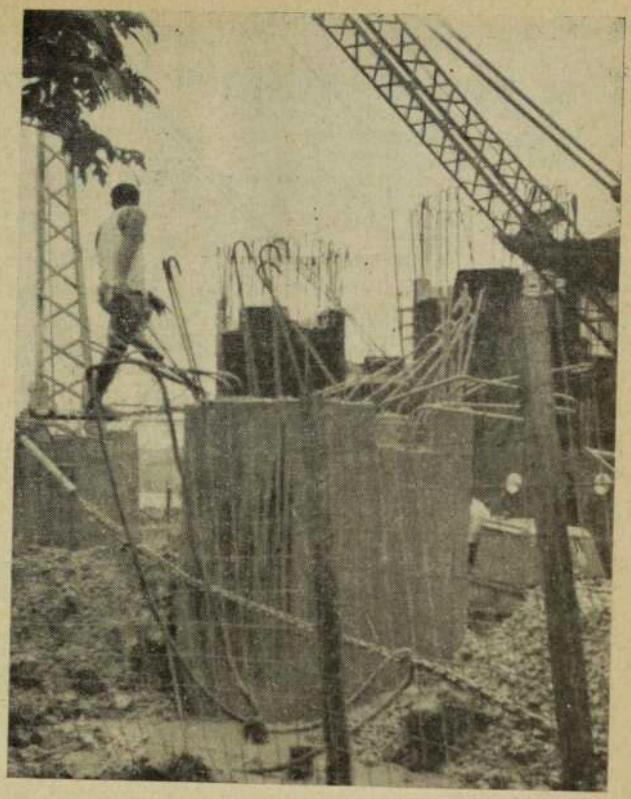
Both State and Church, in Tonga, ve many plans for general social terment. The limiting factor is k of finance.

Mrs. Secomb's father, Dr. A. H. od, principal of the Methodist lies' College, Hawthorn, was merly principal of Tupou College.

Suva's New Post Office

THE first stage in the building of Suva's new five-storeyed Post Office involves the sinking of 21 concrete caissons, which will form part of the foundations. When the building is complete, some of the caissons will carry as much as 150 tons. More than 20 ft high, with an external diameter of 6 ft, the caissons will rest on the soapstone which will carry the foundations of the building. The Post Office, ultimately covering the site of the present venerable structure, will be built in three stages.

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Those Electorally Indifferent New Guinea Residents

AUSTRALIAN Minister for Territories Hasluck scolded like an irascible grandmother when, in Port Moresby recently, he was asked whether the people of Papua and New Guinea were likely to be given a larger voice in the government.

(At present, the Dual Territory has a Legislative Council, on which there are 15 Ex-Officio members, 9 members nominated by the Administrator, and 3 elected members. The Council has little power—the Administration has complete authority over it, both in the overwhelming number of official members, and in the power of veto.)

"Public apathy to the recent Territory elections was so great and showed such an unwilling desire to shoulder political responsibility that, at present, there is no prima facie case for giving the people more representation on the Council," Mr. Hasluck said.

He continued in this strain for some time. He pointed out that Mr. E. A. James was elected unopposed, while only 530 out of a possible 1,135 voted in the other two electorates.

What inducement is there for residents in the Territories to take any real interest in the Council, when they know that the Council can be over-ridden at all times and at any time by high officialdom?

The non-official residents have many reforms they wish to suggest, and many grievances they should like examined; but the Council, being without any authority, is of no help to them in those respects.

Furthermore, the limited electoral machinery that is provided is so cumbersome in character that a considerable proportion of people, who might like to vote, are automatically shut out.

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† A new note in advertising films is struck by *Holbrooks on Parade*, produced by Mr. Eric Porter. This colour cartoon, which presents Holbrook bottled and tinned goods as characters, with Host Holbrook commanding the parade, has a background of specially prepared music. It will be screened throughout Australia, Papua and New Guinea.

¶ Mr G. H. V. Newman, Brisbane, who has been appointed manager of the Bank of NSW head office at Sydney, has worked for the bank in NZ and Fiji. He joined in 1922.

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From Our Suva Correspondent

SUVA, March 3

A NUMBER of brand new tru just off the wharf were park for the night outside a gara in Walu Bay, Suva's new industr area. Several men worked energe cally removing the batteries wh the Punjabi night watchman carr out his job of night-watchi thankful that he could sit wh others worked overtime.

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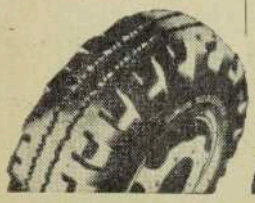
¶ Mr. and Mrs. Neville C. M Conachie, who were married at Br bane on March 19, were schedu to go to Fiji early in April. McConachie will work as an gineer with the CSR Company.

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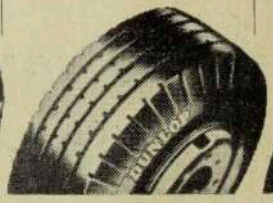
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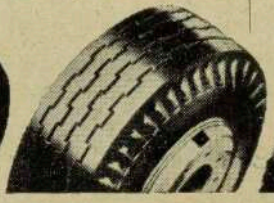
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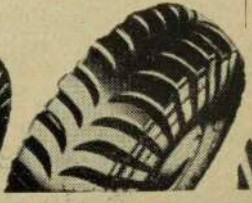
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GRASSLAND SURVEY TEAM ENDS TOUR IN ISLANDS

SPONSORED by the South Pacific Commission, a grassland survey team in mid-March completed its survey of New Guinea, New Caledonia and Fiji.

The survey was an indication of the importance attached to pasture lands as a factor in the economy of the larger islands, and especially from the viewpoint of providing food for their increasing populations.

The team included Dr. A. Kroon, Dutch executive head of the Commission's economic section; Mr. A. T. Semple, Range Management Specialist, Animal Production Branch, FAO, Rome; and two Australians, Dr. R. W. Phillis, CSIRO Land Research and Regional Survey Section, Canberra; and Mr. W. W. Bryan, CSIRO Plant and Soils Laboratory, Brisbane. Dr. Semple is author of "Improving the World's Grasslands," compiled with the assistance of 77 experts, under the auspices of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, a UN Agency.

The team studied the situation in the various territories, and as a result of their work SPC will make recommendations to the administrations on how the situation might be improved.

In the past, efforts have been directed mainly towards the introduction of pedigree stock to improve local strains in the Islands, but it is now being realised that there is no point in spending big money on valuable stock if the right kinds of fodder grasses are not available for them.

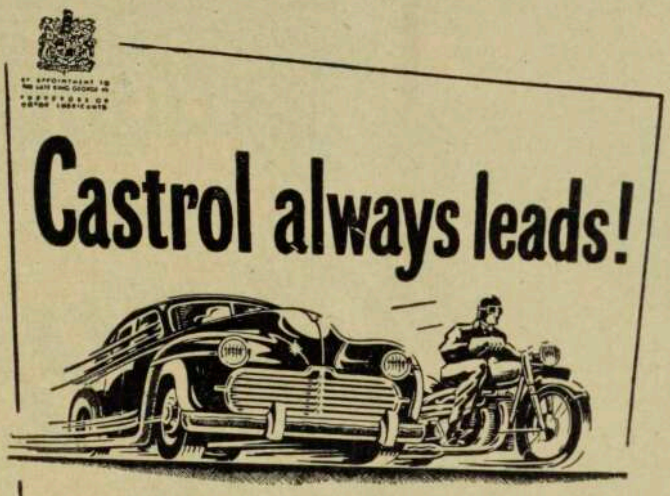
Even where suitable grasses are established, they often suffer from bad management. For example, the land may be lacking in certain trace elements. In such circumstances time and money could be wasted in attempting to establish new grasses before soil deficiencies had been taken care of.

There are many such problems to be investigated, but it is certain that stock production as an important source of protein food can be greatly expanded in many of the larger islands from New Guinea to the Marquesas if the problems are handled by the separate administrations.

Mr. Robert H. McEwin, manager of the Kauri Timber Co. at Vanikoro, BSIP, for the last eight years, returned to Australia in March. In addition to his timber job, Mr. McEwin was also (unpaid) customs officer, port health officer, postmaster and meteorological officer at Vani-

¶ The Rev. Father Schwehr, who has been stationed in Western Samoa for 15 years, has been appointed chaplain to the many Samoan Catholics now resident at Auckland. Father Schwehr, who will be attached to St. Benedict's Parish in the centre of the city, was welcomed by a large gathering of Samoans when he arrived by plane early in March.

¶ Mr. R. H. Clark, Assistant Marine Superintendent, GEI Colony, arrived at Honiara on March 7 to take charge of the BSIP Marine Department for a period of up to three months.

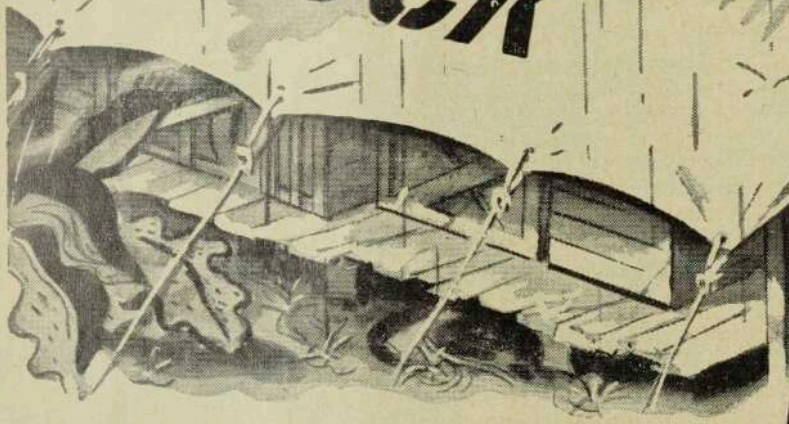


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Current News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

NATIVE LIQUOR ORDINANCE STRONGLY OPPOSED

Public opinion in the Territory, if you can judge by the statements of various organisations, is overwhelmingly against the Native Liquor Ordinance amendments which give the Administrator the authority to issue permits to certain natives to buy and consume intoxicating drink.

Most outspoken are public and private bodies in New Britain—the New Britain District Advisory Council, the Rabaul and Kokopo Town Advisory Councils, the Rabaul Sub-branch of the RSL, and all except one of the religious bodies.

More than half the inmates in the Rabaul Gaol are natives serving sentences for drinking liquor, ample evidence that avenues of purchase of liquor are not hard to find.

Police on District Services raids in sing-sings invariably mean arrests for drinking. One sing-sing in the Kokopo area early in March yielded a bag of 17 offenders, all of whom were given six-months gaol terms.

Despite the stiff penalties, there has been no noticeable decrease in this phase of "crime."

A member of the Kokopo Town Advisory Council suggested that foreign seamen who paid for native women with liquor instead of cash were a major source of supply.

A few Chinese have been convicted of selling liquor to natives and sentenced to short prison terms, but the local under-staffed and overworked police force seldom secures sufficient evidence to bring malefactors before a court.

DRUNKEN DRIVER IN FATAL ACCIDENT

Recently a native named Totil was sentenced at Rabaul to 12 months imprisonment for manslaughter.

Totil was the driver of a jeep involved in a collision with another jeep. Of the two native passengers in the other jeep, one man had his right leg amputated above the knee. Totil, who admitted being drunk at the time of the accident, was uninjured. He ran away from the scene of the accident but gave himself up to the police next day.

As a result of inquiries, four other natives who had been drinking with Totil on the day of the accident were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment. One of them was the president of the Reimber Native Village Council.

Though incidents like this greatly strengthen the argument against native drinking, it must be allowed that they are not a common occurence.

There is a section of the European community, many of them thinking people in responsible positions, who have been in the country long enough to understand the native, who believe the only solution to the problem is the issuing of liquor permits to approved natives.

It is undeniable that, short of prohibiting the import of liquor into the Territory, natives will always find someone willing to supply them with it. On this basis of fact the "pros" parry the attack of the non-supporters.

What if the native privileged to drink gets drunk? Why shouldn't he get drunk, say the "pros." In a democratic country where the law deals alike with all persons, irrespective of colour, why should one section enjoy "advantages" not allowed to others?

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What if the drunken native causes trouble? Punish him and revoke his licence to drink.

And, being unable to drink legally, what is to prevent his buying his drink outside the regular channels? The supervision exercised by those who have not abused the privilege granted them will do it, claim the "pros."

To the argument of the RSL that implementation of the Native Liquor Ordinance would seriously endanger the welfare of the families of ex-servicemen, the supporters of the Ordinance reply that this is an assumption which only fair trial could prove right or wrong.

Of all the queries, the one unanswerable is: "What *good* will it do the native "

NATIVE LIQUOR QUESTION AT PORT MORESBY

The Territories Minister (Mr. Paul Hasluck) during his March visit to Papua, attended a meeting of the Hanuabada Native Council in Port Moresby to give the councillors an opportunity to fire a few questions to him.

Among other things, the natives asked if they could have permission to drink. They said they felt there should be some system introduced enabling selected natives to have a drink occasionally without being gaoled for it, and suggested that this could be done by establishing a club and allowing selected natives to drink on the premises.

Mr. Hasluck had no direct answer, but said that the liquor question was complex and was being looked into.

Anyway, it seems to be another phase in native progress when councillors pluck up courage enough to ask the Minister himself.

The council was also concerned with the cost of living at Hanuabada, and asked that wages be increased in line with the higher living costs. They said Hanuabada natives had a tougher time becau they had to buy from the stores, i stead of growing food.

The Minister was given an e ample of how Administration wag for natives were lower than th paid by many private firms.

FATAL SHARK ATTACK

A native was fatally mauled a shark at Loani, opposite Samar in March. The boy was wading waist-deep water when he was a tacked about the thigh, and d before anything could be done him.

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A £20 fine (£10 on each of two harges) was imposed at the Rabaul Court on March 17 on Father Stephen White, a Roman Catholic missionary of Vunadadir Mission, near Rabaul. The prosecution harged Father White with assault, tating that he had caned two ative schoolgirls, aged 17 and 18, rom Vunapope mission school. In vidence, Father White said he had nly tapped the girls on the buttocks s a reminder of his instruction behave themselves in future.



t a dinner party on March 2, the home in Port Moresby of Police mmissioner and Mrs. C. Normoyle, the gagement was announced of their second Tony, to Miss Dell Holt, of Port resby. The young couple are shown ve.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

SOGERI ROAD SMASH

n accident on the Sogeri Road, ow Rouna in the Port Moresby a, on March 13, sent nine people hospital, where five were ad- ted. It was one of a series of idents which seem to occur on steep Rouna road, as on the d from Wau to Lae, and only ety fences and similar improve- nts are likely to put a stop to toll.

is a pity that the Administra- is so busy pushing new roads without worrying about making existing roads a little safer. fault does not always lie with driver.

he March accident occurred n a utility driven by Harold icka slid on loose gravel and t over an embankment, over- ing twice. Besides the driver, vehicle contained three children five adults, luckily the children ping with little more than tches. Two others, Lloyd icka and Hans Smith, were ad- ed to hospital in a serious con- n.

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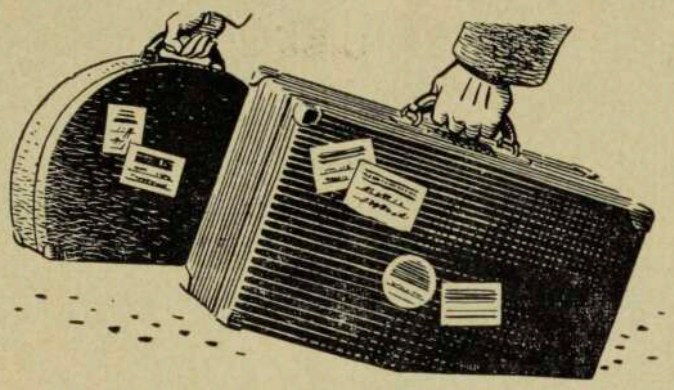
e Naval Officer in Charge of North-East Australian Area, at Manus, performed his last official public duty on March 13 when he took the salute at the first ceremonial parade of A Company, PIR, at Manus. The company was recently established at Nutt Point.

Captain Walsh was to be relieved at the end of March after three and half years' service in the area. Captain M. J. Clark will take up the appointment.

PRAISE FOR FINSCHHAFEN

An American woman, Mrs. Mary Ruth Craig, had a lot of pleasant things to say about Finschhafen people when she made a brief visit there in March. She made the trip from her home in California to see the area from which her son, a fighter pilot, was reported missing in 1944. He last took off from the big wartime strip at Finschhafen.

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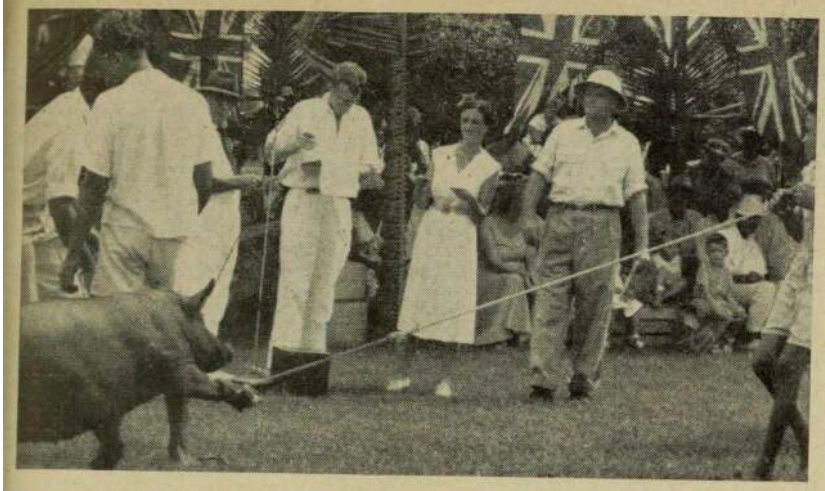
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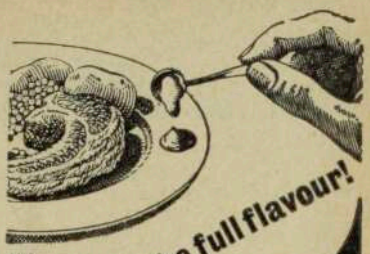
At the Fair, in Rarotonga



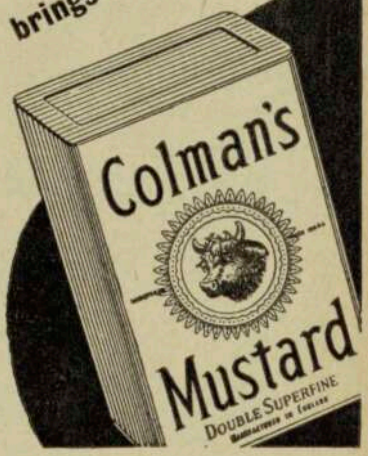
An Agricultural Show was held at Arorangi, Rarotonga, Cook Is., in February. Mr. Maurice Baker (Director of Agriculture), and Mrs. O. A. Dare (wife of the Official Secretary) judge the pigs, while Mr. John Springford (Department of Agriculture) with microphone, calls the names of the entrants. Photo: Douglas Berry.

Two Ellice Islanders were to be chosen by a selection board at Tarawa in March for the posts of Ellice editor and radio announcer respectively, states the GEIC information bulletin. In each case the salary is in the clerical scale of £A84 to £132, the point of entry into the scale being determined by ability and experience.

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SUVA FINDS CITY STATUS IS NOT ALL JOY

From Our Suva Correspondent.

SUVA, March 25.

NOW that the excitement is over, the problems involved in Suva's elevation to city status, and its extension over the neighbouring peninsula, are becoming generally realised.

During the flag-waving in October, 1953, the former Town Council was naturally pleased with its enhanced dignity, and the Government was doubtless no less pleased to get rid of about 30 miles of indifferently-formed roads, passing the buck to the Suva ratepayers.

Neglected maintenance in years when money and labour were cheap has left a backlog of work in the city itself. Many streets and more footpaths are in a bad state. Some busy thoroughfares have no footpaths, and many roads need widening to cope with the fast-increasing flow of traffic. City roads have to be maintained, and the result is that querulous ratepayers in the outer areas engulfed by the city will see little return for their rates for several years.

Certainly a loan has been raised for street and footpath maintenance and construction, but this will be spent mainly in the inner areas where for many years there has been little resealing, with consequent deterioration of the roads.

Meanwhile, the faulty sewerage system in the city is so overloaded that at places within a few hundred yards of the principal street the pan system is still in operation.

† The farewell visit of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Robert Stanley) to th Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colon was scheduled for March 28-April according to a GEIC news bulleti In February it was announced th a pictorial souvenir programm would be produced for the occasio and residents in the Colony were i vited to submit photographs.

† The P and O liner *Himalaya* w call at Suva on June 22 in th course of a cruise which will i clude Port Moresby.

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French Oceania's Economic Worry

THE heavy blow that will be dealt to French Oceania's economy with the eventual loss of the Makatea phosphate exports, is the salient feature of the Territory's trade report.

The report for the calendar year 1953, published some months ago, shows an adverse trade balance of about £A1,150,000—about half that of the previous year.

The reduction was effected mainly by a restriction on imports of condensed milk, butter, flour, beer, cement, cars, and certain building materials other than timber.

Total imports were valued at A4,830,000, with the United States the principal source (£A1,573,000), followed by France (£A1,267,000), Australia (£A567,000), New Zealand (A245,000), Algeria (£A156,800), Japan (£A172,500), England (£A125,0), and Canada (£A181,800).

Exports were limited to three important destinations — France A2,150,000), Japan (£A1,046,000), and USA (£A181,500).

Total exports were valued at 3,681,000. Of this total, £A1,127,0 was derived from phosphate ck exports from Makatea. As it ems to be agreed that Makatea, its present rate of exploitation 3,500 long tons in 1953), will be hausted in less than 20 years less some major development kes place in other industries, the ministration—or Paris—will have serious financial problem on its nds by then.

In the last 20 years there has en no important change in the blished export figures. Copra duction, which has averaged out 18,000 tons per annum, was to 24,000 tons in 1952 and down 16,850 tons in 1953. Phosphate put has risen from 120,000 tons its present average of about 230,- tons. Vanilla, which fluctuates atly with seasonal conditions, has raged about 180 tons. Pearl shell also fluctuated greatly but the tons of 1953 would be about rage, though the output has n as high as 1,190 tons.

The report makes it clear that culture in Tahiti could probably resent a substantial saving. Rice coming mainly from hard- rency areas at present and costs Territory £A147,200 for the 1,185 s imported in 1953—over £A124 on.

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ormer ANA air hostess Maureen ara, of Lismore, NSW, has been ointed to teach at the CSR Co.'s ool at Penang, Fiji.



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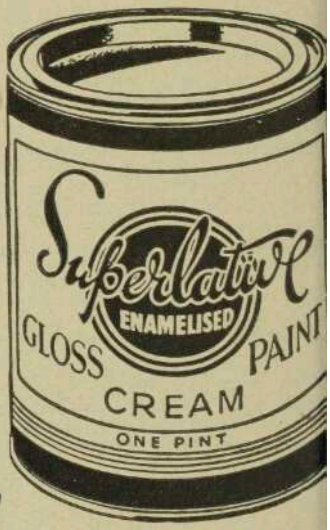
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Tropicalities

MAORI CLAIM TO KIWA'S OCEAN FAILS

ANCIENT Polynesian history was the basis of a claim by the Ngapuhi people of North Auckland, NZ, for the vesting of the seas round the Dominion, including vast tracts of the Pacific, in Maori trustees. The Maori Land Court, at Kawene, North Auckland, dismissed the claim on March 22.

The region involved in the claim covered Te Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa (Kiwa's Great Sea), across which the Polynesian canoe-voyagers travelled to NZ from tropical eastern Polynesia. The litigants said they had a duty to their ancestors to show respect for the wisdom of Kiwa, the personification of the ocean, who made the South Pacific portion so large that Maui could fish the North Island (Te Ika a Maui—Maui's Fish) from the sea.

Legends concerning Maui, the Maori hero-god, occur in most parts of Polynesia. He is credited with fishing up islands as far apart as Tonga and Tahiti).

The claim aroused considerable interest in and outside NZ, and at Kawene, Judge Clark complimented the claimants on the preparation of their case, which covered much ancient Maori history. He said, however, that the relation to the sea was confined to regulation disputes about Maori fisheries, previously to the Maoris under the Treaty of Waitangi (1840).

The Ngapuhi representative thanked the court for its consideration and said he was satisfied with the decision.

REGULATION IS NOT ORDINANCE

THE British Solomons are to be blessed with a Chamber of Commerce at Honiara, but only after certain amount of commotion in *Western Pacific High Commission Gazette*, which is still printed in Fiji. A Gazette Supplement, dated December 7, 1954, replaces Gazette No. 27, of 1954, which mistakenly appeared with an Ordinance head-

The second time round, a Queen's Regulation constitutes a BSIP Chamber of Commerce. This Regulation, dated March 24, 1954, provides that the BSIP Chamber of Commerce shall be "one body politic and corporate," "shall have perpetual succession" and may have and use a common seal. The Chamber may sue or be sued in all courts of justice, and has the right of purchasing and holding property.

ABANDONED "PARADISE" IN SOUTH SEAS

UP again comes the story of August Engelhardt, the Austrian who dreamed more than 50 years ago of a Utopia at Kabakon Island in the Duke of York Group, between Rabaul and the coast of New Ireland. This time the tale is told by a writer in the Sydney *Sun*, whose version is summarised hereunder. He mistakenly calls Kabakon "Kahakua."

Described as a blond, blue-eyed, bearded giant who had studied at the University of Bavaria, Engelhardt selected Kakabon as the site of the first of what he hoped would be a chain of sun-worshipping communities encircling the equator. Denouncing the "suicidal tendencies of modern civilisation," he called his new Sun Order the "Palm Temple of Pure Natural Life."

Rather complicating matters, Engelhardt regarded women as the source of all evil and made no provision for Eve in his projected Eden. Members of the community would eat nothing but fruit and nuts, and would wear no clothes.

There were many hundreds of would-be disciples in Europe in the opening years of this century, but only two ultimately joined Engelhardt at Kakabon—Max Lutzow, a former director of the famous Lutzow Orchestra at Berlin, and Heinrich Eukens, a student from Heligoland. Others had been discouraged by reports of fatal fevers and cannibals.

After a short period, Eukens, a man of slighter physique than the others, became ill and died Engelhardt and Lutzow continued the experiment in reasonable contentment until an argument over music developed into a violent quarrel. Lutzow took refuge in a Wesleyan mission cutter from nearby Ulu Island, but contracted a chill and fever from which he died soon afterwards. He was buried at Kakabon.

Englehardt lived alone in the Palm Temple for many months, but a drought almost wiped out the fruit crop and in 1904 a storm destroyed the remainder. Islanders reported to the German officials at Herbertshohe (now Kokopo) that the white man at Kakabon had gone mad, and Engelhardt was found very ill; died immediately; and was buried there.

(But our writer, "Tolala" (see "Talk-Talk") says all this is nonsense, and gives the facts.)

PUPPIES JUST HAPPEN AT MANGAIA NOWADAYS

OFFICIALLY there are no bitches in Mangaia nowadays, because they have been eliminated, theoretically at least, by a medical-and-Administration ruling. It was decreed that female dogs were in so small a minority as to constitute a disease-risk as well as making the males savage and potentially dangerous.

But people at Mangaia, writes a correspondent, have been wondering how certain little pups, obviously born since the edict went into force, have materialised. Did

SW Pacific Navigator



JACK CHARLES BARLEY is the cheerful and courteous skipper of the Condominium motor yacht DON QUIJOTE in the New Hebrides. He is also known by his Fijian name of Bainivalu, meaning "Fence-of-War", or perhaps "Stockade".

He was born at Sigatoka, Fiji, in 1926. His father was a member of the Colonial Service—now retired—and his mother was part Rarotongan. Jack was educated at St. Felix College, Suva, and at Auckland, and went to sea in 1946. From 1947 to 1953 he served in small ships of the Western Pacific High Commissioner in the Solomons, including the legendary KOVALA. In 1953 he was seconded to the Condominium to be skipper of DON QUIJOTE.

Jack was married in Sydney on November 9, 1954, and he and his bride are settling down at Vila, in a flat in the old building of the Joint Court. May they live happily ever after!—BRETT HILDER.

they, like a famous Negro in America, "jest combust" spontaneously? And it is a little curious, too, that the sex of the newcomers should be exclusively male.

SAMOAN BURIALS SOMETIMES HAVE VARIATIONS

THINGS do happen differently in Samoa, notes the Anglican *Church Gazette*.

For example, when a funeral party arrived at the graveside, it was found that the coffin was too long for the grave. And the grave had been hewn out of very rocky ground. What was to be done?

After fetching a saw, a husky Samoan imperturbably sawed off the foot of the coffin in accordance with the instructions of the onlookers. . . .

Furthermore, the day was tropically wet. It was disconcerting—but nobody saw any impropriety in the proceeding—for the clergyman to have to say the initial prayer with three pairs of eyes peering earnestly at him from under the coffin in the grave. Three Samoan gravediggers, with hygienically bare torsos, were sheltering there from the downpour.

BRITAIN'S "COLOUR" POLICY

DESPITE the recent noise over the post-war migration of West Indies people to Britain, in the United Kingdom it still is considered shameful to air colour prejudice in public, noted a writer in the *Daily Telegraph*, London, on March 2. He added: "Most of the West Indians here are happy and want to stay. In general, they seem to be regarded as excellent workers. Behind all the objections to them there may well lie a fear of competition for jobs, houses, wives and everything that people compete for. . . But it should be remembered that if we are really sincere in our policy of conferring self-government on coloured peoples, the best way to fit them for it is is not to grudge them a chance to learn our skills and way of life."

CHAUVEL HAS NEW FILM PLAN FOR TAHITI

CHARLES CHAUVEL, Australian film producer, spent four days in Paris in early March to discuss the possible making of a French-Australian film in Tahiti.

Between the two World Wars, Tahiti was a happy hunting-ground for film-makers. Some of the Hollywood productions were excruciating claptrap; but others, like Ramon Novarro's *The Pagan*, and the pictorially lovely *White Shadows in the South Seas*, had their moments, while Murnau's *Tabu*, filmed mainly in nearby Borabora, remains a classic.

Serious filmgoers with long memories will recall that in 1933 Charles Chauvel's *In the Wake of the Bounty*, contained many breath-taking shots of Tahitian scenery and traditional dancing. An unpretentious production that roused little interest outside Australia and New Zealand, this Chauvel effort, *inter alia*, introduced Errol Flynn as Fletcher Christian and, despite some inevitable shortcomings, gave a rather more accurate reconstruction of the *Bounty* saga than did the opulent later production which Hollywood based on the Nordhoff-and-Hall novel.

In the Wake of the Bounty also gave a vivid picture of Pitcairn as it was in 1932, when Charles Chauvel and his wife were there. Perhaps because of this, 16 mm prints of the film are still current for educational purposes.

¶ M. Rene Hoffherr, Governor of New Caledonia and HC for France in the Pacific, has gone to Paris accompanied by the head of the NC Mining Dept. A Noumea communique stated that the main reason for the HC's journey was the question of the hydroelectric installation proposed for the Yate River in association with the nickel-smelting operations at Noumea.

MONKEY BUSINESS

We had a little mincer—
Nothing would it do
But mince the meat up finely
And make a splendid stew.
We had a little cookboy
Who liked to see it mince.
He minced with it on Thursday.
We haven't used it since.

We had a soda syphon
That syphoned very well.
The drinks we served the passer-
Were really rather swell.
We had a little cookboy
Who tried it by himself.
He tried it on a Saturday. . .
It now stands on a shelf.

We had a small alarm clock
Which had a good alarm.
We had a silent primus
That acted like a charm.
We had a brand new thermos,
A special latching door—
We had a little cookboy. . .
Need we say any more!

—NOELLE MASON

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Solution o Page 62.

ACROSS

1.—What was the name of Sir Francis Drake's ship in which he sailed around the world?

7.—About what famous British Administrator has Richard Aldington recently written a highly controversial book?

8.—What is the name of the ornamental staff placed on the table when the British House of Commons is sitting?

9.—What is the surname of the actress who won an academy award for her role in Johnny Belinda?

10.—What is the name of the famous explorer who wrote "In Darkest Africa"?

11.—Who painted the famous masterpiece "The Descent from the Cross"?

13.—Of which of the United States is Salt Lake City the capital?

15.—Who is the present Prime Minister of New Zealand?

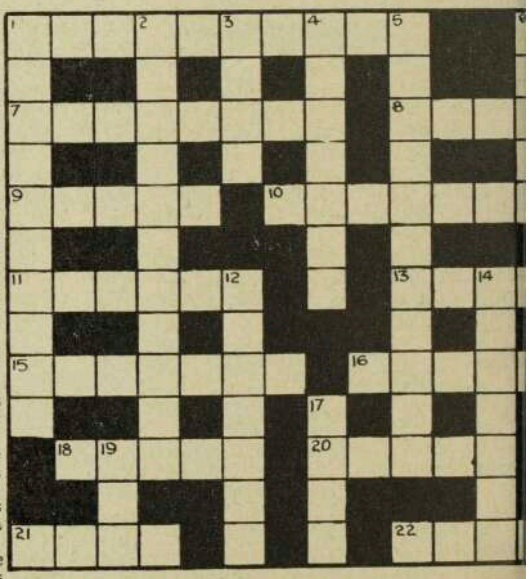
16.—Who became Prime Minister of Australia in 1932?

18.—In which of Puccini's operas does Baron Scarpia appear?

20.—Who was the male singer in the Marx Brothers film "A Night at the Opera"?

21.—What is the national drink of Japan?

22.—What Hebrides island has given its name to a breed of terrier?



DOWN

1.—Who wrote "The Forsyte Saga"?

2.—What is the present name for the strait once known as the Hellespont?

3.—What is the answer when 54 th is divided by 2?

4.—What is the term for the tend of a body to preserve its state of res uniform motion in a straight line?

5.—Who wrote "Guys and Dolls"

6.—At which French village did Ed III have a tremendous victory ove French in 1346?

12.—What is the capital of New M

14.—What is the term for the a grace by which a ruler or governing pardons political offenders?

17.—Which famous Australian rac had 18 straight wins?

19.—What timber was used for bu British ships up till the advent of

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A Matter of Ballistics

By *A. J. MURISON*

THE Coaster was behind schedule, and the work up to date; so the cognescenti at our Papuan tation voted for a day of pigeon-hooting on the mainland.

The party was carefully chosen. irst, Lennie, who was the chief tizen, an experienced boatman and enerally acknowledged as a leader. ock, a Patrol Officer, was welcomed he to provide the Government unch. Clancy, a mechanic; and ruce, a trader, completed the ex-dition.

Overtures were made to "Doc" to me along; but, on learning that e country was mostly sago swamp id not a planting potential, he ked to be excused.

Preparations went smoothly. The rosene refrigerator was loaded to the launch with a minimum of ratches and breakages; cook boys re warned of an early start; and e hunters spent the evening oil-g shot-guns and other essential chanisms.

Daylight, and an early start found e party plugging up the river ainst a strong tide.

Around a bend, the daddy of all cs lay snoozing and was reported the launch-boy.

Clancy grasped weapon and am-nition but was restrained by nnie. "Only a waste of ammo—tgun pellets won't hurt him."

The launch drew slowly abeam d Clancy became frantic.

All right," said Lennie. "But you only wasting a cartridge."

Clancy sighted and fired. The c leaped like William Tell's apple, and hopped into the water. Birds fluttered and squawked. And "Told you," from Lennie.

" 'Tis policeman's thray-oh-thray we're needing," wailed Clancy. "Away back, and we'll be getting wan."

This was opposed by the others. "Mon, the fuel we'll waste," said Jock. Clancy countered by pointing out that the launch burned one gallon of diesel fuel per hour, cost approximately ninepence (the good old days); and "T'was return we would for a decent weapon."

Bruce sagely remarked that if they returned, the District Officer's wife might commandeer the launch for a picnic.

In face of this, Clancy capitulated and the voyage continued. Crocs abounded and dozed on, regardless of the launch and the baffled Clancy.

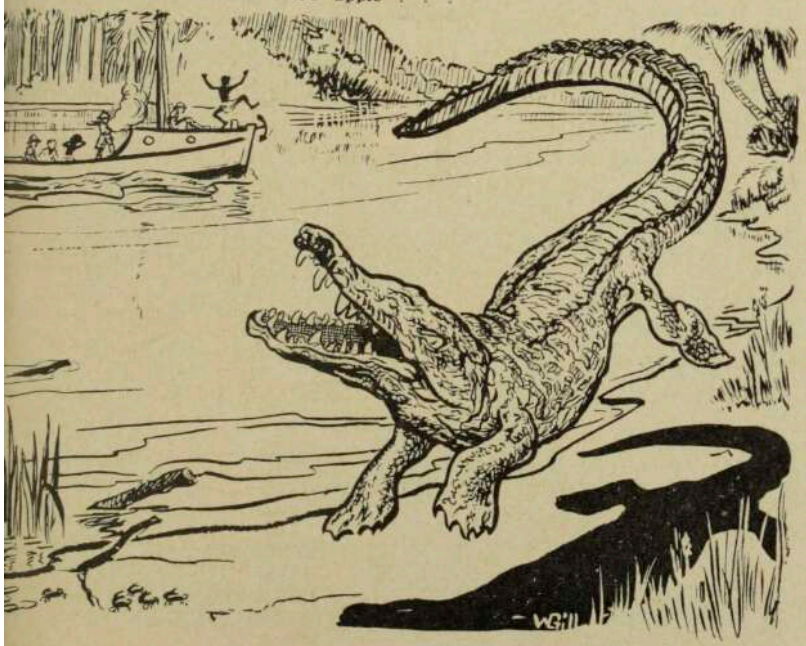
Lennie outlined the plan of campaign: anchor launch, slake thirst, spend an hour ashore with guns, and return to launch with bag.

The anchor went down and the party landed—less Clancy, who stated he was not going to hunt pigeons "at all, at all." He was warned against any excessive opening of the refrigerator door, and the others disappeared into the bush.

All was silent for an hour and then the party returned with empty bags. It was now that Lennie showed his qualities as a leader. Shot-guns were transferred from Taubadas to cook-boys, and the latter told to get busy. Lennie then poured the drinks.

Clancy was busy with an empty

croc leaped like William Tell's apple . . .





A tangled mass of feathers . . .

shot-gun cartridge, a knife and a spare .303 round found in the bottom of the launch tool-box. These operations were viewed with some apprehension, and Clancy was requested to move forward in isolation —it being agreed a glass would be passed to him as, and when, required.

THE day passed pleasantly, with an occasional shot sounding from the bush. In good time, the cook-boys returned with a siezable bag.

Jock's boy produced a tangled mess of feathers, flesh and bone which, he maintained, represented "two fella" pigeon. When asked for an explanation, he stoutly argued that he had shot to instructions. His Taubada had been most insistent that he "no losem" any cartridge, so he had only fired when a kill was certain.

Jock was warned that extreme parsimony of this kind would not be tolerated on future occasions.

Clancy now declared for home and produced the result of his labours for inspection. He had cut a hole in the end of the shot-gun cartridge and placed the base of a .303 round through this hole, filling the space between the inner side of the shot-gun cartridge and the outer side of the .303 with wet paper, firmly rammed. It looked a formidable projectile, and the bird-shooters eyed it with alarm.

" 'Tis a croc I'll be shooting on the way home. Faith, I'll borrow your gun, Lennie." (Clancy's gun was of the gas-pipe variety).

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There and Back in a Dreamship

This continues the story of my dreamship Tovata—*ex* Purple Sea—*ex* SC671 *from page 21 of March PIM. Rightly, I feel it should be entitled "In praise of an Avomine Pill."*

By JUDY TUDOR

SUVA, March 25.

SOME days before we finally set sail for Naitauba, I asked Mr. W. G. Johnson, who managing-directs *Tovata* as well as the other W. R. Carpenter enterprises in Fiji, just what sort of a ship she was. Did one just sit on the deck, or was there a bunk?

"Good God," he said, "This is a real ship—of course, it has cabins, and bunks with *new spring mattresses.*" He left me to digest this for a moment and then added: "If you are not used to going to sea in small ships, of course, and there is any sort of weather, you will probably just want to curl up in your bunk."

I thought it very probable.

There followed a couple of days of delay when a tropical depression hesitated somewhere to the north of Fiji, then departure time was set for 9.30 am on March 1. This also was the date of arrival in Suva of the *Orsova* and as a family friend was passing through from America I decided to go on board to breakfast with him.

This was bad psychology—for the friend. After we had eaten in *Orsova's* air-conditioned dining room he walked with me to the other end of Suva wharf where *Tovata* lay champing at the bit. His predictions, after he had sighted her, were so dire I immediately got out my tin of Avomine tablets and ate one pill.

I inspected my cabin. Not very large, certainly, but the inner-spring mattresses were there as per specification. It lacked only one thing which I demand in any sea-going vessel—something in which to be sick. Apparently these people had more faith in Avomine and the Tudor stomach than I had. Well, *sans faire rien.*

I hauled myself up on to the very top deck above the wheel-house and felt pretty good. But the Captain, going into his wheel-house saw me there, looking pleased with myself, and remarked: "I don't know about the weather. Maybe we get it pretty rough later on out there."

This had the necessary deflationary effect and my reaction was immediate. "In that event someone had better get me something to be sick in." He grinned and gave an order in Fijian and next time I went back to the cabin there was a new galvanised bucket under the bunk.

Then I ate another Avomine pill.

We sailed eastward inside the reef and a fierce squall came down out of the north blotting out Suva and the land. I was invited into the wheel house and stood behind the helmsman, and the captain got out his charts and showed me the course.

We entered the open water near the small island of Nukulau. The sea was heaving about in big lumps and *Tovata* began her peculiar corkscrew motion into it But so far, so good. Avomine was living up to its reputation.

If it gets rougher, said the Captain, it will be beyond that point there—in about an hour. The Point came and went and if the sea got any worse I failed to perceive it—*Tovata* was already doing most of the things I have hitherto objected to in ships anyhow, with no ill effects. I retired with a book and a deckchair to the top deck.

At frequent intervals someone came along and pushed a cup of tea and biscuits into my hand, and I disposed of them. At less frequent intervals an oriental-looking lad came along and hissed "Food!" and made enticing motions towards the dining-saloon. I had inspected this —about as big as a large dining-table and seats around it—and had decided that it was not for me, matter how scientific and effecti seasick pills are these days. It w sandwiches on deck, or nothin And ginger-ale. I had been told th some ginger-ale had been put the ice for me.

"Sandwiches?" The steward-guess he was a steward—looked though he had never heard of the but after pondering for some ti he went away and a long time aft he came back.

"Ginger—no, no!" he sa "Sardine, salmon, pilchard—ginge no. What you like, eh!"

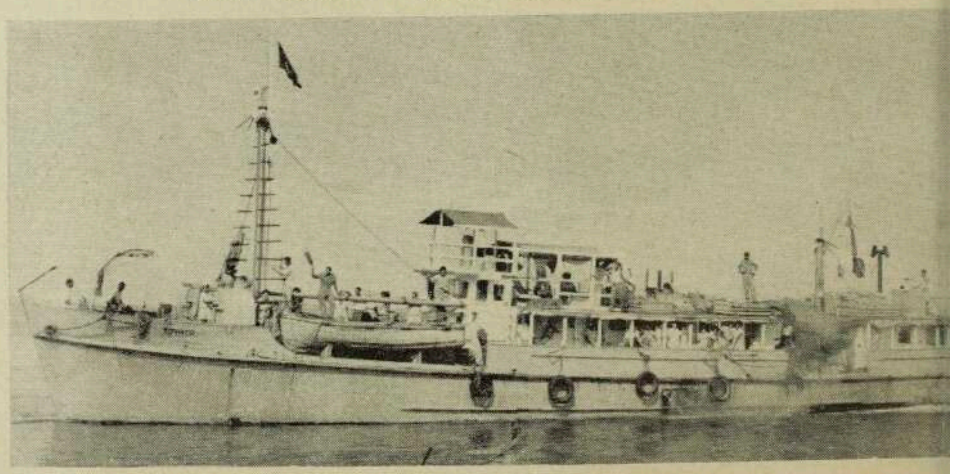
I gave up. "Tomato," I yell "Tomato, tomato." And forgetti what country I was in—"You sav tomato?"

He evidently did. Some very go tomato sandwiches eventually turn up. Some time later he appea again with a broad grin and a la tin of icy-cold pineapple juice. took the last of it into the ca with me that night and during darkness the can rolled off the sh Ever tried to put yourself toget in a 6 x 5 cabin, in the dawn, wi the cabin floor is awash with pi apple juice?

With the first light *Tovata* just lolloping along on slow swe The Captain said the sea had g down at midnight. I climbed on deck and dangled my through the wheel-house wind Naitauba stood out ahead silhouette against the new Someone brought us hot coffee

Perhaps the spirit of Ron Johnson, who drifted in *Tov* (then *SC671*) from Hawaii to in 1948, momentarily left his sent stand at the Sydney GPO

"Tovata" to-day . . . 100 tons Ocean Greyhound.



vas somewhere around at that noment. I guess he never got it so ood! Journey's end, a fair morning nd hot coffee. What more could ne want?

* * *

OR those two weeks on Naitauba —with the rest of the South Pacific—we suffered a succession f tropical depressions of high, oderate and low intensity. Conequently my only contact with *ovata* was as she threshed her way ast the island one night during ie worst of the blows and somew, between 9 pm and midnight, in reaming wind, torrential rain and mbled sea, managed to decant veral bundles of reeds (for reoring the *vatas*—those raised ands on which a great proportion Fiji's copra is cured) and half dozen people before she went on Suva.

Delays now began to pile up and ally it was decided to divert her ien she had finished a voyage to tewa Bay ports (Vanua Levu) to k me up at Naitauba.

This was about 100 miles and a od half day out of her way and such consideration on the part any ship owners has never ne my way before, I was demined to play my part.

Our rendezvous was for 7 am on ursday, March 24—more or less. it is one thing to make ndezvous in these circumstances; ther to keep it. No sooner had date been made on the Tues- (by radio-telephone) than the mlins got busy. Up came another pical depression"; up came the n d, screaming and howling ough the coconuts, blowing back r fronds like the manes of wild ses; down came the rain—inches t. So it continued Tuesday, and inesday, and Wednesday night.. *Tovata* will never come in this," the Hennings. Still, I was up daylight. Seven o'clock came, no *Tovata*. Miraculously, we ned to have hit a patch of calm the sea was comparatively flat there were patches of blue sky gave one cause to hope. But ly.

nine we were again being ed by squalls; at 9.30, Mac came "*Tovata* has gone around the t," he said, casually. Having brought up to the stern ol which believes that ships wait said, casually. Having been ght up in the stern school h believes that ships wait no one, I was ready to decamp nce. But no.

x they said. *ita* had come on the last ll and was ering anyway. ite my breakbut it could ly be said I relaxed. prudently, an Avomine

Ten-twenty. The *Tovata* had not come back, neither had it sent its launch, as was hoped. The plantation launch was made ready. I collected my luggage; put my three cameras in a zippered bag and hoped that they would not end in the drink; took off my shoes; rolled up my jeans; put on a hat that a female in a Sydney shop had sold me as waterproof; buttoned on my plastic raincoat; said my goodbyes and was ready. Mac came along; and Finau to captain the launch; and Sinbad to tend the engine; and two or three other large Fijians whose job was (1) to see that *Tovata* did not roll on the launch; and (2) to throw me onto *Tovata* if necessary, and heave my baggage on after me.

THE *Tovata* could now be seen coming from around the point. She began to describe circles off the normal anchorage, carefully keeping a safe distance from the reef. (Anchorage is a misnomer here—it is too deep to anchor and ships just hang about outside; the passage through the reef is too shallow for craft larger than launches).

By now the sky in the north began to assume the colour of an over-ripe plum and as we got into the passage the storm hit us. Down came the rain in a solid wall and in a matter of seconds visibility was reduced to nil. Naitauba was blotted out; so was the reef. The last I saw of *Tovata* was her square stern disappearing at speed away from us. I felt that her captain was now beating it to Suva while his luck held.

"See, the rain is flattening the waves," said Mac soothingly, but I wasn't interested in waves, large, small or flattened, except that now, they alone were left to show us that we were heading in the right direction. More clouds emptied themselves upon us. Once I was asked if I would like to shut myself in with the engine. I refused. On another occasion Mac wanted to know if I were wet. I said no—but that was a lie. When I examined myself on the ship I looked as though I had been dunked in the sea. The allegedly waterproof hat was a pulp; the rain had come through the plastic coat as though it were muslin; enough water streamed from my shirt and pants to float the *Tovata* and both items are, at this writing, still draped over the rail on the back landing of the GPH still drying out.

In this fashion we played tag with the *Tovata* in and out of rain squalls beside the Naitauba reef for what seemed hours—but probably was less than one, the while the men kept up a high-pitched conversation accompanied by a wealth of gesticulation which—so far as Fijians are concerned—always leaves me in doubt as to whether we are on the

Johnson "never got it so good . . ." (A photo of him in Suva after his 1948 drift).



"Tovata" at the end of her long drift in 1948.



brink of disaster or whether they are merely enjoying themselves. And, as usual with people who spend their time amongst Fijians, Mac in his excitement would forget to interpret for long periods.

Finally there was a more than usually frenzied shriek from the lad up front. This is It, thought I—or the *Tovata*. Minutes later, *Tovata* had emerged sufficiently from her shroud of cloud to appear dimly, like a ghost ship. Slowly we crept up on her, while she prepared for more manoeuvres. At the first attempt, *Tovata* bobbed madly above us and threatened to fall on us. No dice. Both boats sheered off in their own semi-circle while howls and yells of encouragement, rage, instructions or heaven knows what were exchanged between ship and launch.

Then the *Tovata* completes another abrupt manoeuvre — and miracle, the sea seems smoothed out and we approach without undue trouble. Get ready to jump, I'm told. I need no second bidding—I fly through the air with the greatest of ease and there are a dozen pairs of hands to grab me. My baggage comes on without mishap.

Off goes the launch, off into the rain, Mac and the men laughing and waving, mission completed—and out of my sight. I drip and run water and wave in return from *Tovata*, which by some strange metamorphosis since I first saw her in Suva, is grown big and solid and as substantial as the Queen Mary. (Purely illusionary, however; she bounced plenty later).

I go to my cabin and start to strip off my sodden clothes, only to be confronted unexpectedly by the captain. Draped decently in a bathtowel we hold converse, then later, having found a pair of dry shorts and a shirt I get into my bunk to read the afternoon away with difficulty—the bunks are built across-ship. So as she rolls, one stands first on one's head, then on one's heels. Soon in comes a steward. Fijian this time, and in a soft respectful voice says, "Food? Fried fish?"

"No," says I. "Sandwiches. Tomato sandwiches. Here."

This seems to be where I came in.

* * *

SOME hours after I arrived in Suva yesterday, the managing-director of *Tovata* rang up to find out how I fared. Fine, I report. I like his ship, and equipped with sufficient Avomine tablets, I am prepared to circumnavigate the globe in her. But there is only one thing—since I got off her, I have been about 75 per cent. deaf. Such a thing has never happened before. Must be the noise of the engines.

"No, no, couldn't be the engines," says the voice at the end of the wire. "Probably caused by being too close to sea level!"

Well—he could be right.

* * *

LATER: On reading this story over in Sydney, it occurs to me that the reader might get the impression that I was so glad to quit Naitauba I was prepared to put to sea in a typhoon. This was not so—according to my schedule, that was the time for departure. And, for the record, I should like to say that the two weeks I spent on the island were amongst the pleasantest and most profitable I have ever spent. Certainly it rained, but that was a phenomenal period all over the South Pacific. And I am used to that: My own family can now confidently predict cyclones by the times I leave or arrive at Sydney airport.

How on earth can people run a copra plantation or load copra in such circumstances, others might ask. They do not, of course, load copra under those circumstances, and probably for 90 per cent. of the time, landing at Naitauba is as I found it when I arrived—calm, with the wind from the right quarter; not blowing a gale from the north, and on to the reef, as I left it.

SONG OF THE PACIFIC

Gently borne upon the breeze,
Comes the love-song of a bird,
Comes the fragrance of a flower,
And the salt-smell of the seas.

Somewhere now upon a beach
Flash the bodies, naked, brown,
Rise the voices, shouting, glad,
In a strange, poetic, speech.

Come here, you who want no slaves,
Care not if a skin is brown,
Understand the stranger's wish,
Seek the peace a sad heart craves.

Here within the silent reef,
In the fern and palm-tree's shade,
In the magic southern land,
Here only is there peace.

—Phyllis Parham.

(Phyllis Parham, aged 16, was born in Fiji, but was only 3 years old when she went to Canada. She lives now in Montreal.)

"When it's Springtime in New Guinea . . ."

There's a valley that is hidden,
That has been seen by none,
Though said to be discovered
In 1891.
And later viewed from sideways,
In 1923,
When seen round the corner
By John McMurkitry.

In the valley that is hidden
They don't wear any clothes.
The girls are rather nifty
And the men—they don't propose.
The atom bomb's unknown there—
All other bombs unbid.
If they have any sense there,
They'll go on being hid.

—NOELLE MASON.

LOST PASSPORTS

"THAT seems to be all," said M Glover. "I'd better take o passports now."

Mr. Davies stared at him in su prise. "But *you've* got the pas ports," he said.

"I have NOT," declared M Glover. "They're still with you."

Mr. Davies went into what irre erent people call a flat spin.

The place was the Travel Depa ment of the Bank of NSW, in Sy ney. Dramatis Personae were M E. P. Glover, managing-editor *South Pacific Post*, Port Mores and Mr. Nigel Davies, manager the Travel Department. Time w Wednesday, March 9—the day b fore Mr. and Mrs. Glover were sail for long leave in England.

In these days of bureaucra chains and shackles, a traveller ca not move without a passport.

There was a wild scene in t Travel Office, until Messrs. Glo and Davies finally got onto the sa wave-length. Then they decid that the passports had become si tracked somewhere in their tortu movements among shipping offi banks, taxation wallahs and all other officials who dance upon necks of prospective travellers.

While Mr. Glover marched up a down the office, and fumed a steamed (it was one of those rea "sticky" days), Mr. Davies suppl a telephone solo of great len and variety. It was calculated t at one stage he had fifteen curs people in ten different offi searching through files and reco at the one moment.

But—no passports. Everyone I seen them—all insisted they I been passed along the cor channels.

So then, in rapid, well-direc motion, Mr. Davies reacted to accepted fact that The Passp Were Lost. He began a plea High Officialdom that applicat be accepted for issue of two ot passports, to catch up with travellers in London, and that Glovers be given some sort special certificate to allow them leave on the ship on the morro

Meanwhile, Mr. Glover seize taxi and frantically sought I Bunty Glover. Port Moresby's n popular young matron eventu was tracked down at a cosy fare party, amid eight adoring wome

The haste with which she was moved left the ladies gasping. H Mrs. Bunty Glover's sweet ten broke under the stress of husband's explanation that she to be passport-photographed wi ten minutes. . .

The day waned. The tired (so far as one half the partner is concerned, anyway) enfuri Glovers had a harassed late din and began to pack.

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Then Mrs. Bunty Glover stopped
nd stared, and stiffened.

"Ted," she said, in a quiet, danger-
us voice, "what is this?"

There was a packet. Inside were
vo passports. The packet had been
laced in a drawer among Mrs.
lover's garments, and somehow
ad become buried.

"I cannot remember collecting
iem," wailed the defenceless Mr.
lover. "I did not put them there.
am sure I did not even call at
e Bank until to-day."

That line of argument proved
tile. Mrs. Glover knows about the
torious forgetfulness of harassed
itors. . .

Then Mr. Glover collapsed again.
ly God," he cried, "how am I go-
to tell Davies about this?"

Mrs. Glover was not sympathetic.

"Bunty," began Mr. Glover, softly.
ou have always been a great
p to me."

Bunty turned upon him a very
d, suspicious eye. He blundered

We could say that *you* collected
se passports, and forgot to tell
about it. Yes, that would get
r everything. . ."

ut it was not Ted Glover's lucky
. He accomplished nothing.
lly nice wives will enter into
t domestic conspiracies, when
umstances seem to call for it.
"deceiving courteous and helpful
vel men, who have done every-
g possible for us" is, according
Mrs. Glover, one of the things
done.

r. Glover was at the Bank at
next morning, and grovelled un-
mingly. Mr. Davies laughed.
main feeling is one of relief
nd that Our System was not at
t," he said.

r. Glover began to depart, still
ing apologies.

ust a moment," said Mr. Davies.
at about the 34/6 I paid for
e passport photos yesterday?
ct me to carry that lot, too?"

* * *

erewith, please see the photo-
hs in question. The circum-
ces under which they were taken
ain why Mrs. Glover is show-
her teeth without smiling, and
Mr. Glover looks less like an
r than an ogre.—RWR.



Site of First Church in Polynesia

[By Marjorie Henry, of Buckland's Beach, New Zealand, great-great-great-great granddaugher of William and Sarah Henry, first Pacific Islands missionaries (1797).]

IN the shade of a great breadfruit tree, at Matavai, Tahiti, and near a dilapidated Tahitian hut, stands a smooth grey stone.

Animals crop grass around it, children jump over it, adults sit on it; and there is no sign to tell the world that this spot was the cradle of missionary endeavour in Polynesia.

Along the 80-miles road that circles Tahiti there may be seen, every few miles, substantial cement churches — white, candy pink and baby blue—and to them on Sundays, answering the call from many belfries, come the Tahitian congregations, dressed in white.

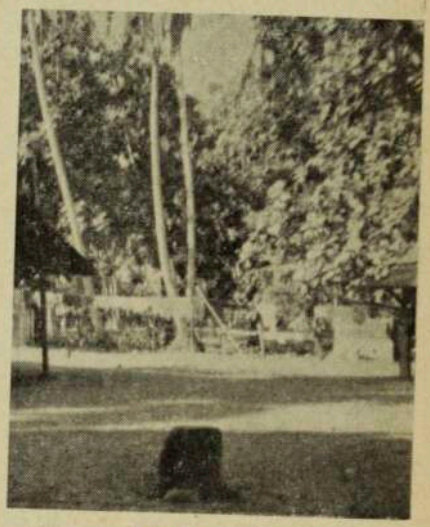
It appears that they neither know nor care about the worn grey stone —which is all that remains of the church built in 1798 by the first brave missionaries sent out under the auspices of The London Missionary Society.

On the other side of the road, the land is swampy from a stream that has become choked with weeds; but, as the curator of the museum, Aurora Natua, pointed out, it would not always have been like that.

It was beside that stream that the missionaries, voluntary exiles, built themselves a home, preferring it to that built by the Tahitians for Captain Bligh of *Bounty* fame, which had been given to them on arrival.

We stood in the moving shadows of the coconut palms and thought of them, of the missionaries and their wives, of their courage and their discouragements (for it was 16 years before they converted anyone).

In Tahiti there are always new churches under construction—yet it appears that neither the administration nor the numerous clergy consider this sacred spot worthy of a monument.



The actual site of the first Christian church built in the South Pacific Islands. It was at Matavai, Tahiti. The dark object in the foreground (a foundation stone) is all that remains of it, now.



The Landing of the Missionaries in Tahiti in 1797. The king and queen are carried on the shoulders of slaves.—From Painting by M. A. Smirke, RA.



Papuan of the Waroppen coast.

New Guinea Interlude:

Forest Dancers in the Firelight

By *S. VAN DER WERFF*

THERE is a clearing in that dark forest of Netherlands New Guinea. . . Cicadas hum and myriads of mosquitoes are successful as never before.

Here the Papuans who have been travelling with us have built camp. Having eaten their fill—a wild boar and two fat crown-pigeons—they are talking. The usual topics for such fireside talk are the origin of mankind and the earliest ancestors of the tribe.

Then an unbroken silence falls until a few of the older men begin to hum a tune. Others join in and gradually the humming becomes a forceful song. Fingers begin to tap the drums, and suddenly a strong, well-built man leaps into the middle of the ring formed by the singers. His blood-curdling scream echoes in the hills.

One by one the men rise, their feet beating the ground. A stormy rhythm soars through the trees, wild and indomitable, and the clearing becomes a turmoil of glistening bodies. The dance becomes wilder, like a rising hurricane. Parrots and other birds fly screaming from the tumult.

It is impossible to remain unmoved by this scene. The dance-rhythm creeps into your blood. Automatically your fingers drum in sympathy, and it is only by an effort that you stop yourself from leaping into the ring of dancers.

And then—silence. Like a rushing river the rhythm flows away and the dance ends as suddenly as it began. The panting dancers huddle together on beds of leaves and twigs and almost immediately all are in deep sleep. . .

There is happiness in life among such companions, and the thought that soon they may be drawn into a society they cannot comprehend awakens a feeling of intense pity for them.

Many times I recall adventures shared in that vast land. I remember so well the satisfaction of conquering a mountain after toiling through burning sunlight or incessant rain, and how, at the end of an expedition, came the offers of Papuan hospitality in homes and sleeping-places.

Often I feel a boundless longing to see that land again and to meet its people, gay and laughing as in the past.



"Feet beat in stormy rhythm."

A Matter of Ballistics

(Continued from Page 55)

"No!" Lennie's firing-pin was a bit worn and might not detonate the charge.

"How about Bruce's?" Bruce, who owned a fancy Greener, neither made excuses nor strove to be polite. "Not on your blanky life," he said.

Jock "didna wish to appear unco canny like the ithers but, mon, 'twas no his gun, but one he had borrowed from the Sergeant of Polis, and he felt obleeged to take guid care of it. He'd maybe have to make good any defects and he couldna afford"...

Lennie moved that Jock be no longer heard. Carried, with Jock dissenting.

Resignedly, Clancy picked up his gas-pipe without more ado, moved forward and proceeded to load. "I'll be having a practice go," said he.

Hastily, the others dissuaded him. Noise would disturb the crocs, and so no shooting on the way home. May not be another .303 round to make a new projectile. Etc., e Lennie closed the discussion opening the refrigerator. There w an element of greatness in Lenn

The launch was soon homewa bound, with the hunters comfortal ensconced "below."

Soon, the native coxswain pok his head over the coaming and a nounced—"Big fellow wallegoa stop."

There was a momentary rush climb top-side and see. But it w Clancy's moment, and he mov forward with gun and ammuniti

Quietly, as ordered by Lennie, t engine was slowed and the laun edged into the bank. Clancy pla his back against the mast, a steadied fo" action. The engine d to a whisper, Clancy raised his g took a steady aim and then—

AT any time, .303 ammunit carries a powerful charge a is normally fired from world's best rifle. Jock's predeces had been a keen rifleman possessed the latest sporting Enfield. He had also acquire brand of ammunition with a spe charge for shooting crocodiles, it was a stray round of this t Clancy had found in the tool

During the excitement of sig ing the croc, Clancy had b careful to pick up, unnoti Bruce's full-choke Greener. Br recognised his gun as Clancy fir

The launch hesitated for an stant, from the recoil; the b reverberated up and down the ri and an old grey shag, which fished off that same mang stump for years and years fl himself madly skywards and flap away—Lennie reported three mo later that he recognised the fellow on the fairway buoy Thursday Island—he had becom New Australian.

Smoke eddied around Cla Bruce danced and howled. Jock Lennie cursed crew-boys, Cla crocs, the brand of rum they been drinking and themselves, ever going to sea.

Recovering somewhat, grabbed Bruce—who appea hysterical—held him firmly searched for wounds.

"Where are you hit?" as Lennie.

"I'm not hit," screeched Bru

"Whyinell all this fuss, then

"That blanky Sinn-Feiner used my gun!" He was shooe to cool down and examine his which Lennie passed back to h

The croc lay on the mud wi nasty wound in its side—deadi was eventually roped and ha

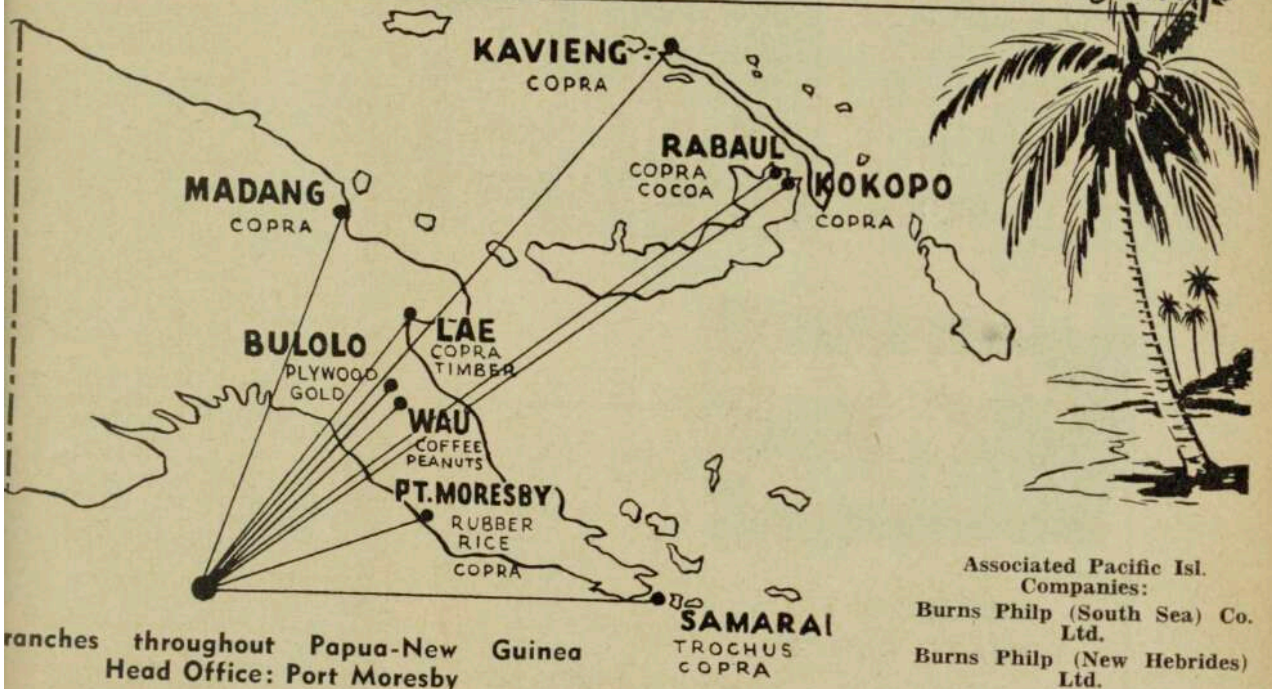
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alongside, and triumphantly towed home by the launch.

Much honour and glory came Clancy's way, over this, but it was noted that when later shooting parties included Clancy, everyone made sure there were no stray .303 rounds lying around, while Bruce showed a tendency to keep his "Greener" in its velvet case and close at hand.

MME. OLLIER FREED

NOUMEA, April 1.

MME Rose Marie Ollier, formerly a secretary in the French Embassy at Canberra, who was arrested on charges of alleged espionage and was taken to Paris last year, has been released.

A commission was sent to Australia by the military *juge d'instruction*. The finding was that the charges preferred against Mme. Ollier were without foundation.

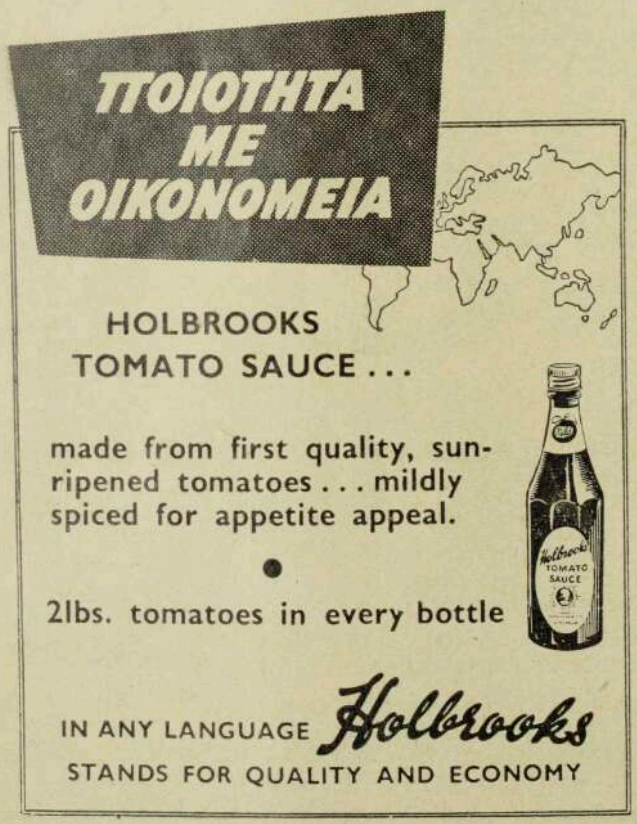
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A Mission History

THE Rev. F. G. Lewis, MLC, chairman of the New Guinea District of the Methodist Church, has just completed a history of the Methodist Mission in New Britain, covering the past sixty years of work there. The Methodist Mission began operations in 1875 under the Rev. George Brown, the Rev. Benjamin Danks, and Fijian and Samoan assistants.

Solution to Crossquiz From Page 54

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CAPTAIN HAUG SUMS UP

Keller Mystery is Ended

AMIABLY exercised in his mir by being called "an inquisitiv bloke" (October "Territori Talk-Talk"), Captain Carl Hau wrote from Darmstadt, Germany, c March 3 to "give the gist of m inquisitiveness" about Captain Kelle

(Writing in the December PIM Mr. H. C. Corrie, of Sydney, sa that Otto Keller was killed January or February, 1913, c the coast of Malaita betwee Foando and Quarrie, and that th murderer was subsequently hange at Tulagi. Other people had d scribed another Captain Keller. Th PIM finally said there must ha been two Captain Kellers).

Captain Haug writes that wh he met Jack London at Sydney, 1908, London mentioned a Capta Keller whose schooner had gone the rescue when London's *Sna* was on a reef in the Solomons.

Captain Haug continues: "M friend Captain Fehr, who owned I Plantation in Bougainville but w expropriated in 1920, later told m of a curious coincidence. In 18 when he was in the British fou masted barque *Garnet Hill*, one his shipmates was a Swiss sail named Keller. In 1920, when he h to leave Iwi, he took passage in coasting steamer; and, on the fi evening aboard, found that the ca tain was his former shipmate a that he (Keller) had recognised h as he came aboard.

"I wanted to learn if the Kel of London's story was the Kel who had been with Fehr in t *Garnet Hill*, and to clear up t question I wrote to PIM. T answers have cleared it up. Ja London's Keller was killed in 19 The other Keller died in camp Singapore during World War II

WITH regard to Markham and t *Lily* (*"Talk-Talk"* in Octo PIM), Captain Haug adds: think it is right to assume th Markham bought his *Lily* fr Hernsheim, because the firm hac schooner with that name. But did not buy Jack London's *Sna* and rename her *Lily*, as alleged. T *Snark* was sold at Sydney for trifle of £Stg.500, in 1908, and far as I know Markham did not to Australia until after 1910.

"I met London in Sydney af the *Snark* had been sold. Had I m him before I would certainly h bought the *Snark* myself; she h cost Jack London 60,000 dollars building and for repairs at Honol Charmian (Mrs. London) wrote me later that the ship, re-rigged a schooner, was recruiting in New Hebrides."

Captain Haug concludes: "It good to give old memories an airi

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and I am glad that the PIM note has given me the chance. . . If that damned 1914 war had been avoided I would, I am sure, be living now in a cottage at Rose Bay or Watsons Bay as I once planned to do. And if the 1948 money reform had not snatched most of my savings, I would have travelled to a part of the world where I lived in paradise without realising it."

Popular Promotion for Mr. T. Grahamslaw

THE appointment on March 3, of Mr. T. Grahamslaw as Chief Collector of Customs, Papua and New Guinea, in succession to Mr. F. Lee, has pleased old Territorians.

Mr. Grahamslaw has been in Papua since 1911 and joined the Papuan Service as a Cadet Clerk in the old Treasury, Customs and Postal Department in 1916.

Since then he has served at Daru, Woodlark Island, Samarai, the Northern Division, and Port Moresby in an extraordinary number of capacities ranging from boiler to Assistant Resident Magistrate, his more unusual jobs interspersed at intervals with the more usual one of Customs officer.

He has spent considerable periods as Acting Chief Collector of Customs, but since the appointment of Mr. Lee from the position of Collector of Customs, Townsville, in January, 1953, he has been Assistant Chief Collector.

From February, 1942, to October, 1945, he served with distinction with the Armed Forces in Papua. He was in the Buna area and on the Kokoda Trail in 1942, and with a United States Division towards the end of that year, followed by an period with the Advanced New Guinea Force. Subsequently he became ANGAU District Officer with headquarters at Higaturu. With the rank of Lieut-Colonel, he was appointed Regional Commander Southern Division ANGAU, the area south of the Markham River in NG and including all Papua) in July, 1954, and retained his position until he handed over my Administration to Colonel J. Murray in October, 1945.

For his war services he was awarded the OBE.

Chartered for 15 months by the Nickel Co., at Noumea, the Scandinavian ship *Gordonian* (6,000 tons) will not be permitted to carry nickel ore between mining ports and the Noumea smelters. As a foreign ship, the *Gordonian* under French law, may not trade between NC ports. The ship will now transport coal between Port Kembla, NSW, and Noumea.

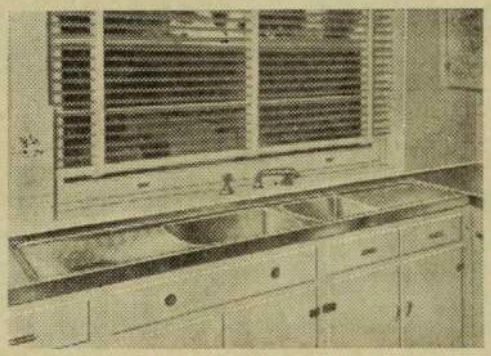
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This is surprising. Even if future dividends do not exceed 3d per share, 3d per share is 12½ per cent. per annum on 2/-. The Co. is maintaining its revenues from its main enterprises—Golden Ridges mill and timber-cutting—in fact, timber production continues steadily to increase.

Ridges Mill	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Ore treated, tons	3,461	3,670	3,340
Oz gold per ton	.34	.27	.32
Ounces ret'd. of—			
Gold	1,048	1,075	942
Silver	1,425	1,234	1,158
From Alluvials—			
Oz fine	57	39	—
From Koranga—			
Oz fine	856	108	—
Timber, su. ft.	123,177	158,180	201,259

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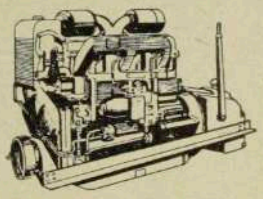
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NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

IT HAPPENED IN APRIL:—The antucket whaler *Oeno* was wrecked n Vatoa (or Turtle Is.), southern au Group, Fiji, in April, 1825, all ut one of her crew being murdered iere.

Oeno, owned by Aaron Mitchell, id commanded by Capt. Samuel iddell, cleared Nantucket on No-mber 4, 1824,, for Bay of Islands, Z. She sailed from there on April 1825.

Ata, Tonga's southern outlier, was ssed on April 13, and a course is laid for Wallis Island. The eck occurred shortly atfer 2 am xt morning. The boats were anned and the captain was for ling for Wallis. However, the ite was in favour of landing on toa, where natives could be seen iore. This was agreed upon. The people on the island proved endly, but next day, while they re busy stripping the wreck, 20 oes with about 80 men in full r rig arrived from Ono. These n were not actively hostile at t, but two days later, having rked themselves into the right od, they captured and killed all crew with the exception of one n, William Cary, who managed conceal himself.

wo days later, weak and without d or water, he gave himself up ecting to be killed. Instead, he was treated kindly and eventually taken to Ono and later Lakemba. There he met David Whippy—the two had been school mates. Whippy had deserted from a whaler and had established himself as a beche-de-mer trader. Cary went with Whippy to Ovalau, writing home from there with the first news of the loss of *Oeno*. In June, 1833, he joined the whaler *Tybee*, in Sydney, and finally arrived home at Nantucket on October 26, 1833, where he published the story of his adventures in Fiji—a valuable fragment of Fiji's early history.

LONG TOW:—An unusual visitor to Sydney in March was the 517-tons Honolulu tug *Ahi*, skippered by Captain Robert K. Nakea, with a crew of 19, and with two big loaded barges in tow. *Ahi* must have been the first vessel of Honolulu registry to enter Sydney for many years.

Owned by Isleways Co., a subsidiary of the Hawaiian Pineapple Co., the 135-ft diesel-electric tug was built at Orange, Texas, in 1945, and is one of three similar vessels owned by the company. They are normally engaged in towing pineapple-laden barges from distant plantations to the cannery at Honolulu.

The big 180 ft by 44 ft steel deck-barges each carry 1,200 to 1,400 tons of pineapples, but on the present voyage they carried 90 war-surplus vehicles which had been purchased at a Honolulu sale by an American firm in Sydney.

For the 4,555-mile voyage, partly through hurricane-infested waters, the vehicles were welded together and to the barge decks by steel straps, and were also chained. *Ahi* and her charges successfully

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weathered hurricane weather west of the New Hebrides. The voyage, at an average of 6½ knots, took 32 days, non-stop, and sighting only one of the Santa Cruz Group.

Mate Henry Kahalioumi said that last year *Ahi* towed an old ship as scrap from the Pacific Coast to Japan, fuelling briefly at Honolulu and again from a US Navy tanker well to seaward of Guam.

After only three days in Sydney *Ahi* cleared again for Honolulu with her barges unladen and should be back on the pineapple run when this appears. Her sister ships had maintained radio-telephone contact with her up to 2,000 miles from Honolulu on the voyage south.

LIFEBOAT INVESTIGATION:—Believed to have been one of the two lifeboats belonging to the Fiji-registered *Nukalau*, which foundered in the western Tasman Sea on June 13, 1954, a 16-ft lifeboat was found on Narrabeen beach, NSW, early March. Badly damaged and covered with weed as it lay on the mud-flats, it was being investigated to established identity. The other boat was found on a northern NSW beach last October. No trace, incidentally, has ever been found of the Suva-registered 437-ton vessel *Awahou* which went missing with all hands in September, 1952, bound from Sydney for Lord Howe.

FOR TONGA:—When Prince Tungi, of Tonga, called at Australia en route to Europe in February he indicated that one of the objects of his journey was to finalise plans for the construction in a Dutch shipyard of a 500-ton vessel for the Tongan Copra Board. This vessel will replace the *A'oniu*, Suva-built 120-ton ketch, which is becomi inadequate for the task of gatheri in the copra crop from Tong outlying islands like Niuafoou a Niuatobutabu, a task which she h performed since 1945.

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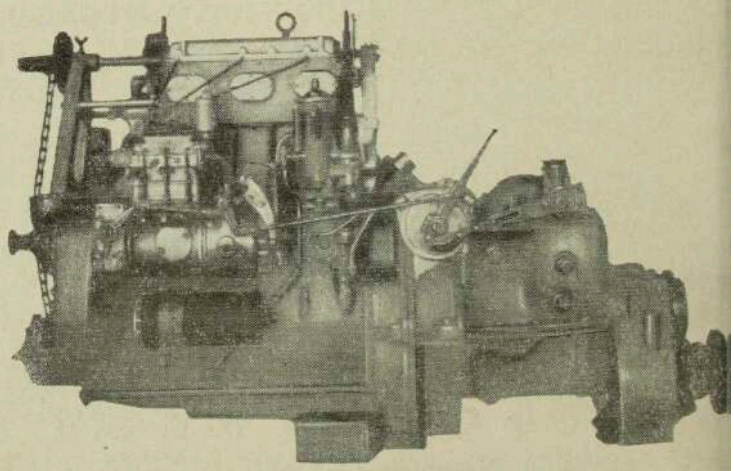
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nployed as a base for shell-diving perations in the Ninigos, New uinea, last year, became a total ss in February, and owner Crack id his wife narrowly escaped with eir lives. The ketch was anchored f a Queensland port when the rricane which had caused ship-ng losses in the New Hebrides area rlier, struck. The ketch foundered 0 yards offshore and Mrs. Crack as knocked unconscious by float-g timber. Mr. Crack made the ore with his unconscious wife after tough struggle, but *Tonga* was st.

In the same blow, the 65-ft *rrier Princess*, of Mackay, out on 12-day cruise training aqualung ers for trochus fishing, was lost th nine men aboard.

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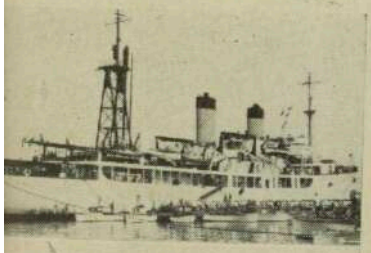
N THE MOVIES: —The 30-ton d-scow *Scot*, owned by Mr. J. B. rner, of Suva, which went to Fiji eral years ago, has been chartered RKO Films as a base of opera-ns for the shooting of certain kground scenes for a film en-ed, "The Pearl of the Pacific." e unit chose a small island off i Levu's N-W coast for their erprise, but they immediately ran o difficulties with the continuous weather that was experienced Fiji (and most of the South ific) in early March.

cot was built in 1905, and after a useful career on the New Zealand coast was purchased by Mr. Lew Graham several years ago—prior to his acquiring the *Nukalau* mentioned elsewhere. He sailed her to Suva and sold her to her present owner, and she has been in the inter-island trade ever since.

DUTCH VISITOR:—HMNS *Van Zull*, 1,250-ton Dutch destroyer escort, under command of Captain F. G. H. van Straaten and with 193 officers and men aboard, made February calls at Suva and Papeete, homeward bound from Korea via Yokosuka and Hollandia. The vessel cleared Papeete for Easter Island, Valparaiso, Callao, Panama, and Curacao.

Van Zull was acquired by Holland from the United States in 1951, having been built as the USS *Stern* in 1943.

STILL TUNA HUNTING:—The US Fish & Wild Life vessels engaged on the Pacific Ocean Fishery Investigation project, and based on Honolulu, spend a great deal of time at sea. According to the latest progress bulletin, the *Charles H. Gilbert* made a southern cruise to study the winter (Northern Hemis-





per: The US merchant marine train-essel GOLDEN BEAR.—Photo M. B. ont.

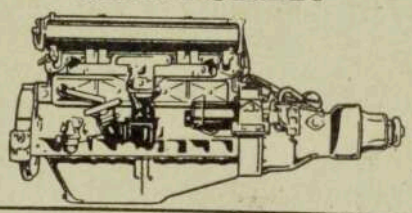
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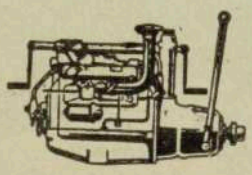
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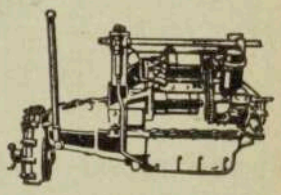
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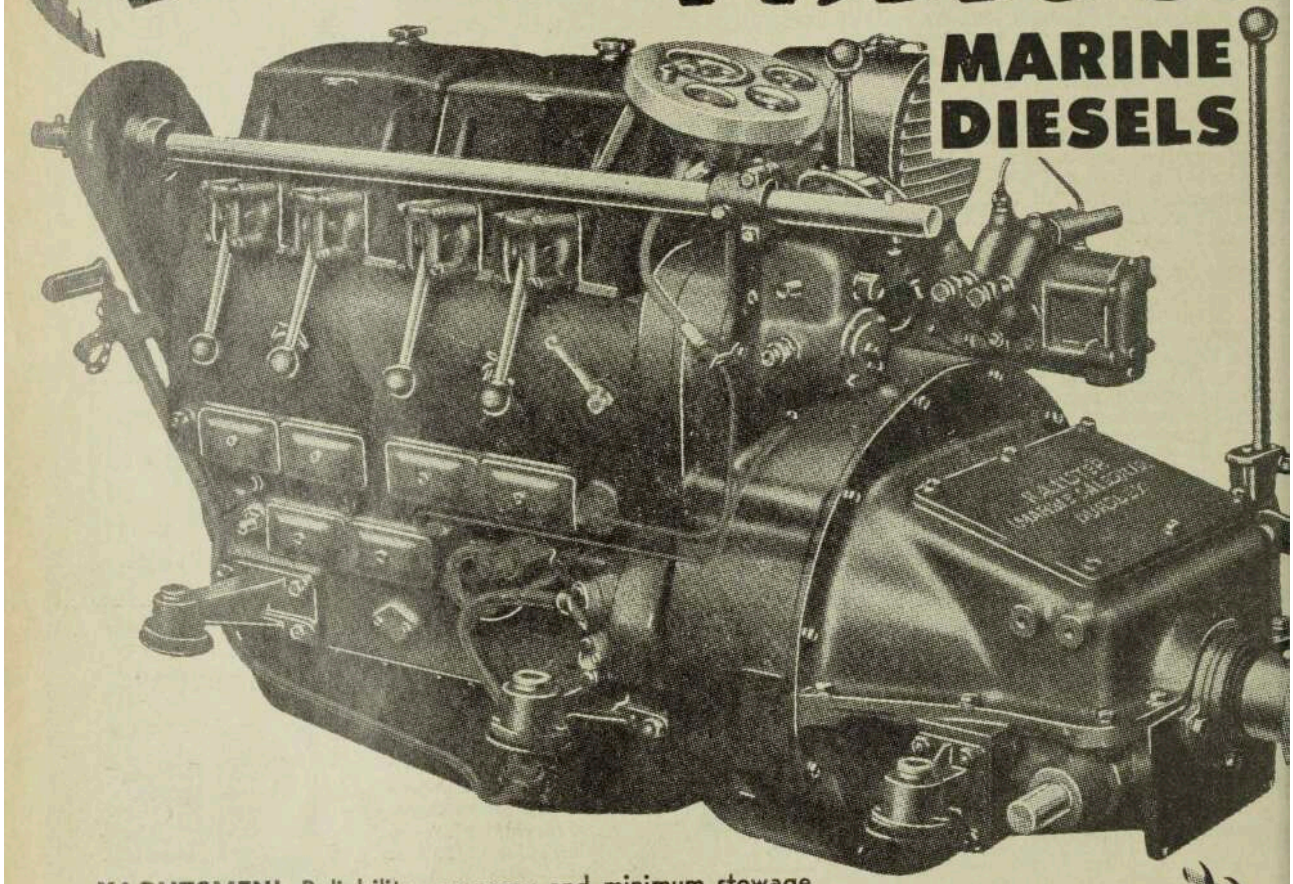
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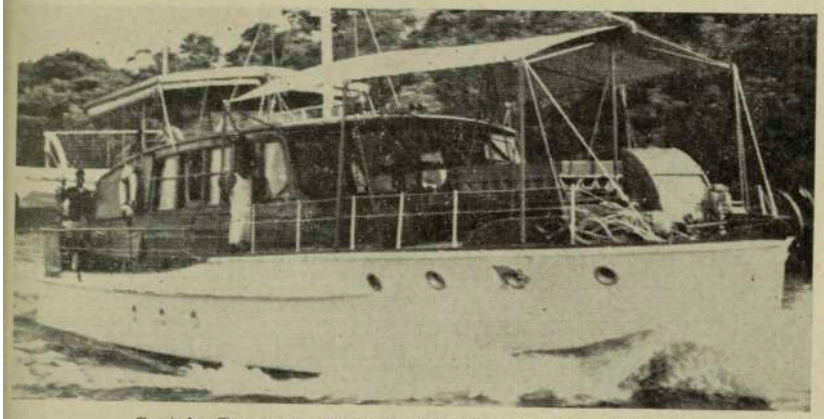
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phere) distribution of skipjack in February. The vessel operated in the vicinity of Palmyra, Washington, Fanning, Christmas, and Johnston. Only 9 schools of skipjack, 5 of yellowfin, 23 of unidentified fiish, and 2 of mixed fish were sighted during the cruise, and only 2 of the yellowfin schools responded to live bait.

All schools proved "wild," dispersing rapidly. An artificial bait consisting of 2 in. x ½ in. x ⅛ in. strips of tuna juices solidified with agar, and with a small added amount of artist's glitter to simulate scales, was tried unsuccessfully. In the search for live bait, small quantities of 5 in. to 8 in. mullet were found in the shallows near Palmyra and Fanning. The report says "No baiting was done at Christmas Island where it is now prohibited by the British Government."

Though that island is British-administered at present, the weather station is serviced from Honolulu. There is also American sea-temperature recording equipment installed and maintained there by the Fish & Wildlife Service.

VITI AGAIN:—Mr. H. S. Orr, receiver for the debenture holders of the former Fiji Government vessel *Viti*, said in Auckland, in March, that the vessel would shortly be advertised for sale. *Viti*, whose owners are in bankruptcy, was then undergoing repairs in an Auckland drydock. Meanwhile the smaller *Vasu* arrived in Auckland after many months of activity in the



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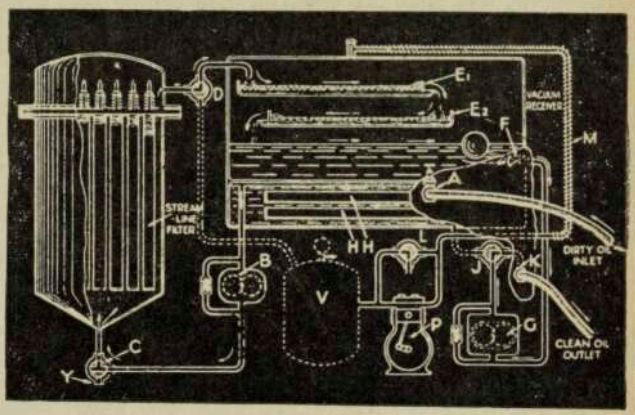
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Fiji-Samoa-Gilberts area, and was despatched again for Rarotonga on March 1.

BLUE LAGOON:—Captain Trevor S. Withers advised us, just too late for March issue, that he is renaming his recent purchase, the former Fiji Government's patrol boat *Viti II*. She is now *Blue Lagoon*, and was expected to enter her owner's Lautoka-Yasawa Island cruise service by late March, replacing *Turaga Levu*, which may now be sold. *Blue Lagoon* will comfortably cruise ten passengers—four more than *Turaga Levu*. She will be far the most luxuriously-appointed passenger vessel in Fiji waters.

FROM SANTO:—Bearing the largest bottom-cargo of shell-fish to enter Sydney for many a moon, Mr. Marcelle Marinacce's New Hebrides trader *Deutgan* returned to that port for dry-docking in mid-March. The steel converted barge had left Sydney 3 years ago to begin a new life in the Islands trade, and had not been docked since then.

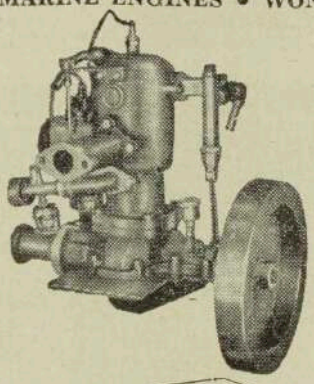
For the run south she was commanded by Captain George O'Brien, now resident in Vila, well known in the Western Pacific as a specialist in delivery jobs. Mrs. O'Brien also came along. The 211-ton (136 nett) vessel had some scrap metal, cocoa, and 28 tons of trochus aboard, and it was expected that she would be several months in Sydney. Captain O'Brien was flying home. *Deutgan* will be registered in Vila under the French flag. Until now she has not been on any register, and without signal letters. She wore the provisional registration number "NH27" on her bows when she arrived. A rough voyage was experienced en route.

While in the New Hebrides the vessel is normally commanded by her owner, who, with Madame Marinacce, lives aboard his private yacht-cum-trading craft. They were on the wharf to meet *Deutgan* in Sydney, having flown down earlier.

Captain O'Brien reported that *Tamatea*, Captain Hamilton's vessel, formerly of New Zealand, and a

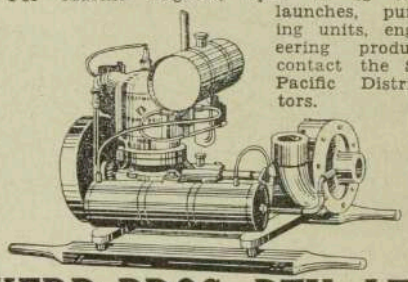
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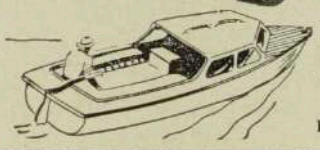
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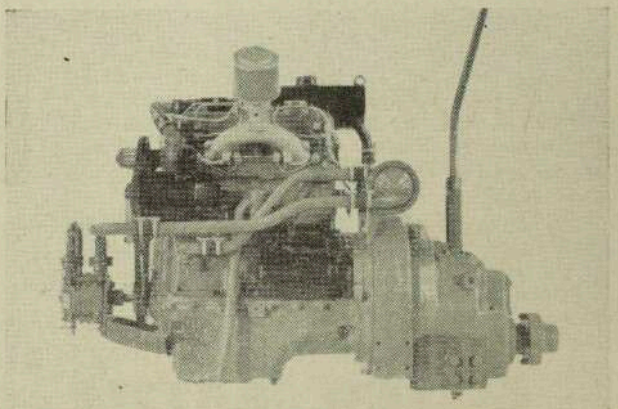
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feature of Vila harbour for the past several years, where she has lain idle at moorings, was beached several months ago and now lies on the shores of Iririki islet in the harbour, within a stone's throw of the British Residency.

GOLDEN BEAR:— The American merchant-marine training vessel *Golden Bear* called at Papeete late February in the course of a cruise, having come from San Francisco via Acapulco, San Diego, San Pedro, and Honolulu. At Papeete the officers were entertained at a cocktail party by Governor Toby, and Captain Rick Barnes, proprietor of *Les Tropiques* hotel, arranged a special Tahitian feast for the ship's company.

Golden Bear is owned by the US Department of Commerce A twin screw welded steel vessel of 6,059 GT, 3,288 nett, she is powered by turbo-electrics. She was built by the Walsh-Kaiser Co. at Providence, RI, in 1945, and is likely to be seen from time to time in the South Pacific in future, during the course of her training cruises.

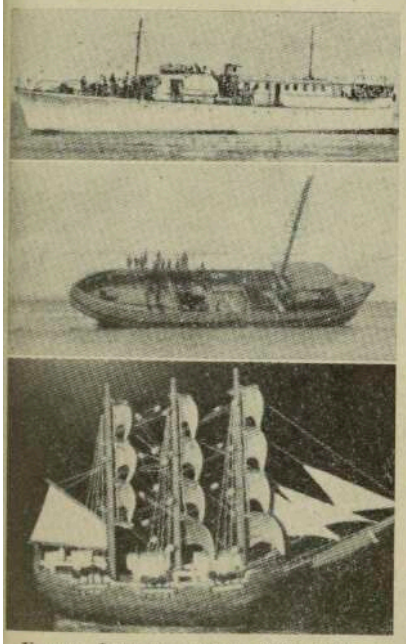
PASSING THROUGH:—Elsewhere there is mention of *Ahi* and her long tow. On the same day that *Ahi* cleared Sydney on her return voyage, the 525-ton tug *Golden Cape*, of Hongkong, cleared Wellington, NZ, with the 30-year-old 2,400-ton Union Company freighters *Kartigi* and *Kiwitea* in tow, bound for a new life in the Far East, where they will be reconditioned. *Golden Cape*, with a crew of 32 and commanded by Capt. A. McCulloch, called at Manus on the run south. There an examination was made of a sunken Liberty ship with a view to salvage.

The tug and her charges were likely to be seen in New Guinea waters in early April. They were expected to pass through Dampier Strait between New Britain and New Guinea.

OUT OF GAS:—Because the Port authorities at Vila had run out of carbide, the automatic acetylene light at Pango Point, at the entrance of that port, was out of commission in February-March.

CO-OPERATIVES STILL BUYING:—A Port Moresby native co-operative took delivery of another 40-ft vessel from a Brisbane yard late March. This was the latest of a succession of small craft which have gone north to native co-operatives over the past couple of years.

KURIMARAU:—According to waterfront gossip in Sydney in March there appeared to be distinct possibilities that the former BSIP Government flagship *Kurimarau* might be seen again in the Western Pacific ere long. The 288-ton, 25-year-old Hongkong-built vessel meanwhile lies at Ballina, NSW,



Upper: Luxury cruiser PHILANTE II, lost on Lifu in February hurricane. (See photo, page 67).

Middle: SANTA TERETIA, Gilberts Catholic Mission Vessel, lost on Nikunau in January.—Photo: A. Herrick.

Lower: A scale model of the BOUNTY made entirely from local materials by a Pitcairn islander, for Pastor Norman Ferris, MBE.

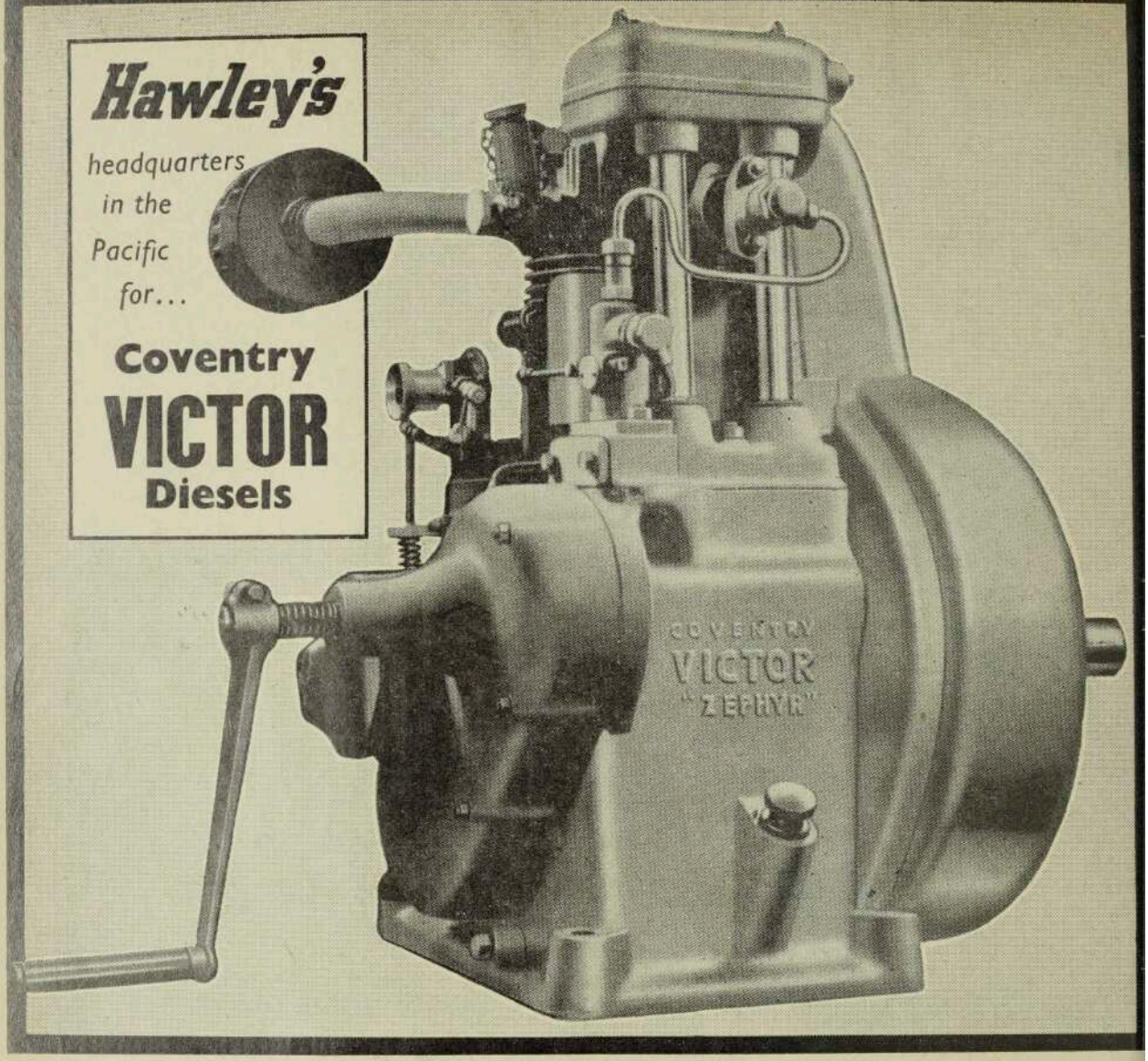


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PHILANTE II:—As briefly reported last month, M. Martinet's converted Fairmile luxury cruiser *Philante II* was wrecked on Lifu, Loyalties, in the February hurricane. According to later advice the Noumea vessel had broken in two. The *Havannah* made a voyage out to Lifu in March to see what could be salvaged, if anything. Also lost were the small vessels *Orion* and *Metaven* in the New Hebrides. *Philante II* had only recently secured a contract to maintain a Noumea-Loyalties passenger service.

UNDER TWO FLAGS:—Possibly unique in world shipping will be a small vessel now building in the yard of Wynne S. Breden, of Newcastle, NSW, for the New Hebrides Condominium Government as an official patrol craft for the French and British Resident Commissioners. It is reported that the vessel will fly the French and British flags simultaneously, one from each quarter. (Whether the crew will also be duplicated or whether she will be manned by men of mixed French-British descent is not clear!) The dual flags, instead of a single Condominium flag, seem to pose some interesting possibilities under International Law in certain circumstances.

SANTA TERETIA:—Further details of the loss of the Catholic Mission vessel *Santa Teretia* on Nikunau, Gilberts, in January, show that when a sudden westerly blow sprang up Brother Gautier decided to put to sea. However, the engine failed and the anchors were unable to hold the ship in the heavy squalls. The wreck has been stripped of everything except the motor, which can probably not be recovered. The remains are dry at low tide.

STILL THEY COME:—One of the most recent vessels to join the New Guinea coastal fleet was the *Kobo*, delivered from the Sydney yard of Bjarne Halvorsen Ltd. by Captain A. M. Stanton to Steamships Trading Co. at Port Moresby. *Kobo* was the fifth K-class, 56-ft copra scow to be despatched to the Islands from this yard. These popular craft carry 25 tons of copra on a draft of 5 ft. Steamships Trading Co. have *Kari, Kone* and *Kobo;* Australasian Petroleum Co. have *Kibeni;* and F. M. Campbell and Sons of the Solomons have *Bauro*. A sixth is on the stocks for Public Health Dept., Port Moresby, differing only in accommodation lay-out.

Bjarne Holvorsen will also shortly despatch as deck cargo a new 40-ft work-boat for APC, Port Moresby.

FOR GEIC:—Captain P. J. Kenny, of England, has joined the Gilberts fleet as master of the 60-footer *Maureen*. Captain A. MacAdie arrived from Australia to take command of *Tuvalu*, relieving Captain G. Douglas, who goes to the UK on vacation.

EXIT *CAPE VOGEL*:—A dramatic story of the sinking of *Cape Vogel* was told by survivors when they reached Samarai early March. The little vessel, owned and skippered by Mr. Ted Smith, of Tarakwaruru,

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north coast of Papua, struck a reef in Collingwood Bay in heavy weather. Mr. Graham Kingsford-Smith, a passenger, said that there was just time for himself, Mr. Smith, and the six Papuan crew-men to snatch some food and a compass, and clamber into the 11-ft dinghy before *Cape Vogel* slipped off the reef into deep water. The stranding occurred at 7.15 pm in pouring rain and the party battled all night in heavy seas to keep the dinghy afloat, finally making land at Mindino village about noon the following day.

Mr. Kingsford-Smith, by extraordinary luck, managed to save some of his belongings, which happened to be packed in a metal patrol box. After taking to the dinghy the patrol box was seen floating past, and was taken in tow. It rode out the storm even better than the dinghy. A stud boar was lost in the wreck.

The wreck again emphasised the need for charting and establishment of lights and beacons on this sector of the coast, numerous unmarked reefs and shoals filling the 70-mile bay and making it one of the most dangerous areas in New Guinea waters.

A Marine Court will investigate the *Cape Vogel* sinking.

PACIFIC RECORD:—The new Orinet liner *Orsova* broke a 34-year-old record on the San Francisco-Honolulu sector in March. Steaming time was 88 hours 53 minutes, clipping 3 hours off the record held by the US vessel *H. F. Alexander*.

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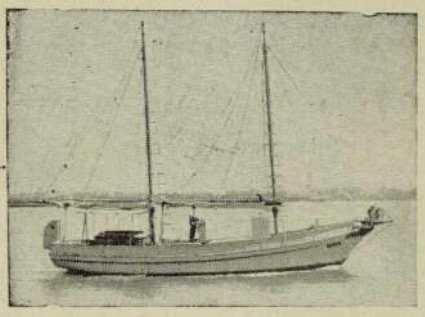
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and all mod. cons. for treasure seeking, went on a reef in the Red Sea in February. The Australian and English crew reached shore. It is assumed that the ship, which was earlier in heavy-weather trouble in the North Sea, is a total loss.

Across the Pacific, on Cocos, a party of 14 Americans had arrived in an ex-sub-chaser to chase the famous Cocos treasure at about the time of the above Red Sea wreck.

SPRUCING UP: — New Guinea Industries Ltd.'s smart 600-tonner *Viria*, and New Hebrides Trading & Shipping Co.'s *Vila Star* were both undergoing refit at Sydney shipyards during March, in addition to *Deutgan* mentioned elsewhere.

WHEN IN FRISCO:—If the San Francisco Maritime Museum Association's dreams are realised, one of the sights to see there in future years will be the well-known full-rigged ship *Pacific Queen*, ex *Balclutha*, ex *Star of Russia*, at permanent moorings but completely restored to her original sailing condition. The Association is at the present time making an earnest appeal to all lovers of sail for financial support in the project. Lying at Pier 43 she will become a permanent maritime museum of historic photos and relics of the days of sail. This ship was well known in the Pacific in her day. One of her companions, *Star of Russia*, was wrecked at Port Vila entrance and is possibly still in use there as a hulk.

MARCH LAUNCHING:—To be named *Viniore*, a 75-ton auxiliary schooner was to be launched from the yard of Adrien Le Prado, Tahiti, on March 23 for the Papeete firm, Societe Polynesien. Dimensions are 75 ft by 17 ft on an 8 ft draft. A 95-hp Atlas diesel was expected to drive the craft at about 8 knots. She will enter the local inter-island service. A photo will appear next month.

SUB IN PAPEETE:—USS *Wahoo*, submarine, under command of Lieut. Commander W. S. Anderson, USN, arrived at Papeete March 7 in course of a training cruise. While in port, large crowds were attracted by the nightly free movie shows on deck as the vessel lay at her berth. So many attended the free shows in fact that local movie owners were said to be viewing the visit with some disfavour.

RADAR FOR *JOHN WILLIAMS*: The first radar equipment to be installed on a vessel sailing out of Suva is now operating on the London Missionary Society's motor vessel the *John Williams*. It is a second-hand Deco plant, and cost approximately £900 to install. A trial run outside the Suva passage enabled the ship to pick up an island nearly 30 miles distant, and all reefs at least six feet above water.

Captain Page explained that it would be used as an aid to navigation, and certainly would not be relied upon completely. But, he said, it would be handy for verification.

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News of Cruising Yachts

● CALYPSO, American yawl in which the Litton family cruised French Oceania a year ago, has been sold in Honolulu, and John Litton and family have departed for a job at Panama.

● KONA, US yacht which arrived in Auckland December 19, and was reported for sale, will probably head north for the New Hebrides in March or April under the same ownership—Messrs. Blackford and Skolmen. Whether Bob Houtz, who went back to a job in Fiji some time ago, is also to rejoin the yacht, is not yet known. It is understood the boys plan some aqua-lung diving for trochus.

● KORRIGAN, changed from French registry to American, and with the prefix "LE" lobbed off her name, sailed from Papeete for Vila via Pago Pago on February 21. Lone-hander Bob Grant, formerly of American yacht MANDALAY, returned to Papeete to purchase KORRIGAN from Commandant Faye, when MANDALAY was sold in the New Hebrides late last year. KORRIGAN is 31 ft. 8 in. by 10 ft. beam.

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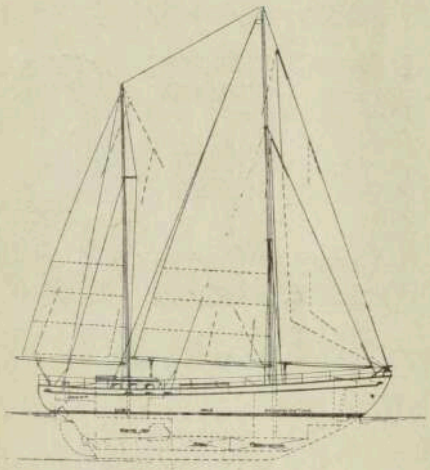
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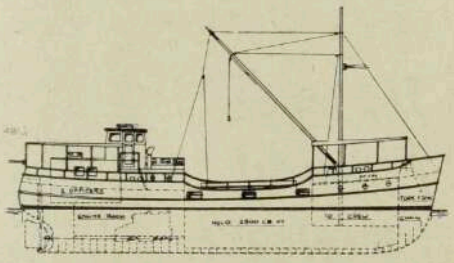
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● **MANDALAY'S** ex owner, J. S. Rockefeller of the US, travelling to Europe after selling the yacht in the New Hebrides late last year, is off on a movie-making expedition to Lapland, according to word received by Ernst Lamberty of ANNA ELIZABETH now in the New Hebrides.

● **SUSAN**, which owner Wally Walton of Auckland and a companion sailed to Norfolk Island two years ago, left Auckland in March for Sydney and probably further afield. The 22-footer will be one of the smallest ever to make the Tasman crossing. A call was to be made at Lord Howe.

● **EURYDICE**, a 20-ft. cutter manned by Frenchman Maurice de Verteuil cleared Sydney for Lord Howe Island on March 6. Weather was bad off the coast at the time with a forecast for worse to come and de Verteuil was advised to remain in port. A week or so later, when there was no word of him from Lord Howe and aircraft on the route were alerted to keep a lookout, de Verteuil was "discovered" lying snug at a Sydney Harbour mooring. He had put back shortly after sailing. He planned to sail again late March.

● **TAHEA**, 28-ft. ketch which cleared Los Angeles May 24 last (PIM, September) arrived Papeete March 15 and sailed again for Honolulu a few days later. Owner Rolph Thorvaldson, ex US Navy quartermaster, said that he planned a lone-handed round-the-world voyage when he left the States last year.

● **SOLACE**, Commander Victor Clark's 30 ft. ketch, wrecked at Palmerston atoll November 14, was in the news on March 25 when a NZ Civil Aviation Department aircraft dropped repair materials. The aircraft, on a routine flight from Aitutaki to Faleolo, also dropped medical supplies for the island. No regular ship is scheduled to call at Palmerston for probably two months, but the atoll has a radio station for communication with Rarotonga.

REDS IN THE SOLOMONS

RED agents—mainly Australian seamen in trading vessels—are making active efforts to spread discontent among the Solomon Islanders, said Bishop Wade, SM Roman Catholic Bishop in Bougainville, when interviewed during a visit to the US.

He believed that the answer was largely in improving native standards of living by providing agricultural development programmes and teaching the essential "know-how."

† A correspondent says that seven 1-ton pick-up jeep trucks lately have been taken by plane into the New Guinea Highlands and landed at Goroka. The Goroka airstrip has now been made a double strip. The effect of these important transport aids should be reflected in an increase in the already rapid development of the Central Highlands natural resources.

¶ Miss Maadi Gobrait, well known Papeete personality, returned there in March per *Caledonien* after vacation overseas.

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Faipule Ask for Increase in Pay

SALARY increases were sought by members of the Fono of Faipule in Western Samoa at the Fono's February session. Reasons given were increasing living costs and the heavy entertainment expenses demanded by the Members' positions.

The Faipule, at the High Commissioner's request, elected a committee of four to consider the question. The HC said that the Government was perturbed at the widespread public service demands for salary increases. Sources of revenue at present were inadequate to meet the additional costs.

Earlier, Government employees had asked the NZ Territories Minister for higher pay.

Tourists Like Volcanoes

When Hawaii's Kilauea volcano blew up in March after 50 dormant years, Inter-Island Airlines, Ltd., rushed in with special tourist flights over the mountain and did a roaring trade. Hire car services at Hilo also boomed. No lives were lost in the eruption, although the village of Kopoho was overwhelmed and a large sugarcane area was burned.

Clean Up of Suva's Eating Houses

From Our Suva Correspondent

SUVA, March 25.

A CAMPAIGN to clean up Suva's cafes, waged by the city's chief health inspector, has encountered difficulties at times, but has now produced fairly satisfactory results.

Residents of all races, as well as tourists, have often lamented the low standards of too many of Suva's Chinese or Indian cafes. (Public eating-places outside the four hotels are virtually a Chinese-Indian monopoly).

In some cases, for instance, it was recognised that it would be unjust to insist on immediate structural alterations when the tenants of down-at-heel buildings were on a month-to-month rental and would have to bear the expense.

However, the campaign has produced a useful general overhaul, and badly-needed repainting has brightened many of the dingy back rooms which passed as cafes. The personal cleanliness of cooks and waiters is a point that has been stressed, and all eating-places have been supplied with posters showing the effects of dirty conditions and contamination of food by flies and other pests.

Meanwhile the well-known greengrocery of Yee Joy and Co. is building new premises in Cumming Street and will open the top floor as a modern cafe. Mr. Yee Joy, sen., sent one of his sons to Sydney for ideas about equipment, and the restaurant will be spacious, well-ventilated and well-furnished.

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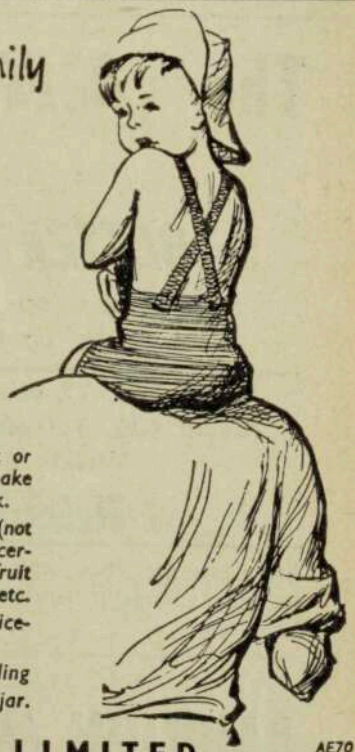
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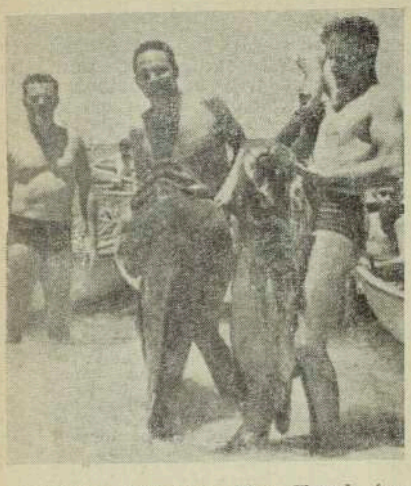
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Haul at Noumea



Undersea fishermen Roy Cheval (on right) and Guy Dumie, members of the Chasse Sous-Marine Club of New Caledonia, display their catch. The admiring onlooker is R. Peyiolle.

† Japanese fishermen who were imprisoned in November for poaching in New Guinea waters have been repatriated in the vessel *Takaya Maru*, which returned to Rabaul at the end of February to pick up a crew member who had been receiving treatment for an injured eye.

¶ Dr. Felix Emberson, of Suva, has been appointed to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, for his three years' clinical training. Dr. Emberson, a Colonial Development and Welfare scholar, gained his Bachelor of Medical Science degree at Sydney University, where he has been doing research on bone deformities.

† Whales sighted in the Paci probably come from the same sto as those which concentrate in t Ross Sea Dependency area summer, says Mr. W. H. Dawb Lecturer in Geology at Victor University College, Wellington, N He has asked for help from Fiji his researches into the movemer of South Pacific whales.

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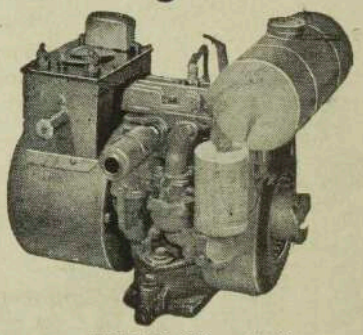
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YOUNG OFFICER'S DEATH

END OF PROMISING FIJIAN CAREER

MANY people in Fiji—and a number in New Zealand—believed that a bright future lay ahead of Lieut. M. R. D. Vula, a Fijian soldier whose death occurred at his home at Vatukarasa, Nadroga, on February 18, soon after his return from Army service in Malaya.

Misiwata Ratulevu Domoni Vula, who was in his early thirties when he died, received his secondary education at Queen Victoria School and later entered the Government service. As a clerk in the Secretariat, at Suva, he soon won a high reputation, and it was common knowledge that in 1951, when the call was made for Fijian recruits for Malaya, the Army had to employ its powers of persuasion to secure Vula's release from his Government post.

In 1950, a wide circle of friends, Fijian and otherwise, were interested in the fact that M. R. D. Vula was —as far as anybody could discover —the first young Fijian to go overseas as an unofficial individual traveller. Through a New Zealand friend at Suva, he had been invited to spend three months' leave as the guest of a South Island family.

THIS interlude, which took him to many places where no Fijian had ever been before, worked out unexpectedly as an unofficial goodwill mission. Fijian courtesy, intelligence, and charm of manner played their part, and the NZ visit was an unalloyed success.

Further, the traveller was constantly astonished to discover an unfailing fund of quiet affection towards the Fijian people in southern cities and remote townships alike. Part of this could be traced to NZ soldiers who had been in Fiji during the war, part to the splendid Fijian war record, and part to the impact of Fijian cricketers, footballers and athletes in the Dominion.

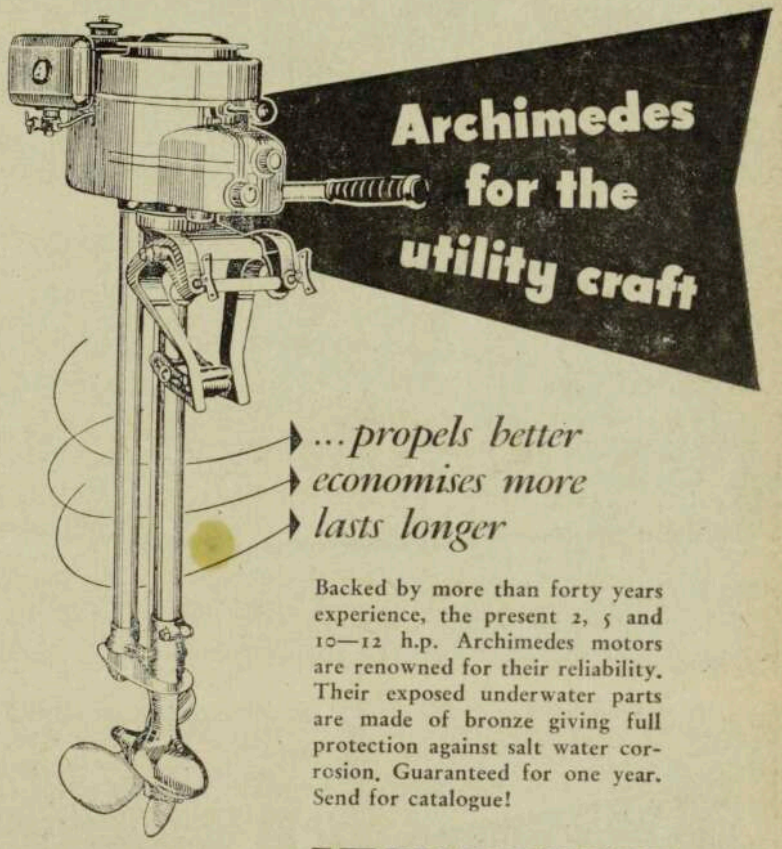
In a Fijian language broadcast after his return to Suva, Vula told how, on occasions when he and his NZ friend arrived without warning at crowded hotels in Westland, members of the hotelkeepers' families would often bundle out of their own rooms on the grounds that "this is the first Fijian to come here, and a place must be made somehow!"

PUBLICITY was avoided, but in the larger cities the press was promptly on the trail, and at Wellington the holiday visit was surprisingly described as "a welcome experiment in Fijian-NZ social relationship."

At the end of it all, when questioned about his first tour outside Fiji, Vula summed it up as follows: "All the way from Auckland to Dunedin I was made to feel welcome. I thought I might feel sometimes like a stranger or a curiosity, but I didn't." At the same time he firmly maintained that "the best of NZ" was the wild mountain, glacier and bush country of Westland, and the quiet North Otago farm that had been his headquarters.

Vula, a keen Territorial in Fiji, underwent an Army course at Burnham after the completion of his leave. Subsequently, he received a commission and went to Malaya early in 1952. He returned several months later because of the death of his wife, a former nurse, who left a baby son. He remained with the Army in Fiji until May, 1953, when he returned to Malaya shortly after his second marriage. His Army record was as consistently good as his civilian career had been.

At the funeral, at Vatukarasa, the Fiji Military Forces were represented by a detachment from the Colonial Barracks at Suva, and the Government was represented by Roko Tui Nadroga and Navosa (Ratu George Cakobau). The Rev. S. Nabanivalu officiated at the graveside and there was a very large gathering of relatives and friends from Suva, Lautoka and other centres of Viti Levu.



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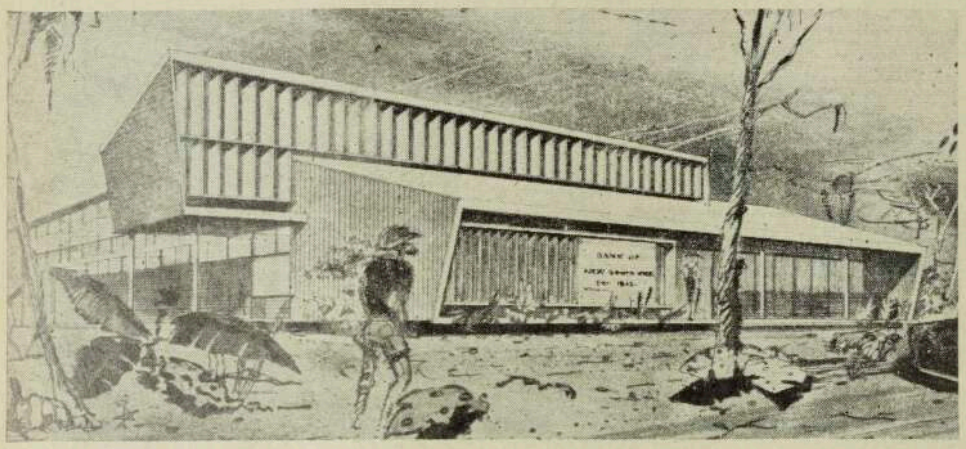
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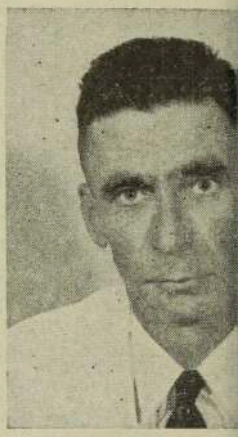
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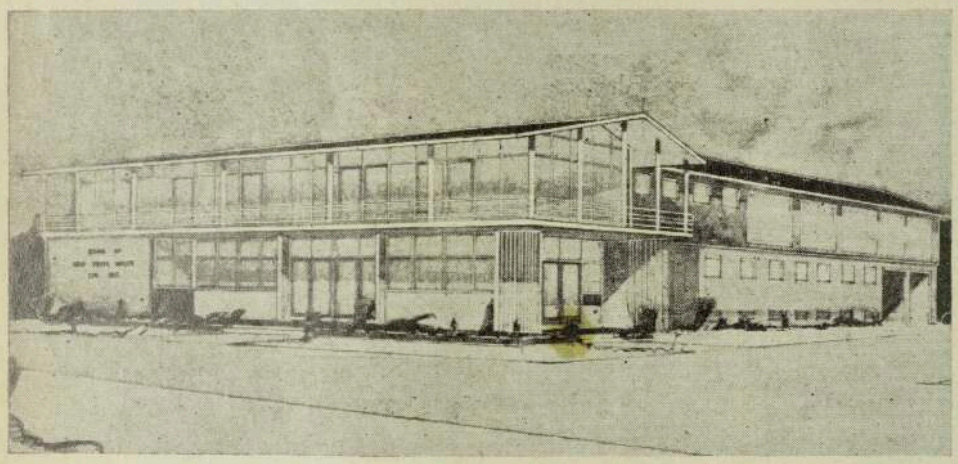
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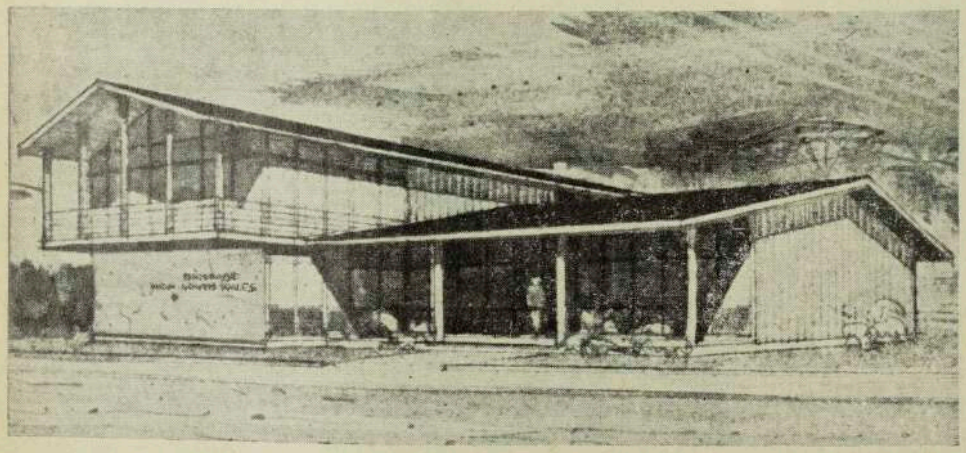
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A Major-General Talks in Fiji

BUT IS IT NOT TIME THE FIJIANS RETURNED FROM MALAYA?

When the sudden call was made for Fijian soldiers to serve against the Communist terrorists in Malaya (Oct., 1951), it was indicated that the term of overseas service would be two years.

In 1953, the term was extended to four years; and, in the last six months, there has been speculation, mixed with misgivings, in Fiji over a widespread belief that people in high places, military and otherwise, may want yet another extension.

ON March 13, Major-General L. E. C. M. Perowne, CB, CBE, General Officer Commanding the 17th Gurkha Infantry Division, with which the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, is serving in Malaya, broadcast at Suva in the course of a four-day visit to Fiji.

General Perowne gave his listeners an outline of the emergency in Malaya, emphasising the imperial aspect of the fight and refuting the Communist claim that the terrorist thugs in the jungle are part of a nationalist movement struggling for freedom from British "colonialism." His talk had something of the air of a recruiting campaign.

With regard to the Fijian soldiers (all but a very small proportion of the 1st Bn. men are indigenous Fijians), General Perowne voiced the following salute:

"Gay, incomparable fighters, going to battle with a song in your hearts; fearless, great-hearted sportsmen; the admiration of all your many, many friends and the terror of your enemies; loyal subjects of the Queen and truly representative of your race, Fiji may well be proud of you. From all in Malaya—except the Communists—greetings and thanks. In the words of General Bourne, Malaya's Director of Operations: 'There is only one thing better than a battalion of Fijians, and that is two battalions!'"

The people who have persistent criticised the Malaya assignment fo the Fijians will recognise this as sincere, well-deserved tribute. Bu they may also wonder if it is in an way a build-up for something un pleasant.

GENERAL PEROWNE said tha the Fijian troops "came to t as the result of an offer initiate in Fiji and sponsored by the Fi Government."

The preposition "in" is correct. A one time there was a tendency t hang everything on a famous de claration of loyalty to the Thron by the Council of Chiefs, but, late the 1st Bn. newspaper, *Hunt an Kill*, stated that the original ide of sending Fijians to Malaya cam from Colonel (later Brigadier) C. I Pleasants, the NZ officer who was a



Major-General L. E. C. M. Perown CB, CBE, General Officer Commandin the 17th Gurkha Division to which th 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, attached in Malaya, paid a short vis to Suva as guest of the Fiji Governmen He was accorded traditional Fijian cer monies of welcome at Colonial Barrack Suva. Photo (by Rob Wright) show Major-General Perowne inspecting Guard of Honour at Nasese Camp, Fi

that time Commander of the Fi Military Forces.

This, however, is a minor poin compared with the overshadowin fact that in October, 1951, the 130,00 (now 143,000) indigenous Fijian were suddenly called upon to hel the 5,000,000 or more people o Malaya by providing hundreds o hand-picked young men to fight i the jungle. (It has been pointed ou many times that the Fijians, lik the other Empire troops, have bee in effect fighting to make Malay safe for self-government. Th SEATO and other large-scale de fence plans are much later develop ments).

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In December, 1951, a Reuter report contained the following comment:

"To a population of 130,000, outnumbered by aliens in its homeland and battling hard to adjust its whole economic system in the face of great obstacles, the withdrawal of hundreds of the most promising young men for two years is considered likely to be much more than serious. This point is the spearhead of criticism by pro-Fijian Europeans, who add that only recently has the Fijian population level began to recover the ground lost between 1880 and 1920."

IN 1951, doubts about the fairness of calling on the Fijians to fight in Malaya were expressed in the PIM and in many other quarters, while strong protests were made by Methodist Church spokesmen in Fiji and Australia.

There was more criticism when the term of the 1st Bn's service was extended until 1956, and last December a statement by the British Commissioner-General in South-East Asia (Mr. Malcolm MacDonald) had repercussions in Fiji's Legislative Council.

Mr. MacDonald was reported in NZ as saying that the Fijians would be in Malaya for "quite a long time." Immediately a new spate of speculation and criticism went the rounds in Suva, and in the Council the Rev. S. G. C. Cowled (Chairman of the Methodist Mission, which has well over 80 per cent. of the indigenous Fijians as its adherents) asked (1) if the campaign in Malaya were getting anywhere; (2) if the military approach were the right one; and (3) if the Fijians were being asked to do too much because of their high reputation as jungle-fighters in the Pacific War and in Malaya.

Reflecting the apprehension over possible further extension of the term of service in Malaya, Mr. V. G. Johnson stressed that there was a feeling in Fiji that the Fijians had done their bit and should return at the end of the present term—at the beginning of 1956.

There was a good deal of selfishness somewhere, said Mr. Johnson, and perhaps the big Dominions should shoulder more of the burden of fighting terrorism in Malaya.

Replying for the Government, the Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart) said that these pertinent questions could be answered properly only by the UK Government and the Malayan Government. The questions exercising the minds of people in Fiji had also exercised the mind of the Government in the past when making the decision that the services of a Fijian battalion should be made available.

Referring to the NZ report of the remark attributed to Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Stoddart said: "I think

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members will be quite sure that that remark, if it was made, was in no way made with the authority of this Government. Though we have not got the precise text or context of what was said, we do not think it was any more than a general remark which was particularised in reporting."

GOVERNMENT and Army spokesmen at times have caused plain speaking in Fiji by claiming that overseas travel and experience (by way of the campaign in Malaya) "broadens the outlook" and otherwise greatly benefits Fijian servicemen and their families.

General Perowne said something of the sort in his Suva broadcast, and last year Brigadier Pleasants stirred up a sharp press retort by suggesting (in NZ) that examples of the broadening process were to be found among Fijian ex-servicemen who had come back to drive taxis or work as hotel waiters!

The reply was that if this sort of thing had to be the summit of Fijian ambitions the Fijian soldiers should come home straight away, before any further "broadening" occurred at a time when the Fijian people were being constantly exhorted and badgered to make full use of their birthright (the land).

WHEN the 1st Bn. sailed from Suva on January 8, 1952, a press commentator estimated that at least one in 12 men aged between 20 and 30 had been withdrawn from Fijian life. This, of course, took no account of the many Fijians in the forces at home or training in NZ; or in the police force, or in mining and other industries, for which there is a steady demand for Fijian workers, largely from the villages.

Since the recruits taken into the forces are all selected healthy me the proportionate loss is actua higher than any figures indicate

THE Fijians' success in Mala was never a subject of dou General Perowne said that th have maintained the highest rate killing-per-contact of any un engaged in the theatre. "The hi

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ndard of their junior leaders, eir natural ability in jungle-craft, eir energy and determination, and eir tremendous endurance all con- ibute to this result," he said.

One officer and 12 other ranks ve been killed or died of wounds d others have died as the result accidents or sickness.

A Singapore report on March 8 ited that the Fijians had counted for 176 terrorists, includ- three captures, and that their erage was 100 man-hours for each l.

Because of a Colonial Office tum, the total number of men, ian or otherwise, in the defence ces in Fiji and overseas is an cial secret. This curious security e applies to the whole Colonial pire. A conservative estimate uld put the number of indigenous ians in the forces at possibly re than 2,000.

When Tonga Used Fiji's Postage Stamps

OR a short time before the issue of the first Tongan postage stamps in August, 1886, current and 6d Fijian stamps were used, t none has been discovered bear- a Tongan cancellation earlier an August, 1866 (reports the nthly journal of an Auckland m specialising in Island stamps).

The writer of the note then des- bes an envelope which was ought to his attention recently. dressed to Robert Schmidt, Esq., German Consulate, Apia, moa, it was postmarked at Nu- alofa on January 9, 1888, and ars three 2d Fijian stamps. Some structions written along the top ge are indecipherable, the writer ys, but there appears to be the rd "Maile", which "leads one to nder if it could be the name of ship".

It certainly could, as many old- ners in the Islands will know. *ile*, a smart sailing craft, erated a regular service from ckland to Tonga and probably to moa as well. P. A. Eaddy's *ils Beneath the Southern Cross*, viewed in January PIM, men- ns the vessel.

Miss Moira MacDonald, the part- moan girl who, while working at e Bank of NZ, Apia, was given an portant role in the film, "Return Paradise," arrived in Sydney late March for three weeks' holiday. e was accompanied by a friend, s. V. M. Croudace, of New York, o has been making a long visit Samoa. Sydney newspapers have adlined the fact that although ira was offered an American film ntract she preferred to stay at ia.

Officer's Widow Goes Home to Fiji

MRS. HEATHER GENGE, widow of Major Robert Genge, who was killed by Communist terrorists in a jungle ambush in Malaya while serving with the Fijian troops, arrived at Sydney on March 14 on her way home to Fiji from Malaya. With her were her children, Christine, aged 8, Robert (5) and a baby daughter, Talei, who was born only a fortnight before her father's death.

In a Sydney press interview, Mrs. Genge said that Major Genge had visited her at Kluang Hospital on February 29, the day after she had been taken to hospital suffering from food poisoning. On the way back to barracks at Labis (Johore) with three Fijian soldiers, he was shot dead in the first burst of fire from the concealed terrorists. Lieut. Toganivalu suffered a leg wound, but the other two soldiers were not injured.

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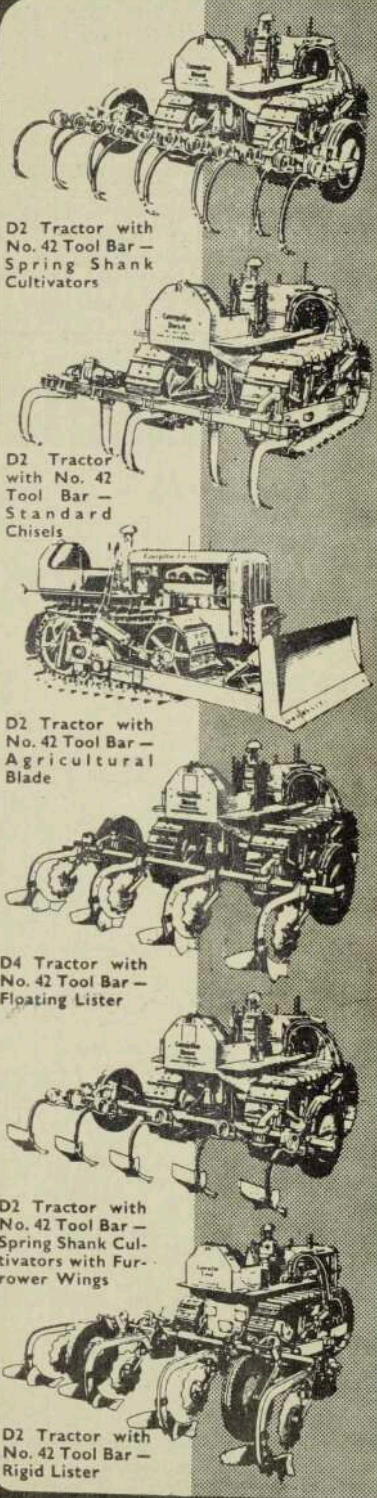
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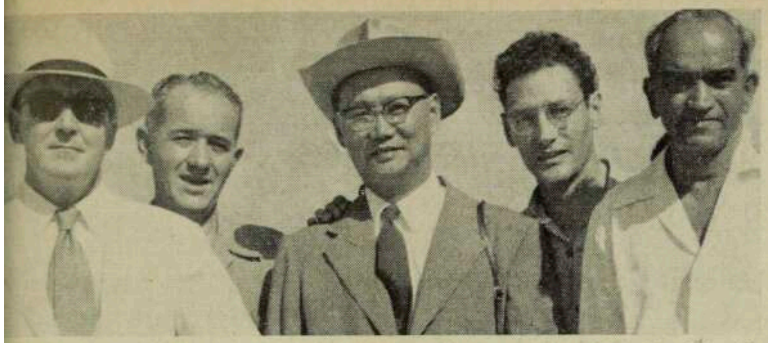
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ere, he (figure in dark suit) is fare-welled by (left to right) Mr. John Ryan, Acting Secretary-General of the SPC; Dr. Emile Massal, Executive Officer for Health; Dr. Guy Loison, Medical Research Officer; and Dr. Iyengar, Tropical Diseases Specialist.

GEIC PRODUCES LOCAL NEWS BULLETIN

an effort to let the rest of the world know what is going on in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands ony, the Government has begun lication of a monthly English s bulletin of local events. The first issue, which appeared in January, ran to 5 pages of foolscap typing.

There are already in the Colony two official news sheets in the local languages, but up to now the only English publication was one entitled *Headquarters Information Notes*. It gave merely shipping movements, and a few brief official announcements.

† The Apia Debating Society, after a long period in recess, came to life again in February with a debate on the controversial liquor question. "Capital Punishment" was the subject for the March debate.

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With the veteran Islands trader *Maui Pomare* out of commission, the Government made prompt arrangements with the USS Co. to send the *Matua* on a special voyage to Rarotonga and Mangaia, leaving Auckland May 5. She will be able to carry 20,000 cases of citrus and up to 550 tons of general cargo—copra, pearl shell, etc.—and passengers.

Waitemata called at Rarotonga northbound for the US in March and will call southbound in mid-May. *Waitomo* will make a southbound call late in April. In March the 300-tonner *Vasu* carried CI mail from Auckland and called at Aitutaki with aviation petrol.

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A 21-year-old Aitutakian diver, Robert Panga Rio, collapsed and died while shell-diving without a suit in about 13 fathoms in the Manihiki lagoon in mid-March. He failed to surface and was brought up dead. Two fatalities with suit divers have occurred in recent years.

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Tara Ngapoe, a 13-year-old boy, was lost in the surf at Mitiaro in March. He was with a group other men and his absence was noted until later when all had turned to the village. Then surf-board was found floating n the reef. Weather was rough the time.

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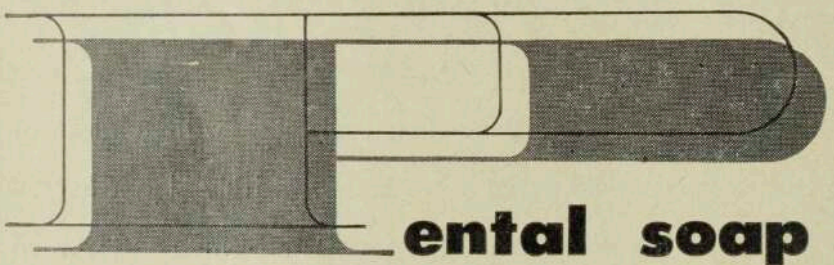
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Profit and Loss at Mangaia

ROFIT and loss in his efforts to help Mangaia people help emselves (Nov. PIM) are reported Mr. Ronald Syme, writing in mid-arch.

One of the projects was to monstrate that the local cost of ing could be lowered, and trade-re business boosted, if the trade-re owners were prepared to set eir profits at a 33 per cent rgin, and use discrimination in ecting their overseas buying rces.

Mr. Syme gained the co-operation a Maori trade-store owner who rchased goods overseas, and per-tted Mr. Syme to police his counts and margins. Business omed—but only while the luntary policing lasted. Then atives were able to out-talk Mr. me in convincing the owner that long as *all* the traders charged same excessive prices, the public uld simply *have* to pay more—nce greater and quicker profits. . Syme says that business has guished greatly in consequence. d the storekeeper is rather less e that his own system is better.

No early revolution in trading as and methods on the grand le is seen for Mangaia. Still, demonstration has given food thought—and even that is pro-ss.

the copra sphere, the island now has five kiln driers where there were none a year ago. ra standards have risen rkedly as a result, and producers now getting together and ship-g their copra directly to the New land crushing mill (where all k Islands copra goes) rather n through local traders. With increasing output of all produce, ter shipping connections for ct shipment, and the saving of ut £7 in transhipment charges Rarotonga, seem likely.

rowers are clubbing together to ort their own sacks—few alone afford the cost of a minimum er of about £150 to gain the efit of a direct purchase from manufacturers.

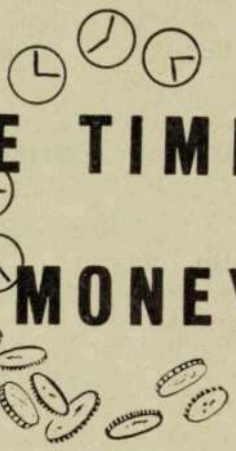
here is progress in the pineapple ustry. An idea seemed to have ome current at Mangaia that particular variety of pines wn there could not be canned cessfully. Mr. Syme has or-ised an experimental shipment canned pulp which has been re-ted on satisfactorily. As a re-the Cook Islands Administra-n has shown immediate interest and is now considering assistance to a small community cannery.

THERE is a keen demand for the produce so long as it comes up to the standard of the experimental shipment, and, with the supervision of the Resident Agent or some other reliable person, there appears to be no reason why Mangaia cannot develop a promising industry. A cannery is the obvious answer to all the problems of irregular shipping which plague the fresh-fruit industry.

Though coffee prices have fallen somewhat since last year, a drier is ready to go into operation and a good initial shipment is forecast as the crop becomes available this winter. A keen revival of this once important industry seems possible.

Mr. Syme, whose brother is a Governor of the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, considered that dhurra—a kind of sorghum grass—could be usefully introduced to Mangaia from Africa. He suggested it to Mr. H. C. Gerlach, tropical agronomist of the NZ Department of Agriculture, who pays regular visits to the Island territories. Mr. Gerlach was in favour of the idea and dhurra seeds have arrived.

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m. It also provides a fine grain horses, goats, pigs, and poultry nd God knows the Mangaian stock need some decent food," s Mr. Syme.

The stalks are excellent for tching, etc. and can be used as fodder for some animals. It is principal food for man and mal in the Sudan", he adds.

hanges will not come rapidly in Cooks, but some of the projects hand are a step in the right ction.

R-FREIGHTED FOOD FOR PORT MORESBY

AIRNS, Queensland, has started a trade in airfreighted fresh vegetables and meat to Port esby. The first consignment of 0 lb of frozen beef and a large ntity of vegetables went north a Qantas aircraft in February. shipment went to the Port esby Freezing Co. In the past, Moresby has been getting air-ghted meat, but from further h, and most of its air-freighted tables came from the NG hlands or Wau.

Australian passion-fruit growers e had a lot to say recently it imported passion-fruit grown 'cheap-labour" countries. Per-s Goroka vegetable producers could now protest against competition from Australian vegetable growers.)

COCONUT MILLS CLOSE DOWN IN TAHITI

A COMPANY, which operated a desiccated coconut factory in Tahiti, has closed down. It was owned by Mr. A. J. Burtschy, employing about 50 persons. It was known as Society Imtex.

Another coconut-products plant, the Chin Foo oil crushing mill, which has been turning out a product with the trade-name Cocofine, is reported to be closing down.

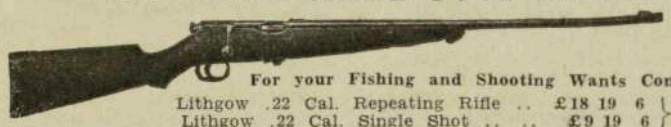
The reasons for the decisions to close may be associated with the imposition of an export tax on these products. It is recalled that in 1920 an American mill operated by the Vegetable Oil Corporation of New York shut down in similar circumstances. Its machinery was shipped to the Philippines.

French Oceania exported 8,758,000 francs worth of oil (approximately £A61,500) in 1953. The quantity of desiccated coconut is not known.

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CHANGES ON FIJI'S FABULOUS GOLDFIELD

LOLOMA MINE ALMOST WORKED OUT

LOLOMA, one of Fiji's famous goldmines, is almost worked out, and, according to a Sydney report, there was little over a year's feed for the mill available at the end of last June.

Accordingly, investment interest now centres mainly on the company's big investments and in the possible opening of a new mine in a jointly-held area on the eastern boundary of the Emperor leases.

The two main companies in the Tavua field—Emperor Mines, Ltd., and Loloma (Fiji) Goldmines, NL—forming part of the Associated Goldmining Companies of Fiji, were started in the 1930's by Melbourne investors led by the late E .G. Theodore. A smaller associated company (private) worked the rich Dolphin property.

Mining has been by both open-cut and underground methods, the ore being treated at a huge central plant. Before and after the war Fiji's gold exports were over the £1,000,000 mark annually, and the Vatukoula mining settlement has grown into a flourishing little modern town.

IN 1952, the Fiji Government and the Australian companies announced an agreement regarding new and intensive exploration for gold. Under subsequent legislation the Government reduced its goldmining revenue by £F200,000 in the period to 1956. Royalties on gold and silver were cut and the Governor-in-Council was empowe to make a further special reduc for new mines. At the same t the Government permitted all c ital spent in developing new m to be set off over the year of penditure and the succeeding years for income tax purposes.

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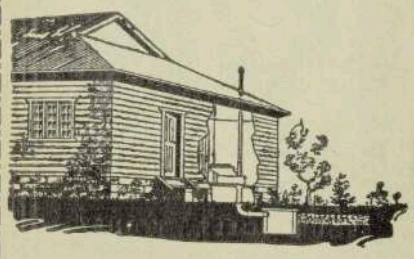
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ounced a three-year programme r exploring the Vatukoula-Tavua ea. Emperor, Loloma and Dolphin ch applied for prospecting ences covering 14,000 acres bord-ing areas held by the companies. was stated that some of the holes be churn-drilled would go as deep 2,500 ft, and the estimated cost the programme was £200,000, in-uding plant and equipment.

A report in March stated that in e area adjoining Emperor's eastern undary two of four holes drilled dicate the possible existence of a od tonnage of rich ore (core assay oz) east of Emperor's Nos. 8 and levels. It is intended to test the w ore-zone by cross-cutting from nperor's new internal shaft, now ing sunk. It may be two years more before the ore-zone in the intly-held property is fully ex-ored and its value known. Mean-hile, Loloma will share the cost exploration equally with Em-ror.

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WITHOUT the missionaries, Aus-tralia would not have half the control it exercises in Papua-w Guinea at the moment, said e Minister of Territories (Mr. Paul sluck) at Melbourne, on March 2, en speaking as chairman of the ethodist Missionary Conference. . Hasluck said that the Australian vernment had given more than 137,000 to Methodist missions in pua and New Guinea. At the ne meeting the treasurer (Mr. C. Sandow) said that during the t year Victoria had given 50,000 to the missions, but this s insufficient for the work being ne.

TUPAI ATOLL COMPANY'S VALUABLE PROPERTY

PLANTATION de Tupai, the company which owns Tupai atoll, north of Borabora, has undergone some reorganisation, according to a notice in *Journal Officiel* of French Oceania.

In 1951 the island was advertised for sale at the equivalent of £A160,000. It was then said to have 2,000 acres of cultivable land and a copra capacity of 1,000 tons per annum.

The present owners, according to the notice, are Mme Henriette Amedet, widow, of Papeete; M. John A. Moon (Papeete) and Mme Modest Pommerais, widow (France). They appear to have taken over from the late M. Amedet and a Mr. Homes. The latter was probably an Englishman, long resident in French Oceania, who died last year. The company's capital is 5 million francs (about £A35,000) in 500 equal shares.

† Regimental plate and crested silverware to be used when the officers' and sergeants' messes of the 1st Bn, Fiji Infantry Regt. are hosts to the many visitors to the Battalion in Malaya is to be purchased with the help of a £300 grant from the Lady Garvey Fund. The plate will return with the Battalion to Fiji, to become a permanent possession of the regiment.

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In the political sphere there has, the last two years, been a close xamination of all the implications approaching self-government. In 953, Mr. V. D. Stace carried out an conomic survey for the South acific Commission. About the ame time Dr. Norma R. McArthur, nder a research grant from the ustralian National University, ade a study of population trends nd implications. Recently there as been an aerial mapping survey the Territory, and now at least vo other projects are getting under ay.

The first is a survey of the sources, population, economy, and ntemporary land-use practices, nd the implications to the moans of a transfer from a bsistence to a modern commercial onomy.

This project is being carried out Professor Kenneth B. Cumber-nd, MA, DSc. and a team of re-archers from Auckland University College. The project was announced late 1953 and some preliminary work was done last year by Mr. Leslie Curry, MA, but the main work will begin in August and will be spread over several years, different workers spending periods on the job in rotation. First to arrive in August will be Mr. Bryan H. Farrell, MA. The work will be financed by a grant from the Carnegie social science research fund of the University of New Zealand.

ANOTHER Auckland geographer arrived in March, to carry out a year's mapping of Samoa's forests and assessment of their worth. He is Mr. S. S. Cameron. His work will tie in with Professor Cumberland's project, but it is a separate project, financed partly by research fellowship fund from Yale University, the Bishop Museum (Honolulu) and the Peabody Museum, Salem, Massachusetts.

MORE CATTLE FOR FIJI

FIRST draft of the famous Santa Gertrudis strain of tropical-breed cattle to be exported from Australia, was despatched in March consigned to the Fiji Government. The shipment consisted of four yearling stud bulls ,and the shippers were King Ranch (Aust.) Ltd. The sale was arranged through Dalgety & Co., Ltd.

† Records were set by January and February imports at Suva. Forty-six ships discharged 44,710 tons, compared with 37 ships and 12,050 tions in the same period of 1954. Imports warrants passed by the Customs Department totalled 8,020 (4,666) and customs duty totalled £428,700 (£421,481).

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Samoan Entertainers



After performing in Australia as the Tuli Brothers, specialising in modern Polynesian singing and dancing, Henry Hunkin and William Miller are back in Western Samoa. Henry works in the Justice Department and William is employed by an Apia trading firm. In the last year they made occasional broadcasts in Australia and appeared in many stage shows. In Sydney Jeanette Christian (a Fletcher Christian descendant) joined the Tuli Brothers as a dancer.

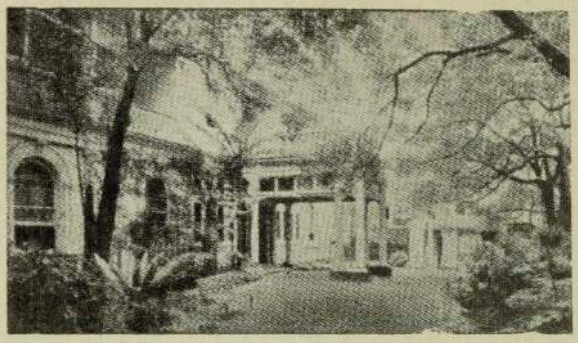
—Photo by Jack Thornton.

¶ Major Oliver Edwards, of Nausori, Fiji, was scheduled to go to Malaya early in April to join the 1st Bn. FIR.

¶ Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Allen and their two children have gone from Adelaide to Fiji, where Dr. Allen will work in partnership with Dr. T. Oldmeadow, of Suva. Dr. and Mrs. Allen have been presidents of the Student Christian Movement at Adelaide and leaders in the Missionary Fellowship.

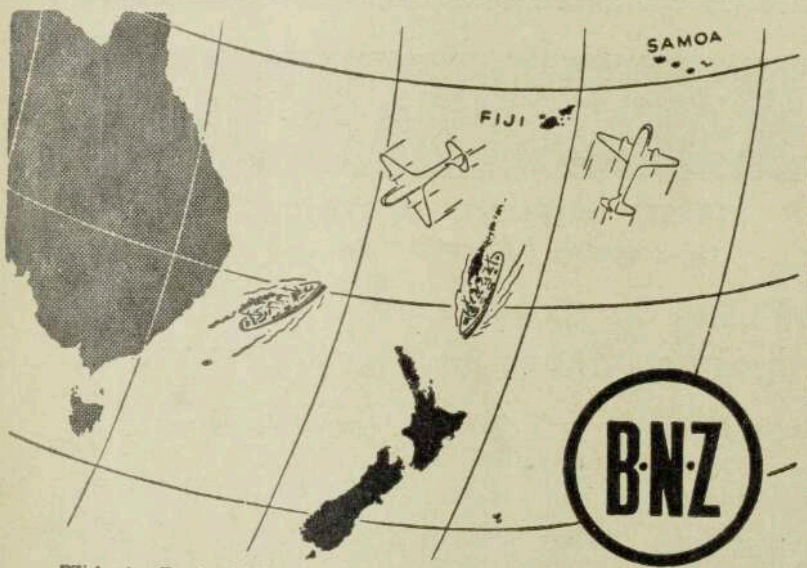
¶ Squadron-Leader I. Rockell, ME Administration Officer at t RNZAF Station at Laucala B Suva, has been transferred to after nearly three years' service Fiji. He will be replaced Squadron-Leader Poulten. Flt.-Lie Lane is also under notice of trans to New Zealand.

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HE Gilbert & Ellice Is. Colony Department of Information, in a survey of gress made in the Colony during 1954, ntions the following construction work: ompletion of King George V Secondary ool to take up to 150 boy boarders. ated at Bikenibeu, Tarawa, the school s built under a Colonial Development nt.

ork commenced and is now in full swing a new central hospital, located near school. Built under a similar grant, hospital will become an important ining centre for nurses and dressers, ently needed in the outer islands.

new Residency was completed, and a nber of new permanent staff buildings being built at Bairiki, Tarawa.

t Betio, Tarawa, a new District Office completed and the DO has shifted his dquarters from Bairiki. Erection of sing for District staff is in progress.

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is expected that a new Land inance will be enacted this year, owing considerable work by a Native ds Commission last year. The new inance will introduce a greater degree standardisation of land laws throughthe Colony, based on the recommendas of the Island magistrates. The insing interest in land ownership makes new legislation of great importance.

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reater responsibility and authority to l governments throughout the Colony robable as the result of recent disions at Tarawa and Honiara. The ive Governments Ordinance is likely e amended soon.

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he Ramage Report of salaries revision ow being considered by the Governt with a view to possible improvements alaries and conditions of service of ic servants in the Colony.

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line with most other South Pacific itories, plans are being made for the tment within the Colony of most s of leprosy, instead of sending the ents to Makogai, Fiji. New drugs rendered possible this local treatment all but a few cases. (Eastern and tern Samoa, Tonga, and the Cook ds have taken similar action).

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he Rev. Mr. Spivey and Mrs. Spivey, the London Missionary Society, have the Colony after many years' service. Spivey is succeeded by the Rev. E. s as chairman of the Gilbert Islands ion Committee.

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he Rev. Mother General of the Sisters he Sacred Heart visited the Order's ion stations in the Gilberts from ce in January. She was accompanied a Sydney by the Mother Provincial of Order in Australia.

French Culture In Islands

From Our Noumea Correspondent

NOUMEA, March 29.

NEW Caledonia and French Oceania are small in comparison with the French African territories (there are only about 60,000 people in each), and French metropolitan aid is essential to the development of both, said M. Roger Duviau, State Secretary of the French Empire, in Paris after recently visiting the South Pacific.

M. Duviau said that all the people had had schooling and the French language was universally understood. There was no racial problem.

"Thus the seeds of French civilisation are bearing fruit," he added. "They should be cultivated with care."

M. Duviau described Tahiti and its sister-islands as a "paradise on earth." New Caledonia, much larger, had different problems. The French population gave great promise, but there were not enough people to develop the island's natural resources.

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Noumea Recalls 1942 Events

HE historic occasion when the Americans, under General Patch, ded at Noumea, is too often gotten, said a Noumea newspaper the 13th anniversary of the ding, on March 12.

oon after the Pearl Harbour ack (Dec. 7, 1941), Fighting nce, under General de Gaulle, lared war on Japan, and New edonia was offered as a base to Allies. The arrival of the first voy, with 40,000 American troops, e months later undoubtedly d Fiji, Australia and NZ, as well New Caledonia, from the horrors Japanese invasion.

wenty ships, escorted by about 10 ships, arrived at Noumea on ch 12, 1942. Other convoys ved within a few days, and NC me one of the most powerful s in the Pacific theatre.

he American "occupation" ght NC a prosperity it had r known before and probably never know again, but few re- ders of the feverish boom era ain to-day. Occasional grass- vn ruins indicate the sites of e camps.

he best-preserved of the Ameri- can buildings is the former "Pentagon" of the US Army at Anse Vata, now the headquarters of the South Pacific Commission. Behind it stands the now-shabby church which served US servicemen of all denominations. It is no longer used or cared for. The huge US Navy warehouses and other installations have gone.

The American cemetery, from which the bodies were all taken home years ago, is overgrown with weeds. . . But, though sometimes forgetful, Noumea people remember March 12, 1942, with gratitude and appreciation.

Inquiry About C. F. Maxwell

NEW ZEALAND'S Department of Island Territories is seeking a photograph of Mr. Christopher Freke Maxwell, who was Resident Commissioner at Niue in 1904. Any reader who may know where a photograph may be obtained, or the whereabouts of members of Mr. Maxwell's family, is asked to communicate with Mr. J. B. Wright, Secretary, Department of Island Territories, Hotel Cecil Building, Wellington, New Zealand.

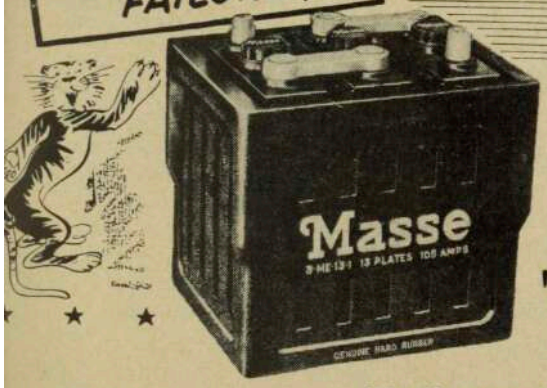
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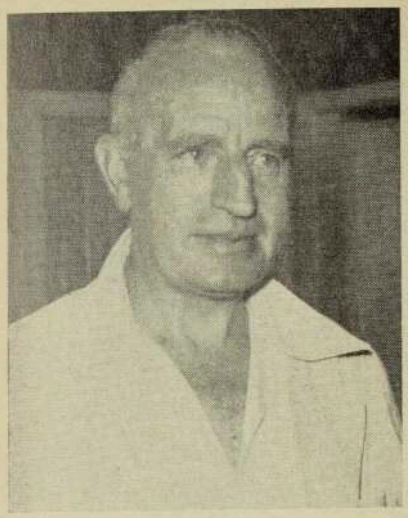


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Economist for Cook Is.



Professor H. Belshaw, Economist at Victoria University College, Wellington, NZ, who, with Mr. V. D. Stace, economist of the Reserve Bank of NZ, will carry out an economic survey of the Cook Islands this year. Professor Belshaw recently has conducted similar surveys in the Manu'a Islands of American Samoa, and in the Tokelaus.—Photo: D. E. Ross.

† Triplets (a rarity among Fijians) born at Savusavu on February 18 are making good progress at the local hospital. All are boys and are named Samuela, Eliki and Kitione. Local Fijians have provided a trust fund, and gifts and contribu have helped to provide the sp food required. The mother, Matavuva, is with the babies a hospital, where the father, Dudo, is working as a grounds

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dern Dress and Outlook

arked Change in Fiji's Young Women

By FRANK RYAN

the last 20 years, Fiji has experienced most of those changes inevitable in a "young" country. w buildings are being erected, the pulation continually increases, and City of Suva is rapidly extending over the adjoining hills.

Probably not so noticeable, except the streets of Suva, is the marked nge that is taking place among young Fijian women.

n the old way of life, Fijian men, unless of rank, occupied a nial position. They had no tiative, and were not encouraged extend their activities beyond ring children, looking after their nfolk, and working in the village ntations. To a modified extent, s still prevails in village life.

But, among the younger educated men, a marked change is apparent. to comparatively recent years women wore very plain and unealing dresses, and invariably a *u* was worn underneath. The of this plain piece of cloth ally hung incongruously below skirt, with anything but pleasffect.

o-day, young Fijian women king in offices wear stylish, wellde dresses of the best material. *sulu*, draped under the skirt, been discarded. Under voile, on and georgette upper garments nder bra and petticoat ribbons w, in attractive contrast against pely brown shoulders.

heir carefully-tended frizzy hair, ly maturity, and their free, ceful carriage as they stride in companionship alongside the ng men with whom they work, to their charm.

hey ride bicycles, a few drive s, and many don short bloomers nheard of a few years ago—to pete in athletic events. An stant in the Fiji Visitors' eau is a softly-spoken girl, ruana Sorowale, who represented in the broad jump at the ish Empire Games in Canada.

MEDICAL STUDENTS

t the Central Medical School, an girls sit attentively through ures or bend intently over ratory benches, ultimately to duate as Assistant Medical Pracners, or as dentists.

he attitude of Fijian men toward r womenfolk may require that a while these girls may have be used in child-welfare or lar work, rather than in nurs- but, as the men seem to like ministrations of Fijian nurses difficulty may not arise. In the ntime the Principal of the School speaks with enthusiasm of these promising girl students.

At Adi Cakobau School the scholastic attainments of the girls, their vitality, adaptability, eagerness to learn, and their neat, wholesome appearance, have commanded the admiration of many distinguished visitors, most notably Her Majesty the Queen.

It is interesting to observe how cultural environment, and the influence of the European teachers, tone down the purely physical attractions of a well-developed Fijian girl. Daintiness and refinement are added, plus the natural good manners of the race—so much so that some women teachers have expressed a fear that too many girls may be raised above the standards of their future husbands. Too marked a disparity in culture and natural refinement might result in unsatisfactory marriages.

LOST IN MARRIAGE

Something similar was said by a former matron at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, who lamented that no sooner had she got her trainees in order than someone married them. If they married medical assistants, as is often the case, they should be helpful to their husbands in their work, which they could share. If the husband was an educated boy, there was equality in culture and outlook.

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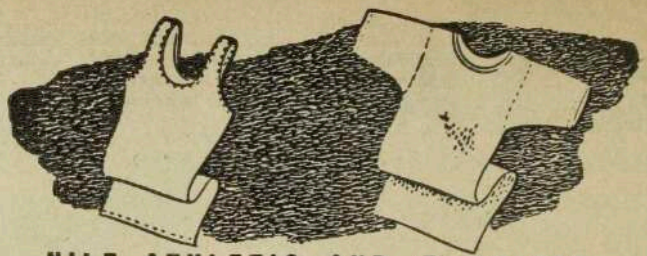
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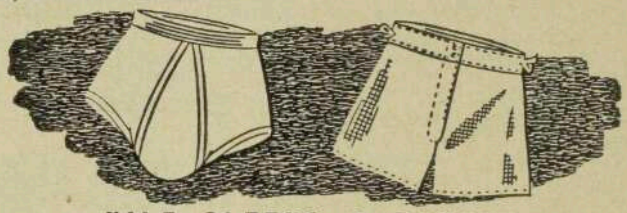
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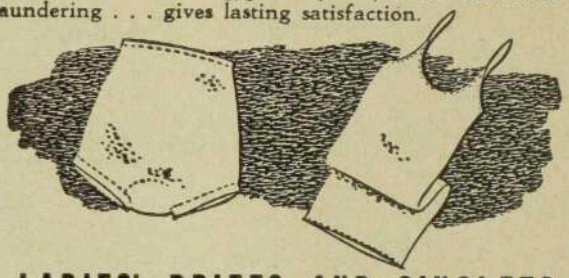
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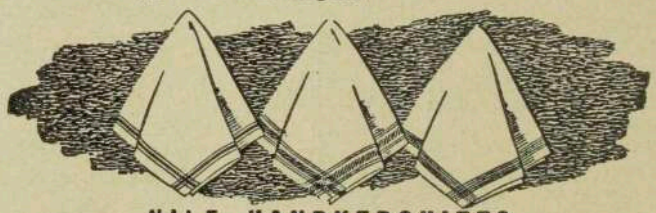
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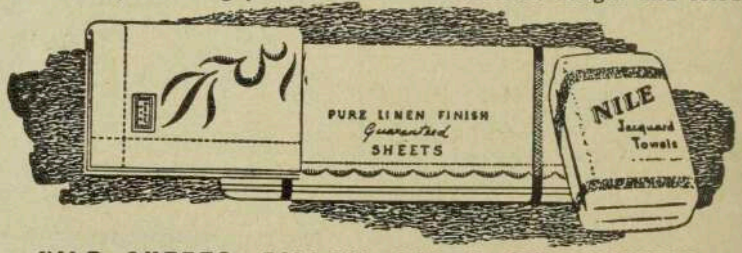
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men alone. For that reason, ng women in Fiji are being en- raged to learn and develop tiative and confidence. In the ools, training colleges, hospitals l in Government and commercial ces, young women are showing rked signs of advancement and, the same time, developing pride their sex.

hey are already emerging from cocoon to explore new fields of k in the development of their e.

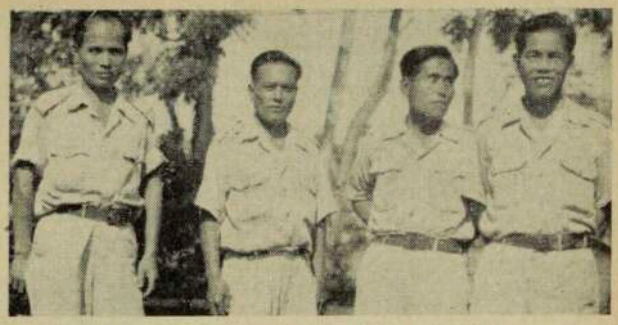
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ew Zealand is regarded as an- er possible future market.— mea Correspondent.

astor J. B. Keith has replaced tor H. White as president of the Union Mission, with head- rters at Lae.

Out of Jungle After Ten Years



This photograph, taken by Mr. Walter Barker, of Wewak, shows the four Japanese servicemen who, in February, came out of hiding in the Dutch New Guinea jungle and 10 years after the cessation of the Pacific war, gave themselves up. They were picked up in Wewak by the Jap War Graves Mission ship and taken to Tokio where, on arrival early in March, they were literally overwhelmed by Japanese reporters and photographers.

The four servicemen, even after 10 years, were not easily convinced that the war had ended in the defeat and surrender of Japan.

They are pictured here as they were immediately after landing from a Qantas plane which brought them from Hollandia to Wewak.

Suva-Tarawa Mercy Flight

MAKING a mercy flight from Suva to Tarawa on March 21, an RNZAF flying-boat returned with a nursing sister requiring urgent hospital treatment. A doctor from the Suva Hospital went with the aircraft.

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TOURISM:

Matson's Plans for the South Pacific

THE Matson Line may establish a tourist hotel in Tahiti if current discussions with the Tahiti government are successful.

The hotel would operate in conjunction with Matson-Oceanic plans to re-enter the trans-Pacific passenger trade with two big new liners in 1956 or 1957. Matson are already in the hotel business in Hawaii. Their fourth hotel, the 270-room Princess Kaiulani, will open shortly in Honolulu.

Discussing progress in regard to the new ships, Matson's Sydney manager said, in March, that tenders have now been called from shipyards. If prices quoted meet the Matson estimates there would appear to be no reason why work should not go ahead rapidly. The plan is to use standard "Mariner"-Class hulls, many of which are under construction in American shipyards as fast cargo vessels.

The service will be heavily subsidised by the US Government. The Sydney manager anticipates that the vessels will appear before the end of next year.

(First Matson brochures had appeared in Suva in March. Matson contemplates a round-the-Pacific service, Papeete, Pago Pago and Suva being on the route, but not necessarily ports of call on both northbound and southbound voyages. It is a thousand pities that someone cannot persuade Matson to build a hotel in Suva, which is an accommodation bottle-neck to any increased Fiji tourism).

† Suva employers of casual w labour are to issue permits only men with permits will be ployed. This scheme, which not affect permanent employee intended to provide as much as possible for men who depen stevedoring for a livelihood, regularise the engagement of w ers from the various areas of cruitment and to make it e to check on men who infringe Fijian Regulations.

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n announcing in March, details his first air-cruise with Frigate d III, Sir Gordon Taylor said: om the educational aspect, I that well within the adult lives today's school boys and girls world is going to look more and e to the Pacific region as the world of the South, and I am ing to give as many young Aus- lans as possible a pre-view of world."

r Gordon has left open at this e the full itineraries for the Caledonia and Fiji regions be- se, between now and May he ts to look closely into the best bination of educational and day enjoyment.

rigate Bird III is a Bermuda s flying-boat capable of carry- 35 passengers. Cost of this icular cruise (with Sir Gordon ommand) is £A195 for children, 35 for adults. The itinerary is ainly interesting.

he programme now reads as ws: Depart Sydney 10 am, May arriving at Grafton, NSW, 2 rs later. Lunch at the Crown el, an afternoon car drive, ner and an overnight stop at hotel. In the air again at 8.20 next day, with lunch in flight an arrival at Noumea about 4 where the party will stay at e Vata. Details of the two-day at New Caledonia are still to worked out, but there will be e local flying.

igate Bird III will take off n at 9 am, May 14, bound for a but with an examination of of Pines, the Loyalties, the awas, and the coast of Viti Levu oute. A 4 pm arrival is expected Lauthala Bay. Plans still have e completed for a 2-day stop e, but at 10 am on May 17 the g-boat will head for the Lau ids, landing at Nabavatu in ua Balavu, one of the Exploring s, about noon, to spend four s of local flying, swimming, and ng in that region, which is one he most beautiful in the Colony, off the beaten track for ists and most residents of the e populated areas of Fiji.

8 am, May 21, *Frigate Bird III* commence the home run with air reconnaissance of Koro, ua Levu, and other islands oute to Noumea. There, after ther overnight stop at Anse Vata the big flying-boat will head south-west for the Middleton Reef, and, if weather permits, a brief look at Lord Howe before arriving back on Sydney Harbour about 3.30 pm, May 22, to land, we imagine, cargo of very good publicity for further cruises.

Fijian Headquarters in Central Suva

HEADQUARTERS of the Native Land Trust Board, at Suva, will be in a £40,000 building to be erected on a site between the new Broadcasting House and Victoria Parade. (Some critics have murmured at the disappearance of yet another of central Suva's few open spaces).

The two-storeyed building will also house the Fijian Development Fund Board and the Native Lands Commission, and the large Board Room (with tapa designs in the ceiling) will provide a Suva meeting-place for the Council of Chiefs.

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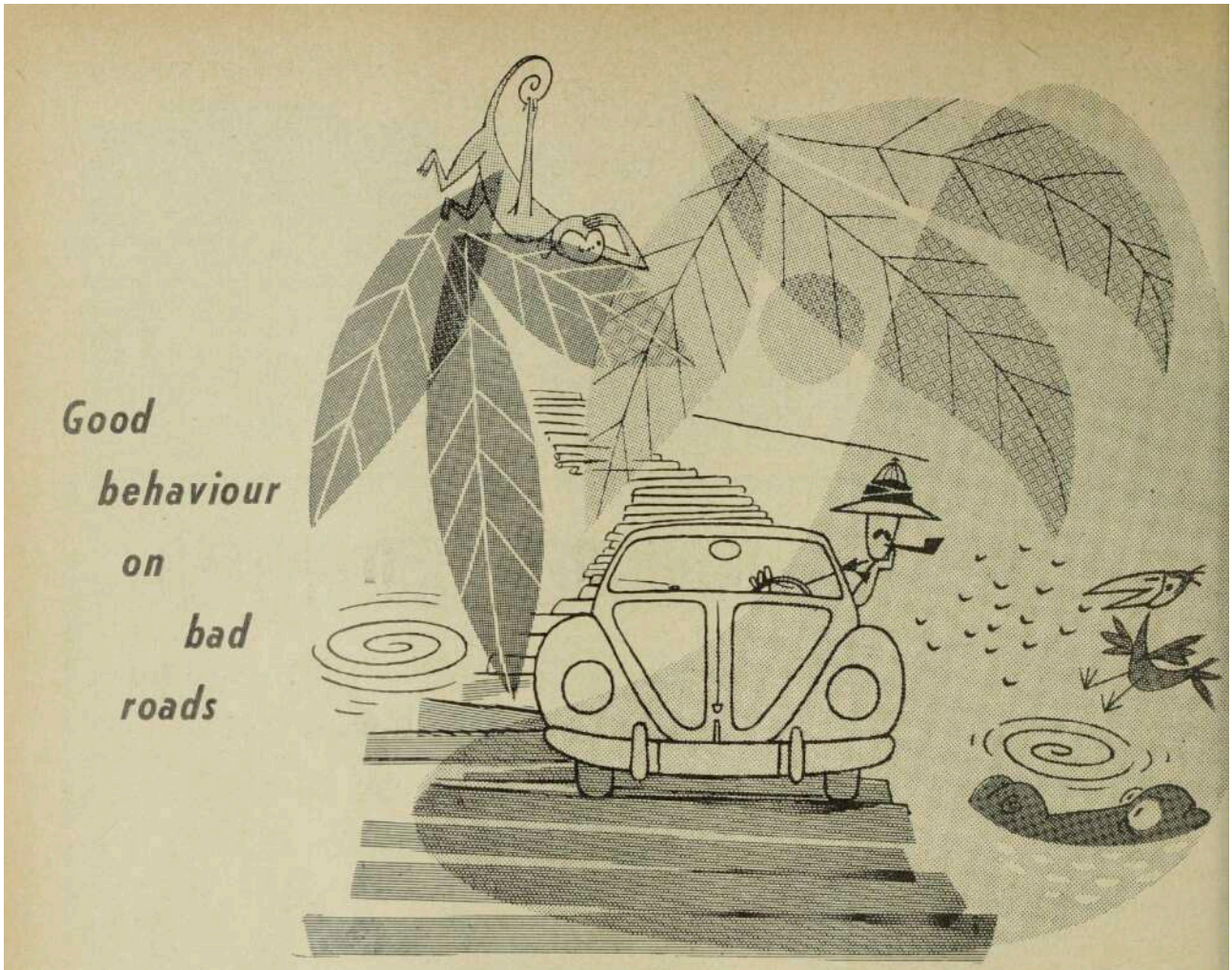
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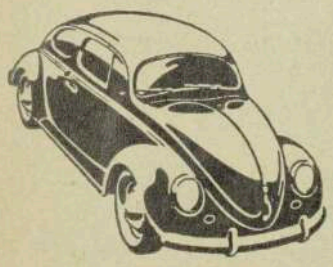
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By Air to the Tokelaus

r. G. R. Powles, High Commissioner New Zealand in Western Samoa ire), and Mrs. Powles, paid their first at the Tokelaus in February, when utine official visit was paid to the atolls, per RNZAF Sunderland aircraft. The party included, front row, left to right: Professor H. Belshaw (making an economic survey), Flight-Lieut. Vichers, the High Commissioner and Mrs. Powles.

ONTANEOUS ASSEMBLY

LD residents of Papua and New Guinea in Brisbane have gradually arranged for themselves a sant meeting-place. Every Fri- about 10 am, they get together the spacious saloon bar of art's Criterion Hotel, in George et, Brisbane.

A similar spontaneous gathering has been observed in Sydney over many years—P-NG "old hands" meet more or less regularly in one of the bars of Ushers Hotel, in Castlereagh Street.

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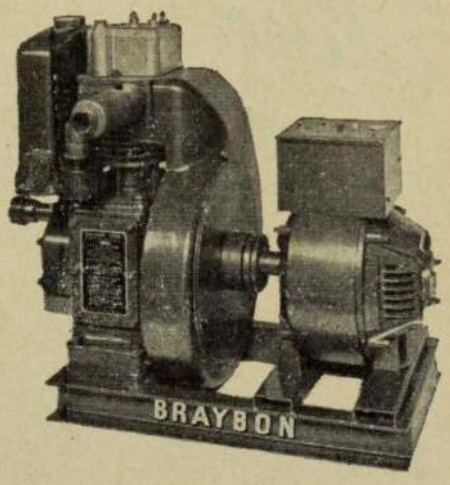
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Another Pacific Migration?

Gilbertese May Go To Gizo

PLANS for settling Islanders from the crowded Gilberts at Gizo (12,800 acres) in the British Solomons are under way.

Last year a pilot party of 10 Gilbertese went to Gizo and returned in September with a favourable report.

A good many problems will have to be solved, and the initial settlement will be experimental. People used to an atoll climate may not readily become acclimatised to a different type. (But the Ocean Island Banabans, after early bouts of homesickness, soon become comfortably settled at Rabi, in Fiji). There is also a malaria problem at Gizo which does not occur in the Gilberts.

(This still appears the most exexaordinary of all the planned Pacific migrations. As PIM said in October, when we first learned of the proposal: "Why Gizo?" Gizo is a small chunk of volcanic red mud, mostly in the perpendicular, the Administrative centre of the Western Solomons and a port of entry. The natives of this part of BSIP seem reasonably industrious and it might be imagined they could make use of their land. Guadalcanal, on the other hand, has a great deal of unused land, and a small populat However, neither BSIP or G & E made any official statement regard to the migration—so we not know just where in Gizo Gilbertese are to settle—or why

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From Our Suva Correspondent

SUVA, March 25.

IANS between the ages of 17 and 19 were the main offenders recent wave of larrikinism in the ny.

is is a development utterly gn to the Fijian way of life has disturbed serious observers, have long been pointing out erious lack of social and other -time facilities for youths. It been suggested frequently that lack is probably to a consider- degree responsible for some of occasional "crime waves" that Fiji's capital.

ne of the amateur criminals in serious theft cases have been sy in their methods and have caught trying to dispose of loot. An enterprising youth slid down a rope from the roof alter Horne and Co.'s shop later d up a suitcase full of reels tton. Another took about 12 of gramophone needles from ' shop. Both were caught trying to sell the proceeds of robberies.

ır youths, all in the 17-19 age , wore masks when they held young couple in the back seat car on Queen Elizabeth Drive. arge of robbery was ruled out ie grounds that statements had improperly taken, and all the s were sentenced to three hs' gaol for being rogues and onds.

a police appeal, the Chief ce gave them 12 months for ng a wristlet watch. (The s had said that they would n the watch if the young man l furnish a bottle of overproof the following night. However, he meeting-place the young its found a police officer and a of Fijian constables).

e root of much of the evil lies e continued drift of young men the city. A move has now been by the Commissioner of Police E. K. Laws), who has formed rong committee to set about stablishment of a Boys' Club.

th organised sports and boxing es, this club, backed by the n leaders, is calculated to appeal tion-loving lads who might fall the traps set by those who are ys ready to take advantage of ignorance of city life.

However, not all the trouble occurs in the city. There was an outbreak of larrikinism in Lomaloma, Lau Islands, recently when a gang of youths damaged a bridge and some private property.

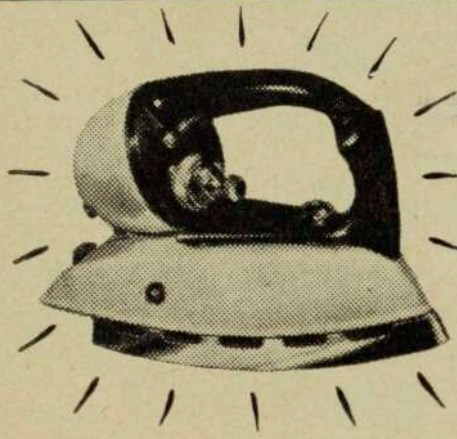
Older residents believe that it is the result of seeing too many movies. A contributing cause could be the fact that under Fiji's system of centralised government, the centre for dispensing law and order lies over 200 miles from Lomolama, in Suva. The theory apparently is that Fijian community discipline should be sufficient to control this sort of juvenile deliquency.

Pagopago Fish Cannery Hard at Work

AFTER two months of packing fish and preparing fish meal, the Van Camp Sea Food Co., at Pagopago, stopped active operation on March 1 for a week. The machines were overhauled for the next loads, due in mid-March.

Two of the Japanese fishing vessels have been released. *Taiyo Maru* sailed February 2 for Japan. This was the ship whose captain was fatally attacked by a 13-ft shark in Pagopago Bay in January. *Nissho Maru* left for Japan on February 26.

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SUNDERSTANDING INCOME TAX COOK ISLANDS?

UCH of the Cook Islanders' agitation over the application of NZ income taxation to the nds appears to be due to a nderstanding of the position. certainly is the case at gaia.

any people outside Rarotonga ve that all earnings, however l, will be taxed. They have yet been told about the annual unt at which taxation begins or t the exceptions allowed.

Europeans have been surprised he failure of the authorities to public meetings at which the me could be carefully ex- ied. In the case of most aders, knowledge of events is ed at the village raintank.

o inspectors who made a dilig- round of stores, etc., assembling icial facts, are said to have surprised at the simple systems nonly adopted in Islands trade. o, the authorities must have unaware of the marked differ- between Islands trading and trading. At all events, the ion officials received civil co- ation all round the Group.

me Islanders maintain that is no point in paying a tax which neither representation in ament nor tangible Island re- s may be expected. Yet some of these critics earn more than many Europeans who are paying tax in the Islands.

The non-application to CI of social security provisions under which, for example, the NZ Maori receives 10/- weekly for each of his children, is another CI "grouch." Islanders persistently overlook the point that their NZ cousins must pay social security taxation of 1/6 in the £ on all earnings and, in many cases, income tax as well, and that Islanders in mainland jobs also pay both if their earnings bring them into the income tax net.—EG.

Jap War Graves Mission Tour Ended at Manus

THE Japanese War Graves Commission, which left Manus for Tokio on March 6, collected the remains of 5,093 Japanese war dead, and has taken their ashes back to Japan. The burial-grounds from which the remains were recovered were marked in each case by a simple cube of stone, on which it was recorded that war dead had been removed from the site. The mission's tour started on February 1.

On March 6 the mission's final religious ceremony was attended also by local residents at Manus.

In a farewell message to the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea (Brigadier D. M. Cleland), the chief of the mission and the captain of the ship *Taisei Maru* expressed appreciation of the assistance and co-operation of the Administrator and his officers, adding: "Thank you very much. We wish you health and happiness."

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

A RECORD gathering (well over 100) attended the Pacific Islands Society's meeting at the Feminist Club rooms, King Street, Sydney, on March 24. Mr. Brian Chaseling, Public Relations Officer, Bank of NSW, screened three excellent documentary films—a Canadian colour film of Eskimo life; a film of the Great Barrier Reef, and a cartoon-type record of the development of the "horseless carriage." After the screening, the President, Major C. A. Swinbourne, and Mr. Chaseling said that in view of the popularity of the programme, similar evenings would be arranged for members and friends of the society.

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Mangaia Not Interested In Visitors

(Mangaia Correspondent)

MANGAIA, an island where alien settlers are not encouraged and seldom arrive, might be called the Tibet of the Cook Islands. In recent years incredibly primitive living conditions have been aligned more or less with modern European concepts of sanitation and hygiene, but the land laws have not been relaxed, and there is no way to lease or rent a holding. To find accommodation at Mangaia is one of the hardest things in the world, and this information has been sent to an American who wrote from California about the prospects of a travel film in colour of Mangaia.

The wild, craggy scenery of the island would probably be effective in a colour film, but singing and music are at a curiously early stage of development. Genuine Mangaian chants are purely a cacophony, following no scale or rhythmical pattern, and apparently evolve as the singers sing. There is no idea of parts and harmony, and there is no voice below tenor (or soprano) in range.

† Imported potatoes in New Caledonia are to pay a tax of 50 centimes a kilogram. Revenue will go towards reducing the price of seed potatoes for local planting. Potatoes may be imported only when local growers cannot meet the demand.

¶ Mr. M. R. Raymer, OBE, an Administrative Officer in Nigeria, has been appointed Director of Organiastion and Establishment in Fiji. This new appointment rises from recommendations by the London consultants who are studying the Fiji Government's organisation and methods. Principal assistant to Mr. Ramer will be an Establishi Officer (Mr. A. L. Baker), and J. B. Claydon will be Organis Secretary.

¶ Mr. J. W. Ackroyd, principa Nasinu Teachers' Training Co Fiji, is going to the UK on l Mr. H. F. S. Hammond has t over as acting principal.

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rrent News Items from Our Correspondents in Papua-NG

(Continued from Page 47)

rs. Craig planned the trip after war. When she arrived at schhafen she was shown over area by the ADO and his wife, and Mrs. Bob Bunting, and rs, and she spoke of the friend- ss with which she was received.

R. HASLUCK AND THE PSA

uring his visit to Port Moresby March, the Minister for Terri- s, Mr. Hasluck, would not com- t on the attack on him by the G Public Service Assn. in re- n to the cost-of-living case. He he understood the association planning certain action and it d be improper for him to make mment.

he association has stated it will the cost-of-living and salaries er to arbitration, and it has obtaining legal advice in Syd- on the matter. By late March, ill had not gone to court).

hile Mr. Hasluck was in the itory on his current trip he did speak to any association officials he blow-up, nor did the associa- seek an interview with him. feeling among association mem- is "Arbitrate or Nothing." Gen- opinion is that the court is the means of deciding the issue be- doubt.

ere is no doubt that even if Minister put forward another it would be rejected out of by the association, which feels his case that it has all Terri- public servants behind it.

e feeling in some of the out- ons is even more explosive, and bers there are pressing the as- tion council for quick action.

e upset over wages is easily the st yet to hit the Territory, and rcussions are likely for a long yet. Mr. Hasluck is meanwhile l with an unhappy service in a New Guinea.

MILNE BAY TREMORS

o earth tremors rocked Esa-Ala, e Milne Bay district, in early h.

e first occurred at 7 pm on h 9, and the second shortly be- 3 am the following morning. reported that there was little age.

e Administration vulcanologist, Reynolds, is preparing to take the available aircraft from Bougain- to Manus to make another in- ion of the submarine volcano . Andrew Strait. Tuluman, the no which sprang out of the last year, has been in violent tion for several weeks.

test news from the area is that main crater is now quiet, but south cone has become the e of the most violent eruptive ity yet seen.

rly on March 8, a succession of sions rocked Baluan as fiery geysers of moulten material were thrown thousands of feet into the air. Brilliant flashes from the crater turned night into day.

Native villages on nearby Bam Island, south-east of Tuluman, are being deluged with pumice dust, which is ruining gardens and seri- ously affecting water supplies. It is thought that the 150 natives at the island will have to be evacuated.

Meanwhile, Mr. Reynolds has re- ported some change in temperatures in the Lake Loloru thermal region, in Southern Bougainville. He sug- gests that the area be kept under observation.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS

Uniform traffic signs are to be erected throughout Papua and New Guinea.

The signs are being constructed by the Department of Works. They will be painted yellow, with a black border and black lettering.

At present the Territory is riddled with all kinds of road traffic signs, some put up by the Police, some by Town Advisory Councils and others by local district services officers. Most of them are said to be unauthorised.

MANUS SHIPPING SERVICE CRITICISED

Mr. Don Barrett, elected member for the New Guinea Islands, criticised



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urns Philp's shipping services to anus Island on his return to abaul from a visit to the base. He imed that Service personnel were t getting regular supplies of fresh od and canteen goods, and sug- sted that the Federal Government ould investigate the position.
Mr. Barrett said that service per- nnel, officers and other ranks ke, alleged that Burns Philp's had omised regular services, but had t maintained them. Complaints d been made to the Port Moresby adquarters of the company, he d.
Mr Barrett said that the Navy's ezer, which supplied all three vices at the Base, was designed cope with regular supplies. When re were long delays and two vessels ived together, the capacity of the ezer was taxed. It also meant t there was a long wait until the t vessel arrived, and servicemen n had to eat mostly tinned foods. I realise that tinned goods are olesome," he said, "but they are warranted in peace-time at a e where amenities are few."
t Port Moresby, the general nager of Burns Philp New nea Ltd. (Mr. Frame) described Barrett's complaints as "ex- erated and inaccurate."
r. Frame said that Burns Philp Guinea Ltd. had received no plaints from Service chiefs at Manus, and, in any case, the New Guinea company did not regulate the shipping services to the island. This was an arrangement between the parent company in Australia and the Navy Board.

Mr. Frame said that if there had been any delays recently they would have been due to the congestion and confusion on the Sydney waterfront, coupled with the heavy rain in February. These circumstances were beyond the control of any shipping company.

He emphasised that from time to time the schedules of Burns Philp vessels calling at Manus had been rearranged to suit the requirements of the armed services at Manus.

HIGHLANDS AIRFIELD

The new airfield at Chimbu, in the New Guinea Highlands, is almost finished. It crosses the old landing field at its northern end.

Most of the work was carried out by prison labour.

An application will be made to Department of Civil Aviation within the next few weeks for an inspection to be made of the new airstrip.

LONG POLICE SERVICE

A native of the Kikori district with 22 years service in the Royal Papuan and New Guinea constabulary died in the native hospital at Port Moresby in March. He was Sgt. Api, of Ravi Kivau village, who had retired from the force in January.

He accompanied his wife to hospital, became ill at Port Moresby, and was admitted himself.

He was given a Police funeral and was buried at Kila.

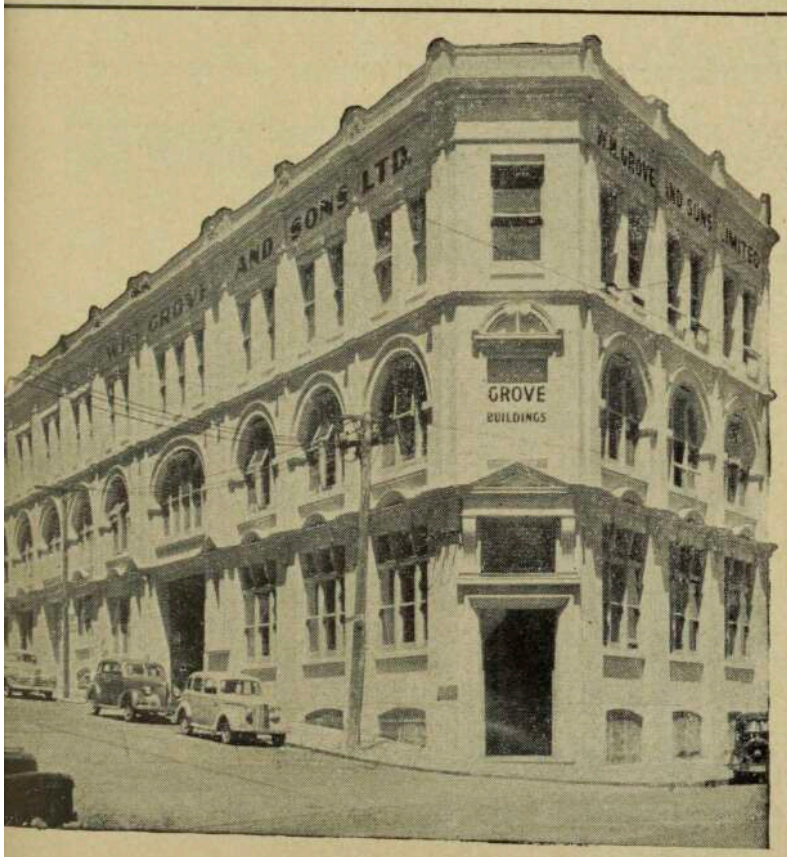
PATROL OFFICER FLOWN TO HOSPITAL

Two aircraft were pressed into service in March to get an Administration patrol officer back to Port Moresby from Kiunga, near the Dutch border, for hospital treatment.

The planes, a small amphibian owned by Bahamas Helicopters, and a Qantas Catalina, both left Port Moresby at dawn on March 6 after officials had decided against sending a helicopter because of its limited range. The Catalina, carrying Dr. Scragg, of Port Moresby, and fuel for the amphibian, fled direct to Lake Murray and waited there for the smaller plane, which had to land at Kikori for fuel for the flight to Lake Murray.

Both planes then flew to Kiunga, where the amphibian landed on a narrow stretch of the Fly River while the Catalina circled overhead.

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patrol officer, J. C. Baker, the amphibian was again in the air, heading back to Lake Murray, where the patient was transferred to the Catalina and flown to Port Moresby.

Special permission was granted for the Catalina to make a night landing on the harbour.

The following day, the Bahama amphibian was out on another mercy flight. As it was returning to Port Moresby, it landed at Middletown, where the pilot and engineer received instructions to rendezvous with an APC launch on the Aramia River to pick up a native woman and fly her to Kikori.

At Port Moresby the Regional Director of Civil Aviation (Mr. J. Arthur) praised the work of the crews of the two planes which took part in the Kiunga mercy flight. He said: "The entire operation was a first-class effort on the part of everyone concerned: I especially wish to congratulate the pilot and engineer of the small amphibian. Such a rescue in such a small plane, in really heavy weather, was an outstanding effort."

NEW MEMORIAL GATES AT RABAUL

The Queen Elizabeth Park memorial gates (Feb. PIM, p. 39) at Rabaul, donated by the New Guinea Women's Association, have arrived, and the association has sufficient funds to buy two small side gates.

Mr. R. Galloway told a meeting of the Rabaul Town Advisory Council on March 3 that Mrs. Pratt, on behalf of the Association, had written asking for local opinion regarding the opening of the gates.

The council unanimously supported a proposal by the District Education Officer (Mr. F. N. Boisen) that the Administrator be inv to officially open the memorial g at a date to be arranged betw his Honour and the Park trust

Mr. Galloway added: "I think should all be happy to wait for representative of the NG Wom Association to come."

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MORE TREES FOR RABAUL

After debating the claims of pell-phorum trees and rain trees for anting in Kamerere Street (one Rabaul's barest streets), the wn Advisory Council decided animously on March 3 to plant n trees.

The discussion ended with the lowing motion by Mr. J. L. ipper: "That wherever possible in merere Street rain trees be nted, having in mind the fact t at some future date much more ught must be given by the Ad-nistration to the locating of wer lines and the effect that such es will have on the beautifica-n of the town."

t the same time a motion, pro-ed by Mr. N. C. Barry and carried animously, asked the District mmissioner to obtain information m Australia regarding suitable es for the lining of streets in a pical area.

NATIVE APPRENTICESHIPS

The first Native Apprenticeship trict Committee meeting in the ritory was held at Wau on March when the Wau-Bulolo committee cussed the application of the ive apprenticeship scheme to the a.

t was agreed that the initial nber of Wau-Bulolo native prentices would probably be at st 36, covering such trades as vial mining, underground min-g, driver-mechanic, telephone man and baker. As the scheme gressed, the number would in-ase. The recommendations of the mittee will be presented at a eting of the Native Apprenticeship rd scheduled for about the end April. Similar district committee etings are to be held at Port resby, Lae and Rabaul, and, ording to the board's Executive cer (Mr. A. Linton), the scheme probably be firmly established rtly after the board meeting.

MERICAN SOLDIERS FINED FOR FREE FILM SHOW

ecause American soldiers gave free film show in return for pitality received at Lae, a US ny investigation officer fined m £40.

The soldiers were from American ps making a survey of the New tain coastal area, and the films e shown in a hall belonging to . F. Stewart, owner of the Hotel il at Lae.

local cinema manager, Mr. H. rr, complained to Fox Studios, ney, that the soldiers' free ening was "taking away his ng". The complaint was passed to the American Embassy, which it to Washington. Washington rmed US Army Headquarters at Okinawa, and the investigation officer was flown from Guam.

The officer said that although he had found the complaints to be "completely unfounded", the soldiers had broken Army regulations by showing the films outside their ship.

Mrs. Stewart offered to refund the £40 to the soldiers.

GET TOUGH ON DRINK SUPPLIERS

A "get tougher" attitude with suppliers of native liquor was evident in the Port Moresby Court of Petty Sessions on March 28, when a Port Moresby man was fined £100 for having given a drink of gin to a native.

The Magistrate, Mr. A. O'Driscoll, warned that next time offenders could look forward to a jail sentence. He said he would be lenient with the offender, William John Dwyer, 52, contractor, in this case, because it appeared that Dwyer did not realise the seriousness of the offence. The native was a friend of Dwyer's and he had given him only a couple of nips.

The native, David Bourke, pleaded guilty to drinking and was fined £5.

The Port Moresby fine came only a few days after the proposed amendment to the Native Liquor Ordinance was debated at length in the Legislative Council in Port Moresby.

Dwyer's £100 fine came as a shock to some people in Port Moresby, and no doubt elsewhere. Normally, drink suppliers are fined about £25. The maximum fine is £200.

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d continue until April 15.
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cent. The £10,000 had been col-
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he Territory in times of emerg-
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feature of the appeal has been
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ive villages—in some cases con-
rable sums, that have been
wn from the village coffers.
he New Guinea native can be a
generous fellow in his own
t, and his actions in this case
something of an answer to those
yell, "Exploitation!"

U CAN NOW TELEPHONE THE OUTPOSTS

n important new step in the de-
pment of the Territory's com-
nications system was taken on April 4 when people in many out-stations were able to talk by telephone to subscribers in the main towns of Port Moresby and Rabaul. The town subscribers could also put through trunk line calls to anybody at the outstations, so long as radio reception was reasonably good.

The new system links all the out-stations working via radio to the zone station at Port Moresby with the normal town telephone system, and similarly at Rabaul. The Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. W. Carter, in giving details of the new system, said that it was hoped that similar arrangements would operate in the other zone areas and that eventually anybody on a phone in the Territory could speak to any other Territory subscriber.

The system got a test a few days before it officially came into operation when somebody wanted urgently to talk to Mendi, roughly in the middle of New Guinea island, from Port Moresby. The reception was excellent.

ADMINISTRATOR TO TOUR

The Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, will begin a tour of New Ireland and Bougainville in late May or early June. The tour will probably take three or four weeks, travelling in the Administrator's new vessel, *Laurabada II*, which is at present being fitted out in Port Moresby.

It should be ready in about a month.

The *Laurabada II* will have a permanent crew—as master, Captain Bill Howard (formerly of the Administration vessel *Tami*, and now the *Leander*), and as engineer V. J. Murray.

¶ Mr. Norman Deck, who spent more than 30 years in the Solomons with the South Sea Evangelical Mission, and Mr. J. Griffiths, a former director of the mission, have been visiting the mission's stations in the BSIP.

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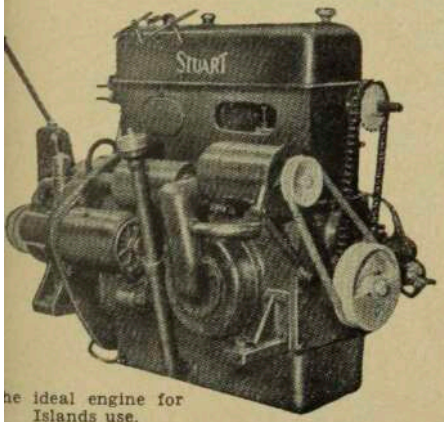
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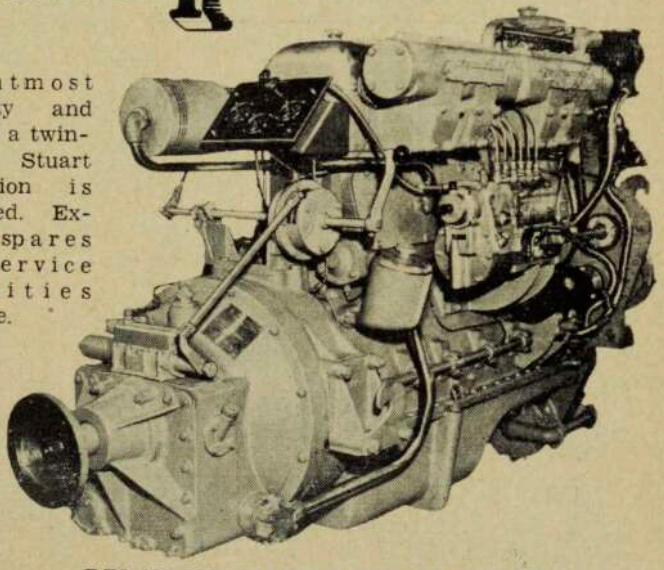
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Mormon Church Grows In Islands

THE Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with 10,645 missionaries throughout the world, is working out a big building plan in the Islands and elsewhere, reports Mission President Howard B. Stone, of Western Samoa.

In Samoa, 12 chapels and three schools have been built in the last three years, and a new high school and four more chapels will be built this year. A costly schoolhouse has been built in Tonga, and this year new chapels will be built in the Cook Is. If suitable land can be bought in Fiji, chapels will be built there.

In Hawaii, 2,000,000 dollars is being spent on a new school building, and a big new college is being built at Hamilton, NZ.

The report adds: "Not a penny is being taken away from the Islands. The buildings are all financed from the tithes of members throughout the world, and labour is contributed by church adherents. The 10,645 missionaries work without pay and are financed by themselves or their families."

BSIP's Chinese Criticised

UNCULTIVATED, and sometimes uninhabited, land in the British Solomons was the subject of comment at a BSIP Advisory Council meeting by Mr. G. H. Kuper, BEM.

"It might be argued," said Mr. Kuper, who comes of a long-established pioneering family in the Solomons, "that these are the protected Solomons. But I maintain that the Government will not be protecting the Solomon Islands unless these waste lands are put into production. It would not be protecting them if we let things go on as they are and if, in years to come, some Asiatic race, seeing that the Solomon Islands are not being developed, came down and took them over."

When referring to possible new settlers, Mr. Kuper criticised certain trading practices, and in particular referred to the Chinese. He said:

"New settlers could be assisted by a law to prevent people from trading and scraping the cream off the country unless those people are also producing something from the land. In particular I refer to the Chinese.

"The pioneers came here a
sweated. It was hard work in th
days, and still is. They made plan
tions, and in that working per
they traded. They had no Chin
to oppose them in trade. I am
here opposing the Chinese if t
are prepared to settle on the la
Give them trading licences
everybody else, but I am opposed
this idea of just going about pi
ing up produce, etc. The man v
has done the hard work should r
the full benefit.

"You might argue that, if
bring in such a law, automatic
we lose all Chinese revenue fr
imports. I do not agree. The
ports are governed by the consun
not the importer. As long as
consumer is in a position to b
the imports will be regulated acco
ingly."

¶ The marriage of Mrs. Gard
Hales, a well-known Sydney ra
and advertising personality un
the name of Hilda Morse, and
Lee H. Johnston, of New Caledo
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Fiji Planters Need the Good Years

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Like many others who have never d first-hand experience of them, have always imagined that a rricane would be something in e nature of an entertaining specle—once, anyway.

Two weeks in Naitauba, in the u Group of Fiji, cured me of that. t because we experienced a hurane in that period, but because was able to appreciate, for the st time, the real economic tragedy t a hurricane can mean.

The last hurricane occurred there 1948 and this is e first year of full oduction following it. On parts of aitauba, the ture coconuts, as result of that w, are now so sted out of alignnt that they look though they have en stirred up h a giant stick i have no reiblance to the al neat lines of ntation - planted onuts.

The amount of astation caused a plantation can alculated by the nber of coconut nds that are deyed.

am told that if oconut loses all fronds, then it need to make more before it again bear nuts time, a period about 2 years. It be some years re before it is in in full bear-. It is unlikely, ourse, that even d hurricane will w all the fronds n all the trees, damage is ays sufficient to atly reduce the put for several ire years.

mall wonder n, that the nters of these rts are avid ners to weather adcasts and, ing heard the ally dire predics of Suva radio, rush to their own barometers to see if anything untoward is happening nearer home.

It is debatable whether predictions of evil are any better received when delivered in a bright manner —but the tragedienne accents of the young female who acquaints Fiji of what it might expect in the way of weather, does not make listeners feel any better, either.

Those weeks were weather freaks and the forecast came in only two varieties, bad, and worse.

Either a tropical depression of moderate (or low or high) intensity was converging on Fiji from the north and west; or it was "moving across Fiji to the east." The outlook was for "showers." Or "changeable weather." Those showers were usually something akin to what would be called a cloud-burst in more temperate zones; and changeable weather, in that period anyhow, was simply the

Another Coconut Hazard



These coconut fronds have been almost skeletonized by a pest called a stick insect—a creature six or eight inches long. Unlike the Rhinoceros beetle it does not attack any other portion of the palm crown—but anything that attacks the fronds weakens the tree and reduces its nut-bearing capacity. This photograph was taken at Naitauba, Lau Group, Fiji, in March.



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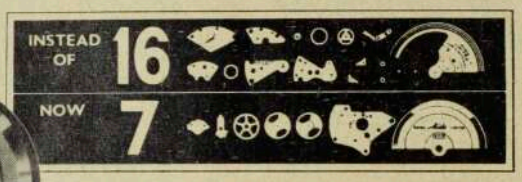
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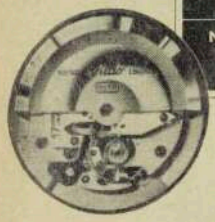
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ixture as before high winds from e north, grey y and, of course, in.

This was not nfined to Lau. It s the same in va, and on the rth-west coast. nd Australia, w Hebrides and ewhere.) Perps I was the nah—on the rning I left va it was magicent; at Nadi was truly Nadi ather; hot and my and not a ud in the sky. Now, with my arture and the of April in t, perhaps my nds out in Lau uncross their gers until the xt hurricane son—and begin watch the level their waterks instead.

iving on a ra producing nd in Fiji does, many respects lify for that ch abused n, paradise. But from an nomic point of view, planters e deserve every advantage a l year can give them in order make up for the years of adity.

lanters in Fiji have two eternal its that their brethren in New nea know nothing about. One urricanes; the other is income—J.T.



Charming Lautoka Bride

This happy wedding photo was taken at the end of last year, after the marriage of Miss Evelyn Waddingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Waddingham, of Lautoka, Fiji, to Mr. Keith Ussher (left). Mr. Fred Ussher, the bridegroom's brother, is shown right.

ANTI-LEPROSY FIGHT EXTENDED IN NG

SEVERAL years ago a doctor was heard to say that there "would not be more than 300 lepers in all Central New Guinea." Instead of that, there are thousands. At the Hansenide Colony, at Togaba, alone there are about 400.

The institution at Togaba (which is 11 miles past Mount Hagen, in the Western Highlands) was visited in February by Pastor A. J. Campbell, of the SDA Eastern Highlands Mission, Goroka, who was accompanied on the jeep trip by Pastor E. Roenfelt, an Australian, who has been with the church's head office at Washington, DC, for eight years.

Pastor Campbell comments that the Hansenide Colony is run by the SDA Mission with strong Government support. A second colony will be opened shortly at Hartsfelthaven, north-west of Madang, and is expected ultimately to receive 500 leprosy patients. This will be operated on similar lines, with Government support, to the Hansenide Colony.

The mission is awaiting the arrival from America of Dr. Yeates and his wife, who is also a doctor. Dr. Yates will be responsible for the medical oversight of these and other medical institutions.

¶ Miss Mary Edwards, well-known Australian artist, who returned in March from a painting expedition in New Guinea, will in future sign her paintings with her legal name, Mary Edwell-Burke. She has made this decision because of confusion caused by her use of the two names.

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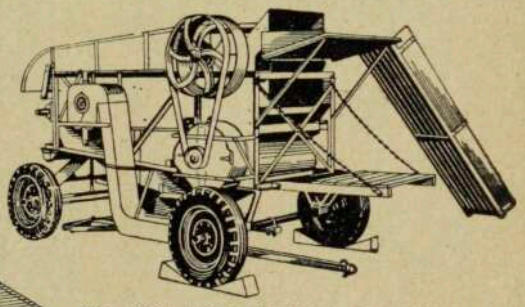
ARGED with "publishing an obscene libel", Leong Shom, a Mantanikau storekeeper, was d £15 at the Deputy Comioner's Court, Honiara, BSIP, March 10. In a reserved judgt, Mr. M. B. Hamilton held that ck of cards which the accused caused to be sold, showing ographs of naked or near-naked en, was in all the circumces obscene.

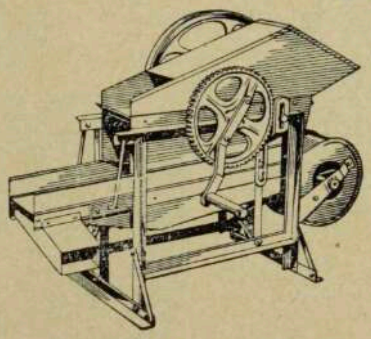
the end of the case the rney-General (Mr. P. N. on) notified the Court that he d apply for a summons against accused to show cause why ar packs of cards found in his should not be destroyed.

. H. A. Leventsam, Assistant tary to the Western Samoa rnment, is on several months ugh in New Zealand.

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NZ CEMETERY AT BOURAIL

THE NZ War Cemetery at Bourail, New Caledonia, will be formally opened on May 8 (V-E Day and also the French national day of Joan of Arc).

The general secretary of the British Imperial War Graves Commission (Brigadier Brown) has been making the arrangements for the opening in NC.

Big ceremonies are planned by both the NZ and French authorities.

About 30 official and military gu will go from NZ, and it is poss that a TEAL airliner may bring passengers.

The cemetery, on the outskirts Bourail, overlooks the countrys which is surprisingly similar to p of NZ.

The graves of 287 soldiers are the cemetery, all except two (soldiers), New Zealanders from Solomons or New Guinea campai

There is a monument to the m who have no known graves, on it have been placed 200 bro tablets bearing the names of Ar and RNZAF men.—*Noumea Co spondent.*



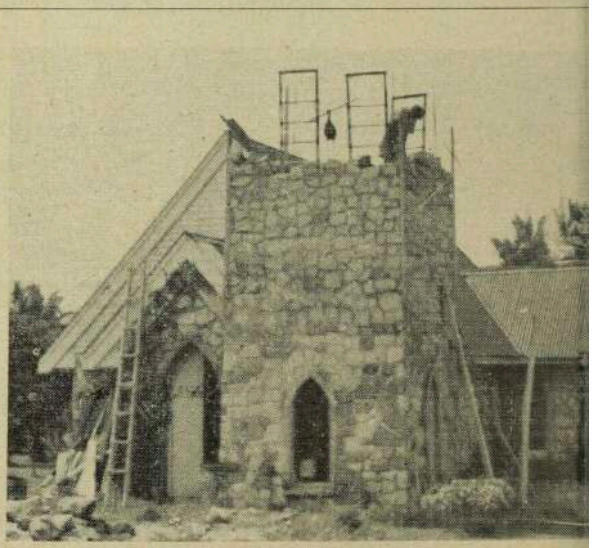
Brigadier Brown (white hair, centre) at the cemetery at Bourail.

Photo: F. E. Du

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Church to Have Tower

This picturesque grey-stone church at Suva Point will soon have a tower—it will extend six feet above point reached on this photo. Like the church itself, most of work of building the tower has been done by volunteers who have made the task a labour of love, as well as one of strenuous effort.



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Spowart-Saxton Wedding in Suva



The marriage of a member of a well-known Suva family took place at Holy Trinity thedral, Suva, on February 16, when Miss Mary Spowart, daughter of the late Mr. Spowart and Mrs. Spowart, was married to Mr. H. A. Saxton, of London, England. ose shown in the wedding group, from the left, are Mrs. R. H. Edmonds, wife of Principal of the Central Medical School, the Rev. H. Figgess, the Rev. Dr. G. mming, the bride and bridegroom, Mrs. A. Griffin (niece) and Mr. F. I. Ryan. s. Edmonds was Matron of Honour, Dr. Hemming gave the bride away ,and Mr. an was bestman. The bride is a member of the Cathedral Choir and a voluntary per at the medical clinic run in Suva by Dr. Hemming for the benefit of people small incomes.

It Was a Wet March in Samoa



A week's almost continuous rainfall followed by a tropical downpour caused wide- ad flooding in Western Samoa during March. Apia Observatory recorded five es of rainfall in one day, and residents say the floods were the worst for about ears. Picture shows the Mormon Mission compound near Apia under about two of water. After the rain ceased, floodwaters quickly abated before damage d be done, but the rainfall adversely affected cocoa crops.—Photo: Jack Thornton.

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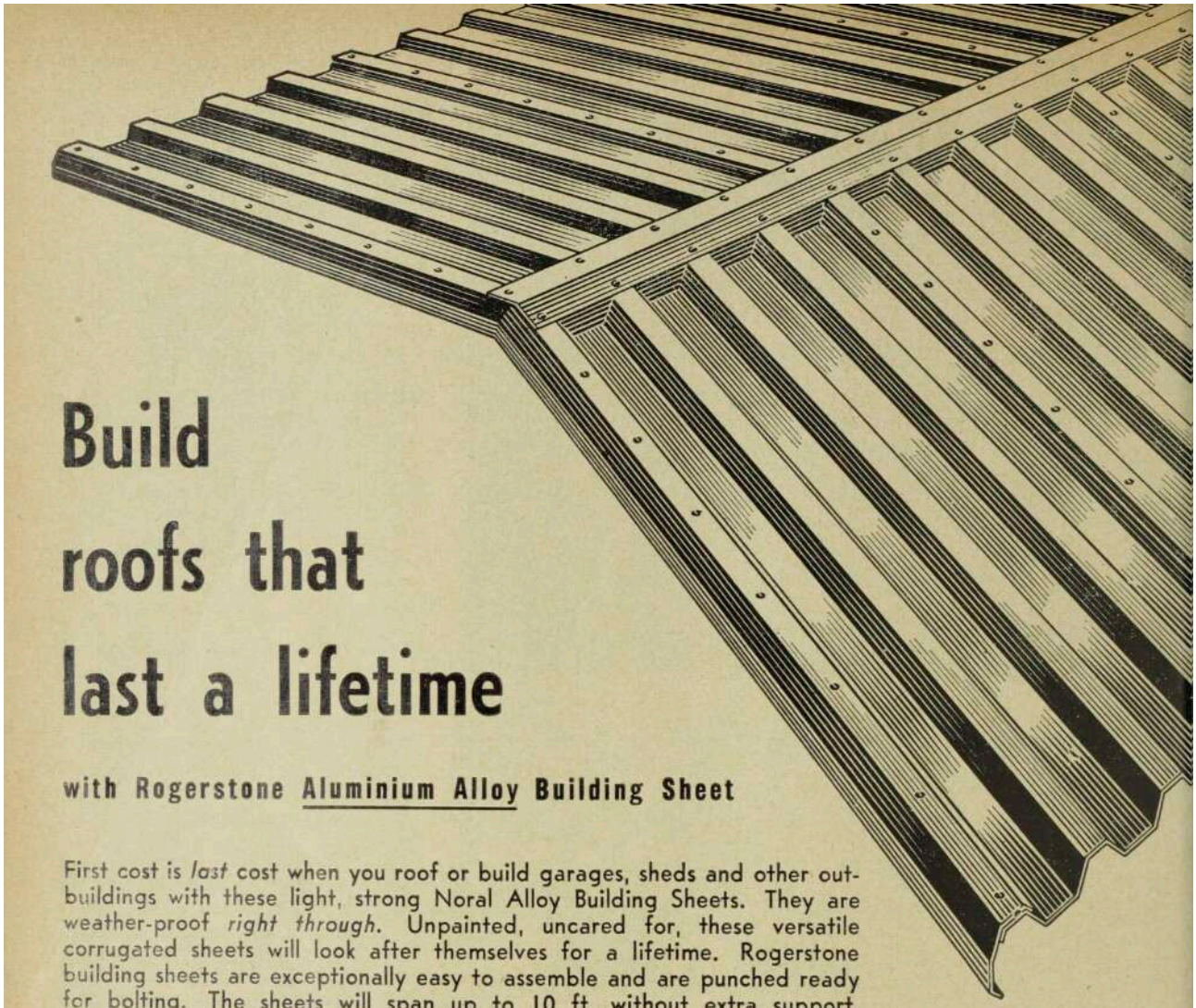
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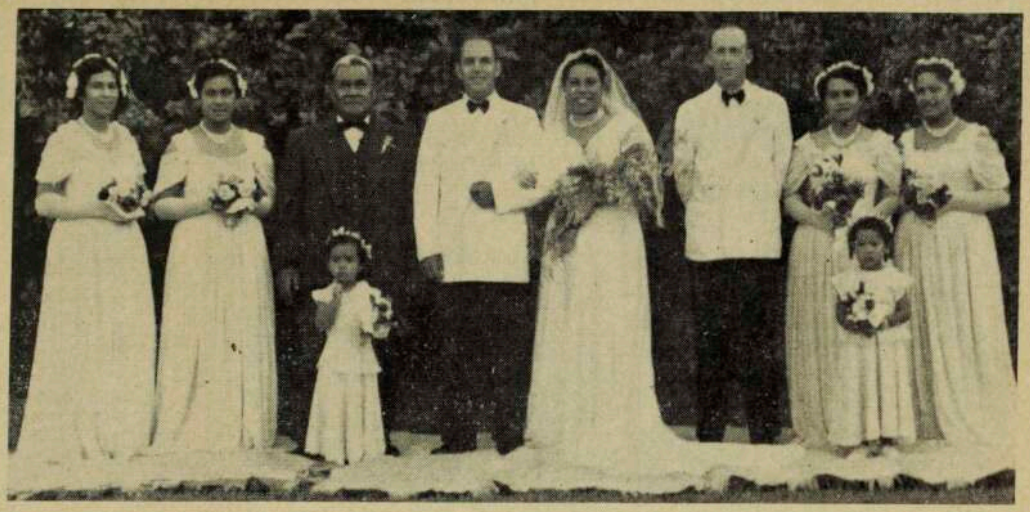
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PIM Cover-Girl Marries in Nukualofa



A wedding of note
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en Palu Vava'u,
ghter of Mrs.
ne M. Tupou and
late Vilai Tupou,
rried Mr. Richard
Cousins, who is
istant secretary to
Tongan Govern-
nt. (Palu Vava'u
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e was given away by Ulukalala-Ata, Minister of Police, who acted as father the bride. The photo shows (left to t): Tuifua Vuna and Veiongo Fakaua desmaids); Hon. Ulukalala - Ata, ister of Police; the bridegroom; the e; Mr. L. W. Robertson (bestman); i Vi and Charlotte Brown (brides- ds); and two little flower girls, lokamana Tuita and Tuna'ula fahu, nieces of the bride.

¶Miss Myrna Phamm, Queensland, a trained teacher-deaconess, is to do mission work for the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Menyama, inland from Lae, New Guinea. She will open a girls' school, and will teach, in addition to the usual curriculum, sewing, handicrafts, housekeeping and hygiene.

† Western Samoa's banana exports are now being maintained at between 30,000 and 35,000 72-lb cases of fruit per month.

¶ Monsieur Guilpain, well-known Papeete attorney, and Mme. Guilpain, returned to Tahiti per **Caledonien** in March after a visit to France.

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From Our Noumea Correspondent

NOUMEA, Mar. 29.

EGOTIATIONS between the New Caledonia Nickel Co. and Falconbridge Co. of Canada have ken down, reported a Senator to French Parliament after an in- nation mission to NC.

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is reported unofficially at mea that a company has been ed, with Senator H. Lafleur) as president, linked with the eur group, Falconbridge and ciated Canadian companies. n giants as Creusot, Schneider its European bank, Credit nais, and the Bank of Paris, said to be interested.

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¶ Mrs. Mary Houng Lee, Fiji's oldest Chinese resident, celebrated her 99th birthday on April 2. Three sons and a daughter live in Fiji.

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FIJIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND AT WORK

Copra Money to be Put to Good Use

NEARLY four years after the Fijian Development Fund levy on copra began to operate, the system is working smoothly as a whole, but any ideas of a sweeping economic "new deal" for the Fijians have had to be diluted.

When the plan became operative in 1951, some of its most earnest supporters saw it as a bold experiment in social planning embracing features of self-help and self-reliance. It involved compulsory levies from earnings, yet it retained the principles inherent in the structure of Fijian society.

The Ordinance established a fund into which are paid compulsory deductions of not more than £F10 a ton from the purchase price of copra produced by indigenous Fijians. All payments to the fund are credited to the person or body making the payment and bear interest at 2 pc. Withdrawals from the fund can be made only with the consent of the Fijian Development Fund Board and for a purpose approved by the board.

Chief architect of the scheme was Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, who said in 1951 that the object was "to obtain for the Fijian community some lasting benefit out of the high prices being paid for commodities, to bring the marketing of all economically important native produce under one control, to gain for Fijians a b bargaining position in busi transactions, and to help the vi communities to emerge from state of sole reliance on a sub ence economy."

It was intended, he added, the owners of the fund pro themselves with better ho healthier and brighter surround and good and sufficient water plies before anything else.

In Fiji's main copra-produ areas—the Lau, Lomaiviti Yasawa Groups, Vanua L Kadavu and Taveuni—live than 50,000 of the 140,000 indi ous Fijians.

The 1953-54 annual report of Development Fund Board states th July 31, 1953, the amount standing t credit of depositors was £26 additions during the year 1953-54 br the total to £420,746, and withdr totalled £23,174. Interest amounte £6,235, and the depositors' total on 31, 1954, was £403,808.

In the first year of operation the a-ton levy on Fijian copra y £103,374; in the second £131,408, a the third £150,960.

The report states that the av monthly receipts in 1953-54 amount £12,619. This compared favourably the monthly average of £10,951 i previous year, but was still far belo anticipated average of £16,666. Hov in July, 1954, the last month o board's year, receipts rose to £17,54

"The board has ample evidence this money-saving scheme is g appreciated by a majority of the copra-producers," the report cont "But it has also received information there are many who are willing t their copra to buyers who are licensees of the board, thus ena them to avoid the £10-a-ton ded . . . The board decided in April, to appoint a travelling inspector duty it would be to visit all Fijian producing centres to endeavour to e that Fijian-produced copra is dispos through the proper channels. It was thereby to reduce the illicit trade in copra".

In July, 1954, a regulation was under the Fijian Affairs Ordinance hibiting the sale of coconuts. The had learned that many thousands of were being bought by itinerant tr and were being converted into without any benefit to the Develo Fund.

The growth of the organisatio illustrated by the fact that on Jul 1952, depositors' accounts numbered A year later the number was 9,512 a 1954 the total was 12,120. Withdr have risen from £601 in the first ye £23,174 in the third.

A large percentage of the sums drawn has been for the building of s and the installation of water sup In these cases, where the work had approved by the heads of the depart concerned, it was customary for Government to contribute a moie the cost. The board had encourage Fijians to withdraw their deposit these purposes, but during the yea Government grants ceased.

"The Colonial Secretary was ask reconsider these Government dec which threatened to affect the b policy adversely," the report cont "Subsequently, further Gover funds were made available for installation of water supplies, an question of grants-in-aid for bu schools is under consideration."

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RICES OF MOST ACIFIC RODUCTS ARE EASING

NCE our last survey in December, 1954, prices for all South Pacific commodities, with exception of shell and rubber, e shown a falling tendency.

OPRA: Since the beginning of the year, t from one brief gain, the price of a has shown an overall decline of g.7/15/-. Here are the London quo-ons for Fair Merchantable Straits a, delivered to Continental ports, the period: Dec. 30, £Stg.74/15/-; 6, £76/15/-; Jan. 13, £75; Jan. 20, /10/-; Jan. 27, £74/15/-; Feb. 3, £74; 10, £72/15/-; Feb. 17, £71/10/-; Feb. £69/5/-; Mar. 19, £68/15/-; and l 1, £67.

the present BMF price to Pacific lucers is equal to about £Stg.77 on a ered basis, producers receiving the ract price are currently enjoying a nct advantage over their free-market hren in the French and American tories. Only explanation appears to ncreasing supplies reaching the market he present time.

OCOA: Cocoa, too, has declined by £Stg.90 per ton. Though unsteady, price in London for good fermented Coast was in the vicinity of £Stg.380 mid-February. It had dropped to g.295 by April 1. Early March Western oa was receiving offers as low as 25 f.o.b. Apia, but on April 1 this back at £Stg.360, which is a loss £Stg.20 on the early January price e.

ELL: Trochus and MOP on the other have shown a substantial rise in . In mid-October London reported ess in Singapore trochus at £Stg.465 the market held at around that price gh November. In mid-January the went to £Stg.515. In mid-February as £Stg.495, with business reported nd the £Stg.500 mark since. Pacific us does not appear to compare with Singapore grade, but the Sydney et seems to have moved in sympathy. e was business in good quality NG us early January at £A375, in h at £A390, and on April 1 this e was quoted at £A435. Offers of 0 c.i.f. Auckland were failing to business in MOP shell from the Islands, the producers there rently receiving better bids from the We believe the price on an f.o.b. tonga basis is at present in excess £Stg.350, with business being done. e has been no shipping outlet from hiki, the shell-producing island, for al months, as the inter-island vessels away refitting during the hurricane n.

FFEE: Because of currency readjust-s in Brazil and a heavy new-season in that country, prices have fallen antially there and, in sympathy, in producing areas. Brazil producers talking of burning "six or seven

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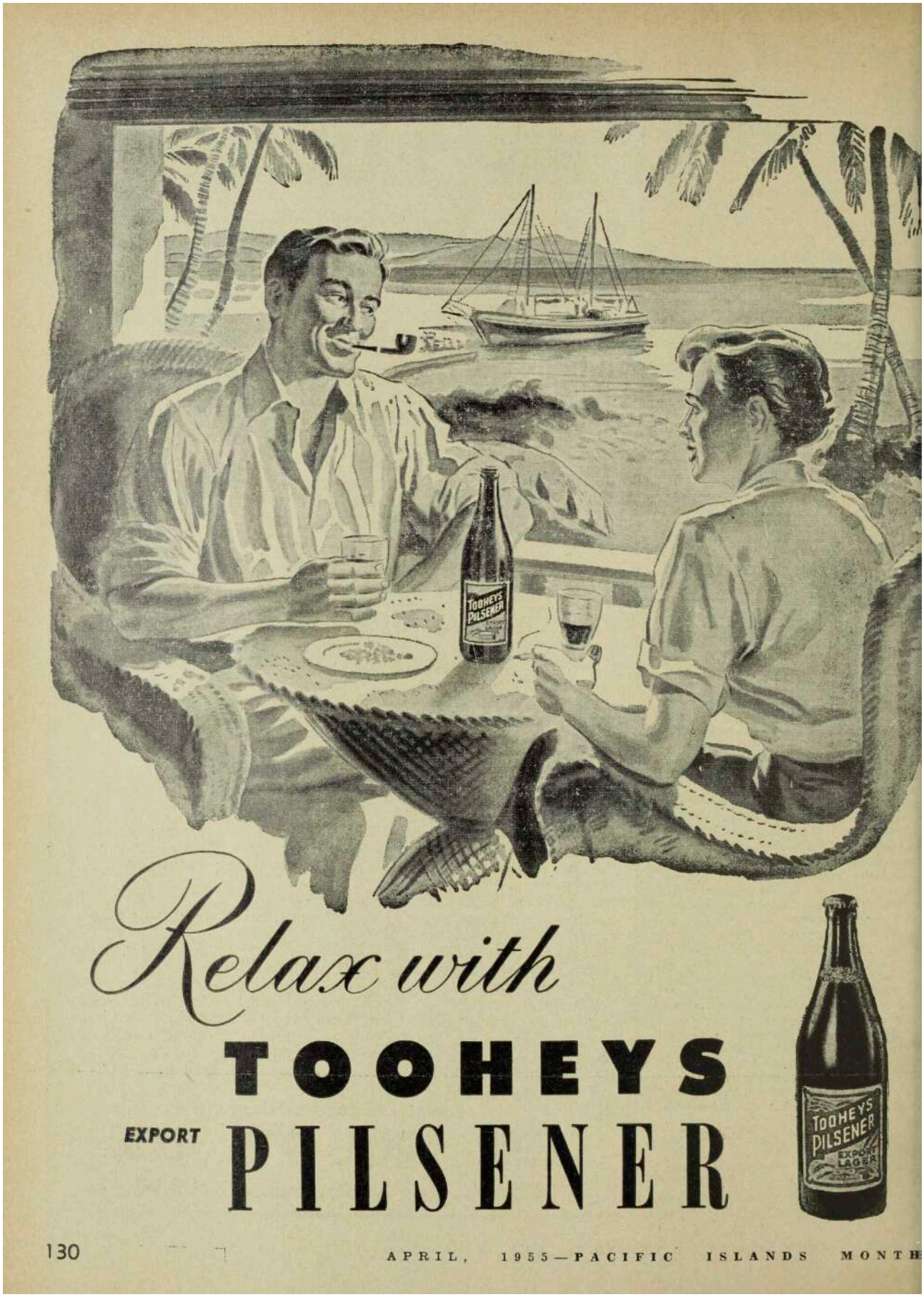
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n bags" of the new-season crop to the prices up. There is little coffee g forward from NG at the present because this is the off-season there, for what was offering quotations to have declined from about 6/- to r 4/- per lb over the past two s. The world market is unsteady most buyers are showing little st, as they appear to have quantities gh priced coffee from earlier pur- on hand, which they are finding lt to sell due to consumer-resistance. ants are expected to cut their and allow a drop in the retail in the very near future, probably by ich as 1/6 to 2/- per lb, so as to their accumulated stocks.

London, Uganda native robusta, at £Stg.332 per ton in mid- ber, was down to £Stg.248 in mid-

BER: Singapore quotations for ribbed smoked sheet have declined the high figure of 103 cents (36d early February, to 88 cents early ril, which is still well above the e of about 65 cents during most year. The rise is thought to be largely to the US Government icement in February that the rate ategic stockpiling of natural rubber would be increased by 50 per cent. ilitary services would increase pur- from 5,000 tons per month to 7,500 Immediate speculation caused the ry high price.

lagi is on the Way

NS Philp & Co. report that he new cargo-passenger vessel *ulagi* for service on the Syd- lands service cleared London r maiden voyage to Australia rch 29. The vessel is coming iez, bunkering at Aden and ore, and also calling at n and Port Moresby before ng Sydney.

earlier announced, her first is expected to be a ing one carrying Gilbertese ers to Fanning, Washington Christmas, and repatriating to the Gilberts from those s. Date of departure from on that voyage is as yet d. It is anticipated that it e late May before *Tulagi* s Sydney from London.

H. P. Hall, MBE, who has over from Mr. J. B. Side- as head of the Pacific De- nt at the Colonial Office, , arrived at Honiara on 14 in the course of a tour HC territories. He discussed natters with the High Com- er (Sir Robert Stanley) and r the Russels and Malaita rch 17, returning to Honiara lays later. On March 23 he with the HC in the *Nareau* GEI Colony and the New es.

IS PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ATTRACTED?

Unattractive Summary of Conditions in Solomons

ONE newspaper report says that Mr. H. E. Maude (Executive Officer for Social Development, South Pacific Commission Staff), following a visit to the British Solomons, "spoke in glowing terms of the opportunities at present offering for private enterprise in the Solomons.

"While trade and industry in other parts of the Pacific were to a large extent in the hands of a few big firms, none of these had as yet recommenced operations in the Protectorate, and the field there was still wide open to the small man with enterprise and the necessary capital."

COMMENT

Everyone is anxious to assist the lion-hearted Sir Robert Stanley in his heart-breaking, bricks-without-straw task of making the British Solomons at least self-supporting, and advancing development to the point when it may discourage an Asiatic invasion of this huge, fertile archipelago.

But there is no assistance in Mr. Maude's phrases. As we have pointed out again and again, there actually are no inducements and few opportunities to attract private enterprise into the British Solomons. The Territory is moribund. Here, for example, is a summary of the reasons given to PIM in March by a man who had rejected, after careful examination, a proposal that he should take over a large, well-planted coconut property there:

• Profits can be made out of copra—but, unlike New Guinea and New Hebrides, those profits are subjected to quite heavy income taxation.

• The labour supply is very uncertain. Malaita-men—the main source of labour—are increasingly unwilling to enter into any contract over six months. It costs £10 per head to recruit labour, whether for six months or 24 months. There is no non-Solomons labour available.

• Practically all transport is water-borne. The availability of suitable vessels is vital. But, except for the Lever Company's slipway in the Russell group, there is not one slipway available in the Solomons for the repair and maintenance of small ships and launches. If BSI ever is to be developed, there must be good slipways available at at least three points in the archipelago.

• The Chinese have virtually taken possession of all small trading and retail distribution in BSI, and there are very few European traders left. There appears to be a slow trickle of Chinese immigration from Hongkong (a British Colony) into BSI.

That is how the situation strikes a recent observer. It scarcely justifies Mr. Maude's "glowing terms."

The British governmental authority has promised to alter conditions so as to attract new enterprise. But no details of its plans yet have been published.

¶ The Rev. A. H. Schubert, secretary of the New Guinea Mission Board, has been doing propaganda work in South Australia and Victoria. He was also to attend the annnal synods of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

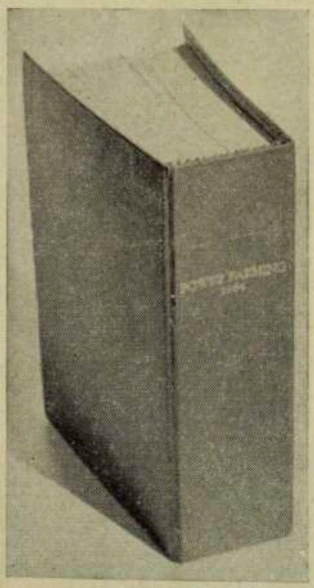
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SUVA'S OVERCROWDING PROBLEM GROWS

From Our Suva Correspondent

SUVA, March 25.

SUVA'S overcrowding problem is still with us. Above four Renwick Road shops, now being demolished by City Council order, more than 50 Fijians were sleeping at night. Now that their shelter has gone, they are probably jammed into some other overcrowded place.

The Government is aware of the situation. At the last Legislative Council session it was stated that if an increase in housing construction by private enterprise did not occur as a result of the new Fair Rents Ordinance, the formula for fixing rents would be reviewed and revised on a less generous scale.

Many tenants, among whom Indian tenants of Indian landlords were some of the most vocal, opposed any tinkering with the old system of rent-control, but one of the arguments supporting a change was a vague contention that it would encourage a substantial increase in building.

The New Ordinance applies only to the main centres. An assurance was given by the Government that if it were found that in the areas outside control (for example, between Suva and Nausori, or near Navua) landlords were taking advantage of accommodation shortages and were charging exorbitant rents, control would promptly be applied to the areas affected.

Further difficulties have followed the extension of the Suva city boundaries to include almost all Suva Peninsula. Huts and shacks which were tolerated by the Rural Authority (which realised that in most cases the occupants could do no better) suddenly had to come up to city standards. But on a wage of about £3 a week a septic tank is an impossibility, and more often than not the shacks are not worth improving, anyway.

Indians, Fijians and people of Polynesian descent predominate in the Peninsula region, most of them on low wages. Those evicted from condemned huts have either moved in with relatives or friends (causing more overcrowding) or have moved out to rural areas. In the second group those who work in Suva have to find bus fares of 1/- a day or more. Again, some of those evicted have been left virtually destitute, thus creating another problem.

The obvious solution, a Government housing scheme, is something which the Government seems to prefer to avoid.

COOK IS. SHIPPING QUESTION DISCUSS

THE New Zealand Governm had apparently reached no cision regarding the future the *Maui Pomare* up to April 1 elsewhere this issue), but an nouncement was made on that that the Tasman tSeamship 701-ton *Viti* had been charteree Island Territories Department an initial period of 3 months, would leave Auckland about A 7 on her first voyage to the Coo

Viti's refrigerated space for cargoes is about half that of *M Pomare*, and she carries no pass ers, though a permit may be is for the carriage of inter-island passengers.

Parliament was in session in April, at Wellington, and it assumed that a decision regar *Maui Pomare's* future would be made. Meanwhile no move been made towards initiating major repairs required to her r deck before she can again g sea.

¶ Miss Elizabeth Farquhar, daug of the late Mr. C. R. Farquha Suva, and of Mrs. H. L. M. Cros of Sydney, announced her eng ment in London recently to Douglas Middleton, of Chicago. couple met in London.



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CONOMIC CHANGES

Picturesque Fijian Houses May Go

T could be that, in the years to come, the best samples of jian traditional building will be und only at resorts where the urist is lodged in a bure—with all odern conveniencies attached, of urse.

From the annual report of the jian Development Fund Board: onsiderable sums have been exnded in erecting, or assisting in e erection of, wood and iron uses in Fijian villages. Houses so ected have been built to various ans, mostly prepared by Fijians."

To all lovers of the traditional jian (or Samoan or Tongan for at matter) style of housebuilding, is statement will have an ominous te. It suggests a development at is economically commendable a point) and aesthetically outgeous.

When the Governor of Fiji (Sir nald Garvey) told the Legislative uncil in 1953 that the big copraoducing province of Cakaudrove is contemplating a programme of usebuilding with permanent aterials, a good many people saw as a drastic new step in the ssing of the old-time Fijian ttern. But it has been made clear ain and again that if the Fijians e to win their battle for economic rvival, changes will have to come, d the picturesque individuality of jian housebuilding may be one of e casualties.

A well-built Fijian house will nd anything short of a hurricane, it the materials are not "permanent," and in many regions the ditional materials (mainly forest mber and reeds for thatching) ve to be carried long distances beuse of the destruction of the tural growth near areas where ttlement and cultivation have read.

Housebuilding and repairing are long the major communal tasks at occupy a sizeable part of the ne in any village community. rther, in many villages the work s been made more onerous by the thdrawal of young men for the my and for industries. (In some ses this became very marked ter the call-up of Fijian recruits fight in Malaya).

The true Fijian house is cool, airy d comfortable. What is more, it beautiful and as much a part of e tropical island landscape as the cient timber-and-thatch cottages e of the English countryside. odernity has disfigured many ands with huts built of imported mber and corrugated iron—which come ovens in the heat of the day —and a general extension of this kind of ugliness would be something of a tragedy.

In Fiji it is being justified as a result of the economic squeeze on the Fijians. On the other hand, in Western Samoa the retention of the traditional style of building has long been officially encouraged, and the Samoan village remains the loveliest thing of its kind in the South Seas.

It is interesting to note with regard to the above, that the owners of the Korolevu Beach Hotel are planning more and more bures. These all have modern showers and toilet arrangements attached, and the bures themselves have wooden floors and modern furnishing, but apart from that, they are beautifully made and finished in the best traditions of the Fijian housebuilders' art.

† Though there were recent suggestions that a whaling industry might be revived at Norfolk Island, a traveller from the Island said in April that the project is still very much in doubt due to an insuffiicent number of whale-kills per season having been so far approved by the International Whaling Commission which limits the indiscriminate killing of whales.

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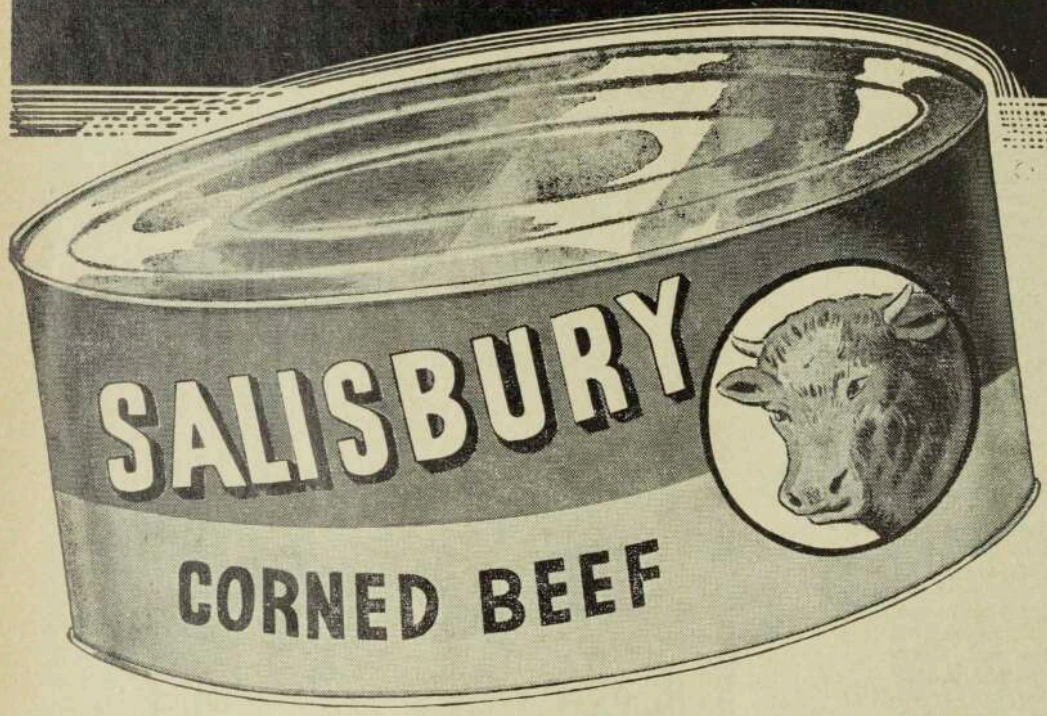
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lesidents Want Quantity As Well as Quality

N appeal for more news for the people of Papua-New Guinea was made by Mr George hittaker, elected member for the ew Guinea Mainland, at the March eeting of the Territory Legislative uncil.

Mr. Whittaker said the radio news lletins broadcast by the ABC ation in Port Moresby were too ort—five minutes was not enough. e said the bulletins contained ws of importance and interest for ople in Papua-New Guinea, and so Northern Queensland and other cific Islands where the station uld be picked up.

He suggested that instead of the lletins being repeated during the y, fresh items of news be sup- ed and broadcast. If necessary e ABC should consider getting an ditional journalist to make this reased coverage possible.

Mr. Whittaker said he wanted to ake it "crystal clear" that he was nplaining about the quantity of BC news from 9PA, not the ality, which he considered was nerally of a high standard.

EDITORIAL NOTE

t will probably be useless telling NG listeners that they are already ting better news-services than y other South Pacific territory e article on page 140). Or as good they are likely to get while the C provides only one journalist in t Moresby to collect and assemble the news from the large Terri- y of Papua-New Guinea. Like st other enterprises in the Terri- y, the demand for news coverage s grown in the last few years— 9PA's establishment has not wn proportionately. But P-NG dio service must be regarded as national necessity and not as an nomic proposition—and local vs services are vital in that Terri- y. In essence, what Mr. Whittaker nts is more ABC staff to gather news. Radio news does not pen—it has to be assembled. at, of course, is a matter of ance—and how 9PA is financed don't know. Is it a charge on Australian taxpayer? Or, does Administration pay certain rges? Certainly, broadcasting nce fees would not cover the t of the services already given.

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astor Salerua, of the New prides Presbyterian Mission, visit- Australia, was presented with a r of hansome mulga-wood book- s by a women's group at Lismore, W, in March.

TRI-LINGUAL RADIO SERVICE IS COSTLY IN FIJI

BETWEEN June and December, 1954, Fiji's radio licence total jumped from 3,288 to 6,986, as the result of a "very minor advertising campaign" by the Broadcasting Commission and some effort by the police.

The annual report of the Commission, however, points out that before the FBC started broadcasting on July 1, 1954, it was estimated that there were something like 10,000 or 12,000 receiving sets in active use in the Colony.

As it planned to derive at least one-third of its revenue from licence fees, the Commission pressed the Government for more effective licensing and collection of fees. The report adds:

"The Commission cannot rest until every receiving set in the Colony, or its owner, is licensed and an adequate control and collection system is established and effectively maintained by the Government."

The report points out that the Commission must have a commercial basis if it is to be mainly self-supporting. It will "jealously control" both advertising and supporting programmes in order to minimise the offence which many listeners take from radio advertising, or which most listeners derive from over-commercialised broadcasting or poor advertising.

The FBC plans to spend approximately £2,000 in recorded programme material for "sustaining" purposes in 1955. The report states that of the 5,000-6,000 unclassified gramophone records which the Government acquired for it from the former station ZJV, about 2,000 were discarded as worn out and another 1,000 were set aside for day sessions only, because of high surface noise. The FBC acquired 1,500 new discs from overseas before July 1, 1954, and since then supplies have been arriving regularly, "although not in sufficient quantities for our desired programme formats".

The BBC Transcription Service has made available to the Commission more than 3,000 discs free of cost. "But for this extensive and superb BBC library," the report adds, "the Commission would have had to reduce considerably its 90 hours of broadcasting weekly."

The report stresses that when the Legislative Council debated the establishment of the Commission in 1952, no consideration was given to the question of what funds the Commission would require to operate successfully, or to what its revenue might be, or to what extent the Colony might have to subsidise it. The Council, "having willed the end, must will the means . . To give a reasonable tri-lingual service of information, education and entertainment to a large and fairly scattered population is a costly business".

Fiji's Stray Dog Worry

HUMANE destruction of stray (and often starving and diseased) dogs in Viti Levu was for years one of the major tasks of the SPCA organisation in Fiji.

Despite a great deal of ill-informed abuse based mainly on ignorance of SPCA aims, the work went on until six months ago. Now, however, the society has announced that it is no longer required to destroy stray animals, and that "no officer of the society has now any authority to destroy any animal unless the animal is handed over by the owner or some other person who is willing to accept any liability incurred, with a written request to destroy".

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UTSTANDING PATROL:

New Papuan Tribes Found In Upper Fly River Area

An outstanding patrol has been completed to the Star Mountains and the Hindenburg Range in the upper region of the Fly River in western Papua.

It was conducted by Assistant District Officer, James W. Kent, and Patrol Officer, David R. Jacobs, with a party of nine native police, a native medical orderly and 51 carriers.

HE patrol entered mountainous areas not previously penetrated by Europeans, and most of the tives met had never before seen been seen by Europeans.

This exploratory patrol lasted for days and travelled from its base Daru to within two days' walk- g distance from Telefomin just ross the Papuan-New Guinea rder.

The new native groups visited by e patrol gave the party a friendly lcome, and at no time was there y action on the part of the tribes ich could be construed as a stile act, passive or open. In a v villages the people were shy and id until their confidence had en won, but in many other areas natives were completely un- aid and gave the party a most thusiastic reception.

This was particularly so in the ion occupied by the Wopkeimin d Faiwoimin people, about whom . Kent wrote as follows in his trol report:

"We were greeted by small bands natives who cleared the track by ting every tree and bush within ch. As the patrol progressed vards villages and camp sites the mbers grew until we were sur- nded by hundreds of singing, cing men, women and children. eir greetings rent the air, and were embraced, hugged, and ted.

"Headmen from the various ages vied with each other in their rts to express their pleasure at arrival. We were introduced to ir families—their wives, their s, their daughters-in-law and ir children.

"Our skin and clothing was gered, and they were astounded find that when we removed our ts we had feet like their own.

"When more and more newcomers ived we would be requested to ke an appearance for the women, o would gasp in astonishment at white skins and start animated cussions when they noted that of the two Europeans had blue s, and the other officer brown s. They followed us everywhere, their curiosity and interest were endless. The headmen ordered food, and food came, hundreds of taro, some cooked and some raw.

"They showed us an excellent station site, arranged a dance in our honour, and provided guides to show us the various tracks. Their generosity knew no limits. Whole-heartedly they gave us their friend-ship, and without a doubt they are the friendliest and most hospitable, and the most likeable natives I have ever met."

IN his report, Mr. Kent said that inter-tribal warfare in the area covered appeared to be almost

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ion-existent. A majority of the atives met on the track, although rmed, carried mainly hunting eapons. There was no sign of arlike weapons, and the only eapons seen were bows and arrows.

Those visited varied from short, ockily-built people with broad and ather heavy facial features, to thers 5 ft 7 in. tall, whom Mr. Kent escribed as being fine physical ecimens. He said that the men ith their deep chests, wide shoulders arrow hips and clean-cut features ere amongst the most handsome atives he had seen.

In most areas native food supplies ere plentiful, and in the higher titudes the climate appeared to be itable for many types of imported getables such as carrots, Chinese bbage, English potatoes, lettuce, dish and tomatoes. Many of the rdens covered extensive areas and though the methods of agriculture ere very primitive, some of the bes lavished much care and time their gardens, each plot being pt scrupulously free of weeds or bbish. Some stone and citrus uits could also be grown.

DESCRIBING the various hair styles adopted by the tribes, Mr. Kent said that in one region the en shave their hair back from the rehead for two or three inches, d the hair on the crown is rolled o a number of tightly-woven ass-covered plaits which are col-tively rolled into tightly woven ndanus bark, forming a single ge pig-tail up to two feet long. e hair from the back of the skull treated in a similar manner to ke a secondary pigtail 9 in. to in. long. The crown and the two gtails are heavily coated in a tural red ochre, and both pig-ls extend stiffly back from the ad.

Other tribes kept their hair shorn the skull for anything up to three hes round the head, leaving her a tuft of hair covering the ole of the crown, or else a top-ot stretching back from the fore-ad to the back of the skull.

MOST of the villages consisted of communal dwellings with as many as eight houses in the tlement, each occupied by several nilies. In some regions these uses are built up to 20 ft from ground, the method of construc-n being to locate them near four five medium-sized trees growing se together. The limbs and upper nk of each tree are lopped off the desired height, and the mework of the house is built nd the trunks which act as main ces and supports. Long poles ex-ding from the ground to the floor the house give further support.

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In most villages the settlements were clean and free of rubbish.

The type of country covered by the patrol north from Kiunga varied from broken foothills to high steep ridges and precipitous limestone mountains. Often the track traversed razor-backed ridges where the path frequently narrowed to a width of 6 in. to 12 in. with a sheer drop below of up to 1,000 feet. In the higher altitudes the route lay through stunted moss forests.

WRITING of the country along the most northerly section of the patrol, Mr. Kent described it as follows:—

"The Star Mountains and the Hindenburg Range form part of the high mountainous backbone of the Territory, and reach an altitude of over 10,000 ft. In this region there exist areas of indescribable roughness—weathered limestone with a confusion of jagged pinnacles and deep boulder-strewn sinkholes through which the drainage escapes to underground channels.

"It is dreadful country to traverse. In their upper reaches all the major rivers flow with incredible swiftness through huge limestone gorges, the sides thousands of feet high and marked from gigantic landslides which have left glistening white scars hundreds of feet high and wide. At various places the track along which the patrol travelled had been cut by landslides, and they formed the only means of access to crossing the ranges.

"It was hair-raising enough scaling these almost sheer faces with only slender toe-and-finger holds and by the assistance of vine ropes, but crossing the loose eroding rubble areas in the knowledge that any undue heavy movement could quite easily set the whole area in motion, was a terrifying business."

In one region the patrol saw some isolated pines of gigantic size, and there seemed to be no lack of timber suitable for erecting station buildings. Much of it was similar to that growing around Kiunga.

TWO possible aerodrome sites were located, and in one of the most heavily populated areas the natives voluntarily showed the patrol an excellent site for a station.

Populations estimated to approximate 20,000 were visited in the new areas, and other groups were known to exist farther to the east of the patrol route.

Mr. Kent commented that it was impossible to count the people who visited the camps and all attempts to do so had to be abandoned as on arrival the patrol was immediately surrounded by a laughing, dancing crowd, all attempting to embrace and shake hands with the patrol personnel.

IN his report, Mr. Kent pays a high tribute to the nine members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary attached to the patrol. He said they were among the best he had ever had. They behaved splendidly. Nothing was ever too hard, and their attitude and bearing were in complete accord with the traditions of the Force.

The party travelled up the Fly River from Daru by the vessel *Elevala* to the Kiunga Patrol Post, and then moved overland to the

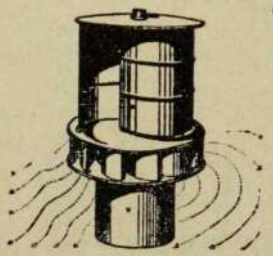
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north. On the return journey a portion of the trip was covered by canoe, the party constructing its own canoes, and travelling down the Gumu and Fly Rivers to Kiunga.

Commenting on this patrol, the Director of District Services and Native Affairs (Mr. A. A. Roberts) said it was of an exceptional nature and excellently carried out. It entailed considerable hardship in very difficult country. Valuable information had been obtained, and excellent contacts made with tribes beyond the area of Kiunga patrols.

New Modern Building For Adi Cakobau School

ADI CAKOBAU School for Fijian girls, at Sawani, near Suva, is to have a new tuition block. The estimated cost, £F35,000, with another £2,000 for furniture and equipment, will be met by the United Kingdom Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.

The main two-storey building will contain entrance hall, offices, eight class rooms, laboratory, domestic science room and library. Two one-storey wings will house a large crafts and sewing room and sanitary accommodation.

Designed to harmonise with its picturesque surroundings, the building will be constructed to resist earthquake stresses.

LAUTOKA WOMEN ASSIST IN—

Bringing the News to Fiji

A DOZEN enterprising women of Lautoka, Fiji are producing a roneoed newspaper (*News and Views*) which is providing more local, personal news for that large area of Fiji than any of the commercial newspapers in the Colony.

The women are all members of the Lautoka branch of Red Cross, and proceeds are for that organisation. The paper has been appearing fortnightly at a cost of 6d per copy. Advertisements also have been a source of revenue.

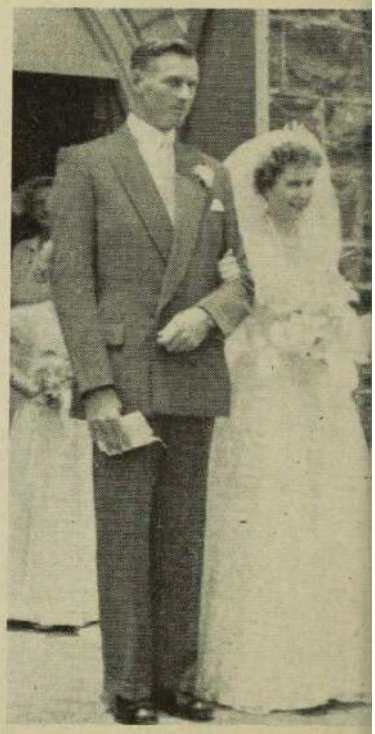
The paper is, however, temporarily suspended at present, pending the clarification of some legal point in regard to its registration as a newspaper.

It would be a thousand pities if the enthusiasm of these women was dampened because, at the moment, Fiji is rather short on local news services. And the Fiji Broadcasting Commission, in spite of its magnificent headquarters and impressive set-up, produces no local news at all, apart from shipping and weather broadcasts. The only local news broadcast from the FBC is through the Newsletter which is compiled and presented by the Public lations Officer, in a half-hour sess once weekly. (The Public Relati Office in Fiji performs a rather traordinary service for a Gove ment instrumentality. Most G ernment PRO's merely present Government view in any ma pertaining to administration. Fiji PRO does this, of course, as well, performs the function c local news agency).

To make an odious comparis The ABC in Papua-New Gui with largely makeshift quarters, revenue from advertising, and n of the ballyhoo that attended setting up of the FBC in Fiji, produce local news bulletins f 9PA daily. News gathering is un the control of a special hig qualified journalist in Port More and each township in the Terri has a part-time correspondent dispatches local news to HQ.

Certainly, residents of PNG c plain about the service—maybe cause they don't know how well they are—JT.

Seton-Lynch Wedding



A photograph taken after the marr of Miss Sally Lynch, only daughter Dr. and Mrs. R. Lynch, of Church Glen Innes, NSW, to Mr. Donald H Seton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Seton, of Lutee, Choiseul, BSI, at Trinity Church, Glen Innes, on Jan 31. The bridegroom's mother was pres but his father was unable to journey f the Solomons in time for the occas Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seton are now N residents and probably will not re to the Solomons, where they first set in 1927. The bridegroom is a field of in the Department of Agriculture, Que land.

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EW SUVA HOTEL PLANNED ACROSS HARBOUR

LANS for a 40-bedroom hotel at Marau (commonly called Mosquito), one of the little islands the Bay of Islands area across harbour from Suva, about three es out by road, are under way, d the Deputy Mayor (Mr. W. E. odsir) on March 22.

Mr. Goodsir said that he and ociates had taken a lease of the nd, which comprises several acres rounded by white sand beaches is about 100 yards from the n highway. A viaduct would be lt to the island and the hotel ild provide several types of ommodation—luxury suites with ir own private beach frontage, n-bedded rooms with their own wers, etc., and large family rooms about six bunks for local people ting a low-cost holiday.

Presumably something drastic be done about the mosquitoes of squito Island, now to be called au. For venom and ferocity they ld be hard to beat, according experienced people. And, like t mosquitoes, they dearly love w" blood, including tourists.)

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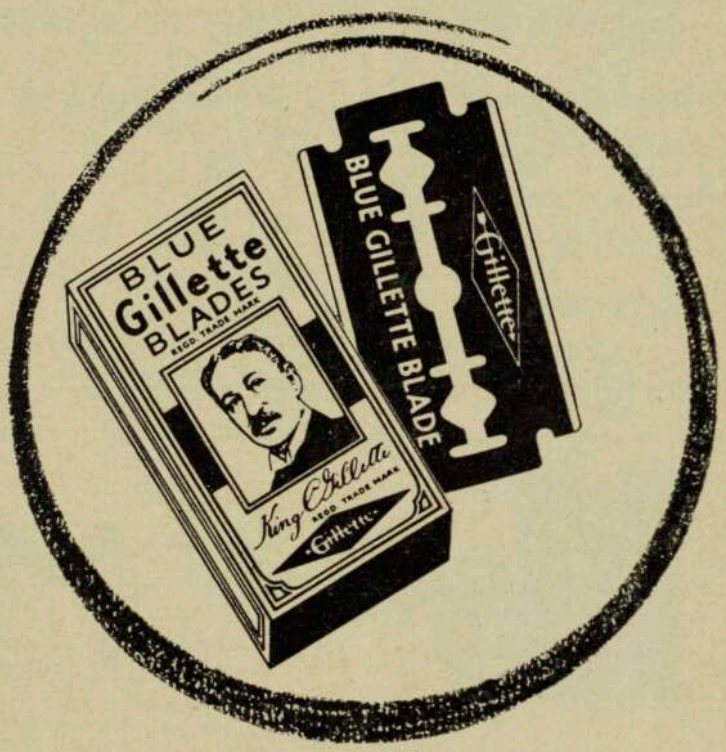
eanwhile the bar of the South s Hotel (which functions under old Club Hotel licence), in ral Suva, has been completed refurbished to the standard re- ed by the authorities. The nting of a licence for this bar date the only operational part he projected hotel to replace the ricane-wrecked Club Hotel) was e conditional on an assurance g given that the accommodation of the hotel would be proceeded in a reasonable time. The n building has hung fire since Suva earthquake in September,

nsignia of Fiji Honours Presented

CIPIENTS of the insignia of honours awarded by the Queen, presented by the Acting Gov- r (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart) at the ting of Fiji's Legislative Council April 1 were listed as follows: Edward Cakobau, OBE (Mil.); Lieut. G. T. Beban (serving in with RNZAF) MBE (Mil.); Dr. J. A. R. Dovi, MBE; Sgt. naia Ravoka, MM; Sgt. Puran war, Colonial Police Medal; and sami Mudaliar, ISM. The widow gt. Napolioni Wara, Mei Lewatu a, received the DCM awarded er husband in Malaya.

. John Hughes, of Adelaide, left in March to take charge of the ley Memorial Hospital at Baier r, in the New Guinea central lands.

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Suva Has Its Traffic Problems

LTHOUGH probably one of the smallest capitals in the British Commonwealth, Suva already its traffic problems. It has had n for some time.

ut of the town, the roads twist turn around the natural gullies wind down to the sea. In the n there are two main streets, only one is open to traffic both s. To make matters worse many hese streets, both in and out he town, meet at sharp angles. ith very little improvement ted in widening streets the town seen motor vehicle registration ease from 3,741 in 1950 to 6,621 954. In the same period, driv- licences increased from 8,585 to 1.

rther aggravating the position, ood people of Suva, accustomed he Islands habit of expecting s to come easily, have taken r granted that they could park cars where they wished—pre- ly right outside their office or To have to park, as they do erseas cities, half a mile or a away, to them would be almost lievable. Perhaps another n why life in Suva is preferable e in Sydney!

t all that is now to be altered. Suva City Council has recently n over control of parking—or do so as soon as the new ations are gazetted. Parking s and pedestrian crossings will ovided, and speed limits fixed ertain streets.

Safety First Week, organised by Suva Rotary Club, is also being ed in a belated attempt to in- ome traffic sense into the heads th drivers and pedestrians.

education of pedestrians may e a more difficult task. Among he Fijians, part-Europeans, ese and Indians using the s there are many in town just he day. Many are literally the bush," where narrow s, winding along the river s, up hill and down dale, do levelop that sense of alertness affic generally found in the -dweller.

ently, this correspondent met ears-old Fijian who was paying irst visit to Suva. And his e was only a little over 20 from the city. So absorbed he in the passing scene that little in the way of traffic or traffic co-operation could been expected of him, or of others who wander at will the streets.

wever, a start is to be made: with talks to school children l schools both in and outside va, a constructive approach to s traffic problem may be made.

Island Boxers Are Doing Well

KITIONE LAVE, Tonga's internationally popular heavyweight boxer, weighed in at 14 st 7 lb at Perth on March 14, when he scored a technical knockout over Steve Zoranich (13 st 13 lb), of Western Australia, in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-round bout.

Zoranich was hopelessly outmatched, according to Perth critics. Early in the second round he went to the canvas for nine, and in the fourth round he went down for a count of eight.

After Zoranich had been felled early in the fifth round, the referee stopped the fight.

Lave was at prohibitive odds-on to win the fight, and the "West Australian's" critic said that the boxers were badly matched. He added: "Lave is probably the best heavyweight in Australia".

Lave, 20 years old and 6 ft. 1 in. tall, has been beaten only once in 62 bouts. His best win was in NZ last December, when he knocked out the Australian heavyweight champion, Ken Brady, in the last round of a 12-round bout.

LAVE'S only defeat was in February, 1954, at the hands of Brady in a 12-round bout at Auckland. This fight, avenged 10 months later, was far from decisive. Most of the spectators had no idea who had won until the judges gave their unanimous decision.

Lave's biggest physical jolt to date probably came from a Fijian, Semi Galoa, who, in a bout at Suva in 1953, caught him with a terrific right-hand wallop in the fifth round. Lave, however, was up before a count and promptly had Semi flat on his back for the full count.

Lave was one of the star pupils of the famous Daunibau, unbeaten Fijian ex-middleweight and light-heavyweight champion, who in 1947 went to Tonga at the invitation of a Tongan nobleman, Vilai Tupou, to help Tongan boxers end a long succession of failures against Fijian fighters.

MEANWHILE the procession of Island boxers to NZ continues, and H. Laitia (Fiji) and Sefo Lepea (Samoa) will probably appear at Auckland this winter.

The unbeaten Laitia (25 years old, 5 ft. 10 in. and 12 st 6 lb) holds the South Seas championship and the Fijian light-heavyweight title. He has nine knockouts, a points win and a draw to his credit. Lepea, Samoan light-heavyweight champion, claims a win over the formidable Fijian Atunaisa Camaibau, who, under the professional name of Henry Bray, has won substantial successes in Melbourne, Sydney, Vancouver and NZ.

Another Samoan, Niko Kronfeld (middleweight champion of Western Samoa and former welterweight champion), has also been visiting Auckland. He made his NZ debut on April 4 in a bout against Henry Sadler.

The main contest in the same Auckland programme was between Peter Schmidt (Samoa) and George Naufahu (Tonga).

Fossie Schmidt (brother of Peter), a heavyweight who was recently accorded good publicity in Australia, has been on holiday at Auckland, and so has Jimmy Ripley, the Samoan lightweight who beat Ray Coleman, a former top-rated Australian.

Fossie Schmidt has had a formidable list of knockout wins in Samoa but was surprisingly knocked out by Ross Jenkins, who was subsequently easily beaten by Kitione Lave.

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One-Eyed Missions of UNO Trust Cou

THE strong feelings held in quarters, relative to the u perambulations of UNO Tru ship Council "missions" in the Territory of New Guinea, adequately expressed recently a UNO Trusteeship Council at in New York, by Mr. W. D. For

Mr. Forsyth (a former Secre General of the South Pacific mission, and Australia's repre ative at UNO) was dealing wit affairs of Tanganyika—a Territory like New Guinea, similarly subject to Truste "mission" visits.

A "mission" report had sc correctly described condition Tanganyika (its report was c "unbalanced and unrealistic") the Territory's Legislative Co had made a special protest to U and Mr. Forsyth—speaking of ganyika, but doubtless thinkin New Guinea—said some forth things:

"Sir Charles Phillips (a petit from Tanganyika) pointed out the visiting mission had dealt scantily with economic affairs, munications and social service had placed undue emphasis political questions, whereas it the feeling of almost all info persons that the great need o Territory was concentration economic development. Commu tions, for example, are vita progress in such a very country, and communication Tanganyika, according to Charles, are in great nee improvement. The visiting mi however, paid little attention to basic need without which ecor development must be halting

Mr. Forsyth said that the mis emphasis on "time-limits for towards self-government" in ganyika was "not only conf and trouble-making in the pol field, but tends to retard ecor development by discourag essential investment."

It was an ironical and deplo fact, he said, that practically no in Tanganyika had thought ab time limit until the visiting mi made a feature of the idea.

Suva Cigarette Factor

BECAUSE a cigarette facto planned at Suva, a bill has introduced in the Legis Council providing for the fixing collecting of excise duties on ar manufactured in Fiji. The B Tobacco Co. (Aust.) Ltd. will the factory soon.

Another bill before the session deals with the revisio the Colony's laws, now being ca out by the Solicitor-General W. G. Bryce). The revised ed will contain the laws in forc April 16, 1955.

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hey Say it Again!

)evelop New Guinea — or Someone Else Will!

From Our Own Correspondent

Papua-New Guinea was described, in March, as having an "almost frightening" potential and as a prize for over-populated countries. Development with all speed was urged.

The man who saw the territory in this light was Mr. A. F. Bell, Director of Agriculture in Queensland and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Australian Agricultural Council.

he Council (the permanent heads the State agricultural depart-nts) plus a few Commonwealth resentatives, made a two-weeks r of the Territory which took m to most of the places that nted, and gave them an insight Territory agricultural progress t will do them, and the Terri-y, a lot of good.

he Standing Committee is con-ned with policy and planning, until the Territory tour was anged there was obviously a gap their knowledge—a fact which committee was quick to admit.

hese are not armchair experts, men who know what they are g. Government sponsored cer-ly, but capable of looking at sides of any problem.

he experts gave a brief outline their views at a special public ting of the Papua-New Guinea ntific Society, held in Port esby a few days before their arture. They were introduced to meeting by the Secretary of the artment of Territories, Mr. C. R. bert, who flew to the Territory e present. Also at the meeting, he audience, was the Adminis-or, and the Assistant Admin-tor, Mr. Rupert Wilson.

od news for the planters was statement by Mr. F. W. Hicks, erintendent of Extension and nical Services with the Tas-ian Agricultural Department, said the Territory's extension me for natives was excellent, there had to be more than ve settlement in New Guinea, as e were "envious eyes" on that try. The planters have been g that for so long it has lost ificance.

od news for the Administra-was the statement, by the ern Australian Director of Agri-re, Mr. G. Baron-Hay, that the try's problems could not be d out in five minutes, and natives and the planters d be first to condemn epartment which gave them g information because it was soon to know the correct in-ation.

hich is what the Territory cultural Department has been g for a long time.

The speakers generally had a lot to say about the need for development in New Guinea.

Dr. A. R. Callaghan, the South Australian Director of Agriculture, said Australians should not fail to realise the significance of the pressure made by a world population increase of 100,000 a day. Dr. Callaghan also spoke of the dangers of planning a settlement scheme on anything but long-term occupation, and not in the light of current world prices.

Mr. A. F. Bell, the committee's chairman, who is Queensland Agricultural Director, said he had not seen a tropical country in which the soil had a greater punch, and he had seen a lot of tropical countries.

Dr. H. C. Forster, assistant executive officer of the CSIRO, told the meeting that New Guinea had rainfall, which was its greatest asset, and any problem of soil fertility could be overcome by science. But it needed more land surveys than it was getting—many more—and it needed more trained men, badly.

Dr. Forster said undoubtedly there would be demand for settlement, and the land had to be surveyed so that settlers would know what it was best suited for.

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Findlay-Kennedy Wedding



Miss Barbara Kennedy, of Port Moresby, and Mr. Stuart Findlay, of the Civil Aviation Dept., who were married at Ela Protestant Church, Port Moresby, on March 19.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

¶ The Rev. Gordon L. Cook, minister at the Larina Methodist Church, Queensland, for the last three years, has been appointed principal of the Paula Training College, Samoa. Mr. Cook also served for three years in Papua.

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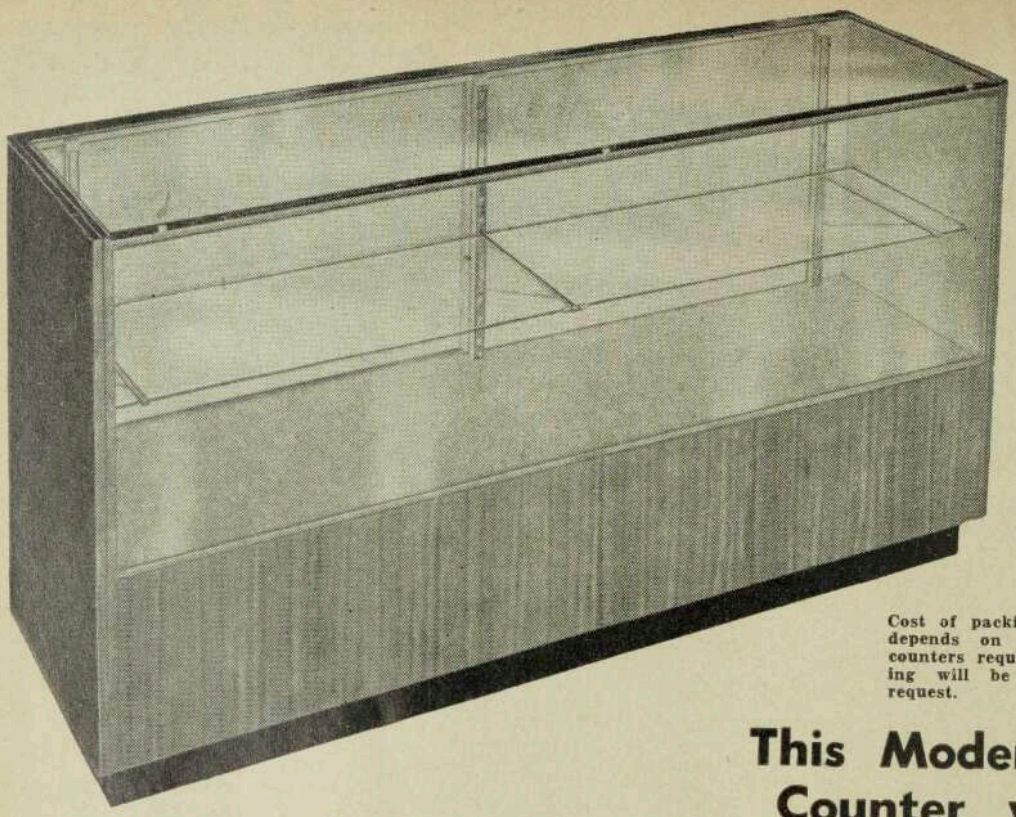
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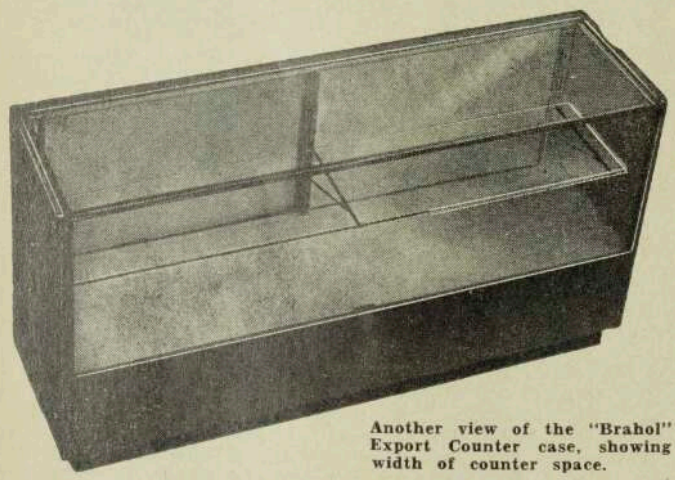
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RTITION QUESTION

.S. DOUBTS ABOUT A UNITED SAMOA

HE ending of the arbitrary political partition which divides Western and Eastern Samoa, ussed as a future possibility in January PIM, is recognised as seful objective by a number of South Pacific authorities. At same time, it is generally con- d that, practical politics in the ted States being what they are, e is not much hope of anything factory happening in the near re.

ew Zealand, as United Nations tee for Western Samoa, would ably be willing (under certain guards) to link her responsibil- with those of the United States thus to become jointly respon- for the reunited Samoans s one authority). But some ricans, still obsessed with out- d ideas about British "colonial- would immediately start look- for an "imperialist grab" some- e or other.

1946, when high chiefs of Western Samoa sent a petition the United Nations, through the Government, suggesting early government, there was some- vague talk about a reunited oa.

that time, however, various le at Washington went to a deal of trouble to demon- e to their own satisfaction that 1899 the Eastern (American) oans had mysteriously become ent people from the Western oans, "who had been German 4 years and British for the rest ne time." Such an argument not be accepted by Samoans anybody else, but at least it ated the state of mind in some uarters.

the indications in Western oa are that the Administra- objective has been, and is, to e political tension to enable l economic development to go d. It is clear that the rapid ase of population—the total is more than 70,000 compared fewer than 20,000 in American oa—calls for a stepping up of al investment and capital de- ment if production is to keep with the population increase.

Samoan "Controversy Taken to NZ"

E Hon. P. L. Morgan, a member f the Western Samoan Legis- ative Assembly, left Apia for Zealand in March after ex- ing the hope that he would be tted to address members of the Parliament on the political ion in Samoa.

Morgan has alleged that there was "political scheming and bull-dozing of delegates" at the November-December Constitutional Convention, of which he was a member.

At Wellington the Island Territories Minister (Mr. Macdonald) granted an interview to Mr. Morgan.

When NZ press reports of statements attributed to Mr. Morgan were referred to the Minister, Mr. Macdonald said that to his knowledge Mr. Morgan's views did not reflect accurately the political situation in Western Samoa.

An Apia correspondent comments: "Mr. Morgan created a controversy by refusing to accept the rulings of the chairmen of the Convention, the High Commissioner and the Hon. Tamasese, and subsequently left the Convention. There does not appear to be any evidence that in NZ he represents the views of any section of the European or Samoan population of Western Samoa."

Assistant PRO in Fiji

MR. PHILIP MATTHEWS, advertising officer for Tasman Empire Airways Ltd., has been appointed Assistant Public Relations Officer, Fiji in succession to Mr. R. R. C. Caten, who resigned in 1953.

The Public Relations Officer (Mr. L. G. Usher) will go on overseas leave at the end of May and will spend some time in the United Kingdom.

Lautoka's Hotel Plan

THE proposed new hotel at Lautoka, Fiji, is planned for a site at the corner of Tavewa Avenue and Verona Street, almost opposite the Northern Club, said Mr. Reginald Grayson, of Casino, NSW, correcting an earlier report (Feb. PIM) that it was proposed to build the hotel opposite the Bank of NZ.

¶ Mr. Charles T. Poroi, who is manager (and the Fils) of Messrs. Alfred T. Poroi and Fils, import and export agents, of Tahiti, spent some weeks in Sydney recently.

Plans Made for 1956 Pacific Conference

MR. J. RYAN, Assistant Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission, and Mr. M. G. Collins, a member of the Commission's administrative staff, have been visiting Suva to discuss arrangements for the 1956 South Pacific Conference, which will be held in Fiji. (The first conference was held at Nasinu, Suva, in 1950).

Subjects for conference discussion will include economic education and industrial development, farming systems, co-operative societies and credit unions, the place of custom in the modern world, and infant and maternal welfare.

The Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission (Dr. Ralph Bedell) spent several days in Fiji before going on to Sydney, en route to Noumea. He and Mrs. Bedell left Sydney on April 13.

Air Services Expand in Netherlands NG

FIFTEEN American Martin flying-boats, including spare parts, have been bought by the Netherlands Government for service in Netherlands New Guinea. They will replace well-tried Catalinas.

The building and renovating costs of a flying-boat repair shop at Biak are estimated at £160,000.

The Netherlands New Guinea Air Transport Co. (De Kroonduif) will be founded on July 1. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will manage the new company, which will be operated with the assistance of the Dutch NG Government. The three DC3 aircraft used by KLM in NG for a seven-town air network will be transferred to the new company, as will two de Havilland Beavers bought by the Government for incidental flights for administrative purposes.

¶ Memory of the late Mr. W. J. Lambden, one of the most notable RM's of the Hubert Murray regime in Papua, is revived by the announcement in Brisbane of the engagement of his son, Mr. W. J. G. Lambden, of Brisbane, to Miss C. E. Cowderoy, of Southport. Mr. Lambden, Senior, died young—his widow is now a resident of Sydney.

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AGITATION IN NORFOLK IS.

Petition Rejected—Canberra Encourages Industries

A MASS of material, official and non-official, relating to the Norfolk Island community's protest against increased taxes, and against an expensive administrative set-up in which the people have little voice, has reached PIM recently. Some extracts follow.

The Islanders' petition to the Queen eventually was referred to the Governor-General of Australia, who rejected it. The grounds of rejection have been set out in a long statement by the Australian Department of Territories.

Some of the proposed taxation has been withdrawn.

Australian Department of Territories (through Mr. Willoughby, in charge of economic planning section) is trying to strengthen the Island's weak economy by introducing new industries in NI. Active encouragement is being given to a whaling enterprise, which may be headed by Mr. Anderson (whose meat retailing organisation is well-known in Papua and New Guinea). The main obstacle to this is the international body which controls catches of whales. It has been trying to cut down Australia's whale quota, and may react unfavour to application for a quota for

It seems likely that NI will tinue to resist all demands for creased taxes, direct and ind while Australia continues to s large sums on the mainten of an administrative organis which most observers agree is m unnecessary and mainly orname

Petition to the Queen

CLAIMING that Norfolk Is "suffers under an almost plete dictatorship," 375 of island's 583 adult residents landholders have signed a pet to the Queen, states Mr. R. H Nobbs, chairman and presider the Norfolk Island Advisory Cou

Dated January 26, the pet asks the Sovereign to repeal Customs Ordinance 1954, procla law in Norfolk Island by the ernor-General of Australia on vember 30, 1954—and claims the Ordinance is "contrary to fundamental principle of Br government, that there shall b taxation without representation asks the Queen to "restore to u democratic right of control our domestic affairs."

The petition states that a from the 375 signatories, "64 too sick or absent, and 102 are terred from signing by their d or indirect Government emp ment. Others, while they agree, it might prejudice the receip pensions and destitute funds, sole discretion of this being in hands of the Administrator. balance have not had the op tunity to sign or decline to do

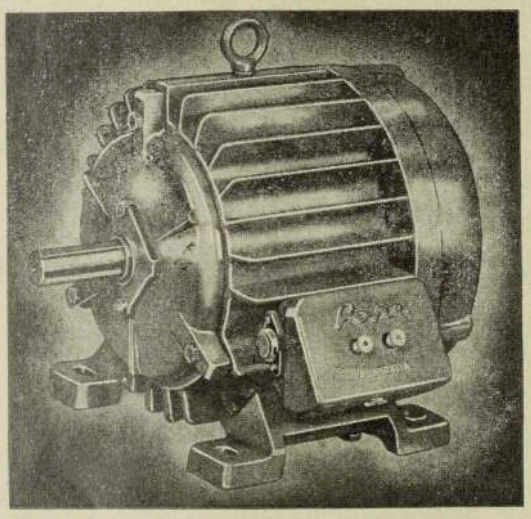
The petition, it is stated, is outcome of a unanimous dec at a public meeting called by elected councillors to protest ag the Ordinance, which is said to imposed further taxation "wit representation or consent or sultation with our elected counc as promised."

THE Customs Ordinance, subjected a large range articles to ad valorem ranging from 5 pc to 20 pc on of heavy shipping freight (£ ton for 950 miles). It has pointed out that "practically ev thing imported carries the appr ate mainland production taxe addition."

'Comic Opera Island'— 'Bureaucratic Com

ALTHOUGH the heading Merton Woods's article in Sy *Sunday Telegraph* about co ditions on Norfolk Island is "C Opera Island," and "Bureauc Comedy of Errors," the wr summary of conditions as he observed them there is not r funny.

He shares with most observer wonder that the Australian Gov



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he reporter is caustic and amus-
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Australian Governor-General
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April 3) refused to grant the
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se the proposed taxation, so that
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I Council May Appeal Again Over Ordinance

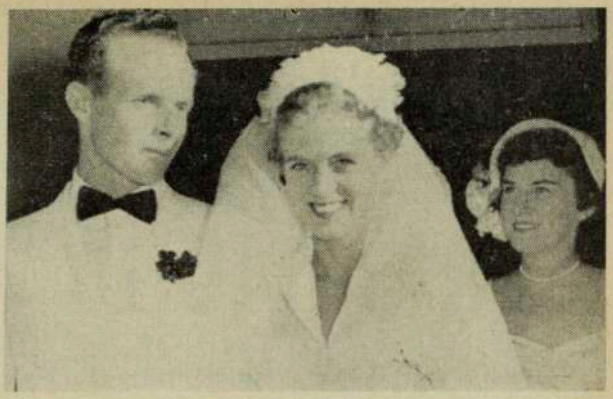
(From Our Own Correspondent)

NORFOLK IS., March. 25.

ORFOLK Island's 1954 Customs Ordinance caused a hullabaloo, including the petition to the en and letters to all members the Australian Parliament, but amended Ordinance has been pted by the Advisory Council. he Council, after a long dis-ion today, agreed to accept the

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Wicks-McNicol Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wicks after their marriage at the church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Port Moresby, on March 12. The bride was formerly Miss Judith McNicol. Both bride and bridegroom are Civil Aviation Dept. personnel.

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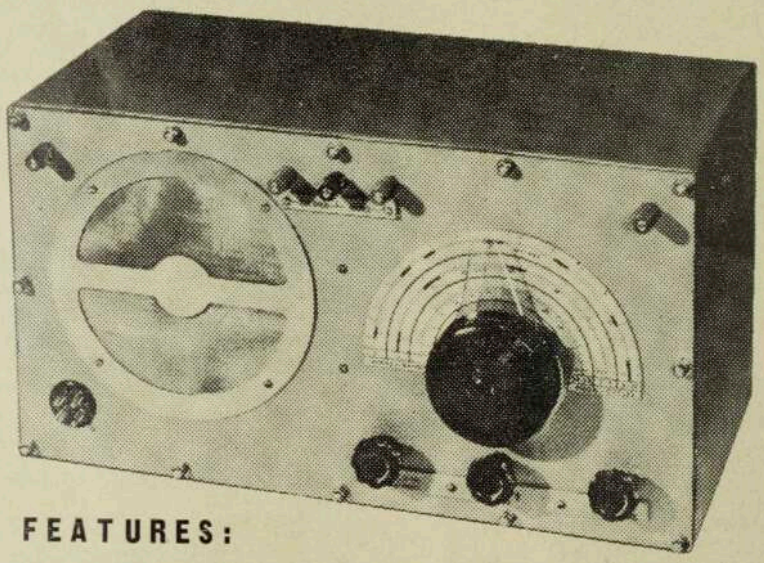
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oug Berry, ZK-1-BG, Rarotonga's firmed 80-metre CW addict, reported latest on the Cook Islands Ham front mid-March. Doug now has a tally of countries on 80, a few of the choicer nt additions being VP9BL, LU2RD, (Gambia), KM6AX, and EL2A.

uart, ZK-1-AA, one-time very active ion, is still not on the air since shift- headquarters a mile or so along the otonga beach to Avatiu. However, the is still in existence, so there are hopes he will appear eventually.

ug Cunnold, ZK-1-AB, another usually lar CW outlet, has been less active of His health has not been the best in nt months. Nat, ZK-1-BH, is also t, but Norman Ashwell of Rarotonga o staff, latest Cook Islands addition amdom, with the call ZK-1-BJ, should n the air very soon. Ron, ZK-1-BI, ning to concentrate on 15 mc/s, is building a new rig.

Suva Stan, VR2AS, appears to be g some trouble with his antenna es. Writing to "Break In" he quotes different variations of a formula for o-element rotary beam gathered from ally reliable sources".

eanings from other sources: QST says FO8AG has shifted from Makatea d to Papeete. As far as we know he has not been active however for some time, and unless he has recently been back to Makatea he actually left there over two years ago. Interesting also is a report that FO8AJ might appear on the air from the Tokelaus this winter. According to our most recent report from FO8AB in Papeete the call FO8AJ is not at present allocated, having lapsed.

The Hallicrafters Co., who largely financed the recent Clipperton expedition, and also possibly the latest Cocos (Pacific) expedition, is said to be preparing some more Pacific DXpeditions.

On Easter Island CE-O-AD is active, but his hamming is strictly limited by the necessity to conserve diesel fuel for the generating plant. It all has to be brought at considerable cost from Chile once a year. CE-O-AC returned to Chile last year, so AD is the only station now there, according to CE3AG (ex CE-O-AA). Incidentally for those awaiting QSL's from Easter there is good news. The Dutch warship "Van Zull", en route from Papeete to Chile and Panama, was calling there in March and would certainly lift the island's mail.

Island Hams are invited to send along photos and news of latest developments from their areas. Failing more active interest the column will be curtailed or abandoned.

¶ Miss Cynthia Cooper, second daughter of Mrs. Frank May, of Eltham, NSW, and the late Dr. R. W. Cooper, MBE, formerly of Rabaul, is in her final year at the Royal Melbourne School of Nursing. She celebrated her 21st birthday on March 30.

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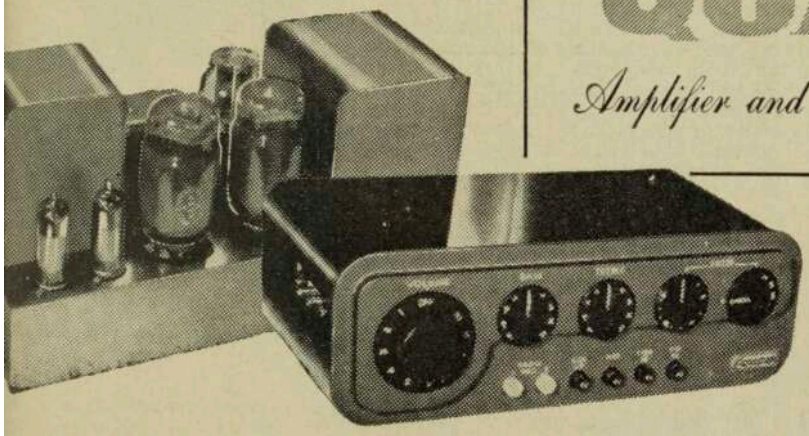
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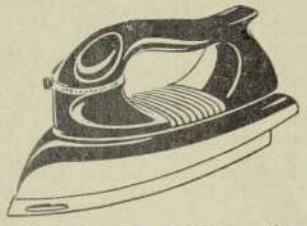
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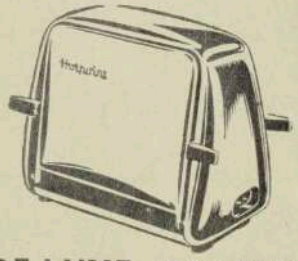
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Norfolk Island Unrest:

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revised Ordinance—but it reserved the right to appeal again for its abolition.

In the amended Ordinance duties have been waived on apparel (excluding silk), carpets and floor coverings, paints, radios and a few other lines.

The clauses of the new Ordinance were explained by the Administrator at a public meeting. In the course of his speech he referred to the petition.

His Honour granted the right of residents to sign the petition, but he protested against what he termed inaccurate statements in the letter accompanying the petition and, to a greater degree, in the letter sent to members of the Federal Parliament.

An example, he said, was a statement that £200,000 of the taxpayers' money had been spent in the last 2½ years on the restoration of old, convict-built buildings at Kingston while urgent work on the hospital and school was neglected.

The Administrator said that £20,800 had been spent on restoration at the special desire of the Federal Government and at no expense to the Islanders.

The President of the Advisory Council (Mr. R. Nobbs) conceded that the word "including" had been omitted before the word "restoration."

There was a considerable amount of heckling at the meeting, some of the questions asked by interjectors being: Had the Administrator represented the case of the majority or the minority to Canberra? Would the public have an opportunity to criticise his representations? Had the Administrator refused to discuss estimates unless in committee? No replies were made to the interruptions.

Mr. Nobbs, who is also chairman of the Island Petition Committee, apologised for anything that could be misread, but said that the issue was quite clear to most people. He emphasised the seeming unwillingness of Administrators to give the Council and the public the estimates and expenditure "in any practical way."

Mr. Nobbs said that to prevent any doubt as to how the estimated £200,000 in 2½ years was arrived at, he would quote the official Australian annual estimates, the trust fund credit balance of £38,000 in the 1952 balance sheet (the latest published) and Mr. Lambert's "whittled down" average revenue. The total for the period was £200,000, as stated in the letters, said Mr. Nobbs.

(The 1952 balance sheet shows: (1) Credit balance in trustee fund, £38,600; Australian estimate and expenditure, 1953, £40,247; £58,256; 1955 (£10,000 receive Jan.), est. £20,480. In 1954 revenue was £25,000, but Lambert's average of £21,000 annum was taken, making £ for 2½ years. This accounts fo 2½ years' total of approxim £200 000).

The Territories Minister Paul Hasluck) has indicated the handing over of more gove powers to an Executive, inste the present Advisory Counc still being considered.

NEW ROLE FOR WIFE OF EX-ADMINISTRA

MRS. J. K. MURRAY, wif Colonel Murray, former Ad istrator of Papua-New Gu has been appointed first prin of a women's agricultural c in Ceylon.

Mrs. Murray is a graduat agricultural science. She and Murray left for Ceylon on Apr They will live in the college, w has been built by the Ceylon ernment, near Kandy. The app ment has been made under Colombo Plan.

NOUMEA ESCAPED WO OF HURRICANE

THERE was much water in sky but none in Nou supply-pipes for several hot sticky days after a moderate h cane on March 2-4 had dam the system.

Peak velocity of the storm 80 an hour, but no great pro damage was reported in the No area.

The Noumea motor-cru *Philante II*, owned by M. Mar was at Gaitcha Bay, on the coast of Lifou, in the Loya when the storm struck. She thrown on a reef and seemed l to become a total loss. The w had been making subsidised voy to the Loyalties from Nou carrying up to 60 passengers on trip.

Considerable damage was don NC's east coast coffee plantat which promised a good harves

Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, who become the first Speaker of Legislative Council of Fiji year, will go to London this m to attend a course in Parliamen procedure organised by the C monwealth Parliamentary Ass tion. On his return journey, a August, he will visit the 1st Fiji Infantry Regiment in Ma

Deaths of Islands People

MR. JOHN ALEXANDER CARPENTER

r. John Alexander Carpenter, of the five brothers of the well-wn Islands trading family of penter, died in Sydney on March aged 80 years.

r. Carpenter was the second st of the brothers, and has not associated with the firm of R. Carpenter & Co. since 1936.

om 1929 to 1936 he was joint aging-director of the firm's aul Branch. The other brothers, ur, Herbert, William, and Sir ter all died before John.

is survived by his wife, one son two daughters. Another son killed during the war.

MOTHER MARY AGNES

nown throughout the South fic for her 33 years' work as r-in-Charge of the Fiji Leprosy



hotograph of Mother Agnes on the on of her receiving the Legion of ur in July, 1953.

ital, Makogai, the Rev. Mother Agnes, MBE, died at the n on March 17, four days be-her 85th birthday. She had suffering from pneumonia and ctured leg.

ther Mary Agnes went to Fiji Brittany 62 years ago, and etired from her post at Makogai larch, 1950. For many years ad charge of about 700 patients won universal affection and re-



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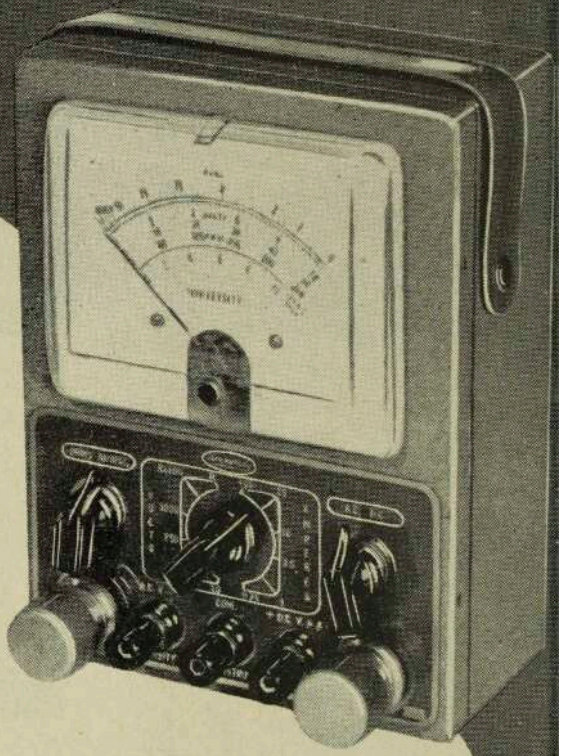
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1 1937, when the then Governor Fiji (Sir Arthur Richards) pre- ed to her the insignia of MBE, said: "Without her marvellous otion it is difficult to see how togai could ever have existed." July, 1953, Mother Mary Agnes ived the French decoration of valier of the Legion of Honour.

MRS. W. G. BOVELL

rs. W. G. Bovell, who was nerly Miss Viola Riemen- neider, of Fiji, died at Sutton, ey, England, last month. Mrs. ell, who had lived in England 30 years, is survived by her hus- d and twin daughters (Lucy and para), her sisters Mesdames E. gton (at present in England) Phelps, of Suva, and brother, D. Riemy, of Suva.

APTAIN LUCIEN LEFEVRE

ptain Lucient Lefevre, whose h occurred at Noumea in March he age of 70, spent the greater of his life in New Caledonia, e he was regarded with tionate respect.

rn at Le Havre, he went to sea indjammers, and at the age of vas first mate in the *France* 0 tons), the world's largest sail- ship. A five-master with a top d of 18 knots, the *France* was lost the reef near La Foa, New donia, and until her hull (in fragments) was broken up for a few years ago, it could be clearly from the main west road.

ter leaving the sea, Captain re became local pilot, shipping rintendent, navigation inspector finally harbourmaster at nea. He was an active member he Cape Horn Association, a of old salts who had hered the Horn under sail. He a Chevalier of the Legion of ur and an officer of the Merite time.

CAPTAIN F. T. GIBLIN

ptain Frederick Tarta Giblin, an with an unrivalled know- of the western seas round Fiji, at his home at Suva on March the age of 68.

ptain Giblin was the third son he late John Giblin, who went ji before Cession (1874) to work tea plantation at Wainunu, a Levu. Educated at Sydney, vorked as a clerk before re- ng to Fiji to work for the dian Timber Co. as a bullock- r at Dreketi. He studied ation and sailed in many trading from Levuka. At us times he was master of belonging to the Fiji Shipping Burns Philp and Morris trom.

ptain Giblin is survived by two Messrs. George and Fred n, both of Fiji, and a hter Maud (Mrs. T. Cornish).

What N. Guinea Could Mean to Australia

"INTERNATIONAL events giving the opportunity, there should be a great future for New Guinea," writes Pastor A. J. Campbell, of the SDA Eastern Highlands Mission, Goroka. "Australia, very rightly, is taking a lot more interest in New Guinea than it used to, but for the life of me I cannot understand why it does not take a whole lot more."

Noting some recent developments in the country, Mr. Campbell says: "Roads are improving, but not as rapidly as they should; better bridging is being promoted (a great need); a good deal of settlement is taking place, as can be seen from the 'highway', and small native coffee plantations are springing into being. The new Banz-Minj bridge, nearly finished, across the Wahgi River, will be a great asset to the area. The Goroka airstrip is being made into a double strip.

"There is an air of activity in this country these days. And thus it should be, for how can we keep a valuable country like this without doing something about it when, in these times of rapid air travel, hundreds of millions of people are milling about close to our doors?" he continues.

"Without question this country could take a good deal more European settlement, thus making development more solid in outlook. With the right safeguards, it would be of benefit to all concerned. Promising industrial development seems to be looming on Goroka's horizon —a fine thing for the country.

"Private enterprise—with, of course, deep, sympathetic Government interest—could play a great part in the development of New Guinea—the bridge to Asia, or from Asia to Australia, whichever way we look at it."

Keys-McLaren Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. W. Keys signing the register after their marriage at the Ela Protestant Church, Port Moresby. The bride, formerly Miss Billie McLaren, had flown from Sydney for her wedding.

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CHINA'S ECONOMIC PENETRATION OF INDONESIA AND THE PACIFIC

THE manner in which the Chinese are slowly, steadily and inexorably extending their hold over the islands of Indonesia and the Pacific is not generally recognised.

Elsewhere, reference is made to the way the Chinese traders are showing up again in the Solomon Islands. Elsewhere in this issue, also, a commentator reminds us that most of the worth-while trade in French Oceania is commanded by the 10,000-12,000 Chinese there . . . The Chinese community in Fiji is small, but influential.

A well-known writer, describing conditions in and around Indonesia said recently that "Communist China's education authorities have prepared a new geography text-book for Asian schools which shows Burma, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaya, Singapore, Sumatra and the Celebes as part of the New China."

Apart from the predominant Chinese community in Malaya, there are over 2,000,000 Chinese in Indonesia, and they not only control the commerce but also the politics of the late Dutch empire. There is so close a connection between Communist China and the Chinese in Indonesia that it is now generally accepted that Red China virtually directs the policies ostensibly framed in Jakarta.

THIS is what Osmar White, well-known Australian commentator, said about the New Guinea Chinese in Melbourne Herald *of March* 29:

The plain, inescapable fact is that a great deal of the Trust Territory of New Guinea is already under Chinese commercial and financial domination. Chinese trade stores in the larger centres like Rabaul, Lae and Wewak do the bulk of business with the natives, and Chinese retailers have practically captured the casual shopping of European women.

Many a small European planter or businessman raises the wind, when his own bank has turned him down, from the Chinese store-owner who doubles as agent for some rich and powerful Chi bank whose name is unknown all but the best informed w men.

More and more Chinese are ing over ownership of copra, co rubber and coffee plantations assume control of them straight-out investors or m gagees.

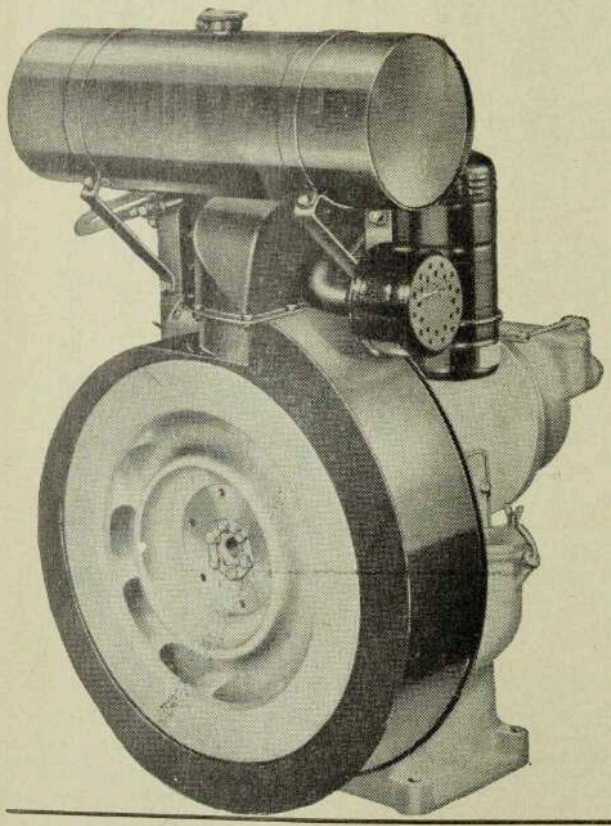
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rom Our Noumea Correspondent

NOUMEA, Mar. 29.

ESTIONS concerning Asiatics in New Caledonia and other French fic territories have been discussed ntly in Paris and Noumea by orities from widely-separated s.

. Florrisson, Senator for Tahiti, e a controversial speech to the seil du Republique in Paris. ng other things, he seems to made an indirect attack on South Pacific Commission, h has its headquarters at mea.

reported at Noumea, his words : "What is this South Pacific mission trying to do for us? never hear it spoken of in our titutional assemblies; no parlia-tary member for French nia is a member of it."

. Florrisson said that it would 'great folly" to take to Tahiti eighbouring but foreign labour under United Nations control." warned the French Govern-t against "neighbouring young erialists," and urged that at-ion be given to "certain faults to be committed in French nia" and to the adjustment of



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ilts already committed while ere was yet time.

Surely, he said, more suitable grants could be found within the nch Empire—North Africa, for tance. Workers from such terri- ies would be French citizens and ers—although, he added, these ilifications might not please the ninistration in Tahiti.

Meanwhile at Noumea the ques- n of repatriation of the remain- Indo-Chinese in New Caledonia again been raised in the As- bly. Repatriates who have gone k to Haiphong and Hanoi have tten letters complaining of cial taxes imposed on them. ne who were quite wealthy say y now have little money left.

n reply to a question in the embly, the Secretary-General d that in his opinion the Ton- ese could be forced to leave NC. ey had come under labour con- cts, and now that the contracts e ended the onus was on them leave at the expense of the NC vernment. However, lack of ship- g had prevented this policy be- carried out.

everal members pointed out that t of NC's carpenters and build- tradesmen were Tonkinese, but member representing the trades ons said that the technical col- at Noumea was turning out lesmen. The Tonkinese, with an -increasing number of children, e, he said, a threat to the present future non-Tonkinese trades- n.

was also suggested that cialised labourers could easily trained among the people of -populated indigenous tribes.

two-member commission came Noumea from Saigon recently to stigate the possibility of settling asians from Southern Vietnam NC. These Eurasians are in an appy plight, and it is certain in the event of all Indo-China's ing out of French control her by joining the Communist minh or by complete inde- lence), they would be treated as siders".

o report of the commission's t or conclusions has been made lic, but it has been rumoured there were hopes of settling Eurasians here. Such a e would be greeted with very ed feelings in NC.

ditorial note: It is assumed Dr. Florrisson's reference in s to a "neighbouring but foreign ur force" may possibly be linked the 1954 Noumea-Suva dis- ions on a proposal that young Indians should work in New donia for a fixed term. This appears now to have been ped. As far as is known, her Tahiti nor the United ons came into the picture at stage).

Japs in Fishing Industry For New Hebrides

A TUNA fishing company which says it will go into operation in N. Hebrides next year will make use of Japanese fishing skill.

The company is registered as D. J. Gubbay & Co., Vila. It is a British organisation, and has the financial backing of a number of planters and business men. A refrigeration plant with a capacity of 2,000 tons of fish is promised at Santa soon. Seven 100-ton tuna clippers are reported on order in Japanese ship yards. They will be owned by the company, registered in Vila, and manned by a few skilled Japs and mainly European and native crews. The company expects to begin active fishing in January next. The market for the frozen tuna presumably is USA.

† Better rubber prices are being reflected in bigger dividends for Papuan rubber company shareholders. Koitaki is maintaining its interim dividend at 7½ (equal to 15 per cent p.a.), and Kerema, with its profit for 1954 up from £8,638 to £13,384, has raised its dividend from 5 to 10 per cent. p.a., transferred another £4,000 to reserves, and carried forward £3,000.

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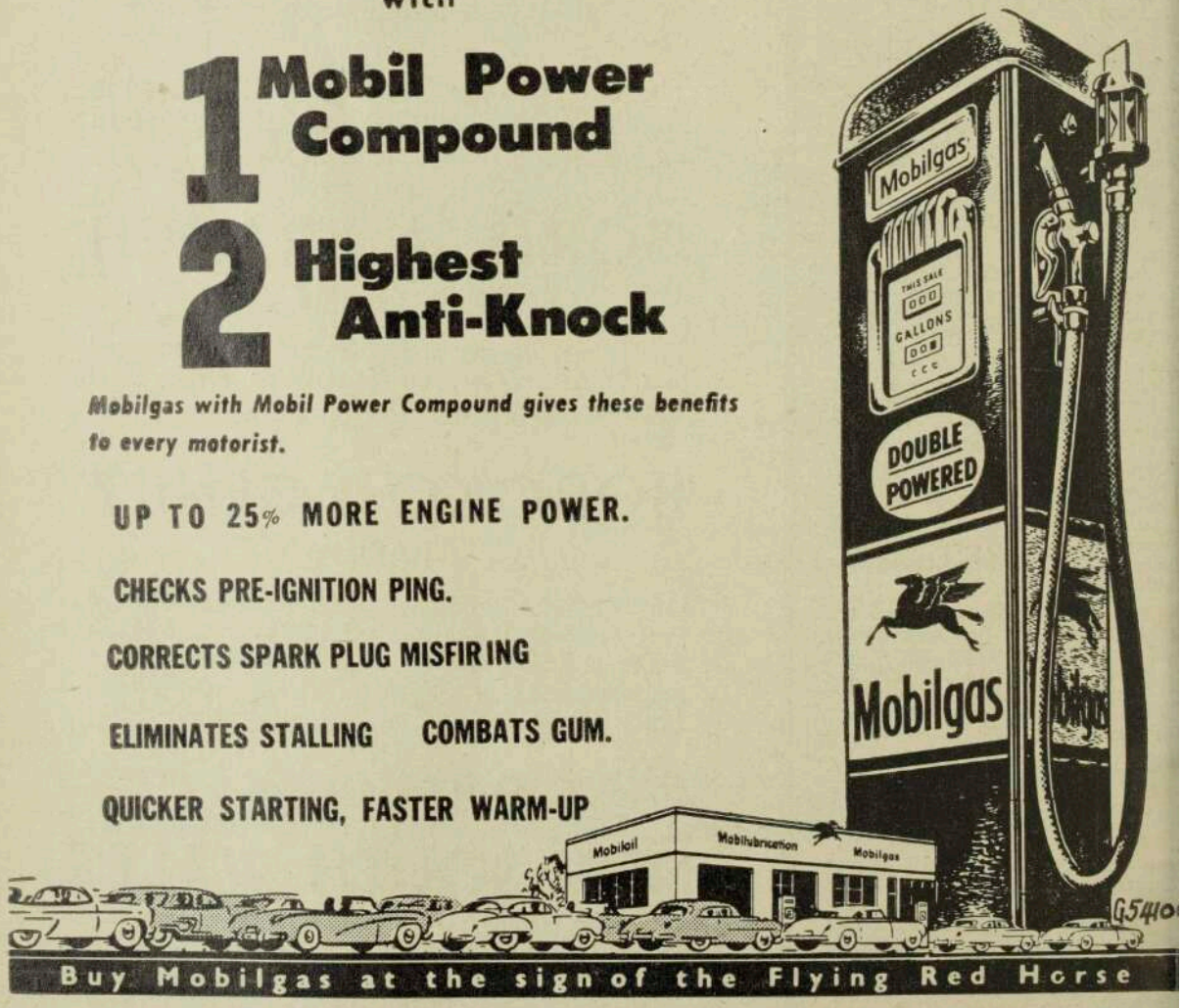
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is was reported by Australian tain Bryan W. Monkton, the pany's operations manager, who in Sydney in March. He, and crew, planned to leave Sydney May with the second *Solent* h has been hauled up at Rose ever since the company pured it from the now defunct s-Oceanic Airways. In mid-, four new motors were being lled and the Australian registra- markings painted out and re-d with an American flag and etters "N9945F".

ptain Monkton said that apart some structural modifications ne aircraft, the principal task to be done before the service nences will be the establishment ull radio, meteorological, and ng facilities at Christmas Island. None of these facilities will be provided by any Government agency.

There will also have to be some emergency overnight accommodation for passengers and crew. On present indications it will be another five months before flying can commence —much later than had been hoped.

Captain Monkton said that SPA never had any plans to use Palmyra.

The climate there was wet with frequent low visibility, unlike dry Christmas Island. And Christmas is more suitably placed as a halfway point. The company, had, however, considered using land planes at one stage, but Pan American Airways had a prior application for such a service to Bora Bora and that company strongly opposed a SPA land-plane application. Conversely, the French authorities were strongly in favour of a flying-boat service right in to Papeete and had given SPA backing in Washington in favour of their application for the flying-boat service.

It was not yet decided just how many passengers would be carried but fares were calculated at 11 cents per mile.

Capt. Monkton was able to explain why, about a year ago, a detachment of Gilbertese police were despatched in great haste and secrecy from Tarawa to Christmas aboard a GEIC Government vessel, under a European officer. The United States has always claimed at least equal rights with Britain—as at Canton—in Christmas Island. The Robert Dollar Co., which is financially backing SPA, decided to send a retired American sea captain down to Christmas to thoroughly investigate what ground facilities would have to be established there. He was to remain on the island as a local representative. Evidently the British authorities got the idea that he was going to hoist the American flag. He was met on the beach by the British police detachment when he came ashore from a small vessel, and told that he could not remain.

Captain Monkton said that while the British authorities have not actively opposed SPA's plans, they have given absolutely no co-operation or assistance. British airline interests were probably not pleased to see SPA entering that route.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Exon, formerly of Suva, arrived in Sydney from Europe early in April. After completing a lengthy term as Fiji manager of Amalgamated Wireless Ltd., Mr. Exon decided to spend long leave abroad—mainly in England—and he now expects that he will spend several months at headquarters in Sydney before going on to his next posting. Their elder daughter, Elizabeth (now Mrs. Cottee) is a resident of Brisbane; and their younger daughter, Jocelyn, has just announced her engagement to Mr. Neil Gow, of Brisbane.

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NZ SPENDS DOLLARS F FOR ORANGES

A "LARGE shipment" of or and lemons is expecte Auckland via Suva California early in May acco to a Wellington announce The fruit is aboard the B vessel *Port Alma*.

Every year a large quanti citrus fruit is imported into Zealand from South Africa, tralia, and the West Indies, m during the Cook Islands off-s which extends from about M September. Even during the citrus season supplies come in other sources to meet requirements.

The importation of citrus dollar sources, however, ap unusual.

Sources of supply are limite the existence of fruit pests in exporting countries, which appear otherwise eligible to New Zealand demands.

Polynesian Associatio Concert

THE Sydney Polynesian Ass tion gave a concert on 1, the entire proceeds of w were donated to the NSW Relief Fund. The Association several such concerts each yea charitable purposes.

Plan for Catholic Village Near S

A VILLAGE of from 50 t Roman Catholic Island fam is being established at Lam harbourside suburb of Suva, re the *Catholic Weekly*, Sydney.

All from island groups ou Fiji, these people have been li for many years on Catholic mis properties near Suva. With the forcement of land subdivision l however, permission to build able houses was withheld from t except under subdivision, the re states.

A portion of the Lami prop has been reserved for a chu parish buildings and recreation a

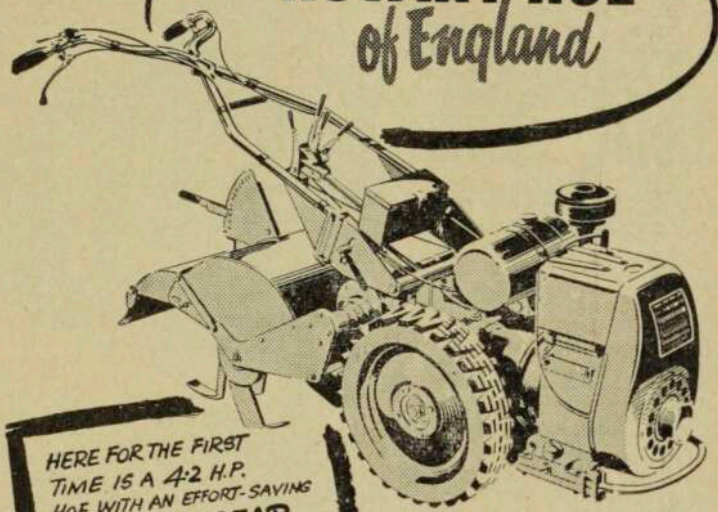
¶ Mr. B. Raghvanand, MBE, will tire shortly after 35 years in Government service in Fiji. He for many years an assistant to Commissioner for Fijian Rese (Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna). He is of the nominated official membe the Legislative Council and is third son of the late Mr. B Mahraj to sit in the Council. Badri Mahraj was the first Ind member of the Council.

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Cocoa:—London, Mar. 19: Gold March-May delivery, c.i.f. U.K., £ April-June £312/10/-; New York, M Sanchez 35.1 cents per lb. (£A long ton).

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Trochus:—London, Feb. 10: Sin early delivery, £Stg.515; Sin Macassar, £Stg.435; Mergui, Marc delivery, £Stg.375, all c.i.f. (Mar since continued to rise).

Greensnail:—Last quotation, D Singapore £Stg.340. Since increas

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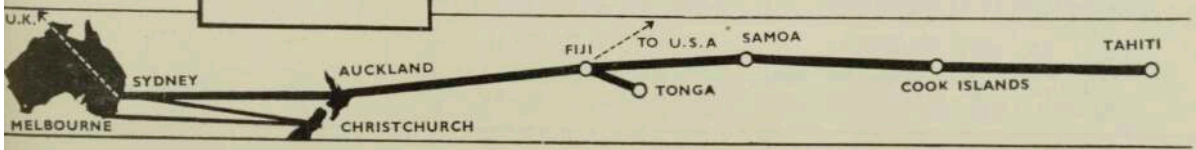
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