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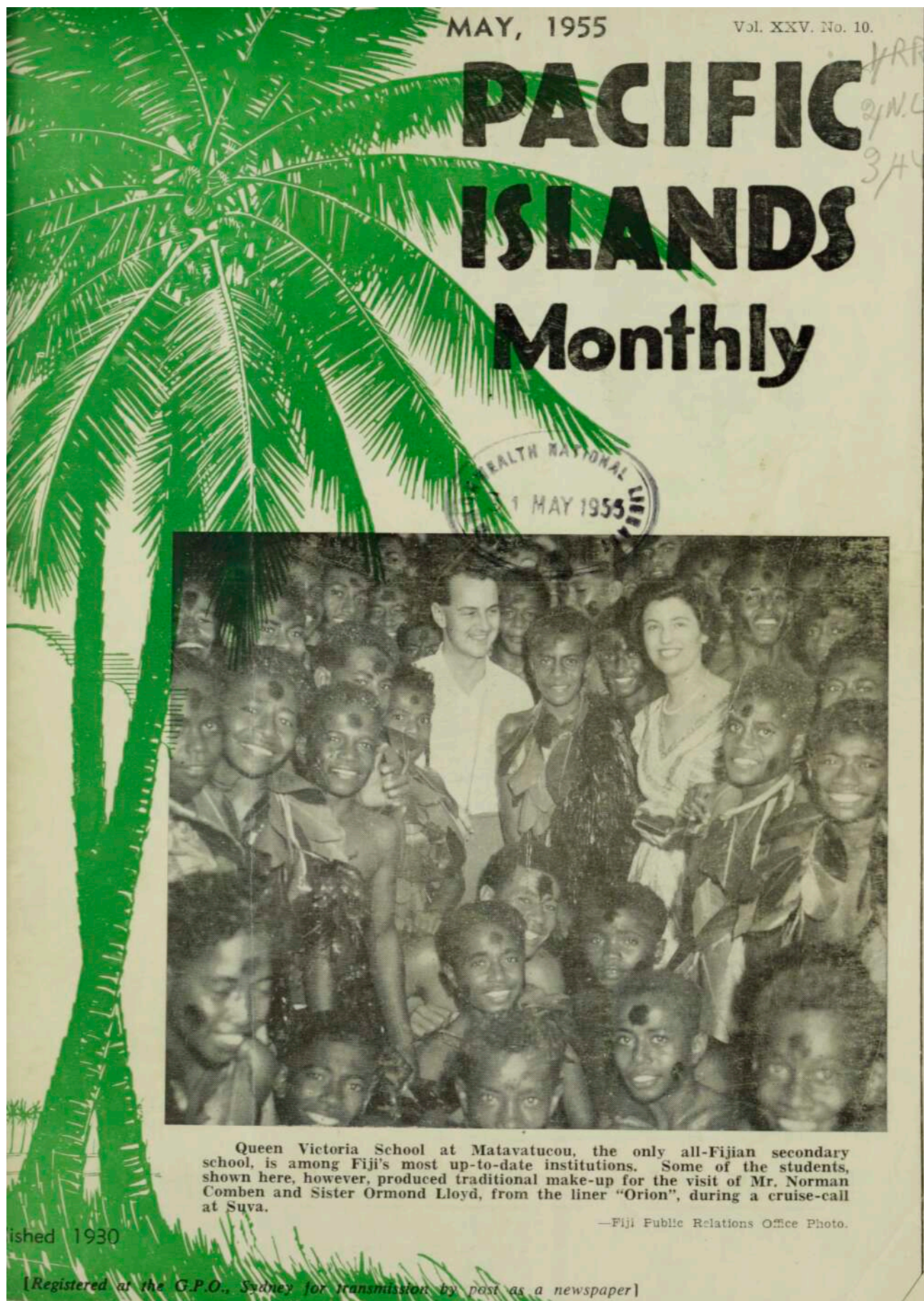
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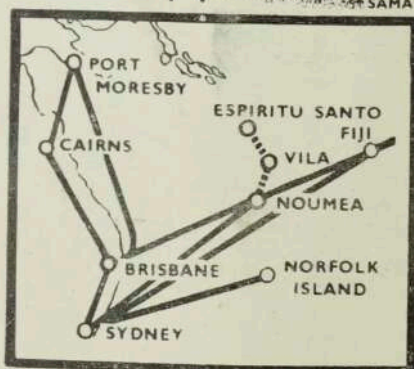
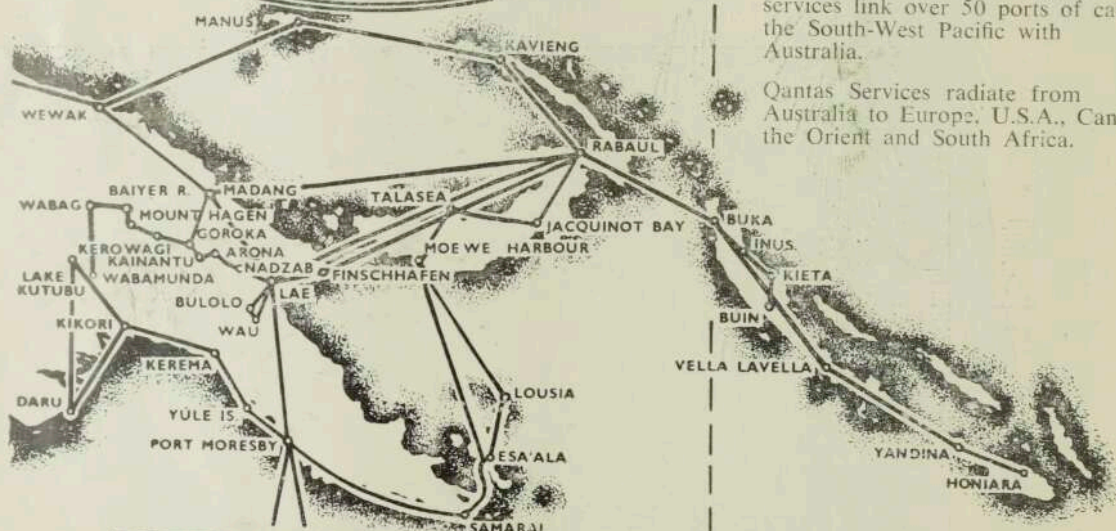


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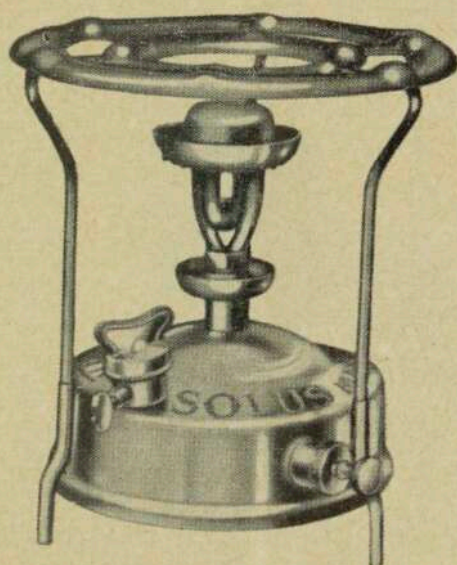
**AUSTRALIA'S OVERSEAS AIRLINE**

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# **Coleman** *Solus* STOVES

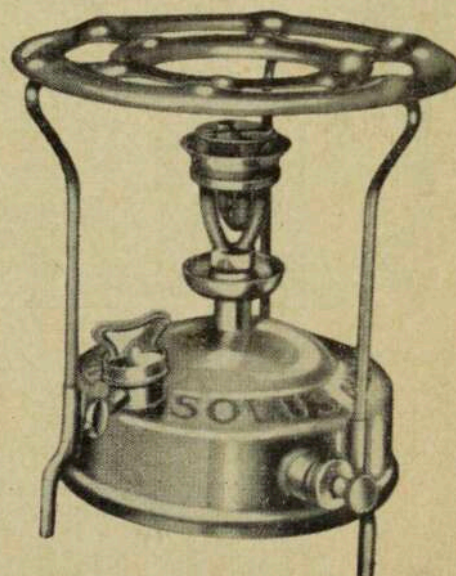
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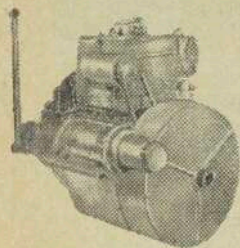
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## SIMPLEX MARINE ENGINES

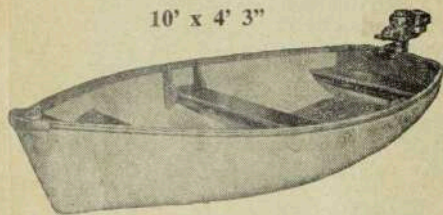
Announcing New Electric Model 12 H.P.



The most modern marine engine built for tropical conditions. Full electric starter and generator. Enclosed fly-wheel. New Thrustmatic built-in reverse. New Rollerotor water pump. Heavy duty efficiency. Get details now of this fine new marine engine. Also available in 3, 5 and 20 H.P. Simplex parts and service always available.

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## BRITANNIA OUTBOARD MOTORS



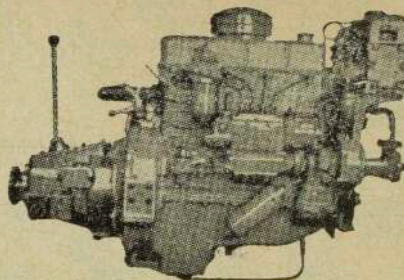
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| Rylard Varnish        | Copper Rod          |                   |

## PARSONS MARINE DIESEL

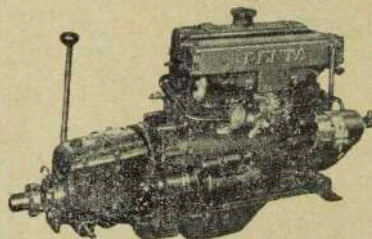
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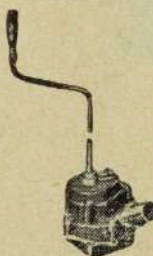
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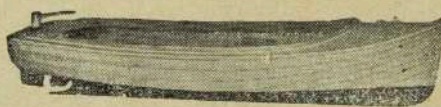
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### Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

V Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next sailing about June 14.

V Malekula sails from Sydney for Samarai, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus, Wewak, Dshafen, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney. Next sailing about June 17.

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

V Sinkiang: Sydney, Brisbane, Port Moresby, and return.

V Fukien: Sydney, Port Moresby, Lae, Samarai, and Sydney/Melbourne.

V Soochow and MV Shansi: Sydney, Brisbane, Port Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Kavieng, Rabaul, Sydney, Melbourne.

Next sailings: MV Fukien, late June; MV Soochow, June 11; MV Sinkiang, June 3; MV Shansi, June 10.

The above dates are approximate, and are to be altered by as much as two weeks.

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

### Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

V Tofua maintains a service from Auckland to Suva, Nukualofa, Vavau, Pago Pago, Apia, Suva and return to Auckland.

V Matua maintains a service from

Auckland to Suva, Lautoka, Apia, Suva, Wellington, and return to Auckland. Each Autumn there is a temporary rearrangement of schedules while the respective vessels are on annual survey. Next sailings:

MV Tofua: May 24, June 21.  
MV Matua: June 18.

### N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The regular passenger vessel "Maui Pomare" is out of commission indefinitely. "Waitemata", with very limited passenger accommodation, will call at Rarotonga north-bound for the US from NZ in late June. Other passenger arrangements are still pending.

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.

MV Malaita makes a round trip at about 8-weeks intervals from Sydney to Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides ports-BSI ports-Bougainville-Rabaul-Samarai-Sydney.

Sailing from Sydney about June 10.

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

## Australia - New Zealand - Canada - USA

Sailings of Orient Line Passenger Ships, 1954-55.

|               |         | ORSOVA<br>1955 | ORONSAY<br>1955 | ORCADES<br>1955 | ORONSAY<br>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 | —              | 9 Aug.          | 1 Nov.          | 13 Dec.         |
| SUVA          | arr/dep | —              | 16 Aug.         | 8 Nov.          | 20 Dec.         |
| AUCKLAND      | arr/dep | —              | 19 Aug.         | 11 Nov.         | 23 Dec.         |
| SYDNEY        | arrive  | —              | 22 Aug.         | 14 Nov.         | 26 Dec.         |

\* Thence to U.K. via Panama.

# New Guinea Australia Line

Regular Service from MELBOURNE, SYDNEY AND BRISBANE TO PORT MORESBY, SAMARAI, LAE, MADANG, KAVIENG, AND RABAU

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Tahiti recently added to this service.  
Sailing dates:—  
From Sydney: Tahiti, May 24;  
Caledonien, August 23. Eridan, east-bound,  
leaves Noumea July 9, Papeete August 5.  
From Papeete for Sydney: Caledonien,  
July 30; Tahiti, September 11.  
MV Polynesian (Messageries Maritimes)  
maintains about monthly passenger sail-  
ings between Sydney and Noumea and  
the New Hebrides. She will make her last

voyage from Sydney about June 14, and a  
new vessel, Polynesian, will enter the service  
late July or August.

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

Shaw Savill's new one-class all-passenger  
liner Southern Cross makes four round-  
the-world voyages per year, sailing

alternately west-bound and east-bound  
with regular calls at Suva and Papeete.  
Next voyage east-bound, calling  
November 1, Papeete November 5.

### N. America-Fiji-Hebrides,

Pacific Islands Transport Line  
vessels Thorsisle and Thorshall main-  
tain a regular service from Pacific  
Coast North American ports, with sail-  
ings every 35-40 days to French Oce-  
ania, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, New Caledonia,  
Hebrides, and New Guinea. Some sail-  
ings depend on cargoes offering. Next sail-  
ings: Thorsisle—San Francisco June 22, Pa-  
peete July 6, Nukualofa July 14, Apia July  
Suva July 22, Noumea July 28, Lae Aug  
5, thence direct to San Francisco, arriving  
August 24.

Details from General Steamships  
Corporation Ltd., 432 California St.,  
San Francisco, U.S.A., and Island Agents  
(ad.).

### U.S.-PAPEETE-PAGO-PAGO-N.Z.- AUSTRALIA

Matson-Oceanic Line of San Fran-  
cisco operates a regular passenger-cargo ser-  
vice from Los Angeles. Southern terminal  
varies with cargoes offering. Next sail-  
ings: Sonoma, north-bound, leaves Townsville  
May 21, Suva May 27, Papeete June  
due Los Angeles June 13. Alameda south-  
bound, leaves Papeete May 30, Pago  
June 4, due Brisbane June 9.

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Details from American Trading & Ex-  
porting Co. Pty., Ltd., Sydney.

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NOUMEA—Etablissements Ballande.

LAE—Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd.

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Cable address:  
Burnsouth.

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Etablissements Donald  
Tahiti, Papeete  
Cable address:  
Donald — Papeete.

The one class tourist liner "Southern Cross" on  
the maiden voyage calls at Papeete (23rd April,  
1955) and Suva (28th April, 1955), thence to  
England via New Zealand, Australia and South  
Africa. On the second voyage calls at Suva (1st  
November, 1955) and Papeete (5th November,  
1955), en route to England via Panama, Curacao  
and Trinidad; thereafter two eastbound and two  
westbound voyages each year form this vessel's  
round-the-world itinerary.

Dates subject to alteration without notice.

### Minimum Fares:

To England from Suva via Panama £105 stg.  
via South Africa £132 stg.  
From Tahiti via Panama £100 stg.  
via South Africa £151 stg.



## Airways Time-Tables

### TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

Strato Clippers, using Sleeperettes  
and Berths\*

Thur., Sat.—Sydney - Nadi - Canton  
- Honolulu - San Francisco - Seattle -  
Portland.

Sat., Mon.—Return same route.  
C4 from Auckland connects, arriving  
Tues., Thur., Sat., departing Nadi  
Fri., Mon.

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NORTHWARDS

Thur.\* and Sat.\* Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-  
Canton Is. - Honolulu - San Francisco—  
with every Saturday service extending  
to Vancouver.

SOUTHWARDS

Fri.\* Mon.\* — San Francisco -  
Honolulu-Canton Is.-Nadi (Fiji)-Sydney.  
(Note: Crosses date-line enroute).

Services — Tuesday northbound and  
Friday southbound—are "Connoisseur"  
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and Nadi connect at Nadi Tues. and Sat.  
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CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES  
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#### 2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

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Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays.

(Skymasters)\*

Depart:

Sydney, 8.00 pm  
Brisbane, 11.45 pm

Arrive:

Brisbane, 10.45 pm  
Moresby, 6.35 am

(Tues., Wed., Sun.)

Moresby, 7.55 am

Lae, 9.10 am

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

\* DC3 operating Moresby-Lae sector.

Thursdays  
(Skymaster)

Depart:

Sydney, 8 pm  
Brisbane, 11.45 pm

Arrive:

Brisbane, 10.45 pm  
Townsville, 3.30 am

(Friday)

Townsville, 4.15 am

Cairns, 5.25 am

Cairns, 6.25 am

Port Moresby, 9.15 am

## LONDON - SUVA

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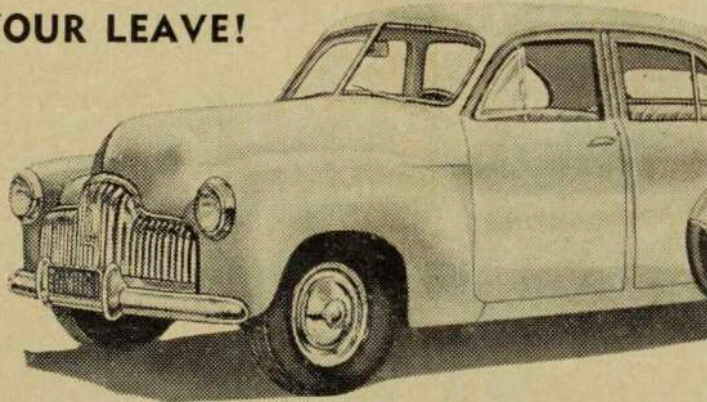
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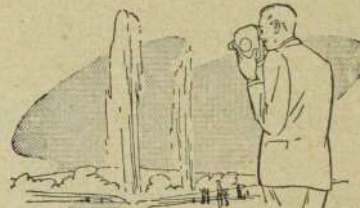
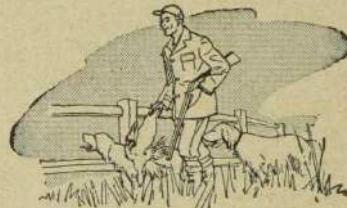
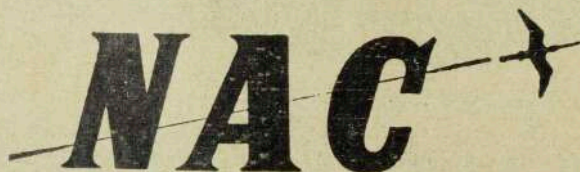
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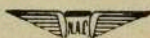
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MAY, 1955 — PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY



Moresby, 10.35 am      Lae, 11.55 am  
**SOUTHWARDS**  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.  
 (Skymaster)\*

Depart:      Arrive:  
 8.40 am      Moresby, 10.00 am  
 Moresby, 11.00 am      Brisbane, 5.35 pm  
 Moresby, 7.00 pm      Sydney, 9.00 pm  
 DC3 operating Lae-Moresby sector.

**Sundays.**  
 Depart:      Arrive:  
 5.45 am      Moresby, 7.05 am  
 Moresby, 8.30 am      Cairns, 11.30 am  
 Moresby, 1.20 pm      Townsville, 2.30 pm  
 Moresby, 3.15 pm      Brisbane, 7.00 pm  
 Moresby, 8.00 pm      Sydney, 10.45 pm  
 Connecting service by DC3 from Wau  
 to Lae 12.35 pm Saturday.  
 DC3 operating Lae-Moresby sector.

### 3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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**HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea)**  
 (DC3)

Alternate Wednesdays (June 1, etc.).  
 Depart Lae 10.30 am, calls at Madang  
 and Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia  
 9 pm. Every alternate Thursday  
 (June 2, etc.), depart Hollandia at  
 10 am, and, with calls at Wewak and  
 Madang, arrives Lae at 2.40 pm.

**LAKE-MANUS (DC3)**

Every Wednesday.  
 Depart Lae 10.45 am: Finschhafen, Rabaul,  
 Kavieng, arr. Manus 5.45 pm.  
 Every Saturday (dep. 8 am), via  
 Kavieng, Rabaul and Finschhafen; arr.  
 Lae, 2.55 pm.

**MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)**

Depart Lae, Kerema, Kikori, L. Kutubu.—  
 Every alternate Friday returning same  
 day (June 3, etc.).

**PORT MORESBY-RABAU**  
 (Catalina)

Tue. (May 31, etc.) Port Moresby—  
 Marai-Esa'ala-Losua-Moewe Harb-  
 orasea-Jacquinet Bay-Rabaul. Return-  
 ing via same ports (except Losua and  
 Esa'ala optional) alt. Thu. (June 2,  
 etc.).

**NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE**  
 (Catalina)

Wed.—Rabaul - -Buka - Kieta - Buin  
 (June 1, etc.).

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

**LAKE-MADANG-WEWAK-MANUS-  
 KAVIENG-RABAU SERVICE**  
 (DC3)

Thur. Dep. Lae 6.30 am, Madang  
 7.35 am Wewak, Manus Is.,  
 Kavieng, Rabaul arr. 3.40 pm.  
 Only Dep. Rabaul 8.00 am direct  
 to Lae, arr. 10.50 am, Wewak,  
 Madang, Lae arr. 4.35 pm.

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS**  
 (DC3)

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

**LOWER HIGHLANDS**  
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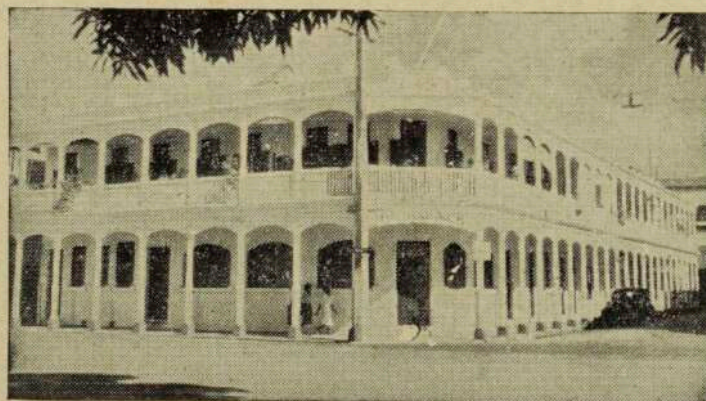
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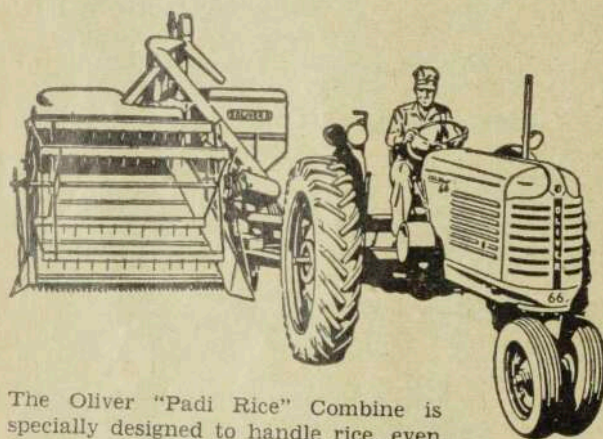
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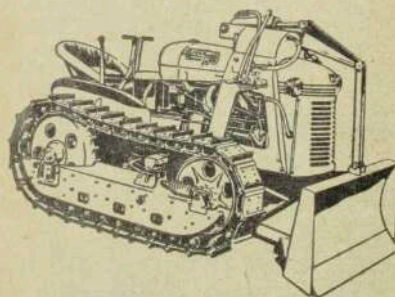
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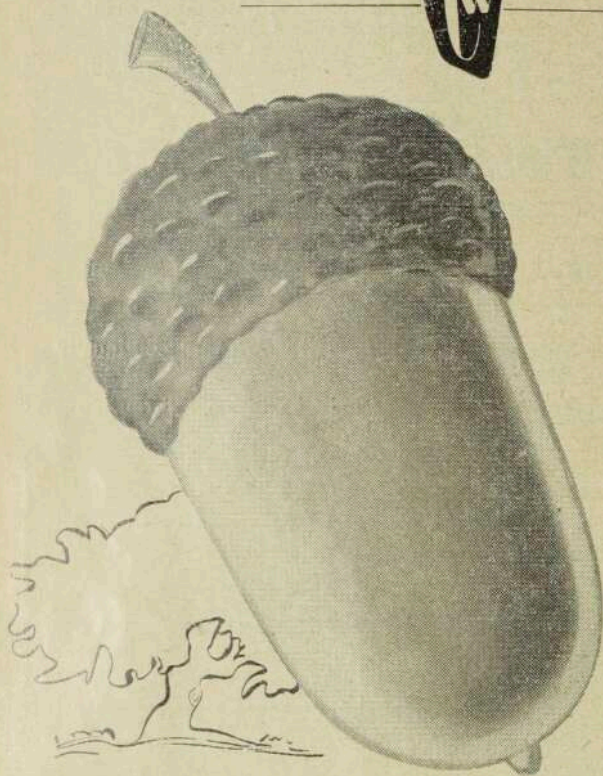
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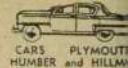
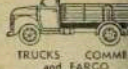




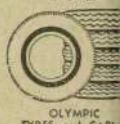
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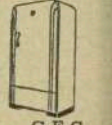


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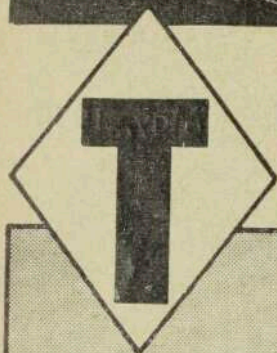
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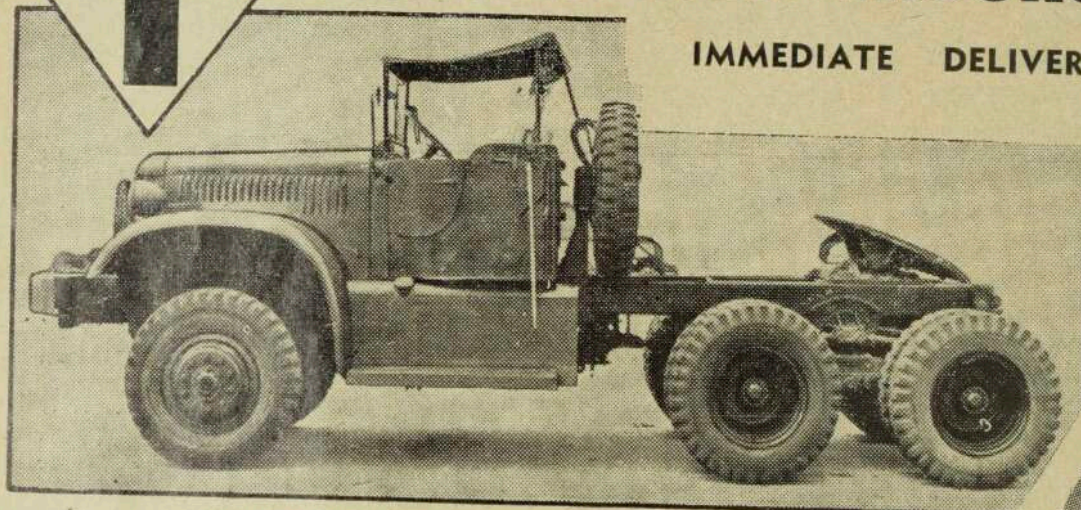
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## Islands Development and Visionary Ministers—Especially Australian

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All the South Pacific territories, without exception, have suffered under this kind of infliction. The territories have either very limited representative government, or none at all. Nominally, they are ruled over by a Minister for Territories, Colonies, or Islands Dependencies, or something. In nearly all cases, the system of Western democracy supplies for those Ministerial jobs either a Trades Hall politician, a well-meaning nonentity, —most dangerous of all—a type who knows it all in theory, and is quite sure he cannot possibly be wrong.

Administration over tropical and sub-tropical countries, heavily populated by people who have not reached the stage of self-government, calls for special education, training and practical experience. Wiser and wiser nations recognise this, and place carefully selected men in charge of such countries, give them a general direction on policy, and leave them alone.

No other system is possible, if there are to be development, social progress, human justice and a reasonably contented population.

BUT not countries over-run by Socialist politicians. Recent experiences in relation to Australia, New Guinea, and Britain in the Solomons, provide examples of what happens when enthusiastic ideologists get loose on a helpless tropical country.

The British Solomon Islands, economically starving, have just had what appears to be a stroke of luck. A young Australian biologist claims to have discovered a goldfield which is at least interesting, and may prove to be really rich. It is good enough to attract miners and investors. If they establish a gold industry, the "Cinderella" Territory may prove to be not only one of the most desirable in the Southwest Pacific (fundamentally, it is as good as New Guinea), but also of great added value to Australia.

Yet that stage could have been

reached eight years ago if a British Socialist Government had not insisted on placing crippling mining restrictions upon the late Mr. E. G. Theodore, just when his well-endowed Fiji expedition was about to move into Guadalcanal. And who in the South Pacific will ever forget the Socialist Minister for Colonies (name forgotten) who visited Solomons, Fiji, etc., just before the Attlee Government was defeated!

THE history of the "Eddie" Ward regime in Papua and New Guinea should be emblazoned in Port Moresby and Rabaul, as a horrible warning for future generations.

Before the Wardist era, Canberra wisely had followed the old British system, and had left those Terri-

tories in the care of skilled Administrators. Economic and social progress—which was quite satisfactory—was due, not to Ministerial inspiration, but to the wise direction of men like Hubert Murray and Wisdom who, in turn, encouraged individual pioneering and private enterprise and who, in their turn, were greatly aided in the fields of education and medicine by the devoted work of Christian missionaries.

Into this Islands world, with fury and anathema, after the war, came the famous Australian Specialists, Dr. Evatt and Eddie Ward. They insisted that P-N-G had become a region of native enslavement and capitalist exploitation. Their denunciation of the former regimes was typical Red propaganda.

Even while the war was on, they filled the Territories with "specialist" advisers, earnest Leftist planners suitably decorated with the red military tabs of the General Staff. As soon as the war was over, they threw out the old native labour rules—"the era of native enslavement is over"; and so also apparently was the era of the private trader and the shipowner—all goods distribution and all shipping

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in future were to be State-owned and controlled.

This astonishing regime did not last long. It virtually ended when Minister Ward had to spend many months of his time convincing an Australian judicial body that he was not implicated in the New Guinea timber lease case (a Qld. firm paid out some £50,000 and imagined they were buying a timber lease from certain persons, some of whom were associated with Mr. Ward). Territories old hands remember, of course, that Minister Ward was "completely exonerated," while the notorious Communist, Jock Garden (who had been Minister Ward's intimate personal and political associate up until that time) was sent to gaol; and no one ever found out what became of the £50,000.

But the Wardist regime would have collapsed under its own absurdities, even if there had been no Timber Lease scandal to disrupt the Socialist planning.

**S**INCE the Wardist era, P-NG has been nominally under a non-Socialist Administration. In many respects, P-NG dwellers have found it hard to distinguish the difference. They still are very much under the Planners, both Ministerial and Bureaucratic.

The system, pre-war, was to leave the Territories very much to their own devices, under responsible Administrators, and to expect them to be somewhere near self-supporting. Since then, under Socialist Ward and reputedly non-Socialist Hasluck, Australia has provided annually really enormous subsidies—so that the Territories literally have almost anything in the way of administrative machinery and industrial encouragement that money can buy. But the Australian Minister, in return, insists that P-NG shall be his administrative plaything and hobby-horse.

With so much money available, from subsidies, high produce prices, gold and oil search, P-NG has a really remarkable opportunity of establishing an economic structure that will be a credit to Australia—and will provide Australia with an Islands bulwark, to serve the double purpose of defending Australia's northern shores, and discouraging either peacetime or wartime encroachment by Asia's countless hungry millions.

**B**UT, to achieve so desirable a thing, two factors are essential. One is settlement in New Guinea of a much larger body of carefully selected Europeans, and the other is encouragement and help of private enterprise by the administrative corps. Mr. Hasluck seems likely to defeat both of those aims, because he will not keep his restless Ministerial nose out of Territories affairs which his trained

officials understand much better than he.

He is directly responsible for introducing an idealistic, over-elaborate, over-officialised system of land settlement that, if it does not defeat the pioneering impulse of the hundreds of young men who have been seeking land there in the last five years, surely will discourage and partially stifle it.

And (rightly or wrongly), he is blamed for creating, between Canberra and the Territories' public service, a relationship which is deplorable in itself, and must eventually do much general harm to the Territories. In the present Administrator, Departmental heads and public service generally in P-NG, Australia probably has as good a line of officials as may be found in any similar country in the world—keen, efficient, loyal and with plenty of initiative.

But, as in the Wardist regime—and under all similar Socialist regimes—Canberra will not let them alone to take the responsibility and do the job. Mr. Hasluck may be nominally a Tory; but his record up to date (pre-political and post-political) suggests that he is mostly a Socialist planner, incapable of leaving the trained practical men alone in the jobs for which they have planned.

There has been a strong move lately in Australia to ask the Prime Minister for a far-reaching inquiry into the relationship between the Canberra Minister and Department and the Administration and public service in P-NG. We suggested something of the kind six months ago. For the sake of Papua-New Guinea, it should not be indefinitely delayed. Mr. Hasluck is a man of ability, culture and charm. But, when Cabinet-making, Mr. Menzies cast him in the wrong role.

## P-NG Council to Meet On June 27

**T**HE Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea will open its next meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 27.

† Although efforts are made at Suva wharf to stack cargo separately for each consignee, it often happens, because of congestion, that bulk-stacking is unavoidable. The New Zealand Fruit Merchants' and Auctioneers' Federation has complained to the Suva Chamber of Commerce of deterioration of fruit resulting. The chairman of the Chamber (Mr. W. G. Johnson) has pointed out that until the new shed is completed no appreciable improvement could be expected, but the Chamber would do what it could to have the clearing of fruit and vegetables expedited.

## Fijians Out of Malaya Early Next Year

**N**O further extension of the term of service for Fijian troops in Malaya will be made, and the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment will return to Fiji in the first of next year.

The call for Fijians to fight Communist terrorists in Malaya made in October, 1951, and more than 850 soldiers sailed from Suva on January 8, 1952. By the end of 1954 many of these men had been replaced by new recruits.

The original term was two years, but, presumably in view of the outstanding success of the Fijians, was extended to four years, and British Command in Malaya made no secret of the fact that it would like to employ as many Fijians as possible for as long a term as feasible.

In Fiji, however, and to some extent in Australia and New Zealand, there has been persistent criticism of the whole scheme from several responsible quarters (A PIM, p. 82).

## Further TEAL Modification —and Profits

**E**ARLY in May it was announced that all DC6 aircraft—TEAL and ANA are the only firms operating them in South Pacific area—are to undergo "reskinning" the centre-section bottom of outer plane joints, and strengthening spar caps. The work will be expensive.

This follows other TEAL trouble in the grounding of Mark Solents in February, and closing of Western Samoa airport due to radio equipment trouble in April.

TEAL's Coral Route will not be affected this time—the DC6's are the Tasman run, and the work will not be put in hand until mid-1955 when, presumably, the aircraft will have reached an age at which modifications are considered necessary by the makers.

Meanwhile TEAL has announced a profit of £60,000 on 1954-55 operations. There had been a loss of £168,250 in the previous year. The placement of the slow Solents, the DC6's has been responsible for this year's profit.

TEAL's Sydney Office said that, the best of its knowledge, the profit figure published was an over-figure, including the Coral Route operations. It is considered that the Coral Route alone would probably have shown a loss.



# A WAR TH MINISTER

## P-NG Wages Claims For Arbitration

THE morale of the Papua and New Guinea Public Service had been lower than at present, Mr. R. B. Brennan, in his presidential report to the annual meeting of the Public Service Association in Port Moresby on April

The Association lays most of the blame for this state of affairs at the door of Mr. Hasluck, Minister of Territories.

On April 20, Mr. Brennan flew to Sydney to consult a leading QC on the Association's case, which was expected to come before the Arbitration Court shortly.

Last year the Association accepted Mr. Hasluck's offer of conciliation in the PSA presented a log of claims for increased cost of living allowances, a five-days' week, etc. The PSA considers that the Minister rejected every important point during the Conciliation inquiry, thus treating both the Commissioner and P-NG public servants in contempt.

When Canberra decisions on the inquiry were made public early in January, the PSA's reaction was immediate; it announced that it would take its salaries case to the Arbitration Court.

In his annual report, Mr. Brennan said that the PSA's relations with the Government were now much worse than before Conciliation was accepted last year, when things were low indeed. It doubted if one year to-day would willingly accept conciliation while the Minister "held present authority."

The report also revealed that the Association had written to the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, asking him to intervene to see that an Arbitrator mutually acceptable to both Government and the Association was appointed to handle the Association's arbitration case, which, it said, would soon be launched through the court at Port Moresby. The letter to Mr. Menzies outlined the Association's problems and said bluntly that it was not satisfied that Mr. Hasluck would make an appointment of an arbitrator "who would meet the necessary requirements of impartiality."

It quoted to the Prime Minister the advice it had had, which stated that the Territory was in a different position so far as an arbitrator was concerned because those were appointed by the Government and might be tempted to make a decision favourable to the Government.

The general meeting passed a

motion supporting the PSA Council in its action over arbitration. It re-elected Mr. Brennan as president.

## Claim Before Court

The Papua-New Guinea PSA on May 3 submitted a claim before the Territory Arbitration Court in Port Moresby for increased salaries, the introduction of a quarterly cost of living adjustment and a five-days week.

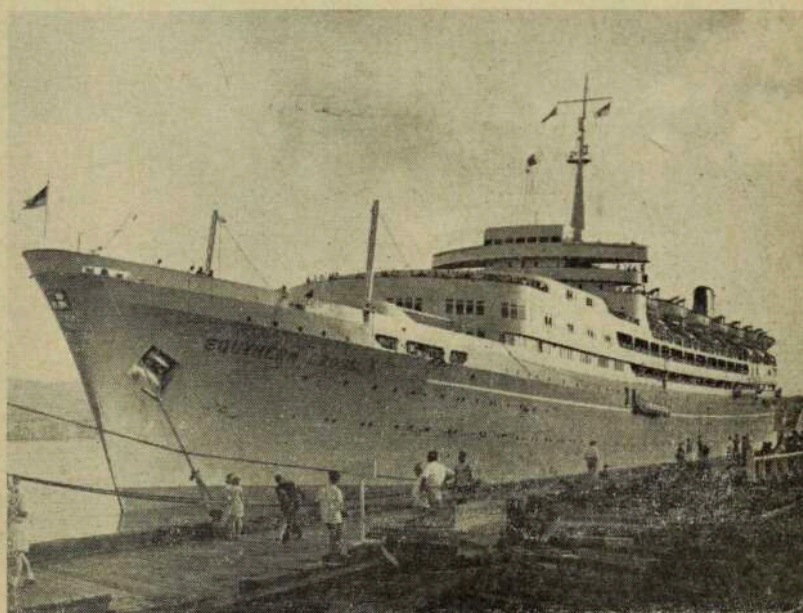
Since no Arbitration Court is permanently in the Territory, the claim was lodged with the Registrar of the Supreme Court, who later served copies on the Administrator, Brigadier Cleland, and the Public Service Commissioner, Mr. T. Huxley.

They have 28 days in which to reply, but it is likely that this period will be extended because of the absence of the Administrator on a tour of New Britain and Bougainville.

These are the main points of the PSA's claim:—

- Annual salary increase for adult males of £193; a 75 per cent. increase of this figure for adult females; a varied scale of increases for juniors; together with increases on living costs since last December (to be paid in addition on top of all salary increases).
- Cost of living adjustments to be made to salaries every three months.
- An increase in the education allowance to £200.
- A Territorial allowance, at the present figure.
- A five-days week in Port Moresby, Rabaul and Lae, providing that essential services can be maintained.
- All the salary increases are to be retrospective to December 2, 1954.

## New Pacific Service



The Shaw Savill liner "Southern Cross" docking at Suva on her maiden voyage to the South Pacific. Her thousand passengers enjoyed a day of brilliant sunshine at Fiji's capital city.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

## WPHC Appointment—

## Sir R. Stanley's Successor Announced

THE appointment of Mr. John Gutch, CMG, OBE, as High Commissioner, Western Pacific High Commission, in succession to Sir Robert Stanley, KBE, CMG, who will leave Honiara, BSIP, shortly on pre-retirement leave, has been announced.

Mr. Gutch was until recently Chief Secretary, British Guiana, and is at present carrying out a special assignment in that Territory.

He began his Colonial Service career as an Administrative Officer in the Gold Coast in 1928, and had served in Palestine and Cyrenaica before being appointed to British Guiana in 1950.

Sir Robert Stanley was the first High Commissioner to be appointed to the Western Pacific territories after they were severed from the jurisdiction of the Governor of Fiji. Formerly the Governor of Fiji was also HCWC.

Sir Robert took up his position in Honiara, BSIP, at the end of 1952. The High Commission territories include the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, and the British share in the New Hebrides Condominium, as well as BSIP.



City Interest In

## BP's New 1-for-3 Share Issue

**B**URNS Philp and Co. will raise its paid capital to £4,000,000 with a new proposed issue of 1,000,000 £1 shares at par, at the ratio of one-to-three held on July 29.

The announcement has caused some speculation in Sydney as to the big company's intentions.

The purpose of the issue was not disclosed when the announcement was made, and while some have accepted it as an indication of the company's intention to expand, others, more conservatively, believe that the extra capital is required to replace some of the company's existing shipping fleet.

It is pointed out that Burns Philp has had to meet tougher shipping problems than other Australian ship-owners as it has to compete on services where rival companies have the advantage of foreign registry as against BP's Australian registry and the conditions that that imposes. In addition, the company no longer receives the subsidy it received pre-war for services to the islands.

In his report to shareholders in 1954, Mr. James Burns said that it would cost about £A1,250,000 to replace the aged *Merkur* on the Singapore run and that he was "anything but happy about the prospect."

Shipping is still very much interwoven with BP business, in spite of the company's policy of investing in country retail businesses in Australia, and in the 1941 purchase of the big Imperial Arcade (including the Arcadia Hotel) property in Sydney. Little has been done with the latter property (it cost BPs £600,000), and there is speculation as whether it will be resold or whether a super-store will be erected there.

## WESTERN SAMOAN MLA'S TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND

**F**IVE members of the Western Samoan Legislative Assembly have been invited by the New Zealand Government to visit Wellington in September to watch the Dominion Parliament in session, reports an Apia correspondent.

The delegation will also inspect land development schemes.

It is hoped that in the future a Parliamentary delegation from Wellington will visit Western Samoa.

## C-Gull's Owner Comes to Anchor

**P**APUA'S would-be cray-fish fisher, Jack Evan Toyer, 56, who has been of occasional interest to residents of Papua since May, 1953, was sentenced to two years gaol on April 19, in Sydney.

Toyer, who faced seven charges of false pretences, had according to the police, obtained £37,000 from the public by false representations about his various enterprises.

Toyer first interested Papua in 1935 when, with a blast of newspaper publicity, he and several associates, with their wives and children, left Sydney in a boat called the *C-Gull* with the purpose of founding a colony somewhere in the Gulf of Papua and engaging in the lucrative business of catching crayfish and exporting their tails to the United States.

This expedition never got further than North Queensland, where it bogged down and where the members of the party dispersed. Nothing more was heard of Toyer for some time, then on an even greater blast of newspaper publicity and with a ship named *Cygnets*, the enterprise was on again. Sydney *Truth* and *Mirror* then became interested in Mr. Toyer, and what they had to say about his proposed activities was not flattering.

In passing sentence on Toyer, the Judge said that he had baited his hooks cunningly and had appealed to people's sense of adventure by advertising luxury fishing cruises along the Barrier Reef, lobster fishing off Northern Australia, and

cattle raising in New Guinea. He was a bankrupt but had put everything into his wife's name. As a result of his cunning, people sold their businesses or gathered together their life's savings to invest in his enterprises.

Toyer was a former member of the NSW police force, but resigned in 1932.

## Sir G. Taylor Prepare For First Air Cruise

**E**ARLY in May, Captain Gordon Taylor's *Frigate Bird III* Bermuda flying-boat was receiving its final grooming preparatory to departure on the first free-lancing air cruise to the Pacific Islands. (For details see April PIM.) Captain Taylor reported that a satisfactory pay-load was booked for take-off on May 11.

*Frigate Bird III* is very comfortably fitted out and contains surprisingly roomy lounge-bar. A crew of six will be carried on its Pacific wanderings.

Captain Taylor said that the second cruise would include Papua and possibly a call at the Tuamotus. Negotiations were proceeding with the French authorities. The full itinerary would be announced in good time. Many other hard-to-reach and interesting points of call were planned in later cruises.

No doubt tourists with limited time, a liking for comfort, and interest in off-the-track as well as on-the-track places, will show considerable interest in *Frigate Bird III* as her operations become better known. Personally conducted tours by famous pilots are a rare item in tourist fare.

## INCOME TAX PLAN DEBATED IN WESTERN SAMOA'S ASSEMBLY

(From Our Own Correspondent)

**W**ESTERN SAMOA'S Income Tax Bill, introduced in the Legislative Assembly in April, is similar to the New Zealand income tax legislation.

It was proposed (if the bill is passed) to establish a separate Inland Revenue Department under a Commissioner with wide discretionary powers.

Under the proposals income tax for married men starts at an income level of £500, on which the tax would be £5/8/- (but only £1/5/- for a married man with one child).

A married man without children and an income of £2,000 would pay £186/13/-. With one child, the tax would be £173/3/-. and with two children (income £600 to £2,000) it would range from £2/12/- to £160/2/-. There would be corre-

sponding reductions for additional children.

The income figures quoted are taken after deductions for, say, life insurance and superannuation payments have been made.

Individual income tax rates are computed at 1/- for every £ of taxable income, increased by 0.01d for every £ of taxable income, with a maximum of 8/- in the £.

Exemptions allowed are: Person £200; wife, additional £200; additional £75 for each child to a maximum of six.

Taxation on companies' net profits provides for rates on the same basis as for individual taxpayers.

Thus on net profit of £500 the tax will be £35/8/4; on £1,000, £91/13/4; £2,000, £266/13/4, and so on to £80,000, on which the tax would be £32,000.



was announced in mid-April by Australasian Petroleum Co. Pty. Ltd., that Omati No. 1 had been abandoned. This is the hole that two years ago sent Oil Search shares soaring when a drill became stuck at 13,743 feet after there had been signs of intense gas pressure. It took well over a year to free the drill and since then the hole has been deepened to 14,352, deeper than which the company says it is practically impossible to go. Although hopes were entertained—particularly by oil shares speculators—that the gas pressure at Omati No. 1 meant something, Oil Search shares (Oil Search has a minority interest in APC) rose to 32/- in 1954, when their nominal value was 10/-, and the share price for years had been around 10/- or three shillings. Their present value is around 8/-.

Work is proceeding on deepening Omati No. 2, which had reached a depth of 9,731 feet in mid-May. In mid-April a new hole was commenced at Aramia, about 100 miles west of Omati.

# BSI Govt.'s Practical Steps to Encourage New Mining Enterprise

Since the British Solomon Island Protectorate Government's cautious April 2 statement on gold discoveries at Gold Ridge, Guadalcanal, there have been further important and encouraging developments.

**P**ERHAPS the most encouraging of these was an announcement on April 28, dealing with far-reaching changes to the Protectorate Mining Laws. If important gold lodes have been discovered at Gold Ridge, Guadalcanal, and there is increasing evidence that this is the case, considerable overseas finance will be required to exploit the field. That finance would almost certainly not have been readily forthcoming as the Mining laws stood on April 2. Big Business has not forgotten the Theodore experiences of immediate post-war years. The Government, on the basis of its April 28 announcement, seems to be demon-

strating in a practical way—the only way that counts—that it does not intend to perpetuate the errors of the past. The statement reads as follows:

In order to encourage prospecting and mining in the Protectorate the Secretary of State for the Colonies has agreed to various amendments to the Mining Regulation. The changes which have been agreed on are as follows:

(i) The two sections of the Regulation, which at present empower the Mining Board to require applicants for prospecting licenses and mining leases to show proof that they have sufficient financial resources at their disposal to carry out their proposed operations, are to be repealed.

(ii) The Regulation is to be amended so as to ensure that a prospector who discovers minerals will have a secure title to his discovery, provided that clearly specified working conditions are fulfilled.

(iii) The Mining (Radio Active Minerals) Rules, 1948, are to be repealed and replaced by a provision requiring only that discoveries of radio-active substances be reported to the Government and an export license obtained.

In addition to these amendments immediate consideration is to be given to the abolition of the present royalty scales and their replacement by lower scales.

Legislation to give effect to these various amendments is to be enacted in the immediate future.

The part of it that will interest mining companies considering investment in the area is the announcement that the existing high royalty rates will be reduced. It remains to be seen by how much, but it is considered probable that they will be on a sliding scale similar to that which has been found acceptable to mining companies in the African Colonies. But there is still the question of taxation of profits, the non-existence of which makes mining in New Guinea attractive.

The other changes embodied in the announcement are of great interest to prospectors and should have the effect of creating an interest which has been lacking in the Solomons for years past. Under the 1940 Mining Regulation a prospector, usually a man with more hope than funds, was liable to lose his claim, if he could not show the Mining Board that he had the funds to work it. That provision is abolished.

Mr. J. C. Grover, Senior Geologist and head of the BSIP Geological

### Suva Junior Boxer's Trophy



Judged the most scientific junior boxer at a Suva tournament, Rob Wright, Jnr., the Charman Trophy, cup and medal. The award was presented by the Acting J.C. of Fiji, Mr. A. F. Stoddart (left). Also in the central group are the members of the Fiji Amateur Boxing Association (Mr. H. M. Scott) and Corporal H. A. Physical Training Instructor at the RNZAF station at Laucala Bay, organiser of the tournament, Corporal Charman conducts boxing classes for European, Indian and Chinese boys at Suva—a development which was the subject of a recent letter of commendation from the Duke of Edinburgh.

Photo: Public Relations Office, Suva.

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## THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

### Te Hongi: Maoris Do Not Rub Noses

There is a common belief among Europeans that the traditional NZ Maori form of greeting (Te Hongi) includes the rubbing of noses. The familiar error occurred in a PIM reference not long ago, and Mr. Edwin Gold, a Cook Islands correspondent, thoughtfully comments: "May Heaven forgive all of you!"

Maoris have never "rubbed noses," he writes. The traditional NZ—as distinct from Cook Islands—hongi consists of placing the forehead against the forehead of the person greeted and closing the eyes while a traditional phrase is spoken. At the same time hands may be clasped, though this is sometimes omitted. There is absolutely no rubbing of noses.

Europeans held in Maori regard are eligible for the salute.

Curiously enough, the Cook Islanders, who are of the present stock of Maoridom, have no such custom. They employ the "English kiss," but the name they give it is simply "hongi" without the "h."

"It is the brow that counts in the NZ Maori greeting and the nose has only a walking-on part," says Mr. Gold. "The noses touch, of course, but if the observers quoted had been really observant, Guide Rangi would not have been accused of 'rubbing noses' with a Samoan."

### When RLS Was In Samoa, 70 Years Ago

The title to the land in which rests the tomb of Robert Louis Stevenson on Mount Vaea, outside Apia, Western Samoa, apparently belonged to Mrs. Isobel Field, stepdaughter of RLS.

Mrs. Field died a short while ago, in California, in her nineties. Settlement of her estate was delayed because her will was contested by her two sons, Lou and Allan, who insisted that she had been unduly influenced against them by her nurse.

Mrs. Else Noble Caldwell, in a note from Los Angeles, says the action has been discontinued, and adds: "It will be six months before the will can be probated, and I hope then the title to the Mount Vaea tomb site will be given to the Samoan Government. This rests with the widow of Austin Strong."

Newspapers lately have published piquant bits and pieces of RLS Samoan history. Scientists have been able to read the erased words of the private diary of Mrs. RLS (formerly Mrs. Osbourne, and a

good deal older than RLS). Diary reveals nothing scandalous; but it is clear that the family at Vailima fought nastily over petty things—just like any other family.

An American screen-writer, preparing "Long John Silver" (an RLS character) for production, asked a very old Sydney tailoring firm for certain costumes. The firm said sniffily that it would not deal with the order "until Mr. Stevenson's bill with us is settled". The film Company paid the 75-years-old debt immediately. (The ghost of RLS may be comforted by the fact that the Sydney firm now will have to pay heavy income tax upon it).

### The Chinese and the South Pacific

Some rather startling things were said at a private meeting of the Royal Empire Society, in London, addressed by Mr. Clement Attlee after the British Socialist leader had visited China and Australia.

The press was not present. Our information comes from an old friend who was there, and who gives us a summary of proceedings. Whatever Mr. Attlee thinks of "Keeping it off the record", South Pacific people are entitled to know these things.

Asked whether the Chinese and Japanese people had expansionist aims directed southwards, Mr. Attlee said he was afraid they had—and he thought the apprehension

felt in Australia and NZ on score was justified.

Mr. Attlee also said that present Chinese Government very strong in its insistence the 12,000,000 Chinese who live around the Pacific are Chinese nationals first, and citizens of other countries afterwards.

### These Pen-Friend Seeker

We get a little weary of them but here is another one. M Udit Salhanti, who gives address as C/o Morris Hedges Ltd., Suva, Fiji, says he is "lonesome"; is 25; has dark hair and a fair complexion "interested in everything", incl. Islands stamps; and seeks pen of his own age in any country, rashly promises to personally answer any letter received.

### This Demand for NG Plywoods

A former ANGAU Jap-hu now engaged in building joinery in Auckland, has been trying to arrange shipments, from Lae to Auckland, of the Commonwealth-New Guinea Plywoods Ltd (Bulolo) plywood. He writes bitterly because, although claims to have opened up a channel of trade, he finally informed officially that some else had been given the sole agency in NZ for Bulolo plywood, and could order through that firm. He has returned to his original source for plywood.

Understandable. Also understandable that the Bulolo concern supplying a world market, wants

### Port Moresby Residents at Dawn Service



A photograph taken at dawn on the morning of April 25 (Anzac Day) during service at Bomana War Cemetery, near Port Moresby, Papua.

—Photo by D. H.



ent in each country, and not a of individual accounts.

## BBC Rebroadcasts in Samoa

The Director of Broadcasting in Western Samoa, Mr. S. D. M. Smith, made a spirited reply to the correspondent in these columns who asked, in February, why there had been no re-broadcast of the Queen's Xmas message.

Mr. Smith says:

I should like to point out that the statements quoted by your correspondent, from what is claimed to be an official source, are highly misleading. They were not made to me nor so far as I can ascertain, by any other Government official, in regard to broadcasting.

Had your correspondent approached the Broadcasting Department he would have found that it is often quite impossible for the local broadcasting service to pick up with clarity overseas broadcasts emanating from the BBC, either directly or indirectly, and that there would be little point in rebroadcasting an indifferently received message from Her Majesty to our Samoan listeners.

I should like to add that very extensive news broadcasts in the Samoan language have been made in recent months concerning the activities of the Royal Family. Regularly, with favourable reception conditions, numerous rebroadcasts have been made, as was the case with the Coronation and the Royal Tour."

In other words, Mr. Smith says there was too much radio interference at Christmas for the Queen's broadcast to be picked up.

## Bank Interest in Suva Hotel Site?

MOURS have been current in Suva, Fiji, that the Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd. is interested in acquiring the site of Donald's Hotel, in Victoria Parade. The old Hotel (it was finally brought across to Suva from Levuka in the 80's) was damaged in the Suva hurricane of 1952, and was subsequently demolished. Since then, this ugly building in Victoria Parade has remained a question mark in Fiji business circles. The property was acquired by Burns Philp and Co. in the 1930's. It is a very desirable site, in the heart of Suva business activity.

If the ANZ Bank does acquire it, it probably will mean further modification of Victoria Parade, which has undergone a face-lift in the last few years.

# Fiji is Losing Fight Against *Oryctes Rhinoceros*

Although eradication measures were introduced as soon as the Rhinoceros beetle pest was discovered in Fiji early in 1953, the Board set up to deal with its control now says that it appears to be fighting a losing battle.

IN a report recently issued in Suva, by the Coconut Pests and Diseases Board, it is stated that more grubs and beetles are now being found in Viti Levu than at the start of the campaign. Nor has the beetle been contained within the Suva area where it was originally discovered but has spread westwards to Serua and north from Rewa along the Tailevu coast. Recently it has been discovered in the Ra district.

Should the infected area spread much further, the Board doubts whether it will have the resources to carry on work at present intensity.

Private opinion expressed in knowledgeable circles in Fiji is that it is almost inevitable that, sooner or later, the pest will find its way to some of the other copra-growing areas of Fiji—and this is where the tragedy will really start.

Viti Levu, where as far as is known the beetle is confined at present, produces virtually no copra. There is a "beetle check" on inter-island shipping, but it is by no means so thorough that the pest could not slip through. In order to be 100 per cent effective, the search would have to be 100 per cent thorough, plus possibly, fumigating each time a ship left Viti Levu for one of the outer islands.

The requirement that ships from beetle-infested countries should stand off in the stream at Suva between sunset and sunrise is also regarded, unofficially, as equivalent to shutting the stable after the horse has escaped. What matter if an odd beetle lands at Suva now, it is asked. The pest is already established.

Biological control of a type not yet discovered is the best hope for eradication of the beetle. Zanzibar wasps, introduced into Western Samoa and New Guinea, have been of negligible assistance.

In the meantime, the Board in Fiji is unanimous that the present campaign in Viti Levu should be continued. The Board has 200 field workers on its pay-roll, who are paid from a tax levied on copra-producers.

Experts are of the opinion that there is some natural check to the pest in its Asian homeland, and that for this reason the large "continental" islands such as New Britain where it has been estab-

lished since the war, in some way do not suffer the actual damage from the beetle that has been suffered in some of the oceanic type islands in Micronesia where devastation has at times been almost complete.

This obviously is the great risk in Fiji. The Board has reported that where the beetle is already established in Viti Levu the damage has been small; but it may be a far different story if it were introduced to some of the Lau islands which have a vastly different climate and geological make-up.

From the moment the beetle was discovered in Fiji, neither effort nor money has been spared in the fight against it. In New Britain and New Ireland, neither planters nor the Administration have done anything more than introduce a hundred or so African wasps—whose efficacy was discredited years ago in Western Samoa. Yet there appears to have been no falling off of copra production in New Britain—the heart of the copra producing area of the P-NG Territory. In spite of its efforts Fiji appears to have done no better than New Guinea, which has done nothing.

The unknown factor is, of course, what beetle infection of Fiji's outer islands might mean. And while it can be contained in Viti Levu, where it can do little economic damage, all efforts to keep Rhinoceros beetles from the rest of Fiji are worthwhile.

## FOUR SKYMASTERS ON P-NG SERVICE

QANTAS announced in Port Moresby on April 27 that New Guinea would have four Skymasters a week operating from Australia in May.

An extra Skymaster will arrive from Sydney every Tuesday from May 10, thus giving a Skymaster service to the Territory on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Miss Susana Thompson, an attractive part-Samoan graduate nurse, travelled to Suva in April to commence a two-year pharmacy course at the Central Medical School. She is the first Eastern Samoan girl—or Western Samoa girl—to take this course.



## PRODUCTION MUST KEEP PACE

### Extraordinary Population Growth in W. Samoa

WESTERN Samoa's population is increasing at a faster rate than the population of any other country in the Pacific. Its rate of increase is higher than that of Japan, or India.

These facts and an urgent warning that Western Samoa's production must keep pace with its rapidly increasing population were stressed in the High Commissioner's address at the opening of the Budget Session of the Legislative Assembly recently.

Mr. Powles said that Western Samoa's population is increasing at present at the rate of 3.3 per cent per annum, as compared with Fiji's 2.6 per cent, New Zealand's 1.9 per cent, Japan's 1.7 per cent, or India's 1.26 per cent.

He said that Mr. V. D. Stace, in his recent economic survey of Western Samoa for the South Pacific Commission, had found that the territory was sufficiently rich in natural resources to support a substantially greater population than at present. But Mr. Stace had also found that these natural resources were not at present being adequately developed, but that it was well within the capacity of the Samoan people to improve this situation.

Mr. Powles noted that an officer of the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, after a recent inspection of Samoan cocoa plantations in Savaii, had reported that with even elementary attention being given to proper weeding, pruning, and care of trees, production from the existing trees could easily be doubled within one or two years. An extensive programme of agricultural education and inspection was necessary. The people are willing and anxious to learn.

Mr. Powles said there was unmistakable and challenging evidence that the quality of Western Samoa copra and cocoa had deteriorated markedly in recent years. Guaranteed prices or high prices had had this effect. Action has already been taken by the Copra Board to see that this situation is rectified. Action will also be necessary to restore the good name formerly held by Samoan cocoa on the world market.

Only by increasing export production, Mr. Powles said, is it possible to maintain or improve living standards in the Territory. The introduction of compulsory education and expansion of health

services will depend on export expansion.

Funds sought by the various Government Departments for the current year had been substantially pruned, and a large sum would be withdrawn from the General Reserve for capital expenditure in the Territory. This had not been necessary last year. It is proposed to invest the General Reserve account each year in future in capital development locally.

Two important Bills dealing respectively with Taxation and Customs Tariffs, embodying the results of very close expert study, were to be submitted to the Assembly. Their passage would place Government revenue on a sounder basis and would be more equitable to both producer and taxpayer.

The resolutions of the recent

Constitutional Convention are being considered by the Zealand Government, Mr. P. said, and a reply will be submitted in due course. In spite of certain disagreements, the political situation following the convention has been calm, confident, and relaxed.

D. West became the first Golf Club member to hole-in-one the Lae course when, in a game on April 3, he sank his 11th wood shot on the 211 yards green. The first hole-in-one at Lae was recorded by Associate golfer Mrs. Richard Moore (formerly Scott), who holed out on the same green about 18 months ago. 8th is not the shortest hole on the course, the 2nd being only 130 yds. The Lae course is being extended and a new clubhouse built.

## Do You Remember ?

From PIM of  
20 Years ago.

IN May, 1955, the South Pacific world was getting ready to welcome a lot of rich uncles from Fiji—in other words, Fiji gold mining was booming and the troubles of the Pacific copra planter—slightly easier, but only slightly, after the years of Depression—were temporarily out of the lime-light. Here are some other extracts from that issue of 20 years ago:

PIM editorial, for that month stated (in part): "The Germans are the masters of propaganda. Germany is seeking to convert British opinion to the idea of returning to Germany the Colonies which Germany lost in 1914. Germany wants New Guinea because of the rich goldfields there."

"The new goldfields road from Wau (NG) to Edie Creek is open. The first motor traffic used it on Anzac Day. New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., now has its headquarters at Edie Creek and it is rapidly becoming an important centre."

"Equipment to establish a broadcasting station at Port Moresby—the first in the South Pacific Islands—was despatched to Papua by Amalgamated Wireless, Ltd., recently. The new station, to be known as 4PM, will be operated by AWA. It was announced also, but not confirmed officially that plans are afoot by the same enterprising company to establish a broadcasting station at Suva, Fiji."

We reported a boom in Fiji gold mining shares—or in PIM's own words, "Australian stock exchange speculators are still going crazy over Fiji gold shares." Loloma shares paid up to only 3/- were being sought at 45/-.

The Privy Council of the UK dismissed the appeal of Mr. O. F. Nelson, against the verdict given in New Zealand in June, 1934, upholding his sentence of 10 years banishment from Western Samoa.

The old BP steamer Mataram—on which most residents of the SW Pacific had

suffered at one time or other (and joyed themselves equally at others)—parted from Newcastle, NSW, on her voyage to the shipbreakers in Japan. She had been built in 1909 and we described her as "once the pride of the BP fleet."

Hordern Brothers of Sydney advertised checked gingham at 11½d per yd, "printed chiffon voile" at 1/11½, and printed haircord for 11½d.

On the other hand, the price of copra had risen by about 15/- in the previous month, to £12 Stg., although its future was still regarded as "uncertain". A year which PIM printed showing total copra production, proved that production had doubled since 1914. However, we stated that copra was not greatly over-produced, and that with a little organisation planters could be put in a better position than they were.

The death sentence was passed on a former New Guinea police-boy, Sipei, for the murder of ADO Edward McDonald at Ambunti, Senik River, Sepel, in evidence, admitted that he planned McDonald's murder and his suicide and claimed that he had made to suffer a series of indignities McDonald.

We reported that "clashing currents" in the New Hebrides were having some odd effects and quoted steamship fares as one instance. The fare on a D.M. steamer which called at Port Moresby, Rabaul, New Hebrides and New Caledonia ports (in that order) before reaching Sydney, was £7 more from Vila to Sydney than from Rabaul to Sydney, although the passenger from Rabaul was on ship for six days longer than the passenger from Vila.

"Suva, the busy capital of Fiji, is losing the right to be called a city." Although residents have protested, the Government proposes to abolish the Municipal Council and Suva is to be officially described as a "township". (Our report was taken from something which appeared in the "Sydney Morning Herald", although the facts may have been correct there was more in the Government's proposal than upholding the civic dignity of Suva.)



Government and the Rice Millers—

## NG Consumers Will Benefit As Australia "Comes Into Line"

Although the Papua-New Guinea Administration announced mid-April that it would remove the embargo on rice importation from countries other than Australia, the spokesman for the Australian Rice Mill Owners' Association, told PIM on May 5, that the embargo is to be imposed again shortly.

GVERNOR SUEDE

## Chased Out of Pago Pago, Couple Allege

ALLEGING that they and their family had been chased out of Pago Pago, Robert L. Ketner and wife, Arlene, claimed 100,000 dollars in damages from the Governor of Eastern Samoa (Mr. Richard B. Ene) in a suit filed at Honolulu on March 12.

The suit alleged that the Ketners had been living peaceably in Eastern Samoa for seven months, ending in October, 1953, but that the Governor had "commenced a course of conduct calculated to harass them and to interfere with their civil rights".

It was alleged that the Governor referred to them "in terms of contempt and ridicule", such as "South Sea drifters" and "a person whose presence is no longer desired in this Territory (meaning American Samoa)".

The suit further alleged that Mr. Ketner had left "under threat of deportation, under escort of an armed guard and against his constitutional rights". His wife and child remained, as Mrs. Ketner was seriously ill from the treatment she received, the complaint stated. She later joined her husband.

The Ketners claimed that the Governor had prevented their return and alleged that his actions "were without lawful justification and oppressive".

Mr. Ketner, a former school teacher at Denver, Colorado, went to Washington last year to protest against his removal, but the US Interior Dept. supported the Governor, who was reported to have ordered Ketner to leave American Samoa on the grounds that he was going to take business away from Samoans. Mr. Ketner said, however, that he was trying to help Samoans earn a better living by teaching them handicrafts.

IN their announcement on April 15, the P-NG Administration left itself a loop-hole of escape—the embargo was not to be lifted until June 1.

In the meantime, mill-owners had met representatives of the Department of Territories in Canberra, and offered to export rice from Australia for an f.o.b. Sydney price of £65 per ton—£18 less than the price charged before the P-NG Administration (through the Director of Health, Dr. Gunther) made it plain that "the P-NG consumer cannot be expected to subsidise the Australian rice industry any longer."

In consideration of the drop of £18 in the Australian f.o.b. price, the embargo on foreign rice is to be imposed again. That, at least, is what the Rice Millers' representative has intimated to PIM.

Eastern rice is still about £7 under the Australian price—but no doubt most people will be happy to accept the Australian compromise. Rice to certain specifications is required under the P-NG Native Labour Regulations and this could be a complicating factor in importing from Eastern countries.

Government methods have succeeded this time in getting the price of rice down to reasonable limits—and doubtless consumers will rejoice. Nonetheless, these embargoes that can be put on, taken off, and reimposed, reflect oddly on Canberra dictatorship, and we are reminded of an incident that occurred in Port Moresby during the sitting there last year of the Tariff Board Inquiry into rubber.

Mr. E. V. Crisp, in giving evidence at that time, remarked that he was prohibited from buying rice from anywhere but Australia although he could obtain it for £24 per ton less from the East.

The Chairman of the inquiry was hard to convince that this was a matter of Australian Government decree—that to use his own words, "the Commonwealth Government could come into this Territory and say, 'You have to pass an ordinance about so-and-so.'"

Mr. Crisp had to assure him that to the best of his belief that that was so.

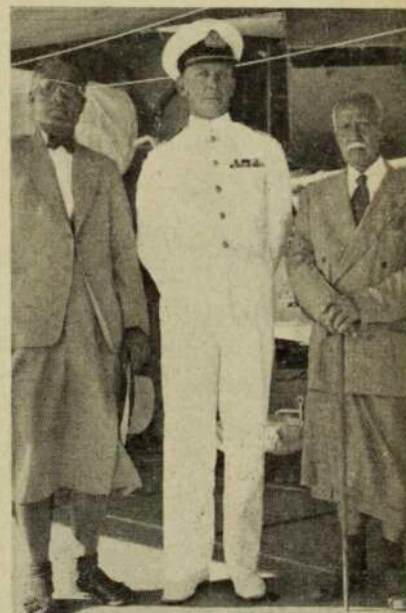
## Bastille (2 weeks) Day As Usual in Papeete

FOLLOWING a meeting of Government and municipal officials in Papeete in May, it was announced that the July 14 Bastille Day celebration will be held as usual this year.

Earlier, the Government had considered limiting the duration of the festivities, which normally run to ten days or a fortnight, on the grounds that it was too time-consuming and financially debilitating to the community.

The Mayor and business interests however were in favour of the full programme of songs, dances, competitions, etc., as many overseas visitors already booked into Papeete by sea and air would be cheated by alterations at that stage.

## Samoan Church Delegates



Two pastors of the Samoan Church (London Missionary Society) left Noumea by plane on April 28 with New Caledonia's delegation to attend celebrations commemorating the 110th anniversary of the arrival of the first Christian missionaries (four Samoans) in the New Hebrides. During their five days' stay at Noumea, the Samoan visitors were welcomed by New Caledonia's Protestants. (The Samoan Church is the mother-church of the native Protestants, who are particularly strong in the Loyalty Islands). The two pastors were received by leading authorities at Noumea, including the Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission (Dr. Ralph Bedell). In the picture they are seen with Captain Crabbe aboard the destroyer HMAS Anzac, which was at Noumea from April 24 to May 1. On the left is Hon. Gatelei Peseta Sie, MLC, and Pastor Tupe.



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## LAND APPLICATIONS

# No Priority For Chinese

AND in Papua-New Guinea was being made available progressively throughout the Territory. No land would be allocated on the basis of limiting applicants to individuals of certain racial groups.

This statement was made by the Director of Lands, Surveys and Mines (Mr. D. E. Macinnes) as a reply to "questions raised in certain Advisory Councils, particularly in Rabaul, as to land for Chinese."

The New Britain Advisory Council, at a meeting on January 20, discussed the question.

Two years earlier, leaders of the Chinese community, at a Rabaul meeting convened by the then District Commissioner (Mr. J. K. Parthey), had agreed that provision must be made for the growing Chinese population to expand on the land, and it was mentioned at that time that the Warangoi area was "No. 1 on the priority list for the Chinese."

At the meeting on January 20, however, the present New Britain District Commissioner (Mr. J. R. Dill) said that he knew of no reason why land should be set aside for the Chinese.

He added: "The land, when available, will be thrown open for application, not for tender. The Chinese can apply for it the same as anybody else."

In February, PIM commented that there was no reason why the Chinese should be singled out to receive a land-settlement scheme of their own, adding: "There is certainly no reason why the rich Warangoi area should be 'on the priority list for the Chinese.'"

It was pointed out that the Warangoi was merely a place-name to every Tolai native until the few years, and "wild horses did not have dragged these people to it." No one cared much about Warangoi until a Rabaul timber merchant built a road into it about 1950, then applied to grow cocoa where timber had been felled. Soon afterwards, the local branch of the Government asked for some of the land for soldier-settlement.

Some of this land is probably necessary for the resettlement of "increasing Tolais," said a PIM editorial note, "and most thinking people will concede this without indulging in nonsensical business of 'claims' pushed down their throats. But there should also be provision for other settlement—and if there is any priority for the latter, it should surely go to the two instances which have been plugging

away at the Warangoi land question for the last four years, namely, the people who roamed it and opened it, and the RSL. Certainly not the Chinese, who, as far as we know, have no particular claim to this rich area, and who should therefore take their chance with other latecomers."

MR. MACINNES'S statement is as follows:

"Land is being made available progressively throughout the Territory, and with certain limited restrictions, applications are open to consideration of race or blood."

"The limited restrictions are all members of the public without mainly those applying to missions and persons already holding fully improved plantations who wish to extend their holdings by acquiring adjoining areas."

"Full details of land being made available to the public are published from time to time in the Government Gazette, and, as stated, applications are open to the general public."

"No land will be allocated on the basis of limiting applicants to individuals of certain racial groups."

Latest PIM advice from Rabaul is to the effect that the Administration has discovered that 26 natives have a "claim" to Warangoi land. They live in a village a considerable distance from where the present road enters the valley.

## Whites Travel Service Opens New Offices

WHITES Travel Service, energetic and fast-growing off-shoot of Whites Aviation (well-known aerial photographers and publishers in New Zealand), recently opened new offices in Fiji and Australia to complete a chain of sales and service branches in the South Pacific.

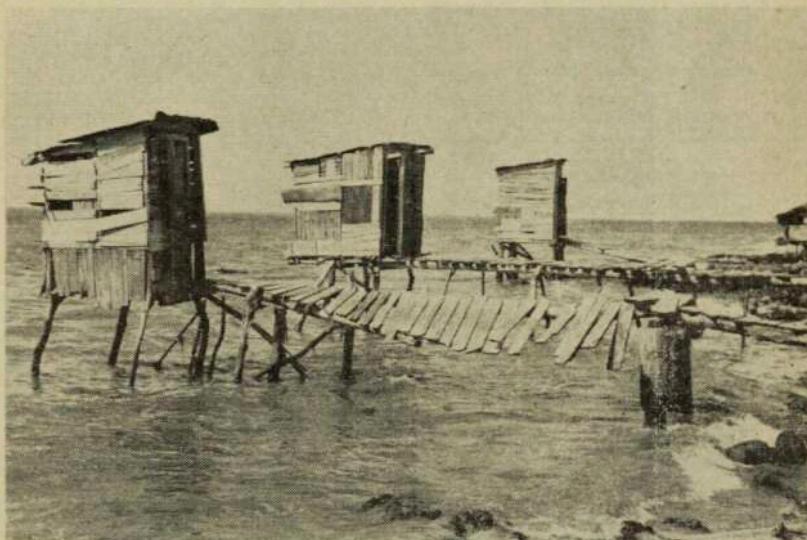
Whites Travel commenced in Auckland in 1945 and later expanded to Christchurch and Wellington. This further expansion allows the organisation to provide all forms of travel service for the South Pacific and the world.

Sydney manager of White's offices, in the new Weaver Building, 149 Bayswater Road, is Douglas J. Ramsay.

The Lautoka (Fiji) office is situated in the new A & NZ Bank Building, and is managed by Betty Harvey, well known in Fiji (where she has been running Fiji Airways office in Labasa for the past year or so).

Actively associated with Mr. E. A. Robinson (managing director of Whites) is Mr. David P. Ragg, lately retired general manager of Northern Hotels Limited, Fiji, and now permanently resident in Sydney as an Australian director of Whites Travel Service.

## Calling Dr. Lambert...



Photographer R. F. Rankin of Apia, Western Samoa, who sent us this photo was scathing in the caption he sent with it. "Scenic abomination" he called this view of a Western Samoan sea-shore, and went on to say, "Samoa seaside toilets are a blot on the world's most beautiful scenery. They foul the waters of every good beach in the Territory, and it is high time something less 'picturesque' was devised."

This type of latrine was devised by the American doctor, S. M. Lambert, who undertook an anti-hookworm campaign in the Pacific in the 20's. This sort of thing is by no means confined to Samoa—Fiji, Papua, New Guinea and other islands have the same type of Lambert "convenience". However, in Samoa they seem to be more prevalent, the Samoans seem to have a talent for putting them in the most conspicuous places, and they certainly are in a greater state of disrepair there than anywhere else.



## LEAVE GRANTS FOR FIJI'S CIVIL SERVANTS DEBATED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

**CIVIL** servants' overseas leave—for many years a sore point with non-civil-service taxpayers in Fiji—should be brought into line with general commercial practice in the Colony, suggests a sub-committee of the Suva Chamber of Commerce.

The sub-committee's report takes the form of a letter addressed to the Government committee appointed to deal with the contentious question. It has not yet been released in full by the Chamber of Commerce because the Government committee is still discussing the matter.

At the April meeting of the Chamber the need for greater continuity of service and more economical leave conditions was stressed.

"When asking for the 1954 leave figures, the sub-committee had 'got a bad year,'" said Mr. S. Tetzner.

Of 714 officers eligible for overseas leave, only 150 had taken it. At a cost of £732 each, 40 went to Britain; 27 to Australia (£202 each); 78 to New Zealand (£582 each); and five to other places (£582 each).

Included in the NZ group were eight officers restricted to a £25 grant.

**T**HE president (Mr. W. G. Johnson) referred to civil servants' privileges, such as pension

rights free of taxation on the money saved for the pensioners, passage grants and houses at cheap rentals. It would not be any hardship for civil servants to take overseas leave every four years, he said.

Mr. E. J. Gough said that the three-year term was part of the suggested plan to bring civil service conditions more into line with commercial practice.

"But commercial men have to

live longer," replied Mr. Johnson. "Civil servants can retire on pension at 50 and take another job. They should survive to be 100!"

Competition with other colonies for qualified men was an argument always put up when increased salaries or better conditions for civil service were asked for, Johnson continued, adding that they should look more to New Zealand and Australia for recruits.

## False Phone Call To PIM Editor Incorrect Statement About A Trading Company

**O**N May 2, we received a letter from a firm of solicitors, with a request that we publish the following in the Pacific Islands Monthly. It now is published accordingly:

### MACKAY PACIFIC TRADING CO.

In our issue of April, 1955, appeared the following statement:

"It was stated in March PIM that Mackay Pacific Trading Company had been reorganised without the inclusion of Mr. C. W. Mansell, and would carry on. However, subsequently some difficulties developed, and Mackay Pacific Trading Co. was, later in March, put into liquidation. Another company planned to engage in trading in the Pacific Islands is in process of formation and registration."

This statement was based on wrong information, and it was quite incorrect to state that some difficulties developed, and Mackay Pacific Trading Co. was late in

March put into liquidation, and another company planned to engage in the Pacific Islands is in process of formation and registration. Mackay Pacific Limited is and has been in active business, and action whatever has been taken towards its liquidation or its replacement nor is the company in difficulties.

We sincerely regret the error and any inconvenience or embarrassment it has caused to Mackay Pacific Limited.

### Editorial Footnote

**T**HE April paragraph was written by the editor of the PIM under the following circumstances:

About the end of March, or early April, someone telephoned the editor, and said he was Mr. Knight (Chairman of Directors of Mackay Pacific Ltd.—usually called Mackay Pacific Trading Company).

The Editor had already discussed this Company's affairs with Mr. Knight on two occasions, and knew that some reorganisation was going on. He had no reason to doubt that the person who addressed him was Mr. Knight.

The person gave the editor various details about what he called the pending reorganisation of the Company, and asked that they be published. The editor made a note of the conversation.

Later, on looking over the material he decided that the publication of most of the details could be embarrassing to the persons concerned so he decided to publish only the item that appeared to concern the public—namely, that the Company was being put into liquidation in view of reconstruction.

The solicitors' communication was received with amazement—which increased when we were later informed by Mr. Knight himself that he had not telephoned the PIM editor in late March, or given him any information at all.

We cannot imagine why we were supplied with this entirely false statement—we now know that Mackay Pacific Limited are functioning normally under a Board of Directors of which Mr. Knight is chairman—and we consequently have made arrangements, not only to publish this in the May issue of PIM, but also to print this as a circular in advance, for widest possible distribution before the May issue of PIM is printed.

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# NOUVEA SURPRISE

## Nickel Workers On Strike

From Our Own Correspondent

PROVIDING startling news for those who believed that an organised strike in New Caledonia was impossible, 1,000 nickel-smelter workers at Noumea and 400 mining workers at Thio laid down tools on April 16.

Europeans, Islanders, Indonesians and Javanese were all represented among the strikers, who alleged that the employing company had persistently shelved consideration of claims for wage increases.

The union leaders, according to Noumea reports, had been advised by the men to maintain a strike if necessary, but the strike ended on the day it started, and negotiations for a new working contract will begin in May.

Prominent members of the powerful Nickel Company directorate will fly to Noumea from Paris for the negotiations. The workers agreed to this delay, but declared their intention of holding firmly to their demands.

There is a general belief that the strike must have had repercussions in Paris. It has long been alleged that the company took advantage of the former lack of unity and disorganisation among the workers, and few people thought that the various groups involved were ever likely to arrive at the point of collective action.

Most people who have visited the smelters and seen the conditions in which work is done agree that a drastic overhaul is long overdue. It is safe to say that any attempt to impose similar conditions in, say, Australia or New Zealand, would elicit an emphatic reaction.

## Fiji's IMPORTS UP, EXPORTS DOWN

INCREASED imports and decreased exports gave Fiji an adverse trade balance of £1,816 in 1954.

Imports totalled £11,642,801, an increase of £1,094,174 (9.64 per cent.) on the 1953 figure.

Exports totalled £11,239,985, a decrease of £1,940,713 (6.79 per cent.). The drop in export values, according to a Government statement, was due mainly to smaller quantities of raw sugar. The quantity was lower by 40,943 tons, valued at £2,211,836.

Sugar exported in 1954 totalled 927 tons, worth £5,494,294. The value of all agricultural exports in 1954 was £8,600,332, which is £2,166,710 lower than in 1953.



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# TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

## The Forgotten Bainings

I see that Mr. John Stokie has a chip on his shoulder—and possibly quite justifiably—concerning the lack of Government amenities in the Bainings area in New Britain. He says that there were more facilities during the Ward-Murray regime than there are to-day.

The poor old Bainings have always been like an unwanted child as far as the Administration was concerned; too near Rabaul for a separate establishment, and too far for adequate supervision with a depleted staff. And yet it is one of the most prosperous areas in the Territory, with its closer settlement scheme which, when started by the Germans in the early 1900's, was classed as a "peasant farming area!"

Over thirty years ago I remember a patrol station being established there near Nambung, and old-timer Bill Edwards (of PIR fame) was in charge.

## Consistency in Standards

It would seem that the much-vaunted higher living standards and amenities for the P-NG indigenes, as planned by the Administration, are receiving a bit of a set-back,

if one can put any credence in the reports from "Up Yonder," regarding members of the PIR and itinerant native students.

Provision for the accommodation of both these sections of the P-NG natives seemed to have slipped a cog, which only goes to show that when theories are put into practice there is always the possibility of a slip in the machinery.

"PIR Treated like Pigs," says one heading in the Moresby *SP Post*, and previously there was a strafe over native students en route from Australia not having appropriate accommodation to their newly-acquired status. All of which, presuming reports to be correct, show a lack of co-ordination within the Administration framework.

## An Appropriate Title?

Port Moresby has a Scientific Society and from what I hear is not idle in adding a bit of culture to the general social and educational life of that capital.

There were a few raised eyebrows, however, last month when it was announced that a talk would be given at the Society's meeting entitled, "Termites of the Port Moresby Region."

Happily, it turned out to be all right. The speaker did not refer to any white-anting by the human species.

## "Granny" on Pidgin

Column 8 in the *SMH*, as mentioned in previous issues, shows an interest in Pidgin and a recently whether the idea of phonetic spelling adopted by Pidgin experts was to "make it look un-English as possible?"

Professor Hall replies to question in the affirmative, adding, "If an accurate system of spelling for Pidgin also helps to make language seem more distant from English, that's just so much gramma!"

I still maintain that spelling plain English would mean a shortcut for the ultimate introduction of English when (and if) it replaces Pidgin.

## Kandy for Mrs. Jack Murray

The wife of PMG's ex-Administrator, J. K. Murray, departed last month for Colombo, where she has been appointed First Principal of the Ceylon Agricultural College for Women (as reported in April PIM).

A few weeks before this announcement the *Sydney Bulletin* ran a long eulogistic article on "Murphy on New Guinea" in a March issue (though it called him John wh...

# The Best-Selling Novels...

## GOOD MORNING, MISS DOVE.—

by Frances Gray Patton. So great has been the demand for this novel that the sixth impression was made in the month following its publication. "The heroine herself is presented in full... And she becomes so actual that it is as though we, too, had once been privileged to sit in her classroom. Standing some chance of becoming a minor classic, *Good Morning, Miss Dove* is just about flawless and completely enchanting." (New York *Herald Tribune*). Book Society Recommendation and Book-of-the-Month Club's Choice. 13/3 (post 7d.).

## A GHOST AT NOON.—

by Albert Moravia. The central character of Moravia's latest novel is a young script-writer in Rome. He has been happily married for two years, but suddenly his wife's attitude to him changes. She no longer loves, but despises him. In his desperate efforts to find a reason for this change, he drives himself to the verge of murder and madness. Moravia has created memorable characters, and the tension in their relationship holds the reader's interest to the end. 15/6 (post 11d.).

## SOLDIER OF FORTUNE.—

by Ernest Gann. This new novel by the author of *The Hound and the Mighty* is set in post-war Hong-Kong, where J. Hoyt starts a search for her husband, who has disappeared. From this beginning Ernest Gann has written a memorable story of adventure and suspense. Recommended by the Book Society. 15/6 (post 9d.).

## SARA DANE.—

by Catherine Gaskin. In 1792 Sara Dane came to Australia on a convict ship. The story traces her rise from the rank of convict to a position of eminence among the settlers of New South Wales. The character of this remarkable woman is skilfully drawn, and the author recreates faithfully the background of early Australia. 16/- (post 11d.).

## THE FEMALE CITY.—

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name is Jack) and quoted him saying:

Australia must attempt to develop such a dependent area as New Guinea. There are some people who oppose to develop it in such a way that when it is developed its best agricultural lands will no longer belong to the New Guinea people. I hope that in fifty years' time the native people will still own their country and will be running it, perhaps still under our guidance."

One thing is pretty certain—if we don't develop it without more delay, then it won't be "under our guidance."

### Native Priests and Handcrafts

If there were a palm presented to the best Publicity Officers each year, I would certainly award it to the P.O. of the RC Mission about the middle of last month for letting the world know about the arrival in Sydney of "Papuan Priests" for the centenary of the Sacred Heart Missionary Society at Kensington, Sydney, and for the display of native carvings, handcrafts and what-have-you at David Jones Gallery.

Truly, the craftsmanship was, for the most part from the Papuan side, the "Papuan" priests (Fathers Herman Paivu and George Bata) both from Rabaul, so let credit be given where credit is due. I met several of these students for the first time while I was at Ramale, before the Aussies relieved us from the Japs in '45, and was astonished, no less gratified, at the knowledge of these educated New Britains as well as a couple from Bougainville.

It shows what can be done with native material—providing there is an inner urge to attain knowledge.

### Correction

I must keep the record straight, and want to correct a bit which appeared in my last month's "Talk" about the female sun-shipper who came out to join fiancée. She didn't die on Bougainville Island as I described, but after a short sojourn there departed for the flesh-pots of Rabaul, where she lived with a Government official and his wife and eventually returned to the Fatherland where, as all I know, she may still be and hearty if she was lucky enough to escape two wars. . . So sorry.

### Living in the Breeze

Mention by an old-timer "Up under," who patriotically flies the Union Jack at the masthead on his boat, that this old-established custom is falling into disuse, and is being questioned by some as to the reason for such a display of British spirit, recalls the old German days.

Then every tin-pot trading station flew the red, white and black colours of Germany and meticulously dipped to every water-craft in passing. It was a friendly custom, and no one enjoyed it more than the "boy" whose job it was to "look out 'long pilag." A vessel's approach was well and truly heralded by everyone giving the old-time "Sail-o-o!"

On one occasion, when I was staying with the German Kiap at Kieta (in pre-War I days), a British schooner came into the harbour, passing the Residency with its German colours flying from the tall, white flag-pole. The schooner courteously dipped its Red Ensign but the Kiap's flag-boy must have been having a snooze-off somewhere. There was no acknowledgment of the dip. Within seconds, and before the schooner had anchored, police-boys reported the fact to the Kiap of "No down 'im pilag" and when the Aussies arrived to pay their duty call on the Kiap, they were invited to witness the offending "flag boy" receiving ten across the posterior, and no amount of pleading on behalf of the visitors prevented the punishment being meted out.

Whether the flying of the German colours so generally was due to the fact that the flag could be made by stitching together lengths of red, white and black trade calico (always on hand at every station) had anything to do with it, I do not know. Certainly in these days of high prices the cost of the Union Jack floating in the breeze every day would run into a few quid.

### Forgotten Men

The shouting and the tumult of Anzac Day is just dying as I write, and there is the usual aftermath of criticism in letters to the Editors of the Daily Press. One scribe expresses a thought which has often occurred to me. He refers to the members of the AN & MEF who preceded the Anzacs by seven months on entering War I, and won a victory by acquiring NG, and not a defeat as Gallipoli proved to be.

For some reason Australia's conquest of German NG has always taken a back-seat when actually it was one of Australia's outstanding naval and military performances, and the epic action of young Eric Pockley should have won him a VC in a more publicised incident.

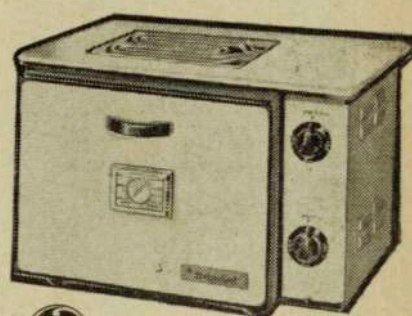
The Bitapaka memorial, erected in memory of those who fell in the advance from Kabakaul, should be rated as one of Australia's First Memorials—if not THE first. The idea of this memorial came originally from the agitation launched by the NG Automobile Club and supported by Administrator Tom Griffiths, in 1934.

Something should be done—perhaps by the P-NG Historical Society—to put this memorial on the map and to bring into proper perspective

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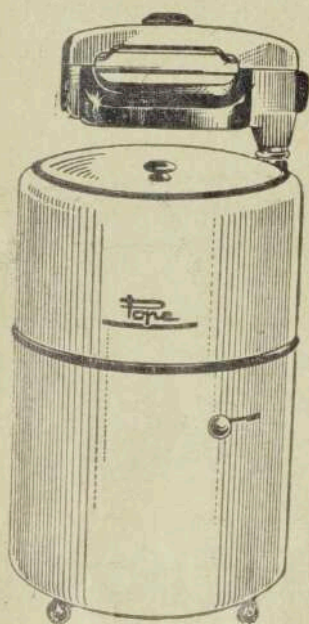
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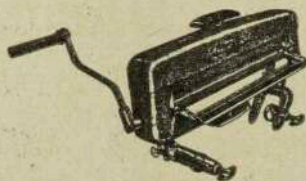
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tember, 1914.

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nation—as speakers are always  
ing us on Anzac Day—then  
landing at Kabakaul created  
tralia a protector of the people  
NG. A task it has conscienti  
carried out—despite adverse c  
ism from both the League  
Nations and the present UNO.

### Grabbing Land

It is a strange thing that  
are so many Australians—pre-  
ably dinkum—who hold their h  
in high terror at the suggestio  
development in P-NG. To them  
must always be the bogey of  
ploitation” just around the co  
and the fiend “Colonialism” t  
shape every time a private en  
prise is mentioned in nat  
countries.

This is the kind of tripe w  
inclines Government departmen  
surround their land policies with  
the red-tape and impractical re  
vations of which the Departmen  
Territories is now suffering.

The Department will not see  
pretends it does not see—that  
is merely propaganda, launched  
the anti-Western interests in  
attempt to sabotage the work  
the present Administration.

One man, writing recently t  
Sydney paper asks: “After all, w  
did the goldmining exploiters of  
’20’s leave behind them when t  
finished cleaning up? What g  
did the wealth they took out do  
the country?”

The answer obviously is: It put  
country on a self-supporting finan  
basis and enabled thousands to  
spent on native health, welfare  
education without calling on  
Australian tax-payer to pay  
bill, which is not the case at  
present time.

### Clothes and the Man

In the ABC news of May 2 ca  
mention of the “dress refor  
adopted by the white male in P-I  
and some rather caustic critic  
from Administrator Cleland :  
Councillor Whittaker on the pres  
vogue of men wearing only a p  
of shorts—and not even sho  
“Natives are dressed better,” s  
Administrator Cleland, “and ha  
more dignity.”

I know of no other tra  
country where the white man o  
cards so much clothing in pub  
as well as self-respect and resp  
for his own race—and gets aw  
with it. True, Aussies are the m  
tolerant people in the world (a  
that is not an original saying;  
was made by Judge Phillips  
Rabaul many years ago) but toller  
ing their fellow-countrymen  
hibiting themselves in publi  
garbed only in a pair of shorts  
carrying such an attribute a  
far in a native country. Here



ustralia it is bad enough where the  
ht is common (more's the pity),  
pecially amongst hard-muscled,  
ry-chested he-men, who allow  
ir flair for exhibitionism to run  
t; but in P-NG—no, it's really not  
ne; or shouldn't be.

This semi-nudism commenced  
iously with the arrival of the  
ops in War II. In Rabaul, at  
y rate. 'Twas a common enough  
ht to see a party of soldiers en-  
ged on digging gun-emplacements  
what-have-you in the Rabaul  
eets clad only in shorts and  
ots, proud of the sun-tan they  
d acquired. It was frowned on  
locals. But there was a war

don't remember shorts ever be-  
worn in TNG to any extent  
cept for tennis perhaps) until  
mid thirties. In the German  
ys no white man would venture  
t on the street, unless he was  
aring an immaculate white coat,  
h patrol collar, usually and often  
h only a singlet underneath,  
aring a topee and invariably  
rying a walking stick.

The dandies of the day—Steve  
niteman was one—favoured  
sore suits. Even post-War I  
ssies carried on this natty mode  
Rabaul, and Jerry Hogan—TNG's  
own Law Officer, lost in the  
ntevideo Maru—insisted on  
torial splendour in his office and  
Maunsell Turner, Phil Woodhill  
d Ivan Shoobridge, always went  
coated, be-topeed and be-  
cked.

Amongst Rabaul bachelors' wash-  
s (most often hailing from  
tupi and Nodup) there was keen  
alry for each to turn his master  
t in the best starched white drill  
ts. A contest, naturally, en-  
raged by the masters. (I suppose  
is a lost art these days).  
The pendulum has certainly  
ung the full distance now. A  
ople who have no pride in dress  
o have little pride in anything  
all. That must reflect, eventu-  
y, to a country's disadvantage.

#### Lord Gowrie Passes

Turn down an empty glass for  
very gallant gentleman.  
Lord Gowrie, VC, and one-time  
ustralia's G-G, has gone to a well-  
ned rest. He made many friends  
TNG when he visited Rabaul  
er the 1937 eruption, and acted  
a welcome stimulant to a some-  
at jaded populace suffering from  
rves and volcanic ash-dust. He  
s more approachable than many  
reaucrats from Canberra who have  
ited the Territory. In his party  
ring that tour was a reporter for  
e "SMH," David McNicoll, the Ad-  
nistrators' son, who is now  
itor-in-chief of the Sydney "Tele-  
aph."

#### ts and Pieces

Henry Annesley ("Joe") Voysey,  
e-time of Papua and later of

Buka, has passed away and was  
cremated at the Northern Suburbs  
Crematorium on May 4. A good  
cove. . . . Bill Middleton, of Karkar  
Island and Bathurst, left in *Bulolo*  
this month—Spends Aussie winter  
in NG and then comes back to his  
Bathurst station in Aussie summer.  
It's forty-five years since he first  
went to Papua, then was an In-  
spector for Exproboard for some  
years before taking up Karkar  
plantations. . . . Diana Coote,  
daughter of the late Phil (who was  
manager of BP, in Rabaul, when  
the kite went up), and Mrs. Rhoda  
Coote, of the North Coast, out of  
Rabaul, is engaged to Henry Martell,  
of Devon, England. Diana is over  
in England at present.

#### RAROTONGA'S FIELD DAY

##### CREATED WIDE INTEREST

**T**HAT Rarotonga is surprisingly  
well equipped with modern  
agricultural machinery was one  
of the object lessons learned by the  
400 adults and 600 school-children  
who attended the agricultural show  
and field day on February 23  
(picture in April PIM).

Livestock judged ranged from  
pigs and poultry to goats and horses,  
and the judging of the tropical  
fruit and vegetable classes was  
followed by a banana-planting  
demonstration.

Tomato-growers were shown how  
to protect seeds against disease, and  
since the field day many growers  
have had tomato seeds treated.

A 500-gallon sprayer was used to  
demonstrate correct fruit-tree  
spraying, and there were other  
demonstrations of how to pick  
citrus fruit, how to clean and  
manure a plot, and how to prune  
trees and remove dead wood.

Discers, ploughs and other  
Agriculture Dept. equipment are  
available at moderate charges to  
Rarotongan growers who come  
under the Administration's citrus  
replanting scheme, and expert ad-  
vice is freely given.

Rarotonga's next field day is  
scheduled for December.

† Auckland Suburbs Rugby Club's  
senior team will play five matches  
in Fiji at the end of the present  
season, states a New Zealand re-  
port. The team expects to leave  
Auckland on September 10 and to  
return on September 25. Members  
of the club are now working to  
raise the £NZ1,000 needed for plane  
fares, but expenses in Fiji will be  
met by the Fiji Rugby Union. The  
team's opponents will probably be  
mainly Fijian players who have had  
experience against European teams.

#### IMPROVING CONNECTIONS

### Another Ship for Trans-Pacific Trade

**T**RANS-PACIFIC shipping con-  
nections, which are gradually  
improving, have received an-  
other boost with the announcement  
by General Steamship Corporation  
of San Francisco and the Pacific  
Islands Transport Line; that an  
additional cargo-and-passenger  
vessel will take up the running in  
parallel with their vessel *Thorsisle*.

The newcomer is the *Thorshall*, a  
sister ship to *Thorsisle*, with a dead-  
weight tonnage of 6,265 tons, and a  
service speed of 15 knots. She will  
enter the service to Tahiti, Samoa,  
Tonga, the New Hebrides, New  
Caledonia, New Guinea—and wher-  
ever else along the route that  
cargoes are offering—about July.  
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future maintain 35-40 day sailings.

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*Thor I*. Then *Velox* was withdrawn,  
leaving *Thor I* as about the only  
vessel to maintain a regular Pacific  
Coast-Islands civilian service right  
through the war—and Papeete's  
only regular passenger connection  
with the outside world for a long  
time.

*Thor I* was withdrawn and re-  
placed by *Thorsisle* in 1952, and the  
service has been extended westward  
to New Guinea in recent years—  
Noumea was formerly the western  
terminus.

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Asthma coughing and to give  
you free easy breathing the first  
day or money back.



## Banana Black Market In New Zealand

NEW Zealand's insatiable capacity for stowing away Island bananas is illustrated by a housewife's complaint to the Price Tribunal at Auckland.

The complainant declared, and it was easily proved, that up to 1/4d per lb was being charged by retailers at country towns not far from Auckland. The fixed maximum legal price is 9½d per lb in Auckland and 10d for the area concerned in the complaint, though in practice 1/- is frequently charged.

The under-the-counter, favoured-customer rule still applies in more distant country areas.

† Believed to have been used by Bully Hayes as a ship's watch-lantern, a brass lantern of the type used by the London police in the mid-19th century has been presented to the Fiji Museum by Mr. L. M. Nutt, a well-known collector of New Plymouth, NZ. The lantern was found ten years ago in a house at Mangaia, Cook Islands, and the museum authorities at Suva have stated that its association with Bully Hayes is well attested.

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## CITRUS ON TOP

### Question of CI Priorities

WHY citrus? asks a European Cook Islander (non-Administration) of long standing, who, in a personal letter, puts some interesting questions about CI economy.

"I have asked a round dozen people: 'How much is citrus worth to the Cooks per ton?' " he writes.

"Guesses range from £30 to £60. Actually, worked out on averages, it is about £14/12/6.

"As I see the problem here, we are basing our economy on a crop which needs shipping with very little latitude in time; two weeks is fatal, the fruit is over-ripe. The crop is worth only £14/2/6 and the freight rate to market is about £5/10/- a ton, or roughly 40 per cent. of the value of the fruit.

"For 20 years the howl has gone up: 'There are no ships. We need more ships. Ships are the key to the economy of the Cooks', etc.

"Actually, there are plenty of ships of all nations steaming by, but we cannot afford to pay more than 40 per cent. of the value of the crop for freight.

"But suppose that our economy were based on coffee worth, say, £350 a ton, or on copra worth, say, £70 a ton, then 40 per cent. of its value would have brought the *Queen Mary* down here looking for business.

"This, of course, is reducing the problem to an absurdity, but nevertheless it seems to me that our problem here needs facing more realistically.

"Why not base our economy on produce bringing high returns? Then there would be no shipping bottleneck—and none of the headaches associated with perishable cargoes, special refrigerated vessels, etc.

"Admittedly the £5/10/- freight rate would be profitable if a very large volume of fruit were offering—but I wonder whether oranges, and the struggle in building up the crop, are the only answer?

"Pearl shell last year, for example, returned more than the whole of the agricultural programme—from one little atoll."

THE writer says that nothing in the way of MOP shell culture research has ever been done on behalf of the industry in the Cooks. There is more than a possibility that, by unwise exploitation, the shell will be killed out—as has happened in 15 atolls of the Tuamotu, French Oceania.

The current economic survey of the Cooks and a move to transplant MOP shell from Manihiki to Pukapuka are two hopeful signs.

## MONEY TROUBLE HOLDS UP

### New Caledonia Oil Search

THOUGH indications of oil have been found in test bores Gouaraou, New Caledonia, further work was to be halted at the end of April pending additional financial Test cores had been taken down 1,100 feet, with the last cores showing signs of oil.

Mr. Pomeyrelle, geologist in charge of operations, flew back to Paris by Air France in April to report to the amalgamated companies interested in the operations. A decision was expected late in April as to whether work would be continued.

At the same time the Government of New Caledonia, M. Hoffmann, then in Paris, was pressing for continuation of the project.

Gouaraou is about half-way along the north-east coast. Earlier oil traces were reported in test cores taken near Koumac in the extreme north-west. (See PIM, February p. 15).

(There seems to be singular lack of enthusiasm about New Caledonia "signs of oil." Similar announcements in Australia have sent shares skyrocketing. And shares have skyrocketed at times over Papuan drillings—10 times as deep as those in NC—where no signs of oil have been found at all).

### Sydney Strike Disappoints New Caledonia

BECAUSE of a waterfront strike in Sydney, the Messageries Maritimes liner *Caledonien*, on her April voyage, remained on two days in Sydney, not waiting to pick up a cargo which was to include seed potatoes and quantities of vegetables required in Noumea. Many New Caledonia people making the round trip to Sydney were bitterly disappointed with the very brief stay.

### Mr. R. Pearless is New Tokelau Officer

THE New Zealand Government announced in March that it had appointed Mr. R. Pearless, B.A., as Tokelau Officer.

Mr. Pearless graduated from Otago University in 1949. He took postgraduate study in Colonial Administration and Tropical Forestry and Agriculture at Oxford, and was an administrative officer in Nigeria 1950-1954. He will be stationed at Apia but will spend part of his time at the three Tokelau atolls of Fawaofu, Nukunono, and Atafu, several hundred miles north of Apia.



# ADVISORY COUNCILS

## WARD ELECTIONS POSSIBLE AT PORT MORESBY

(From Our Own Correspondent)

THE Administrator of Papua-New Guinea (Brigadier D. M. Cleland) told the Port Moresby Advisory Council on April 26 that if ward members wanted the right of being elected, he would be willing to arrange for ward elections immediately.

Brigadier Cleland said he was willing to extend the work and functions of the Council as it was a stepping-stone to local government.

The Administrator had been invited to address the Council as a result of members' complaints about treatment by the Administration, especially when the council attempted to get some facts on electricity expenditure.

Some members told the Administrator at the April meeting that they thought little or nothing had been achieved by the Council in the last 12 months, and some of them wondered whether they were not wasting their time.

The Administration had given

them little co-operation and had even treated them with contempt, they said.

BRIGADIER Cleland replied that Council members could advise on any matter where a decision had not been made on a top level.

That did not mean that they could not discuss matters freely and criticise, he said, after a member had indicated that he wasn't happy with the suggestion of a "gag" on members, but at the same time it did not mean that members would get every document they asked for.

The Administrator, after all, had to retain the decision on some matters, and had to reserve the right not to take advice if he considered he was in a better position to make the decision.

Brigadier Cleland told the Council that ward members did not represent the people in the wards from which they were appointed, because they had not been elected by those people—they had been appointed by him.

But if they wanted the right of being elected, he would be willing to arrange ward elections immediately.

He said he was quite willing to extend the work and functions of the Council, as it was a stepping stone to local Government.

THE Administrator told Mr. James that he would have within 48 hours the electricity trading

accounts (which Mr. James had asked for in the Legislative Council in March).

He added that if Council members could show that there was an inequitable distribution of electricity charges affecting the small consumer he was quite willing to consider the matter.

The Council later received notice of a motion for the next meeting "that ward elections be held in Port Moresby."

Another point of importance to other TAC's: The Administrator said in answer to a question from Mrs. T. Weston that there was no reason why Councils could not have replies from the Government for every letter the Council wrote.

(Port Moresby residents have not shown any desire that the local TAC should take on the functions of local government. If a Town Council were set up after the manner of Australian Town, Municipal or Shire Councils, it would have to levy rates and taxes (from which Moresby residents are at present mercifully free) and manage its own financial affairs).

The Polynesian Association of Sydney provided a special evening's entertainment for personnel of HMNZS *Pukaki*, which called en route to Far East waters in May. RNZN personnel include a large percentage of Maoris and some Islanders.

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## Current News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

### ADMINISTRATOR'S TOUR

The Administrator (Brigadier D. Cleland) will begin a tour of Rabaul area and Bougainville May 11. He will spend a week in Rabaul, from May 11 to May 18, then will fly to Buin, where he will board the *Laurabada II*, if ready after refit.

The tour of all sections of Bougainville will last until June 1. There are many parts of the island which the Administrator has not visited.

Brigadier Cleland originally intended to visit New Ireland, but the whole tour would take too long. New Ireland will be visited separately, probably about July.

### PORT MORESBY BUSY

Port Moresby has a busy series of events ahead of it in the next months.

Activity will begin on May 14, when the Aero Club of Papua begins Papua's first aero carnival in Port Moresby. It will include acrobatic displays, forced landings, parachute jumps (if permission can be granted). Aircraft will arrive from all parts of the Territory for the pageant and the RAAF

has been invited to send aircraft from Australia.

Queen's Birthday holiday in June will see a race meeting at Boroko, on a special track with only a straight—six furlongs. There will be a race for women jockeys.

About eight horses are expected to be entered for each of the six races.

There will be native dances, canoe races and conducted tours at the end of June when Port Moresby will be visited by the luxury liners *Himalaya* and *Oronsay*, on Pacific cruise from Sydney. They will also call at Noumea.

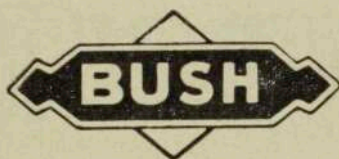
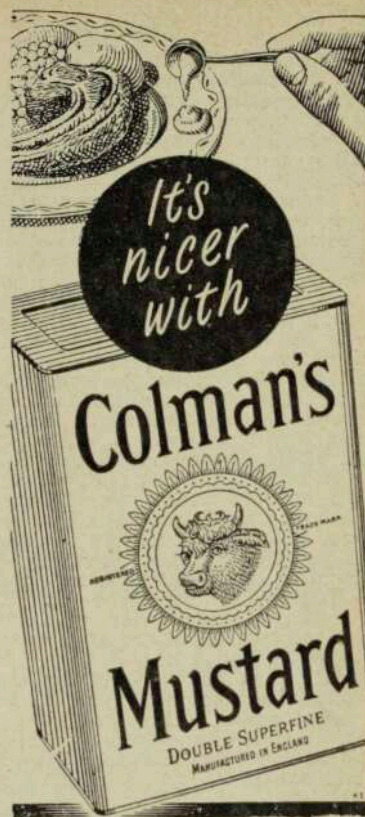
About 1,200 passengers in each liner will receive a colourful welcome after the style of the successful *Orion* visit to Port Moresby last year.

### FOOD POISONING

There was a tragedy at Wau in April when four natives, including a woman, died after eating a dead cassowary which they had found in the bush.

Six more were admitted to hospital at Wau in a critical condition, and slowly improved.

One of the victims died outside the hospital and the other three



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died shortly after being admitted. Early medical investigation pointed to food poisoning being the cause of death. Normally, cassowary makes satisfactory eating.

#### TELEPHONE EXPANSION

Recent improvements to Papua-New Guinea telephone services, enabling telephone subscribers to talk to outstations in the two main zone areas of Port Moresby and Rabaul, were the subject of further extensions in late April.

The Posts and Telegraphs Department announced that the new system had been extended to Samarai and Wewak and that it would be extended to Lae and Madang two weeks later.

It was also made possible for people in the town area of Madang to speak to Port Moresby people without having to come to the telegraph office to take the call. This did not mean, however, that Madang people had a direct telephone link to Australia, like other centres, including Kavieng (the latest town to get the service).

Reception between Madang and Port Moresby is rather poor and a link with Australia is unlikely until a new transmitting station is built at Madang.

Madang has been asking for an Australian service for a long time and asked again at the March Advisory Council meeting, a few days before the Administration announcement.

#### HELICOPTER CRASH

One of the Territory's four helicopters was damaged in a crash in the Moorehead River area of Western Papua in April, while it was on oil survey work.

A bearing failed in the tail rotor, and the helicopter turned over

when only a few feet from ground, smashing the main rotor blade, among other things.

Pilot was Frank Shannahan, DCA official from Melbourne, is in Papua getting flying experience with helicopters. I year for a time he was ac

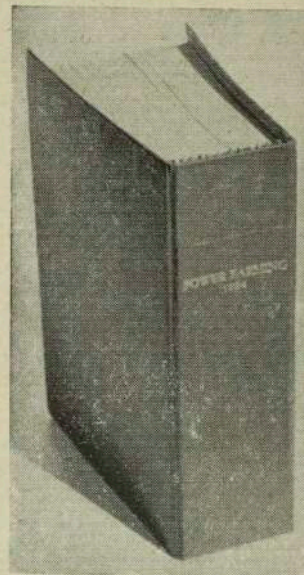
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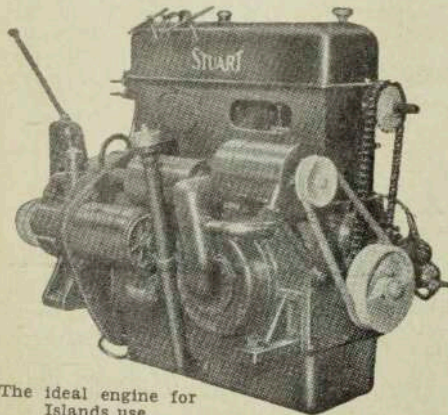
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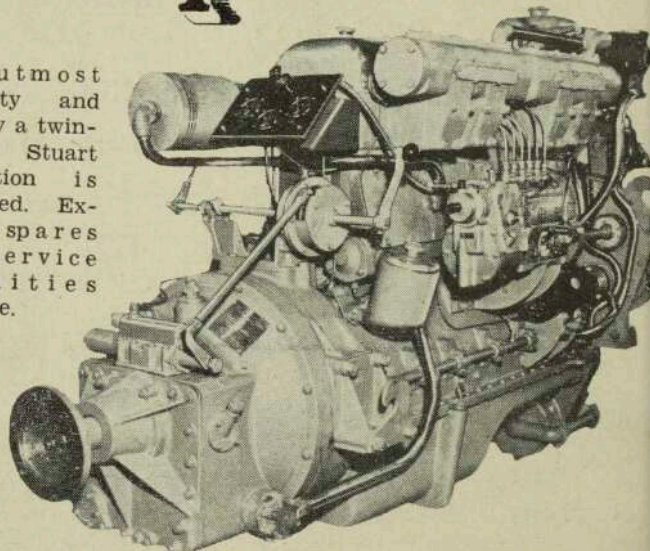
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Mr. F. C. Henderson, head of the Plant Industry Division of the Agriculture Department, has said that it will be six or seven years before the imported clones start producing seed, but it may be possible to distribute budwood from the improved varieties earlier.

#### AERO CLUB FIELD DAY

The Aero Club of Papua had its first field day on April 17.

The club moved its entire activities from Jacksons Airport at Port Moresby to the emergency landing ground at Fisherman's and (three aircraft and a launch were needed to do it) and spent the day flying almost from dawn to dusk.

Some people in the Boroko area of Port Moresby thought there would be more field days—the use of low flying Tiger Moths is becoming a nuisance during weekends.

#### GOROKA BANK BRANCH

The Bank of New South Wales has converted its agency at Goroka, New Guinea, to a full branch.

Goroka, 5,500 feet above sea level, is developing as a holiday resort for people in Papua and New Guinea as well as a coffee and vegetable-growing area.

#### NATIVE LIQUOR BILL

Proposed amendments to the Native Liquor Bill, the debate on which was adjourned in March, will be one of the most important matters to be discussed when the Legislative Council meets at Port Moresby on June 27.

#### INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

During April, a fairly widespread epidemic of influenza was reported in the Territory. It affected many natives and some Europeans.

The 'flu made serious inroads into the labour force in some areas, but was not the lethal type that has struck on some other occasions, particularly in 1953, when the Terri-

tory was practically quarantined.

Visits to some Island groups, notably Mortlock and Tasman, have been banned.

#### HOUSING SCHEMES

In April, the Territory Housing Commissioner, Mr. H. Reeve, was examining the effects of a recent announcement by the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, which varied the housing schemes in New Guinea and the Northern Territory. He expected to make an announcement shortly.

It was a case of the right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing, as usual. The Minister made his announcement in Australia to anybody who wanted to hear it, but nobody thought of

officially notifying New Guinea about the details.

The Administration first saw it in the press and it was a week before it got confirmation from Australia.

The Canberra announcement stated:

"The Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck, announced to-day (April 6), that the Government had approved of amendments to the housing loan schemes operating in the Northern Territory and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. The most important amendments are:—

"(1) The upper limit of advances is raised from £2,000 to £2,750.

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WEDDING AT RALUANA: The wedding of Miss Bernice Williams and Mr. Brigolph took place at the Raluana Methodist

Mission, New Britain, on April 2. In this picture are, left to right, the bride and bridegroom, Mr. Arthur Brown (bestman),

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"(2) The interest rate is reduced from 5 per cent. to 4½ per cent.

"(3) The repayment period is extended to a maximum of 45 years.

"In the Northern Territory, approval has also been given to a scheme to enable tenants of Government-owned houses to purchase such houses along lines similar to those applying to tenants of houses under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreements."

#### LANDS DEPARTMENT

The Secretary for Lands, Mr. D. Macinnis, is to become Director as a result of a departmental reorganisation.

Under the new system, officers have been appointed to take charge of three separate divisions under Mr. Macinnis. Mr. L. C. Anthony has been appointed chief of the Lands Division; Mr. T. V. Webb, chief of Surveys Division, and Mr. A. J. Legg, chief of the Mines Division.

#### NATIVE DEVELOPMENT

The Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Carboni, had some important things to say about native development after completing a visit to Papua-New Guinea and the British Solomons in April. The trip took him 40 days.

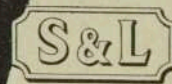
One of his main points was that native progress could come much more quickly than many people at present believed possible. He said

early development was always a little slow, but he believed there was a surprising movement on the way, and development would then take place much faster.

Native development, he said, was not only a matter of direct educa-

tion. In nearly every section of Territory the native people surrounded by the products of civilisation—aircraft, radios, motor cars, cinemas—and it was impossible for them to-day to avoid the touch of civilisation.

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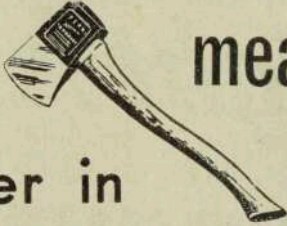


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They had learned to produce copra at good prices, and had even equipped their canoes with outboard motors. Already they were working side by side with the Europeans. Archbishop Carboni described the Government's land policy as wise and prudent. He said it showed concern for native land, yet promoted white settlement as well, in a way that could be of help to the natives.

#### WELCOME RAIN AT WAU

Wau, at Easter, broke an unusual dry spell which had been seriously threatening crops in the area. March was the driest month on record, with the rainfall seven inches below the average, and without rain new crops were threatened before they had even been planted.

#### WEWAK-MAPRIK ROAD

A new road link has been opened to the Sepik—a stretch of 100 miles from Wewak to Maprik, inland from the north coast.

The road was travelled by two motor-cars before Easter in a trip taking four days' travelling time. Leader of the party was the District Commissioner, Mr. J. P. White. The road is native-built, under administration guidance, and ex-

tends over the Prince Alexander Ranges, along the Sepik grasslands and to the foothills of the Torricelli.

The trip was the longest undertaken by vehicles in the Sepik.

(In 1936, when we walked this route we thought (in the foothill country) that one day there could easily be a motor-road there, in the same way as people now think of the possibility of a trip to the moon. It is hard to tell from the above despatch just where the road goes. But four days by jeep is by no means record breaking. We walked it in five, and spent considerable time cajoling reluctant carriers, at that. The greatest roading difficulty would lie right behind Wewak through the mountains to the foothill country, after which, if the road follows the route we took, it should be comparatively easy. Our route went through a village called Andara, which looked out upon the Sepik grass country.—JT).

#### ARMY RATION TESTED

European members of the Pacific Islands Regiment are to help test a new Australian Army ration.

The ration, for one man for 24 hours, was recently given initial

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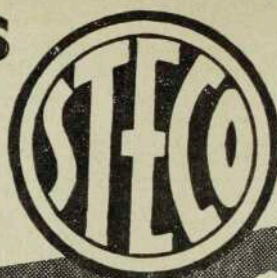
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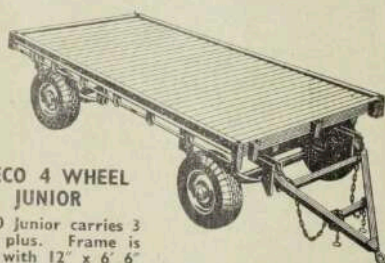
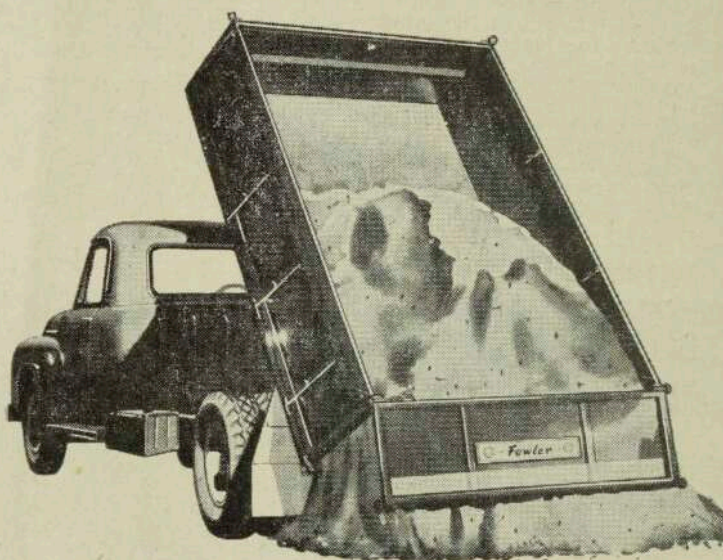


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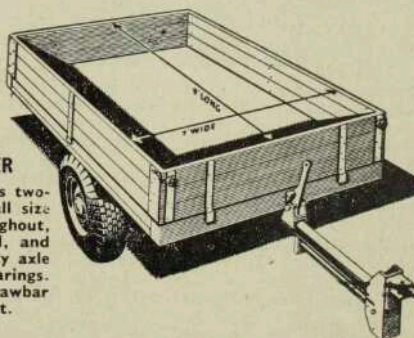
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#### BIG TIMBER SHIPMENT

On her latest visit to Lae the *Chow* discharged 10,100 dozen tins of beer and then uplifted one of the largest shipments of sawn timber to leave the port of Lae. The consignment consisted of 400 tons of sawn timber and 200 tons of log timber for Sydney. The sawn timber included batons, planks and egg-packing cases and the log shipment consisted of 90 logs. Before arriving at Lae the vessel uplifted a cargo of coffee beans, rice and peanuts and was expected to take on consignments of beer from Port Moresby. Also included in her outbound cargo was 200 tons of sawn timber for Port Moresby and nearly 200 tons of general cargo for Sydney and Port Moresby.

#### BOANA CRASH

Dragon-type aircraft crashed

on landing at Boana Airstrip on April 22.

The aircraft was owned by Territory Airlines, operating from Goroka.

The pilot, Mr. Tony Chadim, escaped injury but the aircraft was severely damaged. No passengers were on board at the time.

Boana Airstrip is only 20 minutes' flying from Lae and is well known as a Lutheran Mission station.

#### WEDDING AT LAE

Master of the Administration vessel *Morobe*, Mr. Geoff. Hall, was married in April to Sister Molly Johnson, of the Lae European Hospital.

The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Rev. Father Geo. Bernarding officiated. Mr. Hall is very widely known along the New Guinea coast.

#### DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Acting District Commissioner, Mr. Les Williams, said at Lae that the Administration was very happy with the progress of the native economic development plan which had been instituted in the Morobe District eight months ago.

The system was evolved to improve the economic standard of natives in this area and the Department was encouraging the planting of coconuts on the coast, and, in the mountain areas, coffee.

"We have also been encouraging the natives to clean up old coconut

groves, thereby making them productive again as soon as possible," he said.

Mr. Williams said that on the south coast of the Huon Gulf 10,000



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young palms had been planted and old village groves had already been cleared.

Six villages in this area are already producing copra from their erstwhile unproductive groves on the east coast of the Huon Gulf and Bukaua natives have planted approximately 20,000 palms, besides clearing the old plantations. Already 12 villages in this area are producing copra.

"All these plantings have been encouraged and assisted by an official of the Department of District Services and Native Affairs, and it is hoped that a regular system of yearly planting will be continued. I am sure that the natives have been convinced that they can obtain future security by planting their own groves," said Mr. Williams. "In the mountain areas a similar system has been implemented but in this case the plantings have been coffee. At least 100 acres of coffee have been planted in the Lae sub-district alone. The coffee-planting shows every sign of success and the industrious mountain people have adopted the system with enthusiasm.

"An officer of our Department has been visiting the areas for several months to guide and assist the natives. One village at Busama claimed that it can produce at least one ton of copra a month, and it is not without the bounds of possibility for each of the old village groves to equal this figure when the

improvements have been effected."

Later in the month Mr. Williams said that the planting of 25,000 palms in the Kaiapit area had been completed and that this work had been done in a little over two months.

#### WAU-LAE ROAD AGAIN

The notorious Wau-Lae Road nearly claimed another victim when a Bulolo Gold Dredging Co. employee had a narrow escape from death when the truck he was driv-

ing skidded and plunged over embankment.

The driver, Keith Bloom, told Lae police that when he applied brakes only the off side front wheel operated and the truck skidded.

The accident occurred on "Bends" about 27 miles from Lae. Extensive damage was done to truck and another truck and heavy crane were used to recover the vehicle.

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#### NEW FOOTBALL SEASON

The 1955 Rugby League season got away to a good start this month as the three matches so far played have assured enthusiasts that Lae will witness one of its best football seasons. Although only three teams, St. Mary's, Comworks and Qantas, are taking part, the strength is evenly distributed and each of the matches attracted good crowds. Unfortunately, the game between Comworks and Qantas was stopped when a Qantas player, Frank Beck, broke his leg and could not be removed from the playing field. In this match two other players suffered broken bones and another player was removed to hospital due to illness. The only other setback the League suffered so far is that a new committee had to be elected following a no-confidence motion in the original organisation. Mr. L. W. (Pat) Henry has been elected as the new president. The annual match between Papua and New Guinea will be played at Lae on the Queen's Birthday week-end, June 12.

#### ANZAC DAY SERVICES

For the first time, returned servicemen and Lae citizens observed Anzac Day this year with a dawn service at the Lae War Cemetery. Officials were very satisfied with the attendance of more than 250 people. The usual 11 am service attracted a gathering of over 2,500 people, including natives. Members of the visiting American survey ships took part in the service and laid wreaths on the Cross of Sacrifice. During his address at the dawn service the Acting District Commissioner, Mr. L. Williams, told

the gathering that Anzac Day was "not only a day to honour our war dead but a good opportunity to ask ourselves if we were worthy of the sacrifice they made for us."

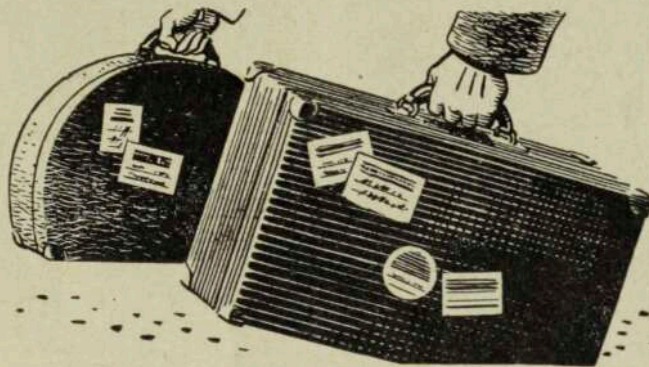
Newly-elected State president of the RSL, Mr. Bob Bunting, said at the 11 am service that the heroes of Gallipoli had demonstrated to the world the fighting qualities of the Australian and New Zealand men.

Perfect weather prevailed throughout the day and the Lae cemetery was at its beautiful best for the occasion.

After the service, ex-servicemen gathered at the RSL for a luncheon, more than 200 attending.

A significant development in the Anzac Day memorial services in Papua-New Guinea was noted this year, when many more centres held dawn services for the first time.

In the past, most centres have



## Going places?

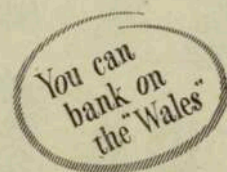
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stented themselves with mid-  
rning services, with sports in the  
ernoon. However, populations  
growing and apparently many  
ees now think that the dawn  
vice is well worth it—and cer-  
nly it can be very moving in the  
rritory, where every centre was  
er the scene of fighting, or was  
very far from it.

ae, one of the big centres, held  
awn service for the first time.  
e largest service, however, was,  
usual, at Bomana War Cemetery,  
t Moresby, where there was a  
ord crowd this year.

espite the crowd, and the  
sence of the Administrator  
igadier Cleland) at the Bomana  
ice for the first time, this year  
seemed to lack some of the  
mnity of past years.

t Manus, a company of native  
ops with the Pacific Islands  
iment, who were sent there last  
r, lent colour at a combined Ser-  
s march.

t Goroka, in the Eastern High-  
ds, the District Commissioner,  
Ian Downs, said at a morning  
rice that in the event of another  
we must not again permit panic  
the forced removal from the  
ntry of those who wished to re-  
n, for that had been an act  
ch had done more damage to  
loyalty of the native people

than any other act since.

Kieta, in Bougainville, held its  
Anzac service at the newly-erected  
memorial to Baros, a loyal native  
who was executed by the Japanese  
for refusing to give away the posi-  
tion of an Australian coastwatcher.

#### BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS

The Director of the Queensland  
Red Cross Blood Transfusion Ser-  
vice, Dr. Eric Shaw, arrived at Port  
Moresby in late April for a fort-  
night's tour aimed at expanding the  
Territory's blood transfusion ser-  
vices.

He said when he arrived that the  
big problem, as always, was to find  
the donors, and the problem was  
even a bigger one in the Territory  
because of the number of natives  
who were not educated to the mean-  
ing of blood transfusion.

#### CHILDREN'S COURTS.

The Administrator, Brigadier  
D. M. Cleland, in April, spoke of  
the need for Children's Courts in  
the Territory.

He said the time had arrived for  
some kind of system to be set up.  
Police could not take European  
children before special magistrates,  
but had access only to the normal  
criminal courts, which often were  
unsuitable.

At Port Moresby, about the time  
of the Administrator's comments,

five young schoolboys, three Euro-  
peans and two half-castes, were  
arrested for having broken into an  
Army magazine and stolen about  
2,000 rounds of ammunition. They  
were released after a severe reprimand.

#### OKINAWA SEAMAN FINED

Naval authorities arrested an  
Okinawa seaman near the Hermit  
Islands, west of Manus, on April  
23, and took him to Lombrum.

The arrest was made after the  
Navy had sighted a fishing  
vessel near the Hermits, and had  
allegedly found 18 fishermen fishing  
along a reef.

The fisherman was fined £20 under  
the Pearl Fisheries Act, or in de-  
fault, 2 months' gaol. (Okinawa is  
under US control—therefore the  
vessel is technically not Japanese, as  
originally reported).

#### MEDICAL SERVICES

An estimated 2,000,000 natives re-  
ceived medical attention at Admin-  
istration aid posts throughout  
Papua-New Guinea last year,  
according to Health Department  
figures.

In addition, about 98,000 natives  
were hospital in-patients and about  
97,000 were out-patients.

Three thousand Europeans were  
admitted to hospital, and 21,000 re-

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ceived out-patient treatment.

#### HIGHLANDS SURVEY

Professor Elkin, Professor of Anthropology at Sydney University, arrived in the Territory on April 27 to arrange the details for a scientific survey in the Highlands.

Later he went to Wabag to find a suitable site and arrange for the reception of a small team which will follow him in a few weeks.

The team will make a study of physical anthropology and certain aspects of medical science, and phases of the work are likely to take two years.

Professor Elkin will not take part in the actual work in the Territory.

#### SENIOR FORESTRY OFFICER

Mr. D. B. Dun, formerly of the New South Wales Forestry Commission, arrived at Bulolo on May 2 to take over the duties of Senior Forestry Officer for the New Guinea Mainland. He had already spent a short time at Port Moresby gathering general information on Territory forestry matters.

A Regional Forestry Officer, Mr. A. C. Richardson, has been stationed at Rabaul in charge of forestry matters in the New Guinea Islands since February, 1954, and will return to this posting early in June on completion of his recreation leave.

Later it is intended to appoint a Regional Forestry Officer for Papua.

#### ARCHIVES OFFICER

Mr. H. J. Gibbney, a Commonwealth Archives Officer, will visit Wau, Bulolo, Lae, and Rabaul shortly to advise on the classification of official records, and gather historical material.

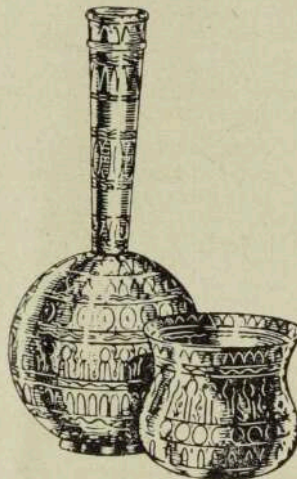
He has been working on a similar assignment at Port Moresby and has already found some valuable historical records which will go into

the collection of Papua and New Guinea material assembled by Commonwealth National Library.

From old Administration files, Gibbney has obtained a record of land transactions back in 1882, including the official register of property claims established before annexation of Papua.

He has also conferred with Rev. D. E. Ure, of the London

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Missionary Society at Port Moresby, regarding the original copy of the will of the Rev. James Chalmers, who was killed in 1901 by natives at Coaribi Island, near Kikori. The will at present is retained in the early records of the London Missionary Society at Port Moresby, and discussions are now in progress regarding the possibility of the document being placed in the safe keeping of either the Commonwealth National Library or the Mitchell Library.

Other material found by Mr. Gibbney includes a number of lantern slides and a copy of a lecture written in 1904 by the late Mr. A. C. English, based on his experiences as an Administration Officer in the Rigo District.

During his visit to the New Guinea area, Mr. Gibbney will meet some of the pioneers of the Morobe and New Britain Districts, and, where possible, arrange for historical material held by them to be sent to the Commonwealth National Library.

#### MINING INDUSTRY

### Fewer Asiatic Miners in NC

From Our Noumea Correspondent

SINCE 1946 the number of mining workers in New Caledonia has almost doubled, and at the same time the proportion of Javanese and Indo-Chinese workers has greatly decreased.

At the end of 1954 the number of persons employed in the industry was 2,461, comprising 1,584 Europeans, 356 indigenous workers, 221 Javanese and 300 Indo-Chinese. In the last eight years some Asiatics (mostly Javanese) have been repatriated and Indo-Chinese have been released from labour contracts.

This liberation has permitted the Indo-Chinese, like the Indians in Fiji many years ago, to enter other trades or to become shopkeepers and traders.

Mechanisation has played an important part in bringing about changes in mining personnel. This applies both to the extraction of the ore (in the case of nickel it is open-cut), and to transport and handling.

In 1954 about 200 Italians were repatriated, this accounting largely for a drop in the total number of workers compared with the previous year's total.

Of the 350,000,000 francs paid in wages in 1954, about 270,000,000 went to Europeans, 33,000,000 to native workers and about 47,000,000 to the Javanese and Indo-Chinese combined.

Carrying contractors transporting ore from certain mines to ports re-

ceived 18,000,000 francs (35,000,000 in 1953).

Decreased chrome exports cost about 580 workers their jobs, but most of them were absorbed by the nickel side of the industry.

European workers at the Noumea nickel smelters increased from 565 in 1953 to 759 in 1954. This was due to the installation of another furnace at the smelters.

The smelters consumed 400,000 tons of ore (350,000 in 1953), and refined nickel production rose by 22 per cent. to 8,500 tons (7,000 in 1953).

In 1954 the smelters imported 172,000 tons of coal and 74,000 tons of coke. This meant a fuel bill of 258,000,000 Pacific francs.

### Provisional Promotion of Patrol Officers

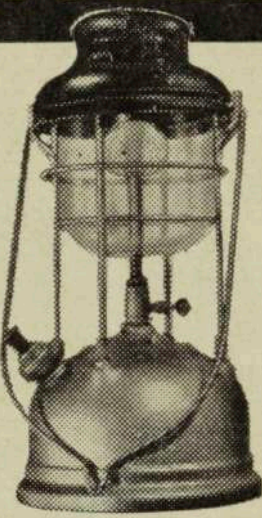
PROVISIONAL promotions of seven Patrol Officers to Assistant District Officers, in Papua-New Guinea, were gazetted in April as follows:

D. A. M. Young-Whitford, J. C. Williams, B. K. Leen, F. G. Driver, D. J. Parish, R. W. H. Born, D. P. Sheekey.

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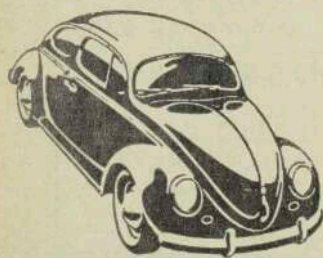
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## aria Syndicate Claim— H. R. Wahlen and UNO

It is worth noting that within a few days (on June 4, to be exact) Mr. Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen, of Hamburg, Germany—a notable man in New Guinea in the two decades before the outbreak of World War I—will be 82 years of age.

In a note written in April to the Editor of the PIM, Mr. Wahlen says that he and other members of the aria Syndicate will not accept the decision of the Titles Commissioner of Papua and New Guinea, that the aria Syndicate has no legal claim for certain concessions granted to it in the Morobe District of New Guinea by the former Islands Government.

Mr. Wahlen says that if no other course is open, the Syndicate now will take the matter to the International Court at The Hague; and, if this Court should not be competent to deal with this matter, it will be taken to UNO at Lake Success. Mining Ordinance No. 19 of 1922 may be good enough in Russia," says Mr. Wahlen, "but it is not good enough for the Western world." Apparently, he argues that certain concessions given prior to 1922 may not be over-riden by the 1922 Ordinance.

## Baha'i Religious Group in CI



Mrs. Edith Danielson, an American, who went to Rarotonga a couple of years ago to establish the Baha'i World Faith movement in the Cook Islands, is seen here with a group of her followers.

Photo: Ronald Powell.

Mr. W. J. Ragg retired in April after 40 years' service in Fiji as a telegraphist. After visiting Australia to see his daughter, Mother

Ragg, of the Sacred Heart Convent, Burradoo, he will go to the United Kingdom before returning to Fiji.

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He said that although the Governor had his hair cut at home, Government House was not a registered barber's shop.

The Chief Health Officer replied that although itinerant hairdressers would be abolished in the city, discretion would be shown in regard to sick, elderly or other persons who wanted to have their hair cut at home.

## P-NG Europeans Asked To Face Facts

**B**READTH of vision was essential to the development of Papua-New Guinea, said the Assistant Administrator (Mr. R. W. Wilson), when opening the conference of District Commissioners at Port Moresby on March 14.

Development plans, he said, must take into consideration the needs of the native population. It was unreasonable to devote too large a

proportion of Territory resources to the provision of services and amenities for the European population.

By their presence in the Territory Europeans had accepted a career or a way of life involving some pioneering, and it could not be expected that living standards would be equivalent to those prevailing in

the larger towns and cities of Australia.

† Fiji's motor vehicles increased 1,684 to a total of 6,621 in 1954. The 1,061 new vehicles licensed comprised 530 cars, station-waggon and pickups, 331 heavy and light lorry and 200 tractors.



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## Hurricane-Busters" Fail to Get Results

**H**URRICANE areas in the South Pacific cannot yet be aided by science — some weather experts believe that even an H-Bomb would have little dissipating effect on a well-developed hurricane.

For several years intensive research has been going on in the United States to see whether the hurricanes which form in the Caribbean or Atlantic each summer and sweep inland doing enormous damage, cannot be broken up in their early stages.

This hope came with the discovery that certain types of cloud could be made to precipitate their rain over drought-stricken areas by seeding them from an aircraft (or by means of rockets or projectiles from the ground) with dry ice, silver iodide, or certain other chemicals. Australian meteorologists seem to have concentrated on investigating the drought-breaking possibilities of this technique. Recently, Australian and American scientists carried out joint tests in Hawaii.

In the United States, the New York University and the Office of Naval Research recently completed a long series of "hurricane busting" experiments, which were interesting but completely unsuccessful. Clouds of dry ice and silver iodide were dropped from aircraft, and smoke generators at points along the East Coast belched iodide-laden smoke into the air at intervals over a nine months period to see if approaching storms could be modified or their direction of movement changed. Conclusion at the end of tests: "No evidence of any large-scale meteorological effects due to seeding".

But if the Big Boys cannot be tamed, there are many farmers who are convinced that the Little Boys—ordinary thunderstorms—can.

All through last summer, fruit growers near the NSW-Queensland border bombarded—successfully they say—the destructive thunderstorms that approached their area. The weapons of attack were silver iodide loaded rockets imported from France, where the method is very popular. The effect is to cause the thunder-head to dissipate into rain, or deposit its hail, before arriving directly over the orchards. Less enthusiastic about these storm-busting activities are the pilots flying the Sydney-Brisbane route who protested strongly against danger to aircraft from rockets.

## Fiji-Indian Education

**S**TATING that 10,000 Indian children of primary school age in Fiji are not receiving schooling, Mr. Hari Charan, presiding at the 25th annual conference of the Fiji Teachers' Union, urged the Education Dept. to provide more facilities. He said there was also a need for trained teachers for higher institutions.

The Deputy Director of Education (Mr. M. McGrath), who opened the conference, stressed the need for good relations among the teachers, the community and the department.

† Mr. N. K. Nataly, well known as a storekeeper near Nadi Airport, Fiji, was found drowned in the Nadi River on March 16. Three days earlier he had failed to return home after attending a ceremony at the Shri Vivekananda School.

† Plans to bring a French military soccer team to New Caledonia and French Oceania are held up by the question of expense. The bill (at least £A7,000) would have to be met by the two colonies, and it has been suggested that a series of matches in Australia might help to pay for the tour. There would be at least 20 men in the team, and this would mean a special plane between Noumea and Tahiti.

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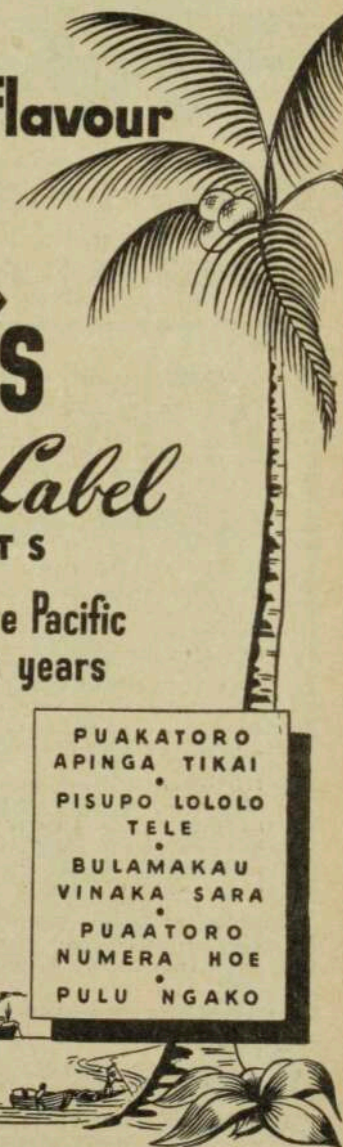
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MRS. STEVENSON'S DIARY

# US RESEARCH PROBES VAILIMA LIFE

LITERARY detective work in California has uncovered passages which Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson—or possibly her daughter—deliberately and carefully scored out of a diary kept at Vailima, Samoa, in the 1890's.

Most students of the Stevenson family know there were occasional family rumpuses in the Vailima setting. It would have been astonishing if they had not occurred at times, considering that Stevenson's wife was the former Mrs. Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne, ten years older than RLS, her two children, Lloyd and Isobel Osbourne, and Stevenson's mother, Mrs. Margaret Elphinstown, all had minds of their own and widely-varied temperaments.

At Vailima, Fanny kept a diary in a 200-page bound notebook covering the years 1890-93—which her daughter (Mrs. Isobel Field), who died in 1953, presented to the State of California.

## Stevenson Group at Vailima



Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, whose diary has been subjected to "literary detective work", is on the left, with RLS, Mrs. Strong (Mrs. Stevenson's daughter) and Stevenson's mother.

The diarist confided her feelings to the journal, but later she, or some relation, had misgivings and painstakingly scratched out the touchy passages.

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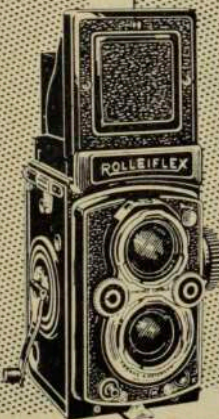
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A *New York Times* report states that the passages "all deal with family frictions that were far from scandalous but nonetheless revealing".

One of the references which Mrs. Stevenson, or perhaps her daughter, considered too personal for posterity concerned a minor skirmish between the British-born RLS and his American-born stepson. It read:

"The moment that grace was said, and before dinner had commenced, Louis declared a toast in the voice of one doubtful of being obeyed. . . it was (to) 'Her blessed Majesty the Queen.'

"Then in an aggressive manner he turned to Lloyd, saying, 'You can drink to the President afterwards if you like.' I'm writing this down hoping that Louis may see it and realise how foolish and childish and in bad taste the whole thing is. . . need to say that Lloyd smiled and did not offer any but a social toast. . ."

**A**NOTHER section dealt with mother-in-law friction:

"There is a big row on hand concerning—prayer! It seems that Lafaele (a Samoan servant) had to be with the wounded horse at prayer time, and Joe (Joe Strong, Isobel's first husband) having scalded his right hand very badly, took Austin (son of Joe and Isobel) away to help him with the fowls. All this work **MUST** be done before the sun gets too hot, and it could not be helped. Unfortunately, Belle (Isobel)

was caught prowling like a cat, with no ostensible—and I fear no real—business on hand, and there was an explosion. Mrs. S. (Stevenson's mother) considers that she has received a personal insult from them all, and when Austin came to her for his lessons he was sent flying.

"A fight about prayers is really enough to bring a cynical smile to

the lips of a Bishop. Mrs. S. says she will not be left to pray only with the servants. I am afraid that distinction is not made in other quarters. She dislikes the life here which we find so enchanting and disappointed and soured that she is not able to persuade us to throw it all up and go to the colonies

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"We have given the colonies a fair trial and they mean death to Louis (who had tuberculosis), whereas this is life and reasonable health."

In the light of the lines which RLS wrote about Fanny ("Teacher, tender comrade, wife") and which are carved, with the *Requiem*, in their joint tomb on Mount Vaea, above Vailima, Fanny's notes about her husband's opinion of her are lightful:

"Louis says that I have the soul of a peasant—not so much that I am working in the earth and with the earth, but because I like to know that it is my own earth that I am delving in. Had I the soul of an artist the stupidity of my sessions would have no power over me."

He may be right. I would as soon think of renting a child to love as a piece of land. When I plant a seed or a root, I plant a bit of my heart with it and do not feel that I have finished when I have done my exercise and amusement. I do not feel so far removed from God when the tender leaves spring forth and I know that in a manner I am a creator."

At this distance there seems to be little reason why Fanny or anybody else should have been stated about the scored-out passages. There may, however, be a mild question about the good taste (or lack of it) in publicly displaying passages which the diarist herself, as likely as not, wished to keep.

#### Citizen Prominent In

### Re-told Story of First Round-the-World Flight

ONE of Fiji's leading citizens was prominent in Sydney's *Daily Mirror*, on March 25, when, in a generously-illustrated "feature" article, a special writer re-told the story of how American Wiley Post (not to be confused with the American aviator) and Australian Harold Gatty (navigator) in 1931, became the first to fly right around the earth. Harold Gatty, 25 years older, but less adventurous, is now the active manager of Fiji Airways Ltd., which provides the archipelago with its internal air services.

WILEY POST, radio operator, circus parachutist, and oilfield mechanic, lost the sight of his eye in 1926 in an accident. With a \$1,800 dollars compensation, he bought a "ramshackle crate" and, although he now had only one eye, became an expert airman. In 1930, Post acquired a Lockheed plane which he called *Winnie*; planned the circumnavigation of the globe; and accepted the

eager offer of his young friend Gatty (then running an air navigation school in Los Angeles) to go with him.

They took off eastwards from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, to the cheers of 100,000 people. They came out of the west and alighted at Cleveland, New York, exactly 8 days, 15 hours and 51 minutes later. "All America hailed the feat with delirious acclaim." They had earned a permanent place in aviation's hall of fame.

Gatty went on to a distinguished career in civil and wartime aviation; but Post lost his life four years later. He flew solo around the world; made the then altitude record of 49,000 feet in 1934; and attacked the trans-continental record; and

then went off with famous writer Will Rogers on a world tour in a seaplane. They crashed into a lake in Alaska, and both were drowned.

† March was a good month for the fishermen of Pukapuka. Two large sailfish were caught in addition to several huge tuna, and schools of a type of mackerel, known as koperu, were caught by the thousand daily, while the light lasted. Koama (red mullet), spawned around the island in millions, and were caught with both nets and lines and hooks. It is reported that the hook and line fishers took an average of somewhere between 300 and 400 koama a trip.

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## Secondary Education in Fiji May Involve Big Questions

From Our Suva Correspondent.

Post-primary education—a controversial subject in Fiji—was the principal topic in the opening address by the Acting Governor (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart) at the April sitting of the Legislative Council.

MR. STODDART described the five-year plan proposed by the Director of Education (Mr. W. Lewis-Jones) in a new Education report as well conceived, well balanced and practical.

The report, recently published, is being examined by the Board of Education and will be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies before definite proposals are laid before the Executive and Legislative Councils in Fiji.

Pointing out that emphasis during the last ten years has been laid on primary school development, the report states that the planned development of post-primary education has not kept pace.

It states that the first need is for a balanced series of post-primary courses embracing academic, modern, technical and agricultural education to provide for a reasonable proportion of those who complete satisfactorily the primary school course.

The Director proposes a secondary

school entrance examination, on the results of which a selection would be made for entry to the post-primary schools.

From the secondary schools students would go to teacher training colleges or such institutions as the Central Medical School, Nurses' Training School, Koronivia Farm Institute and Government Stenographers' School, or they might go into industry, or overseas for university or other advanced training.

The establishment of a series of trade schools and the extension of evening classes is proposed.

A new Fiji Technical College is to be established at Suva, and a system of day-release apprenticeship is to be encouraged, employers allowing apprentices time off work to enable them to attend trade school classes.

THE report is comprehensive, but people who are perturbed about Fiji's apparent inability to

widen its range of production may ask how it will be applied to practical issues.

The process of baking or half-baking Fijian and Indian youth in a sort of educational oven is quickly accomplished. The process of placing them in the better jobs that education should hold out to them is not so quick, and the result may well be disappointment, frustration and agitation.

Except for the fortuitous circumstances which brought the late Mr. E. G. Theodore and a mining industry to Fiji, and the industrial expansion of Island Industries Ltd., there has been little primary

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or secondary development in Fiji during the last 20 years.

A pineapple factory was started at Lautoka but could not be maintained.

Increased labour demands are being made for a poor output. Increased export revenue is due largely to increased prices, not to increased production, and very few baskets are required to carry the primary production of the Colony.

The Education Plan provides for some increase in primary production, and some expansion of intermediate Fijian schools, but the main development will be in secondary education, and by providing more for technical and agricultural subjects, the plan is said to have a practical bias.

Part-Europeans particularly have a natural aptitude for mechanical work, and improvement in standards is necessary for future development, but many of them are now finding better prospects overseas.

Because of low efficiency, building costs are unnecessarily high.

**A**GRICULTURE when applied to the Fijians is a vague term. They have their traditional methods. Arable land is restricted and it is generally on river flats and in patches not large enough for mechanised agriculture.

Animal husbandry would be practical. There are areas of hill

country where cattle could range provided that food plantations were fenced.

An educational plan, however good on paper, is controversial unless it is accompanied by a practical plan to show how agricultural students can be absorbed, and how

industries can be developed by producing from the soil material that can be manufactured or processed.

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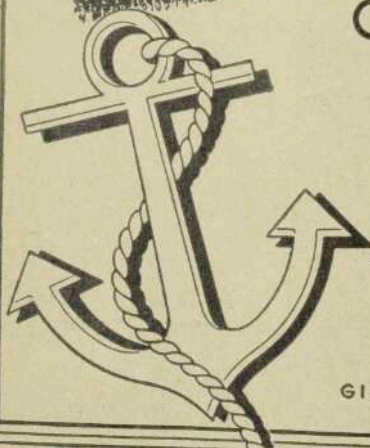
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## “Malaita”

Left: Mrs. R. J. Lake, centre, was seen off by Miss K. Laworth, left, and Miss J. Bruce, when she left Sydney in the “Malaita” to join her husband at a Presbyterian Mission station at Santo.

Right: Mrs. D. M. Gray of the BSIP Administration staff, Honiara, farewelled her mother, Mrs.

E. Brown, right, and Miss O. Rieve, when she returned from vacation in Sydney. Miss Rieve was to leave from Honiara.



† Lae clubs and societies raised more than £1,600 in March for NSW flood relief. This represents more than £1 a head of the local European population.

‡ Lieut.-Commander G. R. Woods, VRD, has relinquished command of the Fiji Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and has been replaced temporarily by Lieut.-Commander S. R. Brown.

which they will have to make their way in business and professional life.

Fiji has a development plan on paper, but there is nothing concrete to show how it is to create new industries and increase production. Part of the machinery is there, but there is no transmission gear to produce results.

## Fijian Actors Praised

COMMENTING on the news that another Hollywood company had been looking for “local talent and South Pacific scenery”, the Red Cross News and Views (Lautoka, Fiji), added tartly: “People in Fiji hope that the new venture may do more justice to Fiji than *His Majesty O’Keefe*. Fond hopes do not always square with Hollywood ideas of money-making products.”

Subsequently, it was reported that our shots (tentatively titled *Earl of the Pacific*) had been filmed at Vomo, a little island west of Lautoka, and that the RKO special effects chief (Mr. Lee Zavitz) was enthusiastic.

Europeans taking part included Mr. Pickering (doubling for Lance Rimmer), Mrs. Nora McCowan (doubling for Virginia Mayo), George Welsh (doubling for Dennis Morgan), and Paddy Mullely, who played Bully Hayes.

Mr. Zavitz warmly praised these extras, but he became almost apologetic over the Vomo and Vudalians (nearly 100 in all) who took part.

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## Brilliant Family

A photograph taken after the Commemoration ceremony at Adelaide University, South Australia, on March 30. Shown are Dr. C. M. Deland, formerly a medical officer in New Guinea; sons Curtis G. Deland, who graduated in medicine; Peter Deland, who graduated in Science; and their mother, Mrs. Deland. Another Deland son, Raymond, graduated from the same University some years ago and is now at the Pennsylvania State University, USA. Residents of the Wewak District of New Guinea will remember the Deland boys



as small youngsters learning their lessons there from their mother.

## BOOK ISLANDS APPOINTMENTS

From Our Own Correspondent.

In February, Mr. W. A. Allison, B.A., was appointed Director of Education, Rarotonga, after acting in that capacity since Mr. H. Hickling's return to New Zealand last year.

Mr. Allison went to the C.I. in 1940 and was appointed Resident Agent and Admaster at Atiu. In 1951 he became Admaster of Avarua school, Rarotonga, in which capacity he served until his recent promotion.

Mr. L. L. Bailey has been appointed

from the Registrar-General's Department in New Zealand to the Registrar's Office at Rarotonga.

Mr. A. Russell, formerly employed as a senior clerk with the Army Department in New Zealand, will shortly arrive at Rarotonga to take over from Mr. Barrie Good, senior clerk in the Resident Commissioner's Office, who will return to New Zealand.

† Fire at the Tongan Government's boys' hostel in Auckland, on April 8, destroyed two rooms and badly damaged five others.

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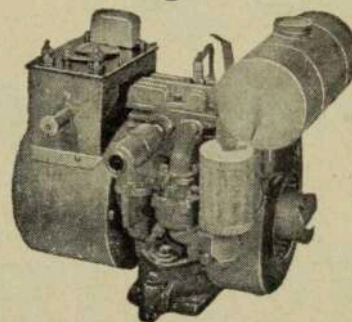
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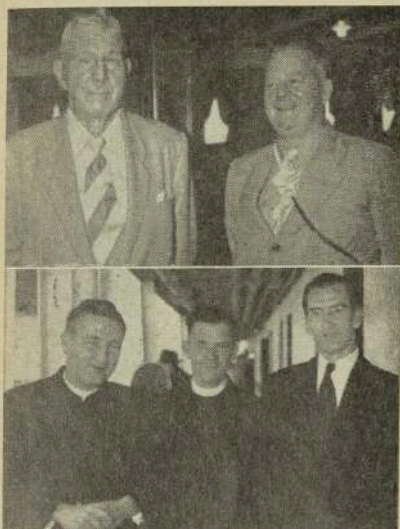
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Rev. Fr. A. T. Devlin, SM, returning to Dala Catholic Mission station, Malaita; and Brother Gregory and Brother Joseph, bound for Honiara.

¶ A Samoan, Pastor J. W. Soloi, has left Papua after six years of valuable missionary work there, especially at the Lawes Theological College for Papuans. He is doing some mission work in Australia before re-

turning to Western Samoa.

¶ Crown Prince Tungi, of Tonga, visiting the United Kingdom, has tea with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace on April 6.

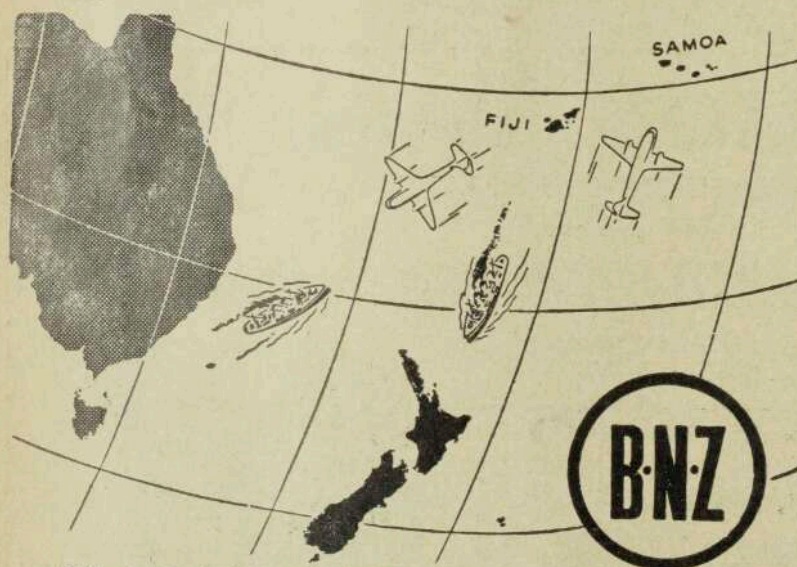
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## Modern Planning at Nurses' School

**F**UJI'S Central Nursing School at Tamavua, near Suva, where 213 girls—nearly all of them Fijians—are taking a 3½ years' course, has one of the most modern kitchens in the Colony.

Planned by the nutrition section of the South Pacific Health Service, under Miss Susan Holmes, the kitchen provides meals for staff nurses on duty at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital as well as for the school's trainees, the food being transported to the CWMH in stainless steel containers.

To cope with meals for 300 people every day, the kitchen is equipped with a large steam oven, two giant pressure cookers and an electric stove.

The school was moved in January from old and cramped quarters at the CWMH to new buildings at Tamavua, a hill suburb which already accommodated the tuberculosis hospital and the new headquarters of the Central Medical School.

## LOSS OF A BRITISH MEMORIAL IN NUKUALOFA

**I**N May, 1898, Mr. R. Hanslip, of Nukualofa, Tonga, called a general meeting to consider the best way of celebrating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Many proposals were made. Each proposal had to be voted on. The proposal which fetched the most votes was "a hall to be built and to be called Queen Victoria Memorial Hall." A committee was elected—Mr. Rob. Hanslip (Chairman), Arthur Wright, manager of UAPP (Secretary), and F. T. Goedicke (of the Club Hotel).

From the start the committee had lots of trouble. When we asked the Tongan Government for the grant of a section of land on which to erect the hall, an old cemetery in the Beach Road area was offered. The committee, insulted, wrote to the Governor of Fiji who sent a strong letter to the Tongan Government. The result was that no other sections were offered—where the present Nukualofa Club is erected and one on the main street, in the centre of the town. This section the committee accepted.

In 1901 the hall was finished. Consul Hamilton Hunter, CMG, opened it with a gilded key.

I left Tonga for Haapai in 1915, after being a member of the committee for 17 years. In 1942, while residing in Haapai, I was told that the Victoria Memorial Hall had been pulled down. I wrote to Con-

sul Johnson, a good friend of mine, asking if this report was correct, and he told me that when he arrived in Nukualofa in 1942, and saw the filthy state in which the American soldiers had left the Hall, he gave orders to have the Hall pulled down. The lumber was sold to the Wesleyan Church and Mr. J. Prothero (then manager of Morris Hedstrom) offered his kind service

in seeing that a new hall was built. But 11 years have gone by and no new hall has been built. When are the loyal Britishers in Tonga going to again provide a memorial to the good and well-beloved Queen Victoria? I am only a naturalised Britisher (since 1884) but I bow my head in shame to see the way in which this Memorial has been treated.—F. T. Goedicke.

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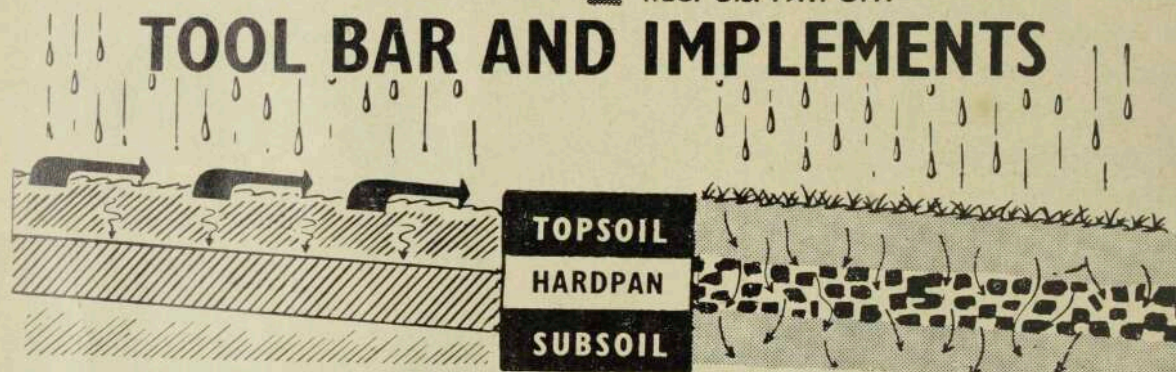
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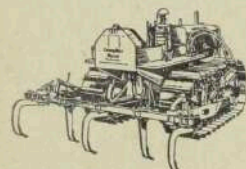
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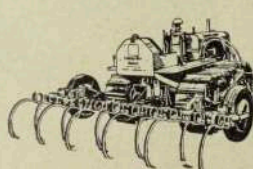
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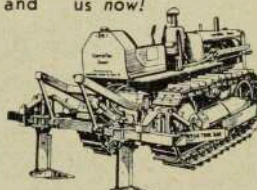
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### Chow-Seeto Wedding

Miss Phoebe Seeto and Mr. Phillip Chow were married at the Rabaul Methodist Church on April 2. In this group are (left to right): Mr. Loy Chee (bestman), the Rev. John Su, the bridegroom and bride, the Rev. F. K. Lewis, who performed the ceremony, Miss Sally Leong (bridesmaid) and Marion Lee (flower-girl).

Photo: C. H. Meen.

### Athletics in N. Caledonia

**P**ARTICIPATION of New Caledonian athletes in the French Union Games and the Olympic Games is one of the objectives of the NC Deputy in the French Parliament (M. Lenormand). He intends to form a commission in the local assembly to deal with all sporting matters and to institute a system of sporting education. Only about three organised sports flourish at present—football, basketball and cycling. Tennis and swimming do not figure much in the sporting calendar, but spearfishing is popular and annual championships are organised.—*Noumea Correspondent.*

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## NATIVE COMMUNAL PROGRESS NEAR RABAU

THE remarkable degree of local government undertaken by the village councils of the Rabaul area—referred to by PIM last November—impressed Mr. H. E. Maude (South Pacific Commission's Executive Officer for Social Development) when he was there in March.

"The Councils now in successful operation in Gazelle Peninsula," he said, "are remarkable in two important respects: firstly by the degree of community participation, and by being concerned with a progressive programme of native economic development—more especially, the development of cocoa, of which considerable areas have been planted under Council stimulus.

"The Councils themselves arrange for the purchase of the native cocoa crop, and operate their own fermentaries and other processing equipment.

"The main revenue of the Councils is obtained by a tax, fixed and collected by themselves. This enables them to provide schools, water supplies and numerous other community undertakings which,

only a few years ago, would have seemed quite beyond them.

† Brother Martin Ramjam, of Fiji, took his first vows as a Capuchin Friar at a NSW seminary in May.

‡ Mr. W. Schutz of Tarawa, who recently qualified for a Second Mate's certificate at a Sydney navigation school, is now a deck officer aboard the Australian coastguard ship *Belunga*.

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## Japanese Will Catch Fish for New Hebrides Cannery

The scheme to enlist Japanese fishing know-how in a tuna canning enterprise in Santo, New Hebrides, which is now under way, could be of considerable economic benefit to the Condominium, if successful.

A CERTAIN amount of antagonism to the scheme has been encountered—based, mostly, on anti-Japanese feeling and fear of Japanese competition. But, so far as we can judge, such fears are groundless. There never was a South Pacific fishing enterprise worth the name until the Japanese showed that fish could be caught for the Van Camp cannery in Pago Pago, American Samoa. And this in spite of expensive fishery surveys undertaken by various Governments.

PIM has always maintained that the smart thing for the South Pacific to do is to enlist Japanese skill in this art. And this is what the company now formed (D. J. Gubbay & Co. (New Hebrides) Pty. Ltd.), proposes to do.

The following information is based on an interview with Mr. D. J. Gubbay, in Sydney, in April.

Mr. Gubbay had his interest first stirred by reports of the successful tuna fishing operations based on Pago Pago. Then, a year ago a Japanese fishing vessel called in Santo to land a sick seaman. While it remained in port, Mr. Gubbay was able to obtain interesting information from the Japanese aboard.

He realised that Japanese skill could be essential to the success of any local fishing project, at least in the early stages. If Japanese were prepared to fish on contract for a New Hebrides cannery—and was soon discovered that they were—why not make use of their skills?

Japanese are already regularly fishing the nearby waters legally and sometimes inside the 3-mile limit, illegally) for their own benefit—and not all the anti-Japanese feeling in the world will alter that. Discussions on the subject were held with the joint French-British Resident Commissioners. They investigated Mr. Gubbay's proposals and gave the project their unqualified written approval. Mr. Gubbay thereupon went to Japan in January, 1955, to discuss the matter with the South Sea Trading Co., which is a branch of the same organisation which has operated the Japanese pearling fleet in the Coral Sea during the past two seasons.

More recently the managing director, a fisheries expert, and a refrigeration expert of the Japanese company have visited the New Hebrides to finalise plans.

The company now formed is a British-registered company. In addition to local capital, it has the backing of a loan from the United States Import-Export Bank under its Point Four Programme. The terms of this loan are that all the equipment must be purchased from Japan as an economic aid to that

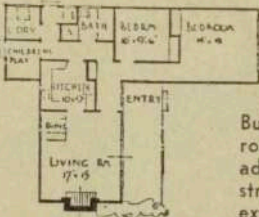
country. Cement and machinery will arrive in Santo from there about June. The freezer will be built by local labour. The exact site has not yet been decided.

An idea has developed in the New Hebrides that the company plans to enter other fields of business with Japan. Mr. Gubbay denies this. This impression gained ground through a fourth Japanese business man, not associated with the fishing industry, having arrived in the New Hebrides with the three Japanese experts mentioned above.

A satisfactory market, not only for tuna but for all other fish taken, is the primary factor which will decide the success or failure of the undertaking. Failure to find a market for the types of fish which



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It is not profitable to can, is the main problem facing the Van Camp organisation in Pago Pago, where a great deal of fish is currently wasted instead of being turned to profit. Limited freezer holding space, there, even for tuna, during periods of very successful fishing, has meant that even the cannable fish has had to be wasted at times.

The Santo company is discussing an agreement with Van Camp. Some of the Santo catch will go to Pago Pago for canning. Some will go as freezer cargo to the States—possibly transported by a freezer vessel to Suva to connect with Orient Line vessels which are equipped to carry the fish. The produce not wanted by the American market will very probably go to Italy and France in the big

Messageries Maritimes liners which have ample freezer and cooler space. Some other produce will be dried and sent to Japan.

Greatest difference between the Pago Pago and Santo operations will be that the seven 100-ton fishing vessels will not be equipped with freezer machinery. They will carry ice and the fish will be brought in chilled, not frozen. Once fish has been frozen it must be canned, and is spoilt for the fresh-fish market.

About 3,000 tons of fish per annum must be handled to make operations payable. The Japanese are satisfied that this quantity can be delivered.

The Santo freezer-cooler will have a capacity of 2,000 tons, but

only 700 tons of this space will be available for holding fish. The remainder will be for ice manufacturing and storage for the fishing boats. The idea will be to deliver tuna to the Pago Pago cannery during slack intervals there, and thus keep up an even supply to that cannery. (Holding capacity there is only 200 tons).

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### Queen's Film at Noumea

Many of Noumea's leading citizens attended the screening of "The Queen in Australia" at the Rex cinema. Photograph shows the Australian Consul, Dr. Cumpston (on right), with the Acting Governor of New Caledonia (M. Biros) and Mme. Biros.

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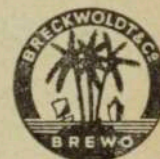
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As at Pago Pago, the Japanese company will deliver fish to the Santo freezer on a contract basis, at so much per ton, the rate varying with the kind of fish delivered.

The Japanese will find their own bait—about 60 tons of this bait fish will be imported, frozen, from Japan each year. Long-line methods will be used. The seven fishing vessels will be owned by the Santo company, not by the fishing contractors.

In the ships will be employed 137 Jap fishermen, and 18 Jap refrigeration men, 12 fish-curing specialists, and 4 Jap office staff will handle the paying, victualling, and all the business affairs associated with the administration of the Japanese staff, who will be under strict control and will be returned to Japan at the end of their seasonal contracts. The fishing season is mainly during the southern winter.

It is hoped that during the tuna off-season, local crayfish tails will be processed.

HERE are some points made by Mr. Gubbay:

- Most of the fish sold will be paid for in dollars.

- At present no refrigeration plant exists in the New Hebrides, and there will be ample space in the Santo freezer for the holding of meat and produce, local or imported.

- There is at present no regular supply of fresh fish in the Group. The Santo enterprise will provide large quantities of fish other than tuna, as a valuable food supply for plantation labour.

- The company will pay wharfage charges to the Government

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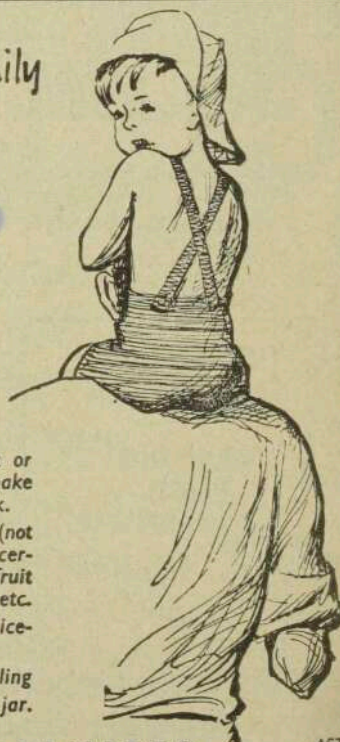
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shore facilities each year. Tanks will therefore have to be built and it is hoped that an oil company will be encouraged to establish a bulk depot. In any case, whether owned by an oil company or owned by the fishing company, the facilities will be available to all vessels in the New Hebrides. (At present fuel oil which cost £16 per ton in Noumea costs £50 in Santo).

• The fishing company will require 30 tons of water per day. At present there are no fresh water supply facilities for shipping in the New Hebrides except at an out-of-the-way point. The water facilities which the company will instal will be available to all.

• The enterprise calls for an electric power consumption of 700 kilowatts. This guaranteed consumption might induce an electric power company to go into business in Santo to supply all local requirements. Obviously the more power consumed, the cheaper it will be per unit to the individual household.

• There are no banking facilities in the New Hebrides. Increased business in the area may induce a bank to open an Agency or Branch.

• Although the Van Camp contract fleet was mainly fishing close to Samoa in the early stages, it is now sending its vessels as far afield as the New Hebrides. The Japanese have reported some of their best catches of the valuable albacore from that area. As the Japanese are paid only on results, it can be taken for certain that they would not have shown an interest in the Santo scheme unless they were sure of getting good hauls from nearby waters.

### Young Samoan Gaoled For Manslaughter

28-year-old Samoan, Mile Repati Usu Salasa, charged with the murder of Papa Malava Tuna, Faleula, on February 19, has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to four years' imprisonment. The murder was the result of a long-standing land-feud between the families of the accused and the dead man.

### Harbour Investigation in Western Samoa

PORT Advisory Committee has been set up in Western Samoa to investigate the possibility of building a wharf for deep-water vessels at Apia, or elsewhere in Upolu. A New Zealand engineer made a study of the problem in 1950 and then estimated that such a wharf could be built at Matautu for about £350,000, or

alternatively at Vaiusu Bay for £1 million. Since then the problem has become more pressing with the substantial increase in trade through the port of Apia, at present handled entirely by lighterage.

† Suva's one European-owned cinema (Regal) and the Indian-owned Century have been sold to Chinese and Indian interests respectively, states a Lautoka report, which adds that the cinemas at Ba and Lautoka, formerly owned and operated by Grants Theatres, have been acquired by the taxi firm of Sharan Bros.

‡ Mr. C. G. Marjason, of the Bank of New South Wales, and Mrs. Marjason, sailed from Brisbane in the *Bulolo* in May, for a tour of Papua and New Guinea. Mr. Marjason is the Chief Executive Officer for the bank in Queensland, and also for Island branches. However, due to the growth of business and increase in numbers of the branches and agencies in Papua and New Guinea, the bank has appointed a separate administrator, with the title of supervisor, to assume control of the bank's Island business from June 1. The administrator's duties will also incorporate management of the Port Moresby branch of the bank.

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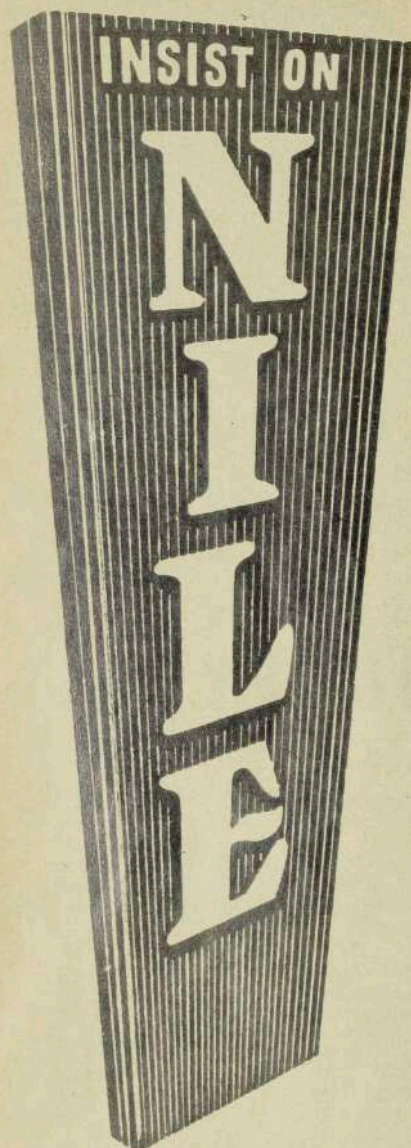
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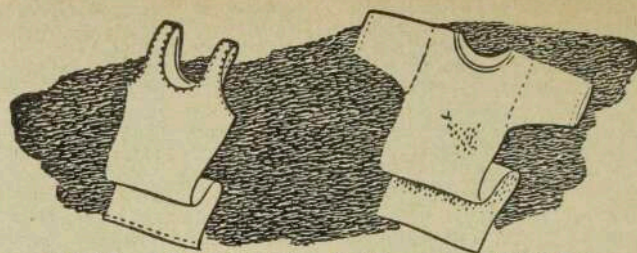
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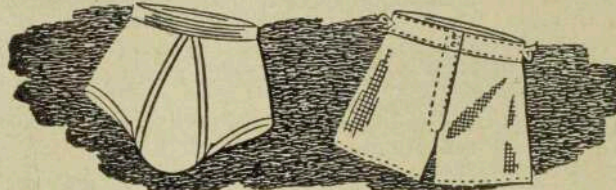


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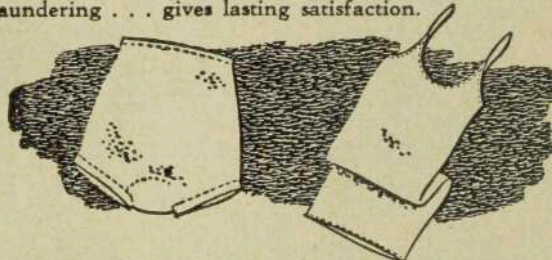
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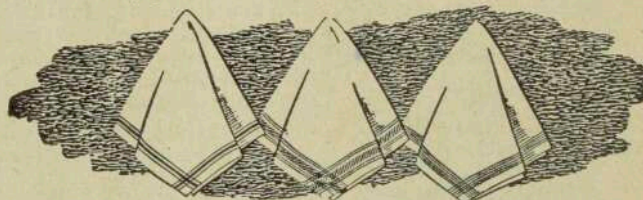
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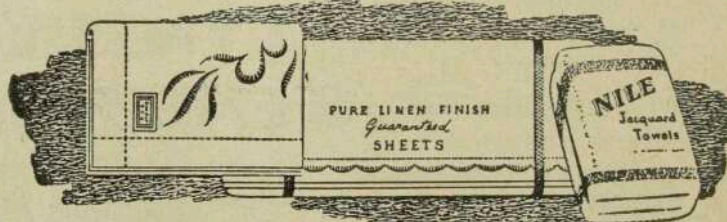
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MR. JOHN VERITY, formerly Chief Justice of Nigeria, has been appointed chairman of a Commission of Inquiry into the methods of investigation of crime by the Fiji Police Force.

The other members are Mr. A. A. Duncan, CMS, formerly Chief Commissioner of Police, Victoria, Australia, and Mr. R. N. Caldwell, MG, MC, formerly District Commissioner and Deputy Secretary for Fijian Affairs in Fiji.

The Commission was scheduled to start its investigations in the middle of April.

For some years members of the legal profession in Fiji have expressed dissatisfaction with the method sometimes employed in taking statements, claiming that sometimes, through racial and language differences, questions are not properly understood, or answers are taken down incorrectly.

Former police officers have also claimed that statements were inclined to be used as an easy way of obtaining evidence and that if cases are properly prepared, with full in-

vestigation, statements would not be necessary.

In a recent case at Ba a retrial was ordered on the grounds that statements were improperly taken, and much conflicting evidence on the point was given in court.

The Commission's terms of reference are: To inquire into the method of investigation of crime by the Fiji Police Force, with particular reference to (a) taking of statements by police officers from persons suspected of, or charged with criminal offences, and (b) the investigation by the Fiji Police Force into the recent murder of Gopal Reddy.

The commission is also to make recommendations on the above matters, and in particular it is to make recommendations on the following:—(a) The advisability of the admission in evidence against accused persons of statements taken from them by police officers, and (b) on what safeguards, if any,

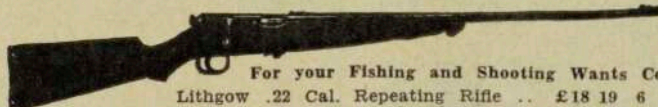
in addition to the Judge's Rules may be desirable as a condition of the admissibility of such statements.

† Pastor Salerua, of the New Hebrides, has been touring Australia under the auspices of the Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions to tell congregations of the progress of the native Presbyterian Church in the Islands.

The New Hebrides Church, which came into existence in 1948, has 23 New Hebridean pastors as well as 35 Australian and 15 New Zealand missionaries. The educational side of mission work is stressed as there are no Government schools.

† Semesa Sikivou, a master at Queen Victoria School, has become the first Fijian to graduate Master of Arts in the University of New Zealand. Ratu K. K. T. Mara is an MA of Oxford University, and several Fijians have gained BA degrees in New Zealand and at Oxford.

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## Those "Mystery Ships" are Just Fishing

ACCORDING to an Islands resident recently back from Japan, the "mysterious Japanese vessels" that are so frequently headlined in the press are not mysterious at all.

In the Marunouchi Building in Tokio, he says, is the Japan headquarters of the United States Tuna Research Foundation, whose object is to follow very closely the latest techniques in tuna fishing and make them available to American fishermen—and fishermen anywhere else in the world who care to avail themselves of the services offering.

On the chart in the Tuna Foundation's office is marked the daily position of every licensed Japanese tuna boat as reported by radio. There is no mystery—but there is a great deal of fishing activity—and if anyone sights "mysterious" vessels and is really interested in knowing their identity, a reply-paid telegram to the Foundation will more than probably supply the answer—if they are Jap tuna boats.

There are some poachers, mainly from Okinawa, which the Foundation, or the Japanese Government, cannot keep track of from day to day, but a vast majority of vessels

are working within the law and notifying their correct positions regularly.

Groups of vessels generally communicate by radio telephony or telegraph on frequencies not normally monitored by South Pacific coastal radio stations, so their presence in the area is not always known. But there is nothing mysterious about their communications—for anyone who can understand Japanese or the Japanese form of the Morse Code.

The vessels are there, in number just over the horizon, engaged in the tough, routine job, of fishing for a homeland desperately short of food. There is plenty of roe and fish, out there for anyone who cares to try his hand at it JPS.

† Continuous heavy rains in March were having a serious adverse effect on the Western Samoa cocoa crop with very little new-season cocoa coming forward.

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# RAROTONGA CYCLE RACE

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RAROTONGA'S annual bicycle race around the island's twenty miles of rough coral road took place on April 11, Easter Monday. This race is an endurance test both for riders and their machines, as the road is in a poor state after the recent rains, and the average shade temperature and humidity figures for this time of the year are 78 degrees and 91 per cent. respectively.

The cycles used are heavy roadsters with two-inch balloon tyres, which make heavy going over the sandy patches, but are sturdy enough to stand up to the punishment inflicted upon them by the course. Under the ruling of the Rarotonga Sports Association, the cycles may be stripped, but must retain the balloon tyres. Most of the riders' training takes place on the roller tracks of the Fruit Packing Sheds, with a little evening road work thrown in.

Each of the six villages entered three representatives, and there was also a separate Women's Race of 12 miles.

On Race Day the riders were preceded by a Police car which kept the road clear of pedestrians and wandering livestock, and a breakdown truck and an ambulance followed the cyclists.

Manoa Heather won the Men's race in 56 minutes 6 seconds. This was the second successive year that he has won, and the fifth consecutive year that the winner was a member of the Heather family. Nga Carlson won the Women's race again this year for the fourth consecutive year.

## Almost a Tragedy



Weakened by heavy rain in April, a leaning wall, 30 ft. high, collapsed into Oumea street, narrowly missing a passenger motor-car in which were Mr. Harry Kent, accounting officer of the South Pacific Commission, his wife and family. The car only just cleared the wall, and the roof was badly dented by a falling fragment.

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## MAGAZINE SECTION

# Tropicalities

### THE WHITE FLESH OF THE PIG

WHEREVER I went in Naitauba (Fiji) I was followed by hurricanes of giggles from the hired-help. The kitchen girls' hysteria almost caused them to fall into the butter-churns; and the male work-force was quite put off its copra cutting or scrub clearing.

"It's your white legs," said Liz. White legs, forsooth! I'd have her now that back home I was considered adequately sun-tanned. But nothing would persuade her that I was other than lily-white—and she also made some other obscure remarks about Fijians and what they called "white pig."

After this, I wore jeans for a couple of days, and a dress. But shorts were made for that part of the world—they don't get wet around the edges or collect grass seeds. So back to the shorts. And that day I saw a very fat Fijian woman, squatting in a water hole, bare from the waist up, doing the family washing.

"Bosoms don't count," said Liz, who wears shorts herself. "Only legs."

Well—for heaven's sake, since when? Since a long time, evidently. Back before missionaries; although I was informed by this authority on the subject, that Fijian misses lace, way back, wore something about the size and with the general characteristics of a pie-frill.

It must have been way back—because not even the oldest illustrations in the oldest books show Fijian women looking less dressed than a Christmas tree. Fiji's most modern dresses around Suva wear an ordinary street frock, showing a good 15 inches of leg—which is progress. But still more cling to the European dress, under which an ankle-length lava-lava is worn.

All of which leads me to the conclusion that Fijians must have emulated the dictum of the missionaries with a great deal more enthusiasm than other Pacific islanders—most of whom, while making some concession to missionary modesty, at least keep their legs.—JT.

### OF POSSIBLE IMPORTANCE

WHEN the front doorbell of a Suva club rang persistently a member investigated.

An Indian youth asked for another member and was asked in turn the matter were urgent.

"Well, yes, sir," was the reply. "I think it might be important, because his house is on fire."

Only one thing was wrong. The fire, a small outbreak that was quickly extinguished, was at somebody else's house.

### WESTMINSTER CHIMES FOR NUKUALOFA

MORE than a century ago King George Tupou I modelled Tonga's constitution on that of Great Britain. And now Queen Salote has gone a step further in the Tongan annexation of Westminster.

During her triumphal visit to the United Kingdom in 1953, Queen Salote fell in love with the Westminster chimes—the notes of the great bells which herald the booming of Big Ben over the Houses of Parliament.

Seeking an echo for the Tongan capital, the Queen gave an order

to a famous Derby firm for a one-ton clock, costing £1,000, to be installed in the Royal Chapel at Nukualofa, only a few yards from the present palace. Her only specific instruction was that the clock should have Westminster chimes.

Work on the big three-faced clock was started last December and was completed in April, when the clock was ready for shipment.

All the exposed movements are rustproof as a precaution against Tonga's tropical climate.

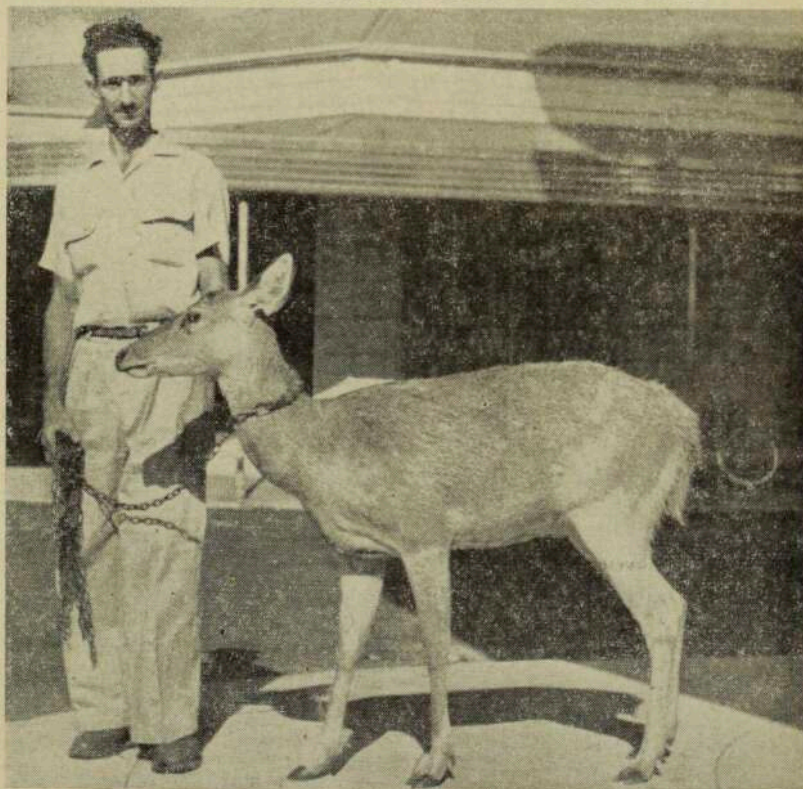
### SCHOOL MILK QUESTION

EXCITEMENT over the much-publicised supply of free milk to Cook Islands school children has died down, reports a correspondent. The milk is powdered and usually mixed with cold water, and a proportion of the little beneficiaries never did like the stuff anyway.

In a land where breakfast is in the *petit déjeuner* class, and is often so *petit* as to be non-existent, the idea of a "free school breakfast" caused quite a commotion. But when it was realised that a paternal Government was to supply only a ration of milk, without so much as a Government roll or a Government biscuit to go with it, enthusiasm waned.

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### Well-Known Noumea Resident and Friend



Placidly promenading through Noumea with her owner whenever a passenger ship is in port, this pet doe invariably attracts the attention of tourists. She is probably Noumea's most photographed figure.

Photo: F. Dunn.



## Charles Buffett of NI



**CHARLES IVENS BUFFETT**, Government Secretary of Norfolk Island, is the most distinguished son of the Pitcairn community there. He was born and educated at the island, and matriculated in 1938.

He became Registrar-Accountant just before the war, and in 1940 was in the Army Security branch before joining the RAAF as aircrew. After early training in Australia, he went to England to complete his training as a Wireless-Air Gunner. He was then posted to 99 Squadron in Liberators, in which he served in India, Burma and Siam until the end of the war.

In 1946 Charles began a four-years full-time legal course at Sydney University. In 1949 he graduated LL.B., and was called to the bar of the Supreme Court in Sydney.

In 1952 he went to Norfolk Island as Government Secretary, and he also serves as Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Buffett is known to the islanders by his nickname of "Potts", and, like most officials, he is thankful when he isn't called anything worse. He is married and has a son. He has a promising future in the administrative service of the Australian territories.—**BRETT HILDER**.

## SABBATH COMPLEXITIES

**BECAUSE** the adherents of a certain mission are permitted to fish on Sundays, there has been heartburning in Mangaia, Cook Islands, and recently there has been a suggestion that Sunday fishing by people whose sabbath falls on Saturday should be curbed by official decree.

In Mangaia there is an idea (almost a tradition) that although the sea may be terrifically rough on week-days, it is usually as calm as a millpond on Sundays. Oddly enough, there seems to be some basis of a kind for the belief, and the Sunday fishermen's hauls are often very profitable.

When Saturday fishing gleans nothing and Sunday fishing produces (as happened recently) no fewer than 40 *a'ai* (the Fijian tuna), there is bound to be some disgruntlement. Further, in the case quoted the successful fishermen did not feel called on to follow Polynesian custom by sharing the exceptional catch with their rivals of another denomination.

## ROOFLESS PROSPERITY

**G**APING holes in thatched roofs are common in Mangaia, despite prosperous times due to pineapple revenue and the earnings of Makatea phosphate workers. (A portion of the wages earned at Makatea is paid to the men's dependants at home).

As things are, nobody wants to accept "contract" jobs such as the rethatching of houses with coconut fronds or pandanus. Much of the money coming in is spent on food, clothing and the "makings" for various home-brews, and the condition of huts and houses is often poor.

In the Bad Old Days, when no pineapples were exported and when copra brought less than a farthing a pound and oranges about 1/- a hundred, a thatched roof could be kept in excellent order for perhaps £3.

Now, such workers as will accept the work demand 10/- a day and "found," and the cost of replacing a thatched roof is about £30.

No hut is worth this outlay, and so the thatch is left as it is—with miserable consequences in a tropical downpour.

## THE WATERFALL THAT WASN'T

**ALTHOUGH** impressively depicted on Western Samoa's 3d postage stamps, the Aleisa Falls do not exist, according to a *New Zealand Herald* report.



The falls as depicted on the stamp.

The report quotes Mr. J. Thornton as saying that when he visited Aleisa, 13 miles inland from Apia, he found only "a trickle dropping less than 8 ft into a pool where local women sometimes do their washing." He was told by Mr. P. G. Westbrook, who has lived at Aleisa for many years, that there has never been a big waterfall there. The local Public Works Dept. confirmed this.

The stamp, one of Western

Samoa's effective series of pictorials was produced in New Zealand and was first printed in 1952.

The pictured falls and their setting have no resemblance to the



Aleisa Falls, as they are.—Photo by Jack Thornton.

well-known Falefa Falls, 15 miles or so east of Apia, and the original remains something of a mystery.

## "PRUDISH AUSTRALIA" AND NEW CALEDONIA

**NEW CALEDONIA'S** "cultural season" (of a kind) has been augmented by an invasion of Australian variety performers. Some of them have gone down well with local audiences, but the "clou" of the season has undoubtedly been a fan-dancer—what is broad-mindedly termed in French a *danseuse nue*.

There was extremely brisk betting among the local boys as to whether or not the lady wore anything besides the fan she waved about so enthusiastically. No decision has been arrived at.

If a Noumea report is correct, this dancer created a situation in an outside centre that sounds like a page from a Marcel Pagnol novel.

It is said that she was billed to appear on a Sunday, to the indignation of the local priest, but as everything complied with the law the ecclesiastical protest was in vain.

In New Caledonia, as in Continental Europe, theatres, cinemas and bars are open on Sundays, so there is nothing startling in the fan-dancing idea. What was startling was that "prudish Australia" should export fan-dancers to inspire any kind of New Caledonia protest.—*Noumea Correspondent*.



## Memories of Rupert Brooke

# WHEN ENGLAND'S YOUNG APOLLO WROTE LYRICS IN SOUTH SEAS

By JACK THORNTON

RUPERT BROOKE, England's most gifted lyric poet at the time of the outbreak of World War I, died at Skyros, near the Dardanelles, 40 years ago last month, on the eve of the Gallipoli campaign. Eighteen months earlier he had followed his Muse to the Pacific, where he captured the loveliness of the tropical islands in haunting verses born in Tahiti and elsewhere.

Brooke died at the age of 27. Even in his lifetime he was something of a legend—a young Englishman whose athletic grace and physical beauty, allied to his gift of song, produced inevitably the tag, "young Apollo."

Although his name is linked strongly with Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, and Hawaii, it seems that most of the dwindling number of people in the Islands who read his poetry today dismiss his work as "too romantic."

He may still have his disciples, but they are certainly not in Samoa. When I first came here I discovered that only two of the scores of Europeans I met in Apia were familiar with Rupert Brooke's name—and one of them is a German by birth. This is astonishing in the light of the famous lines:

*I know an Island  
Where the slow fragrant-breathing  
nights creep past,  
and there 'twixt lowland and  
highland  
A deep fern-shrouded murmurous  
water glimmers;  
Then I'll go back at last  
And find my friends, the flower-  
crowned laughing swimmers.*

The poet's work has very likely carried Samoa's name farther afield during this century than Stevenson's writings did in his lifetime; but although *Tusitala* is a household word throughout Samoa I have yet to meet a Samoan with knowledge of the fact that Rupert Brooke once stayed here and loved Upolu best of all the islands he visited—and he had a deep love for them all, except Hawaii.

As my small offering to mark this anniversary which might otherwise pass unnoticed in print, I have recently been reading about the life of the poet whose untimely death brought grief to many hearts, and have been fortunate in coming to know two people who met Rupert Brooke.

I roughed out the draft of this article beneath a palm-tree by a lagoon at Vaiala, a village at which he has been said—though it can

never be proved—that the poet lived, and which he had in mind when he wrote from Fiji to Miss Asquith (afterwards Lady Violet Bonham-Carter) the oft-quoted description which fits the scene at Vaiala:

*You lie on a mat in a cool Samoan hut, and look out on the white sand under the high palms, and a gentle sea, and the black line of the reef a mile out, and moonlight over everything.*

Rupert Brooke was born at Rugby on August 3, 1887, the son of a schoolmaster, and Mary Ruth Cotterill, of Bath. He entered Rugby in 1901, and the following year won a scholarship. He wrote a great deal of poetry at Rugby, but considered only a small selection of it worth publishing in the 1905-08 section of his first book.

He entered Cambridge in 1906, when he met Sir Edward Marsh, who subsequently (1928) published the most sympathetic biography of the poet extant, and who died in England about two years ago. By the beginning of his second year at University, the young poet's biographer could describe him as "one of the most interested and interesting people at Cambridge."

Mrs. Cornford's epigram about the poet is considered apt of this period:

*A young Apollo, golden-haired,  
Stands dreaming on the verge of  
strife,  
Magnificently unprepared  
For the long littleness of life.*

In May, 1913, the young poet sailed from Liverpool to New York in the *Cedric*. His letters to the *Westminster Gazette* recorded his travels in the United States and Canada, and in October he sailed from San Francisco to Hawaii.

At Honolulu he stayed a few days at Waikiki, the scene of a sonnet beginning: *Warm perfumes like a breath from vine and tree*. He also wrote a sonnet-sequence at Waikiki. Of his impressions of Hawaii he wrote to his mother without his usual enthusiasm: "Honolulu is a dreadfully American place, just like any other city in the States or Canada." And he found little to inspire him in the country nearby.

His next stop was Apia, and he stayed in Samoa about a month, living mainly in villages and traveling extensively in Upolu. Of Samoa he wrote to Edmund Gosse on arrival in Suva:

"Oh, it's horribly true, what you wrote, that one only finds in the South Seas what one brings there. Perhaps I could have found Romance if I had brought it. Yet I do not



Rupert Brooke.

think one could help but find less trouble than one brings. The idea of the South Seas as a place of passion and a Mohammedan's paradise is but a sailor's yarn. It is nothing near so disturbing.

"These dear, good people, with their laughter and friendliness and crowns of flowers—one feels that one must protect them. . . That's I fancy, how the white man feels in these forgotten, and dissolving, pieces of heaven. And that is perhaps what Stevenson felt—I don't know enough about him. His memory is sweet there, in Samoa, especially among the natives. The white men, mostly traders, who remain from his time, have—for such people—very warm recollections of his personality; but—with a touch of pathos—avow themselves unable to see any merit in his work. . ."

In a letter about Samoa to Sir Edward Marsh, written in the ship taking him to Fiji, Rupert Brooke wrote: "It's all true about the South Seas! I get a little tired of it at moments, because I am just too old for Romance. But there it is; there it wonderfully is, heaven on earth, the ideal life, little work, dancing and singing and eating; naked people of incredible loveliness, perfect manners, and immense kindness, a divine tropic climate, and intoxicating beauty of scenery.

"I wandered with an 'interpreter'—entirely genial and quite incapable of English—through Samoan villages. The last few days I stopped in one, where a big marriage was going on.

"I lived in a Samoan house (the



coolest in the world) with a man and his wife, nine children ranging from a proud beauty of 18 to a round object of 1 year, a dog, a cat, a proud hysterical hen, and a gaudy scarlet and green parrot who roved the roof and beams with a wicked eye, choosing a place whence to — twice a day, with humorous precision, on my hat and clothes. . .

"Can't you imagine how shattered and fragmentary a heart I'm bearing away to Fiji and Tahiti? And, oh dear! I'm afraid they'll be just as bad. . . But if ever you miss me suddenly . . . you'll know that I've got sick for the full moon on these little thatched roofs, and the palms against the morning, and the Samoan boys and girls diving thirty feet into a green sea or a deep mountain pool under a waterfall—and that I've gone back."

One of the old identities in Samoa to-day is Mr. F. M. Jahnke, who lives on a plantation about twenty miles from Apia. He met Rupert Brooke at Mulifanua, 25 miles westward of Apia, in the house of a trader who had accommodation for boarders and travellers.

Mr. Jahnke recalls that the poet spoke fluent French (most of those present were German) and was very witty; he was an ardent conversationalist and seemed eager each evening to spend the whole night talking. Though well-built, Rupert Brooke was at that time leaner than most photographs show, and he was completely careless about dress—his trousers were held up with string.

I have not yet met anybody else in Samoa who remembers the poet's visit.

Of Suva the poet wrote: "... a large English town, with two banks, several churches, dental surgeons, a large gaol, auctioneers, bookmakers, two newspapers, and all the other appurtenances of civilisation!" Fiji perplexed him.

In another letter he observed: "Fiji's not so attractive as Samoa, but more macabre. Across the bay are ranges of inky, sinister mountains, over which there are always clouds and darkness. . . The gloom and terror of those twisted mountains! And the extraordinary contrasts in the streets and the near country—for there are fifty thousand Hindoos, indentured labour, here, emaciated and proud, in liberty-coloured garments, mournful, standing out among these gay, pathetic, sturdy children the Fijians."

His next stay was about three months in Tahiti. After the first month he wrote to Miss Nesbitt: "I've decided to stay another month, for two very good reasons: (1) that I haven't enough money to get out, (2) that I've found the most ideal place in the world to live and work in." The "ideal place" was at Mataiea, on the western side of Tahiti, opposite to Papeete.

In a house with "a wide verandah over a blue lagoon, he wrote or completed *The Great Lover* (one of his famous poems) and *Retrospect*.

Doubt exists as to whether his beautiful *Tiara Tahiti* was completed at Mataiea or Papeete.

While recuperating from coral poisoning he wrote to Sir Edward Marsh:

"I really do feel a little anchorless. . . All I want in life is a cottage, and leisure to write supreme poems and plays. I can't do it in this vagabondage."

In his next letter he said: "The Game is Up, Eddie. If I've gained facts through knocking about with Conrad characters in *Gauguin en-tourage*, I've lost a dream or two. I tried to be a poet. And because I'm a clever writer, and because I was forty times as sensitive as anybody else, I succeeded a little. . . I am what I came out here to be. Hard, quite hard. I have become merely a minor character in a Kipling story."

Yet when the poet sailed from Tahiti he could still feel "sad at heart," for the Islands had not made him as hard as he imagined himself to be when depressed by coral poisoning.

Six months later, within a few weeks of the poet's return to Eng-

land, Winston Churchill offered him a commission in the Royal Naval Division.

Captain Hugh Frewen, who was well known in Fiji (where he recently settled near Levuka) was also an officer in the Royal Naval Division, and still has vivid recollections of Rupert Brooke. "He was like a Greek god," Captain Frewen told me recently. "No victim of the First World War was so deeply lamented, owing to his great literary and personal qualities. He was a man of great fascination—a wonderful scholar deeply versed in classical lore—and with a magnetic personality that endeared him to a host of friends. Much of his poetry, with its love of luxuriant vegetation and running water, is reminiscent of the Canadian, Bliss Carman."

In February, 1915, after spending part of his furlough at 10 Downing Street, the poet sailed with the Anson Battalion for the Aegean and Gallipoli. Early in April Sir Ian Hamilton reviewed the Naval Division at Port Said and afterward reported: "I saw Rupert Brooke lying down under a shelter, rather

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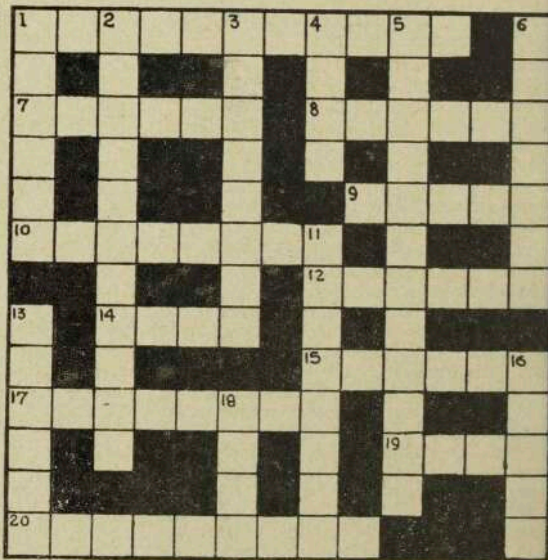
### ACROSS

- 1.—Who is the chief scout of the world?
- 7.—What town was supplanted by Port Moresby as the capital of New Guinea?
- 8.—What is the term for the organ from which the octopus discharges a cloudy solution when in danger?
- 9.—Who was the co-discoverer with Leverrier of the planet Neptune?
- 10.—What was the first vessel in the world to gain fame?
- 12.—What is the flag flown by a ship to indicate its nationality?
- 14.—Which British captain, sent to the Indian Ocean to suppress piracy, became a pirate himself?
- 15.—What is the brightest of all the fixed stars?
- 17.—Who was Antonio in "The Merchant of Venice"?
- 19.—Which Roman statesman was surnamed "the Censor"?
- 20.—What is the name of the Pope who was the father of Lucrezia and Cesare Borgia?

### DOWN

- 1.—What is the surname of the composer of "White Christmas"?
- 2.—Who played the female lead in the academy award winning film "From Here to Eternity"?
- 3.—What does a sardine become when it grows up?
- 4.—What name is given to the government member who ensures attendance of his party?

- 5.—In what part of England did Wordsworth, Coleridge and Southey make their homes?
- 6.—Which American general was popularly known as "Stonewall"?



- 11.—What is the stone at the apex of an arch called?
- 13.—What is the term for a judge's private chamber where cases are sometimes heard?
- 16.—What is the surname of the actor who played the judge in the "Andy Hardy" series?
- 18.—What name has been given to three separate rivers in England?



# Charlie and the Tourist

By BILL GILL

THE small steamer *Trepang* groaned and creaked at her moorings, threatening to tear the spindly jetty up by its piles, as Charley staggered up the gangway what was known euphemistically, the "boat deck."

There was a light in Captain Ohlssen's cabin, so Charley opened the door and greeted the occupant with a bloodshot voice. "H'ya, you old fellow!" he croaked, with an infuriating leer which ill became his weather-beaten appearance.

Captain Ohlssen was reading in his bunk. He betrayed no annoyance at the rudeness of this interruption but answered, in his mild way: "Well, Charley, you made it, didn't you? I was afraid you were going to miss us. I'm casting off in a couple of hours. Your bunk is in the big cabin aft of mine. There's a stranger in the starboard bunk, and for the Laughlins."

"The Laughlins?" echoed Charley, frowning. "What's he going there for?"

"To mind his own business no doubt," said Captain Ohlssen, mildly. "Good-night, Charley."

It was still dark when Charley swung his legs out and, sitting on

the edge of his bunk, gazed blearily around.

the edge of his bunk, gazed blearily around.

It was not the motion of the ship that had awakened him. He was accustomed to being pressed by her corkscrew roll, first to one side of his bunk and then to the other. It was nothing strange for him to have his head and his heels alternately if irregularly elevated, and to see his coat and other hanging objects sweep backwards and forwards through a forty-five-degree arc. Nor was his rest affected by the howl of the wind and the crash and jar of seas striking the ship's hull.

Charley's trouble was not from without, but from within. He was suffering from a parched area of incredible aridity, stretching from his jaws to his collarbone which, only a few hours ago, had merely been a gullet pleasantly titillated by the passage of more than a few gins.

He cautiously got to his feet and groped towards his swaying coat in the pocket of which, he knew, was the remedy for his trouble. He found this and applied it; then, with a shudder, he resumed his seat on the edge of his bunk.

Presently the sere rigidity of his throat relaxed, and he was able to



"A dancing-hall in Ismailia . . ."

take stock of his surroundings with greater tolerance. Peering obliquely through the porthole, he watched the dark sea, bearing innumerable smudges of ghostly whiteness, growing, fading, changing form and position.

Suddenly a higher line of foam loomed on the port bow, borne on a black ridge of water which moved menacingly towards the vessel. She put her bull nose down and bored into it. There was a crashing thud and, as her bows swung up into the sky, the whole ocean seemed to rise in foam above her, then crash down on her fo'c'sle and pour in tons down into her well-deck aft.

A quavering moan from the starboard bunk tore Charley's attention from the lively seascape. He switched on the light and beheld a quivering mass of tousled blanket, from which a large head was thrust.

A pair of pale, myopic eyes gazed at him beseechingly through a film of tears. But its most startling feature was the complete absence of any vestige of hair: it resembled some monstrous turtle's egg and was yet, somehow, familiar.

"Wh-what's happened?" a tremulous voice demanded. "Are we sinking?"

"Why, no," Charley answered reassuringly. "Bit of a joggle, that's all."

But his brows wrinkled in per-





plexity. "Where have I seen that figurehead before?" he mused. Then, suddenly he remembered. "Kane, by thunder," he shouted. "Kane—of all people!"

IT had been in Melbourne, more than a year ago, on the eve of "The Cup." Accommodation was as scarce as hen's teeth, and Charley had perforce shared a room with two other visitors, a Dr. Sweeny and an ex-public servant named Kane.

Sweeny had known Charley of old. "Like a book," he said. "The sort of book that badly needs expurgation." He had also known Kane for some years; so the three dined together, then settled down to an evening's serious drinking and yarning.

Sweeny, with the Irish gift of the raconteur, described some lively (if apocryphal) experiences of the medical profession. Kane, whose sole adventure in life had been a trip to the Old Country in his youth, proceeded to describe in minute detail some Arab women he had seen in a dancing-hall in Ismailia, winding up by declaring that they were the finest women in the world.

"Rot!" said Charley brusquely. "Back where I come from you'll see the world's best, without muslins or silks or even a veil to disguise their comeliness."

"Indeed!" said Kane acidly. "And where is that, pray?"

"Why—" said Charley, and hesitated a moment to rack his brains, and then plunged for the most remote island within his ken. "Why, Abomat, in the Laughlin Group." And, warming to his subject he proceeded: "Those islands, which form an atoll, are well off the beaten track, but produce a fair crop of copra—"

"We'll take the copra as read," interrupted Kane, showing signs of deepening interest.

"You will, eh? All right! The Laughlins, as you may know, suffer from a chronic shortage of males owing to the great number lost at sea whilst fishing, fish being the main dish on the atoll and the sea being very treacherous. There's a current runs down through the lagoon which—"

"Quite, quite," interrupted Kane sharply. "But—er—get on with the story."

"You could hardly call it a story," protested Charley. "A description would be more like."

"All right, then, a description—but get on with it."

"The natives there are more Polynesian than Melanesian, light copper skins and, the young wimmen especially, beautifully made—"

"Yes, go on," cried Kane, giving his chair a hitch.

"How can I go on if you keep on interrupting?" demanded Charley, a faint glimmer of malice in his eye.

"If you want to hear about these lovelies keep your trap shut or I'll shut mine."

"Sorry, sorry," apologised Kane, breaking into a gentle sweat. "Excuse me, but go ahead, please."

"Well, one time I'm on Abomat looking for trade, when, at a sudden turn in the path, I behold such a bevy of beautiful girls as I've never seen before, and I've seen plenty! They are swinging along with their six-inch ramies rustling—for that is all they're wearing, laughing and chattering like a flock of parakeets."

"Ah—h!" sighed Kane, involuntarily. Then, feeling Charley's cold eye on him, he closed his mouth resolutely. After an admonitory frown Charley resumed: "I skirts along the side of the scrub till they come to a bit of a creek. Here they start flinging off their ramies. Thinks I—"

"Never mind what you thought," cried Kane. "Go on!"

"OK. Well, never have I seen girls so perfectly formed, and I was just speculating as to what I ought to do when they caught sight o' me! In the twinkling of an eye I was surrounded by 'em, some with arms round my neck, some round my legs and all kissing me like mad—"

"Well?" demanded the impatient Kane.

"With a desperate effort," cried Charley, throwing his arms about dramatically as though struggling with an unseen foe, "I hove them off, and, scattering them right and left, I took to my heels—"

"A lie!" fairly screamed the excited Kane, jumping up and kicking over his chair. "It's a foul, despicable lie! I refuse to believe a word you've said!" and he bounced out of the lounge, and upstairs.

When Charley awoke next day Kane had gone.

SO here he was, after eighteen months, heading for the Laughlins! Charley chuckled sardonically as he eyed the unhappy traveller.

"They tell me you're heading for the Laughlins," he said, presently.

A hollow groan was the only reply. Nor could he get anything further; so, abandoning the one-sided talk, Charley passed out to join Captain Ohlsson on the bridge. Soon they were in the lee of Normanby Island, with the seas flattened as if by magic.

Noon found them moored to the wharf of a Mission Station. Here they were joined at the lunch-table by the haggard and trembling Kane, who gulped thirstily at the unpalatable ship's tea, but would have no other food.

"Why," said Charley with mock concern, "whatever have you been up to? You look as if you'd swapped skins with a fella twice your girth

and a foot taller—or is it a second hand one you've picked up cheap?"

Ignoring these pleasantries, Kane addressed the Captain, asking what the chances were of joining a south-bound ship from here. On being assured that the Mission people could be relied on to look after him and see that he caught the next steamer, Kane tottered toward the gangway. Then, turning to Charley with the air of making a valedictory oration, he said:

"You are to blame for all this. Here am I, an innocent tourist, veiled into spending a pile of money, enduring mental misery and physical anguish on your lying story. You shall pay dearly for this. I promise you!"

"Well, blow me down!" said Charley. "I never suggested anything to bring you up here, I warned you against the dangers of the place, if you remember."

"Pah!" said Kane, explosively, he started up the track to the Mission.

But Charley hadn't finished with him yet. Leaning over the rail, he bawled after the retreating figure. "If you'd only waited until I finished you'd have heard the reason for my enthusiastic reception. The wimmen were sick and tired of that everlasting fish diet—they want to EAT me!"

But the embittered figure had disappeared round a bend of the track.

Presently Captain Ohlsson spoke. "I've known the Laughlins for half a century," said he, in his mild reflective voice, "and I never hear of any cannibalism there in my time."

"You haven't?" said Charley. "And no more have I. It's forty years since I was there myself. But then," he added, whilst a coy smile distorted his craggy dial, "forty years ago the wimmen everywhere reckoned I looked good enough to eat."

## Scooter Problem Develops at Noumea

MOST of New Caledonia's 11 motor-scooters are concentrated in Noumea, where almost everywhere make scoots through the streets, the accompaniment of torrents of abuse from motorists when the scooters disregard the traffic rules.

No opening is too small to be attempted by scooters, and their progress is commonly punctuated by the screaming brakes of other vehicles.

Mr. R. A. Emery, a Collector of Customs and Excise in Nigeria, has been appointed Controller of Customs, Fiji, in succession to Mr. A. R. Smith.



# This Month's New Reading

Reviews By Judy Tudor

## NO PLACE TO BOIL THE BILLY

"YOU can't camp in England," friends told Gwen ("Blue Hills") Meredith and husband,sworth Harrison. Nonetheless, adventurers packed a black z-can and a couple of sleeping s in with the evening gowns and suit of tails and (like another tralian) determined to "give it o."

England, in spite of every ouragement they bought a tent, a station-wagon. But the first e they camped was in South asington, and it came after an ant night out. During the ivities someone announced that eavy fog was descending on the ern part of London. It did not ster with these Australians—until t 2 am when they tried to ack to South Kensington where had parked the station-wagon y were living in Surrey). The -driver, by some extra sense, aged to find the right street and parked wagon—but when the edith-Harrisons tried to drive ough the cotton-wool, in what e believed to be the correct ction of Surrey, they quickly d it impossible. So, in full ing regalia, they did the ble thing, got out the sleeping- s and crawled in.

ilk-men wakened them next ning. They staggered to the est street sign, and were pleased ote that they had managed to e their camping debut in land at a "good address"—on right side of the Park!

is is a fair sample of *Inns and s*, a light-hearted account of the els of two Australians in search camping spots, in search of ng (which never seemed to e) and in search of all those gs colonials seek in the Mother-

hey did occasionally manage to a camping spot—but, generally, is left with the impression that cannot camp in England. Not any ease or degree of comfort, now.

a amusing and informative book all those who contemplate a tour Britain—pointed remarks by edith-Harrison on the foibles of Britisher, plus good humour and t of information.

ter the regulation Continental a, the couple returned to Aus- a by a somewhat unusual route the second part of the book is oted to their adventures on the land route through Eastern ope, down through Yugoslavia, ece, Turkey, Beirut, Damascus aghdaq, and by ship down the an Gulf to Karachi and bay. They had expected to d some time in India, but at

Bombay came the sudden longing for the smell of "hot sun on fallen gum leaves and dried out grass." They left, at a half-day's notice for Sydney, and home.

(Published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd., Sydney. Australian price, 18/9.)

## GOINGS-ON AT THE SCHLOSS

THE author of *The Regent's Candlesticks* is Elizabeth Kyle, and she has a long list of light novels to her credit. But she appears to have become tired of this one before she finished it. The novel starts out with fair enough promise but the actions of the characters towards its end will stretch the credulity of the most amiable reader.

When Neil Ormond was billeted with the family of Count von Hegendorn near Hanover in 1946, he sub-consciously fell in love with teen-age Julie. Eight years later he returns to the Schloss Hegendorn, commissioned by his uncle to buy, if he can, the candlesticks which once belonged to George IV of England and Hanover, and which later found their way into the possession of the von Hegendorns.

When he returns to the Schloss, Neil finds that Julie is no longer there and is told at first that she is dead. There follows a lot of backing and filling and general hanky-panky on the part of the wicked Count, and the Count's equally wicked and politically-ambitious son; and a great deal of hawing on the part of the old Countess.

Adding all these factors together, Neil's suspicions are aroused and he sets out to solve the mystery of Julie, which he does about page 199. Whether the results justify the effort is a matter of individual opinion. There is a happy-ever-after ending.

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

## DISILLUSIONMENT IN FORMOSA

THERE are two schools of thought concerning novels about China: either you like them; or you don't. But even the most ardent admirer of the Chinese story (written by Westerners) must admit that all contain the same ingredients: grinding poverty, the poorness of the soil, the corruptness of all public life, the bestial cruelty of man to man, and man to woman, the rapaciousness of all soldiers; the ruthlessness of all War Lords; the slavish devotion to the family and the family gods.

To be sure, the hero is usually (God knows how) a gentle creature who keeps goldfinches or grass-

hoppers or writes poetry, but the overall impression is one of gloom and depression and if you belong to the Don't category the result of reading too much of this literature is a pain like indigestion across one's solar plexus.

However, with these reservations, *A Pail of Oysters* (by Vern Sneider, who also wrote *Teahouse of the August Moon*) is important enough to be read even by those who suffer from literary indigestion of the Chinese variety. It has all the general ingredients of the Oriental dish (as outlined above), poverty, prostitution, plundering soldiery and the rest, plus another—it all takes place on the island of Formosa under the aegis of Chiang Kai Shek's National government—or Chiang's Nationalist "Save the Country" Army.

Life, as depicted, is not less grim than life on the Mainland, and to Li Liu who is one of the central characters, life could not be grimmer if the soldiers who steal their food and beat them up were from Red China instead of from Chiang Kai Shek's National army. Li Liu does not write poetry or keep goldfinches—he tends his family's oyster beds on Formosan tidal flats.

The scene soon moves to Taipei, however, when Li Liu sets out to recover the family god which the soldiers have looted from his father's house. There, briefly, his life becomes entangled with Precious Jade, who has been sold into a brothel, and her brother, and an American who is in Formosa to write a series of articles for his paper.

The only thing one can conclude after reading this book is that it is bad to have been born a Formosan under the Nationalist regime ("The Japanese were good men. It took the swine to teach us that. And to think we once welcomed these . . ."). And a bad thing to be born Chinese anywhere in China.

The business of high global strategy does not concern this story of human beings. Probably no one but the very naive expects that moral right or wrong is any longer a basis upon which military alliances are made.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

## IF YOU ARE HAVING A BABY

AND now something a little more practical—*The Parents' Book—a Guide to Mothercraft*, by Dr. Margaret Harper and Dr. Kathleen Winning.

An experienced nursing Sister, whom we have consulted on this one, says: "An excellent book—as one might expect of anything which Dr. Winning has anything to do with. It is very up to date and treats the mother as an intelligent



person by telling her many things that most books of this type overlook. It briefly instructs a mother how to do the best for her baby from the moment she knows that pregnancy has occurred until the baby has become a toddler.

"The information given is based on the instruction that mothers should be given at Baby Health Centres in NSW—and can be highly recommended to all Islands mothers who are remote from these facilities. The illustrations are excellent and should be exceedingly helpful to inexperienced mothers."

So there we have it. We would like to add that there are chapters on prenatal preparation, bathing baby, natural and artificial feeding, weaning, feeding toddlers, care of the premature baby, caring for infants in hot weather—which should be of particular interest to mothers in the tropics—and much more.

Just for the record—Dr. Harper has been the author of earlier editions of the Parents' Book. For this edition she has been joined by Dr. Winning. Both these women have specialised in the care of mothers and babies and are honorary physicians at the Tresillian Mothercraft Homes in Sydney.

(Published by Angus and Robertson, Australian price, 9/6.)

### REGENCY LOVE

**B**ACK with full quota of Regency bucks, dandies, Earls, Dukes, assorted noblemen, trembling females, pushing mamas and one high-spirited Lady-of-Rank (heroine), comes Georgette Heyer with *Bath Tangle*.

Miss Heyer's Regency novels hold few surprises for her readers, but they are none the less satisfying fare for that. The strong, taciturn and aristocratic hero always wins the high-spirited aristocratic heroine in the end; and there is much dashing about in post-chaises, phaetons and curricles, if not on plain horses.

When Lord Spenborough died he left a young widow of about 20—Fanny; and a daughter of 26, the Lady Serena. Fanny was of the conventional type, and of "great sensibility." Serena was a high-spirited lass. But my noble Lord has seen fit to tie up Serena's fortune in such a way that she should get at it only with the approval of the Marquis of Rotherham whom she had, a short time before, jilted. The ladies take a house at Bath, and although still in deep mourning, both become embroiled in affairs of the heart.

The Heyer writes excellent modern thrillers as well as historical romances, but never mixes her mediums. A pity. A top ranking thriller in a Regency setting with the Heyer gift of characterisation, should be good.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 12/6.)

### HOW TO KNOW WHERE TO LOOK

**U**NDER the auspices of the South Pacific Commission, Miss Ida Leeson has produced a *Bibliography of Bibliographies of the South Pacific*.

There is nothing much one can say about such a work, except state that it adequately covers the whole field of Pacific writing and lists every book, no matter what language in which it was written, which contains a bibliography or list of source material.

With this volume the seeker after knowledge should be able to find information on any aspect of Pacific affairs.

Miss Leeson has done a great deal of research, and checking with government officials and librarians.

(Published by Oxford University Press, 346 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. Australian price, 15/-.)

### SPRING IN THE JUNGLE

Oh, they call me Jungle Liz,  
And I'm silly and I'm diz.  
And I yearn for a perm of the hair.  
My hair, it has gone straight,  
And I've bust my upper plate,  
And I haven't got a single thing to wear.

In a mood such as this  
It's always been my bliss  
To brood through a catalogue long.  
I order what I lack—  
But when the things come back,  
In the words of the popular song:

They're either too short or too long,  
The "calico" weak or too strong,  
The pink is not quite to my taste—  
The waistline not quite to my waist.  
They're either too long or too small,  
Or else I'm too wide or too tall.  
I don't blame the store—  
May they have many more;—  
It's just that I fear that I've not  
What this Catalogue woman has got.

Oh, my shoes they all flap,  
And my waists have a gap,  
And my nylons would make a girl

grieve,  
I hate to remark  
What I wear after dark,  
Or the gaps that appear in my sleeve.

But the catalogues gleam  
With clothes like a dream,  
And I order right through to page ten.

I wait then with joy  
Till my ship comes, ahoy!  
I open my parcels and then:

I find they're too tight or too wide,  
I find that I can't get inside.  
The green nearly falls to my ankles—  
What's more I wrote "blue,"—and  
that rankles.

I'm thrilled with the dear little vest—

But, surely, it's wrongly addressed!  
I don't blame the store;  
It's their best, I am sure—  
It's just that I've not  
What the Catalogue's got!

—NOELLE MASON.

### Rupert Brooke

(Continued from Page 80)

off colour, poor boy. He had a touch of the sun the previous day. It was nothing, and essentially he was looking in first-class physical condition." That evening the poet felt ill. He remained under medical treatment until April when he insisted on embarking with his battalion for the Dardanelles.

On April 17, when the battalion disembarked for assault training at Skyros, Rupert Brooke seemed quite well. Three days later he fell again, and the following day stayed in bed with severe headache and pains in the back. Next morning his condition was much worse, and he had a high temperature. Doctors diagnosed blood-poisoning, and his recovery was abandoned.

On April 23, the day of George and of Shakespeare, modern England's "golden-phased" poet died aboard the French hospital ship *Duguay-Trouin*. He was buried at Skyros, the island where Thetis was buried, and whence Achilles and Pyrrhus were called to Troy.

Winston Churchill wrote in *The Times* of April 26, 1915: "Rupert Brooke is dead. A telegram from the Admiral at Lemnos tells us that this life has closed at the moment when it seemed to have reached springtime. A voice had become audible, a note had been struck more true, more thrilling, more able to do justice to the nobility of youth in arms engaged in this present war, than any other—more able to express their thoughts of surrender, and with a power to comfort to those who watched them so intently from afar. The voice has been swiftly stilled. Only the echoes and the memory remain; but they will linger."

### Solution to Crossword from page 80

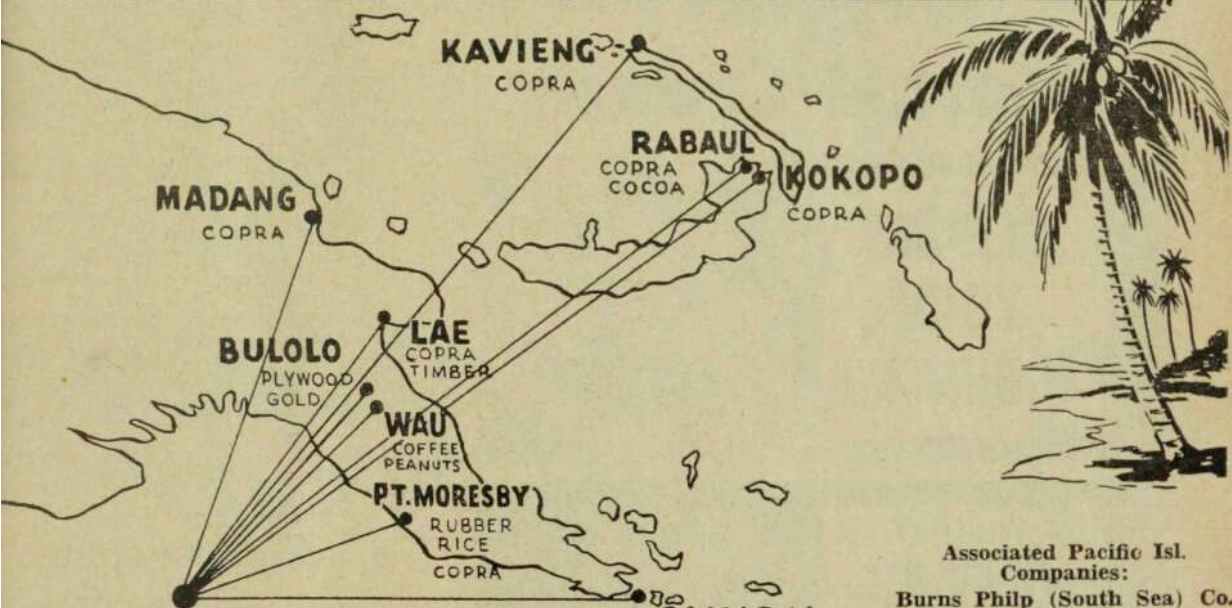
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**A**T the March 15 opening of Rarotonga's new Freezer (built by Christchurch contractors, at cost of £32,000), stocks were almost nil due to the event being in "hurricane season." Ten days later the Waitemata brought 7½ tons of meat and butter from New Zealand.

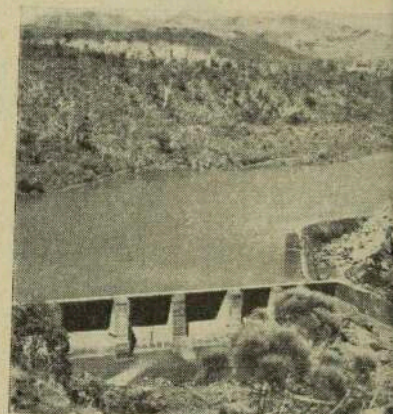
The Freezer consists of an attractive, well-lighted butcher's shop, manager's office, and separate cold storage rooms for meat, fish, but and vegetables. There is also an storage room and an ice-making plant, capable of producing 1,000 lbs. of ice in 16 hours.

There is space for 9 tons of meat, four tons of fish; and the butcher's room holds 5½ tons at 35 degrees. Imported fresh vegetables, such as potatoes, onions and peas, which do not grow well in Rarotonga, will be held in a chamber of almost 10 tons capacity.

Even during the hurricane season Rarotongan residents, both Maori and European, will now have adequate supplies of imported food including at least 2,000 lbs. of mutton cheeks and 1,000 lbs of sausage which are sold to Maori customers each month—as well as ice.

One corner of the Freezer block is taken up by the liquor Bond and Customs, and a centrally situated engine room, complete with workshop and storeroom, will serve both the new Freezer and the Cool Store for fruit—when the Cool Store is built at an estimated cost of £116,000.—WHP.

**Yate River Dam**



The new Yate River dam in New Caledonia, planned to give a greatly increased electric power supply to Noumea and the modernised nickel smelters, will be built a few yards above the old dam shown in this picture.

Photo: F. Dunn



## INTER-SAMOA GROUP'S FIRST MEETING

THE Inter-Samoa Consultative Committee, formed as an instrument of closer liaison between Western and Eastern Samoa, held its first meeting in Papeete.

The American delegates were Governor Lowe, just back from a visit to Washington, D.C., High Chief Tuitele (President of the House), High Chief Selia (Speaker of the House), and District Governors Lei'ato, Lefiti, and Letuli. The Samoan Affairs Officer (Mr. J. M. Cool), a translator, and a Working Chief were also accompanying the delegation.

The Western Samoa delegates were the High Commissioner (Mr. R. Powles), the two Fautua (Messrs. Tamasese and Malietoa), the Hon. H. W. Moors, Mr. Fa'alava'au (Chairman of the Fono of Faipule), and the Hon. Leutele Te'o. The meeting was to be held at Mulinu'u, Papeete.

Matters for discussion were the possible relaxation of inter-Samoa travel restrictions and other methods of improving co-operation between the two Samoas.

## Anti-Malaria War in Dutch New Guinea

MORE than 200,000 people will benefit from the anti-malaria campaign organised by the Netherlands Govt. in New Guinea.

The campaign, to which the UN Children's Fund has contributed £19,000, will start at Hollandia, where it will be organised by the Central Malaria Service in co-operation with the World Health Organisation.

tion with the World Health Organisation.

The Netherlands Government has provided £110,000 for the first two years of the campaign, and UNICEF will fit out a new malaria laboratory to replace the entomological laboratory burned last December.

† High tides and heavy swell at Malu'u, Malaita, BSIP, on April 21 destroyed the landing and damaged the wharf.

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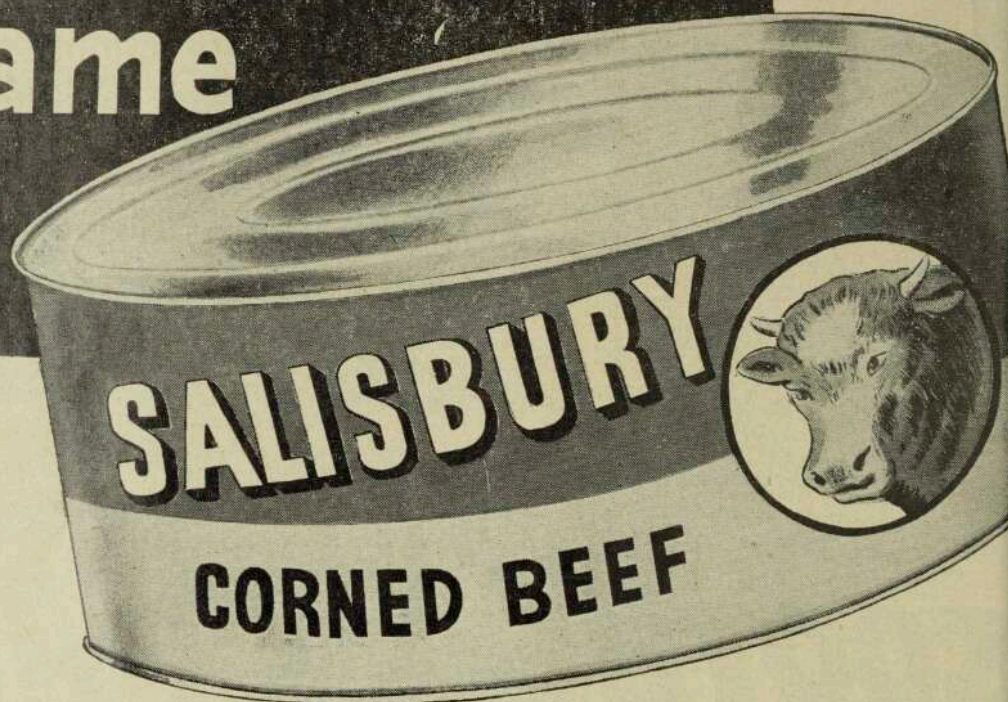
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## Belt-Tightening In Samoa

**B**ELT-TIGHTENING was expected in Western Samoa as a result of the Legislative Assembly's April budget session.

Though revenue in the year just ended constituted a record, the credit balance and revenue expected in the current year will fall well short of expenditure requirements for the first time for many years.

Heavy capital expenditure and increasing demands for higher Government salaries are the main items. The solution may be to raise an internal loan and issue debentures under a guarantee from the Samoan and New Zealand Governments to utilise the fairly large amount of private capital lying idle and available for sound investment.

In any case, drastic cuts in expenditure seem unavoidable, and a large section of the community feels that expenditure on salaries for seconded Government officials from New Zealand is one item that could be reduced. Any claim for further increases in salaries at this time, following substantial increases in 1954, would seem to be unwarranted as the cost of living has

not increased to any extent in the last year.

Among urgent building projects which will call for substantial funds are additional wharf sheds at Apia, and probable replacement of or extensive repairs to the wharf used by the coastal fleet.

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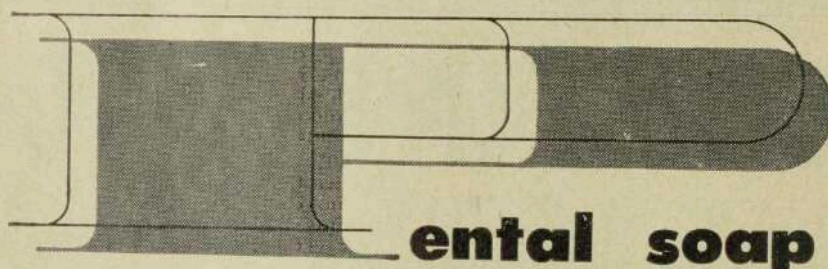
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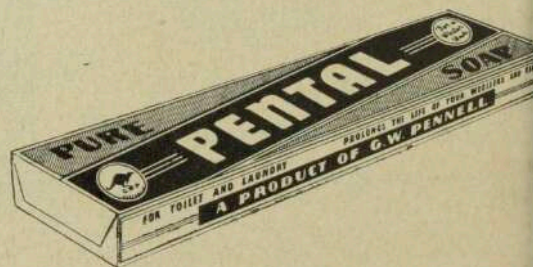
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Netherlands New Guinea

# **INDONESIAN CLAIM CALLED PRIDE, EMOTIONAL**

INDONESIA'S claim to Netherlands New Guinea was "so utterly unreasonable, futile, inconsequential and emotional" that there might be an inclination to dismiss it with a shrug of the shoulders if it were not that artificially aroused sentiments in very young countries are easily run out of hand, and if "nationalism" were not such an active battler in some parts of the world.

The statement was made by the Netherlands Ambassador to Australia (Mr. A. M. L. Winkelman) in the course of an address to the Sydney Rotary Club, NSW, on April 10.

The Netherlands had consistently pointed out that the Indonesian claim was not based on law, history or ethnology, said Mr. Winkelman. It was based on nationalistic sentiment and political opportunism and was being used by President Sukarno as a means to keep his "empire" together and to draw attention of his followers away from the terrific unsolved problems of Indonesia.

We are more sad than angry at the artificially-fanned agitation in Indonesia for the conquest of Netherlands New Guinea", the ambassador continued. "It saddens me to see political leaders, for whom we have the highest regard, being led to jump on the anti-colonial bandwagon. We all know that colonialism they and we all agree is as dead as a doornail".

MR. WINKELMAN said that the complex problem of Netherlands New Guinea presented very different aspects to a number of countries.

For the Netherlands the accent was on the moral obligation of an administering Power towards a self-governing territory; for Indonesia on the desire for territorial aggrandisement; for Australia the vital need for strategic security; for the United States on hope to offend neither a reliable northern ally nor a young country, a dangerous part of the world, nor for Communist China on a way to eliminate Western influence in south-east Asia.

Of the territory itself, he said: "We are not committed to make Netherlands New Guinea into a modern, efficient, fully-developed democracy within the next generation. . . . But we are concentrating our attention on the

solution of the many difficulties encountered there and we feel that the inhabitants have full confidence in our leadership, because they are already beginning to see results. We are determined to try to avoid mistakes made during the last 50 years in other areas in Africa and Asia".

† The Rev. Father J. Dubois, SM, well known at most Catholic Mission stations in Fiji through 25 years' service in the area, recently celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination.

† The Netherlands Geographical Society is actively planning a scientific expedition to the Eastern part of the Central Mountains of Netherlands New Guinea. Government will help. In view of the inaccessibility of the area, plans and preparations will take some time.

† TEAL announced late in March that its present three New Zealand Directors, Sir Leonard Isitt (chairman), Mr. T. A. Barrow, and Mr. Norman Spencer, have been re-appointed for a further three-years' term. The decision was made at a Cabinet meeting in Wellington.

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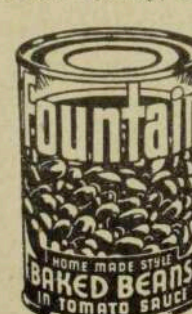
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## JS Samoan Marines Fly Home on Leave

HUGE R5D Marine Corps aircraft landed at Tafuna airstrip, Eastern Samoa, on March 1, with a detachment of 30 Samoan Marines home on leave. It is intended that regular detachments be brought by air in future. The party was due April 1 and would be Army, Navy and more Marines. Many are veterans of the Korean campaign.

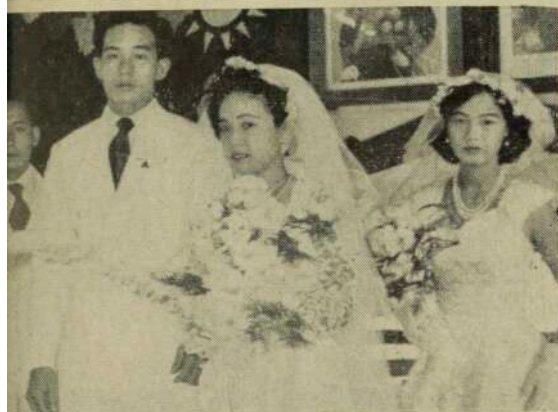
A party of 14 other Samoans returned home for a brief visit aboard the US Coast Guard cutter *Planetree*, which spent about a week in

Pago Pago early April. The vessel was on a round of navigation lights and buoys in the area and carried a crew of 5 officers and 50 men. Sea passages to Pago Pago are scarce from Hawaii and the Samoans were given permission to travel as passengers aboard *Planetree*.

Mr. Lewis Marion White, new US Vice-Consul at Noumea, went to New Caledonia from Bogota, Colombia, where he spent three years as Legation third secretary. Before starting his consular career he was a commercial attache for four years. During the war he served in Algeria, India and China.

M. Rene Hoffherr, Governor of New Caledonia, was due to return to Noumea from France in early May. He was to be accompanied by an official of the Ministry of Overseas France.

The birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilder-Dixon, Malacca, is reported from Malaya. Mrs. Gilder-Dixon, who is the only daughter of Mr. H. O. Fletcher, Rabaul, NG, spent her early childhood at Manus and later went to school in Australia. She and her husband visited New Guinea on their way to Malaya last year.



## Wedding At Rabaul

The wedding of Miss Jeanie Seeto and Mr. Ronald Seeto was celebrated in traditional Chinese fashion at the Kuomintang Hall, Rabaul, on March 2, before the New Britain District Commissioner (Mr. J. R. Foldi). Pictured are (left to right): Mr. Seeto, Chak Loon (bestman), the bridegroom and bride, and the bridesmaid, Miss Winnie Choi.

Photo: C. H. Meen.

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## FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF INDONESIA

An experienced member of the South Pacific Commission recently spent a few days in Indonesia. Here are his impressions, summarised in a private letter to the Editor of the PIM.

THE current administration in Indonesia seems to be walking a very difficult tight-rope, trying to placate Communists on the one hand by taking them into the Cabinet, and yet to maintain an essentially Nationalist Government, neutral as between both the West and the East.

This, with all the severe economic and political strains they are under, would be a mighty tough assignment for experienced diplomats.

I think it is still a toss-up as to whether they are going to get an economic base built fast enough to sustain them. There is no question about their ability to supply themselves with food; but an economy must be more than a subsistence one.

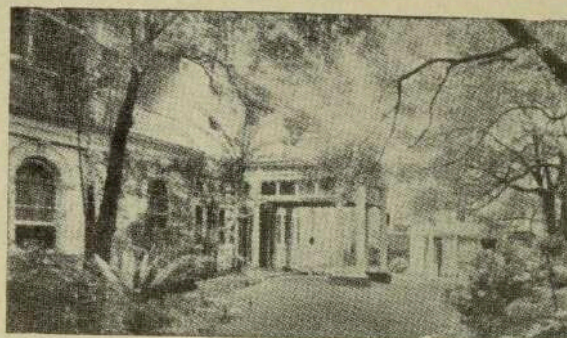
They are all intensely eager to learn. Everyone seems to be teaching everyone else. They have adopted English as the second official language; and, at the same time, they are establishing an Indonesian

language as the number-one official medium. They have had to agree on that, and then start learning it as well, since there is no overall Indonesian language. Dutch has been the only general language in the past, and they have almost out-

lawed that.

The East Indies question "hot" one. . . One has the feeling that the issue of West New Guinea is raised at times in Indonesia, take the people's mind off more pressing domestic problems.

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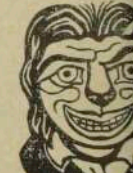
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## VA WAGE SCALES MPPLICATE USING PROBLEM

VA'S fast-growing housing problem is complicated by the fact that the average wage paid unskilled labour is about 50/- a week.

This means, according to a report prepared by a sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce, that the maximum economic rent for a roomer is 12/6 a week, representing a return on £400 capital expenditure.

Even a floor area of 400 sq. ft as minimum accommodation for a family of four, the minimum estimated cost of such a building is £1,000, excluding land, roading, fencing and services. And the all-in cost for a single unit is £1,000.

Since the Suva city area was extended to include almost the whole Suva Peninsula, the situation has been complicated by the increased demolition of slum premises (PIM, 1954). The sub-committee's recommendations that more than 300 additional houses in the city are needed for demolition in the future, and points out that the housing scheme which provided fewer than 500 family units (at a cost of at least £500,000) would have little or no effect on the problem.

The report states: "The policy of concentrating all labour in one compound is to be deprecated. It is desirable that men who work together by day should be compelled to live in close proximity. Such a community would be very susceptible to labour agitators."

The relationship between land-tenant and tenant should be separate, that between employer and employee, and the mixing of various classes in one compound is also very undesirable, the report continues. Questions of education, sanitation, recreation would have to be considered, and effective administration would be difficult and costly.

The sub-committee, of which Mr. I. Marlow is chairman, claims that if rents had to be subsidised, the subsidy would be likely to upset the balance of wage scales between subsidised and unsubsidised workers, and adds that the Suva housing problem is a matter of public policy which can be handled either by the Government or the city authorities.

Mr. G. J. Horsfall, Judicial Commissioner at Honiara, and Mrs. Horsfall, left Sydney late in March to spend several months vacation with relatives and friends in the United States.

## METAL MARKETS MOVING IN N. CALEDONIA

THERE are movements at last in the iron ore industry in New Caledonia (reports a correspondent). The Societe le Nickel is putting in an installation at Prouy Bay which will ship something like 10,000 tons per annum to Australia—probably by the end of 1955. The chrome market is firming again—it appears now to be only a matter of price. All the nickel that can be produced has been sold until 1957—and the Japanese also will be taking the ore.

† The Sydney press recorded on April 14 that the first Papuan Roman Catholic priests to visit Australia had arrived by plane. But a correspondent points out that Father Herman Paivu and Father George Bata were preceded more than 20 years ago by a Mekeo man, Louis Vangeke, who went to Madagascar and, on his way back to NG as a priest, spent some time in Australia.

† A women's hockey team is scheduled to leave Fiji on May 18 for a seven weeks' tour of New Zealand. Representatives from Lautoka, Levuka, Nausori and Suva took part in selection trial games at Suva during Easter.

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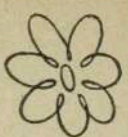
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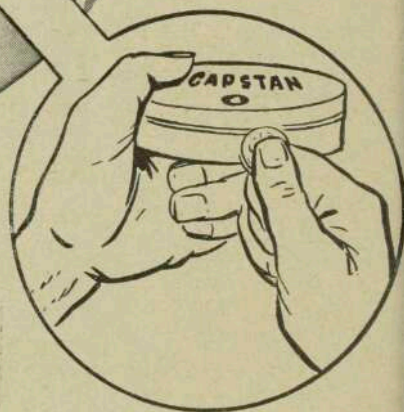


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From Our Own Correspondent

AFTER 27 years of discussions and deadlocks, Rarotonga's first secondary school and teachers' Training College was opened and put into use on Monday, January 14, 1955.

Only two blocks of the new college, known as "Tereora," are actually completed, but the four classrooms they contain now accommodate 30 teacher-trainees and secondary school pupils who had previously been housed in the new primary school at Nikao.

The "Tereora" buildings are of portland materials except for the floors of concrete blocks manufactured locally. The blocks have been treated with cement plaster for weatherproofing and smooth finish. The glass louvre windows provide ample light and air.

Two residences are in the course of construction for the teachers and the college will accommodate outer island pupils as well as Rarotongan.

Those who merit it will be trained to School Certificate standard; others will be instructed in agriculture, trades and homecraft. It is expected that the College, which will take an estimated 7-10 years to



Left to right:  
Mr. Jay Singh, of Levuka, Fiji, to join the PWD staff at Honiara.  
The Rev. D. Hoey, Mrs. Hoey and Michael, returning to a Melanesian Mission station in the Solomons after leave.  
Sister H. Webster, who was joining the Melanesian Mission staff at Maravovo.

complete, for a cost of £14,000, will provide the future Polynesian leaders of the Cook Islands.

† An "Antipodes Information Bureau" has been set up at Kings Arms, Buckfastleigh, Devon, England, by Mr. S. P. P. Briant, who was in the Western Pacific Islands for some time and until 1954. His Bureau is supplying interested persons with data about Australia, New Zealand and all the South Pacific Islands.

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## Canadian Cobalt Move in NC

From Our Noumea Correspondent

**C**OMMENTARY on a recent announcement that the Minister of Overseas France had decided to open countries of the French Empire to foreign capital has been given by M. Henri Lafleur, the mining magnate who represents New Caledonia in the French Parliament.

M. Lafleur said that he had been taken to task in certain quarters at Noumea for some manoeuvres in mining circles.

The facts, he said, were that the big Falconbridge concern in Canada had been negotiating with the Nickel Company over the exploitation of cobalt in New Caledonia. However, there was no agreement, and Falconbridge had then turned to other interests, namely, his own.

About 2,000,000 dollars would be invested in NC, and half the cobalt produced would be reserved for French needs.

All negotiations had been carried out with the knowledge of the Minister of Overseas France.

The NC Mining Bureau, with nine qualified geologists in its employ, is

busily prospecting for cobalt, as well as for nickel and chrome. Indications are that the cobalt deposits are widespread.

**M**EANWHILE, living quarters and other buildings are going up at the Bay of Prony, site of the future iron ore workings. The control group (Nickel Co., H. Lafleur and Etts Ballande) expect to

have the first shipments ready before the end of the year.

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The Bureau is also investigating coal possibilities. Many years ago substantial quantities were mined but experts agreed that the coal was much too young. It gave insufficient heat and too much cinder.

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## Wet Season Cut Samoa Exports

COCA beans (2,399 tons) headed Western Samoa's exports in 1954, states the annual report of the Agriculture Department.

The total exported was 436 tons, the average export of the five years, and less by 1,344 than the 1953 record cocoa. An extremely wet season, high incidence of "black pod" disease accounted for the fall.

Greater in quantity, though not value, was the copra crop, 13,644 being exported—an increase of 9 tons on the previous year, but not of the average of the last five years by 979 tons, and 4,517 tons above the record year of 1947. When considered that 11,017 tons were exported as long ago as 1912, it can be seen that the industry is more or less static. Excessive rain was

again blamed for the 1954 decline.

Though banana exports as given in cases appeared to be greatly above the quantity exported in 1953, the fact is that actually the quantity was about 5 tons less in 1940. A change was made to a smaller, more easily handled case containing about 75 lb of fruit, as compared with the former 95 lb. The 1954 total was 285,737 cases.

The recent recovery in the banana industry is very substantial, however, and had 5,000 cases not been left behind late in December due to adverse weather when a vessel was loading, 1954 would have been an all-time record. Notable is the rapid development of the banana industry on Savaii island, which exported 5,063 cases and

should have a much heavier crop ready this year.

The report gives acreage under cultivation in various crops: coconuts 45,000 acres; bananas 14,000 acres; cocoa 12,500 acres; taro 5,000 acres, and ta'amu (*Alcasia macrohiza*) 1,500 acres.

Cattle are estimated at 11,500 head, of which about 300 are milking cows. Approximately 700,000 lbs of locally produced beef was sold in the Territory, the average carcass weighing 346 lbs. About 40,000 gallons of milk was marketed.

The report also estimated that 7,000 tons of local fish was consumed, although no organised fishing industry exists in Western Samoa.

## Moresby Residents on World Tour



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carter of Port Moresby, in the course of a world tour, arrived in Japan in February. Here they are photographed beside the hot springs at a time when the rest of Japan was experiencing snow storms. From there they visited Hong Kong, and in April arrived in England by ship. They will spend a business-and-pleasure tour there and on the Continent before coming to Papua. Wherever they have been they have taken with them their car—by the time they return to the Territory it will probably be the most well-used car ever to carry a P-N-G licence-plate.

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## NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

WHAT HAPPENED IN MAY:—When the Pacific Airlines start their Honolulu-Papeete service this year, it is likely to be renewed in May in Malden, Vostock, and other points which lie at points along the route south. So it is interesting to recall that the 3-masted, 700-ton iron barque *John Murray* (ex *Loch Ryan*), bound from San Francisco to Australia, crashed on the reef at the north-east corner of Malden in the early hours of May 22, 1918. The vessel, after a period of idleness, had been commissioned by the Australian Government to meet wartime shipping needs, and was on her first trip to the States when she met her end at 41 years of age.

From observations the previous day, Captain George Vaughan estimated that Malden would be sighted about 8 am. The wreck occurred about 3.30 am, shortly after sunset. Fortunately, weather conditions were good and the 28 men manning the boats, made a safe landing at daybreak, to find the wreck inhabited by a Mr. Grice, of Melbourne firm of Grice, Muner & Co., and 15 Cook Island-ers engaged in digging guano. Some hours after landing, a fall-spar detonated the explosives on board, blowing the ship apart. Had

that not happened it is possible that contact with the outside world could have been made by the radio transmitter and electric power plant which had just been installed 17 days earlier at Frisco—though no radio operator was carried.

As it was, Malden had not had a ship for a year, and was not expecting one for some months. No guano had been exported since 1914. It was being stockpiled, and some 10,000 tons was at the loading point.

A few days after the wreck, a 4-masted barquentine passed close to Malden but did not respond to signals. Then, on June 9, the men woke to find the 500-ton 3-masted Honolulu schooner *Annie Larsen* parked on the reef within a stone's throw of the remains of their own ship. Little damaged, but firm on the reef, she, too, became a write-off, and from her trooped ashore Captain Verzon, his wife, two children, and nine seamen to join the band of castaways. Stores, and urgently-needed water, were salvaged from the schooner.

As there seemed little hope of early rescue, and as friction soon developed between the three groups at the island, Captain Vaughan and two of his men set out for Fanning in a boat from an earlier wreck, the *Fram*, reaching there safely 13 days

later. Australia was advised of the situation by cable.

Those at Malden, doubtful of the success of that voyage, made other plans, and when no ship had arrived by July 27, the mate of *John Murray*, Mr. Chugg, set sail with two more seamen for Penrhyn in

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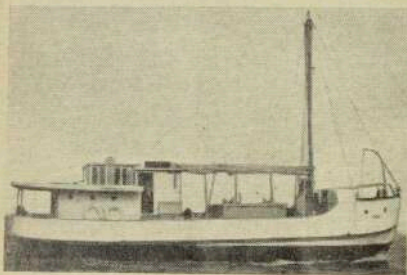


one of the *John Murray's* boats—arriving there 4½ days later.

On August 7 the Howard Smith vessel *Macedon*, south-bound from Frisco, arrived off Malden. She had been on the point of sailing from Frisco when word came from Melbourne of the wrecks.

*Macedon* landed cargo for Grice, replacing that used by his unexpected visitors, and the vessel departed with the castaways aboard. The Americans were landed at Suva to catch a northbound vessel for Honolulu.

Arriving at an Australian port, the *John Murray* men found Captain Vaughan on the wharf. He had caught a Cable Co schooner from Fanning to Honolulu, and a mail-ship south. But Mate Chugg had



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to wait some time at Penrhyn before a schooner finally arrived from Rarotonga.

Some time later, Grice and his Islanders abandoned Malden to the sea-birds when another schooner called from the Cooks.

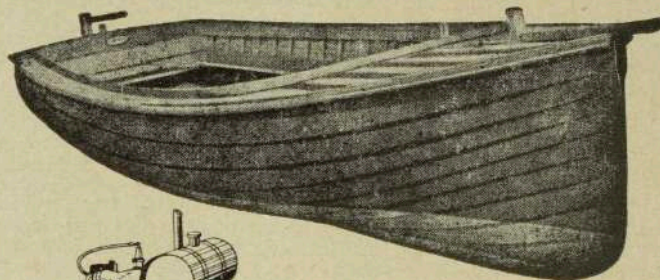
Captain Vaughan was acquitted of responsibility by the Marine

Court investigating the *John Murray* wreck. How Captain Verzon fits in is not known. But we do know that before these two wrecks, Malden had claimed at least ten other most of them while loading goods at the dangerous open roadstead.

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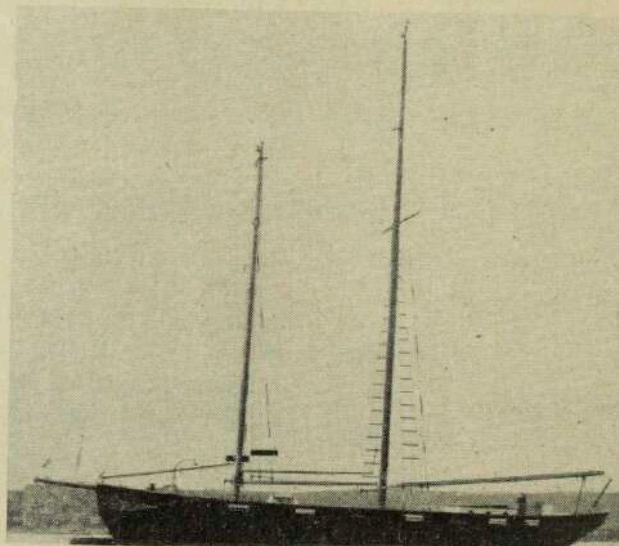
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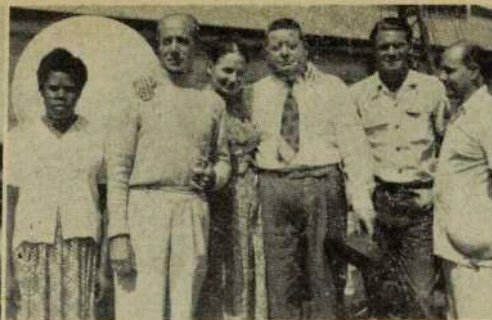
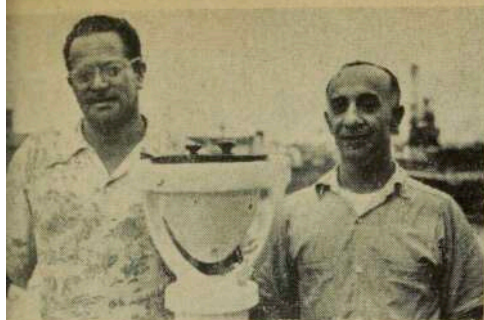
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adweight, was launched in February at a Scottish shipyard.

**BACK TO WORK:**—The hurricane season ended and the vessels hauled, *Charlotte Donald* has returned from Papeete and *Inspire* from Auckland to resume duties in Cooks inter-island trade. *Inspire*, converted Brixham trawler, had her hatch enlarged, a new and bigger motor installed, and her lifts and propellers replaced at Auckland.

**WHY FREIGHTS ARE HIGH:**—They complain that the freight rates to Lord Howe and Norfolk are excessive?" said Captain Emile Savoie, of Noumea, to a PIM representative some time ago. "Mon-sieur, I tell you that those places are terrible! First it is calm. Then, off! It is blowing a gale. Or there is no wind but the swell is impossible. First we anchor here, then there, then we put to sea. Non, non, non, Monsieur. No rate is too high for those places!"

Captain Savoie should know, for one of his vessels was wrecked at Lord Howe last year, and another had a very narrow escape there.

In March *Maria del Mar*, the Savoie flagship, was in trouble at Norfolk. The vessel was loading empty drums. Bad weather came and the master decided to put to sea, but in the heavy swell the class carried away. Eventually the cable had to be buoyed and spliced. The vessel departed going to recover the anchor some other time.

On route to Noumea, *Maria del Mar*, for whom hurricanes appear to have a penchant, received another battering as a storm moved on into the Tasman.

**FIRST SUB:**—First submarine to visit Pago Pago since the war, the USS *Tirus* paid a brief visit in April.

**YONGA KEEPS GUARD:**—Nudofa Radio is to be congratulated as the first Islands station to establish a distress watch on the international R/T distress frequency of 2 kc/s. Ship watch is now being maintained from 1740 to 0940 GMT daily, holidays included.

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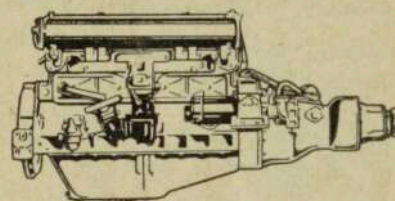
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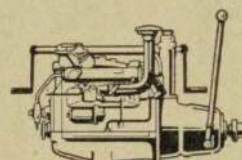
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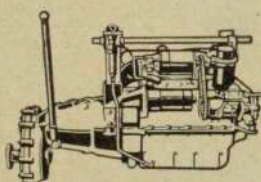
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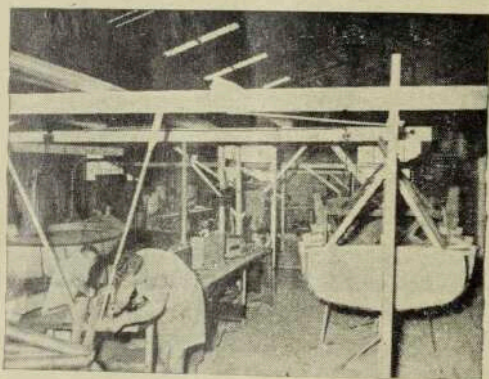
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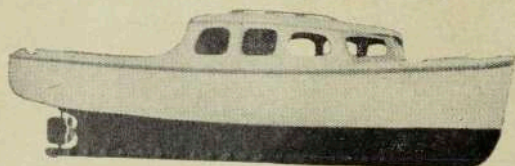
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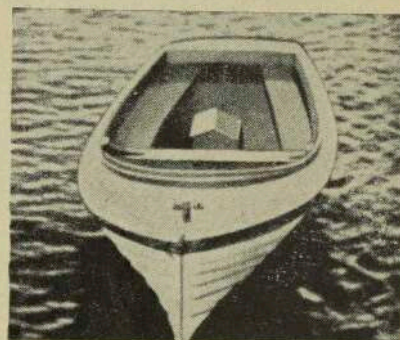
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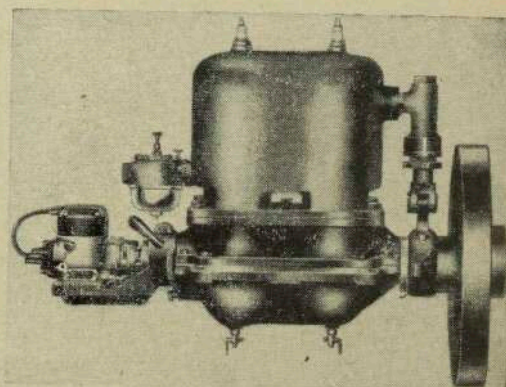
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yacht or other internationally equipped vessel in distress in their vicinity.

AS IS, WHERE IS:—Two vessels were offered for sale, "as is, where is" in April.

One was the Japanese tuna vessel *Daikoko Maru* No. 3 as she lies on Uvero Reef, east coast of Bougainville, in the hands of the New Guinea Receiver of Wrecks. She was abandoned by her crew when they were picked up by another Jap vessel after she went ashore some months ago.

The other was the standard Australian-built 300-tonner, *Rannah*, high and dry and not greatly

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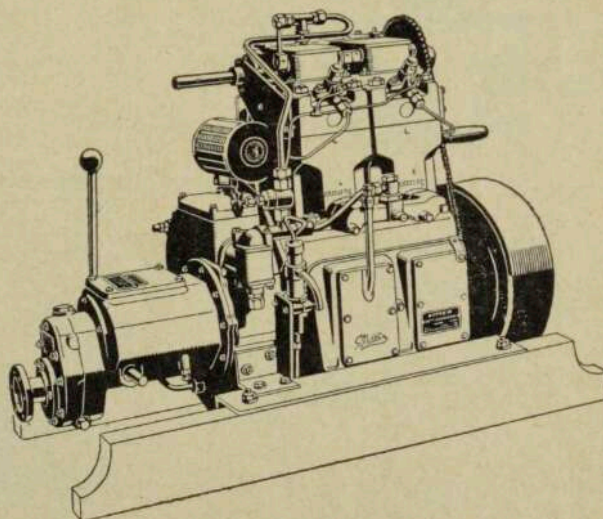
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damaged, sitting on Rarotonga's foreshore "about 45 yards inside reef"—offered by the insurance brokers. (See photo Feb., p. 113.)

**WANTS SMALLER SHIP:**—Master Mariner the Rt. Rev. A. F. Hill, Bishop of Melanesia, considers that the Anglican Melanesian Mission would be better served by a smaller vessel than the *Southern Cross VII*, now retired and for sale in Sydney.

The Mission authorities in England had claimed the right of selecting the design in the past, because they had provided most of the funds, but this time New Zealand was providing the lion's share and some Mission authorities there felt that they should have more say in the matter. The Bishop considers a vessel of 70 or 80 tons as suitable. *Southern Cross VII* is 298 tons gross.

Bishop Hill, bound for England, said he was also going to press that the vessel be built in Australia or New Zealand.

**THE CAPTAIN SWORE:**—When the 300-ton Italian-built wooden vessel *Vasu*, which was advertised in April for £NZ30,000, arrived at Aitutaki with a cargo of aviation gasoline, flour, and sugar in mid-March, there was some soft swearing on the bridge as the hatches came off. A leaking drum of gasoline had contaminated 20 tons of the urgently-needed flour and 3

tons of sugar, which were towed out to sea in a barge and dumped soon after *Vasu* resumed her voyage to Niue and Suva. She was expected back in Auckland in late April.

**SMOKO:**—RCS Nareau, one of the GEIC Government's little ves-

sels which tramp from Christmas the Solomons, was expected at Ballina, NSW, late in April, under command of Captain W. C. Fair for her annual refit. Most of Western Pacific High Commissioner's charges go to Ballina for major work, though some go to Suva when facilities are avail-

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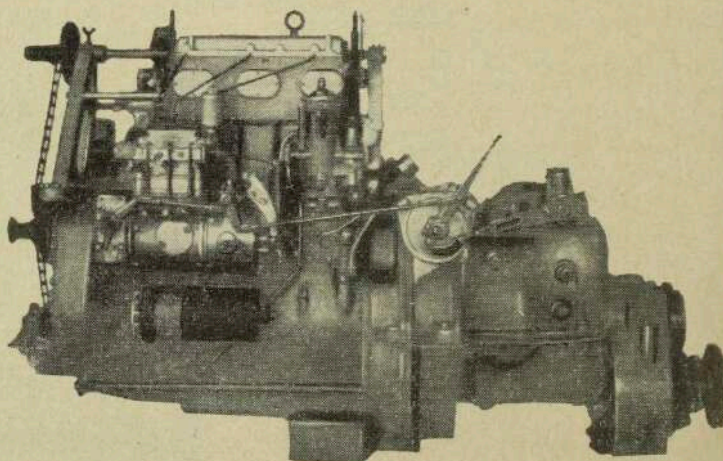
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**OR SAMOA FLAG?:**—The 300-tonner *Vasuu*, mentioned elsewhere, has changed to Apia ownership if reports eventuate. Mr. J. Paul Macdonald, of Western Samoa, were in Suva recently looking over the vessel as she sat on the wharf there. It is believed that, if purchased, she would be used only on the Suva-Apia run, clearing the constant accumulation of transshipment cargo which piles up in Suva from overseas.

**O A NEW LIFE:**—Fairymead & Co's well-known Solomons trawler *Ruena*, a wartime-built 100-ton GPV, for sale at Sydney for many months, has been purchased by the Commonwealth Government. It will shortly sail for the Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean, having been presented to the authorities there as a gift medical supply boat under the Colombo Plan.

**SEEKING SHELLS:**—Mr. W. B. Bunting, a war-time midgeet sub-captain, and Mr. R. Bunting of the Royal Air Force, have joined forces in fitting out a trawler for shell diving operations in New Guinea waters. Mr. Tebb, a Londoner who has been working in New Guinea for several years, took part in midgeet marine operations against the Japanese in a Norwegian fjord during the war. The attack was unsuccessful and he and a companion were captured. They saved their lives by jumping. According to schedule they would have been shot as spies.

**VALEETA:**—This Noumea vessel, which sank at her moorings in the Mary River, northern NSW, last Christmas Day, was again in the water in April when her master, Captain James S. Lynch, was fined.

Captain Lynch had failed to meet Customs regulations when he loaded and sold ship's equipment—radio transmitter and a diesel motor—some time before the sinking.

**O-OP. VESSEL:**—Skippered by Ivan Champion, Chief Native Commissioner in New Guinea, the 35-ton Brisbane-built *Wisp* was delivered to New Guinea in April. The vessel has entered the service of the Madang Native Cooperative Society, one of the many prosperous native co-operatives now operating small vessels in New Guinea waters.

**BACK AT WORK:**—The well-

known 180-ton twin-screw Papeete passenger and cargo vessel *Hiro*, badly damaged by fire last September, has been repaired and was ready to resume service in April. Much of her hull planking had to be replaced on one side.

**FROM WHERE?:**—A 27 ft white and grey painted wooden mast, complete with a cross-tree and mast-hoops for rigging of sail, was found on a beach at the extreme north-east of New Caledonia in April. There was evidence that it had been in the water for a long time. Identity could not be discovered by the New Caledonia fleet.

**NEW WHARF:**—A new wharf has been completed at Abau, south coast of Papua. Built by District

Services under the supervision of ADO F. G. Driver, the wharf is 54 ft long—16 ft longer than the old structure which it replaces—and has a low-water depth of 24 ft at the outer end. It will thus accommodate any of the New Guinea coastal fleet. In the construction 18 piles were driven to a depth of 14 ft.

**SEEN A LAUNCH?:**—The Tonga Copra Board was recently offering a reward of £30 to any person locating and being instrumental in the recovery of a small launch belonging to the board's *A'oni*. The launch broke adrift from mooring buoys during a gale at Nukualofa on March 9. *A'oni* went south to Auckland for refit in April.

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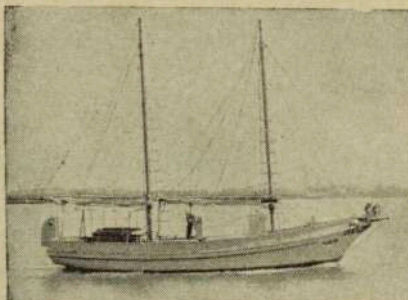
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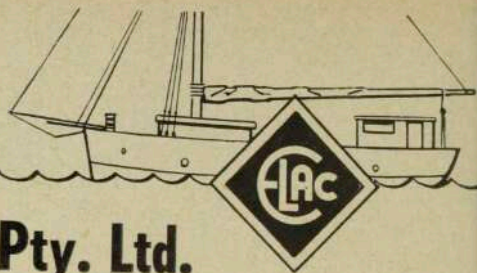
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**QUEL:**—As a sequel to the loss of the launch *Destiny* at Mang on January 30 (photo in PIM, p. 103), a European, C. E. operator of the vessel, has committed for trial on a charge of arson. The 38-ft crash-boat was owned by Mrs. E. Gilmore of the Madang Hotel. It was burnt on the waterline and sank in 8 ft of water.

**SE CLOSED:**—Furnishings and sundry equipment salvaged from the ill-fated *Philante II*, wrecked in the Loyalties in the February hurricane, were sold in Melb by the insurance brokers on April. (Photo April PIM, p. 103)

**ONASSIS ALWAYS WINS:**—It is a tradition that Greek-Aristotle Onassis always comes out on top in his nautical ventures with international priority. When his Panamanian whaling fleet was seized, and heavily fined for allegedly venturing within 200 miles of the Peruvian coast some months ago, it was Lloyds who paid more than £1 million fine.

Now it appears that Lloyds, too, will receive their money back. "Set talks" between Lloyds, the British Foreign Office, the US State Department, and the Government of Peru, have been going on since the fine was paid on December 13. There has been very strong opposition to Peru's claim to 200-mile

control of territorial waters. There has also been evidence that at least some of the vessels were well beyond that distance from shore at the time they were attacked. It appeared that the pressure might force Peru to review the Onassis case, if not the whole question of the 200-mile control.

**LOOK OUT FOR RAFTS:**—The Pacific rafting season has opened again. By the time this appears the South Equatorial Current should be bearing the first one westward for Polynesia from the popular jumping off point, Callao, Peru. Balsa wood has given way to reeds this season. Size and name still unknown. Skipper Wilfrido Castro and one other Peruvian are aboard. Trials were completed March 30.

By next month it may be known whether this raft carries radio, and whether she has actually sailed. A faster voyage than the 1954 Willis effort is forecast, as the 1955 models are said to ride higher and blow more easily than the now obsolete balsa jobs.

At San Francisco, however, something more in keeping with the American way of life is favoured. There H. Devere Baker, whose crew panicked and deserted ship on the high seas last July, quit *Lehi* No. 2 30 miles off Monterey on April 5, when they reported she was breaking up in heavy weather.

Meanwhile *Lehi* No. 1 has been reported as still drifting the sea lanes somewhere off the Pacific Coast.

Baker's drift-plans have religious rather than scientific significance. His first target is Hawaii—if the cash for his raft is forthcoming—thence westbound to Africa, maybe.

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reared on red steaks. Belts were drawn to the last notch when the SOS went forth. Spirits, rather than *Lehi*, were sinking.

### News of Cruising Yachts

This month the news is largely one of marine disasters in the yachting world.

● **WINDJAMMER**, as surmised in January PIM, was wrecked and looted at Easter Island last August 24. News of the disaster reached our Balboa correspondent in December and came to PIM just too late for April issue.

This internationally known 57 ft. centre-board cruiser, owned by American Peggy Poor and navigated by James L. Cox, with a British West Indian, Gordon Nicol-Sey as forward-hand, had cleared the Galapagos last July 29, reaching Easter Island after a very tough 26-day passage. Her sails and gear were in poor condition, and further bad weather, which caused the yacht constantly to put to sea from its poor anchorage during August, caused deterioration.

For a 10-day period Miss Poor had to be left ashore while the yacht circled the island awaiting an opportunity to pick her up. Radio contact could not be made from shore, though radio schedules had been arranged. It was assumed that the yacht may have foundered as it was out of sight of land.

Miss Poor therefore requested assistance from the US Navy and Air Force at Panama and an aircraft was about to

leave there when the yacht hove in sight again. Anchor was again dropped on August 20, but Cox and Nicol-Sey were exhausted.

In the early hours of August 24 a sudden squall caused the anchor to drag and threw the yacht onto rocks. Salvage of equipment was begun but was hampered

by bad weather. Then, when the weather improved two days later a horde of about 60 islanders thundered up on the beach, leapt from their mounts and out to loot WINDJAMMER. According to a report published in Panama, "lawlessness and anarchy reigned at Easter Island from August 25 until nothing

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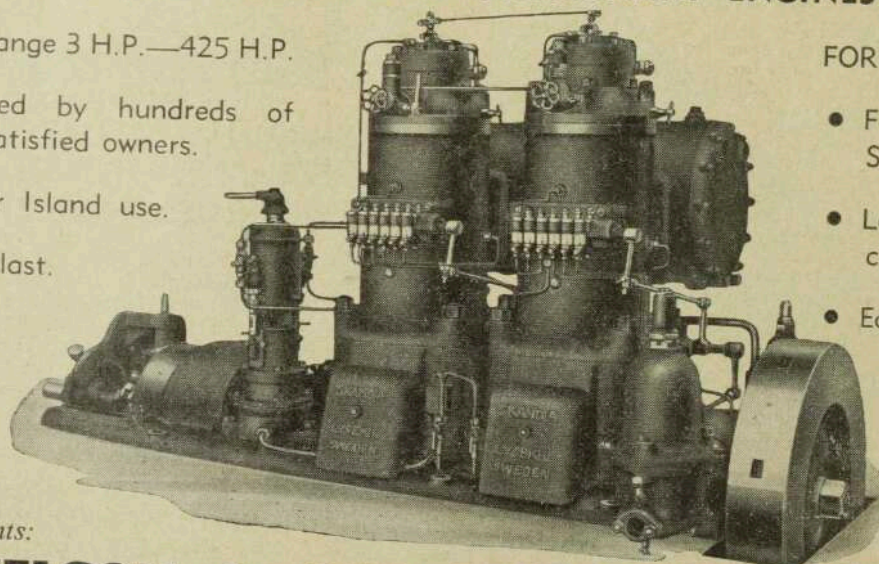
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ed of the vessel itself, equipment, slons, and personal possessions. The excuse given by the ary governor and other members of Chilean Navy at the island was that ight rebellion would occur if any izing action were taken."

castaways were taken to Chile by ply vessel months later. Miss Poor ill there in December, but the other had signed on the freighter FRI- G TRADER there to work their ges back to the US.

SDJAMMER was expected to show up hiti this winter.

BOUNTY, Ken Furley's home-built t. cutter from Auckland, added er page to her chequered career she limped under jury rig into Harbour, NSW, on April 13.

UNTY had cruised to Tonga, Fiji, ew Hebrides, and New Caledonia in 4, coming to Australia late last She was dismasted at Tonga when an earthquake and seismic struck Suva. This time, clearing Howe Island March 10 for Auckland, aht was in sight of New Zealand she was again dismasted in a squall 30 p.m. on March 18, while sailing f. There was chaos on board as aht almost turned turtle.

mast—she was originally a wish- catch but after the second dismasting converted to a cutter—still fast to gging, was trailed for days as the drifted westward. Eventually it ut in pieces and worked aboard, a rig being fixed from the wreckage. was no hope of making New ad and as the wind held in easterly ers the vessel slowly drifted towards lia.

sight of Norfolk, a storm struck, damage. When the cutter finally ed Coff's Harbour 33 days after the sting, skipper Furley and his crew men and a girl were in poor shape. aboard in addition to Furley were d Hibert of NSW, Max Jenkins of nd Miss Joan Kilpatrick of NSW.

ey said he would again try to sell aht—she had been for sale in Suva t all points west—otherwise he will her, after earning some more money.

EDA, in which the Wilson family of and cruised through the eastern e to San Francisco in 1953, will be ibered by many along the route. aht, so far as is known, was still le there when in late April Mr. W. andy) Wilson lost his life as one e crew of the well-known American SUOMI. The 50 ft. SUOMI, which ue to enter the Trans-Pacific Race winter, had sailed from Santa ra the previous night. She was ed and sunk with the loss of all d by the Swedish Trans-Atlantic ter PARRAMATTA which was bound austrialia. PARRAMATTA recovered ody and put back to Los Angeles the vessel was held under writ g a marine inquiry. Sandy Wilson, rnalist, had been working on tele- programmes. Other members of S crew had earlier returned to New nd. The original intention was to

sell LEDA in the United States if possible.

• NORDLYS, 72 ft. American schooner which sailed to Tahiti last year, was in the news in San Francisco in February. Crew member Daryl Broderick, a 22-year-old girl who had been employed by the wealthy owners to look after three children during the cruise, sued owner Walter S. Johnson, Jr., and his wife for \$50,000 damages. Daryl claimed that at Clippertown Island she had been thrown onto coral when a dinghy overturned in the surf, leaving a "permanently dis-figuring scar" on her left leg, with continuing coral poison and fever. Results of the legal action are not known.

• ARIES, 92 ft. luxury yacht, should be heading for Tahiti from the Atlantic Coast of the States by now. But meanwhile American tobacco baron Richard J. Reynolds, her owner, narrowly escaped with his life when his luxurious 55 ft. fishing cruiser SCARLET O'HARA caught fire, burnt out and sank five miles off Miami while returning from Nassau, Bahamas, Reynolds, his wife, and skipper Arthur Kyle reached shore in a dinghy. It is understood that Mr. Reynolds will fly to Tahiti to join ARIES which will be delivered by her crew. Mr. Reynolds now owns a valuable property with wharf at Tahiti.

• MANDALAY, sold by American James S. Rockefeller to Mr. Claude Giraud of Aore, New Hebrides, last November, has been in trouble. Mr. Giraud resold the 40 ft. ketch to Mr. Peter Morris of Santo who planned an extensive cruise in her, but in mid-March, during heavy weather

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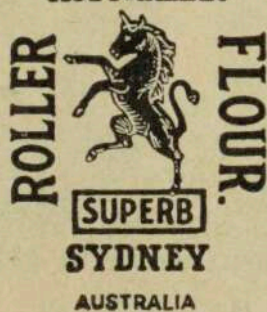
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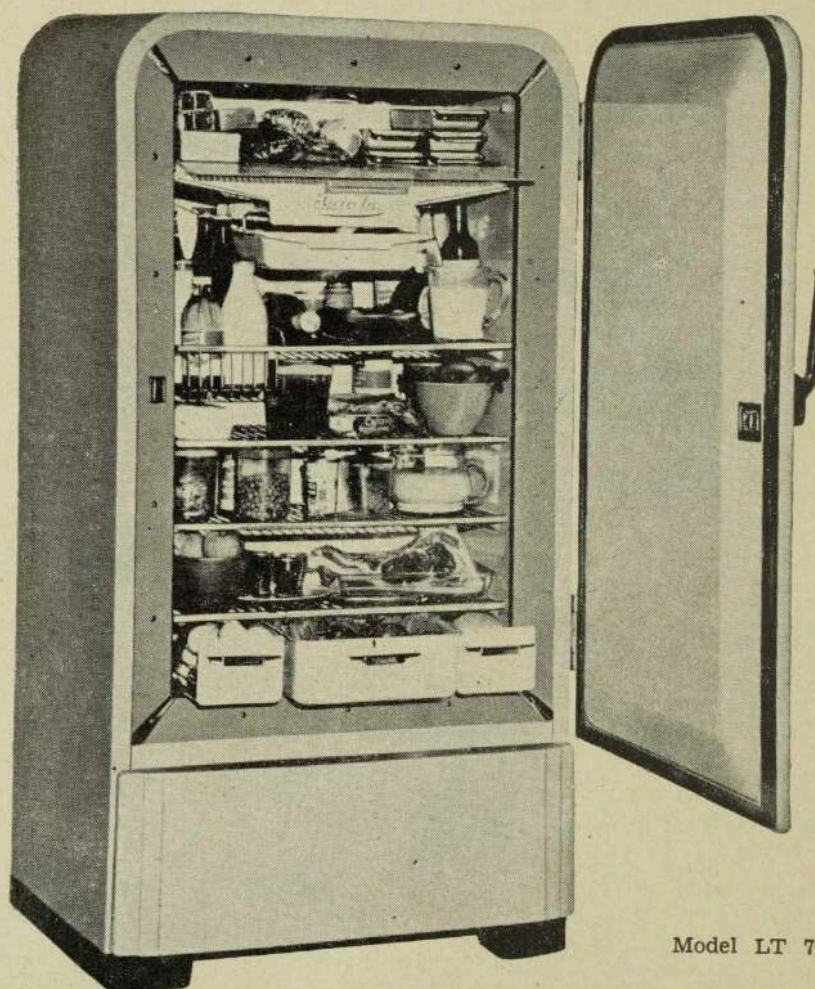
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PRINCESS WYAMIA, earlier reported PRINCESS WAIMAL, was harboured in Balboa in March. This was the first in which Polish Dr. Bohdon, former lecturer at Victoria University College, Wellington, NZ, was sailing from England to Honolulu on the first of a big magnetic-survey project (December PIM). Our Balboa correspondent says the yacht arrived there a year ago with the crew in special difficulties. After several weeks, the crew and wife put to sea leaving crew ashore. They were eventually repatriated by the British Consul. Two later PRINCESS WYAMIA, dismasted, was taken back in port in tow of a tug. Up to March, 1955, the yacht was still held under writ pending payment of \$5,000 repatriation-of-crew fees and other charges.

ADIOS, 32 ft. American ketch which sailed through the Islands westward, cleared Balboa for San Diego in February on the last leg of her year round-the-world voyage. Thus Tom and Joyce Steel enter that company of yachtsmen who "made

MOANA (ex LAITA), flying the New Zealand flag, cleared Balboa March 15 for the Islands on a circumnavigatory voyage. The 46 footer from Saint Malo is manned by Pierre Pasquier, Bernard Gorsky, Roger de, and Serge Arnoux. Gorsky is the skipper of the "Mediterranean Hunter", having been

translated into English. The cruise, which is running to a tight two-year schedule, allows for no undue tarrying in port. The voyage began last June and is being made under contract to secure underwater movie and still photos.

SEVEN SEAS, formerly named SCALDIS and reported by PIM under that name when she sailed from Holland in March, 1954, cleared Balboa March 14 bound Melbourne via the usual Island ports. Lone-hander Andre Boun Meester, of Scheveningen, 25, sold his engine in the Canary Islands when finances fell low, so he now depends on sail alone for harbour manoeuvres. Meester plans to settle in Australia and will seek work in a boat yard there.

JENCO, 49 footer from Skien, Norway, manned by Jens W. Jenssen, his wife, and two daughters aged 7 and 3½ years, dropped the Balboa moorings on February 16 bound for Napier, NZ, where the family have friends and plan to settle. Jenssen is a plumber by trade, and the yacht is a solid fishing vessel. The voyage commenced last August and calls were planned at the Galapagos, Marquesas, Tahiti, the Cooks—the usual ports of call.

SUSAN, 22 ft. Auckland cutter, with Wally Walton and Bob Harvey aboard, reached Lord Howe in mid-April, seven days out of Whangaroa. Bound Sydney, owner Walton plans to take work at ports of call as he cruises the Australian coast—then perhaps head for the Islands. SUSAN is already known at Norfolk Island where she sailed on a previous cruise.

MARCO POLO of Auckland, which has been on the Australian coast for some months, was to clear Sydney in April for New Guinea. From there the yacht will be headed east-bound for Panama—unless owner Tony Armitt and his crew tire of heading the 28 footer into the trades before then. (See August, 1954).

QUEST, a 36 ft. Colin Archer ketch, cleared Brisbane in March for the Solomons—plans unknown. Lone mariner Fred Fawcett Kay was described as a former radio script writer and Sydney big-game fisherman.

Law and order should enter the Pacific soon—in the form of four Palermo policemen who deserted the Force to sail round the world last August. Details of yacht and direction of circuit unknown as yet.

SOLVEIG, Halvorsen-owned Sydney ocean racer, left there in mid-April aboard the Swedish ship PARRAKOOLA as deck cargo, bound for Los Angeles, where the yacht will be entered in the trans-Pacific Race to Honolulu this summer.

Bill Crealock, formerly of ARTHUR ROGERS, which he left at Papeete, re-

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ported from New Port Beach, Cal., in February that he and a companion were sailing in an unnamed yacht for Honolulu, Guam, and the Palaus, and should reach Honolulu in mid-April. A few more crewmen were being sought at that stage.

† Mrs. L. M. White, wife of the new American Vice-Consul at Noumea, was formerly known as Dagmar Hasalova. She is a professor of Diction, studied at the Charles and Prague Universities and taught at the Conservatorium of Music at Bogota, Colombia. She holds the music diplomas of Kansas University and the Julliard School of Music. As a singer, Mrs. White has given concerts at the Carnegie Hall, New York, and the Theatre Colon, Bogota, as well as many radio recitals.

† Reference to the long service given by the City Electrical Engineer, Mr. W. T. A. Nicholson, was made by the Mayor of Suva (Mr. A. D. Leys) on the occasion of Mr. Nicholson's retirement. Mr. Nicholson joined the Council in 1921 and became Electrical Engineer in 1931. For outstanding services in providing power and light to military camps during the war period, with an inadequate plant, he was awarded the MBE. He did excellent work after the 1952 hurricane and the 1953 earthquake.

† Fijian Rugby Union players will be in Western Samoa in May and June. Twenty-two players, a manager and co-manager have been chosen. Men who have previously represented Fiji overseas were not eligible for the tour, which is part of the campaign to foster the Rugby Union game in Samoa.

† Two pedigree boars, a Berk and a Tamworth, have been imported by the Fiji Government. Australia as replacement sire studs at the Sigatoka Experimental Station. A third stud, of I Whites, is at the Principal Agricultural Station, Koronivia. The were established to make pedigree pigs available in Fiji.

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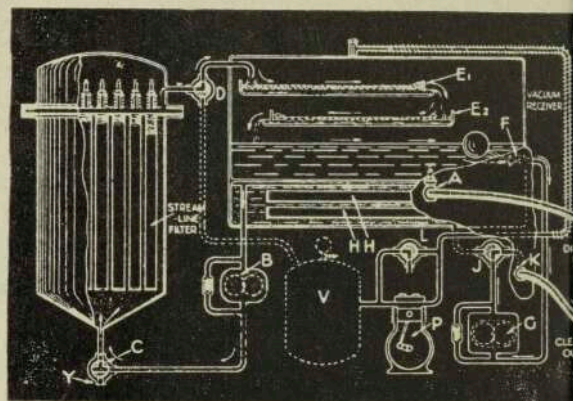
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The following survey of the work is by Mr. G. P. Keleny, Plant Quarantine Officer of the Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries Department, Port Moresby:

The Loloki Plant Introduction and Quarantine Station, established by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries in 1949, combines the two vital functions of a plant importation centre and a check against the introduction of disease from abroad.

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The seeds were germinated and grown under strict quarantine to guard against the introduction of diseases such as coffee rust which in many countries severely restricts coffee culture. After quarantine clearance, the seedlings were sent to the Keravat Lowlands Agricultural Experimental Station near Port Moresby, where the varieties will be grown under Territory conditions.

Similar introduction work was done in respect of Highland coffee many years ago, when varieties of this coffee were obtained from Java and Uganda. When released from quarantine at Loloki, these were sent to the Highlands Agricultural Experimental Station at Goroka, where they are now under

these are two examples of the

several hundred plant introductions which pass through the Loloki Station each year.

Officers in charge of plant introduction work have to keep themselves up to date on overseas research developments, and establish contacts through which sample consignments of plants or seeds can be obtained.

**EXTENSIVE** co-operation exists between the Administration and the CSIRO on the supply of plant material. In general, plants and seeds are supplied on an exchange basis, with overseas research workers readily co-operating and receiving seeds and plants in return for their consignments.

However, most sample shipments are small, and thus it is one of the functions of the Loloki Station to undertake multiplication of the original importations. Frequently this involves many years' work before the varieties can be tested on any considerable scale.

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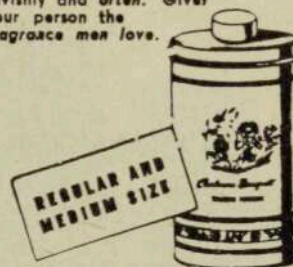


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The seedlings were later taken to Malaya, and the result of this bulk importation has made the Territory dependent on any further outside supplies of tea seed. In other words, likely tea seed requirements, in the future, will be obtainable from Malaya.

Kenaf is another crop successfully introduced into the Territory through the "cradle" at Loloki, in which 90 lb of sorted seed were sown. This was so successful that, subsequently, the development of the Kenaf industry was centred in an area close to the Loloki station.

Another phase of the work done at Loloki is the maintenance of permanent multiplication plots of plants to ensure a constant supply of seed. However, this has been limited to selected plants only, as this activity is restricted by the

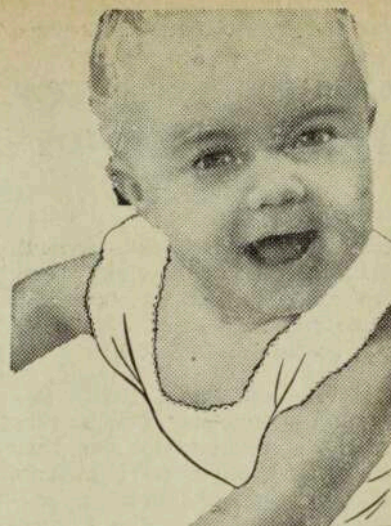
requirements of quarantine, the area of suitable land at the station and the capacity of the irrigation facilities.

This year, special areas near Loloki have been planted with *Crotalaria anagyroides*, *Centrosema pubescens* and *Pueraria phaseoloides* to meet the widespread demand from private planters for seed. The first species is used as shade for cocoa and coffee crops, and the other two are legumes suitable for cover cropping in copra and rubber plantations.

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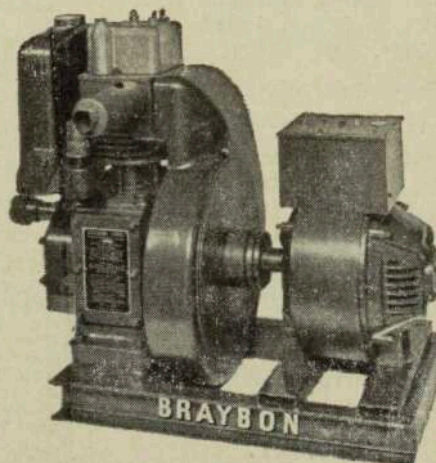
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## SAMOAN FILM STAR ENTERTAINED IN SYDNEY

Three legendary tales of Polynesia were presented at a recital at 2KY Radiatorium, Sydney, on April 1. The tales were "The kororopaki of Tinirau and the Whale", a Maori legend; A Samoan story of the origin of the coconut, "The eel Tuna who loved a girl"; and a Hawaiian tale, "The Calabash of the Winds". Each legend was presented by a verse group as a spoken legend, while other members presented the dances and chants appropriate to each tale, in the authentic costumes.

The Lord Mayor's Flood Relief Fund benefited by the money raised at the recital.

Many Islands people were in the audience; a newcomer to the group being Miss Orbell Chambers of Levuka. Also in the audience was the star of the film "Return to Paradise", charming Moira MacDonald of Apia, who came with Mrs. Mary Croudace, of Apia and New York. During the evening these ladies delighted the audience by appearing on the stage to dance an impromptu "tauluga", the graceful dance of Samoa.

Another evening which the Samoan film star attended was held at the Woollahra home of the president, Leonard Moran. A large and representative gathering farewelled Moira and Mrs. Croudace prior to their departure for Samoa. Present were: Mr. Charles Poroi, of Papeete, Tahiti, son of the popular Mayor of Papeete; Mrs. Elsa Watson formerly of Apia, Samoa; Mrs. Aggie Anderson of Apia; Mrs. Maureen White, daughter of well-known Apia identity, Mrs. Aggie Grey; Mr. and Mrs. Ned. Blood of Mount Hagen, New Guinea; Mrs. Anna Smith and her niece, Mrs. Ethel Aspinall, both former residents of Apia; Mr. Hugh Aspinall from Suva; Moses Evans of Levuka; and Mrs. Dulcie Grey of Honiara, BSL.

During the course of the evening many islands dances were presented, one very popular item being the Tahitian dance

Mr. G. G. Taylor, formerly the Commonwealth Bureau and member of the Colonial Office Fungicides and Insecticides Committee, has been in Fiji at the Government's invitation to advise techniques of applying insecticides and weedicides.

Sister Beatrice Sheldon will turn to the Methodist leper station at Normanby Is., Papua, in June after spending six months' leave in Australia. At Normanby, where she has worked for three years, Sister Sheldon superintends a staff of Papuan nurses caring for 160 leprosy patients.



done by Moira MacDonald as shown in the film. A Maori visitor, Jay Hamilton from Rotorua, also entertained with songs.

Photo shows the film star's reception which was given Miss MacDonald of Apia at the Mayfair Theatre, Sydney, in early April. "Return to Paradise" was shown at the theatre. Mrs. Mary Croudace is shown right.



habilitation Question.

## PLANS FOR FIJIANS COME AFTER MALAYA SERVICE

PLANS for rehabilitating Fijian ex-servicemen from Malaya, prepared by a Suva committee comprising Mr. H. M. Scott (chairman), Mr. A. D. Leys, Ratu Edward Kobau, Mr. R. M. Major, Ratu Vuidreketi and the Rehabilitation Officer, were approved by the Legislative Council in April.

The proposals are that every fully discharged serviceman, regardless of his future plans, shall be given a set of agricultural hand tools, a mosquito net, blanket, two pairs of shorts, two shirts and a set of eating utensils.

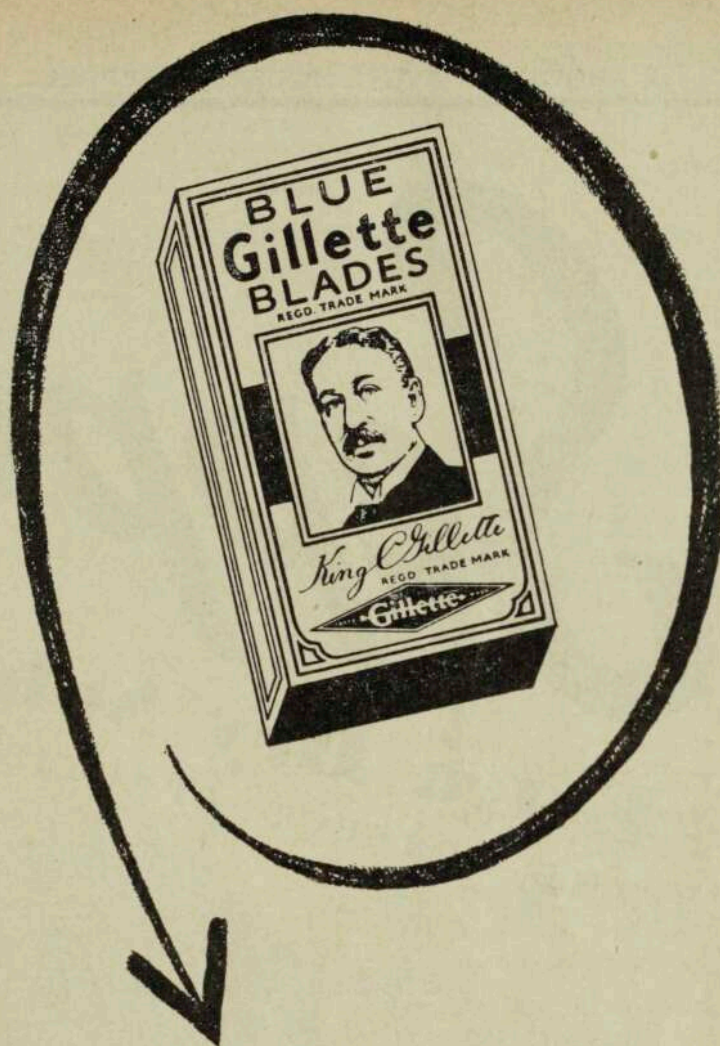
Men who return to their villages will be exempted from communal duties for six months, and the Rehabilitation Board may provide them with such implements as a hoe or with fishing gear or implements of trade, and may provide funds for the repair or replacement of fishing-boats.

Servicemen who do not return to their villages will be exempt in the year of discharge from the payment of commutation rates (the tax imposed on all Fijian men who live away from their villages and are unable to perform communal duties), and the Rehabilitation Board will help them to find employment.

The board may arrange vocational training in trades or farming or may provide bursaries to qualified men for higher education, may arrange for selected applicants to be given agricultural training and helped to settle on land.

Rehabilitation has been a somewhat thorny subject ever since the decision for Fijian soldiers to fight in Malaya was made in October, 1941.

In 1953 a Suva complaint, widely publicised in New Zealand, affirmed that, two years after the decision to send Fijians to Malaya had been made, there was no official statement of any eventual scheme of rehabilitation. At that time men discharged on medical or other grounds before completing their three-year Army term were permitted to retain two pairs of shorts, two shirts, two socks, a pair of boots and a kit-bag. Men who completed the three-year Army term were to receive in addition two civilian shirts and two sulus. This was described as a fairly obvious justification as the extremity of parsimony." The new proposals go further, and the critics are likely to find them unconstructively vague at important points.



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## The Fat Ladies Go Duva Fishing

the Fijians of the Lau Islands, a pleasure excursion means an expedition for food. So, when set out to go around Naitauba in plantation launch, the half Fijians on board were more interested on what lay under the surface, leaving me to look at the scenery. We chased a turtle; and at an hour bobbing about while I dived down 20 to 30 feet through clear turquoise water to spear up giant clams, or to spear brown-hued fish with long spears. The expedition with the Fat Ladies was designed for provision-purposes, and to show me how duva fishing was carried out in

early all the Lauan ladies on Naitauba qualify as Fat Ladies, and put a lot of thought into keeping themselves that way. With every day that passes some of them are added in the flat-bottomed dinghy near the reef dangling at the end of a fishing line—and with extraordinary success. Some of the Fat Ladies are good fishermen, too—but not even Naitauba seems to make an Indian a tender in the Fat Lady stakes. Duva fishing is certainly more exciting than line fishing—but the results are more quickly achieved.

And it is a community effort and good fun. First requirement is a supply of *duva*—derris root, to you—which looks like a long stick, an inch or so thick and several feet long. It is broken up in short lengths and pounded to a stringy

pulp by bashing it with a piece of coral rock. Then a suitable portion of reef is located, a cork net is unrolled to form a circle, the pounded derris root is drawn back and forth in the encircled patch of water and after a few moments the excitement begins.

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Duva fishing at Naitauba.



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and the surface of the water. They make no attempt to escape and can be caught easily with the hands or a fish spear. After one portion of reef is fished out the party moves off to another section and the performance is repeated.

All this was interesting; but even more so were the Fat Ladies themselves. All of them are amphibious—but by no stretch of the imagination can they be called graceful swimmers. They propel themselves through the water with ease but they would win no prizes at the Olympics for style.

Being first of all modest, they go into the water fully dressed and they adopt the easiest method possible for getting their 16-stone apiece into the sea. Usually they simply sit on the side of the launch, put their heads down and topple in. No—they don't hit the water like a tidal upheaval. The whole performance is more like the slow submergence of hippopotami. And they adopt much the same procedure when they are catching the fish. First, under goes the head, then a very broad behind, covered with gaudy print, hovers, half awash, on the surface, then it too disappears leaving only a pair of bare heels to thresh the surface. Then the whole thing in reverse—heels disappear—bottom comes up—then Fat Lady's torso and face, complete with diving goggles, said face working overtime while Fat Lady's hands wave

aloft in triumph yet another fish. This will always be my memory of *duva* fishing.

The photograph shows some of the triumphant Fat Ladies. I got some very good movies of the whole *duva* process—but a bobbing dinghy is not the best place to take still photographs and the Fat Ladies are not presented here as well as they might be.—J.T.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. John Watts, who were married in Sydney in April, will live at Penang, Fiji. Mrs. Watts was formerly Miss Beverley

McKellar, only daughter of the Mr. W. E. McKellar, of Lindfield, NSW, and of Mrs. H. S. McKellar of Lindfield, NSW. Mrs. F. Ke of Fiji, was matron of honour at the wedding.

¶ Mr. Henri Bonneaud, Gen. Manager of Etablissements I. lande, of Noumea, and a member of the New Caledonia Conseil General, returned to Noumea late April after visiting Europe. Japan. M. Bonneaud was reported to have arranged the sale of 350 tons of nickel ore to Japan in that country.



## Basketball Winners

Champion basketball team of Caledonia for several years, the dependents are to supply a considerable proportion of the women's representative team to tour Australia. The men's team will make the tour, itinerary includes Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, Adelaide, and possibly Brisbane. There will be eight girls in the group of 20.

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## FIJI'S CIGARETTE INDUSTRY RAISES QUESTIONS

DEMONSTRATING the policy of "granting reasonable fiscal concessions to encourage new investment in the Colony and so broaden the basis of the economy", Fiji's Legislative Council last month passed a Bill relating the machinery for collecting excise duties on specified goods manufactured and consumed in the Colony.

At the moment the "specified goods" comprise cigarettes to be made at a factory to be established in Fiji by the British Tobacco Co. (Australia) Ltd.

The excise duty is to be 3d for a packet, compared with the customs duty of 7d on imported cigarettes. In 1954 Fiji's imports of 17,791 lb of cigarettes and 12,409 lb of manufactured tobacco yielded about £10,000 in customs duty, and it has been unofficially estimated that an approximate equivalent in locally manufactured cigarettes would yield about £150,000 in excise duties. Critics of the new scheme say that an annual revenue drop of about £200,000 is too much to pay for an industry that may be expected to employ only several dozen persons.

During the Legislative Council debate, the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. R. M. Major) said the Government realised that the interests of importers might be damaged for a time, and that the Government revenues would suffer, but it was hoped that these results would be only temporary.

Mr. Major said that two assurances had been given during the negotiations—first, that the company would direct its energies towards extending the Colony's market for cigarettes; and secondly, that it would take active steps to develop Fiji's tobacco industry.

Outside the Council, discussion is centred mainly on the suggestion that, until the return from excise duties equals the customs duties imposed on imported cigarettes, the industry will be subsidised to the extent of the loss in customs duty.

It has been claimed that, allowing for the higher cost of local manufacture, it should be possible—because of the favourable excise rate—to produce cigarettes at about a packet retail, compared with 4d for imported cigarettes. (Duty on imported manufactured tobacco is 1/6 on a 2 oz tin, which is retailed at about 4/5).

All this, the critics maintain, means that the local lower-priced cigarettes will probably push

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manager of the Brisbane branch. Mr. Narain is seated in the middle with Mr. Lahore on his right, and Mr. Gordon Roberts, the bank's new manager, on his left. Immediately behind Mr. Lahore is Ratu Dr. J. A. R. Dovi and on his left,

Lieutenant-Colonel Ratu E. Cakobau, MC. On the left in the front row are Mr. J. Amputch (Labour Office), and Mr. L. G. Usher (Public Relations Officer).

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## Cigarette Factory

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started cigarettes and tobacco out of the picture, and they whether a "concealed subsidy", in the form of possibly £1,000,000 from the Colony's revenue over a five-year period, is not too high a price to pay for the new local cigarette industry.

### EDITORIAL NOTE

The revenue loss reminds us of a New Hebrides resident who some time ago decided that it would be a good idea to manufacture soap locally, with coconut oil as a base. Necessary machinery was imported from France and a good quantity of soap was turned out.

However, Australasian soap manufacturers were not happy about the new industry and soon proved that they could undersell the home-made article. The manufacturer asked the Government for some sort of protection. But the Government was unenthusiastic—imposed duty from imported soap did not want to do anything to encourage its importation—not that it could devise some way of saving the local industry to make up for lost revenue. The result has been that the manufacturer, who considered himself a pioneer of New Hebrides industry, has now gone out of business.

There is a great deal to be said for and against the establishment of a cigarette factory in Fiji. The Government merely has to make up its mind whether it wants a new

industry more than it needs revenue. The Papua-New Guinea Administration faced the same problem when it permitted the establishment of a brewery at Port Moresby—and decided for the brewery. The brewery does not employ many, either—but a great many of the shareholders are local P-NG residents and the profits it makes circulate in that country.

Mr. Dudley McCarthy, MBE, Administrative Officer in charge of the Welfare and Social Advancement Branch of the Australian Department of Territories, represented Australia at the Suva Conference on the South Pacific Commission proposals for the setting up of a central vocational training institution for the South Pacific.

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## WHARF CONGESTION AT SUVA NOT YET SOLVED

**E**VEN with the erection of two additional wharf sheds, cargo congestion at Suva has not yet been overtaken.

Another large shed is nearing completion but in the opinion of members of the Suva Chamber of Commerce the increasing imports will soon catch up with the additional space.

The Government delayed too long in not erecting additional sheds when it became obvious that the wharf facilities could not cater for increasing imports. Importers have contributed to the confusion by not removing cargo as quickly as they might have done, due to lack of storage space in their own warehouses, and in some cases to unwillingness to take up their bank drafts.

Fresh cargoes have arrived and have been bulked-stacked on top of goods from previous vessels, the result being that it has taken weeks for those importers who really wanted prompt delivery to sort out their own goods.

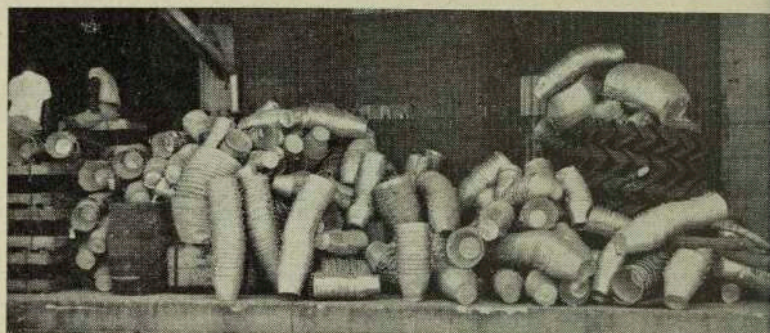
Efforts are now being made to

stack goods in separate heaps for the larger importers, but it has not always been possible to avoid bulk stacking for the larger number of smaller importers. On many occasions no facilities are available when ships arrive simultaneously.

¶ Mr. Devi Dayl Bhatia, the fourth Commissioner for the Government of India in Fiji, was welcomed by the Indian community at Lautoka on March 14, the gathering being presided over by Mr. B. D. Laksh-

man. Mr. Bhatia spoke on the problems and achievements of independence. Later the Commissioner was entertained at afternoon tea at the Lautoka Hotel, where he met prominent citizens of all

¶ Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, who was to have left Fiji on April 15 for London to study Parliamentary procedure before he assumes the post of Speaker of the Fiji Legislative Council, had to postpone his departure for health reasons.



Chronic congestion of cargo storage space at the Suva wharves produces over-  
like this. The situation is complicated by the fact that the whole wharf area, wr-  
by the 1952 hurricane and further weakened by the 1953 earthquake, is to be r-  
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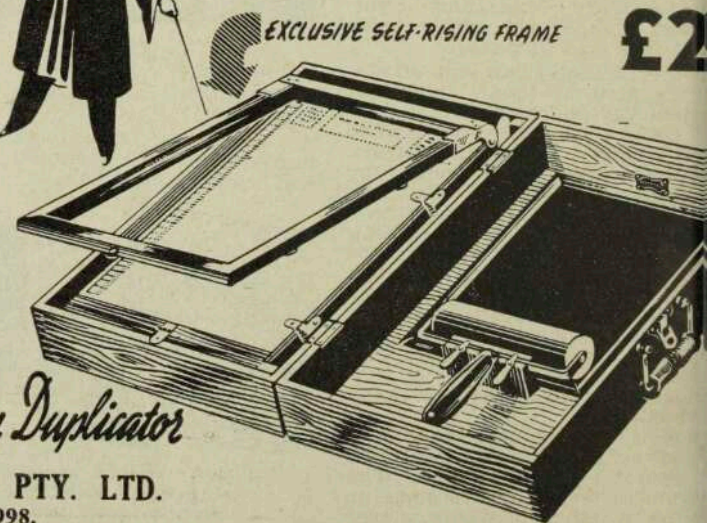
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## NEW CALEDONIA'S ECONOMY IS SOUND, SAYS GOVERNOR

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Governor of New Caledonia (M. Rene Hoffherr), speaking at Paris on the island's economic situation, said that the main problem was to produce hydroelectricity at a low cost.

M. Hoffherr added that despite difficulties the economic situation in New Caledonia was sound.

HEAP electricity, the Governor said, would relieve the nickel industry of the heavy burden of importing fuel for smelting. Coal and coke imports now cost about 1,700,000,000 francs a year. The harnessing of the Yate River to produce 350,000,000 kilowatts a year has been the subject of negotiations between the Governor and officials of the French Ministry of Overseas Territories.

M. Hoffherr has pointed out that the economy of the island is based on mineral production. Chrome, manganese, cobalt and copper can be produced as well as nickel. Potential requirements of electricity are huge, and a thorough search for alternative sources of power, including locally produced power, will be made.

At present the search for oil has produced only "indications", but the indications are encouraging. If oil were discovered in a usable quantity, it would permit the lowering of the cost of nickel ore to be smelted. An important point at a time when New Caledonia has been urged to adopt a policy of economy with her ore reserves.

ALONG with the population question, M. Hoffherr pointed out that New Caledonia, with 180,000 inhabitants to the square kilometre, is close to a heavily populated zone which includes New Guinea (220 to the square kilometre) and the Philippines (170).

Most of the population is concentrated in the towns and villages. More and more of the indigenous population are being drawn to the urban centres and to work in the mines, with a consequent neglect of agriculture.

Hoffherr suggested that, after careful stocktaking of the land available, agricultural workers, preferably from France, should be brought in to the island. (The land survey is now being made).

Though an annual deficit was the time the usual thing in New Caledonia, in 1954 there was a surplus balance of 800,000,000 francs (not NC francs). Prosperity was illustrated by substantial building activity coming from houses, workers' quarters and factories.

Social and political conditions are peaceful, and the isolation of the island protected the non-European population from disturbance outside influences.

Hoffherr suggested that New Caledonia should not only be connected more frequently with France, but that air services should link Noumea with French Oceania and with New Zealand.

Meanwhile, some observers in New Caledonia have been ruffled by two members of the French Parliament who visited the Colony last year.

Although their stay was brief (one 16 days and the other nine days), the two Senators have presented a report of 104 well-filled pages to Parliament, covering geography, politics, economics, social, financial and mining matters.

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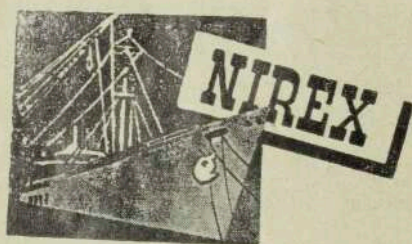
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cluding a study of the Nickel Company, its present and future activities and its influence on the lives of the people. The report claims that New Caledonia's isolation has reduced the influence of France and has produced "a sense of subordination to Australia". It implies that the local assembly's powers are excessive and suggests that the Governor should have the right to veto any decisions not acceptable to Metropolitan France.

It is pointed out that New Caledonia's financial structure is based on a system of indirect taxation, levied on imports and exports, which reduces incentive to produce and export. It is claimed that this is quite in harmony with the interests of the big importers, who are represented in the local assembly.

The Nickel Company is criticised on the grounds that its policy is not very prudent. It is charged with not having created sufficient reserves (whether of ore or of money is not stated), and with failing to modernise its smelters and to organise prospecting with complete efficiency.

Ratu Edward Cakobau, Ratu George Cakobau and Ratu Penia Bilau have been appointed Fijian Economic Development Officers. They will be concerned with organising the production and marketing of crops from Fijian islands.

Three heads of Government departments in Fiji are on pre-retirement leave. They are Messrs.

W. Plucknett (Government Rekeeper), R. V. Cole (Director of Lands, Mines and Surveys) and E. Donovan (Accountant-General).

## NI SA MOCE

### Gustav Mara Hennings

THE whole of Fiji's modern history was encompassed by the life of Gustav Mara Hennings, who died at his plantation home, Naitauba Island, Lau, on April 17. He was born before Cession, in 1868; was a child of six when Cakobau gave Fiji into the keeping of Victoria; and by birth and intellect, and by the long years of his life, was a repository for Fiji's traditions and the story of European penetration of the Colony. Unfortunately, as in the case of other pioneers, much of this history—or many of the small facets that turn history from a dry record to a human document—has gone unrecorded and will likely be lost.

Throughout Fiji, he was known simply as Gus. By his daughters, by the young man who lived in his house, by most of the older residents of Fiji. Perhaps there is a Fijian reason for this; but, if so, I do not know it. The Pacific does not lack for men who are known by a Christian name. Mostly they are the sort of men whom one regards with tolerant affection. Tolerant affection is not a phrase that could be applied to Gustav Hennings in any circumstances; he was, always, the grand seigneur. His greatest condemnation of anyone was that he was "not a gentleman."

He was born in Lakeba in December, 1868. His father was Mr. William Hennings, one of four brothers who went from Germany, via Australia, to settle in Fiji about 1860. His mother was Adi Mere, a Lauan lady of high rank, daughter of Ratu Mara and a niece of Ratu Cakobau. William Hennings and his brothers established the cotton industry in Fiji and, at one time, their firm was one of the most important in the group. Scarcely an



The late Mr. G. M. Hennings.

island exists in northern Lau which has not belonged to or has been connected with the Hennings family at one time.

After the slump in cotton in the 70's, the brothers dissolved partnership and William Hennings went



Naitauba Island from the ridge behind the homestead.

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to Levuka and began business as a copra merchant. The financial troubles of London and Hamburg firms caused him to retire from business in 1889 and thereafter lived at Katafaga, in the North Lau group. He died in 1913 and was buried on a small family island off Lomaloma.

Adi Mere lived many years in the last of them with her son, Naitauba. From her daughter-in-law she extracted a promise that when she died, she should be taken across the 40 miles of sea that separated Naitauba from Lomaloma and buried alongside her husband on the small island. How the promise was eventually fulfilled is a romantic story in itself.

The regal dignity of Adi Mere, The Old Lady, they call her—is spoken of with pride and held in a precept by the Hennings family.

ABOUT the time that Cakobua ceded Fiji to Queen Victoria, Gustav Mara Hennings was sent to Sydney to school. He remained there about six years, then turned home for a year and then sent to Dresden, in Germany to finish his education.

In 1887 he returned to Fiji and was soon back in Germany, where he worked in a bank for three years. He returned permanently to Fiji in 1892, and in 1902 was manager of Henry Marks and Co. branch at Lomaloma. In the next few years he planted up Nabavu on the island of Vanua Balavu. A few years before the First World War he returned again to Germany.

Naitauba, which to-day has indigenous natives living there, one time supported several native villages. The story is told by a family that they were sent away their chief for some misdemeanor long before the Hennings were connected with the island.

According to some history books the natives were transferred elsewhere by Ma'afu at a time when he wished to encourage European settlement for the purpose of cotton growing.

It is not generally known that Naitauba was once owned by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain who later became a Cabinet Minister in Britain. In the course of a world tour he passed through the infant Colony and instructed an agent to buy him an island in the group. The island Naitauba, was duly bought, and Chamberlain had gone on his way—to acquire other possessions in other parts of the Empire and never to see his Fiji purchase. Some coffee that still grows in Naitauba's interior basin, and other plants were sent there from other Chamberlain acquisitions in Africa.

During the cotton boom, this crop was grown on Naitauba but later coconuts were planted. The island



first leased by Mr. Chris Hennings, brother of William, and purchased by him from Kimberlain's agent. At Mr. Chris Hennings' death, the property went to his nephew, Gus, and it was to Mr. Gus Hennings that many settling Chris Hennings' daughter in school there, that he Elizabeth Vogel, who shortly became his bride. They returned to in 1912.

Mrs. Hennings often tells how, coming of Fiji as a land of lush, dripping tropical fruit, she lived at Nabavatu at the end of of the worst droughts in the history of the Lau Group. Scarcely a green thing remained on the station, and she waited months to taste her first tropical fruit.

At that time, and until after the War, the Hennings spent only a few months of each year at Nabaua. The heat during the hot season was considered too great, the huge mango trees that now shadow and bring coolness to the homestead were either not then planted or only small saplings.

He has always been a lover of life and there were few years in his life when he had not owned a useful vessel of some kind. Right to the end, he subscribed to ship yachting magazines and pored over drawings and photographs with the enthusiasm of a youngster.

A man of culture, of wide vision and brilliant wit, he was also a chief. Sometimes, all Fijian. Amongst the numerous letters to him that we received, one wrote that he was "a king of his own island." Perhaps this was so—but he was a king always conscious of his obligations and of his privileges. The Fijian system works both ways and influence with his Lauan people, his solicitude for them, were all great.

Perhaps more than anything else, he was a great cosmopolitan. He used to talk of his student days in Germany, long before the First World War and thought at one time of joining the German Navy, until he discovered that his British nationality disqualified him. To be brought up in a period when there are inevitably international "lies" and "baddies," to hear of the world back before rabid nationalism took control, is shattering. But imagine that the world of young Mara Hennings was very much more "One World" than that of his grandson faces—in spite of the efforts of legions of well-meaning present-day propagandists. Hennings is survived by his wife and three daughters—Elizabeth, who is at present living in Naitaba; Sophie (Mrs. C. M. Kingston-Richards) of London; Mara (Mrs. R. J. Miller) of Wagga, NSW; and by his youngest grandson, Donald Gustav.

His life held full measure of joy, sorrow, tragedy, disaster, fulfilment,

happiness; it was lived at a period that, in human affairs, has had no equal; few lives have been as interesting.—JT.

## Caledonian Iron Ore for Australia Soon

**F**OLLOWING the recent agreement between Broken Hill Pty., Ltd. of Australia, and Societe Le Nickel and Etablissements Ballande of New Caledonia, concerning the export of iron ore from that French Territory to Australia, preparatory work has now started in the Plaine des Lacs-Bay of Prony area.

Access roads to the mining area are being built, and a mechanical conveyor-belt system for the loading of ships is being established. The workings will be open-cut, and the first shipments should be made before the end of 1955.

Mr. Sholto Norton, of the Government rubber plantation at Kokoda, NG, and Mrs. Norton, have been on holiday in Brisbane. Unfortunately, reported a Brisbane correspondent in April, Mr. Norton was undergoing "some heroic treatment" at the hands of an exodontist.

## High Cost of Working Walpole

**P**IM recently reported that there were plans afoot to recommence shipment of guano from Walpole Island, part of the New Caledonia administrative territory, 150 miles east of Noumea.

A New Caledonia business man who was in Sydney in May, said that the remaining supplies on the Island would not seem to warrant the erection of any expensive equipment to facilitate the loading of ships. However, as Mr. Angelo Biga, a well-established mining man of Koumac, was said to be behind the project, it could be assumed that the difficulties of shipping from an open anchorage had been fully considered.

There are between 5,000 and 6,000 tons of guano dug and ready for shipment on Walpole—a legacy of past operations. About 10,000 tons per year were exported from 1923 to close-down in 1929, nearly all of it going to New Zealand. Consumers there now use Seychelles guano from the Indian Ocean.

† Number of Credit Unions in Fiji at end of March was 87; membership was 10,901; assets £31,859.

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Of the 634 patients three are Europeans, 139 are Fijians, 193 are Indians, and the balance comprises

Gilbert and Ellice Islanders, Samoans, Tongans, Cook Islanders and others. Some of the patients are from territories outside the British Commonwealth.

These facts were given in the House of Commons on March 30, when the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs (Mr. H. L. Hopkinson) replied to questions.

Mr. L. W. Teeling (Conservative) asked whether it would not be possible, despite the good organisation at Makogai, to take patients "back into Fiji and to Suva" in order to eliminate the patients' sense of isolation.

Mr. Hopkinson replied: "I certainly bear that suggestion in mind and will refer it to the Governor of Fiji."

Mr. J. Dugdale, a former Minister of State in the Labour Government said: "As one of the few members who have been to this settlement may I add my tribute to any man who may be paid by the Rt. Hon. gentleman to the excellent way in which it is run?"

The Minister added: "I should like to mention that we have generous help in the hospital from the New Zealand Leprosy Board and others."

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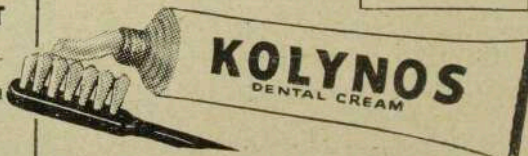


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## DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

### MR. N. W. TOWSON

Mr. N. W. Towson, who was born at Levuka, Fiji, in 1873, died at the Waibalabala estate on April 13.

A son of Mr. G. R. B. Towson, of Somerset, England, who had travelled to Fiji in 1867 and settled at Navua to grow cotton, Mr. Nat Towson was educated at Levuka. He worked for a time at Labasa and then took over the Waibalabala estate at Savusavu.

Mr. Towson is survived by a wife, Mrs. E. R. Hawksley, of Suva, and two sons—Nat of Sydney and George of Nasinu—and a daughter, Nell (Mrs. R. McGowan, of Waibalabala). Mrs. Towson, formerly Miss Emily Harman of Savusavu, died in 1943.

### DR. D. W. HOODLESS

Dr. D. W. Hoodless, widely known as a former principal of the Central Medical School, Suva, died at Cambridge, England, on April 15. He had gone to England to visit his father, and was in good health when he left Fiji.

Dr. Hoodless arrived in the colony as a teacher in 1912. He was appointed headmaster of the Lau Provincial School in 1915, and in 1917 became Acting Director of Education.

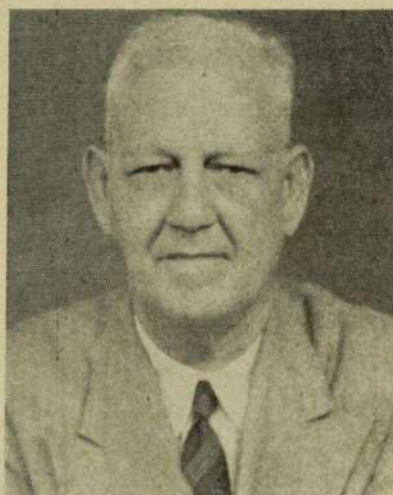
In 1930 he was appointed Tutor at the Medical School and in 1935 returned to England to take his degree as a medical practitioner. Back in Fiji, he was principal of the Central Medical School until retirement a few years ago.

After his retirement he worked

His ready wit and kindly nature brought him many friends, including the host of Fijian and other medical students whom he taught for so many years.

### MR. G. C. BARRATT

Mr. George Chapman Barratt, who died suddenly at Levuka on April 11, was an acknowledged



Mr. G. C. Barratt.

leader of the part-European community in Fiji and was regarded with the highest respect by people of all races. His funeral at Suva was one of the largest for many years.

His father, an Englishman, was part-owner with Captain D. Robbie of a tea plantation at Wainunu, in Vanua Levu, and his mother was before her marriage Miss Ruth Watkins, a member of one of the oldest Levuka families.

Young George Barratt for many years combined shipping and plantation interests. After managing several plantations, he acquired Naqere at Savusavu East and from time to time owned a series of small trading vessels.

In 1933 he moved to Suva and opened a shipping office in Pier Street. Characteristically, he des-

cribed his business as "crumbs from the rich men's tables."

There was an odd superstition that for some reason or other, George Barratt was not intended to own more than two ships: whenever he acquired a third vessel disaster overtook one of the trio. However that may be, when Mr. Barratt went into partnership with Mr. Baker, who built the *Fijian Princess* (still trading today), he took the precaution of selling the *Ono-i-Lau* before the *Fijian Princess* entered the water.

At the time of his death at the age of 66 he owned the *Fijian Princess* and the recently-acquired *Kadavulevu*.

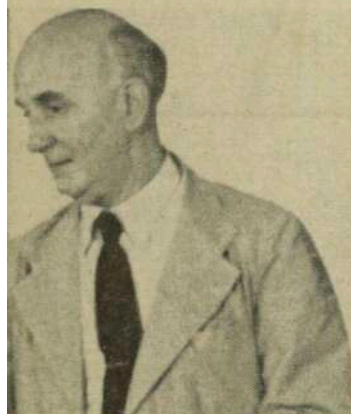
He is survived by his wife, a son (Mr. George Barratt, of Diloi, Vanua Levu), and four daughters (Mesdames J. Bowerman, D. Low, F. Barrack and E. Marlow). There are 17 grandchildren.

### MR. GUSTAV MARA HENNINGS

A report of the death of Mr. Gustav Mara Hennings appears on page 129, this issue.

### MRS. H. E. WADDINGHAM

Mrs. Henrietta E. Waddingham, widow of the late Mr. Frank Waddingham, died at Lautoka, Fiji, on April 5 after a long illness. For many years she was one of Nadi's



Dr. D. W. Hoodless.

relief doctor in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and elsewhere.

Dr. Hoodless was a strong supporter of the Fiji Philatelic Society. He played bowls frequently and was one of the popular type of men who seek pleasure and companionship on the green rather than trophies.

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most respected residents. She was 74 years of age.

Born at Levuka, Mrs. Waddingham was formerly Miss Pitt. She was married at Ba close to the end of the last century. At Mr. Waddingham was one of the last large-scale European planters in the sugarcane industry.

**MR. A. W. BROODBANK**

The death of Mr. Arthur Edward Broodbank, formerly of Samarai, occurred at Brisbane on April 16.

Mr. Broodbank went to Samarai from North Queensland as a builder. Subsequently, however, he became first a butcher and then a baker.

He is survived by his wife, a member of the well-known Eve family of Eastern Papua, two sons and two daughters, all of whom are children being married. Another son, Ron, was lost on air operations over Germany in the war.

Many former Samarai people living at Brisbane attended the funeral.

**MR. JOHN BARBER**

At the age of 80 years, Mr. John Barber, a former Fiji resident, died at Whangarei, New Zealand, on April 16.

Mr. Barber arrived in Fiji in 1899 and took up farming in the Rewa district, also engaging in shipping of bananas. He left last year.

Mr. Barber was a keen supporter of the old Rewa Football Club. He was also a prominent member of the Rewa Bowling Club. Only a few months before his death he donated money to be used at the Suva Rewa Bowling Clubs to celebrate his 80th birthday.

He is survived by Mrs. Barber and their son Robert, who disposed of his farm at Tailevu to accompany his parents to New Zealand.

**MR. A. S. de MONTALK**

News was received at Suva on April 17 of the death of Mr. A. S. de Montalk, headmaster of the Suva Boys' Grammar School from 1933 to 1937.

Mr. de Montalk was a successful headmaster and under his guidance the school made good progress. As a popular headmaster he was remembered by many of his pupils in Fiji and overseas.

He died while on his way to take part in the Gallipoli landings commemoration. He was a signaller, and one of the first to land on the beach at Anzac Cove. He was in his 65th year.

**MR. H. STUCHBURY**

A former Fiji veterinary surgeon, Mr. H. Stuchbury, was recently hacked to death by natives at Dar-es-Salaan.

Mr. Stuchbury was in the Gove



at service in Fiji, and was transferred to Nyasaland some ten years ago. He retired and went to Fes-Salaam recently. No further particulars are available except that he was said to have been killed by Fes tribesmen.

Mr. Stuchbury was highly thought of by stock owners, not only for his skill, but also for his readiness to attend any call.

#### MR. MAUTAIRI PE

His death occurred from advanced age recently at Mangaia, C.I., of Mr. Mautairi Pe, a pioneer Pomare artist and pensioned former soldier.

Mautairi was one of the long-lived men of the Education Dept., commencing over thirty years ago as a prize scholar. He received his award of the then newly-instituted Pomare Medal from that renowned Fijian statesman's own hands.

The late Mautairi possessed, among other accomplishments, marked artistic powers, and for a time worked in soft contour on designs and inscriptions for monuments, in the European tradition of moulded doves, etc. sketches, the best of which were made during a prolonged stay at the Pongia Sanatorium where it had been hoped to cure his condition, reveal a latent talent that with greater encouragement, might have taken the artist very far.

#### MR. NADJARIAN ZORAB

Mr. Nadjarian Zorab, a Papeete maker, died there from a heart attack on April 1.

He was born in Turkey, but a Frenchman with 15 years of military service in Indo-China, France and Italy. Mr. Zorab was only 40 years of age. He is survived by his wife, a native of Lebanon, and one son.

#### MR. JACK DOUGLAS

Mr. Jack Douglas, one of the comparatively few surviving members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force of 1914, died at Apia Government Hospital on April 16.

He was born at Manchester, England, in 1891. Mr. Douglas served in the Royal Navy and after leaving the service went to New Zealand, where he was engaged in farming.

In August, 1914, he volunteered for the Samoan Occupation Force, and after demobilisation stayed in New Zealand.

For many years he was a Burns & McDonnell trader in Savai'i.

#### FR. J. CHESNEAU AND REV. FR. J. OGER

The death occurred recently of a veteran Catholic missionaries from French Oceania.

April 20, Father Joseph Chesneau died after 51 years of service, having arrived from France in 1894 and remained in the Colony for a brief return home on business in 1920. Father Chesneau founded the Catholic Mission at Huahine in 1907, transferring shortly afterwards to Raiatea,

where he was stationed until 1940. He was then sent to Papeete to form a Minor Seminary for the training of native priests, became editor of a Catholic journal, and Provincial of the French Oceania Province of his mission, the Congregation of the Holy Cross, retiring in 1952, due to ill-health. Last August he celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination.

The other veteran priest was Father Julien Oger, born in France in 1881, and attached to the French Oceania Province for 46 years. During that time he had been in charge of many parishes, including the Tuamotus and Mangareva. He returned home once on vacation. He celebrated his golden jubilee only a month before his death in April.

#### High Costs in N.C.

A NOUMEA builder, presenting figures to justify the very high cost of building in New Caledonia, showed the enormous rise in costs that has taken place there since 1939.

In 1939, according to these figures, labour and materials were only a tenth of to-day's prices. Labourers then received 25 francs per day. To-day they receive 300 francs (£A2/2/6). A tradesman earns double that—and the builder implied that the amount of work done per day was less to-day.

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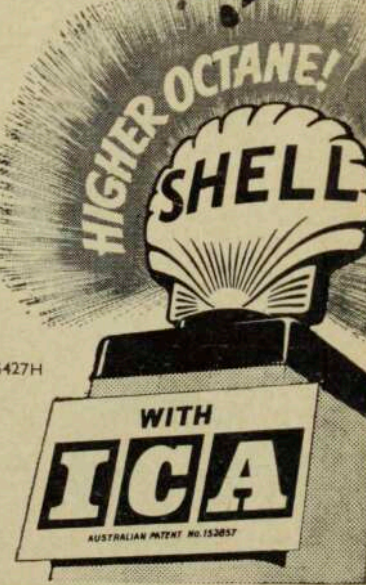
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| Creamy Chocolate              | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$                        | 52                                             |
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| Ginger Nut                    | 10                                     | 62                                             |
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| Raspberry Fruit Cream         | 6                                      | 40                                             |
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| Scotch Finger                 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$                        | 54                                             |
| Shredded Wheatmeal            | 5                                      | 33                                             |
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## Notable Tongan Catch



Brought by Mosese Vea near Navutoka, Vaitupu, on March 25, this swordfish, 8 ft. 1 in. long and weighed 147 lb. The catch was made from the Government boat with the Commissioner of Public Works (Mr. K. G. Young) in charge.

Photo: August Hettig.

## TECHNICALITY RULES OUT FISHING RECORD

WHEN Mrs. Frank Hayford, an American visitor to Fiji, caught a 336 lb silver marlin on a 24-thread dacron line off Vaya Island in early April, it was held as though a world record might be in the offing.

But when the fish was brought aboard the boat and was gaffed, it was found on its tail and then made round the launch. To avoid damage to the boat, one of the crew aboard lifted the line. And international rules governing fishing claims require that until the part of the trace passes into the boat no one but the fisherman may touch the line or any part of fishing gear.

Mrs. Hayford's husband accounted for the 334 lb silver marlin.

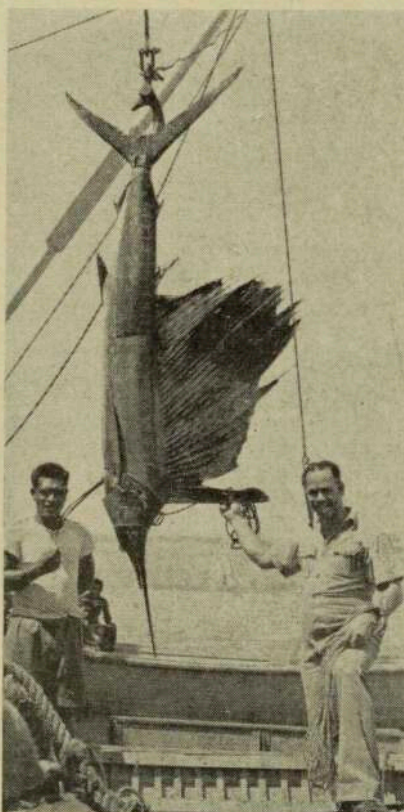
## NZNAC EXPECTS PROFIT ON YEAR'S WORKING

NEW Zealand National Airways Corporation, the Government-owned organisation operating the Auckland-Norfolk Island link as well as most of New Zealand's internal air services, expected to show a small profit in its operations for the year ended on March 31.

Revenue was up by £270,000. Air-port dues, which came into force on April 1, 1954, would cost the Corporation about £100,000, but against that was an increase in fares since January 1, 1955.

There were premature rumours at Auckland some months ago that TEAL would take over the Norfolk service immediately, but that has not eventuated, though it is still predicted to take place. The change-over may have been delayed by TEAL's more pressing problems on the Coral Route.

## And One From Fiji



Most people maintain that this fish, 11 ft. 6 in. long, caught near Wakaya Island, Fiji, last December, is a striped marlin, but others say that it is a sailfish. The catch was made by Captain Anderson and Chief Engineer E. Wendt, of the "Yanawai", with a line owned by Mr. Langi Rodan (holding the fin in the picture).

## Fijian Seamen Have Suva Social Centre

ANOTHER step in meeting Suva's lack of social facilities for a large part of the population has been taken by the Fiji Seamen's Union, a predominantly Fijian organisation, which on April 9 opened its own social centre.

Named Reay Hall in honour of a former Commissioner of Labour (Mr. C. S. Reay), the building was formally opened by the District Commissioner, Southern (Ratu Edward Cakobau), who deputised for Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna. Ratu Sir Lala was prevented by illness from attending.

The union president (Captain J. Mullins) welcomed the guests and Mrs. Mullins presented the key with which Ratu Edward opened the building.

The large hall, which has full kitchen and other facilities, will be a badly-needed gathering-place and recreation centre for local seamen at Suva.

The opening was marked by full traditional Fijian ceremonies.

Mr. Justice C. F. C. Macaskie, CMG, has been appointed to act as Judicial Commissioner British Solomon Islands Protectorate during the absence on leave of Mr. G. J. Horsfall. He arrived in Honiara on May 2 to remain for one week and will then go on to Vila, New Hebrides, to act as British Judge on the Joint Court, and Legal Adviser to the British Resident Commissioner, New Hebrides. He joined the North Borneo Civil Service in 1910, retired in 1945, and has been living in Queensland.

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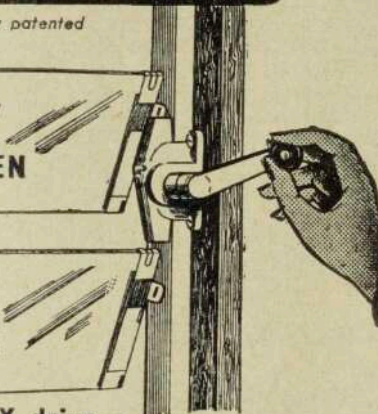
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## BSI Encourages New Mining Enterprise

(Continued from Page 17)

Survey, still in Sydney on leave May, made this comment:

"The Mining Regulations are based on fair and just principles. A prospector now has protection giving him indefeasible rights to coveries he may make in areas c to prospecting, provided that conforms to specified working o ditions, and does not sit on property and do nothing, thus p venting others from doing so thing."

"In return," said Mr. Grover, "Government has the right to royalties and taxes as well as see that capital (the property) labour are not unduly idle. Th principles are in the interests of country and the individual."

Mr. Grover said that the should now be clear for an crease in prospecting intere There are thousands of square m of mountainous hinterland q unexplored by Europeans. Min companies may find this hard believe, said Mr. Grover, but it mains a fact that the search gold in the Solomons has been c fined so far to a relatively sn area, and there has never been search for base metals.

Radio active minerals are i placed almost on the same basis other minerals, except that fi must be reported and export licen applied for. The latter measure merely to control the destination exports of such strategically va able minerals.

Mr. Grover emphasises, howe that the Solomons field is no pl for loafers. Prospectors must tough physically and stable me ally. Exploration involves dang ous and exacting work in the r valleys. Because of the de jungle and depth of soil on ridges one cannot see rock outc there. Men who long for the bri lights after a week or two in bush are not likely to succeed cause much depends on the hun factor.

Mr. Grover said many mislead statements, by men lacking qualifications or the data to be their statements, had been made the Solomons in the past.

### WORK ON LODES

ENCOURAGING

COMMENTING on the ear Government statement of Gold Ridge discovery, Grover said that the April 2 nouncement was fully supported work which had been continu since then on two of the three loc mentioned. The third lode will developed when equipment arri for removal of the overburden. Ho ever, it is now possible to say th development has shown all th lodes to contain free gold. There little doubt that the discoveries



importance: the twenty years' search for the mother lodes is successfully concluded. It remains now to develop and prove the area a mine.

The lodes are being opened up by the Asuna Syndicate which has the rights to the area, but sampling, assays and statements to the public are being handled by the BSIP Government—additional proof that the administration now greatly desires to attract bona fide gold mining interests to the Protectorate. Despite every indication that this should be a gold discovery of some importance, Australian mining interest has not been aroused to the extent that one might have imagined. At the beginning of May, however, several companies were making definite interest and were waiting the results of assays. More general interest will probably be shown when the statement of April circulates through.

The pre-war history of mining in P-NG when many tried but none succeeded in finding the scarce lodes of the Guadalcanal gold—plus the geologists' best efforts to discourage mining after the war, is not likely to be forgotten overnight.

There are the gold-boom days of years ago when rumours were current to float companies and the areas of Fiji and New Guinea were pegged on nothing more engaging than wishful-thinking of the old prospectors of pre-war days are now raising beef or growing coffee or cabbages. Large mining companies have interests—oil, coal mining, rubber or other metals.

Nonetheless, if Gold Ridge proves to be the rich find that BSIP is waiting for, doubtless the means and the capital will be forthcoming to develop it.

An important goldfield could turn the Cinderella protectorate into a going concern for the first time in its history and this, as in other undeveloped countries, would have a profound effect.

Australian enterprise and capital would likely be very much involved; Australia would be the logical supply point for most of the goods and equipment needed there, which would bring the Protectorate even more into the Australian orbit than at present. Political changes could follow economic changes.

There would certainly be an effect on the whole labour supply position in BSIP, which, since the war, has never been good. It has been suggested that mechanisation will obviate the necessity for much labour—but mechanisation of Fiji and New Guinea mines has not entirely prevented a drain on native labour resources in those countries.

It has been suggested, also, that there is no reason why labour should not be imported from other Pacific Islands—New Guinea, for example. However, it is unlikely that P-NG, which is itself up against a labour shortage problem which is expected to grow worse in coming years, is likely to countenance that.

However, that problem is still in the future. In the coming months results of tests of the Gold Ridge lodes will be watched by everyone who has the welfare of the BSIP at heart.

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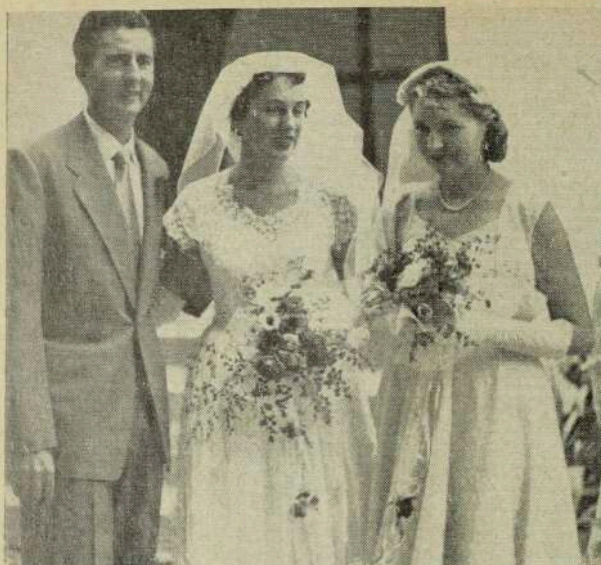
## Cricket Trophy for Moresby Team



Mr. Les Michel, president of the Port Moresby Cricket Association, presents Mr. Smart, captain of the Port Moresby team, with the winner's Cup at the Port Moresby Cricket Association's dinner which was held at the Moresby Hotel at the conclusion of the match Port Moresby v. Cairns during Easter.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.





### McLaughlin-Poile Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Denis McLaughlin after their wedding at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Port Moresby, on April 11. The bride was formerly Miss Barbara Poile of the Department of Administration. Miss Barbara Hennings, shown right, was bridesmaid.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

### ARCHBISHOP CARBONI VISITS SOLOMON

(From Our Own Correspondent)

ARCHBISHOP CARBONI, the Apostolic Delegate for Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, arrived at Honiara by plane April 4, accompanied by Monsignor Dadaglio.

On April 5, he left for Malakal with Bishop J. M. Aubin (Roman Catholic Bishop of the Solomon Islands) and visited mission stations at Buma, Tarapaki, Rohinari and Rokera, returning to Honiara on April 11 via the Mission Station at Visale, in Guadalcanal.

At Honiara the Archbishop commented on the value of the operation between the Government and the missions, through which excellent results had been obtained.

Archbishop Carboni's visit to Catholic mission stations in the Solomons was made in a supervisory capacity.

### Big-Scale Thefts From Apia PWD

(From Our Own Correspondent)

NEWS of alleged large-scale thefts of timber and other building materials from the Public Works Department caused a big sensation along the Apia waterfront in late April.

The police had by then recovered well over £1,000 worth of timber and corrugated iron taken from the PWD timber-yard at Vaimea.

Truckloads of allegedly stolen material are being traced, and the indications are that material has

gone to many places in Upolu and even to Savai'i.

It seems possible that the total value of material involved may run into tens of thousands of pounds.

The police will also investigate possible charges of receiving stolen goods.

### New Hospitals at Tonga

A NEW TB ward was officially opened at the Vaillo Hospital, Tongatabu, on March 22 by HRH Princess Mata'aho.

In April, Queen Salote officially opened the new Ngu Hospital at Vavau.

### Versace-Frith Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Keith Versace leaving Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Port Moresby, after their wedding on April 11. The bride was formerly Miss Ann Frith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Frith of Madang. Mr. Versace is with the Commonwealth Bank, Port Moresby.

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## MODERNISATION IS COSTLY

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MODERNISATION of the New Caledonia Nickel Co.'s smelters is discussed in a report received by the company at Noumea. Smelting is done by means of either coke produced from imported coal costing about £6 a ton, or imported coke costing more than double that sum.

The report raps Australia on the heels with the comment: "The use of coal has grave inconveniences inasmuch as most of it comes from a country where social convulsions are frequent and have in the past produced serious irregularities in delivery which once resulted in cessation of smelting activity at Noumea."

Another objection to coal is that the cost price of smelted nickel at Noumea is at least 50 p.c. dearer than the price it brings on the world market. Consequently, France provides a subsidy of about 100,000 French francs (about £250,000).

Another source states, rather dryly, that the company's reserves are more than five times the size of its capital.

The Noumea system of smelting and refining nickel ore is old-fashioned and uneconomic. Even last year's record output probably has not been exceeded this year.

THE next stage in the proposed new system is the new River Yate dam to impound at least 100,000 cub. metres of water and produce at least 340,000,000 KWH a year. (The present dam furnishes only an irregular 60,000,000 KWH). The present hydro-electric station uses four turbo-alternators, but because of the small dam-capacity cannot all be used throughout the year.

75 p.c. of the current produced by the new scheme will be reserved for Noumea, leaving 300,000,000 KWH for the nickel smelters.

The new dam will be financed and exploited by a mixed group. The Nickel Co. will contribute the cost of the existing installations, the State, and the rest will be contributed by the French Government. The estimated cost is nearly 1,000,000.

ELECTRICAL equipment is to be installed at the Point Doniambo smelters, Noumea, permitting production of 10,000 tons of refined nickel annually. The installation of four main furnaces, rated 10,000 kws, is contemplated, together with subsidiary furnaces. Most of the changes at the smelter will be about £44,500,000. The programme will be spread over a five-year period.



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## District Dispensary

A pleasing feature in W. Samoan affairs, is the increasing number of public ventures such as roads, waterworks, clinics and schools being built by the initiative of the villagers themselves. Pictured here is chief carpenter Gus Betham, and the new dispensary he is building for the Leulumoega district. The estimated cost of £3,000 is shared equally by the district and the Government. Leulumoega district has already collected a considerable sum towards building a new hospital to go with the dispensary.



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Mr. J. S. L. Bell, manager of the Bank of New Zealand, Labasa, Fiji, has returned from leave in NZ.

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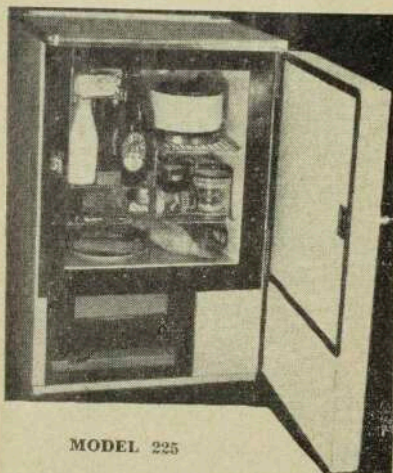
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## SUVA WHARF LABOUR MUDDLE NOT YET SETTLED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SOMETHING seems to have got unstuck in the new system wharf-labour certificates regularise the employment situation on the Suva waterfront.

The idea was to end a more or less haphazard scheme, under which for example, youths in trouble with the law could use wharf employment as an alibi of sorts to cover their presence in Suva.

Many Fijian youths before courts on theft or other charges have said that they worked at wharves whereas the truth is that they might have worked week in four, or less.

Through the District Commissioner's office, the Government issued certificates to casual wharf workers. Unfortunately, the certificates were handed out too and sundry.

While youths in regular employment elsewhere, but who occasional wharf work at night at week-ends, have been given tickets, many men who live solely by wharf work are without the

This unjust situation could have been avoided if the waterside union had been permitted to check applicants, or if permanent wharf workers had been given their tickets first.

It has been suggested to the Government that two classes of certificates should be issued—

"A" certificate for regular work and a "B" ticket for casual labour.

A wharf labour executive has said that on a recent *Tofua* call there was insufficient labour for day-time requirements—an indication that many casuals are employed elsewhere during the day.

It must be generally conceded that, in order to build up a force of more or less permanent labour, a class men should have preference for week-end overtime.

Six hundred men are required on a London ship and 400 for an Australian cargo-ship, and it is clear that there is plenty of room for casuals and village-gangs.

If only those who are fully entitled to hold tickets received the system would provide a useful check on youths who follow the drift to Suva at the cost of a few days' work at the wharves or when necessity drives.

† The Apia Turf Club's Easter Monday meeting drew only a small attendance despite perfect weather. The main event, the Easter Handicap, was won by an outsider, I. L. G. Fruean's Bright Jewel, one of six imported horses in the race.



## Continental Holiday



and Mrs. W. E. Wyatt, Sr., left Moresby by air recently en route to the UK and the Continent. In November they will visit Hongkong on their way to Papua.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

New Guinea Development Corporation has been formed at Rotterdam with nominal capital of £1,000. It will trade in industrial, cultural and commercial products.

## Papuan Apinaipi Permit

The Papuan Apinaipi Petroleum Co. has been granted a permit to prospect for oil in an area covering 8,600 square miles of Papua. The area includes the Jokea Apinaipi Dome area held by the company from 1936 to 1952, and is bounded by a line drawn from the Papuan southern coast at the 145th parallel of longitude, north to the Papua-NG border, then along the border to the 147th parallel and south to the coast.

The company has also applied for a prospecting permit of 970 square miles to seaward of the above area. The coastline involved extends from about 20 miles north-west of Port Moresby to roughly the head of the Gulf.

Asked whether active prospecting measures were planned for these off-shore waters in the near future, the company had no comment to make in Sydney late in April.

## Fairymead Sugar Co. Profit

Fairymead Sugar Co., in its report for the calendar year 1954, just issued, announces a substantial increase in profits, including "excellent profits earned by the Islands section".

The company has its main interests in Queensland (all sugar), but also operates coconut plantations in the Solomons.

Profit for 1954 was £185,018, as com-

pared with £137,618 in 1953 and £89,422 in 1952. The 1954 profit was shown after providing £53,492 for depreciation, £15,062 more than in the previous year. A 12 per cent. dividend and a further 2 per cent. bonus was paid.

## JAPS SEEKING NICKEL FROM NEW CALEDONIA

From Our Noumea Correspondent

A FOUR-MAN Japanese mission at Noumea in April was commonly believed to be looking for nickel ore.

A member of the mission said that Japan needed a substantial supply for her smelters.

At the same time a Japanese ship was at a northern New Caledonia port loading 7,000 tons of ore.

There should be no difficulty in supplying Japanese needs, although under the new mining law no ore richer than 3 p.c. may be sold for export.

Mr. Allan Roberts, Director of District Services in Papua-New Guinea, went on recreation leave on May 4. During his absence the post has been taken by Mr. J. K. McCarthy, an assistant Director and former DC for New Britain.

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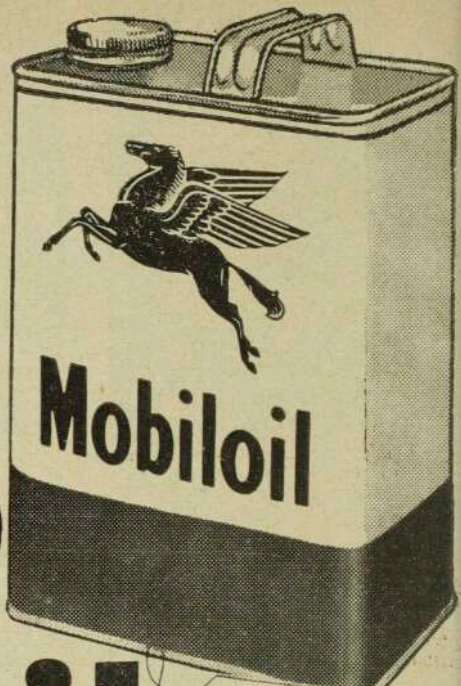
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ter to the Editor:

## The Place of Pidgin in NG Education

REFERENCE is made to an article which appeared on page 18 of the March, 1955, *Pacific Islands Monthly*, under the title, "Official Move To Use Pidgin".

Your attention is drawn to a number of inaccurate and misleading statements which are likely to give rise to a grave misinterpretation of the intention of the Education Advisory Board and the Committee on Languages referred to in the article, and do a grave injustice to the members of the Board and Committee, who are all sensible and experienced people.

Paragraph 2 of the article which reads, "The Education Advisory Committee on Languages, appointed by the Education Advisory Board, should read, 'The Committee on Languages, appointed by the Administrator on the recommendation of the Education Advisory Board'."

Paragraph 6 incorrectly states, "The recommendation of the Committee includes the following:

"Pidgin English should be taught in all areas in the Dual Territory where English is not known. For this purpose Pidgin English must be adopted officially, its abolition is impractical."

The actual recommendations of the Committee on Languages were embodied in the following Resolution of the final meeting held at Port Moresby on February 14, 1955:—

"That this Committee supports the recommendation made in the paper on Pidgin prepared by the Department of Education and strongly recommends the official recognition of Pidgin; and

"that a standard orthography for Pidgin based on the revised Schebesta Dictionary be adopted and that a regional form of Pidgin be selected and adopted as the standard form for the Territory."

The support and extension of the recommendations of the Committee on Languages, the Education Advisory Board, at its third meeting held at Port Moresby on February 21, 1955, adopted the following resolution:—

"That the Board recognises that Pidgin serves a useful purpose as a lingua franca and a means of disseminating information in areas in which English is yet little known and no vernacular lingua franca is available. Its spread has been largely spontaneous, and its abolition, even if desirable, would be impracticable.

"We recommend that a linguistically sound orthography for Pidgin should be officially adopted by the Administration and that a standard grammar and dictionary, using this orthography, should be published.

"We consider that the use of Pidgin as a medium of instruction in schools may be sanctioned in locations in which it is in general use either as a substitute-vernacular or as a lingua franca; and to this end we recommend primers, readers and textbooks be prepared and printed in the officially adopted orthography.

"We consider it undesirable that Pidgin

should be taught as a second language in schools located in areas in which it is not in general use.

"We emphasise that we regard the teaching of English as an educational objective of the highest importance. Literacy either in a vernacular or in Pidgin should be regarded as a preliminary to, and not as a substitute for, literacy in English."

In neither the Resolution of the Committee on Languages nor the Resolution of the Education Advisory Board, is there any suggestion that "Pidgin English should be taught in all areas in the Dual Territory where English is not known" as categorically stated in the *Pacific Islands Monthly* article.

There is no reference in the *Pacific Islands Monthly* article to that section of the Education Advisory Board's Resolution which states that "It is considered undesirable that Pidgin should be taught as a second language in schools located in areas in which it is not in general use."

The source of the information on which the *Pacific Islands Monthly* article appears to be based was certainly not an official one; but it is clear that, whatever the source, the actual material as published in the PIM represents what I regard as a gross misrepresentation of the true position.

As the PIM itself has frequently pointed out, the language problem in Papua and New Guinea is one of a particularly complex nature and necessarily has very important bearing upon Native education: it is a problem to which a number of specially-qualified and experienced persons in the Territory (including the members of the special Advisory Committee on Languages and those of the Education Advisory Board) are giving close and expert consideration.

Such mis-statement of the position as that represented by the PIM article referred to, does

nothing to help towards a solution of the problem, but merely accentuates it.

I am, etc,

W. C. GROVES,  
Director of Education

Port Moresby,  
April 26, 1955

### EDITORIAL NOTE

We are pleased to print Mr. Groves' letter which sets PIM right on a number of official points. We evidently confused the Advisory Committee on Languages (which met on February 14) and the Education Advisory Board (which met on February 21). It was the Education Advisory Board (not the Committee on Languages) which resolved that "The Board recognises that Pidgin serves a useful purpose as a lingua franca and a means of disseminating information in areas in which English is as yet little known and no vernacular lingua franca is available. . . ." And, in an excess of editorial zeal, the whole of the above which is printed in italics was compressed into "not known."

However, the fact remains that both the Committee on Languages and the Education Advisory Board are prepared to grant that Pidgin has a useful place in New Guinea society and should not, as some other expert bodies have urged, be scrapped overnight as a "slave language" or for some other peculiar reason. And that was the point PIM was trying to make.

¶ The marriage of Miss Tepaiti, of Rurutu, Cook Is., to Mr. Karl Karlsen, of Norway, took place in the Avarua LMS church in Rarotonga on February 12.

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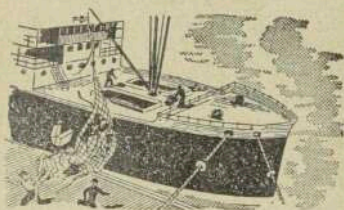
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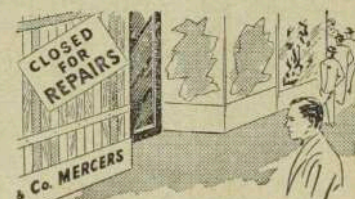


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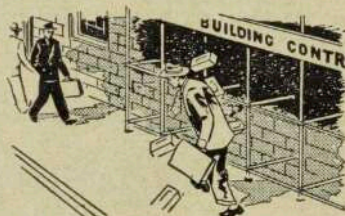


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## ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN SMALL COOK ISLAND

Letter to the Editor

A LETTER from Mr. Edwin Gold of Mangaia, appeared under heading, "Great Mangaian Experiment," in December PIM. Shipping delays have made it impossible to reply earlier. He referred to a few minor economic improvements I am trying to introduce into the Island badly in need of major ones.

Mr. Gold writes: "I have never seen a co-operative store succeed or even endure long, even when directed by experienced old hands. As he admits to residence in the 12,000-acre island for 30 years, opportunities for seeing anything have been perhaps a little restricted. I personally have seen native-run co-operatives functioning at least enduringly in British Honduras, the Gold Coast, Ceylon, Tanganyika and the Sudan.

Perhaps he has overlooked the fact that economic co-operation is no new thing to the people of Mangaia. The eight Aranga or boat companies, in the Island handle all inward and outward cargo on strictly co-operative lines. They were functioning long before Mr. Gold arrived in Mangaia. But the Mangaians been given no leadership or encouragement in earlier Administrations, they would certainly have established a co-operative store for themselves.

Some time ago Mr. Gold made the statement (published in PIM) that there are no worms in Mangaia. He also said that Mangaian pineapples are unsuitable for canning. Nevertheless, millions of worms continue to flourish, and pineapples have now been canned to the satisfaction of a large New Zealand catering firm.

One of the local governors recently urged the people to operate with my efforts to build a direct copra trade with New Zealand—advice based on my success last year in exporting copra direct (and profitably) to New Zealand. There are now five copra kilns in Mangaia; a year ago there were none—the unfortunate people were struggling to sun-dry their copra in an utterly unsuitable climate.

I am, etc.,

RONALD SYME

Mangaia, C.I.

(This correspondence is not closed.—Ed.)

¶ Dorothy E. Yorks, better known as "Yorkie," has taken over the catering arrangements of the R.F. Club, Port Moresby, and will provide dinners, lunches, morning and afternoon teas for members. She has been with the Department of Civil Aviation in the Territory for the past five years; this is her first venture into business on her own behalf.



## Inter-Samoa Sports Tournament at Pago Pago



tennis teams from Apia, as well as net, softball and basketball players, to Pago Pago for an inter-Samoaan sports tournament in April. The Apia women's tennis team won the Nelson Trophy for doubles. In the

picture above, right, are (l. to r.): Misses V. Macdonald and K. Monaghan (Apia), Mrs. K. Hoyt, Miss M. Tuiasosopo (Pago Pago), Mrs. L. Rapson (Apia), Mrs. J. Uhrle (Pago Pago), Mrs. L. Tarlton (Apia) and Mrs. L. Johnson (Pago Pago).

Pago Pago men won the Reid Memorial Trophy. In the picture (left), are O. Crichton (Apia), Smith Ho Ching, A. MacQuarrie, L. Yandall, G. Ilalaole and T. Smith (Pago Pago), R. Railley, R. Banks, R. Rankin and J. Bryce (Apia). Photos: Pan American Prints.

## LA SPORTS TEAMS PLAY AT PAGO PAGO

From Our Own Correspondent  
EASTERN SAMOA invaded Eastern Samoa (April 8-11) for a sports tournament comprising tennis, cricket, softball and netball matches at Pago Pago. The visitors, who won at cricket, lost the other three matches, were overwhelmed with hospitality and demonstrations of cordial goodwill from the American portion of Samoa. The cricket match Western won 111 to Eastern's 71. Tutuila (Eastern) won the basketball 21-17 after a closely-contested game with the players from Apia. The captain (S. O. Percival) and Crichton performed very well. The match drew nearly 1,000 spectators.

The softball match was also hotly contested, Eastern winning 10-7.

In the tennis singles A. M. MacQuarrie (Tutuila) beat O. Crichton 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Ilalaole's unbeaten singles champion L. Yandall (Tutuila) 6-2, 6-3.

Scanlan and Smith Ho Ching (Tutuila) beat R. Rankin and R. Bryce (Apia) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Smith and G. Ilalaole (Tutuila) beat L. Purcell and J. Bryce (Apia) 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Tutuila thus won the Ernest Reid Memorial Trophy after a wait of years.

In the women's doubles Mrs. L. Johnson and Miss V. Macdonald (Apia) beat Misses J. Uhrle and L. Rapson 6-0, 6-4 and Mrs. L. Rapson and Miss K. Monaghan (Apia) beat Miss M. Tuiasosopo and Mrs. K. Hoyt 6-2, 6-3.

The Apia team won the O. F. Nelson trophy for women players.

## Owner's Ashes Scattered Over Property

From Our Own Correspondent.

THE ashes of Mr. Harold Markham, who died last year in Australia, have been brought to the Solomons and scattered over his old property at Segi.

Mr. Markham directed in his will that this should be done, and his daughter entrusted the ashes to Mr. R. C. Symes, who carried out Mr. Markham's wishes on April 26.

Mr. Symes, who now lives at

Rabaul, came to the BSIP to inspect his properties.

R. C. Symes and Co., Ltd., have purchased all W. R. Carpenter & Co.'s interests in the BSIP including all plantations and the old Carpenter installations at Tulgi.

Mr. Symes said that cocoa plantations at Ysabel are coming into bearing.

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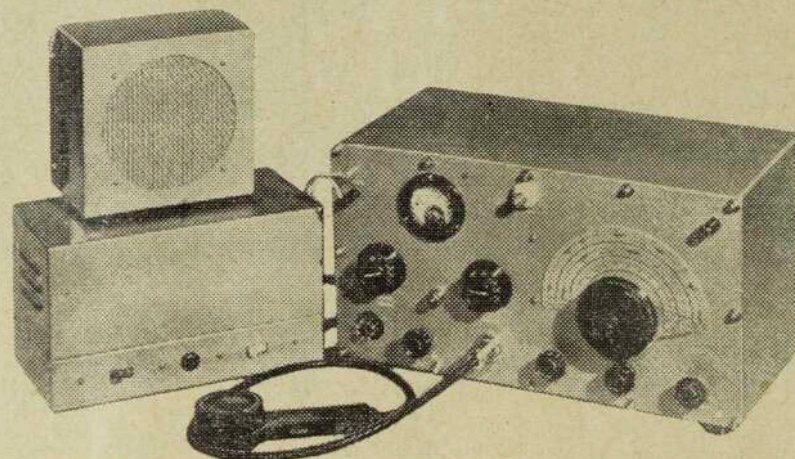
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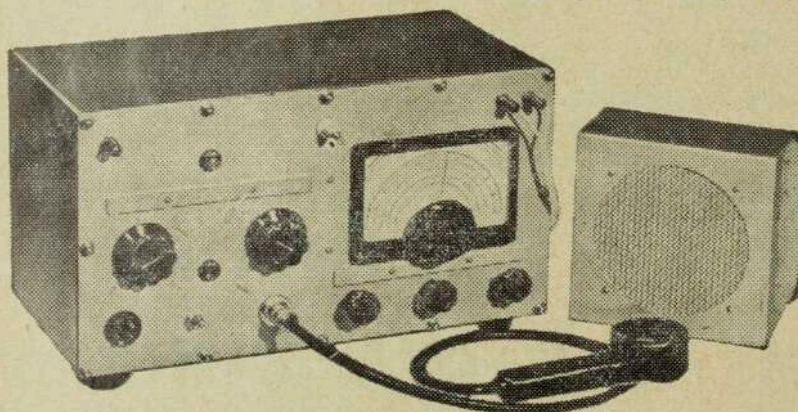


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Even now Hamming seems to be prospering in New Guinea, where a division of the Australia Amateur Radio Institute has recently been formed and a keen Sunday round-the-island 40-metre net is in operation at 7080 kc/s.

A summary of VK9DB's April report to "Amateur Radio" on the situation in that area will be of interest elsewhere in the Islands where "AR" does not circulate.

A very keen VHF man, 9DB reports that 50 mc/s conditions have been poor except on a few occasions, such as early in the year when ten ZLI's and 2's were worked one afternoon. Since then 9DB has raised his 4 el. W.S. beam from 20ft to a handsome 50ft—still fails to hook VR2CG, the ham addict. A 16 el. 2 metre beam

is about to go up on the 1,000ft Burn's Peak near Port Moresby in the hope of making some VK2 contacts on that band. VK9DB says that the Civil Aviation transmitter at this site works aircraft consistently up to 200 miles on 118 mc/s using only a ground-plane antenna and comparatively low power.

Summarising VK9DB's report on general activity and inactivity we find about the following situation in New Guinea: Now on leave: 9DB, 9HI, 9YT; off the air, 9AB, 9MT; just arrived Doug 9OQ; rarely on, 9DS, 9GV, 9HO, 9KT, 9RC, 9RG, 9RM, 9SP, 9WG; active on various bands, 9AU, 9BS, 9BW, 9CR, 9CS, 9DT, 9EB, 9FN, 9FP, 9GB, 9WP, 9ZAL. This display of activity of course far overshadows that of any other Island territory with the exception of Hawaii. As conditions improve the New Guinea air is likely to show some congestion—especially in the Port Moresby area.

Allan-VR2AP sends an interesting report on late developments in Fiji. Suva has formed a Radio Club, with Stan-VR2AS as President and Laurie-VR2CT as Sec.-Treasurer.

Now in Fiji, on the Cable & Wire-

less staff, is Mr. A. Boa, ex ZD8B, not yet with a VR2 call, but he's a likely starter.

Les Hammett, ex VP6LH, is now very active on 20 m. as VR2AM—a reallocated call. Allan says that the P & T Dept. have decided to re-issue calls which have been defunct for some years, so do not be

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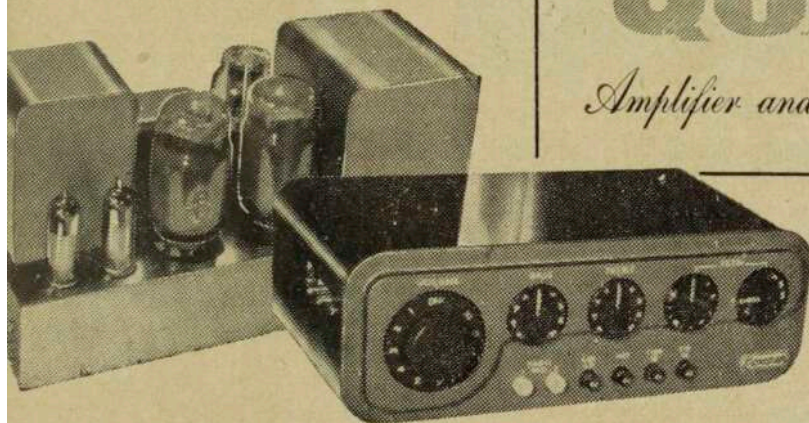
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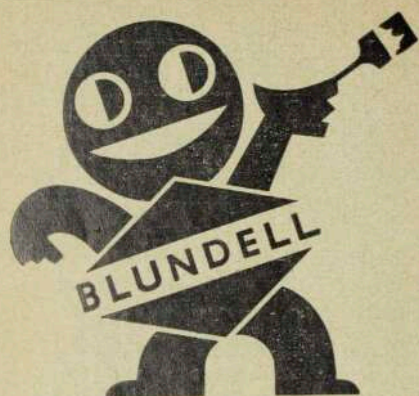
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Trevor-VR2CZ, ex VK2ATT, another active 20 m. man now also on C & W staff, as is All Winsbury, ex VQ4CD, who, after considering a come-back for a long time, recently got married instead (wedding photo March PIM, p. 8).

Eric Armstrong, ex VR2AT, back in Fiji as Assist. Sigs. Officer RNZAF, Lauthala Bay—so he, too, may provide another VR2 sig. long.

Allan says in closing, "I noticed the latest PIM that you have made or less pointed the bone at. Rather than let the page lapse, the above are a few items to keep the pot boiling." Enough said.

Due to the difficulty of obtaining contributions to this column it will appear in future on a Quarterly basis, unless, through receipt of notes and photos Island Hams indicate that they wish it to continue.

## P.S. Salaries Rise in Tonga

**R**ECOMMENDATIONS made in the Ramage Report on Public Service salaries were accepted by the Tonga Legislative Assembly in March. As a result, a new salary scale will be applied retrospectively to July, 1954. The estimated additional cost to the Tonga budget will be £21,000 per annum.

It will be recalled that Mr. R. Ramage, CMG, Salaries Revision Commissioner, visited Fiji, Tonga, the Gilberts, and the Solomons last year from London to report on Civil Service salaries in these territories.

## On Overseas Leave



At left, Miss Pru Delaney of the Department of Treasury, Port Moresby, who left the Territory in March for Australia en route for England. Before she left she announced her engagement to Mr. Dixon, also of the Treasury, Port Moresby. On the right is Mrs. H. Towers, who is at present on leave in Australia.

—Photo by Papuan Press



## CIGARETTES SMUGGLED INTO NOUMEA

New Caledonia and French Oceania the cigarette business is a Government monopoly, and every packet is stamped. So, when stamped packets of American cigarettes began to appear on the Noumea market recently, it was evident to all, including the Customs Department, that something was amiss.

As a result of action taken a large quantity of American cigarettes of a wide variety of brands were seized from distributors. The cigarettes had been smuggled ashore on the liners *Caledonien*, *Britannien*, and a British freighter in about that time.

## Davidson-Amey Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davidson leaving Elia Church, Port Moresby, after wedding on April 9. The bride was Miss Rita Amey. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are both employed by the Department of Works, Port Moresby.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

## Another Ironical Note For Paul Gauguin

MORE than 60 years ago, Paul Gauguin watched a bronze-skinned Tahitian chopping wood on a beach. Nearby a woman was arranging fishing-nets in a canoe, and beyond stretched the lagoon and a line of foam-smothered reef.

Gauguin (1848-1903), the respectable bourgeois bank clerk who had abandoned his rigidly conventional life in Paris to become a penniless painter, first in Brittany and then in Tahiti, transferred the scene to canvas.

Like most of his work, the painting was decorative post-impressionism, with bold colouring and contours, and the scene was one that he recorded several times.

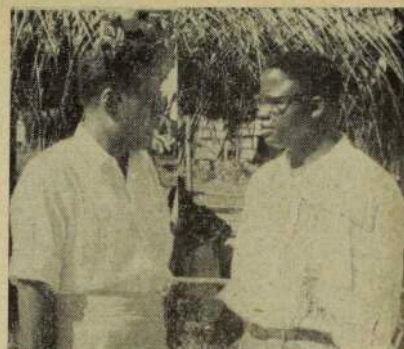
Back in France, in 1895, Gauguin put the painting up for sale. It brought so little that the indignant artist bought it back.

It went to a dealer when he returned to the South Seas, and when he died, destitute, in the Marquesas eight years later it had disappeared.

Gauguin dead is Gauguin appreciated, and in 1954 there was considerable excitement when his *Man With An Axe* was discovered to be in the possession of a French family who had bought it 57 years ago.

To-day, owned by an American vacuum-cleaner manufacturer, Mr. Alex Lewyt, it is valued at 1,500 times the sum first paid for it in 1895. And that works out at about £75,000 (Australian).

## Africa Visits Samoa



Mr. Sam Hill (right) on an educational tour from Liberia, is seen with chief-inspector Maiava, of Western Samoa, during an inspection of a village school. Mr. Hill was impressed by many aspects of the education system in Samoa, especially the broadcasts to schools.

—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

Mr. D. S. Marshall, anthropologist and student of Polynesian languages, has recently been carrying out research in Tahiti and the Cook Islands. He is an associate of Harvard University and is attached to the Peabody Museum at Salem, Massachusetts.

In addition to his other studies, he is making a comparative study of 60 Polynesian dialects. In one of his lectures given at Rarotonga he demonstrated how the great Polynesian migrations can be traced, and how the Polynesians' length of residence in the Pacific Islands can be determined, by the study of their dialects.

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## ISLAND BOXERS ARE STILL MOVING TO FRESH FIELDS

**I**SLAND boxers are still on the move in New Zealand and Australia, and even further afield.

Kitione Lave left Sydney by plane for London on April 23. London has long been one of his main objectives, and Kitione was jubilant when he encountered a PIM representative in a Sydney street the day before his departure.

Auckland newspapers have been giving substantial publicity to the arrival of Fijian Laitia Vakaduadua, a light-heavyweight described as possibly the best prospect from the Islands since Tongan Johnny Halafihi arrived in 1953.

Laitia, who has an excellent record in Fiji, is 25 years old, 5 ft 10 in. in height, weighs about 12 st. 6 lb and has a reach of 71 inches.

His only recorded loss in Fiji was a points decision scored in an exhibition bout by Kitione Lave—to whom Laitia conceded 16 lb.

He won the Fijian championship belt last year with a second-round t.k.o. over the holder, G. Borisi, and earlier won the South Seas light-heavyweight belt with a second-round t.k.o. over Tom Hini,

confirming the decision in a return bout with a first-round t.k.o.

Laitia (he will fight in Auckland as H. Laitia) has an Indian manager named Mohammed Abdul Hamid.

Another arrival at Auckland is Tongan Feleti Kaho, an 18-years-old heavyweight who is a cousin of Johnny Halafihi and has an unbeaten record in nearly a dozen fights. He is looked after by Mr. Percy Harris, Halafihi's manager.

An Auckland report states that Halafihi, who suffered an unexpected defeat by the Australian Bruce Farthing at Stratford in March, is in fine heart. The first man he wants to meet on his return to the ring is Farthing.

Two Samoans, Sefo Lepou and Asesala Mosese, are looking for contests in Auckland.

## TONKINESE EXODUS COMES TO END

**T**HE big exodus of Tonkinese from New Caledonia to Haiphong and Hanoi has ended, and Qantas will not accept further bookings for a service that was probably quite lucrative for the Australian airline and for Air France.

Occupation of Haiphong by the Communist Vietminh means that there is no longer an aerial gateway to the Vietminh area of Indo-China. (Noumea Correspondent).



## Islands

### Appointments

Mr. W. E. Ross, of Melbourne, who has been appointed recently as area representative in Rabaul, TNG, the Vacuum Company Pty., Ltd.

## Ryan-Molloney Wedding

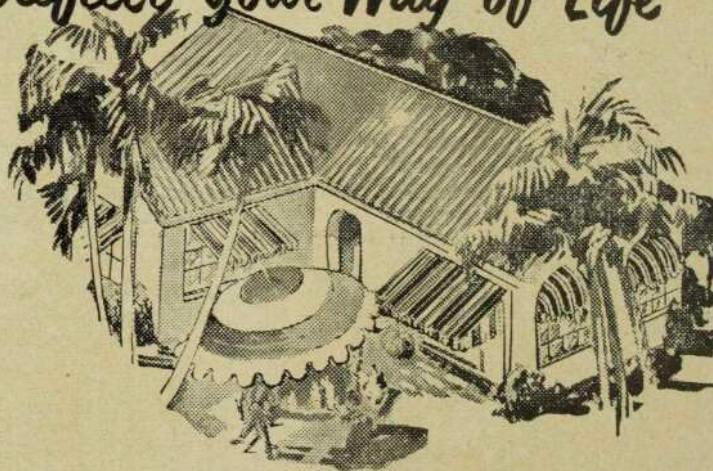
**T**HE wedding of Sister Colleen Molloney and Mr. Owen Ryan was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Lae, by the Rev. Father Bernard on March 4. Sister Molloney, formerly stationed at the Lae European Hospital, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Molloney, of Ashgrove, Brisbane. Mr. Ryan, an aircraft engineer who served with the RAAF, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ryan, of Bibbenluke, NSW. One hundred guests attended the wedding reception at the Molloney Airlines mess.

† The Coral Sea Battle should be remembered in Papua-New Guinea with an annual service, as it is in Australia, says Mr. W. Watkins, president of the Port Moresby RSL.

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## COCOA-COPRA ECONOMY

### Boom Period in Western Samoa

WESTERN SAMOA'S finances were extremely sound at the end of 1954, according to the statement submitted by the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. J. Hill) at the Budget session of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordinary revenue in 1954 totalled £128,870, an increase of £199,750 over the 1953 figure. Import duties, including Port and Customs Service tax, were up by £111,000.

Expenditure was £1,212,000, an increase of £136,000. At the end of the year there was still £97,470 in the Capital Development Fund and a General Reserve of £500,000, invested in NZ Government securities intact.

Capital development expenditure on buildings, plant, machinery, vehicles, roads and bridges, water supplies, hydro-electric works, etc., totalled £253,970 (£20,000 more than 1953).

Recurrent expenditure increased from £116,000 to £842,100.

Of the total capital development expenditure, £170,400 came from ordinary revenue surplus, £54,500 from NZ Reparations Estates profits and £29,070 from the Capital Development Fund.

DEALING with the Territory's trade in 1954, the statement referred to the continuing high prices for cocoa and copra and to steady increase in banana exports to New Zealand.

In 1954, cocoa exports of 2,400 tons sold for £938,000, compared with 3,743 tons for £931,000 in 1953.

Copra exported totalled 13,664 tons (£954,000) compared with 85 tons (£733,000) in 1953.

The total value of exports increased by £273,000 to £2,212,000.

Imports increased by £393,000 to £10,500.

The favourable trade balance was £1,000, compared with £626,000 in 1953.

Mr. A. Schaafhausen, one of the best and best-known residents of Samoa, celebrated his 80th birthday April 23. Mr. Schaafhausen has lived in Western Samoa for over 55 years and has been in the service of both the German and New Zealand Governments. He was in charge of the Public Works Department for many years. He retired a few years ago.

Miss V. Bignold, Fort Moresby, has been in Sydney on a three months' visit. Her niece, Miss Jill Bignold, returned to Port Moresby April 16.

### Few Amendments to W. Samoa Estimates

From Our Own Correspondent

THE Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa has passed the Estimates of receipts and expenditure for the calendar year 1955, with only slight amendments.

Estimated receipts are £1,108,200, and amounts brought in from reserves (£97,470 from Development Fund, £93,180 from General Fund and £94,650 from grants from NZRE profits), total £285,300, making total revenue £1,393,500.

Payments are estimated at the same figure, so the Estimates balance.

Of the payments of £1,393,500, Public Works expenditure amounts to £512,400. The Health Department is to spend £228,700 and the Education Department £218,200.

The Customs Tariff Amendment Bill caused long debates and a motion to reduce the import duty on rice and tinned fish below the rates proposed in the Bill was carried. The new rates will be an all-over rate of 15 p.c. on rice and 15 p.c. on tinned fish of British origin, and 25 p.c. on imports of foreign origin.

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## PROPOSED NEW CUSTOMS LIST AT APIA

From Our Own Correspondent

**N**EW Customs tariffs for Western Samoa which, at the time of writing, were still to be approved by the Legislative Assembly, provide for retention of the existing export duty, fixing the rates at 10 p.c. on copra f.o.b. value, 10 p.c. on cocoa, increased by .01 per cent. for each £ per ton in excess of £200; 10 p.c. on coffee; 5 p.c. on rubber, 6d a case of fresh bananas, 1d per lb of dried bananas, and 5 p.c. on desiccated coconut.

Import duty rates will be charged in the new tariff in a single rate instead of with a surcharge and Port and Service Tax as at present.

The computation of duty and the addition of 10 p.c. to the current domestic or f.o.b. value will be continued.

Under the continuing preferential tariff, goods of British origin will be charged 25 p.c. and goods of foreign origin 36 p.c., with the following exceptions:

Increases—matches to 4/- gross British, 5/- foreign. Spices, caviare, nuts, etc., hops, silk or artificial silk wearing apparel, gloves, hats and millinery, ribbons and lace,

silk and rayon piece goods, rubber tyres for motor vehicles, cigarette papers, cameras, playing cards, clocks and watches, fancy goods, gramophones, jewellery, musical instruments, perfumery and toilet preparations, toys, marine engines, firearms and cartridges, motor-cycles and motor vehicles apart from motor trucks, buses and vans, fireworks and a number of other luxury lines are to pay 13½ p.c. (British) or 45 p.c. (foreign) import duty.

Reductions: Flour, tinned meats, tinned and preserved milk, sugar, and salt pay 15 p.c. irrespective of origin of goods.

Heavy increases are proposed for cigarettes (54/- a 1,000 British, 72/- foreign if exceeding 2½ lb per 1,000, and 45/- and 60/- respectively if weighing less than 2½ lb per 1,000); cigars 20/- and 26/- per lb; snuff 20/- and 26/- per lb, and tobacco 10/- and 13/- per lb.

Ale and beer are to carry a duty of 3/- and 4/- per liquid gallon or six reputed quart bottles, spirits 60/- and 75/- per gallon.

Lumber will be increased to 10/- and 13¼ per 100 superficial ft for dressed and 7/6 and 10/- for rough.

† Observance of Fiji's historic Cession Day (October 10, 1874), nowadays much more carefully marked than in former years, has been extended by a secondary

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**T**HE Hakau Company of Bougainville, TNG, will invite tenders shortly for Hakau Estate, near Teop Harbour. This was a good cocoa-coffee property before the war but has not been worked since the war ended.

Tenders were called in October 1949, for this same property, apparently results were not satisfactory at that time.

Hakau Estate was described then as of 645 acres of freehold, of which 270 were planted—130 with Robusta coffee and the remainder with cocoa. The estate was said to be overgrown with secondary growth in 1949—and must be even more over-grown now. It is stated, however, that there is a considerable amount of cocoa still growing.

Land and situation are excellent and it is described as an all-weather anchorage. Principal shareholders of the Hakau Company are Messrs. Joyes, Drummond Thomson and F. P. Archer.

schools' essay competition. Writers of the ten best essays on the significance of Cession to Fiji will be given free return passages to Levuka, where the Deed of Cession was signed. If a winner lives in the Levuka district, the prize will be a return passage to Suva.



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## GO CANNERY OUTPUT

### S Meets Competition from Jap. Tuna Packers

AN Camp Sea Foods, who operate the tuna cannery in Pago Pago, recently asked a US Tariff Commission for substantial increases in duty on foreign tuna entering the United States. The company stated in evidence that its boats fished only 56 per cent of the country's tuna needs.

Meanwhile, the Van Camp tuna cannery at Pago Pago, Eastern Samoa, is to be modernised and its processing capacity increased. The Government's vessel *Manu'a* took a party of seven American technicians from Canton Island, where they had arrived by air, to Pago Pago in April.

A principal technical difficulty is the limited reserve fish-holding capacity of the factory—about 200 tons. This means that tuna sometimes have to be wasted if the hauls are brought in by the boats. The cannery cannot keep pace with the fishing, and all fishing room is fully taxed.

Early in April the cannery had 100 cases of canned fish on hand awaiting shipment. *Thorsile* was sent to make a special call to lift produce for the States on her voyage north.

During peak operation the cannery is now employing 250 Samoans.

## LOAD OF JAPANESE TUNA

At the recent US Tariff Commission hearings, Van Camp asked for an increase in duty on tuna from the present 45 per cent to 60 per cent; and for tuna in brine from 12½ per cent to 54 per cent. It was pointed out that as a result of competition from overseas canneries, Japan especially, American boats had fished only 56 per cent of the country's tuna needs in 1954, compared with 91 per cent in 1948.

Japanese exporters had supplied 10 per cent of America's needs in 1948, compared with 1.3 per cent in 1954.

Japan's present tuna plans indicate that she will be able to produce 23 million cans for export in 1958. This is more than twice the present world consumption.

US canneries, which paid the Japanese \$330 and \$290 per ton in 1954 for yellowfin and shipjack respectively, are seeking a reduction of \$30 or more per ton for the next season.

The Japanese fishing vessel *Sassyu Maru*, No. 510-127, arrived at Pago Pago on April 21 to join the other fishing fleet there

supplying Van Camp Sea Food Company with tuna for canning. The ship has a registered tonnage of 156, is 108 feet in length, 22 in width with a draft of 10 feet. She carries a crew of 28.

The *Sassyu Maru* left Shimizu, Japan, on March 10 and fished enough in Samoan waters to bring in 48 tons as her initial offering to the cannery.

## VILA RSL PROTESTS AGAINST JAPS

OBJECTING to the admission to the New Hebrides of "Japanese industrialists who intend to set up a fishing industry", the Vila Returned Soldiers' League has protested to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Sir Robert Stanley). (See page 67 this issue).

The protest was made in April, when Sir Robert, with Lady Stanley and their daughter, were touring the New Hebrides Group in the vessel *Nareau*.

## £100-per-Head Cattle For Native Rations

THERE are a few worried men among Agricultural Department staff in Papua-New Guinea as a result of investigations into the department's cattle activities.

The inquiries have reportedly been proceeding for several months—since the Commonwealth Auditor-General had something to say about expenses and accounts—and also since some of the settlers became a little more vocal on the subject of cattle.

Criticism has been strong that the standard of cattle being imported to the country by the Administration is poor, and that officials in the Territory or the officials in Australia responsible for selecting the cattle should get a caning.

At least one Highland agricultural "station" has killed off, for native rations, cattle that was brought into the Territory at great expense a few years ago, and from which nothing has been bred!

General feeling is that the whole cattle policy is a mess, and that nothing of any value has been done since the war, despite the frequent ballyhoo about progress and the "building up of stocks".

Maybe the present investigations will clear that up, although the old hands frankly hold out little hope that anything concrete will

be achieved, apart from the pruning of expenses.

They say what is needed is more expenses—properly spent!

## PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

THE April meeting of the Pacific Islands Society in Sydney was one of the largest gatherings on record.

Mr. John C. Grover, BE (Mining & Metallurgy), FGS, FRGS, guest speaker, gave an interesting and topical address on the history of the search for gold in the Solomon Islands, extending back to the Spanish discoverers.

Mr. Grover, who is in charge of the Geological Survey in that British Protectorate, has carried out extensive research in the subject and has brought to light some little-known facts.

He illustrated his talk with clear and beautiful aerial colour photos of the Solomons, and of ground operations in connection with the recent discovery of the Gold Ridge lodes.

A concise history of gold mining in the Solomons, written by Mr. Grover, will shortly be published.

## BGD Production

Quarterly production figures released by Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., show that for the quarter ended February 28, poorer returns were obtained than for the corresponding period last year.

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## NGG PRODUCTION

The following figures have been taken from New Guinea Goldfields operating report for March: Golden Ridge Mill, 1,212 oz fine gold recovered; 1,458 oz silver, Golden Ridges Alluvials, 101 oz gold, Maranga Alluvials, 704 oz gold. Tributes, 112 oz gold. Timber, 260,109 super-feet.

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## NEWS FROM THE COOKS

**S**TRONG northerlies and bad weather in March caused some damage to crops, especially at Aitutaki and Rarotonga. The work of the Air Department calibration aircraft, engaged in checking the radio navigational facilities along the Coral Route, was also interrupted.

However, in one brief spell of clear weather the meteorological department set up a new Rarotonga record by maintaining observations of one of the daily balloons up to a height of 74,000 feet.

Huge hauls of tuna and kopperu, and two large sailfish, were included in the most prolific catch of fish during March at Pukapuka.

The old post office, believed to be possibly 100 years old, was demolished at Aitutaki recently, to give way for a new administrative building. Oldtimers affirm that there is a cache of coins under a corner stone, but to date they have not been found.

The new hospital building on this island should be ready for use by June. With the new administrative building, dental clinic and doctor's residence in the townsite, Arutunga's appearance will be somewhat smarter than in the past.

Following the announcement from New Zealand that all bananas that can be produced will be purchased there are still some that many land owners will enter the export market.

Inter-island radio telegraph rates will be by a penny to 4d per word on April 1st.

The new freezer is doing brisk business at Rarotonga, with prices of goods (imported from New Zealand) at a reasonable level. For example: sausages 2/3 per lb, Mutton roasts 3/6, pork legs 3/6, lamb shoulder chops 2/9, mutton legs 2/3, apples 1/6, butter 2/7.

A full loading of departing passengers was booked for the special May visit of "Matua". The Resident Commissioner, Mr. Nevill, with Mrs. Nevill, was returning to the vessel after leave. Mr. Nevill's appointment for another 3-year term has been confirmed.

Also expected per "Matua" were Professor H. Belshaw and Mr. V. D. Smith to carry out an economic survey of the Lower Group Islands. They will return to New Zealand per TEAL aircraft for Aitutaki early June.

The chief medical officer, Dr. Romans, left per TEAL aircraft in mid-April to discuss details of the coming radiology TB survey of the Cooks population with the Health Department in New Zealand. Dr. Romans was to study the methods being employed in Fiji, and was also to visit Cook Islands medical students at the Central Medical School.

At Rakahanga, the people, in a community effort, recently erected a thatch-roof verandah completely round the new school.



## SALES, GANNETS D AURORAS

### You Can Help Science

THREE different organisations have recently requested information from people in the islands.

The first concerns whales. Mr. W. H. Dawbin, Victoria University College, PO Box 196, Wellington, studying the movements of whales, would like reports on whale sightings. The important details are date and number of whales in each group, and, if possible, kind of whale. Anyone can identify the barrel-headed, blunt-tailed sperm whale, but the others are not so easy. If a whale is sighted in your area, check to see whether it carries any darts that have been fired into it—and details stamped on the dart.

The Director, Dominion Museum, Buckland Street, Wellington, would like reports of gannets sighted in the Islands. There are several gannet rookeries along the New Zealand coast, where young are hatched, but their history is something of a mystery. So chicks are being ringed with an aluminium band marked with the Dominion Museum.

If a bird with a band comes your way, remove the band, flatten it and stick it to a small piece of card, and post to the above address, together with details of locality, whether the bird was dead, etc.—if at all possible, a photo of the bird so that it can be identified as a species. Expenses will be refunded.

Professor Sydney Chapman, Society, London, is more interested in contacting old-timers with clear memories and poor imaginations. He is studying the Southern Lights.

There is an unconfirmed report of such a phenomena being seen in Ngatavu in May, 1921. If such is the case it is of considerable scientific interest and the same has also been seen in the Cooks.

Should anyone possess old letters or documentary evidence to support the colour, or can, after 34 years, remember (a) the colour and (b) about how high and in which direction the lights rose in the sky, (c) about how much of the horizon the lights extended along, (d) whether the lights changed form during the time they were visible, they should tell the author all about it and earn his gratitude.

Please send him care The Secretary, to the Government, Nukualofa, Tonga.

Queen has approved the use of the name for six mobile clinics for Papua-New Guinea and the Coronation Trust

## BISCUIT FACTORY IS PLANNED FOR BSIP

(From Our Own Correspondent)

TWO applications have been received, under the Protected Industries Regulation, 1955, for a licence to prepare and manufacture hard or plain biscuits in the BSIP.

The applicants are Mr. K. H. Dalrymple Hay and Kwan How Yuan Pty. Ltd., both of Honiara.

By the provisions of the Regulation, objections to the establishment of any protected industry may be lodged within a certain time after notice of application has been given, and any objections received are considered by the High Commissioner before a licence is granted. The closing date for the lodging of objections to these applications was May 14.

## FIJI WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FOR NZ

AFTER raising funds for a seven weeks' tour in New Zealand, the women's hockey organisation in Fiji plans to send 15 players and a manager on May 18.

With an average age of 23, the team has been selected as follows:

Mrs. S. Raddock, Suva (captain); Mrs. A. Smith, Levuka (vice-captain); N. Sorby, Nausori; Mrs. M. Beddoes, Suva; Mrs. J. Wilder, Suva; L. McGoon, Lautoka; L. Spitz, Suva; L. Stockwell, Suva; P. Williams, Levuka; Mrs. B. Apted, Suva; M. Watson, Suva; Mrs. M. Thomas, Lautoka; T. Work, Suva; A. Bower, Levuka; J. McKenzie, Suva; Mrs. M. Fenn, Suva (manager).

The first part of the itinerary will comprise matches against country teams in Auckland Province.

## First Fijian Secretary Of Legislative Council

CHANGING times in Fiji, exemplified by the appointment of a Fijian leader (Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna) as the first Speaker of the Legislative Council, are illustrated at a lower level by the appearance, for the first time in Legislative Council history, of a Fijian as Clerk.

He is Jonate Mavoa, a Secretariat officer who, at the time of the April session, was acting as a Section Secretary.

At the end of the session, a European member, Mr. W. G. Johnson, expressed the pleasure of members at the dignity and efficiency with which the Clerk of the Council had carried out his duties.

## Big Aircraft Using Tafuna Airport

LARGE aircraft are using Eastern Samoa's Tafuna Airfield, a few miles along the south coast of Tutuila from Pago Pago, although it will require a considerable amount of money to be spent on it before Pan American Airways can divert their South Pacific service from Canton to Samoa.

Last month we reported that the US Navy had instituted a plan to fly Samoan servicemen home from Hawaii on leave. The first party arrived in an R5D, one of the largest aircraft flying to-day, and departed again without fuss.

The US Government has completed arrangements for a May charter flight of Government personnel into Samoa, with others returning home, by Pan American Airways aircraft. The incoming staff were to arrive on May 20 by a routine south-bound flight which would continue on to Fiji, and another north-bound aircraft was to divert from Fiji on May 22 to pick up the outgoing personnel.

The arrangement saved the US Government a considerable sum of money, as normally staff must travel south to Fiji, then east to Western Samoa by TEAL aircraft, and complete the last stage to Pago Pago by small inter-island vessels. Expensive stop-overs awaiting connections are involved, as well as the time factor.

These charter flights were along the route that Pan American plans to use when Tafuna has been brought up to the internationally accepted standards.

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## Trade Slump in French Oceania

**FRENCH** Oceania, dependent on free-market prices for its copra, is feeling the present slump in that commodity, according to Papeete correspondent.

Vanilla and coffee have dropped in recent months, not only the MOP shell market, maintaining a prosperous condition though Takaroa lagoon, open this season for diving, was again closed due to a low percentage of large shells.

Mangareva, Takapoto, and Hikueru, however, are taking hauls and the price offered divers on the beach in April was francs per kilo—equivalent to about £A435 per long ton, with the Papeete f.o.b. price for packed shell, ready for export, naturally considers higher.

## Samoan Cocoa Market Drops

From Our Own Correspondent

**APRIL** cocoa rates in West Samoa were down to £260 a f.o.b. Apia, compared with 1954 peak of more than £500.

There is little cocoa in the Apia stores, and although small quantities are still being picked, there is no real crop before October if the weather is good.

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## New "Triaster" Will Have

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**OF** interest to people in Oceania, and the GEIC general manager is news that the *Triaster* launched in the British shipyard of Harland and Wolff in April, that the vessel will have "luxury accommodation" for passengers.

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**Copra.**—London, May 6: Straits, £Stg.65/10/- (£A82/5/-). N. Hebrides (April 16), 69,500 Metro. francs long ton (£A88/7/-). Philippines, 1 (May 6), \$181 (£A80/15/-).

**Cocoa.**—London, April 16: Gold C May-July delivery, c.i.f. U.K., £Stg. per long ton; New York, April 15, futures May 36.49 cents, July 36.85 cents, 36.90 cents, per lb.

**Coffee.**—London, April 16: Uganda robusta, unwashed, f.a.q., prompt del £Stg.257, May-June £Stg.247, June £Stg.237, July-August £Stg.235 per ton, f.o.b. Mombasa; New York, April Colombian, spot, 62½ cents, S. "Fours" 58 cents, per lb. Futures: 55.85 cents, July 50.80 cents, September 46.85 cents.

**Trochus.**—London, April 16: Singapore early delivery, £Stg.495; Singapore Macassar, £Stg.410 c.i.f.

**Greensnail.**—Last quotation, Dec., Singapore £Stg.340. Since increased.

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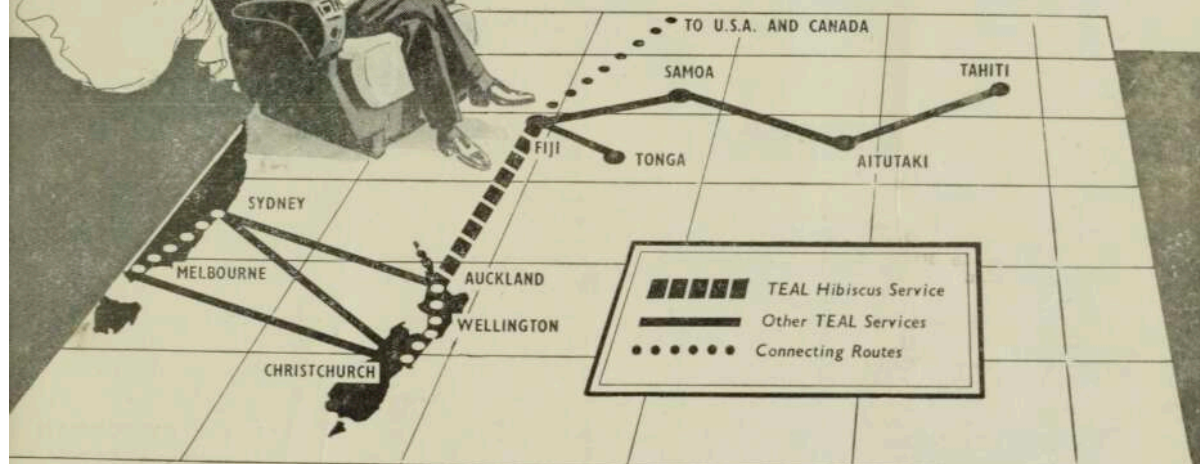
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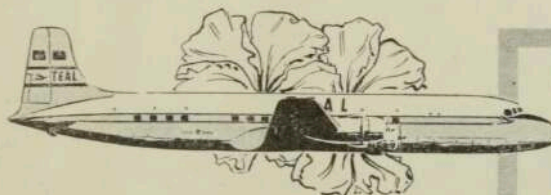


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