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Her Majesty now has another Seaward Defence Motor-Launch, and Fiji another "HMS Viti" ("Viti I" was sold to private interests after World War II). The new Viti was commissioned in Auckland in early October, and a few weeks later a shore station at Bay of Islands, near Suva, and also called "HMS Viti", was officially opened. (See story, this issue). Our photograph shows Able Seaman Euka Nonokibau who obviously is pleased with the whole Navy.
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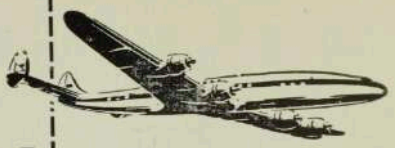
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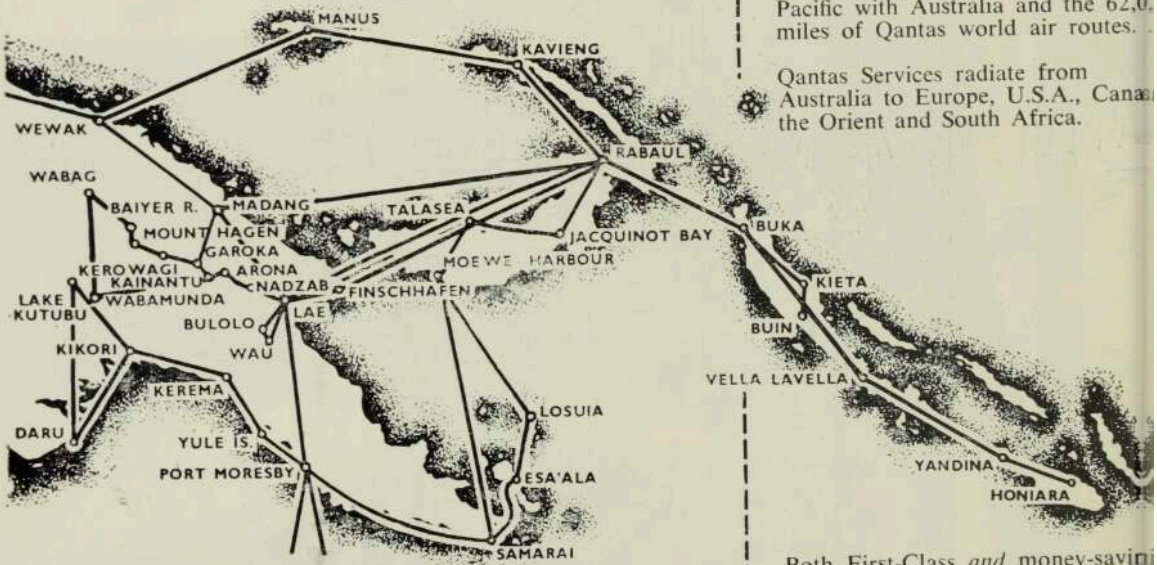


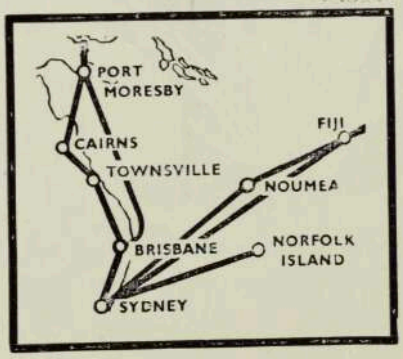
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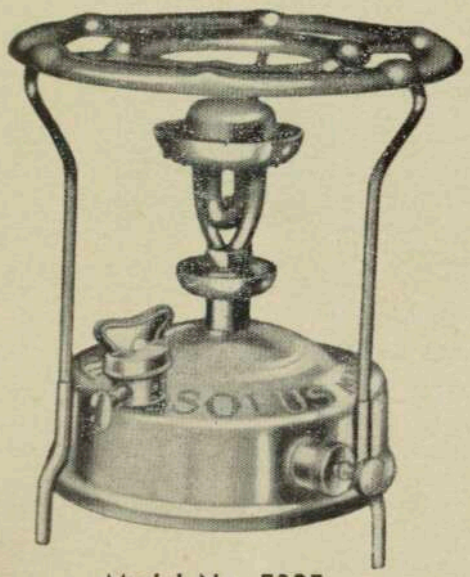
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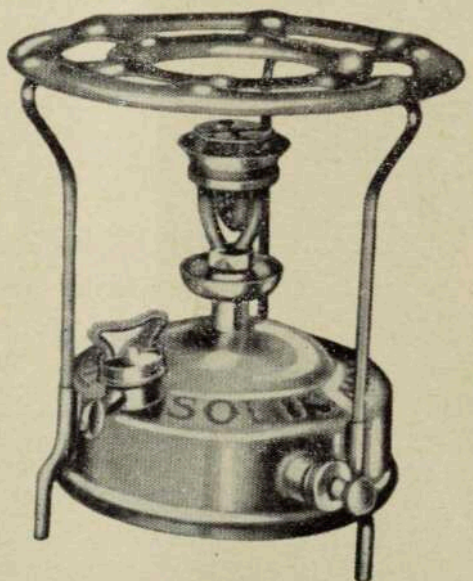
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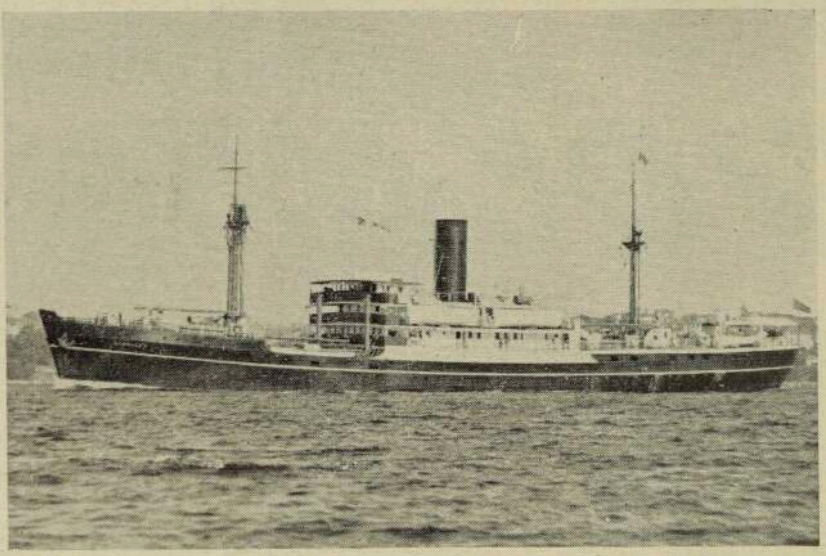
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Malaita sails from Sydney for Rabaul, ng, Lombrum, Lorengau, Wewak, hafen, Madang, Lae, Sydney. Next Dec. 12.

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Soochow: Sydney - Brisbane - Port y - Samarai - Sydney. Sailing Dec.

Sinkiang: Not yet arranged.

ls from New Guinea Australia Line Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents), 6 Bridge dney.

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bound only:

ros: Madang Dec. 9, Lae Dec. 11, Dec. 14, Honiara Dec. 17, Vanikoro , then E. Australian ports.

itos. Rabaul Jan 16, Madang Jan. Jan. 21, then E. Australian ports.

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Details from Wilh. Wilhelmsen Agency Pty., Ltd., 63 Pitt St., Sydney.

SS Funing: Kavieng Dec. 19, Rabaul Dec. 21, Madang Dec. 24, Lae Dec. 26, Port Moresby Dec. 31.

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Details from all offices of Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ.

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The regular passenger vessel Maui Pomare should resume early in 1956. The 700-ton freighter Viti is meanwhile operating a cargo service from Auckland and occasional limited passenger facilities are available on trans-Pacific freighters. SS Waikawa will call Rarotonga about mid-Dec., thence Auckland. SS Waitemata should clear Auckland early December for Rarotonga.

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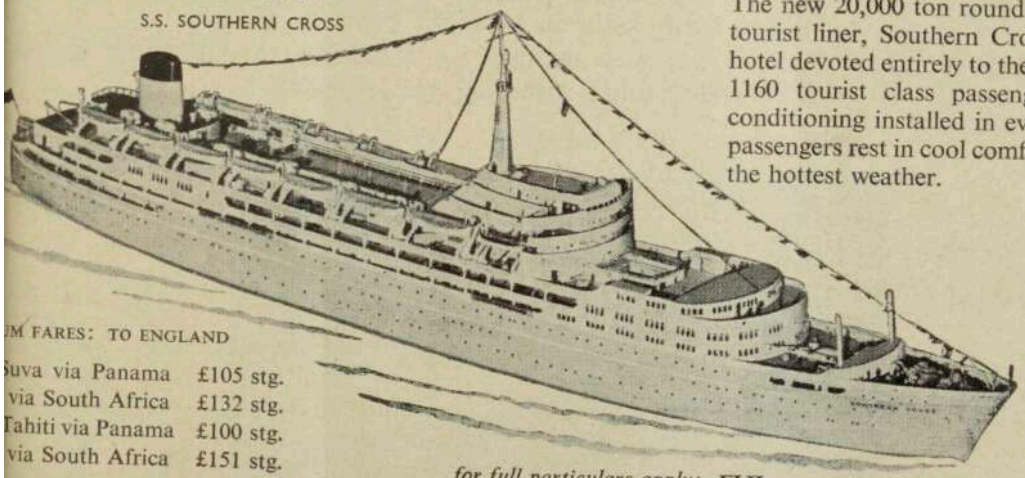
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SYDNEY	depart	18 Nov.	27 Jan.	2 Apr.	1 June	13 July	——
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	21 Nov.	30 Jan.	6 Apr.	4 June	16 July	From
SUVA	arr/dep	24 Nov.	2 Feb.	10 Apr.	7 June	19 July	Panama
HONOLULU	arr/dep	29 Nov.	7 Feb.	16 Apr.	12 June	24 July	——
VANCOUVER	arrive	6 Dec.	13 Feb.	23 Apr.	18 June	30 July	——
	depart	6 Dec.	14 Feb.	24 Apr.	19 June	31 July	11 Sept.
SAN FRANCISCO	arr	8 Dec.	16 Feb.	27 Apr.	21 June	2 Aug.	7 Sept.
	depart	9 Dec.	17 Feb.	28 Apr.	Then	3 Aug.	8 Sept.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	13 Dec.	21 Feb.	3 May	to	7 Aug.	16 Sept.
SUVA	arr/dep	20 Dec.	28 Feb.	11 May	Panama	14 Aug.	23 Sept.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	23 Dec.	2 Mar.	14 May	——	17 Aug.	26 Sept.
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MV Tulagi, 10 passengers, leaves Sydney for Norfolk, Vila, Luganville, Honiara, Tenaru, Yandina, Gizo, Bougainville ports, Rabaul, Sydney. Next sailing Dec. 16.

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

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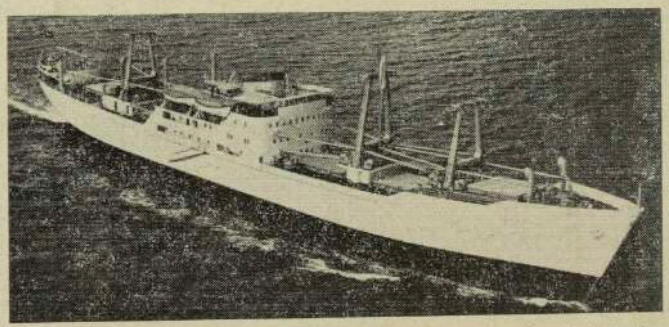
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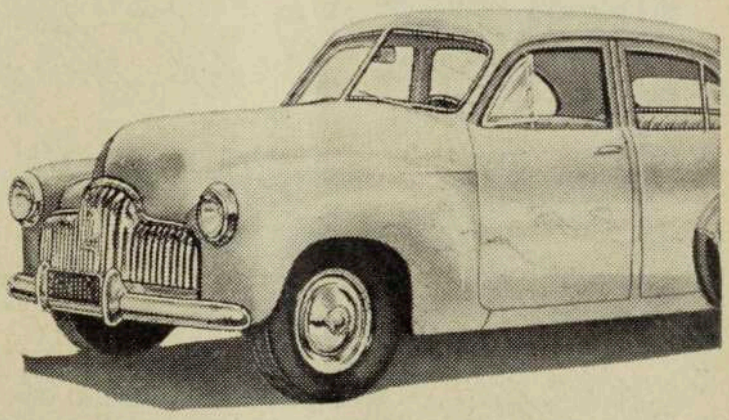
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Moresby, 8.05 am	Lae, 9.20 am

Thurs.

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 8 pm	Brisbane, 10.45 pm
Brisbane, 11.45 pm	Townsville, 3.30 am (Friday)
Townsville, 4.15 am	Cairns, 5.25 am
Cairns, 6.25 am	Port Moresby, 9.15 am
Port Moresby, 10.45 am	Lae, midday.

SOUTHWARDS

Tues., Wed., Sun., Mon.

Depart:	Arrive:
Lae, 11.20 am	Moresby, 12.35 pm
Moresby, 1.45 am	Brisbane, 8.20 pm
Brisbane, 9.45 pm	Sydney, 12.30 am

Sat.

Depart:	Arrive:
Lae, 7.00 am	Moresby, 8.15 am
Moresby, 9.45 am	Cairns, 12.35 pm
Cairns, 3.05 pm	Townsville, 4.15 pm
Townsville, 5.00 pm	Brisbane, 8.45 pm
Brisbane, 9.45 pm	Sydney, 12.30 am

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MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)

Via Yule Is., Kerema, Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Alt. Fri. returning same day (Nov. 25, etc.).

PORT MORESBY-RABAUL (Catalina)

Alt. Tues. (Nov. 29, etc.) Port Moresby - Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia-Moewe Harb - Talasea-Jacquinot Bay-Rabaul. Returning via same ports (except Losuia and Esa-ala optional) alt. Thu. (Dec. 1, etc.).

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Mon., Thur. Dep. Lae 6.30 am, arr. 7.35 am Wewak, Mar Kavieng, Rabaul arr. 3.40 pm

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MADANG-GOROKA (DC3

Fridays.—Depart Madang 8.25 a Goroka 9.00 am, returning sa depart Goroka 9.30 am, arrive 10.5 am.

NEW GUINEA-NEW BRITA (DC3)

Fridays—Depart Lae 12.55 pm, Fi



1.45 pm, arrive Rabaul 3.55 pm.
turdays—Depart Rabaul 10 am, Madang 1.25 pm, arrive Lae 2.30 pm.
days—Depart Lae 12 noon, Finschhafen 1 pm, Rabaul 3.10 pm.
sdays—Depart Rabaul 5.45 am, Finschhafen 8.10 am, arrive Lae 8.45 am.

ERVICES BY MANDATED AIRLINES
cheduled Flights with DC3 Aircraft
n. depart Lae 8 am, Wed. and Fri. depart 7.30 am, for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka, Lae.

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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

By Qantas with DC3
(Three flights every four weeks)

(Dec. 5, 12, 19) Lae dep. 6 am — nschhafen — Rabaul — Buka — Vellavella — Yandina — Honiara, BSI riving 5.25 pm.

(Dec. 6, 13, 20) Honiara dep. 7 n — Yandina — Vellalavella — Buka Rabaul — Lae, arriving 3.35 pm.

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

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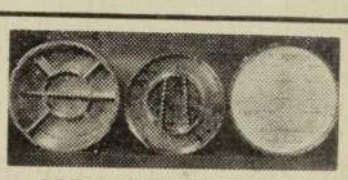
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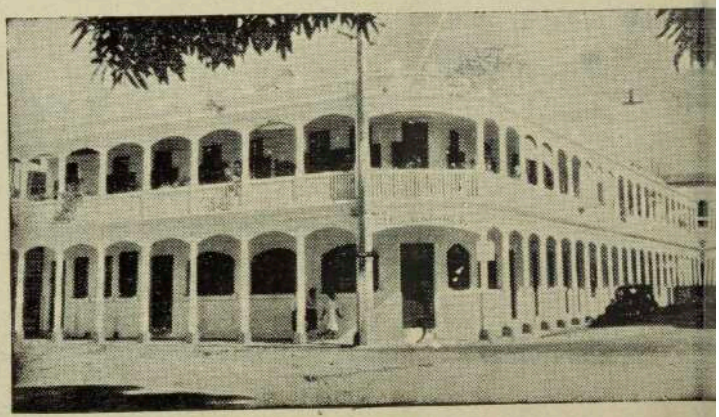
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taff Changes in PNG Native Affairs Dept.

CONFERENCE of Papua-New Guinea District Commissioners opened in Port Moresby on ober 31 and was expected to inue for several days.

he following changes in the De- ment of Native Affairs have re- ly been notified:

r. H. P. Seale has been appointed ng District Commissioner for Eastern Highlands. He will over when the resignation of present DC, Mr. Ian Downs, be- s effective on December 9.

. Seale has been on the Native rs staff at Lae since September, and previously was Assistant ict Officer at Wau.

the same district, Mr. H. W. succeeds Mr. F. P. C. Kaad as g District Officer. Mr. Kaad is on recreation leave. Mr. West been stationed in the Eastern lands since 1951. His last post- as ADO at Kainantu.

R. I. Skinner is to be Acting ict Commissioner for the ern Highlands, succeeding Mr. Dishon, who will be the Act- District Commissioner for the al District when he returns recreation leave next May.

Pending Mr. Skinner's arrival at Mt. Hagen, the duties of DC are being carried out by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. J. R. White.

Mr. H. L. Williams has taken up his new appointment as District Commissioner for the Madang District. In recent years Mr. Williams has been stationed at Goroka and then Lae.

LATE NEWS

THE Bougainville Planters' Association ship "Polurrian" within four days in mid-November pulled two small vessels off a reef in north-east Bougainville. They were the Administration trawler "Nivani" and a trading vessel, "Horn", owned by Mr. Wong You, a merchant of Buka Passage. "Nivani" had gone to the aid of "Horn" which was on the reef, and got into difficulties herself.

"Polurrian" sailed 35 miles to their assistance. Neither small vessel was badly damaged.

Mr. L. F. Brodie, an enterprising young Canadian newspaper man who established the *South Pacific Post* in 1951, is now residing in Sydney as the representative of a large American corporation, which supplies equipment to printers. After leaving Port Moresby in 1952, Mr. Brodie engaged in journalism in Britain and United States, and he returned to Sydney several months ago. He was married in November to an Australian nursing sister whom he

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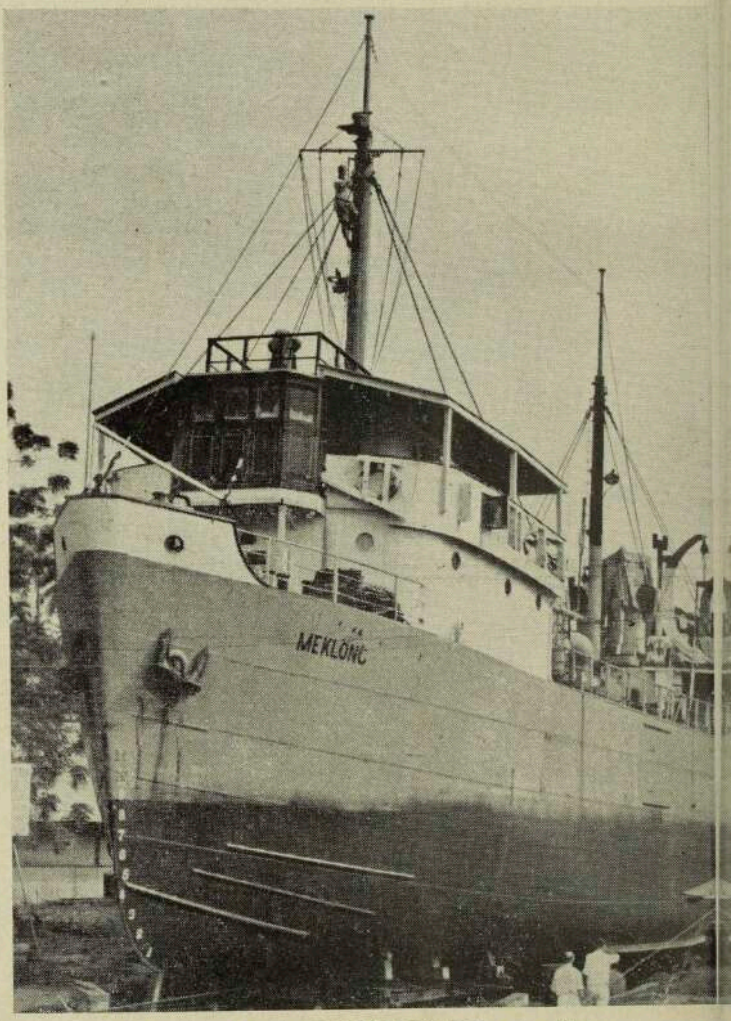
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Editorial . . .

WORLD BEDEVILLED BY IDEOLOGICAL AND RACIAL HATES, AND OVER-POPULATION

a 6-months' tour, embracing important sections of Asia and ca, and most of the countries of tern Europe, the editor of the gained some clear impressions olitico-economic conditions:

There are far too many people e world to be taken care of by orld's present economic organ-n.

The racial hatreds created by population are growing, and ng the nations steadily towards wars.

Led by idealistic Planners, and kinds of well-meaning ics, many communities have ed into an orgy of aggressive alism and "anti-colonialism," they are equipped either lly or materially for self-gov-nt. This is adding cruelly to edevilment of a world already ed by the growing struggle en Individualism and Com-m.

The Muscovite section of the has not abandoned the Cold Moscow's heart has not ed—only its tactics.

cow believes that war is not ary—that it need only sit keep up the subversive re among the non-Communist s, maintain the Iron Curtain the bewildered Western world, or later will suffer complete o-economic collapse.

Muscovite Communists then ke over—they think.

he only world-wide institution g strongly and confidently Muscovite Reds is the Catholic Church. Confused g and inconsistent and nsible argument have weak-ll other Christian institut-just as they have bedevilled Western Governments.

e is a strong fear in some es that Communism is eating oman Catholic vitals, also.

he biggest factor of the which are hamstringing the n World in this ideological ndividualism versus Total-sm) is the generally accepted e of adult suffrage (one-e-vote).

olitical system of practically Western nation is deteriorat-ause Western administrators ner incapable of seeing the nd abuses in Capitalism, or id to apply the necessary That, in turn, stems from the fact that the overwhelming majority of voters are incapable of understanding the fundamental problems of administration, which have their roots now in the complexities of modern national economics.

There seems no possibility of taking the kinks out of the Capitalist (or Private Enterprise) system, and making it keep in line with human justice, while the vote of the drunkard or the illiterate has the same value in the election of a Parliament as that of the intellectual or the citizen of proved worth. Until there is Parliamentary reform there will be further deterioration of the Western system. And there is no sign of reform.

● But whether the world staggers along under the Western system, or is taken over by some form of Totalitarianism (probably International Communism), humanity can save itself from indescribable horrors only if the world enforces some system of birth-control. Already, important sections of the world are suffering cruelly from over-population; and over-population inevitably means wars and massacres.

● There are four massive, fast-moving developments in Asia, each capable of affecting world-wide conditions (and especially the South Pacific) in a terrifying degree:

1. The Arab nations of the Middle East are drawing together in a loose sort of anti-European alliance, which is directed primarily against Israel, but ultimately against the West.

2. The Indian nations are trying to establish a "neutralist" *Bloc*, ranking between the Western Alliance (NATO) and the Muscovite Reds. But Moscow is boring in on this *bloc* and, already, has created very strong trade connections between the Communist countries and Afghanistan, Burma and Indonesia.

3. The Chinese (600 millions of them—one quarter of the human race!) are definitely on the march, under Red direction and inspiration; and there is nothing in sight to suggest that, within the next few decades, they will not overwhelm Southeast Asia and the South Pacific.

4. Although Japan formally and officially repudiates expansionist ambitions and accepts regulation of population through birth-control it is absurd to expect that this nation of 100 million proud and aggressive people will stay indefinitely at home. in their comparatively small archipelago. . .

It may be that the world's one hope of protection against Asia lies in the apparent inevitableness of conflict between Asiatic Russia, China and Japan. All through history, these three races have fought each other, and are likely to do so again.

A Further Stage in the Cold War

On July 22, the "Summit Conference" of the heads of the world's four Great Powers (Britain, United States, France, Russia) ended in Geneva.

On July 23, practically every newspaper in the world carried enthusiastic banner headlines, describing "the end of the Cold War," and an orgy of back-slapping at Geneva by the four "Summit" gentlemen — Eden, Eisenhower, Faure and Bulganin.

On July 24, after having spent a week close to the "Summit", and studied every newspaper I could see in London, I wrote a summary for the PIM, where I argued that, as West and East were still hopelessly split on the subject of the unification of Germany, the conference had been a waste of time. I concluded:

"Except that it brought the world's four leaders together in an atmosphere of great conviviality, the Geneva Summit Conference achieved nothing."

That was published in the PIM in August.

On November 9, all newspapers and news agencies carry the statement that, as the Geneva Conference of Foreign Ministers (arranged by the Summiteers in July) is now deadlocked on the question of German unification, the Geneva Summit Conference in July was of no use at all.

On this date (November 9, 1955) it would appear that the Cold War (the attempt by the Moscow dictators to force International Communism upon the world) will go on.—R.W.R.

(In next issue of PIM, the Editor will give his brief impressions of conditions in the individual nations he visited—namely, Red Penetration of Indonesia and Singapore; Over-Population and Starvation in Italy; Critical Condition of Britain's National Economy; Sinoism : 600 Million Chinese on the March; Germans are Working Like Beavers—and Scaring the Soviets; Why a Horrible Racial Explosion is Threatened in South Africa; etc.)

¶ Mr. Robert C. Hendrickson, United States Ambassador to New Zealand, and Mrs. Hendrickson are to make an island tour in the *Tofua* in November. They will be in Lautoka, Fiji, on November 11; Suva on November 12; Nukualofa, Tonga, November 14 and 15; Vavau on November 16 and Suva from November 22 to 24. On the return visit to Suva, the Ambassador and Mrs. Hendrickson will stay at Government House.

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NG Labour System is "Hopeless"

THE world's biggest tea and rubber producing companies would be "into New Guinea like a shot" if the labour position was not so unfavourable.

This is the belief of Dr. H. E. Young, an Australian rubber expert who has just returned to Australia after six years in Ceylon.

He said that the P-NG system under which a native works under a contract for about two years and then returns to his village, is a hopeless proposition commercially. In the East, labour was drawn from families that lived for generations on the tea and rubber estates. In this way labourers became experts and were not periodically lost to the planter or the industry.

He said that several British companies wanted to build native villages on plantation sites in the same way as was done in Ceylon. This could not be done in New Guinea at the moment because of United Nations restrictions and the fear that natives might be "exploited" because officials believed that the transfer of natives to a plantation village would destroy their culture.

Dr. Young said that present methods adopted by the white man to educate the native peoples would destroy their culture anyway.

British companies wishing to invest in New Guinea would undertake to educate and look after the natives under their care, as they already did on plantations in Ceylon.

Dr. Young is a native of Brisbane; he has been director of the Rubber Research Institute of Ceylon and a member of the Ceylon Agricultural Society.

Activities of Enterprise in New Guinea

A SURVEY party of Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development has established a base camp on the Upper August River (a tributary of the Sepik) about four miles from the Dutch border.

An area of bush country has been cleared and from here the party expects to carry out a survey within the Company's permit area.

At the end of October, a DC3 aircraft carried out a drop of supplies for the camp.

SOPA Chief Goes Bush in Indo-China

AN exceedingly interesting tour was completed recently by Mr. C. D. Rowley, Principal of the School of Pacific Administration, Sydney.

Mr. Rowley left Sydney last February to gather data about the peoples of South-East Asia for one of the international organisations.

Between February and May, 1955, he toured extensively in the lesser known parts of Siam, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Java and Sumatra, with incidental visits to Philippines and Hongkong.

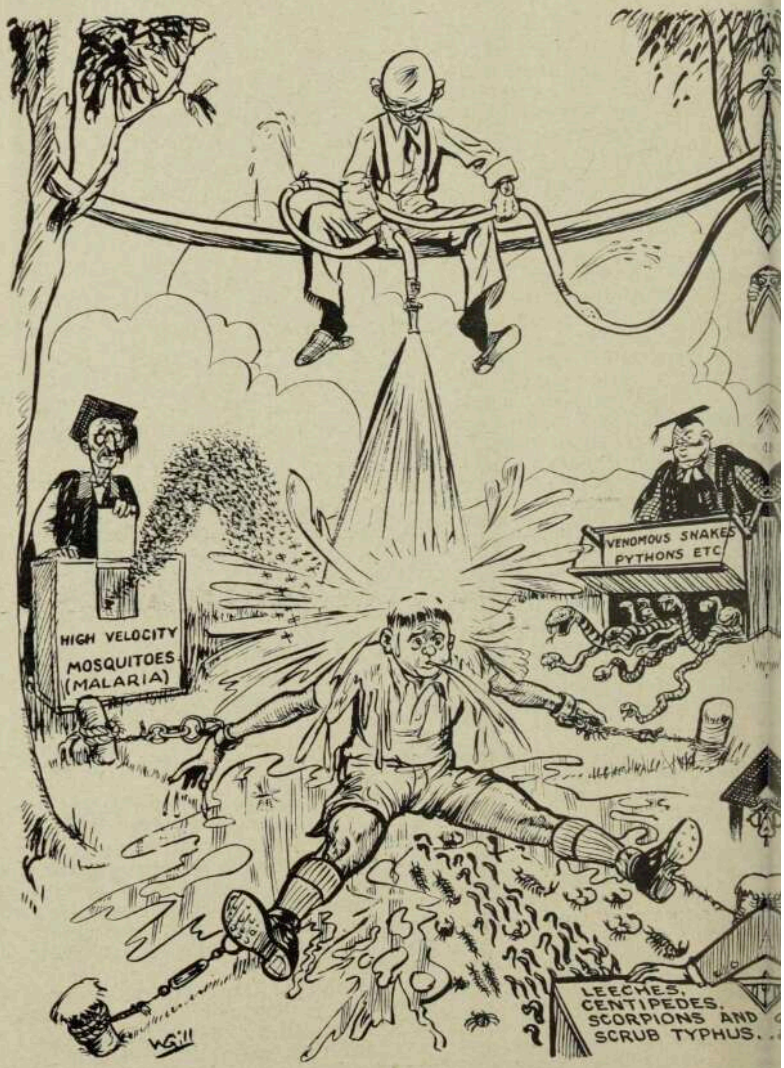
Although some of the countries he visited were being ravaged by revolution and war, Mr. Rowley everywhere was treated by the indigenous people with great kindness. He lived with them in their villages,

News Items Appear also on seven of this issue.

ate their ordinary food—and enjoyed good health. Some of the impressions which he gained of the conditions and problems should be of interest to the people of the South Pacific.

¶ Miss A. Williams, Fiji's British Council Visitor to the United Kingdom, will return to the Colony on November 5.

What Every Young Patrol Officer Should Know



Artist Bill Gill thinks that this practical course should be added to the curriculum of the Australian School of Pacific Administration next year.

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Joyita Found Abandoned

70 tons *Joyita*, which had been missing in the Pacific for five weeks, was found north of waterlogged and abandoned, November 10.

full story of *Joyita's* mysteri- disappearance appears on page his issue.

was found by a Western c High Commission ship, *u*, about 90 miles due north Fiji Group, while that vessel on a voyage from Suva to a.

alu stood by while the Assist- arbour Master of Suva, Captain James, proceeded to the spot *Degei*. *Degei* took *Joyita* in nd by the afternoon of Sun- November 13, she had been ed at Malau, near Labasa, Levu, Fiji.

November 14, she had been d out and righted and will ed to Suva, where a marine will be held.

clue to the fate of the 25 s, known to have been on when the ship left Apia on r 3 for the two days voyage Tokelaus, has been discovered. NZAF flying-boats, based on have been scouring the whole or signs of rafts at sea, or staways on any of the islands n Samoa and the Solomons. six weeks after the *Joyita* eported overdue, hopes for survivors are fading.

Joyita mystery has become a sensation and in Australasian pers, speculation about the f her passengers and crew e events that led up to her abandoned, have taken the of the Princess Margaret- Townsend romance.

osions, holing, ramming, have all been put forward as e theories, and then scrapped.

greatest mystery is why the as abandoned at all. Now e has been pumped out, there s to be no real reason why mplement did not stay with

theory of piracy, looting and g has gained some favour it was known that a large shing fleet was engaged in brides waters at the time. sewhere this issue). A Jap- fishing vessel may have tally run into the ship after s abandoned—or, of course, she was abandoned. She lso have been looted, after abandoned, by Japanese.

However, it is unlikely that this will ever be proved.

RNZAF flying-boats equipped with the latest radar devices searched 100,000 square miles of sea after *Joyita* was reported missing—proving once again that aerial search for small-ships can frequently be completely abortive.

They gave up the search in October but after discovery of the *Joyita* on November 10, air search for survivors was renewed.

Mystery Revenue

NEW P-NG IMPORT TAX WILL BOOST COST OF LIVING

Legislation to bring an estimated additional £350,000 to Papua and New Guinea revenue was rushed through the Legislative Council during a late night sitting in Port Moresby on October 24.

AMENDMENTS to the existing P-NG Customs Tariff were introduced at the Legislative Council meeting by the Collector of Customs, Mr. T. Grahamslaw, without warning, although the Administrator of P-NG had intimated earlier in the day that the time had come when residents of the Territory "must contribute more to internal revenue."

The new increases affect almost all imports into the Territory including textiles, clothes, cars, petrol, sewing machines, printing paper, ships' chandlery, etc., and trade tobacco. It is estimated that it will raise the cost of living of every person in the Territory by £30 per annum.

Movies will be more expensive and purchasers of medium-priced cars can expect to pay about £50 extra in import tax.

Duty is increased to 20 per cent. for clocks and watches and for the first time duty will be levied on such things as anchors and anchor-chains, sewing machines and textiles.

Tax on flavouring essences will be increased, so will that on spirituous liquors (an extra 5/- per gallon.) Printing paper is taxed for the first time—by 5 per cent.

Some anomalies have been corrected by the amendments, said Mr. Grahamslaw. For example, hearing-aids and artificial limbs are now duty free.

Residents, however, are not comforted by the fact that they may now order hearing devices and artificial legs *ad lib*; they are concerned with the fact that the cost of living, already fantastic, is likely to go higher.

The bill was strongly opposed by unofficial members. Mr. E. A. James, elected member for Papua, protested at repeated statements by official members that Territory residents did not contribute in taxation their just dues. He offered to pay £250 to charity if anyone could prove that Territorians were contributing less in taxation per head than their Australian counterparts.

He described the bill as "unscientific in the realm of finance—merely a means of raising money." He asked the Administration what it intended to do with the extra money raised.

Up to the time that the Council meeting closed, no one had taken up Mr. James' offer—and none of the official members had seen fit to explain the purpose to which the new revenue would be put.

Residents can perhaps take comfort from the belief that while import duties go up, it is unlikely that direct income taxation will be introduced. Import taxes are the Territories' chief means of collecting revenue.

£12 Million in the Budget

THE P-NG budget for 1955-56 provides for a record expenditure of £12,000,000—£8¾ million of which is a generous donation from the Commonwealth Government (see September PIM).

The estimates show that more than £2,000,000 have been provided for the Dept. of Health; £1,000,000 for Civil Affairs; £3,000,000 for capital works and services; £1,275,000 for general maintenance and about £1,000,000 for Native Affairs.

The Administration is expected to collect £3,380,000 within the Territory:—£1,450,000 from import duties, £650,000 from export duties; £45,000 from motor registrations, £85,000 from the sale of stamps; £61,000 in mining royalties; £120,000 from the sale of timber, £224,000 from the sale of electricity and £26,000 from copra produced on Government plantations.

The budget was introduced on the first day of the session by Mr. H. Reeve, the Treasurer.

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PLACER INTEREST IN GOLD RIDGE

PLACER Development Ltd. (of which Bulolo Gold Dredging is a subsidiary) has recently shown interest in the gold deposits at Gold Ridge, Guadalcanal, BSIP.

Mr. Alan Blatchford, chief geologist of the company, arrived in Honiara by air in mid-October and almost at once joined the company's mining engineers, Messrs. T. Yeomans and Niell, at Gold Ridge.

Mr. Yeomans returned to Sydney in early November but would make no comment for publication beyond saying: "It is still at the stage of geological investigation."

The BSIP Government, aided by its indefatigable geologist, Mr. J. C. Grover is doing everything possible to prove that there is a goldfield of value in Guadalcanal but so far there is nothing to indicate that there is another Bulolo Valley in the Guadalcanal hills. Gold has been proved—but it still remains for the experts to decide whether there is sufficient to guarantee an adequate reward, taking into consideration the heavy costs of introducing and operating the machinery that would be required.

POLICE COMMISSIONER IN FIJI WILL RETIRE

MR. E. K. LAWS, Commissioner of Police, Fiji, has decided to retire from the Colonial Service, states a Suva report.

Mr. Laws is at present on leave in the United Kingdom. He will not return to Fiji before retiring, the report adds.

POLYNESIAN ASSOCIATION TO HOLD PICNIC

THE Sydney Polynesian Association plans to hold its first annual picnic at Nielson Park on Sunday, November 27.

Islanders visiting Sydney, or ex-Islands residents are invited to go along, but should contact the Association immediately for details. Each group is expected to provide lunch for itself, but the Association will arrange for ice cream, drinks and sweets for the children. Persons interested should phone Mrs. A. Griffin (UY8746), Mrs. I Byron (BU5737), or, after 7 pm only, Mr. Len Moran, FW4661.

¶ Councillor A. D. Leys was unanimously re-elected Mayor of Suva in early November. It is his second term. Councillor W. E. Goodsir was elected Deputy Mayor.

It's' On Again

UN MISSION TO VISIT PACIFIC

BRITAIN, Belgium, Guatemala and India have been chosen to provide members of a Visiting Mission to UN Trusteeship Territories early next year.

They will start their Pacific cruise early in the new year and visit the US Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Western Samoa (administered by New Zealand) and New Guinea and Nauru, which are administered by Australia.

This is the third such visitation these territories have had in recent years and none of them have achieved anything except in nuisance-value.

The last delegation included the extraordinary Mr. Enrique de Marchena, of the Dominican Republic, whose visit to New Guinea will long be remembered by residents.

Christmas Parties In Sydney

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY: A Christmas cocktail party will be held by this society in the Feminist Club Rooms, 77 King St., Sydney, on Friday, December 9. All members, their friends and visitors from the Islands are welcome. Details from the president of the Society, Tel. XJ3205.

NEW GUINEA WOMEN'S CLUB —CHILDREN'S PARTY: The usual treat for P-NG children will be held by the Club in the Feminist Rooms, on December 12, from 2 to 4 pm. As usual, Father Christmas will distribute gifts and in order to help pay for these, the Club is now accepting donations from its usual generous friends. All donations, small or large, will be acknowledged through the PIM. They should be sent to the Club, through its treasurer or president, c/o Feminist Club, 77 King Street.

ADULTS' COCKTAIL PARTY: The NG Women's Club will hold its annual Christmas party grown-up Territorians and friends on the evening of Dec 16, commencing at 6.30 pm.

The Club is also holding a night on November 22 a Feminist Club, when coloured of the Memorial Gates at H and other NG scenes will be s

Magistrate Appears Defendant in Fiji

PEOPLE in Fiji who maintai in the Colony "anythin happen, and sometimes have been citing as proof contention a civil action brou the Crown against a magistra

In this case the Commissio Inland Revenue claimed £3 fo allegedly due and owing Morgan, a magistrate statio Ba.

Evidence given during the at the Suva Magistrate's showed that a dispute betwe magistrate and the Commi had gone on for several mon revolved round the question w the deduction of residential ta income tax should apply to t in which the income was m the following year, in whichr assessed.

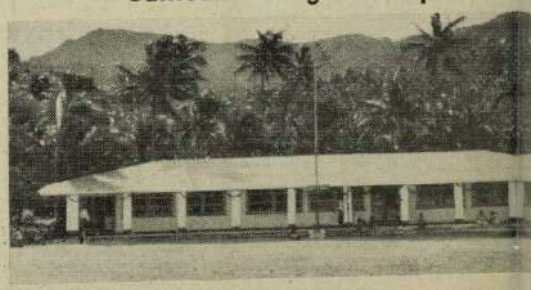
The hearing was punctua occasional lively interludes the Acting Crown Solicitor Lewis), who appeared for th missioner, and the defenda conducted his own case.

Claiming that the actio vexatious in law, the defenda that, in addition to being from Ba to Suva, he had humiliation of being serve writs by obviously amused men. He had had to canc proceedings for three days Government's expense.

After a day of legal and argument, the Crown applied for an adjournme December 1 because of his de for Lautoka next day on portant case.

The defendant said that h apply to have the case struck want of prosecution.

Samoan Village Enterprise



Led by High Chief Le'iato Tuli, villagers of Fagaitua, American Samoa, have built this handsome school. It was formally opened on October 22, when Acting Governor Alan MacQuarrie drove the last nail and Mrs. MacQuarrie cut a ribbon barrier at the doorway. Fagaitua's enterprise is likely to be followed by other village communities in Samoa.
—Photo by Pan American Prints.

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SPC Meets for Important 14th Session at Noumea

E fourteenth seession of the South Pacific Commission began t headquarters in Noumea on ber 24 and lasted about two s.

presentatives from all six ber nations attended and man was Senior Commissioner rance, M. Lasalle-Sere.

neral business to be discussed e meeting included the report he last year and the work amme for 1956.

following representatives were nt (the name of each is ed by his position at the and then by his position with vn government):

AUSTRALIA

. Halligan, Senior Commissioner; Special ser to the Minister for Territories, erra.

E. H. Stanner, Second Commissioner; er in Comparative Social Institutions, alian National University, Canberra.

. Cumpston, Alternative Commissioner; alian Consul, Noumea.

. Petherbridge, Alternate Commissioner; rtment of External Affairs.

ain, Adviser; Department of Territories, erra.

FRANCE

Lassalle-Sere, Senior Commissioner; ctor-General of Overseas France, e.

Pons, Second Commissioner; Chief of Cabinet of the High Commissioner, ea.

Bonneaud, Adviser; Vice-President of Chamber of Commerce, Noumea.

Dr. F. Bugnicourt, Adviser; Director, French Institute of Oceania, Noumea.

M. J. Guiart, Adviser; Ethnologist, French Institute of Oceania, Noumea.

NETHERLANDS

Dr. H. J. Levelt, Senior Commissioner; Minister Plenipotentiary, Netherlands Consul-General, Sydney.

Mr. J. A. van Beuge, Second Commissioner; New Guinea Division of the Department of Overseas Territories, The Hague.

Dr. A. Loosjes, Alternative Commissioner; Deputy Government Secretary, Hollandia, Netherlands New Guinea.

NEW ZEALAND

Mr. C. G. R. McKay, I.S.O., Senior Commissioner; Onerahi, Whangarei (formerly Secretary of the Department of Island Territories).

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

UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, C.M.G., Acting Senior Commissioner; Colonial Secretary, Fiji.

Mr. H. H. Vaskess, C.M.G., O.B.E., Second Commissioner; Suva (formerly Chief Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission).

UNITED STATES

Dr. F. M. Keesing, Senior Commissioner; Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University, Stanford, Cal.

Dean Knowles A. Ryerson, Second Commissioner; Dean, College of Agriculture, University of California.

Mr. R. S. Hariman, Alternate Commissioner; Secretary of Guam, Agana, Guam.

Miss E. Barr, Adviser; Office of Dependent Area Affairs, Department of State, Washington.

Mr. D. Montenegro, Adviser; American Consul, Noumea.



of the delegates at the 14th Session of SPC. The top photograph shows the New nd United Kingdom delegates. The lower photograph, Australia and Holland's repre-

—Photos by New Caledonian Information Service.

Officers Resign from S Pacific Commission

A QANTAS plane from New Caledonia, carrying many of the Commissioners and officials of the South Pacific Commission was due in Sydney in the evening of November 11 (after this number of PIM had gone to press).

The important annual session of the Commission, held at headquarters in Noumea, ended on November 10, and some far-reaching decisions were taken.

The chief officials of the Social Development Section of the Commission's Research Council (which was removed from Noumea to Sydney in recent years, owing to the inconvenience and comparative inaccessibility of Noumea) are to return to Noumea, although accommodation for a few officials will be retained in Sydney.

Mr. H. E. Maude, OBE, who was seconded from the British Colonial Service to take charge of that Section when the Commission was established, decided several months ago to retire; and he will leave the service of the Commision on December 31. He has become internationally famous for his administrative and social service in the South Pacific since he was sent to the Gilberts in 1929; and he will not be an easy man to replace.

Miss Helen Shiels, also well known in the Pacific as a social development worker, has resigned, and will leave the service of the Section at the year's end.

It is reported also that the Commission's Publication Section, which was moved to Sydney a couple of years ago, has been under review and that the head of the Section, Mr. Earl Read, if not all his staff, will be located in Noumea, rather than Sydney, in future.

Tentative arrangements for the Third South Pacific Conference, to be held in Suva in April, were examined by the Commission, and approved.

As the heads of the Health and the Economic Development Sections will be away on long leave, and the Social Development position cannot be filled before mid-year, there will be no meeting of the Commission's Research Council in 1956.

Dr. E. M. Ojala, who has been head of the Research Council in recent years, has resigned. He has been appointed Far East Regional Economic Director of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of UNO, with headquarters in Rome and organisational HQ in Bankok.

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Fund for Financing P-NG Native Enterprise

A FUND from which native groups in Papua and New Guinea may borrow up to £5,000 came into operation at the end of October.

The fund has as a nucleus £57,700, representing profits from trade stores carried on by the Production Control Board under ANGAU during the war.

Loans may be made from the fund to further native economical welfare projects or for any other purpose of a similar nature approved by the P-NG Administrator.

Loans will not be made to individual natives, only to co-operatives, societies or native local Government Councils.

Colin Simpson's New Book

COLIN Simpson's newest book, *Islands of Men*, was published in early November and will be reviewed in the December PIM.

It again covers aspects of New Guinea native life, but this time there are also excursions into the New Hebrides and Fiji.

It follows the same format as the *Adam* books, is lavishly illustrated in colour and black and white and is altogether a very handsome production. Australian price is 25/-.

Sydney Wedding of NG Interest

A WEDDING of particular interest to old Territorians took place on November 10 in Sydney when Mr. "Ted" Taylor and Mrs. Marion Nelson were married at St. Canice's Church, King's Cross (Sydney), at a somewhat unique ceremony in that the bride's four children and a couple of grand-children were in attendance and her eldest daughter, Miss Elrae Nelson, was a bridesmaid.

Mr. Tom Prince, also an old Territorian, supported the groom as best-man and after the formalities an Islands get-together was staged at the home of Mrs. Hector Wales, at Rose Bay.

Ted Taylor has been associated with TNG ever since 1914. After spending a few months in Nauru with the Occupation Force, when that phosphate island was taken over from the Germans, he took up duties in New Guinea and soon made himself a valued officer in the Department of Native Affairs.

For some time he was Director of District Services and will always be remembered for his work in that department.—GORDON T.

NEW TRANSIT SET-UP IN LAE

Air Company Closes Passenger Accommodation

QANTAS has closed its transit passenger accomodation hostel at Lae, New Guinea, and in future, although the company will arrange overnight accommodation at the Hotel Cecil, Lae, passengers will have to pay for this themselves.

Very little warning was given about this and there have been some complaints from travellers in the Territory. Qantas office in Sydney apparently knew nothing of it until the change-over had been made, and the usual spokesman for the company would make no comment in early November.

Qantas transit accommodation in Lae consisted of half a dozen "Bulolo-type" houses each with comfortably furnished single and double rooms and showers and toilets. A central lounge and dining room were provided away from the bungalows and transit passengers—which included those from outports awaiting aircraft for Australia (and vice-versa)—stayed there free of charge. It was all a good publicity-builder for Qantas and much appreciated by customers.

When it was first opened, four or five years ago, travellers were loud in their praise; as time has gone on they have, in the manner of such things, simply accepted these amenities as a right. The question now arises, of course, whether this kind of free accommodation should continue to be provided by the air-company, as the reasons for its provision in the first place now seem no longer to exist.

As PIM understands it, the Qantas passenger accommodation was provided because, for a number of years after the war, the only hotel in Lae was conducted in a very old army camp some distance from the township. Since then, Mrs. F. Stewart has built her new hotel on the flat at Lae and can provide for the normal flo travellers.

It is probable that one o reasons why Qantas has closed its transit accommo is because of pressure brou bear upon the company b hotel interests.

Qantas has taken block bo in the hotel and can thus m for transit passengers; howe is understood that all pass must pay for this themselve is that point that has cause of the complaints.

In other parts of the worl of night-stops on through jo is included in the Apparently Qantas is takin view that as the Sydn Guinea service terminates i stop-overs at Lae must b sidered a break-of-journey a a night-stop.

There was a similar s argument in Fiji a few yea when Fiji travellers took th that the Nadi airport aut should provide airport accom tion for transit passengers matter was eventually solve private enterprise took ov transit accommodation a airport and ran it as an o hotel.

New Book Abou Rev. John G

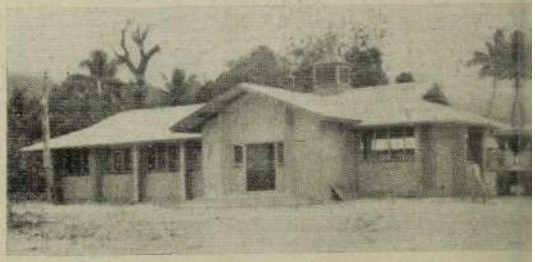
THE Rev. C. T. J. Luxto joined the Methodist Mi the Solomons in 1939 a stationed mainly at Buk written a book on the caree late Rev. John F. Goldie.

Published recently in Zealand, the title of the *Isles of Solomon*.

Mr. Goldie was a missionary in the New Group in the early years century and lived to atte mission's jubilee in 1952. last 15 years of his wo Luxton was one of his lieu

Mr. Luxton, who narrowly during the Japanese invasi one of the mission wor return to the Buka-Bou area in 1946.

Mormon Chapel at Rarotonga



Elder C. M. Dana, an experienced builder, is leader of a team of Samoan and Cook Islands Mormons who have built this chapel at Avatiu, Rarotonga. A mission house and recreation hall are also to be built. Working from dawn to dusk, the team built the chapel in about a month and hopes to have the building programme completed by the end of the year.

—Photo by W. H. Percival.

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INISTRATION COMPROMISE

quor Permits for P-NG Natives Must Wait Three Years

By repealing Section 9 of the Liquor (Native) Bill, the Legislative ncil of Papua and New Guinea, on October 24 postponed for at three years, the introduction of the permit system of drinking for es.

TION 9 of the Liquor Bill passed earlier this year) would ive given the Administrator of power to issue drink-permits cted natives.

Liquor Bill has been the most versial piece of legislation with by the P-NG Council, lthough the Bill was pushed h in the usual way by the majority, there was such outcry about it, Authority for as persuaded to hold its hand.

Few residents of the Territory are happy about relaxing in any way, the restrictions on drink for natives. However, the realists know that sections of the natives are already drinking—either stolen liquor, liquor sold to them by unscrupulous members of other communities, or concoctions of spirits that are likely to do great damage to health.

A select committee of Council members was set up some months ago to obtain the views of people throughout the Territory. The report of this Committee was read at the recent meeting of the Council.

The report recommended that after three years permits should be issued to selected natives and clubs set up to allow natives to drink under strict supervision. As an indication of what goes on at present, it is interesting to note that another recommendation of the Committee was that all methylated spirit imported into the Territory be denatured.

Later, during the debate in the Council, one mission Member, Fr. James Dwyer, claimed that if something could be added to methylated spirit to turn it into an emetic, 50 per cent. of illegal drinking by natives would be wiped out overnight.

lern Moresby Adds New Buildings





Few months pass without a new building being added to the growing modern town of Port Moresby. Two recent additions were the James Arcade in Cuthbertson St. (above, top) and the new Parcels Post office (at left). The Arcade houses four shops and several offices.

—Photos by Papuan Prints.

FIJI'S TRADE BOOM SETS NEW RECORD

FIJI'S total trade for the first nine months of 1955 set a record —£19,162,209. Of this, £10,862,022 was for imports and £8,300,187 for exports.

The unfavourable trade balance dropped to £2,562,835 in the third quarter, but this was more than £1,000,000 greater than for the third quarter last year.

The United Kingdom was by far the biggest customer for Fiji's exports as well as the biggest source of imports.

Graduates of Pacific Administration School

ALTHOUGH the Australian School of Pacific Administration has been considerably disturbed during the year by the change from the longer to the shorter term of instruction, the School this year is expected to produce 25 graduates for the Administration in Papua and New Guinea.

These gentlemen will receive their Diplomas at the hands of the Minister for Territories Mr. Hasluck, at the School, on December 6.

† A national appeal is being organised throughout New Zealand for a fund to commemorate the late Sir Peter Buck (Te Rangihiroa), distinguished Polynesian anthropologist, who died at Honolulu in 1951 and whose ashes were later interred at Waitara, NZ. It is suggested that the fund might be used to establish a bursary in anthropology at a New Zealand University college, as well as to make an annual contribution of books to the Anglican Maori Te Aute College, Hawke's Bay, of which Sir Peter was an old boy.

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THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Origin of Placer, Fantastic Money-Maker

"Would the PIM please settle an argument?" writes a resident of Wau, NG. "A friend of mine insists that Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. established Placer. I say that Placer was started by BGD. Who's right?"

We think you are both wrong—the establishment of the two Bonanzas, some 30 years ago, was almost simultaneous.

In the late 20's, Mr. W. A. Freeman, who had connections with the Adelaide group which had taken over Cecil Levien's farsighted Bulolo leases (incorporated as Guinea Gold, NL) went to North America. There he met an old friend, Mr. Charles A. Banks; and they jointly considered the merits of two propositions which had been put up to Banks—one in Alaska and one in Colombia. They turned down the Alaska one, but accepted that in Colombia; and, in that year, 1927, Placer Development was registered in Vancouver by Banks and Freeman. Freeman had an option over shares in Guinea Gold NL and when he returned, he took up those shares on behalf of Placer. At that time, Placer's $5 shares were quoted in Sydney at 19/-.

Late in 1928, Messrs. L. A. Decoto, L. J. Joubert and Thomas Yeomans, for Placer, tested the Bulolo flats covered by the Guinea Gold option; and thus Bulolo GD, and Guinea Airways, were born.

The Colombia proposition became Asnazu Gold Dredging Ltd.; and Asnazu and Bulolo returned enormous profits to Placer, and put the latter on top of the financial world. In the following quarter century, Placer obtained a controlling interest in all kinds of mineral and oil enterprises, in North and South America and in Australia and New Zealand, and some of them gave fantastic returns.

Placer's issued capital never rose beyond 860,000 shares of $1 each, and dividends have ranged from 50 per cent. to 300 per cent. (last year). Naturally, investors like the stock—the other day, on the Sydney exchange, £16/5/- was offered for one Placer share, the par value of which is the Canadian dollar, or 9/-.

The wild bidding for Placer shares now has induced the Company to split each $1 share into three shares "of no par value"; and as soon as this is given effect to, this month, the new shares probably will go to £A6 or £A7 each.

Although Asnazu now is worked out and is being liquidated, and Bulolo is within sight of the end, Placer has some very luscious investments elsewhere, and looks like paying these fantastic dividends for a long time yet.

Sir Alport Barker's Fiji Times

"Rumour hath it that you have bought control of the 'Fiji Times. Congratulations to you and... This should give the Colony a good newspaper service, ... nowadays is most necessary."—... a resident of Suva.

Rumour, as usual, is a lying... There *were* discussions lat... the subject, initiated while th... of our organisation was in H... but before he could return t... ney, and deal with the matt... Alport Barker had completed... plans.

The outcome of the latt... that Sir Alport retains con... the publishing and printing... ness he has directed persona... so many years; Mr. Moyle h... placed in charge as man... editor; and Sir Alport and... Barker have gone abroad. ... been attending an Empire... Union convention in Austra... November.

The offices of *The Fiji*... have been removed from the... Estate property at the cor... Victoria Parade and Gordon ... to a new storey recently bu... the printing and publishing... in Gordon Street. A fine ne... storey building, to provide ... needed shops and offices, i... erected on the Barker Esta... perty, facing Victoria Parad...

Incidentally, Mr. J. K. Sto... was for many years a mem... *The Fiji Times and Herald*... now has joined the joint ... staff of Pacific Publications ... Sydney and Melbourne Pu... Co. Ltd., which produces eig... known monthly journals, in... PIM.

End of a Poacher . . .



Few will question Japanese rights to fish freely on the high seas, but flagrant poaching seemed the only explanation of the fate of "Mie Maru", ashore in the Ongea Islands of the Lau Group, Fiji, in October. Another of the same fleet later sank in the New Hebrides area after "springing a leak"—presumably from similar hull damage, sustained about the same time.

The Fiji Public Relations Office photo was taken from a RNZAF Sunderland which flew down from Suva to investigate.

The "Resignation" Of Ian Downs

A New Guinea "Old-Timer... indignantly: "What is the I... ing to say about the retire... Ian Downs from his pos... District Commissioner in the... Highlands of New Guine... hinted at something like ... year ago, but no one took ... ously. However, another fi... District administrator n... west, and none is saying ... are all thinking."

There now seems to be ... that "young" Ian Downs is... from the District Commissi... of Eastern Highlands in ... and will thereafter, in Easte... lands, join the ranks of the... (who already include othe... high officials who left the ... tration with a sense of frus... This retirement or resig... (which is it, actually?) has ... ceived with general regret.

Under Australian Territo... ister Paul Hasluck the Ter... Papua and New Guinea ha... virtually an outright dict... Under what now passes ... mocracy, the world is in ... ghastly mess, and there are...

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numbers of people who argue a benevolent dictatorship is etter than the average Western rnment, which usually is honey- ed with Socialism and ham- g by petty bureaucrats. So e P-NG is lucky!

tatorships notoriously dislike ndividualistic type of men, who their heads up above the ruck, display a mind of their own, xpress views which are not in d with those of the dictators. tors, you see, cannot be wrong. is so likely that it may be as the rule that individualists an Downs are sooner or later d out" by the dictators.

t was why, a year ago, we c a s t the disappearance of Downs when we saw that the settlement policy of that le young man (which had all armarks of success) was in t with the settlement policy nberra (which we regard as avy and unimaginative).

berra, of course, will say that s has reached retiring age, and out at his own wish. But s merely bureaucratic cover-).

ns still has the best years of fe in front of him; and if s one thing more than another he Administration of P-NG it is well-balanced, experi- quick-moving men of the type, in whom the civilians confidence.

ise Minister would make every e effort to retain the services n men, in the higher jobs, in- of letting them fade away thus getting them out of rship's hair) just when they their maximum usefulness. ne should prepare for Mr. k a list of officers who have eared in this way, over recent and let him apply the

ere Anyone a Pre-War I Memory?

t do you know about the arl Hoerler, once a trader ed by H. A. Markham?

Hoerler's son, H. A. Hoerler, is to trace his history and be glad to hear of anyone new his father or anything his life in the Solomons. In lar, he would like to estab- father's nationality—at pre- here is some doubt as to r he was of German or stock.

ler, Snr., traded in the Java area and died at bo, BSIP, on July 7, 1918, result of an accident with te.

any old-timer help, either the PIM or by writing to oerler direct, at Put Put ion, c/o PO Box 37, Rabaul, uinea.

Mr. Wood Makes His Decision:

Most PSA Claims Rejected by P-NG Arbitration Court

A trial five-days week and a £73 yearly allowance to certain married officers is the total result of the recent claims brought before the Arbitration Court, by the Papua and New Guinea Public Service Association.

PUBLIC servants who crowded into the court-room in Port Moresby, on November 4, to hear the decision of Public Service Arbitrator Wood were described as b e i n g "shocked" at this decision.

The Public Service Association which had brought the case before the Court following what was considered unsatisfactory treatment by Canberra early this year, had asked for salary increases, cost-of-living adjustments and a five-days week in the three main centres of the Territory.

Mr. Wood spent some time touring the Territory before the case began in order to get first-hand knowledge of conditions under which the PS worked. For the last few weeks he has been taking evidence from public servants and others in Port Moresby. Some of the evidence submitted by some members of the public service was certainly harrowing (see "Territories' Talk-Talk" this issue) but evidently it did not impress Mr. Wood.

The PS Association claims that the minimum Territory living wage for a family unit of husband and wife should be £1,045 plus a Territorial allowance of £250.

The history of the P-NG public servants' battle with the Commonwealth Government goes b a c k several years. In 1954 on PSA instigation, a Conciliation Committee was set up to i n q u i r e into the cost-of-living in P-NG and conducted hearings over several months. It presented its report to Canberra in December 1954, but in February, 1955, Canberra refused to grant most of the claims made by the Public Service Association. (See PIM, Feb., 1955).

The Association later decided to take its grievances to the Arbitration Court. The results of the hearings before this court have just now been made public—still leaving the Association with most of its claims unsatisfied.

It is obvious from some of the evidence given before Mr. Wood, that the P-NG public service generally has some genuine grievances. particularly in the matter of housing. This lack has caused more discontent—especially amongst new staff—than any other factor and is the result of the muddled thinking that began right after the war when Socialist advisers were determined to reform and rebuild New Guinea in a matter of minutes.

Although every Administration Department is w o r k i n g below strength housing has never kept pace with staff demands.

Although there is apparently no appeal to the Wood decision it is unlikely that the more militant of the Association's members will now forget their grievances and accept the theory that, after all Canberra, "knows best."

THE SHORT WEEK

Planters will not be pleased about the decision to give the five-days week a trial. They say that plantations cannot be geared to the short week and they fear that once the principle is established for public servants, native employees will want to follow suit.

It is unlikely that the five-days week will be abandoned after its six months' trial. It might be remembered that when the 5-days week was introduced for Commonwealth Public Servants in Canberra in the Depression years of the early 30's, that also was a trial. However, the Commonwealth PS never went back to Saturday work.

Fiji's Goldmines

EMPEROR and Loloma, Fiji's big gold producers, have both declared dividends of 1/- a share, stated a Melbourne report on October 24. Emperor will pay on December 13, and Loloma on December 20. Loloma's dividend comprises 9d tax-free and 3d taxable. Emperor made a similar payout a year ago and Loloma last July.

† The French Oceania Journal Official of September 15 carries an announcement that Mr. Andrew McLachlan, husband of the late former Titaua Marama Brander, of Tahiti, has made a gift of £25,000 Sterling towards the new Papeete hospital. The gift is made in accordance with the will of the late Mrs. McLachlan, who died in the United Kingdom where her husband is now apparently resident.

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Papua Contributes Most to P-NG's Unfavourable Trade Balance

SOME interesting angles emerged in the trade figures for the Territory of Papua-New Guinea, realeased in Port Moresby at the end of October.

Papua imported £5,500,000 worth of goods more than she exported last year.

New Guinea imported only £1,100,000 more than she exported.

Goods imported into Papua during the financial year 1954-55 were valued at £8,200,000; goods exported were £2,600,000.

New Guinea's imports totalled £10,500,000, and her exports £9,300,000.

The figures show a decline of just under £500,000 in the value of copra exports (due to drought and lower prices) and a drop in gold exports, but there were compensatory rises in the export of rubber, cocoa and coffee. Plywood shipped out of the Territory was valued at £680,000.

In imports, the largest outlay was on machinery and general metal manufactures. These accounted for £5,750,000 of the total £18,750,000 spent on imports. Food ranked next with an expenditure of more than £5,000,000.

Excess of imports over exports was nearly £6,750,000, compared with £4,000,000 in 1953-54.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of 20 Years Ago.

TODAY, when sea travel in the South Pacific often involves the preliminary exasperation of long-range applications and waiting-lists before applicants are promoted to the passenger-lists, many people travel by plane as a matter of course. Yet only 20 years ago PIM was cautiously discussing the first tentative international plans for Pacific airlines.

Here are extracts from the issue for November, 1935:

PIM pointed out editorially that Britain was watching American activities in the Pacific "not with hostility, but with a certain amount of uneasiness". Imperial Airways (now British Overseas Airways Corporation) was operating throughout the Empire except for the difficult links to Canada and New Zealand, and New Zealand had consulted London about the advisability of permitting Pan American Airways to link Honolulu and Auckland. "A service embracing hops of 2,000 miles over empty ocean is not an easy thing to visualise or plan", commented PIM. (In the end things were sorted out by American agreement to a New Zealand stipulation covering reciprocal rights for British and American Pacific services).

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Western Samoa was still simmering with speculation over the expected appointment of an Administrator to succeed the recently-retired Sir Herbert Hart. A dozen names had been suggested, including that of the Acting Administrator, Mr. A. C. Turnbull. An Apia correspondent commented that Mr. (later Sir Alfred) Turnbull was doing remarkably well in his difficult post. (Sir Alfred continued as Acting Adminstrator for many years before becoming Administrator).

* * *

Tulagi reported that a converted lifeboat, the "Chance", had drifted into the Kai Passage, Ysabel, with the corpse of an elderly American aboard. The man was Captain John Dow, of New York, who died after a bout of malaria while he was making a lone voyage among the Islands. Solomon Islanders at Ysabel had sighted the boat and reported the tragedy.

The Government of Fiji, determined to check wild share-speculation which had seriously prejudiced the proper establishment of the gold industry, had introduced drastic legislation. Any company which proposed to undertake goldmining in Fiji and to sell shares to the public had first to submit its prospectus to the Governor and obtain his formal approval.

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Denominational friction in outlying parts of New Guinea had revived suggestions that each mission denomination should be allotted a separate sphere of activity to avoid overlapping and "competition". The system had been operated successfully in Papua (until one sect disregarded the restrictions in certain areas), but the "freedom of conscience" clause in the Terms of Mandate provided a hitch in New Guinea.

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In the wishful-thinking department was a Suva report that a rich silver lode had been discovered four miles from Fiji's capital.

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Tahiti's new Aero Club had an ambitious plan to link the scattered archipelagoes of French Oceania. "No doubt it will take a long time to reach fruition", said a Papeete correspondent. (The note of caution appears to have been justified).

East Samoa Governor Wins Suit

FEDERAL Judge Jon Wiig, of US Circuit Court of Hawaii, on September 28, dismissed the damage suit filed against Richard Barrett Lowe, Governor of American Samoa, by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ketner. (See Sept. PIM, page 147).

The court held that Ketner had no cause of action as the Governor had acted in his official capacity when he ordered the couple out of Samoa. Governor Lowe was represented by US Attorney Louis B. Blissard and Peter T. C[illegible] Attorney-General of Ame[illegible] Samoa. Attorney O. P. Soar[illegible] resented the Ketners.

Red Face Department

MANGANESE—AND A DECIMAL PO[illegible]

THOSE people who, basing [illegible] estimates upon the [illegible] published on page 119, O[illegible] PIM, have decided to get int[illegible] manganese mining business, [illegible] go into reverse immediately.

We stated that approx[illegible] export values per ton of[illegible] manganese ore were: £121, [illegible] £180, £153, and £138 for 1950[illegible] 1952, 1953 and 1954, respectiv[illegible]

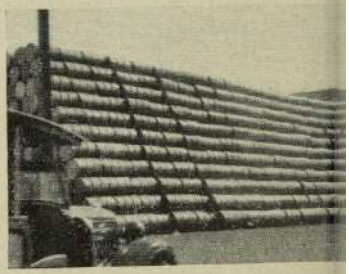
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We apologise.

The mistake, of course, [illegible] amusing, and a serious vie[illegible] been taken of it by the Editor[illegible] tries to have its facts about [illegible] products and commodity [illegible] correct, knowing that these [illegible] important to the isolated rea[illegible] the Islands.

Ingredients for a Big E[illegible]



There was consternation in Papeet[illegible] October when Chief of Police Waksmou[illegible] a warning that there was danger o[illegible] plosion from a dump of petrol drum[illegible] above) on the waterfront.

The dump of 20,000 empty petr[illegible] had been built up some weeks prec[illegible] arrival of the "Thorshall" which was[illegible] them. Drums with a trace of petrol[illegible] to be more dangerous than full[illegible] especially when stacked in the bla[illegible] shine.

A police guard was posted day [illegible] round the dump to keep smokers a[illegible] drums were eventually loaded on O[illegible] and Papeete relaxed.

—Photo by Oscar [illegible]

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AVEL NOTES AND COMMENTS

By R. W. ROBSON

Kinds of English

HEREVER I went—Indonesia or Switzerland, Kruger National Park or Mayfair, Cairo or nnesburg or Johore—I heard American accent, and saw the ss, good-natured, old American sts tracking down the local , and dealing vociferously with ocal rates of exchange.

would be interesting to know many Americans are touring world at any given moment, ding the mighty American s and the less welcome English age across all international laries.

I can get around the world quite comfortably with no age other than English. The f the United States to world ship since World War I has ht that about.

came interested in accents. I know whether the American has mellowed and improved, ether the nations have got to it; but most people now it without protest, whereas 40 years ago the "superior" sneered at it.

adays, in the travel world, sneers are directed mainly t the Australian accent; and, extraordinary number of d persons from Down-Under the move, Australia's rather le jangle of vowels is heard ny countries.

ny ear, however, the most in- ble accent in the English ge is that now produced by nglish "Public" Schools—in words, the Oxford accent. I the best and clearest and English is that used by the and a large section of the the language so admirably n by the Queen and her t.

he last couple of decades, the accent has been so overlaid affectation and bleat that, noisy conditions, men speak- are as difficult to follow as trians or Northumbrians.

ncreasing number of educated in the United Kingdom and nwealth countries—Aus- Prime Minister Menzies is ding in this respect—speak clear and pleasant English, free of anything that can ed an accent. That, I hope, ltimately become standard

and again, while travelling, ted a quick reprimand from ng people whom I had as- to be Americans: I was told that they were Canadians, at there is a big difference the American and Canadian But a trained ear is needed nguish it.

There very definitely is a South African accent—something not unlike the "Chichi" pronunciation of English you hear in certain quarters of India, and yet different. There are two official languages in South Africa, English and Afrikaans; and the accent apparently arose, originally, when English was spoken by those who, while completely conversant with English, habitually used the bastard tongue called Afrikaans. "I put my car in the park" becomes, in the South African accent, "I put my cor in the pork."

The SA accent will tend to increase because the Afrikaans folk are now in command of the Government, and are doing everything possible to stimulate the use of Afrikaans, and discourage English.

Fiji's Twin in The Indian Ocean

IN the course of that long Qantas flight across the Indian Ocean, we spelled for a few hours on Mauritius. The place looks like Fiji, smells like Fiji, grows sugar like Fiji and, to keep the Colonial Office boys on their toes, it has an Indian community problem very like that of Fiji.

The Indians were brought in to work the sugar industry, and they naturally have settled there, to make the most of life in a pleasant tropical island. We motored for 15 miles through a section of the country where the Indian villages, the swarming Indian children, the vegetation and the mountainous background could have been those of northwestern Viti Levu.

The main difference between Fiji and Mauritius is that, in Mauritius, there is no indigenous race—only a strange mixture of non-Indian folk from around the Indian Ocean; while there is a very confident and arrogant race of Europeans, descendants of the French settlers who were there when Britain took over 150 years ago, who considerbly outnumber the British. English is the official language; but more French than English is spoken.

More, anon, of Fiji's twin sugar-colony.

(Continued on page 133)

Fiji's Guest From Pakistan . . . .



The Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, and Lady Garvey, with the Pakistan High Commissioner for Australia, Mr. H. Rahman, who was visiting Fiji at the invitation of the Fiji Muslim League, in October.
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NDERSON AIRFIELD BE REOPENED

NDERSON Airfield, made amous during the US Marines' upation of Guadalcanal, BSIP, g the Pacific war, will eventually opened for civil air traffic.

s has been decided because the nt airfield at Kukum, near ra, cannot be developed to the safety standards required nternational Civil Aviation ments.

the same time, Barakoma air- on Vella Lavella will be closed Munda, on New Georgia, re- d instead. Barakoma does not up to international standards

present the only airline using airfields regularly is Qantas e Airways on its regular Syd- ew Guinea-Solomons service.

ng the war, dozens of airstrips ut down by the Americans all he Solomons group; most of have fallen into disrepair.

BSIP Government will use from the Colonial Welfare evelopment Fund to cover the stages of development of the e-opened airfields.

e have been various rumours about Henderson in recent years: that it was to be reopened and developed as a military aerodrome, or as a refuelling point on an international route; or as a base for an airservice to Nauru and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

FIJI AIRWAYS SERVICE TO CONTINUE

FIJI Airways will continue to operate Fiji's internal airlines. The application by Katafaga Estates, Ltd., to operate the service under the name of Fiji Airways was approved by the Licensing Authority in October.

Applications turned down came from Fiji National Air Services, Ltd., of Wellington, New Zealand, and Mr. R. Myhill (Overseas Aviation, Ltd., Channel Islands).

¶ Messrs. J. B. Turner and R. A. Derrick have been elected to the Suva City Council for the Suva and Muanikau Wards respectively, and Messrs. S. Narain and B. K. Bhindi have been elected for two of the Indian seats.

BACK TO HOME BREW?

W. Samoa's Legal Liquor Now is Dearer

THE IMPLEMENTATION of the new Western Samoa customs tariff has caused a disturbance amongst that Territory's drinkers.

When the new tariff came into force on October 1 there was a sharp rise in liquor costs. Scotch whisky is now 25/- per 26 oz bottle; or 37/- per 40 oz bottle, with Australian whisky 19/- per 26 oz. Jamaican rum, 26 ozs, is 25/-, and English gin £1. French brandy is 25/- and champagne £2.

There is a sharp criticism of the increases which vary from 25 per cent to 100 per cent above the former prices. A substantial increase in the output of illegal home-brew is forecast.

¶ Mr. A. J. Birtles, deputy-headmaster of the Newington Methodist College, Sydney, has been appointed principal of the Brisbane Boys' College. Mr. Birtles at one time was headmaster of the Methodist Mission's teachers' training college in Fiji.

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NI GETS WEEKLY AIR LINK WITH SYDNEY, NZ

A NEW weekly air service between Sydney, Norfolk Island and NZ was inaugurated on November 6, by Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. The first flight carried the Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Paul Hasluck) and a party of press and travel-agency representatives to NI.

By arrangement between the Australian and NZ Governments and the air companies, the Sydney-NI section is run wholly by QEA, but the NI-Auckland leg and return, run by the same company with the same aircraft, is made under charter to Tasman Empire Airways Ltd., as a replacement of the NZ-NI service by National Airways Corporation which recently ceased.

A four-engined Skymaster, seating 40 passengers, now leaves Sydney every Saturday at 11.30 pm, lands at NI at 6.15 am on Sunday and then departs for NZ, reaching Auckland at 11.45 am. Two hours later, the DC4 takes off for NI, arriving at 4.15 pm. Departing from Norfolk at 5.30 pm, it lands in Sydney at 9.30 pm.

Fare from Sydney to Norfolk is £27/10/- single and £49/10/- return. Air freight rate for general cargo is 4/5 per kilo (approximately 2/- per lb).

MINISTER'S BRIEF VISIT

Mr. Hasluck (Territories Minister), who was accompanied by Mr. J. E. Willoughby, Assistant Secretary of the Territories Department, spent the day with the NI Administrator, Brigadier H. Boyd Norman. They discussed Island affairs with members of the Advisory Council and attended a meeting of the Committee which is planning the celebrations next June to mark the centenary of the Pitcairners' landing on NI

Press and travel representatives made a sight-seeing tour of the Island, arranged by the Tourist Bureau, sampling meals at the two main guest-houses, "Lincoln Lodge" and "Oceanside." They met members of the public at the RSL Hall and later were entertained by the Administrator at Government House.

Main purpose of the party's visit was to acquaint Australian travel agents with Norfolk's charm and facilities—the Islanders hope the new weekly service will mean that a larger number of Australian tourists will visit their little island.

In recent years, the tourist traffic has been one of Norfolk's mainstay "industries," but customers were mainly New Zealanders seeking warmth and the attractive Australian exchange rate that works to their advantage. With a wealth of natural scenic attractions and a delightful climate, NI could lure yearly, at least 1,000 Australians seeking a semi-tropical holiday, if the Island were publicised and "sold" by travel agencies.

NEED FOR HOTEL

Practically all Norfolk residents are unanimous about the need for a first-class hotel to provide increased, good class accommodation for tourists. Australians, especially, seek something a little more lavish in the way of amenities and entertainment than what the pr guest-houses provide.

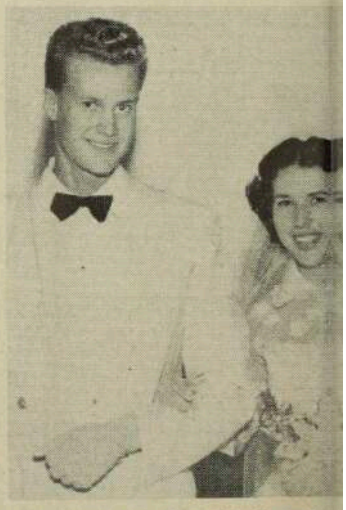
The Commonwealth Gover rightly inclines to the view thr provision of a hotel is a jo private enterprise. It is be however, that if a group of isla could provide the hard co finance and the promise of fir backing from Australian int then Canberra would view thr posal favourably—but the first must come from the Islanders selves.

The establishment of a would have repercussions in directions, not the least bein present set-up for the sale of through the Government Bon substantial part of the Admin tion's local revenue is derive the monopoly sale of liquor, a advent of a licensed hotel pr ably would mean that the A istration would be forced t elsewhere for at least part revenue.

Just where it would look question that causes some fu brows among NI Councillo view of the hubbub of prot the beginning of this year Canberra proposed to raise add finance by increased import o

† A New Zealand despatch lished in August PIM, page ported that an officer of thr Zealand Meteorological Servi been elected first vice-presid the World Meteorological Org tion. The name of this off Dr. M. A. F. Barnett, n Marsden, as stated. Both ar ing figures in New Zealand sc circles.

de Galliande-Baysset We



M. Rene Guy de Galliande and formerly Mlle. Christiane Baysset, ot photographed after their wedding New Hebrides, on September 26. —Photo by R

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GH COST OF UCATING NG CHILDREN

RLY November was examination time for many schoolchildren in Papua and New ea.

ropean, Asian and mixed raceren sat for what are called sidy" examinations on October and November 1. Native olarship examinations for dary education in Australia medical and nursing courses in , Fiji, were held on November d 8. There were 135 candidates the 20 scholarships for Aus-; 55 candidates for the Suva es.

is year Asian and mixed-race ren will have the opportunity alifying for the same subsidy is available to European ren who must continue their dary education in Australia. subsidy paid by the Administon for each child is £145 one return air-fare per year.

en the announcement was about Asian children a few hs ago, it was stated that the e would be reviewed at the f 1957 as "it was hoped by that a secondary school would tablished in the Territory." as not clear whether the -for school would be for all or only for Asian and mixedchildren.

well as the ordinary subsidy, and mixed-race children may year sit for scholarships—30 sian children and 10 for -race, up to a value of £345 depending upon the means of ild's parents.

present over 1800 European en are attending schools in erritory and an extra 266 are correspondence lessons h the P-NG Department of tion. The number studying ondary schools in Australia eceiving the Administration is 320. There are 36 students attending secondary s in Australia.

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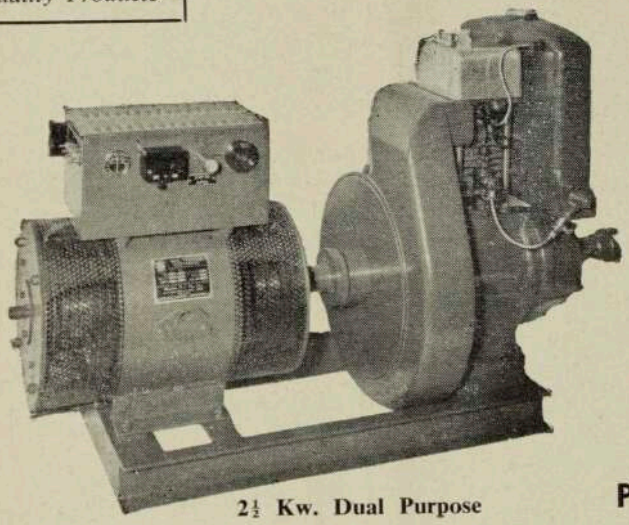
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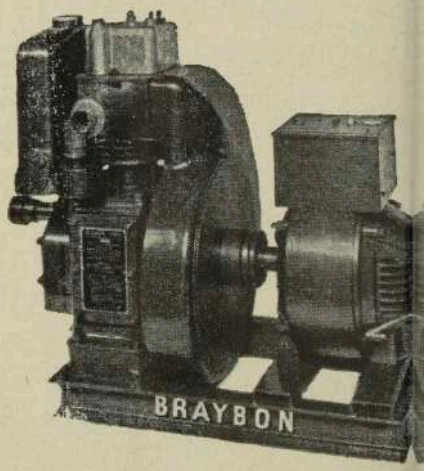
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'ERRITORIES TALK-TALK

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ied Parentage
Citizen Rights

E Bougainville District Advisory Council is to be commended for discussing publicly the question conferring "full citizenship is" on people of mixed race.

ie half-caste question has inably been a curly one, especially British officialdom which usually steps the issue as being not nice. But in these days, with l prejudices going into the dis- it is up to government to get king and formulate some de- policy so that these people know where they stand in the nt-day scheme of things.

the TNG, during the German male progeny of a European r and a native mother was le for European status provid- a) he lived as a European and served the prescribed period as nscript in the Germany Navy rmy. In those days, many sses in the top social bracket— of government officials and nercial executives—were of l parentage and most graciously hey carry out their duties.

e question has become more lex now. "Full citizenship s" in Papua could mean Aus- n citizenship; but in TNG the status of a "protected per-

And then again: European s at one time indicated being mber of the privileged class. that distinction still exist? Or ot, rather, the native become rivileged member of the com- ty?

Eruptions—
l Soil

e soil near Rabaul was fabul- productive, and in no other of the world do cocoa trees so heavily." Thus the state- made by Dr. John Andrews, of y University, where he is lecturer in geology. He read er before the A & NZ Associa- or Advancement of Science in urne in October and gave ltural pursuits in the Terri- definite boost.

Britain's wonderful soil is, ubt, due to the 1937 eruption great extent. The same re- were made some years ago, the German regime, that produced the finest cocoa in orld and this was due to the ic soil.

Nature supplies her compen- measures after all, as can be ned by planters whose areas nundated after the 1937 erup- on the Gazelle Peninsula. After a few years, production on these estates was phenomenal.

Parenthetically, I remember in regard to planting up Arigua plantation, down in Bougainville in 1914, on which Mount Balbi had spewed out its insides years previously, that subsequent production figures proved most favourable and to-day this is one of the most prolific bearing estates on the island.

Vale, James Benson

If ever a man deserved the eulogy: "Well done, thou true and faithful servant" it was Padre Benson, who went to his rest on October 1 while in England.

I met him in the RC internment camp at Ramale, near Rabaul, in September, 1945, though earlier I had heard of him as an inmate of the Jap prison in Rabaul, engaged on the most menial tasks.

He had had more than his share of sorrow during his 68 years: The tragic death of his wife and children in NSW; and then the massacre of his fellow-workers at Gona; but throughout he was always devout and sincere with that wonderful gift of the Common Touch. In War I he was a Padre with the AIF. During the last year he had written some stirring articles in Church periodicals.

A fine worker and a man who has won a well-earned rest.

Don't Put Your Son in the PS, Mrs. Worthington

Witnesses before the Territory Arbitration Court now deliberating in Moresby do not appear to be giving the P-NG Public Service a particularly good build-up if one can judge by reports in the local Press.

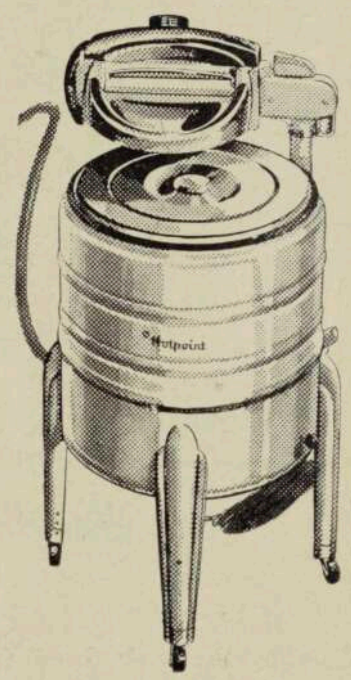
A Medical Officer painted a grim picture of health conditions in the Territory, with various fevers, skin complaints and mental ill-health that led officers to commit suicide.

Other witnesses stressed the difficulties under which they worked, and an Agricultural Officer gave an alarming description of staff shortages in his department owing to the unattractiveness of the Service. Other department officers corroborated his opinion.

Witnesses certainly built up a good case for "danger money" and, after reading the evidence, I was surprised that any officers remained in the Territory at all. Intending applicants will certainly shy off seeking jobs if they accept the evidence as being a true picture of conditions.

On the other hand, I met during my recent visit to P-NG, a number

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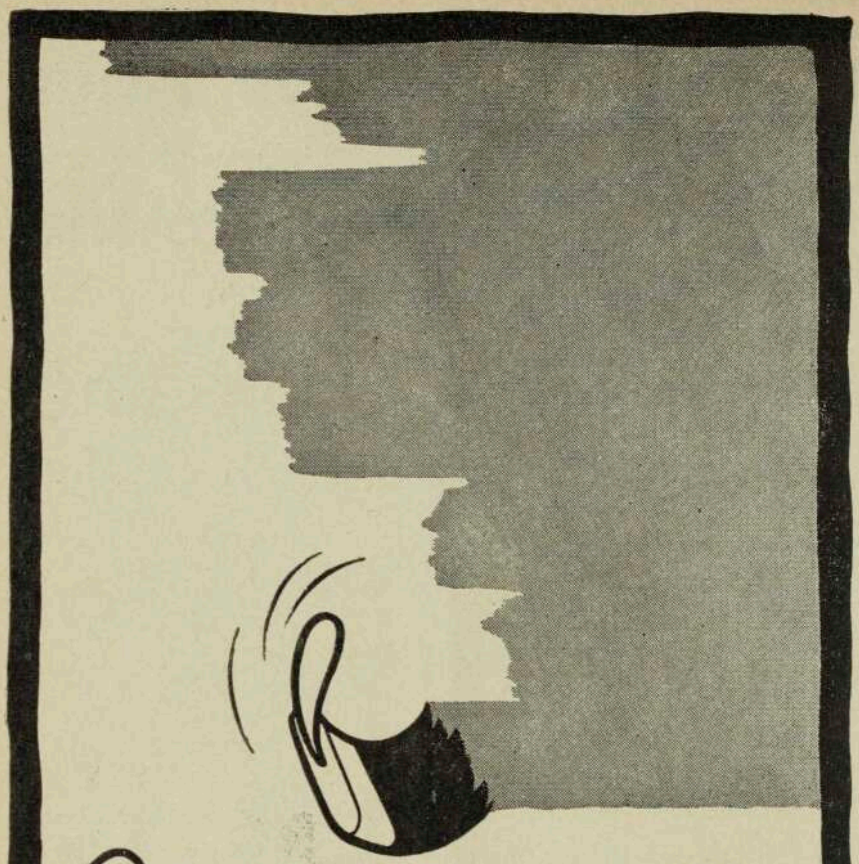
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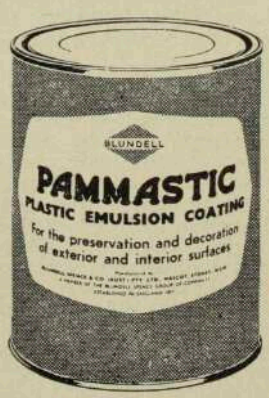
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of officers who obviously were tent with their lot.

P-NG—A "Stepping Stone"

An aspect of the evidence strikes me as disturbing is thi tiude of temporariness towar Territory adopted by so ma the officers which is at least them their bread and butter a occasional bit of jam. There a general lack of Territorial riotism amongst officials. Th is merely a job; only a ste stone to a superannuated eventually in some Australian s to browse in the Afternoon o

In pre-war years officials s to be imbued with a spirit of l to the Territory itself; its pr and development meant som more to them than merely p shillings and pence in thei pockets.

On the other hand, why is i so many of the best of gover servants are doffing their ro office to become private citizen —and one cannot but face the of long-range visionists—the pect of becoming aliens in a country where national inde ence may mean the expulsi the European. Faith in NG lacking here; nor do they lea service with the prospect of m quick fortunes—rather becau frustration within the service desire to take an active p developing the country.

Surely it is a short-sighted that prompts the government t clude its own officers from a ing land-holdings in the Ter What better fitted settler there be than the experience official who had been the lea others in the past?

No Representation in Canb

No direct representation i Commonwealth Parliament P-NG, said Minister Hasluck that's that.

Elaborating on the positio said: "Any electoral roll t there at present would includ a few thousand European Asiatics. At least 1½ million indigenous people would at th sent time be unable to part in and exercise a franchise."

Another hurdle, which he do mention, is that New Guine Trusteeship Territory and o legally, come into the picture result of the merger of th Territories. Somehow I hav idea that some people are reg the fact that the two Ter were merged, despite the mendations of previous in against such a step.

What happens now if reaches the period when it independence, and Papua st mains an Australian territor

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ere is P-NG Publicity?

-NG last month just didn't exist, far as Sydney newspapers were erned. And, if it had not been a few items over the ABC, gs New Guinea would have unknown. And this seems to cate that P-NG and Publicity miles apart.

was the ABC which informed of the findings of the Liquor iry (permits to be deferred for e years); of the big drought in Gazelle Peninsula, New Ireland E. Bougainville (even as it was 914 just prior to War I); of F. Bunting's fight for soldier ements in P-NG and Dr. g's comments concerning er and British companies being tant to take up properties g to adverse labour conditions ie Territory.

hat's happened to the Terri- s PRO? Is there nothing to t?

py Coincidence

e naming of the Camilla gwood school at Goroka has a with the Owen Stanley range hich many may not be aware. n Stanley was a midshipman the "Beagle" with Charles Darwin, and the latter was a grandson, on his mother's side, of Josiah Wedgwood, the most famous of English potters.

A Pidgin Paper

I was inclined to be cynical, at first, in my judgment of *Rabaul News*, the Pidgin-English roneo-ed publication turned out by the Department of Education for native consumption.

But now, after regular perusal of the weekly sheet, I realise it has a definite value for the Tolai population—always providing the hotch-potch phonetic spelling can be deciphered. In a recent issue there was a useful appeal to natives for producing a better standard of copra amongst the co-operatives. Figures showed that during the months of May, June and July of 5,600 bags produced 1,159 bags were "no gud," and methods of overcoming this waste were enumerated.

Other items of general interest included warnings on unexploded bombs and ammunition; advice to natives applying for War Damage ("Wo Demis"); an appeal for transport drivers for the Administration and the Development of Co-operatives in the Manus district.

Second Thoughts on Santo Fishing?

RUMOURS were freely circulating in the New Hebrides in October-November that the planned tuna industry, which was to have been based on Santo, has been abandoned due to pressure from Canberra through Whitehall.

The industry was to be backed by an American Import-Export Bank loan to a Japanese firm, as well as local New Hebrides capital. The fishing was to be done by Japanese.

According to the plan, the company should now have been ready to commence operations. There was opposition from a section of the British residents of NH to any industry involving Japanese labour or finance, and it is assumed that if the industry has been still-born their protests must have won the day.

Earlier this year the then British Resident Commissioner of NH said that every aspect of the proposed industry had been considered by the Administration and discussed with overseas authorities. The official view then was that this appeared to be a valuable and badly-needed alternative industry for NH.

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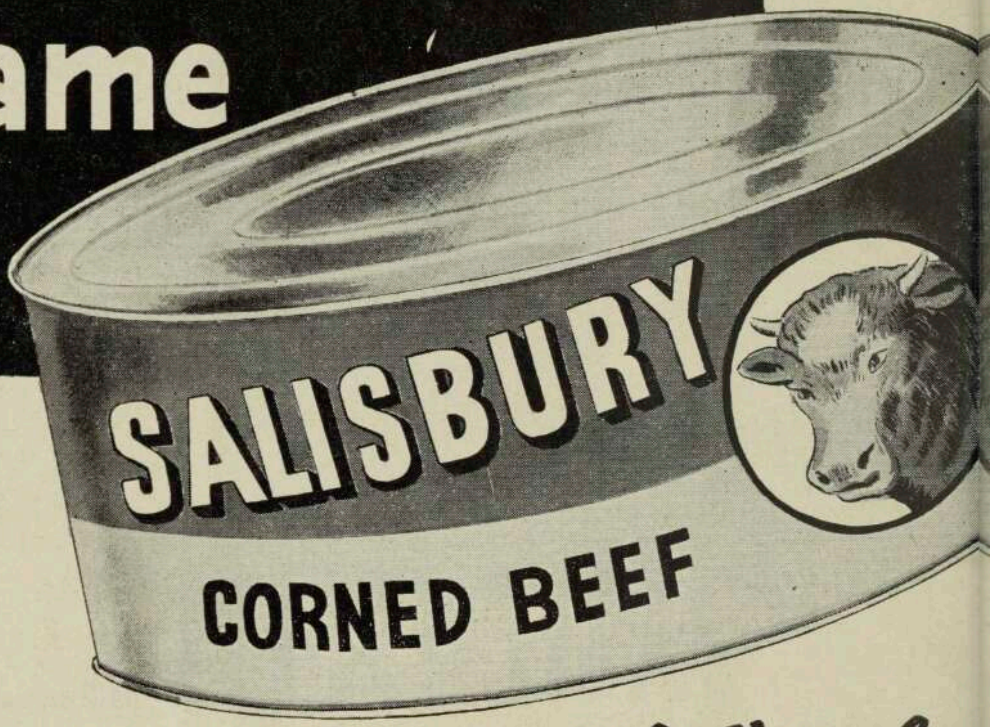
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e Condominium—being half h—is not included in the UK try of Food agreement with h Pacific copra producing terri-.

a consequence, while planters ighbouring territories are still ing almost £70 per ton for copra, the price paid to ers in the Hebrides is around delivered Vila or Santo.

nters complain that although rice has fallen so much, taxes ther imposts have risen and has been a 10 per cent. in-e in shipping freight charges ance.

se who rent plantations from e French plantation company a particularly bad position as lease agreement stipulates that cent. of their production goes e company, and, in addition, ssee is expected to plant up reas in coconuts.

Condominium is now more d than it has been for years. There have been no air services since June; the Burns Philp motor-vessel *Tulagi*, which carries only 10 passengers, has taken over the service formerly performed by *Malaita*, which could carry anything up to 50 on the Sydney-Norfolk Island-Solomons-Hebrides-New Guinea service; and the Messageries Maritime vessel *Polynesie* has only a few berths available for New Hebrides passengers.

Most pressing worry of New Hebrides residents at present is how their children at school in Noumea and Australia are going to get home for the long Christmas holidays.

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Atom Bombs?

WHILE Suva, Fiji, was having the wettest September on record (see elsewhere this issue), other parts of the South Pacific were having record dry weather. By November, however, the drought had broken in many places.

New Britain, New Ireland, parts of the Cook Group all reported droughts. In South-east Papua less than one-third the average rainfall had been received up to October; and Wau, NG, was having its driest spell ever—the rainfall for the previous four months was four inches down on the average.

By mid-October heavy rain had broken the unprecedented drought in the NG Highlands at Goroka—rainfall for the first nine months of the year was 14 inches below normal.

In the first two weeks of October, Madang, about 90 miles away on the coast, had had 6½ inches of rain.

By October the bushfire danger had become serious in New Caledonia and the Noumea fire service was busy throughout the month.

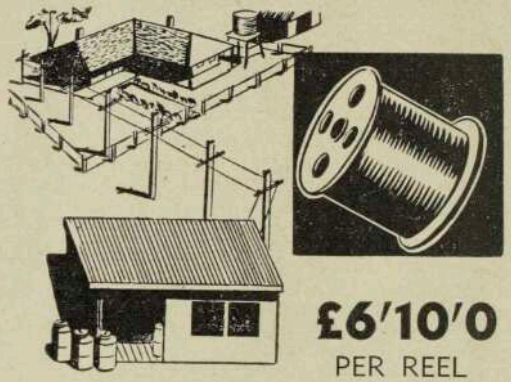
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THE senior producer of the Films Division of the Department of the Interior, Mr. Maslyn Williams is now in New Guinea on peliminary work for a series of official films to be made about Australian and native progress in Papua and New Guin

Mr. Williams plans to spe next two or three months ga material for the film script will depend on what he sees Territory as to the number o that will be produced.

Mr. Williams thinks tha actual filming will start earl year and take up to 9 mon complete.

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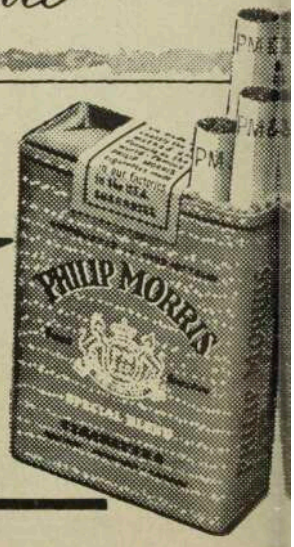
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IRLINES AND RECRUITERS
NDER FIRE

Who *Are* The Exploited?

N the Federal Parliament in Canberra in early October, Mr. J. F. Fitzgerald, a Labour MP, had a eat deal to say about the conditions under which New Guinea tives were recruited and worked; said that these conditions ordered on slavery."
Mr. Fitzgerald had made his ervations when he was a member a Parliamentary party visiting Territory. During that visit he d travelled by Mandated Airlines what is known locally (so he d) as the "boong run." His ctions to that trip were published in the October issue of the cific Islands Monthly.
Mr. Fitzgerald's sweeping generalions have been condemned by ny old-established planters and ders in the Territory and in the owing letter, Mr. Lance H. kinson, of Bubuleta, via Samarai, pua, expresses his views.

Regarding Mr. Fitzgerald's scath- remarks about recruiters, I uld like this gentleman to listen a few of my remarks about ticians who exploit the Aus- ian taxpayers in their holiday rs round the Islands.
ery few of these tourists ever get the beaten paths of comfort and ice to see Papua or New Guinea they should see it. I have in- d, and still invite, any of these ple to spend three months with on a plantation and in pro- ional recruiting.
s a planter, I have improved the lth of the native communities in bining villages by treating their , and giving them free transport hospital in bad cases. I have acted as their adviser in agri- ural pursuits; and have assisted n in ironing out many of their bles.
his can be said of all the plant- I have met in Papua. There are gold passes for this work and expense is borne by the planter self.
onsequently, the natives trust respect us more than they the round-tripping politician talks a lot of eye-wash his return to Canberra, to to justify the trip. The natives rd him with suspicion.
the majority of cases they don't w why he is here and of what he is. This view is shared by y of the European settlers.
e labourers on plantations re- the stipulated Government n, which has been scientifically ed out by expert dietitians. This ration costs far more than 1/6 per diem.

To keep the wolf from the door, I also do quite a lot of professional recruiting. I would welcome one of Mr. Fitzgerald's union representatives to accompany me on any of my trips. In fact, he could take my boat and go on his own, if he liked.

It is regarded as the lowest form of life in the Islands, as a skipper is subservient to a lot of betel-nut-chewing natives who, after eventually getting on his boat and receiving rations, and giving promises, are just as likely to walk off at the next anchorage, or refuse to work on reaching their destination. This, after having been carried round and fed for sometimes a month.

As far as their meals are concerned, the village natives concentrate mainly on a big meal at night and a small one about ten o'clock in the morning. It is only the ones who have come in contact with Europeans who are developing the three-meals-a-day habit.

Travelling on a launch, I very seldom bother about a midday meal myself, as it is usually too uncomfortable.

In my experience as a recruiter, I have never heard a native complain on a vessel about being hungry as a result of missing a midday meal. I understand their language fairly well, and would hear if it should be mentioned.

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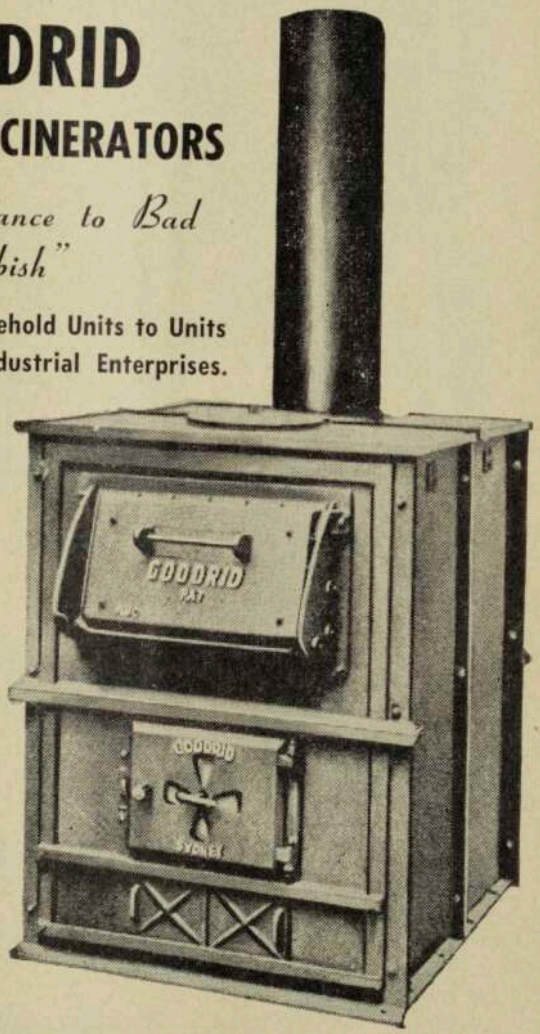
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arded as glorious nation-builders though in this pioneering they ractically wiped out the indigenous ace. So why does not someone in anberra get up and offer a little edit to the pioneers of this land, ho have hewn their homes from e jungle and done so much to im-ove the lot of natives and Euro-ans alike.

The ball is in your court, Mr. tzgerald. Bring your represent-ives, and come up and see us metime.

I am, etc.,

LANCE H. WILKINSON.

Editorial Note

T should be pointed out that Mandated Airlines so-called "Boong-run" is in the same tegory as the run performed by ntas. Both are a round-the-nds flight, Lae-Madang-Wewak-nus-Kavieng-Rabaul, lasting any-ng up to 10 hours and under-en in an extreme of bodily dis-nfort.

ntending European passengers usually warned that it is marily a service for the trans-tation of native recruits—or per-s we should say that Europeans e warned *once upon a time*, be-se these days any traveller is arently likely to get onto this vice.

n the *South Pacific Post* of tober 12, a visiting Dutch New inea official is reported at length r he had travelled from Madang to Rabaul in a Qantas native special. He described it as 7½ hours of torture, during which he nearly broke his back while sitting in uncomfortable bucket-seats down one side of the aircraft, faced by 30 natives sitting down the centre of the plane. The Europeans had been served box lunches but he could not eat it because the atmosphere "could be cut with a knife."

He said that KLM has three DC3's in Dutch New Guinea but they all had "proper seats" and he felt that it was time the operators in Australian New Guinea gave a little thought to passenger comfort.

He said he was on business, just wanted to get to Rabaul quickly, and was not a tourist out to see the sights. He did not know why he was not put on a direct service.

Why Mr. Fitzgerald was put on a "boong run" is also a mystery. Parliamentarians are usually afforded full VIP treatment and guarded from the harsher facts of life in the New Guinea territories.

A few days after Mr. Fitzgerald's statements in Canberra, a very reasonable letter from a reader appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* more or less substantiating the MP's statements as regards lack of eating facilities for native travellers. It is obvious that little is done to feed these recruits before or during their flight, and although it is not suggested that stewards be employed to dish out boiled rice in the air, it might be possible—in the interests of our happy relations with UN—to per-



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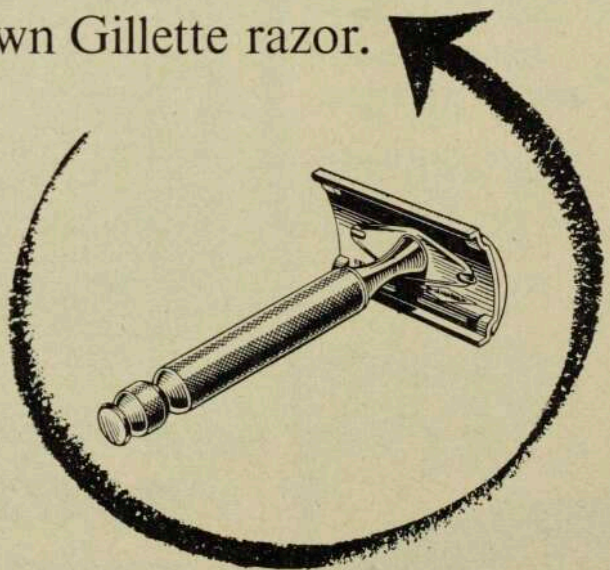


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form this service at some sto
place along the way.

That the recruits should go
less in flight is not the nat
calamity that the Mr. Fitzge
would have us believe, hov
Most of these people are only
a hop ahead of the Stone Age,
are taking their first flight an
positively struck into immobili
the stupendous nature of it.
if Qantas turned on full Super
stellation Connoisseur service,
free champagne, free cigarette
five-course meals, it is doubt
they would become sufficientl
stuck to partake.

This writer has done mor
travelling about New Guinea
native people than Mr. Fitz
is ever likely to do and has se
unkindness to them. They
travel in slightly less comfort
Europeans, but the difference
slight as to be virtually nil.

Papua-New Guinea is stil
most air minded country in
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to travel is also staggering.
attempt is made to provide wh
Dutch official called "proper
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tin dish facing into the cen
the plane, while odd proje
along the unlined fusilage
holes in your back. On some
your knees also bore into odd
of cargo; or as Mr. Fitzgerald
your eyes bore into the eyes o
native opposite-number, ev
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It says something for the o
of the milk of human kindnes
flows through Mr. Fitzgerald
after seven or eight hours o
sort of thing he was able to
a blow for the down-trodden
Most people are fully taken up
ing themselves.

However, it should be note
it is *not the resident of New G*
who complains, but the visito
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in many places. No one wh
ever spent days or weeks, cli
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mountains will ever complain
hard seat or lack of a mea
plane. At least now you h
seat, of a sort; and a safet
Not so long ago you sat on the
and took your chance.

There is another reason f
complaining, too. As the air
panies are fond of telling
services just don't pay, and
are going to start demandin
cabin-service, well then, na
fares will have to go up. A
most NG residents throw up
hands and say, "Anything but

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HO WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE?

New Hebrides "Could Have an Air-Service Now"

If the traffic is offering, there is no reason why the New Hebrides hould not have an interim flying-boat service pending the establishment of irfields and commencement of land-plane services.

The job of providing suitable aerodromes in the New Hebrides is the responsibility of the Condominium government—and no one else.

Another charge against Qantas is that they ran all other competition out of the skies and then abandoned the Condominium to its fate. In view of the Ansett offer, however, it now appears that there is an alternative to the present state of stalemate. The planes are avail-

HIS was stated in October by Captain Middlemiss, officer in charge of Ansett Airways Pty. 't's Flying Boat Division.

ll that is required, said Captain idlemiss, is that some live agent ange the bookings and freight. company will make a charter ht at the usual charter rates, at time, with a flying boat.

antas withdrew flying-boats from slands services in June this year, since then the New Hebrides been without an air-service. s has caused a great deal of inenience to residents of the rides, and PIM has received ny letters of complaint.

lany Hebrides residents appear elieve that Qantas is at fault—e have gone so far as to state this airline withdrew its flyboats out of "spite" or "in retalin." This is plainly ridiculous—Condominium government had le warning that flying-boats to be withdrawn on a certain , and it did little or nothing to the disused war-time airstrips rder for land-planes. Latest rts indicate that the chosen rips at Vila and Santo are still within measurable distance of g up to Civil Aviation requirets.

me Hebrides residents believe Australian Department of Civil tion experts chose the wrong rips for reconditioning; others k that as the demands of the tralian department carry so h weight, the Department itself ld go ahead and recondition the rips.

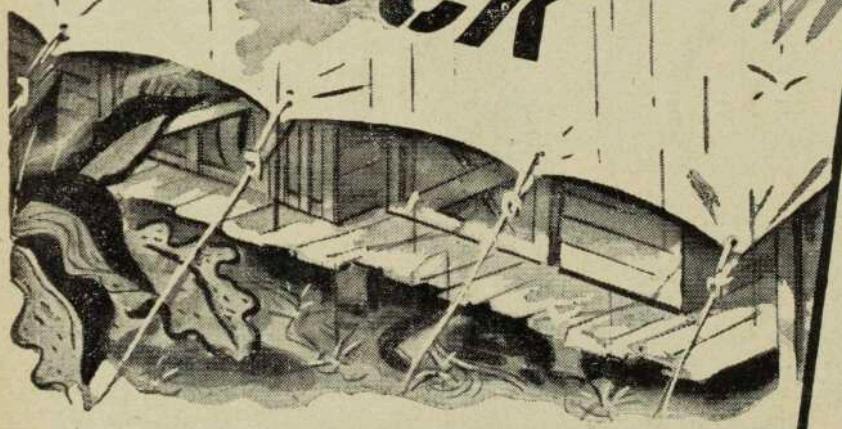
is, in fact, true that in the ds around Australia, where air ces are vital, the Department mes an importance rarely rded a government instrument-. It is a fact, also, that some the high-handed methods of of the servants of the Departt have not always been popular the Islands public. However, ar as the disputed airstrips in New Hebrides are concerned, Department is morally and ly right.

pointed out in October PIM, is a distinct difference between qualifications necessary for an drome used for scheduled, inational passenger services, and used for charter flights which ate only as and when circumces permit.



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...e—but the initiative will have to ...e from the Hebrides.

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...R GORDON TAYLOR will soon have a rival in running air tours to the Islands and NZ. ...nsett Airways will commence ...ng-boat tours to New Zealand ...s summer, and expect to be mak- Pacific air tours in 1956.

...n December, 1955, the company make two charter flights from ...llington to the Chatham Islands the New Zealand Government. ... Chathams have been without air service since TEAL disposed ...ost of its flying-boats.

EXCITEMENT AT VILA

...E somewhat unexpected arrival ...of a French Leo-45 twin-engined photographic survey aircraft ...ed excitement at Vila on Oc- ...r 8.

...dvice was received of the air- ...t's approach from Noumea only ...inutes in advance of its arrival. ...ublic Works Department team rushed from town four miles to Bauer Airfield, long unused, ...lear it of various obstructions, ...uding a boundary fence which ...es the strip dividing two local ...tations.

...e aircraft, which landed safely, ...commanded by M. Louis Fabre, had arrived to continue Gov- ...ent aerial survey work.

N. Caledonia Air Service Is Doing Well

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, October 31.

NEW CALEDONIA'S internal air-line Transpac, operating with a de Havilland Dragon Rapide, has got off to a good start. In the first two weeks, using one plane and one pilot, the line carried 120 paying passengers.

Most of these passengers have been carried between Noumea and the Loyalty Islands.

The plane also carries freight and mail. For the first time in history the outer islands have been able to receive mail from France less than 48 hours after it arrived in Noumea. Formerly the mail took anything from two to five weeks to arrive, being at the mercy of the irregular sea transport. Transpac is carrying fresh meat to the islands, an item that used to be rare outside the mainland of New Caledonia.

The outlook is so promising that the company plans to buy more planes, another Dragon Rapide and, if possible, a Heron. If this latter machine can be procured, a service to the New Hebrides is proposed, with a stop-over at Lifou Island on the way over.

The company has called for more capital with this end in view.

The service is carried out strictly under control of the Civil Aviation Dept. The air-ground radio communication is handled by the organisation at Tontouta aerodrome. The Dragon Rapide uses the former USA fighter aerodrome at Magenta beach, a couple of miles out of Noumea.

The company plans a trip to the Hebrides within



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the next few days. Calls will be made at both Vila and Santo carrying mail. It is understood that no passengers will be carried.

AIR-FRANCE HANDS OVER TO PRIVATE COMPANY

The local Air France agency announces that from January 1, 1956, the bi-monthly Saigon-Noumea air service will be carried out by the "Compagnie des Transports Aeriens Internationaux" (TAI) a private company. Air France will continue the service until the end of the present year. Negotiations for an extension of the service to New Zealand are still taking place.

Jap Ship Lost Near New Hebrides

IN the News of Smallships, this issue, there is a report of one Japanese fishing vessel standing in the Lau Group, Fiji, and of another being in trouble some days earlier.

Later advice from Vila reports that this latter vessel sank on October 8, after being abandoned.

A message was received in Vila via Suva on October 7 from the Japanese mother-ship requesting permission for *Kuaei Maru*, 83 tons, and *Seizy Maru*, 150 tons, to put in to Havannah Harbour, north of Vila, for shelter. The smaller vessel was in tow with a broken crankcraft and was leaking. A more powerful towing vessel was expected.

Permission was granted but before the French Commandant of Police had arrived on the scene the ships proceeded to sea after being at anchor for only a few hours.

Next day Suva advised Vila that advice had been received *Kuaei Maru* had been aband in rough weather and was slowly sinking. Mariners warned, and there the inc ended.

¶ Members of the Fiji Copra for the next two years are M W. G. Johnson, R. N. Caldw G. Archibald, L. R. Martin, Hedstrom, Inosi Vatucicila, Simpson, Ulaiasi Vosabalavu.

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MISSION JUBILEE

HE Mission of the Sacred Heart this month celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its establishment in Fuiji district of Papua.

lore than 2,000 Fuiji and Goilala ives took part in the four days celebrations.

ifty years ago, when the Sacred rt Missionaries went into the , the Fuiji people were among fiercest warriors in Papua. In , a Catholic Mission Station was blished in the area at Nambu, he Reverend Father Fastre.

ather Fastre died only three ths ago. He was noted, apart m establishing the Mission ion, for introducing coffee and hona to the area.

is year's celebrations were con- ed by Bishop Sorin, of Papua.

FREAK ACCIDENT

1,000 to 1 chance accident in Moresby in late September ted in a Dept. of Civil tion typist spending a day in ital. The typist—Miss Majella abe—was knocked down and in- by a car while she was work- n her office at the DCA build-

e accident occurred when the s of a DCA vehicle failed and ar crashed through the wall of McCabe's office. She was ed for cuts and bruises.

APUAN GIRL SITS FOR LEAVING

the first time, candidates for year's Leaving certificate in alia will include a Papuan— Maniana, of Kwato.

s Maniana hopes to study nurs- fter she has matriculated. She present at the Firbank Church ngland Girls' School in Vic

ACY TO PROVIDE UNI. EDUCATION FOR PAPUANS

was announced in late Sep- r that the first two scholar- for Papuans, provided by the r. Walter Strong, will be avail- in 1959.

scholarships will pay for the rsity education of Papuan nts for 5 years.

Strong died shortly after the ar and left more than £250,000 dney University in a Trust the interest from which will d for the University education igible Papuan students. (Dr. g was a former Chief Medical r in Papua; he retired in the

PAPUANS AS RIVALS OF THE JAPS

Coastal natives in the Western districts of Papua are reported to be anxious to work in the Thursday Island pearling fleets.

A new member of the Western District Advisory Council, the Rev. Mr. Price, of the LMS, told the September meeting of the Council that a delegation of local natives had asked that their request be considered.

The Council decided that the Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck, be asked to make a decision on the matter.

SALVATIONISTS FOR THE TERRITORY?

The familiar uniform of the Salvation Army was seen in Papua-New Guinea late September.

Two senior officers of the Army's Headquarters in Australia toured the Territory to look into the possibility of extending the Army's Mission Work to Papua and New Guinea.

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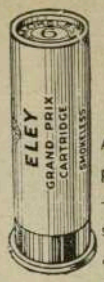


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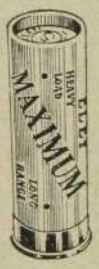
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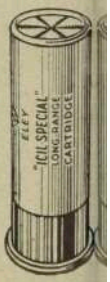




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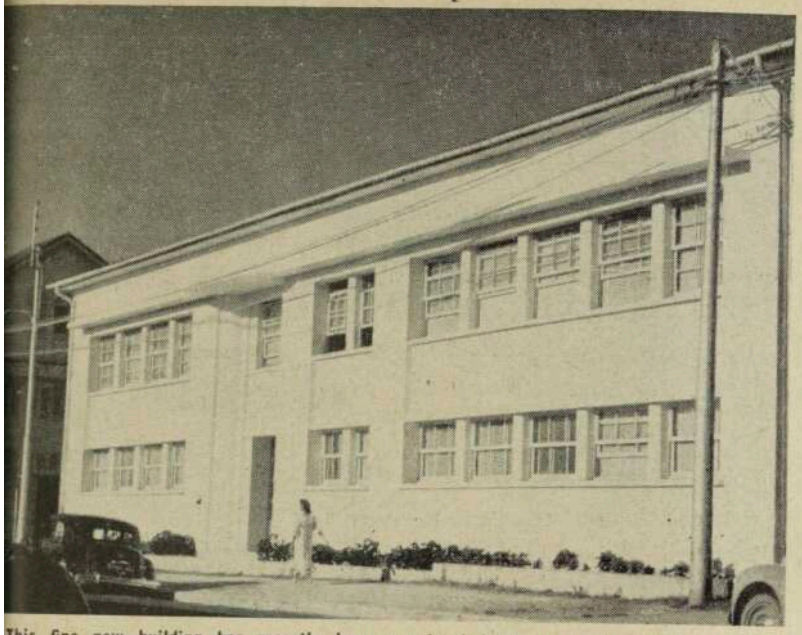
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th Director, Captain Carpenter. ir tour lasted about 10 days. efore returning to Australia, tain Carpenter said that the decision whether or not to include the Territory in the Salvation Army's Mission Field would probably be made at an international level.

He and Colonel Scotney would prepare a written report for submission to the Australian Headquarters. (It was always said in pre-war New Guinea that if the Salvation Army—with its uniforms, brass-bands and bright music—ever entered the NG mission field, the rest of the missions would have a tough time keeping their adherents. It was understood that the Army

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was officially discouraged from establishing itself in the Territory, although it functions in Asian countries to Australia's north. But there are so many different brands of Christianity being hawked in P-NG these days, one might well ask: Why not the Army, too?)

REAL TERRITORIAN ADMITTED TO P-NG BAR

The son of a former Port Moresby business man was admitted to the Bar of the Territory Supreme Court at a short ceremony in Port Moresby late September.

The Barrister and Solicitor is Peter Jefferson Clay, a son of the late Mr. J. R. Clay. Mr. Peter Clay, who was born in the Territory, will be associated with Mr. J. I. Cromie.

LABOUR SHORTAGE IN HIGHLANDS NOW

Concern is growing in the New Guinea Highlands over the number of natives leaving the area for work on the Coast.

The Chairman of the District Advisory Council, Mr. Ian Downs, told a recent meeting that about 8,000 natives were away from their villages in the Highlands. The majority of them came from the Chimbu Valley which had a population of about 80,000.

Mr. Downs suggested that recruitment from the Highlands could be reduced if employers on the Coast got natives to offer for work on a day-to-day basis, particularly where the natives lived close to the plantations which were now using Highland labour. Mr. George Greathead said that the time was fast approaching when the labour demand within the Highlands would exceed the availability. This applied to the Western Highlands as well as Eastern Highlands.

He pointed out that coffee gro in the area had had considera trouble in the past few months ting sufficient labour to carry

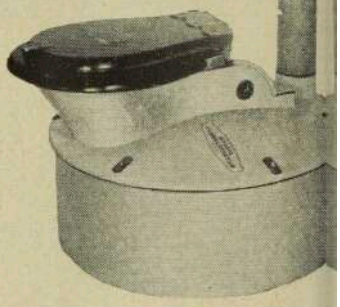
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abour was vital to the Territory. He suggested that the Administration should liberalise the employment of natives not under indenture. Mr. Downs also suggested that the minimum wage of 6/- a day for day-labourers be reduced to 4/- or 5/-. Employers should then offer more work to day labourers.

ADMINISTRATION SATISFIED WITH RABAUL ROADS

A direct appeal to the Administrator was made by Mr. Don Barrett this week for funds to seal the town roads in Rabaul. He said he believed much of the current sickness in Rabaul was due to the shocking state of the town roads. Dust was the main problem.

The Administrator replied somewhat tersely to Mr. Barrett the same day. He said that it was a pity Mr. Barrett did not ascertain the facts before making public statements, that funds were in fact available, and the Department of Works had been asked to prepare estimates for the work to be done with the money. He went on to say that there appeared to be a lot of confused thinking in the Territory as to what instituted the Territory's Three-Year Plan (of Development). It was, he explained, the collation of the most pressing needs of the Territory for balanced development which was considered could be undertaken over a period of three years. It was obviously impracticable to initiate in the first year all the various works included in the Three Years Programme.

The Administrator said, however, that a selection had been made of the work to be undertaken this year, and meanwhile, the necessary investigations, surveys and designs would be prepared for work to be started the second year.

Mr. Barrett replied later that he was not satisfied with the answer, and would take up the matter again at the next meeting of the Rabaul Town Advisory Council.

APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME IN OPERATION

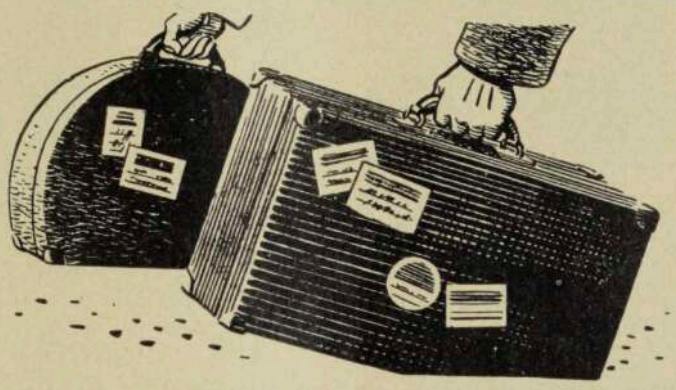
It is expected that more than 100 Territory natives will be engaged in the first year of the P-NG Native Apprenticeship Scheme. This number should increase to 500 within five years, and about half of the apprentices will be indentured to private employers.

The Chairman of the Native Apprenticeship Board, Mr. J. Hohnen, said in October that the natives were showing a particular preference for the building and general construction trades, fitting and turning, motor-mechanics and boat-



The wedding of Miss Maxine Beck, resident of Port Moresby for some years, and Mr. Kevin Gallaher took place at the St. John's Church of England, Port Moresby, on October 14. Mr. Gallaher is on the staff of the Department of Works.

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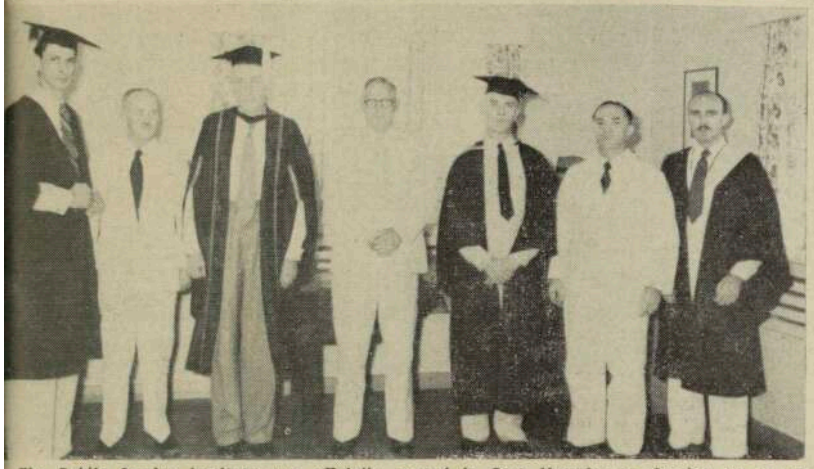
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ilding. There was also a considerble interest in mining, printing nd in qualifying as driver-echanics and marine engine perators.

Mr. Hohnen added that about 50 suitable applications had so far been received from employers.

After attending a meeting of the Board this week, the P-NG Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, said he was extremely pleased with the progress that had been made. The way was now clear, he said, for the full implementation of the apprenticeship scheme. The Administration regards the Scheme as a matter of high priority both for the



The Public Service Institute was officially opened in Port Moresby on October 18 by the ministrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland. Professor E. C. Ringrose, of the University of Queensland, ited Moresby for the occasion. In the photograph (left to right) are: Mr. Brian Essai (inctor), Mr. T. Huxley, Professor Ringrose, Brigadier Cleland, Mr. D. Glastonbury (principal), L. Butler (Chief Public Service Inspector) and Mr. F. A. Negri.

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progress of the native peoples and the development of the Territory.

SEPIK ROAD STIMULATES RICE PLANTING

Mrs. S. Elliott-Smith, wife of the Sepik District Commissioner, became in October the first woman to have travelled by motor vehicle over the new Wewak-Maprik Road.

She accompanied her husband on a trip from Wewak to Yangoru, a distance of 73 road miles.

The DC made the trip to test the road for rapid transit under the present dry weather conditions in the area. He also inspected the improvements that have been carried out on the road since it was opened last April by the then DC, Mr. J. B. White, who took a party through to Maprik during the wet season.

The road, constructed by natives under Administraton supervision, is now being improved by heavy equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott-Smith left Wewak by Land Rover at 6 am and reached Yangoru Patrol Post, 73 miles away at 4 pm. They flew back to Wewak the same evening.

Later, the DC said he was pleased wth the considerable progress that had been made on the road and also on the extensive native rice planting which had appeared along the route since its opening.

LAE-GOROKA BY ROAD BECOMES COMMONPLACE

The Morobe District Officer, Mr. H. P. Seale, this week pulled up outside the District Office at Lae after an 11-hour drive from Goroka.

Several passengers accompanied him on the 370-mile drive to the coast from the New Guinea Hi lands.

Mr. Seale said later that the r was good most of the way and t he had little difficulty fording Umi River, the widest of sev rivers that had to be crossed.

Mr. Seale made the trip in a La rover. (Continued on page

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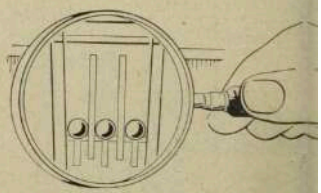
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QUIRY IN FIJI

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HE setting up of a public commission of inquiry into egations of bribery in the Fiji lice Force was announced at Suva October 14 and sittings began in va on November 2.

Messrs. A. M. Duncan, CMG, d D. M. N. McFarlane have been ointed commissioners, with Mr. ncan as chairman.

Mr. Duncan, formerly Chief Comssioner of Police in Victoria, s a member of the comsion set up earlier this year inquire into the methods of intigation of crime by the Fiji ice.

Mr. McFarlane is a well-known va lawyer and a former Mayor Suva.

he Commission will sit in toka as well as Suva.

harges against the Police Detment, especially with regard to alleged bribing of traffic officers, e made by Mr. W. G. Johnson, ominated member of the Legisve Council, when speaking on Council's adjournment motion September 8.

r. Johnson said: "I have had e before me a sufficient number ndividuals who have stated that themselves have given sums of ey to police officers for the pur of gaining certain advantages. se people have made it clear some members of the police e, particularly in the Traffic Dement, have raised improper iers and have then let it be vn, sometimes directly and etimes through intermediaries, by cash payments to support ications the chances of the ications—to put it mildly—are nced."

r. Johnson alleged that driving ces had been issued without and, in some cases, to minors. enger vehicles, he said, had been ed to undertake journeys over above those on scheduled ser- "for the payment of sums like 3 and £2 for each journey."

ter in his speech, Mr. Johnson "All that I have been told and stated has been said by people have come voluntarily before n, Indian and European mem- of this Council within the last days. We members have pledged elves not to disclose the names ese informants."

HEN asking the Government to et up a commission or committee of inquiry, Mr. Johnson "I cannot resume my seat ut castigating the police force whole. It is apparent to me it includes unprincipled officers and some who could not see and did not know what was going on under their noses. . .

"Magistrates are frequently disposed to blame a person offering a bribe more than an officer receiving one. In some cases this may be justifiable, but where an atmosphere is created amongst the public that, unless a bribe or some consideration is offered, the applicant is wasting his time, then the blame must rest much more heavily on the receiver than on the person who offers the bribe."

† With the help of the World Health Organisation, a yaws campaign and leprosy survey will be undertaken in the BSIP in 1956.

Fatal Polio Case At Suva Hospital

POLIOMYELITIS cases, including one death, were causing concern in Fiji in Oct.-Nov. By November 2, nine cases had been reported, six of them in the Suva area.

The seventh case to be admitted to hospital at Suva was Mrs. Netta Tickle, aged 28, wife of Corporal Harry Tickle, RNZAF, Laucala Bay. Mrs. Tickle, the mother of a young child, died on October 19.

† The people of Gardner Island, Phoenix Group, have built a 1,800 ft. bridge across the lagoon entrance to connect two islands.

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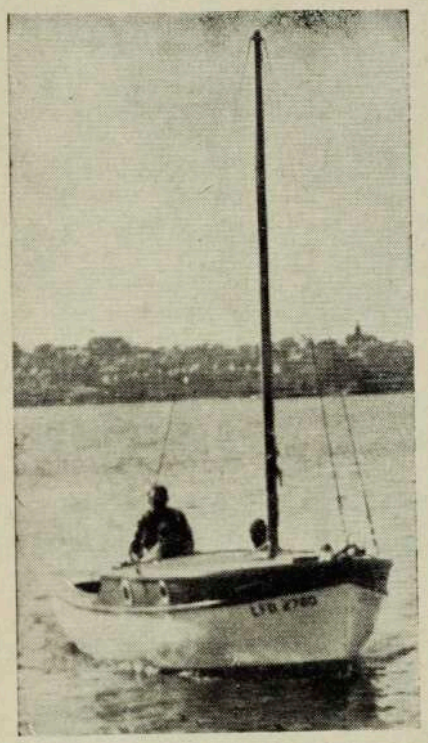
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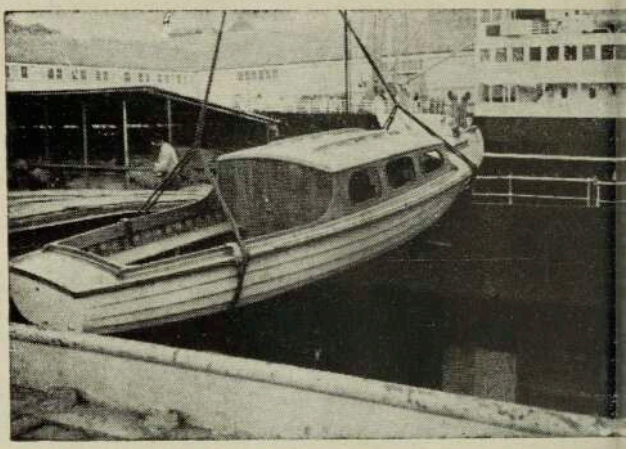
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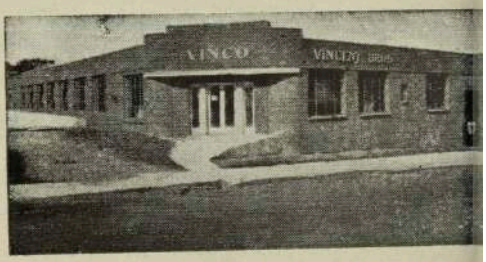
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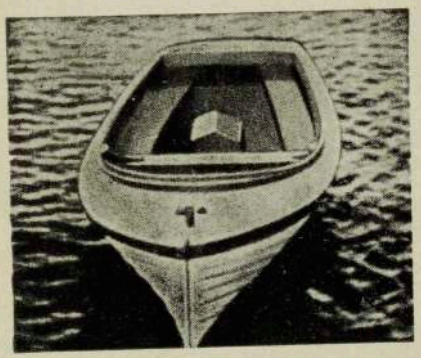
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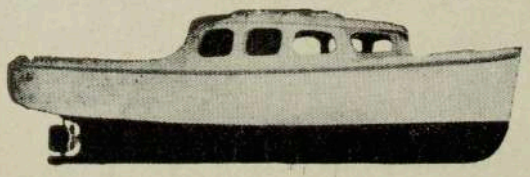


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night of November 22, 1913, an unfortunate one for the ns Philp Line—though it was s before head-office received the s. The steamer *Muniara*, of t 1,000 tons, purchased early in as the *Volunteer*, out on a al voyage from Sydney to rt, Ellice, and Marshall Islands, wrecked on Ebon, Marshalls.

mmanded by Captain I. R. dley, with Mr. C. V. Wood as , the ship was in control of Second Mate when she went up e Ebon reef at about 10.30 pm. sh north-east trade was blow- nd the ship was soon pound- eavily. The boats were cleared but all hands remained with ship meanwhile. By morning ad swung broadside and as it clear that she was doomed a ng was made at the settle-

e ship's launch was then de- hed with four men under the d Mate to obtain assistance Jaluit. A week later the *ania*, from Hongkong, arrived Jaluit and all hands were off and eventually arrived in Sydney with first news of reck.

An inquiry found that the Second Mate had made an error in navigation. Years later, during World War II, he was Second Mate in *Zealandia* when that ship was bombed at Darwin. The crew were being brought south by road in trucks when, crossing a severe bump, the Second Mate was thrown to the road and killed.

At about the same time, Captain Handley was murdered by the Japanese at Tarawa. *Muniara's* Mate, now Captain C. V. Wood, is to-day in charge of Dymock's nautical book and chart-correcting agency in Sydney: and her Third Engineer, Mr. R. L. Waddell, is now Burns Philp's Engineering Superintendent.

SUVA R/T SERVICE:—The maritime radio-telephone service in Suva has always been somewhat confused. Instead of a single Suva coast station providing all shipping services, there are two stations. The Suva Post Office maintains contact with all small craft within the Group, and, on another set of frequencies, the Cable and Wireless station near Lauthala Bay serves vessels outside local waters—wandering yachts, the odd small Pacific tramp-freighter, etc.

In October, Cable and Wireless announced a change in frequencies for this service as from November 1. The station will continue to listen for ships on 6,280 kc/s at 0400 and 2300 GMT for short periods, but will now answer on 4379.3 kc/s at the 0400 GMT schedule, and on 8811.5 kc/s at the 2300 GMT schedule.

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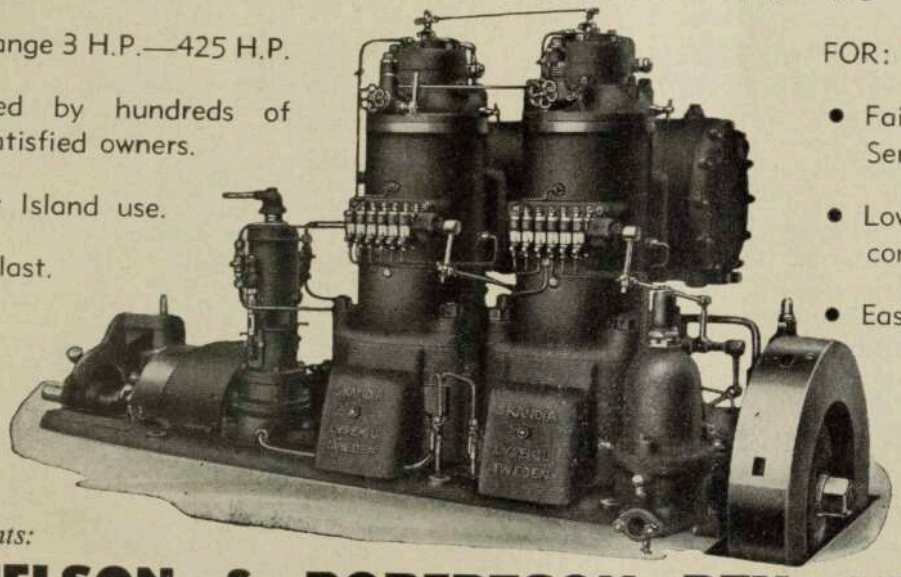
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AGAIN THE GIBSON GIRL:—The disappearance without trace of *Joyita*, reported elsewhere, provides another unhappy opportunity to stress in this column that very few Pacific ship-owners are availing themselves of at least one inexpensive safety measure that is to hand—the war-surplus Gibson Girl aircraft-dinghy distress transmitter.

Considering that these fool-proof, water-proof, compact sets are available for under £10 in Australia, and that they *could* save the taxpayer a fortune in air-search bills, it is difficult indeed to understand why local shipping authorities in the main Island ports do not insist that every small craft on an open-sea voyage, carry one.

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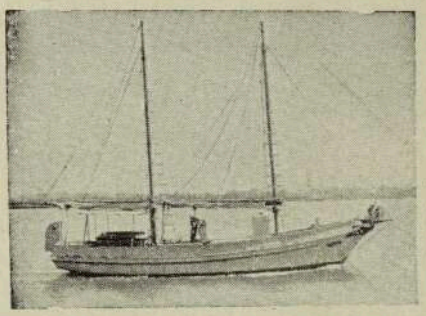
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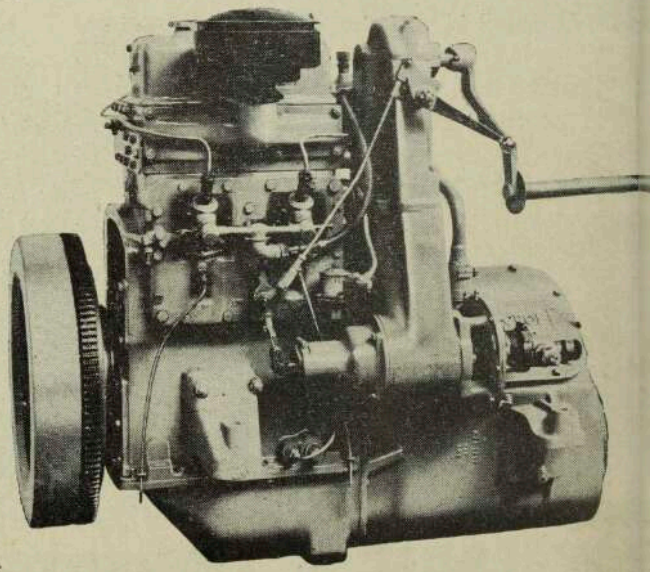
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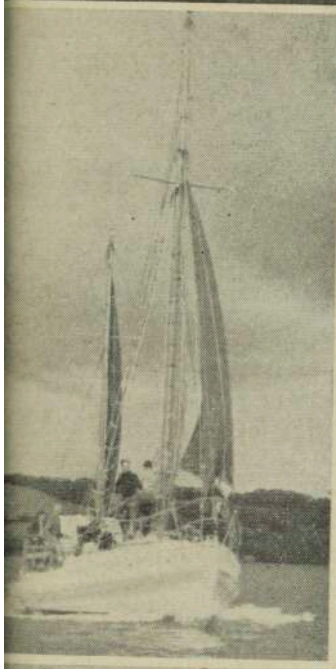
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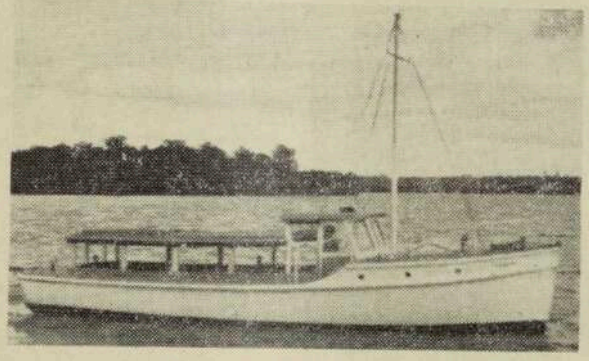
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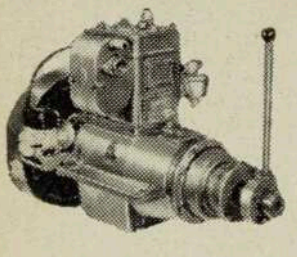
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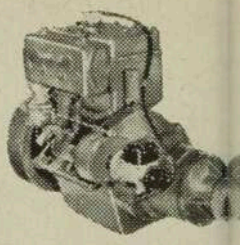
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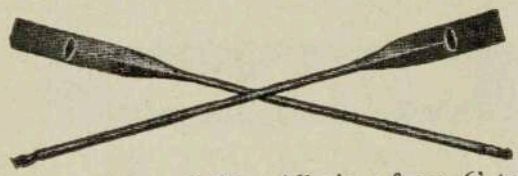
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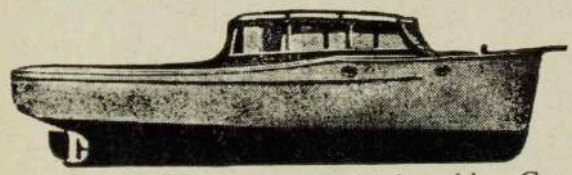
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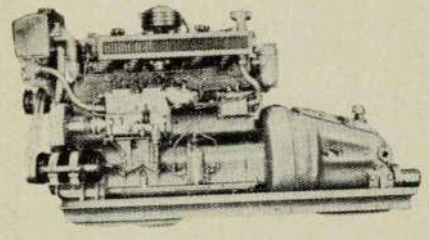
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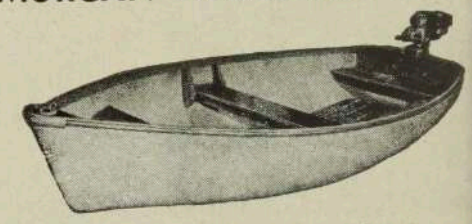
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aki trader John D. Harrington's aquisition, the ex-Dutch yacht Seas", hauled out for conversion to cargo carrying. The use shown has just been added.

—Photo by Mrs. Nancy Phelan.

when cruising offshore. The clubs have purchased their own sets—and they are hired out, at a small fee, to the users as and when required.

They could, and we believe, should be widely used in the Islands. There are later models, operating on high frequency as well as on 500 kc/s. These are, no doubt, expensive to purchase new—all airlines and air forces use them.

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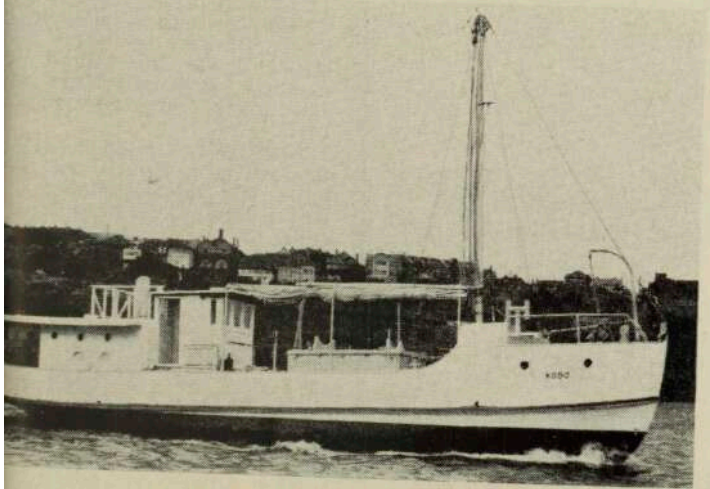


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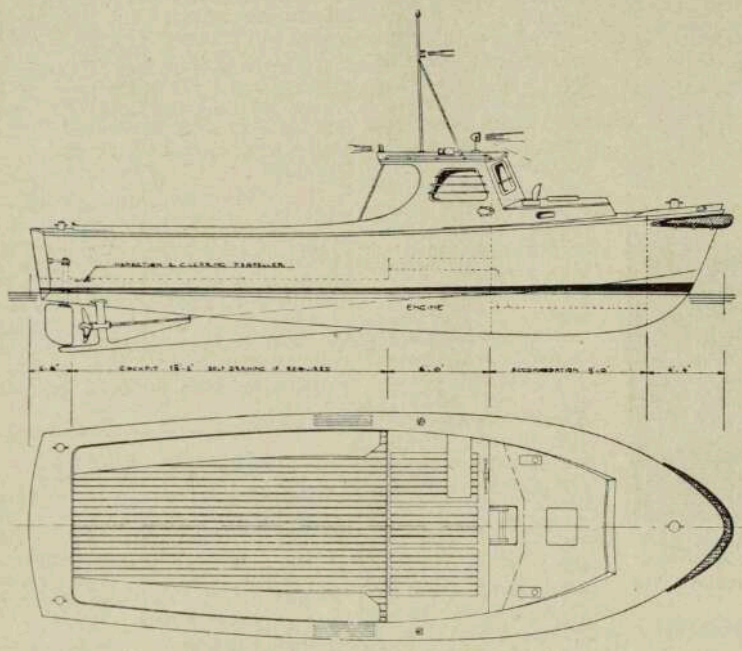
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October 11, Captain Arthur
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This vessel was built at A
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the rescue.

A RNZAF Sunderland with
Harbourmaster aboard, flew
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Still Considering Tax Overhaul

ORE FRUSTRATION IN SOLOMONS

The British Solomons Islands Five Years Development Plan, drawn last year, and to cost £A1,433,204, has been pruned of over A300,000. (Early in its career the Plan was labelled an "If" plan by e member of the Protectorate's Advisory Council—**If** the necessary nds were forthcoming).

HEN the Plan was drawn up, it was hoped that £A595,279 would be forthcoming from the onial Development and Welfare d. This amount was reduced to 87,500 in spite of the personal esentations of the former High missioner of the Western fic, Sir Robert Stanley.

he Protectorate's Five Years has therefore had to be re-sted—some projects to be nced in a different manner and rs to be postponed.

was on matters connected with finance that Sir Robert ley made a flying visit to Lon-at the end of 1954. Interviewed Sydney last December, on his back to Honiara, he said that proposals for the development he Protectorate had had a very pathetic reception from the etary of State for the Colonies.

While in London, Sir Robert also discussed BSIP income-tax and surtax and it was hoped that, as a result, the whole tax structure would be overhauled, and encouragement thus given to the establishment of new private enterprise.

In his address to the Advisory Council at Honiara on October 21, the new HCWP, Mr. John Gutch, said: "Sir Robert Stanley had hoped that the outcome of the discussions would be available in time for him to make an announcement before his departure (on pre-retirement leave) . . . That was not possible and I regret that I am still not in a position to add to his previous statements on this subject, except to say that I will continue to press for an early decision."

Editorial Note

IT has been abundantly clear for a decade that the Pacific colonies are of small interest to the Colonial Office, and that the unfortunate Cinderella islands of the Western Pacific High Commission are of virtually no interest at all. And failing the discovery there of oil, gold or uranium in spectacular quantities there is likely to be little change in the UK attitude in the next decade. From London only the

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glamour colonies of East and West Africa are discernible to the naked eye of Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir Robert Stanley brought amazing enthusiasm and industry to the thankless job of administering his scattered territory, and, in particular, to giving the BSIP a reason for being. Considering the material available to him, his administration performed miracles in restoring the Protectorate to working order after total destruction during the war. But in material advancement—the introduction of new money and new blood and new enterprise—all his efforts came to nothing. If he did not retire with a broken heart in June this year it is only because top ranking officers of the Colonial Service have developed hearts that are not easily broken.

The task in front of his successor may in some respects be easier in that the post-war foundations have been laid; but if in the future, Mr. Gutch's administration is to be known as the Golden Age of Solomons' enterprise, he is going to require a large measure of luck; he can be reasonably certain that the establishment of the Secretary of State for Colonies will afford him very little help in attaining that end.

In spite of hopes and plans to the contrary, the BSIP still has a one commodity economy—that is, coconuts. And the bulk of that industry is in the hands of one company which in the past has a the largest factor in controllin world price of copra to the un of private planters everywher

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MV TULAGI BATTLE

ROUND TWO GOES TO THE OWNERS

WHEN Burns Philp's new *Tulagi* arrived in Sydney on her maiden voyage some months go, PIM reported (July, p. 127) hat the Merchant Service Officers' uild raised strong objections to the y-out of officers' accommodation. Main points of contention were he radical provision of equivalent ccommodation for Chief Engineer nd Master, on the bridge deck, both pening into the sacred chart room; nd also the placement of deck fficers' accommodation down below the working alleyway.

The Guild pointed out that it had ven the owners full details of bjections while the ship was being uilt and in response to a request r comment on the accommodation ans made by the owners. The mers had not acknowledged receipt these objections, and the ship was mpleted according to the original ans.

After negotiations in Sydney, *ulagi* sailed on Island Voyage No. under a temporary truce which volved the housing of certain ficers in accommodation intended the owners for passengers.

Since then further Court hearings ve proceeded and have ended in e owners winning the case. The oceedings were not in public, but e case will undoubtedly be one wide interest in nautical circles. The deck officers appear unhappy out the decision.

uccessful Year for Fijians' Land Board

IJI'S Native Land Trust Board continues to expand and at the same time maintains a small ess of income over expenditure. "This is as it should be," states annual report. "Our respon- ility is to use our income in the t interests of the management, intenance and development of lan land and not to make a large fit from our poundage."

ncreased income in 1954 was due the fact that several large leases l been renewed, with a consider- e rise in rental in each case, and t a large number of expired ses in areas where reserves were yet known had been inspected l the occupiers given letters of ancy at enhanced rentals.

he report points out that this l facilitate the issue of new provals when it is possible again ive leases in the areas concerned. also ensured that the owners of land received a fair rent at to-date values.

Ex-Suva Residents For Pakistan

DISTANT places are again beckoning Mr. and Mrs. Frank Exon, who until 1954, were well-known residents of Suva, Fiji.

In mid-November they are off to Karachi, where they will live for two years while Mr. Exon supervises the installation of equipment for complete overseas telecommunications, internal radio network and coastal radio service being supplied to Pakistan by Australia under the Colombo Plan.

Mr. Exon was in charge of the activities of Amalgamated Wireless (A'sia) Ltd. in Fiji for many years. But when British Commonwealth radio communication was nationalised after the war, and when the Fiji Broadcasting Commission took over radio broadcasting in that Colony, AWA's enterprises in Fiji came to an end. Mr. Exon was transferred to Sydney last year.

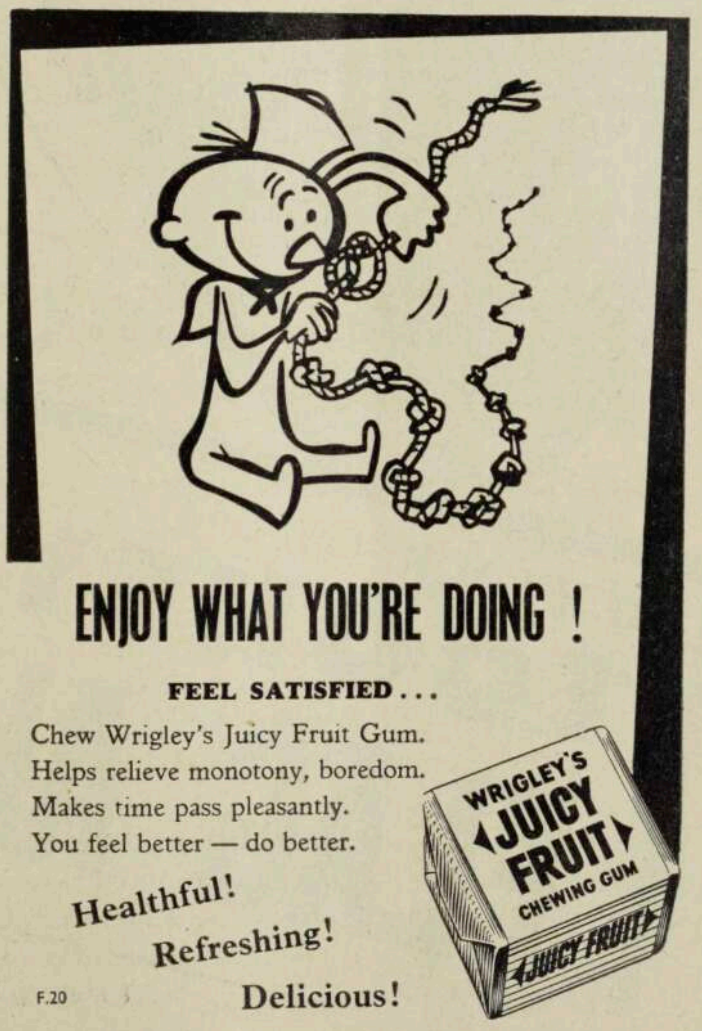
Yet Another Victim Of Dynamite-Fishing

YET another death has been caused by the disastrous practice of fishing with the aid of dynamite, reports PIM's Noumea correspondent.

The victim was a Banks Islander who was a member of the crew of the Santo (New Hebrides) ketch *Le Gratteur*.

The man is reported to have taken a dynamite cartridge and detonator ashore for fishing. Soon afterwards he lost both his hands in a premature explosion, and died at the Santo Hospital.

† The Rev. R. P. Garrity, attached to the Anglican Melanesian Mission in the Solomons for the past 20 years, has now been transferred to London. Mr. Garrity, Mrs. Garrity, and son Robert, departed from Honiara per *Tulagi* in October.





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Travelled North on MV Bulolo



Amongst Papua residents who travelled from Australia to Port Moresby on the September "Bulolo" were (left) Mr. and Mrs. Denny O'Connor and family; and (right) Mr. and Mrs. W. Harris and their two children. —Photo by Papuan Prints.

Most Reverend Paul Maze, SSCC, Pro-Vicar Apostolic of French Oceania, returned to Papeete in September after a visit to Rome.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Nordman of Papeete on October 12, and has been named Clifton.

¶ Captain Jack Treacy, veteran Queensland aviator and founder of Queensland Air Navigation Co. in 1930, has gone to New Guinea to establish a coffee and tobacco plantation in the Wahgi Valley, in association with Sydney importer, Mr. Peter Turnbull.

THREE BIBLES REPLACE ONE LOST OVERBOARD

THREE Fijian Bibles to replace that lost during the now-famous canoe voyage by three young boys from Moce Island to Lakeba (September PIM) have been delivered to Suka, Titoko and Veikauyaki.

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† By promptly noting a car-number, the native caretaker at the Lae golf links enabled the police to arrest a European alleged to have broken into the clubhouse.

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NORTH AFRICANS ARE LOOKING TO NEW CALEDONIA

THOUSANDS of letters—most of them from North Africans—asking about the possibility of settlement in New Caledonia have been arriving at Noumea, reported PIM's Noumea correspondent in late October.

A single Air France plane brought 2,000 such letters.

Cause of the excitement was an article in the Paris newspaper *Le Figaro*, which stated that workers of all kinds were needed in New Caledonia, and gave the Labour Inspector's office at Noumea as the place to which applications were to be addressed.

Soon after the appearance of this statement the avalanche started to descend on Noumea, an early air-mail bringing some 1,200 applications. Most of these came from the politically stormy regions of Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria.

The New Caledonian authorities have taken steps to correct the misleading character of the published article.

This development has come on top of the recent controversies over rumoured proposals to transfer 20,000 troops from Indo-China to New Caledonia and to resettle thousands of displaced Eurasians in the Pacific Colony.

† Mr. Basil Brown, who was a primary school teacher in Rarotonga some years ago, has recently been appointed inspector of schools in the Gilbert and Ellice Isl Colony.

† TEAL recently disposed o last idle Solent flying-boat. will be broken up for scra Auckland. Only the two Sa on the Coral Route Services remain.

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Letter to the Editor

P-NG's First Apprentice

Please permit me to correct the tatement made in the block title n page 31 of PIM September issue, hereby Mr. Allan Heath "thus be-omes the first European apprentice n Papua-New Guinea."

Your old friend, the Common-ealth Department of Works, has een training European apprentices hroughout the Territory since De-ember 29, 1948, when 15-years-old ony Jefford signed his indentures, commence a 5 years period of pprenticeship in accordance with he conditions prescribed in The pprentices and Minors Act 1929/45 Q'ld.). Correspondence courses ere and still are arranged through he Brisbane Technical College.

Since December, 1948, many young erritorians have either commenced, ompleted or transferred on in-enture to the Territory, therefore is hard to understand why Can-erra had to pass a special amend-ent to the law in young Mr. eath's case.

I am, etc.,
KEN McCANCE

ort Moresby,
ctober 10, 1955.

(NOTE: The information referred was supplied to our reporter by r. S. Heath, father of the appren-e. Mr. Heath, Snr., is now him-lf a resident of Moresby. It is ssible that none of the post-war ntenders for the title are the "first uropean apprentice in P-NG"—uinea Airways appear to have had pprentices at their workshops in e in the 1930's).

ninhabited Isle For ale, but rice Not Mentioned

WHEN potential lotus-eaters in the Northern Hemisphere send wistful letters across the uator asking about the chances of uiring a South Sea Island, the iction in the south is usually a l of merry laughter.

But one such inquirer, Sergeant T. wney, of Bovington, Dorsetshire, s been offered an uninhabited ian island by an Indian, Mr. Ram Chaudhary, of Suva.

Not long ago Sergeant Downey ote to the British Council repre-ntative in Fiji (Mr. C. Miller) king the sale or lease of an un-abited island where he and his w wife, and a friend and his new fe, could settle in about a year's e.

In response to the appeal, Mr. Ram Jit Chaudhary has offered an island of about 200 acres, "situated in a very beautiful spot which provides a luxurious fishing resort and is only about an hour's run by launch from Suva."

The climate, it is added, is like Suva's—some people might regard this as a not unalloyed recommendation—and the island is summed up as "just the thing required by the English couples."

In conclusion, the potential vendor mentions: "I am not quoting any price, but shall be glad to receive an offer for the purchase of the island."

† M. Jean Vidal, late head of the Public Works Department in French Oceania, recently arrived in Vila to take up a new appointment as Superintendent of Public Works, New Hebrides. Mr. W. M. Terry, Acting Superintendent, has now gone to New Zealand on furlough.

¶ Mr. R. C. Macpherson, chief of staff of the *Daily Mercury*, Mackay, Queensland, and formerly of Fiji, was a member of a party of five Australian Press and radio men who toured the South Island of New Zealand in November and December as guests of the New Zealand Department of Tourists and Publicity.

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etter to the Editor

McLEOD OF THE N. HEBRIDES NO BLACK-BIRDER

T was good to see Mr. H. E. L. Friday's article in your September issue denouncing Neil obinson's unfounded remarks on onald McLeod. My brother, raham, wrote protesting to Hodder d Stoughton Ltd., the publishers Robinson's book, *Lion of Scotnd*, and also to Wilson and rton Ltd., of Auckland, New aland (by whom, I understand, binson is employed).

There were polite replies, but they uld only refer us to Robinson, d a letter to him, written on June last year, brought no reply.

The facts are much as stated by . Friday. The McLeod family, luding my mother—then Flora Leod, aged 18—and Donald Mcd, about 14, arrived in Auckland the *Bredalbane*, in 1858. Donald Leod was of seafaring stock, and ut 1870 he went to the Islands, became the main pioneer of the Hebrides.

In a dangerous age, and faced with all sorts of difficulties, he established a great name for himself with both Europeans and natives. Robinson, however, comes out with a fantastic story of black-birding carried out by McLeod for Queensland. My brother and I know Donald McLeod had no part in black-birding; certainly he recruited labour for his own plantations, but in a proper, legitimate way.

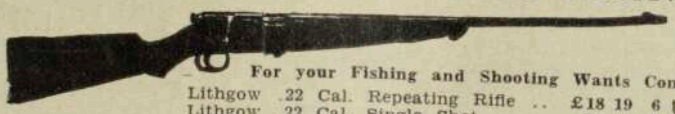
In Donald McLeod's day in the New Hebrides, there was no settled administration—only supervision by British and French warships which visited the Islands regularly. There was no encouragement whatever for British settlement, and the Presbyterian missionaries were against anything but Mission work; they did everything possible to retard British settlement.

The French, on the other hand, encouraged French settlement, and New Caledonia was close by. In these circumstances, Donald McLeod was practically forced to sell out to French interests. A French Company was formed in Noumea by John Higginson, and included the Morgan family (Sir William Morgan, and his two sons—Sir William had been Premier of South Australia).

Now this may have been where Robinson got adrift in his remarks. What the French Company did in the way of black-birding, if any, I do not know, but they could easily use the great name of Donald McLeod with natives, as I know they did in buying up great areas of land in the New Hebrides.

Donald McLeod for a time acted as their business manager at Havannah Harbour, but he was not satisfied with the conduct of the

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Company, and he started on his own again, this time at Vila, which was at that time of no importance, Havannah Harbour being the main business centre on Efate.

Business followed him to such an extent that Vila became the main centre, and eventually the capital of New Hebrides.

He died at Noumea in his 49th year. He left his estate to his brothers and sisters. The estate was distributed to all the brothers and sisters of Donald McLeod, and notwithstanding the stupid assertion of Robinson in his book that some of the family refused to participate, they all took their share.

Who ever heard of a Scot refusing good money? Robinson should know better as he says in his book that he married a Campbell.

I know the facts as I was in New Zealand at that time, not having gone to New Hebrides until 1900. I know that my uncles and aunts in New Zealand were able to spend the remaining years of their lives in comfort.

My eldest brother, who died many years ago, was with Donald McLeod at Havannah Harbour about 1886 for two years before he returned to New Zealand suffering from very severe malaria. He did not see or hear of any of those terrible deeds which Robinson accuses McLeod of performing.

My brother Graham went to Vila about 1896 to carry on the trading there, in the store left by McLeod; he was shortly after joined by the elder brother, James Walter; and I joined them in 1900. The business was carried on in the name of McLeod for a number of years, and as the name was so popular with both Europeans and natives alike, it was of great advantage to us before starting the company of Kerr Brothers Ltd., later.

Robinson, before writing his b could have found out the character of Donald McLeod reading Julian Thomas's *Canni and Convicts;* also by contac responsible persons who knew

Tom Johnston, who for m years was British Consul at Nou told me that he had been in

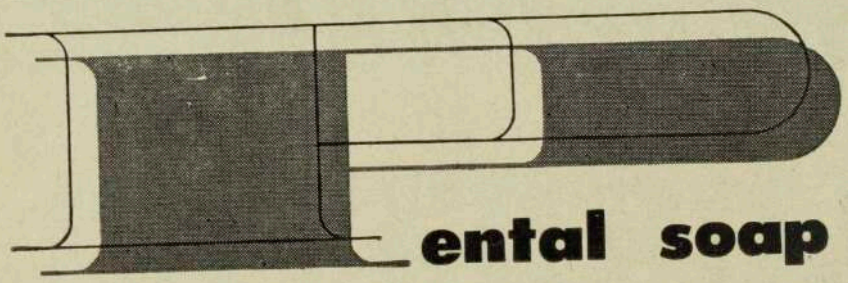
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ess partnership with McLeod, and oke highly of his integrity. William ohnston, a son of Tom Johnston, as been British Consul there ever nce his father's death a number of ars ago, and he no doubt would ve been able to give some valuble information.

All the French, British and atives I met during my stay in e Islands of over 30 years had thing but good to say about Capin McLeod; these people all knew m personally, and many had nefited by his good deeds.

There was Lizzie Facio, whose rents both died when she was a ung child at Havannah Harbour. cLeod sent this girl, the child of nbrym parents, to Noumea to reive a good education. When she ew up she married George Facio, d with McLeod's help they estabhed a good trading business and ntation at Ringdove Bay, Epi. e were associated in business th this same Lizzie Facio after r husband's death, and later she rried Zeitler, the uncle of Tibby gen, when the firm of Zeitler and gen took over the business.

There was also the case of Annie d Gus Petersen. The father, a ede, left McLeod as guardian, d when Petersen died McLeod sent two young children to Sydney, d had them placed in good homes d receive education. Later, after Leod's death, these children were ught to New Zealand, and ught up with our family. They t to school there, and after leavschool Gus was apprenticed to a penter and learnt the trade so l that he became foreman on e big building jobs at Auckland. gave his life in World War I, ving a wife and daughter in New land.

nnie is still living with my sister Pennant Hills, she was very oyed at hearing of the slanderremarks of Robinson about Leod whom she remembers well. pace would not permit me to details of the many good deeds e by McLeod, which have been to me by those who knew him he Islands. The great native ction for McLeod is happily wn throughout the New Hebn chapters of Julian Thomas's .

am writing this letter on beof the McLeod family, and icularly for the family of Flora eod, who married my father, es Walter Kerr, well-known in ngarei, NZ, where he was for y years Chairman of the County ncil. He arrived in Melbourne 1858, and managed to get a age from there to New Zealand he *Bredalbane*.

joined in the Maori war, then up teaching, farming and keeping. When they died, my ler on a visit to Scotland in and my father in New Zealand in 1912, they passed on to their ten children—of whom only five remain, one in Auckland, three in Sydney and one in Noumea, respect for Donald McLeod as a man and a pioneer.

It is a shameful thing that a New Zealander of a newer generation, a man who on the face of it has never come nearer a smell of the New Hebrides than the city of Auckland, should be allowed to traduce such a grand man as we of a former generation know McLeod to have been. The least Robinson can do is to correct his unjustified remarks and apologise for his meanness.

I am, etc.,

DONALD HUGH KERR.

Hornsby, NSW.
October 17, 1955.

† His Lordship Bishop Francis Xavier Gsell, MSC, DD, OBE, well known as a Catholic missionary in Papua in the early years of this century, celebrated his diamond jubilee in Sydney in October. In retirement since 1949, he is now aged 83.

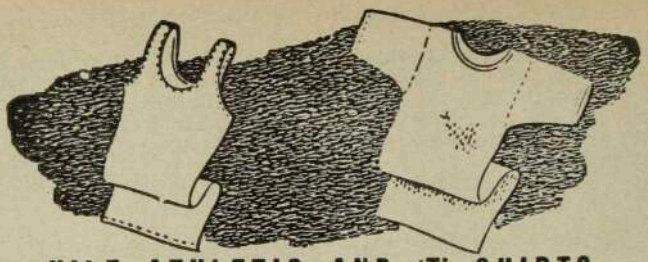
¶ While Mr. P. G. Roberts, District Officer at lonely Christmas Island, Line Islands, is on leave in New Zealand for three months, Mr. H. R. R. L. Cooper, recently on furlough in England, has gone to Christmas Island in a relieving capacity. He was picked up at Canton by RCS *Nareau* in October. Mr. Roberts was to return to Canton by the same vessel then fly to New Zealand.



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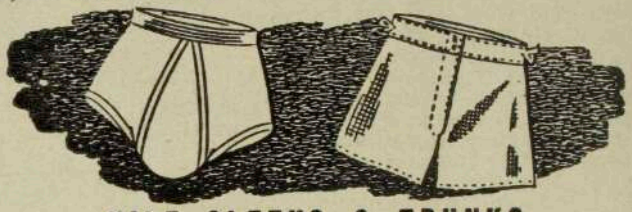
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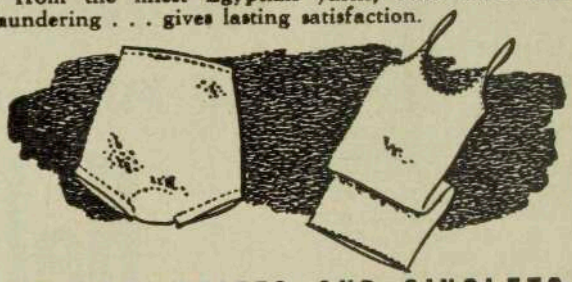
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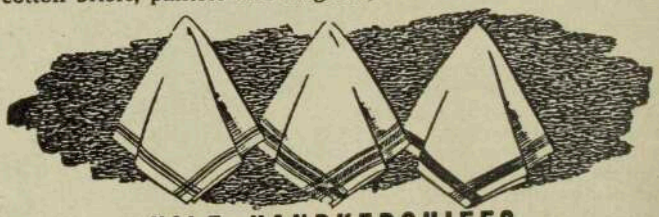
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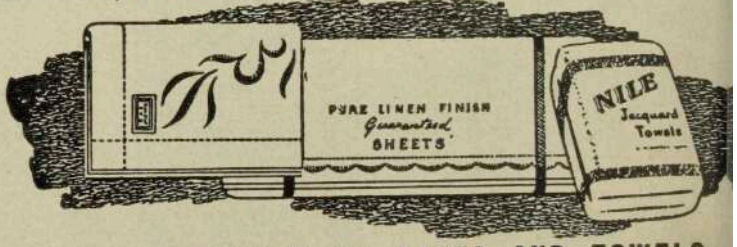
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—Photo by Parker Studios, Sydney.

The Assembly in Papeete recently oted funds for a large new hospital Taiohae, Marquesas. Work is ex-ected to commence some time in 1956. This is the latest move in a development plan which has been proceeding in a small way in the Marquesas for some time past.

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¶ Mr. Barry Philp, proprietor of the Mocambo Hotel, Nadi Airport, Fiji, paid a brief visit to Sydney in October.

Near-Drought in the Cooks

ONLY 4½ inches of rain fell in the Cook Islands during the period July to September, inclusive—instead of the average 16 inches.

In the outer islands, where tank catchments are relied upon, the people were compelled to use wat from the caves and swamps.

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¶ Mr. Glassie Strickland, Jun., h succeeded his father as manager of the Rarotongan branch of Jagg and Harveys.

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Consisting of German-owned lantations taken over in World War I, the original area was 113,560 cres, but because of population ressure and for other reasons, 0,315 acres have been since dis-osed of. The Estates now consist f 11,519 acres under cultivation, 5,363 acres of unimproved bush nd, mostly valueless, and 5,363 cres under lease to individual nants.

Through the years all profits 541,000) have been expended upon onomic and social development the territory. This money nanced Samoa College construc-on, other educational buildings, spital buildings, X-ray plant, adings, the rhinoceros beetle cam-ign, the establishment of the oadcasting station, and the pro-sion of scholarships for the educa-n of Samoans overseas.

The Estates' assets total about 000,000; they are the largest in-vidual employers of labour, with regular pay roll of 1,600 Samoans d 600 more on casual employment. Production in the last financial ar included 2,063 tons of copra rth £126,391; 450 tons of cocoa ans worth £142,752; 94,468 super t of timber worth £7,128; and 24 cattle worth £29,748. The tates showed an overall profit of 0,000 as compared with £101,506 the previous year.

Big plantings of coconuts, cocoa, d coffee are under way. There uld be 130 acres under coffee by end of 1955. About 38 acres of erian coffee are expected to ne into bearing next year. Ten es of Arabian coffee has been ablished. Processing machinery ow on order.

Experimental cross-breeding of u-Hereford cattle is continuing. sent herds consist of 2,000 reford and 400 cross-bred stock the 3,000 acres of grazing land g at the 1,000-2,000-ft level and wn as the Aleisa Cattle Estate. facilitate the droving of cattle n Aleisa to Mulifanua across untainous country, as required seasonal climatic conditions, a d is being surveyed.

t Mulifanua, a secondary in-try based on coir fibre is being ablished. Besides the fibre, rcoal, and coconut-shell flour, d in the manufacture of plastics, be produced. Potash-rich dust products will be used as fertiliser.

Improving Fiji Radio News Service

EARLY in August, Fiji Broadcasting Commission instituted an improved local-news service, replacing the weekly Newsletter with three shorter broadcasts of more current news during the week.

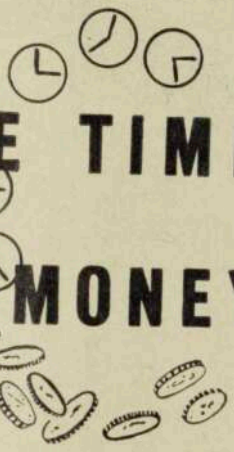
As from October 1, this service was further extended to every night at 9.10 pm, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday nights. The programmes are repeated on the following days at 1.25 pm.

The ultimate aim is to introduce a daily ten-minute broadcast of local news.

† *Fisheries Newsletter*, of Sydney, reports that the Japanese tuna fishing fleet based on Pago Pago receives 9 cents per lb for tuna delivered to the cannery, which is nearly twice as much as Australian fishermen receive from the canneries.

¶ Mr. John Cloke, Senior Superintendent of African Affairs and Senior Welfare Officer at Broken Hill, East Africa, has been appointed administrative functional officer of the British Council in Fiji.

† The Rev. N. C. Deck of the South Sea Evangelical Mission returned to Australia in October after some months in the Solomons inspecting the Mission's various stations.



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Photo: Caine's Studio.

Canadian musician, Mr. Cecil lead, gave a piano recital and roadcast at Suva while visiting iji in October in the course of a orld tour.

† After two months making copra on Takutea Island a party of workers returned to their home island of Atiu, Cooks, at the end of September.

† A Tonkinese bride at Noumea had to postpone her honeymoon when her parents and other relatives, as well as many of the 120 guests at the wedding feast, became seriously ill. Ptomaine poisoning is assumed to have been the cause of the trouble.

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Legco in Session at Rarotonga

THE Legislative Council of the Cook Islands opened for business on October 10 at Avarua, Rarotonga. The NZ Government was well represented—Mr. F. L. A. Gotz, Member of Parliament for Manukau, along with the Island Territories Department's Assistant Secretary, C. E. Quin, and Mr. D. Saywell. Professor Belshaw also attended.

On the second day of the session the Council unanimously approved the recommendation that Maoris be appointed to judicial positions, as a means of increasing the participation of Cook Islanders in the Government.

Under this scheme senior members of the Maori race, who hold the confidence and respect of their people, will be given the power to deal with certain minor offences. High Court procedure will be followed throughout, and the judicial powers of the Maori justices would be precisely defined.

Several amendments to the Cook Islands' Act, 1915, were passed by the Council. The proposal that Public Servants be allowed to stand on Island Councils was also approved.

Other matters to be discussed are proposed amendments in New Zealand to the Cook Islands Pearl Shell Fisheries Regulations, and the Small Boats Travelling Bill.—*Special Correspondent.*

¶ Mr. Harry Lorimer, officer i/c Rarotonga's Power Scheme, left there in late September, on the *Meadowbank*, for furlough in New Zealand.

¶ Mr. Bob Schmidt, Ministry Works Engineer, and acting co sultant to Rarotonga's PWD, r turned to New Zealand per TEAL Aitutaki on October 14.

† The special visit of MV *Matua* Rarotonga in November was t occasion of a major exodus of lea ing Cook Islands residents f hurricane-season furlough in N Zealand.

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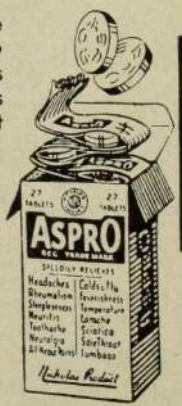


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Three Cakes at this Wedding



Three wedding feasts with a wedding cake or each were part of the festivities when two f Eastern Samoa's oldest families were nited with the recent marriage of Miss aloifi Ripley to Mr. Herman Scanlan.

The bride is the daughter of the late High alking Chief Leoso. The bridegroom is the on of Mr. Sam Scanlan, well-known merchant f Pago Pago.

One of the feasts took place at the Scanlan ome; one at the home of the bride's family; nd the third at the Reception Hall, Fagatogo. ne of the three cakes was given by Mr. and rs. Eugene Paul of Apia, Western Samoa, whom the bride is related.

Photo: Pan American Prints.

Penrhyn Airstrip is Still Serviceable

DURING late September, it was demonstrated that the war-time airstrip, built by the merican Air Force during their ccupation of Penrhyn atoll, Cook slands, is still serviceable.

On September 27, two four-engined hackelton aircraft of the Royal ir Force made a photographic flight om Canton Island to Penrhyn. ne of these heavy machines made successful landing and take-off om the old strip, which has been nused for the last ten years.

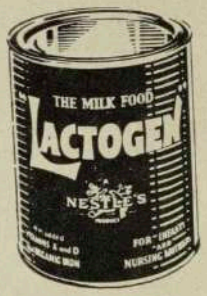


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MAGAZINE SECTION

Tropicalities

IN THE WAKE OF *KON-TIKI*

THOR HEYERDAHL, of *Kon-Tiki* fame, with his wife, son aged 16, daughter aged 2, and twelve other researchers, cleared Panama on October 16 in the ex-fishing vessel *Christian Bjelland*, bound first for Easter Island.

Since Heyerdahl (and companions) made the famous *Kon-Tiki* drift from Peru to the Tuamotu, he has continued research in South America and the Galapagos in his efforts to prove that some, if not all, ancient Polynesian stock originated in South America.

The present expedition, which was organised in Norway, will make drillings and excavations at Eatser Island in search of early artifacts. On completion of work there the party will move on to Pitcairn, Mangareva, and other islands of French Oceania.

It is not yet known how long the party expects to spend at Easter Island.

LITTLE SWEETNESS IN THE GROG

In the Rarotonga High Court in September, the presiding Commissioner remarked on the very few "bush-beer" cases before the Court on that day.

"It is a pity," said the Bench, that this sugar shortage cannot last longer."

To which the Police Prosecutor replied, "It may be, Sir, that the Government might consider restricting the importation of sugar." Perhaps. But the Court should know that bush-beer, Rarotonga style, is by no means dependent on sugar. Canned fruit, dried fruit, golden syrup, molasses, or even candy is called into use when necessity strikes; and when the worst comes to the worst the sweeteners are omitted entirely. There may be some wry faces round the bucket—but the potency is still there.—JPS.

SCOTSMAN WROTE OF FIJI IN 1808-09

THE story of William Lockerby, master-mariner and man of action, who spent nine turbulent months in Fiji in 1808-09, is retold by C. R. Rowson in the *Nautical Magazine*.

Lockerby, who was born in Scotland in 1782, but became a Liverpool man, was chief officer in the *Jenny*, a full-rigged ship, when he landed in hot water at Sydney. It came to the sensitive ears of Governor William Bligh (formerly of the *Bounty*) that, when dealing with soldier cargo-broachers, Lockerby had used the injudicious phrase: "Damn you and the Governor, too!"

After being fined 20 guineas and given a month to cool down in the local gaol, Lockerby rejoined his ship, which sailed in ballast from Port Jackson, in March, 1803, hoping to pick up sandalwood somewhere in the Islands.

Arriving eventually in Fiji (presumably at Bua, in Vanua Levu, scene of tragic incidents in the days of the sandalwood racket), Lockerby landed with a few sailors to arrange for the collection of the wood. But long-standing disagreements with the master of the *Jenny* came to a head, and the ship ultimately sailed without Lockerby and several other men.

In his journal, the young Scotsman tells how he and his companions lived for nine months among warring Fijian tribes, adding: "Eight months thereof I lived quite naked." Throughout their stay the Britons were entirely dependent for sustenance on friendly local chiefs.

Presumably life had its compensations, because when the ship *Favourite* arrived, Lockerby helped to collect sandalwood but elected to stay with the Fijians.

Later, however, he left in the *General Wellesley* and, after a period in China, he returned to his wife and child at Liverpool after an absence of 3½ years.

Lockerby's journal, containing an extremely valuable account of Fiji as it was a century and a half ago, was published by the Hakluyt Society, London, before World War II.

RAISING THE BANNER OF FREEDOM

THE sheet music of *The Banner Of Freedom* is now on sale in Western Samoa at 2/6 per copy.

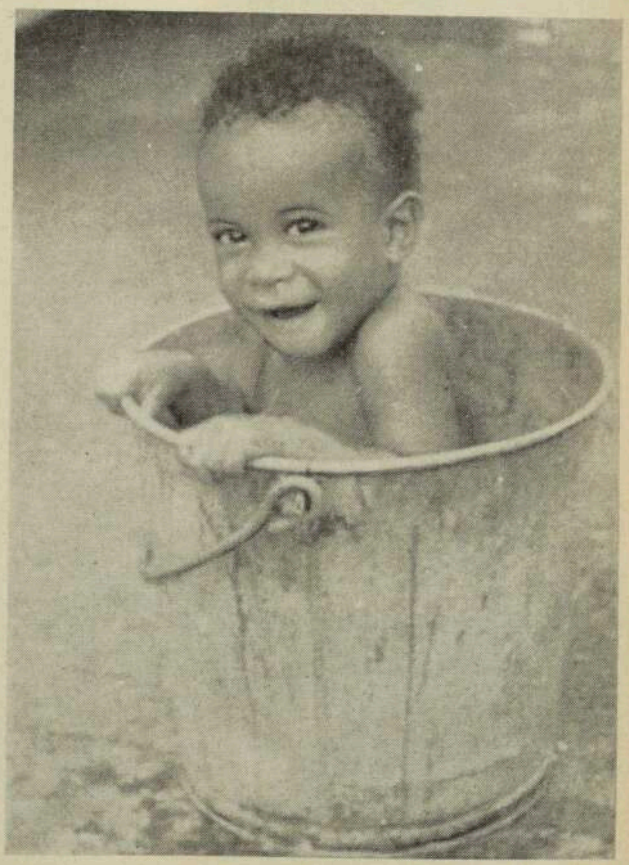
Samoans and Americans in E. Samoa might well object to the title on the two-coloured cover, for above the red and blue flag of W. Samoa are the following words in big print:

THE BANNER OF FREEDOM—SAMOAN NATIONAL ANTHEM.

There are also Europeans and others in Apia who, since publication of the sheet music, have stated that there can be only one National Anthem in W. Samoa—*God Save The Queen*.

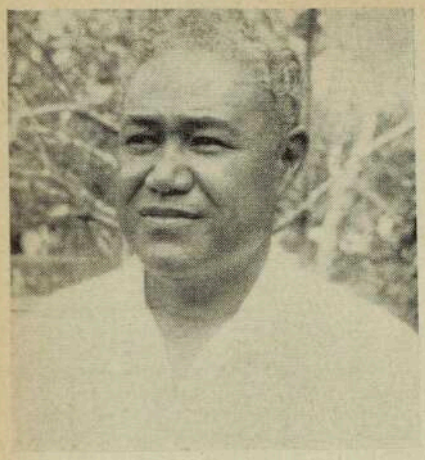
The cover of the sheet music of *The Banner Of Freedom* describes

Two-Gallon Papuan . . .



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Sauni I'iga Kuresa.

it as an anthem selected by the council of a committee set up to choose an anthem to be played at the raising of the flag of the Samoan Government. It was composed for the flag-raising at which W. Samoa's flag was first hoisted beside that of NZ.

Words and music are by Sauni I'iga Kuresa, a Samoan music teacher in Apia.

Although the music has been played at all public ceremonies attended by the High Commissioner since 1948, and Samoans know the Samoan words (reputed to have a more forceful meaning than the English translation) the English translation is not generally known, so it may be of interest to quote the entire translation as published in the bi-lingual verses of the sheet music:

Samoa, arise and raise your banner that is your crown.
Oh! see and behold the stars on the waving banner,
They are a sign that Samoa is able to lead. Oh!

Samoa hold fast
Your freedom for ever;
Do not be afraid, ne'er again your crown shall be taken;
Our treasured precious liberty.
Samoa, arise and wave your banner that is your crown.

Samoans have told me that they are disappointed that the verses contain no reference to religious ideals.

"*The Banner of Freedom*" has been approved by Government, and is performed after *God Save The Queen* on official occasions.—*JACK THORNTON.*

EDITORIAL NOTE: Although there is only one National Anthem in British Commonwealth countries —that is, *God Save The Queen* —there appears to be no valid reason why individual countries should not indulge in the harmless pastime of anthem seeking. For example, there is Australia's unofficial anthem, *Advance Australia Fair;* and NZ's *God Bless New Zealand.* The sentiment expressed in Western Samoa's Anthem might seem slightly exaggerated; the implication that the Samoans must keep on striking a blow, lest freedom be snatched from them, seems to be more fitting for an oppressed Balkan State than for a small Territory in the South Seas. Unfortunately, these days the word "freedom" has lost most of its original meaning and is more frequently used as a synonym for nationalism.

ANOTHER ISLAND CAT STORY

IN September PIM there was reference to Tetiaroa atoll near Tahiti which American newspapers had named Cat Island, alleging, in a colourful story, that it was completely over-run with savage cats, and that whoever conquered the cats might take possession of the island.

Now we have a Cat Island of another sort. Mrs. Jane Robertson, formerly of Fiji, and now of Tomewin, NSW, wrote a series of articles for a country newspaper after a recent cruise which she made to Line Islands in BP's *Tulagi.* S reports as follows:

"A breed of cat has developed Washington Island which has se toes. These cats present a most appearance, but are greatly pri by the natives."

The seven-toed cats are th without doubt—but we can scar wait to see in what new guise t reappear after some further "p cessing" by the American n editors.

† Appeals have been made Noumea families to provide acc modation for the "caravan" o Australian students, led by Hudson (Newington College), w will visit New Caledonia in cember. The French families have the right to send childre visit Australian families under successful exchange scheme initi by Mr. Hudson in 1953.

† Mr. C. F. C. Macaskie, C British Judge of the Joint Cou the New Hebrides, left for tralia in late September due t health.

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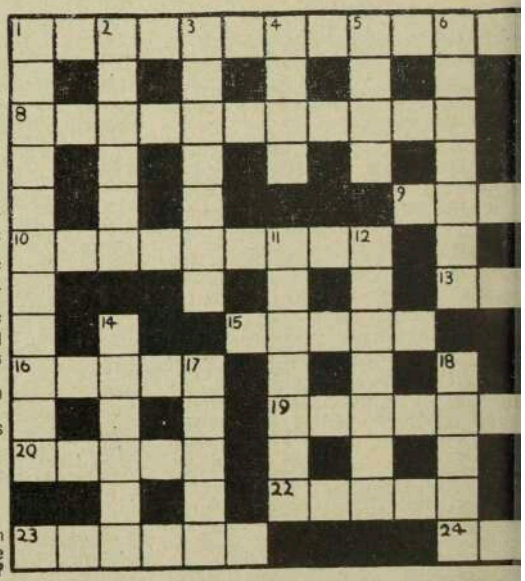
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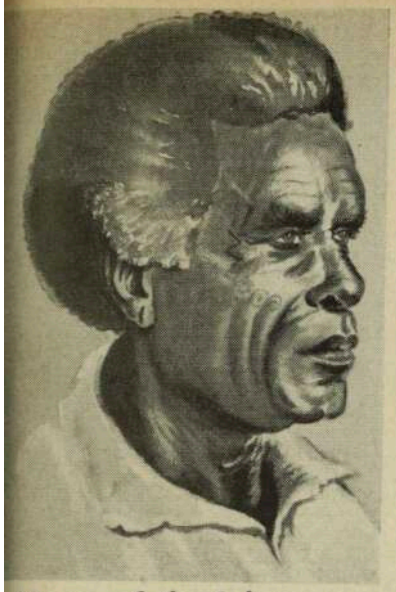
1.—Where was Lady Jane Grey beheaded?
8.—In which mental condition is a patient under the delusion that he is a person of the highest importance?
9.—What is the fibre and outer husk of the coconut called?
10.—What type of balloon was used during the Great War for scouting purposes?
13.—What is a "Borzoi"?
15.—Which French revolutionary leader was assasinated in his bath?
16.—Who is famous for his "Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases"?
19.—What is the secret society which has sprung up amongst Kikuyu tribesmen and is terrorising Kenya?
20.—What is the froth of malt liquors during fermentation?
22.—What is the surname of the actor who played "Oxford Charlie" in Damon Runyon's "The Lemon Drop Kid"?
23.—What does the German word "bitte" mean?
24.—What type of tree is a feature of London parks?

DOWN

1.—What drink of hot rum and eggs has the same name as a well-known screen team?
2.—Which composer of the 19th century revolutionised operatic methods doing away with set ballads and choruses?
3.—Who is credited with having introduced the potato and tobacco to England?
4.—"The temple of . . . is the shortest passage to riches and preferment"?
5.—Eugene O'Neill's daughter is married to Charlie Chaplin—What is her name?
6.—What is the hardest of all minerals?
7.—What is the largest republic of America?
11.—Who is the holder of the record score of 452 not out in first cricket?
12.—During the reign of which kin Portugal become the leading maritim commercial power in Europe?
14.—What adjective means "related father's side"?
17.—Which Roman Emperor brought the capture and destruction of Jerusa
18.—Of which of the United St Augusta the capital?
21.—In what part of the body wo find the humerus bone?



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Vouza, of the Solomons

VOUZA, of the Solomon Islands, is an almost
endary character, but he feels very solid
a ghost. He was, indeed, once left for
d during the war, but now, 12 years later,
appears to be stronger and healthier, both
ntally and physically, than any other native
the same age.

He was probably born in 1900, although it
not sure, as he joined the Native Police in
16. His career had extended over 21 years
en he retired on April 1, 1937, with the
k of Sergeant-Major in the Armed Native
stabulary. Something of his career is des-
bed in the book "Vouza and the Solomon
nds" by Hector MacQuarrie published in
45.

Vouza received the King George VI Coro-
ion Medal in 1938, and this was intended
mark the end of his public career.

When the Japanese brought war to the Solo-
as, Vouza was enlisted in the Solomon
nds Defence Force, as Sergeant-Major, and
many patrols behind and into the Japanese
s on Guadalcanal, which was Vouza's own
ntry. These patrols were used by the
erican forces which landed on Guadalcanal.
uring one infiltration Vouza was captured
the Japs and tortured, but refused to
lge the whereabouts of his superior officers.
was finally tied to a tree and used for
onet practice. He received many wounds,
was left for dead. He later escaped, and
Uncle Sam he received the Silver Star
Gallantry, and the Legion of Merit.
rom Britain he received the George Medal,
settled down after the war to a very
ve public life in his village of Roroni, a
miles from Tetere on the Guadalcanal coast.
is Headman of the village, District Head-
of Tasimboko, Native Member of the
isory Council, and recently, President of
Guadalcanal Council.

e was commissioned as an Honorary Sub-
ector of the BSIP Police, so he would have
niform for State occasions, and in 1953
the highlight of his life. Vouza was
en as official representative for the Solo-
s at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.
the Native Police he left a tradition of
t and faithful service, but not perhaps of
tliness. His service since then, in what
might call local public service is of much
ter value in the development of his race
people. Although he must be 55 years
now, he shows little trace of being beyond
dle age. Vouza is a credit to the British
nial tradition and to his Melanesian race.

—BRETT HILDER.

There Have Been Reports, but

DOES O. SCUTELLATUS LIVE IN PAPUA?

These notes on the deadly Taipan come from ex-Papuan, Sydney H. Chance

IT behoves every resident of Papua and New Guinea, particularly Papua, to know something of the Taipan Snake. That many of them do not know much is obvious, for some of the "taipans" killed have turned out to be different snakes altogether, and one head sent to a leading Australian serpentologist was described by him as that of one of the New Guinea varieties of carpet snake which abound up there.

In 1867, a German named Peters, described under the name *Pseudechis Scutellatus*, a large snake from "South Eastern New Guinea." Subsequently, other specimens were obtained from Northern Australia but because of its rarity, the snake has never become well known, and there appears to be some confusion concerning its identity.

The writer first heard of this Giant or King Brown Snake over 40 years ago from his father on the latter's return from the Spencer-Gillen Anthropological Expedition.

The late Harry Chance was one of those bushmen who knew that the browns were worse than the blacks. To this day many bushmen say that it is the other way round but that is not so, for (and here I quote D. F. Thomson, M.Sc.) the taipan, "now known as *Oxyuranus scutellatus*, is undoubtedly the largest and probably the most dangerous, venomous snake found in Australia."

A seven-footer in Dr. Thomson's possession was not considered a very large one.

The taipan's present name *O. scutellatus* was given to it by Dr. Thomson and its most un-Australian vernacular name of Taipan is what the aborigines of Western Cape York Peninsula call it.

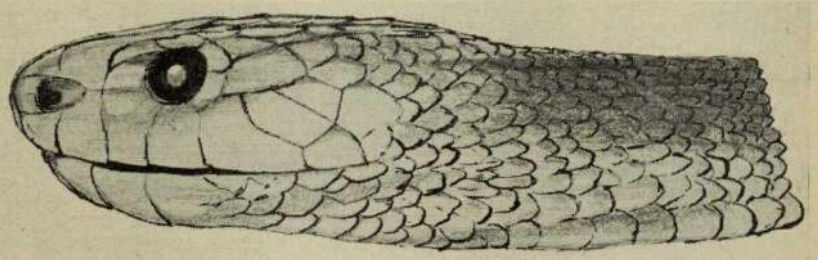
Every Territorian knows how most Australians have difficulty with the "ai" sound, and the paucity of its use on the mainland. There is no doubt in my mind that some Eastern "influence" caused the adoption of the word "taipan," for freely translated, it means Big Boss or Big Shot, in the Far East! More than a coincidence, surely.

The Cape York and Arnhemland natives hold the taipan in great dread (the Arnhemlanders call it Obarko). When annoyed and about to attack, the taipan does not flatten its body dorsa-ventrally but draws in its sides, making its backbone like a keel. It also has the habit of raising one or two coils of its body several inches clear of the ground and at the same time it erects its tail in the air and waves it to and fro, its behaviour giving it a sinister appearance.

Unlike most snakes which seize and chew their victims, the taipan snaps three or four times before taking hold, snapping again at intervals.

The writer does not know of any survivor from a taipan bite. Does anybody?

I have never seen (or heard of) a taipan in thousands of miles of foot "patrolling in Papua." I would welcome any correspondence on the matter and would willingly pay all expenses for a preserved-in-formalin taipan head. What about it, the Champions and others who have been around? There is no mistaking the wicked leer and the reddish eye of the deadly snake. The head drawing is a copy from Donald Thomson's treatise on *O. scutellatus*. The taipan lays eggs.



—Drawing of a taipan, after D. F. Thomson, M.Sc.

When Tonga Shaped Fiji History

The Cakaudrove Wars

IT began long ago when a young chief of Verata (one of the pre-European Fijian kingdoms and situated on the Tailevu coast of Viti Levu) developed a bad case of wanderlust and desired to travel about and see the islands of the Fijian group for himself.

His father consented and put at his disposal a large sea-going canoe and a picked body of followers, as was the chiefly custom. On reaching the Koro Sea, the wind took them to Waikava, on Vanua Levu.

They chanced on a passage through the main reef, but went aground on a small island inside the harbour. This island is called Cakaudrove i Wai.

They remained on this Island for some time but when food supplies ran short they went to Waikava and gradually made friends with those people and the surrounding villages.

Although the Verata people were very peaceful, the warlike spirit of the Waikava influenced the young Verata, and when a strong local force was built up for an attack on Taveuni, the young chief was persuaded to lend the support of himself, his canoe and his followers.

They landed at Wairiki in a very hostile manner, a pitched battle was fought and resulted in the invaders conquering Wairiki. Buoyed up by this success, they set out to subdue the rest of North Taveuni.

During this period, the Verata contingent made a trip to Tunaloa, which is situated on Vanua Levu, Natewa Bay, and here the young chief fell violently in love with the daughter of the local chief.

The girl's father consented to the marriage, a great presentation of native food and goods followed and the young man took his bride back to Wairiki, Taveuni.

After due time a son was born to them, and thus the Verata people became *Vasu* to Tunaloa, and Verata and Cakaudrove people were united.

Vasu (literally nephew) in those days was a powerful thing, paving the way to great privileges. It is still in vogue, but, perhaps, to a less degree. By way of a better explanation as to the meaning, it may be said that a person may go into any district or town to which he is *Vasua*, and demand and take anything that he fancies; nothing can be denied to a *Vasu*.

The title of Tui Cakau now came into use; this was created by the Cakaudrove people who were noted for their fighting. They would not wait for their enemies to land, but on seeing them approach would at once launch their canoes and put to sea at intercept the enemy and fight them on the water by boarding their canoes.

THE first Tui Cakau contracted leprosy and died of it. On his death, his brother (afterwards also called *Bale-ne-matau*) succeeded to the title. As *Vasu* to Tunoloa, he raised an army of warriors there and sailed up to Loma Loma Lau, and conquered some of the surrounding islands, before he returned to Wairiki.

The North Taveuni and Laucala Island people were jealous of this Chief, and a trap was laid for him by the latter. He was waylaid and struck down by an axe, his body was cut up, the Laucala people's share being the head, which was cooked on the point of the island of Qamea, known as Mau-ni-ute.

The next Chief to succeed to the title of Tui Cakau was Ratu Golea. He had a younger half-brother named Ratu Mana Korovou, who was a very powerful warrior and who was personally known to Mr. Beddows.

About this time Tongans under a Chief named Wainiqolo landed at Loma Loma, Lau Islands, and hearing about the exploits and deeds of Tui Cakau, collected an army from the Windward Islands (Lau Group), and especially from Mango, Naitauba, and Kanacea.

He tried also to enlist the aid of the people of Yacata, but they refused to fight against their own Chief. Wainiqolo, in anger, promised that when he had finished with Tui Cakau he would go back to Yacata and "wipe your island with your people's blood."

Wainiqolo then sailed to Laucala Island (later owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGowan), where he had more success in recruiting, the Laucala people, being enemies of Tui Cakau, willingly joining up.

Qamea Island fell into line also, as did the people of Boma, on t northern tip of Taveuni. Wainiqol army was now of considera strength, and as he proceeded do the Taveuni coast, taking every to en route, more and more fighti men were forced to join him.

MEANTIME, Ratu Golea (Cakau), hearing of the Tong invasions under the leadersh of Wainiqolo, sent to Tualoa, Natewa Bay, and using his pov of *Vasu* gathered all the Tua warriors to him.

The following history of the Cakaudrove wars during the mid-19th century in Fiji has come to us through the South Pacific Commission, Social Development Section, to whom it was sent as a manuscript for micro-filming, by Mrs. L. A. R. Howell, elder daughter of the late Mr. W. Beddows, of Vuni Vasa, Taveuni, Fiji.

In 1937, the manuscript was compiled by Mr. P. R. Whysall from Mr. Beddows' dictation and in a note made at that time, Mr. Whysall says that although Mr. Beddows was only a child at the time of the wars, his recollection of events was extraordinarily clear.

It seems certain that in his story, the narrator has somewhat over-simplified the extremely complicated series of events that in Fiji history preceded the advent of Europeans to the Fiji group.

Again, some of his statements may be open to challenge. For example, Mr. Beddows states that Ratu Golea was Tui Cakau and that the Tongan warrior, Wainiqolo, was killed by Ratu Mana Korovou, a brother of Golea. R. A. Derrick, in his History of Fiji, *says that Golea was a younger brother of Tui Cakau, and that it was Golea who met Wainiqolo on the beach at Wairiki and shot him dead with a musket.*

However, whichever version is correct, Mr Beddows' account of events in Fiji a century ago will be of considerable interest.

Wainiqolo and his victorious ar also began to converge on Wai but on coming to a creek nam Nailutau, Wainiqolo saw a la number of pigs running about, being a Tongan, and very fond roast pig, ordered his army to them and to look around for local yam gardens.

During this diversion, an Wairiki native sighted Wainiq and was able to give the ala Quickly, while Wainiqolo's army cooking the pigs and the yams, Cakau's forces were split into tw one part under Ratu Golea defe ing the road; and the other, un Ratu Mana Korovou, defending beach. Later, the two sections again at the mouth of Nailu Creek.

It was while the two section Tui Cakau's army were rejoin that Golea was shot in the arm one of Wainiqolo's sentries, was posted behind a tree 30 y from the road and armed with old flintlock musket, known loc as a "Russia." These muzzle-lo

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ers could fire a large round lead bullet, or if no bullets were available, a round stone was substituted.

A European, named William Coxon, who was known to the natives as Ratu Koli (he got the name because he followed Ratu Golea everywhere—*Koli* in Fijian means dog), saw Ratu Golea stagger and about to fall; he at once led him away to the town.

(During Fiji's cotton boom, Tui Cakau gave Mr. Coxon a tract of land named Soqulo, which later became a large coconut plantation owned by the estate of the late A. A. Cobrough. After the cotton boom burst, Coxon sold Soqulu to a new settler named Hulton, who was afterwards murdered by his Tokelau labourer. Mr. Coxon died in Suva in the 1930's at a great age).

With the retirement of the wounded Golea, Mana Korovou ordered the army to advance. In the early stages of the encounter, Mana Korovou saw Wainiqolo coming towards him, whereupon he rushed right up to him, fired point blank and shot him dead. Then he reversed his musket, and in a state of frenzy, used it as a club.

A pitched battle was fought where the armies met at Nailutua Creek, and many were killed on both sides. A great pit was dug on the Wairiki property (later owned by the Catholic Mission) and the bodies thrown in and buried.*

After Wainiqolo was shot, all the Taveuni army that he had recruited by force ran away, only the Laucala people standing their ground for a while. Ratu Golea's wound healed within a few weeks.

A YEAR or two later Ratu Golea took his army to Loma Loma and ransacked all the islands that had joined Wainiqolo in the battle at Wariki.

At this time Mr. Beddows' father was a settler on a block of land named Kavula, at Loma Loma—Mr. Beddows being a child of 6.

He was taken care of in a specially built nursery and was attended by a native nurse girl. The nursery was a separate building and the child was kept here for safety.

One of Ratu Golea's warriors, a Tunoloa man, went to the nursery door and looked in. The nurse resented it and told him to go away. At this the man became very angry and thrust his spear in at the doorway. The nurse told the child to run to his father and tell him that there was a man in the nursery who wanted to kill him.

At this time Beddows, Snr., was talking in another house to one of the Wariki warriors, a man called Ratu Samate, of short build but fearless and greatly respected in Cakaudrove.

In the meantime a crowd of Tunoloa people had collected on the beach in front of the house. The crowd rushed at Beddows, Snr., as soon as he appeared, knocked him down and would have killed him had not Ratu Samate jumped to his assistance. This act on Ratu Samate's part undoubtedly saved Beddows' life.

Infuriated by the whole business, Beddows thereupon took his son to the house occupied by Golea, saying, "Kill this boy, my son, whom your men wanted to kill to-day!" Ratu Golea was so taken aback by this challenge, he was at a loss. He took the child and sat it upon his lap, saying and doing nothing.

From this event sprang a great friendship between Mr. Beddows and Ratu Golea, a friendship that strengthened as time went on. Before Ratu Golea took his departure from Loma Loma on that first occasion, he gave Laucala Island as a present to Beddows. Golea cleared Laucala of its indigenous natives, granting them land on the island of Qamea. The descendents of the Laucala people are still on this land—the name of their town being Dreketi.

Very shortly after this grant to Beddows, Ratu Golea sold the island of Naitauba, which is to-day owned by the Hennings family. The descendants of the people of this island are now living at Kocoma, also on the island of Qamea.

Then following the sale of the islands of Kanacea and Mango, the natives of Kanacea were banished to Korovou, on the South end of Taveuni.

After the Beddows had been on Laucala Island for three or four years, Ratu Mana Korovou became seriously ill at Wairiki, so Beddows, Snr., had him brought to Laucala to try and cure him, as in those days no medical assistance was available.

Ratu Mana Korovou stayed at Laucala for about a year, and was frequently visited by Ratu Golea, who, seeing that there was no hope of recovery, took him back to his own people at Wairiki, where he shortly after died. So thus ended the life of a great Fijian Chief.

After the Tongan War, Ratu Golea confiscated all the land held by the natives who joined the Tongans. Most of this land was sold to Europeans for cotton planting, and the native owners were sent to those parts of Taveuni which the Europeans did not want.

* This was in 1862. According to Derrick, Ma'afu the Tongan chief of Royal blood, who, landed at Lakemba in 1848, had made himself master of all Lau within five years and later challenged the supremacy of Cakobau, was away in Tonga at the time Wainqolo made his unsuccessful attack on Tui Cakau. On his return to Fiji, he hastened to declare the attack unauthorised and made amends for it. Cakau and Ma'afu became closer allies than before.

¶ Miss R. D. Griffiths, BA, formerly headmistress of the Dudley House Girls' School, Suva, has been appointed headmistress of a new Methodist secondary school for girls which will be opened on February 6 at the Jasper Williams Girls' School, Lautoka. Miss Griffiths, who is expected to return to Fiji in April, is at present on the staff of the Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India.

Mikado Performed in Western Samoa



Pupils of the Latter Day Saints School in Western Samoa recently presented the "Mikado" in a two-nights season in their school auditorium at Pesega. The players were very well received. Our picture shows the stars of the show (left to right): Ati So'o, Ta'aloga Toelupe, John Latai, Eru Talafu, Letupa Tuiati, Olataga Masi, Ma'aala Lam Sam, Mupu Palepai.

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WOMJIMJIM WAS THE HERO, BUT THIS WAS—

Barbara's Story

By PETER ENGLAND

"HERE'S that woman again!" said Barbara, coming in through the front door of our New Guinea bungalow, followed by two dogs and Dunhill, the parrot, who spends most of his time hanging around on the verandah waiting for someone to let him in. "Where's Sally?"

"I think she's having a shower or something; she'll be here in a minute. Come on in; take a pew. Have a whisky." (This, of course, is only my joke; Barbara does not drink whisky.) I put down my book and poured out one for myself.

Barbara seated herself.

"Oh, Peter, I've got a good story for you. You write native stories, don't you? This is one that my cook-boy told me, and it's all about a *mary* who had three piccaninnies and she got cross with a man who burnt the grass, in her garden, and so he skun her . . ."

"*Skun* her?"

"Yes, you know, skinned her. And then he put the skin on and pretended to be her and he went to her house and tried to get her piccaninnies, but they were a wake-up, and so they ran away to another man, and—oh, it goes on and on and they do all sort of things. Do you think it will make a good story?"

"Well, I don't know; but I do like that bit where the cove *skun* her. . ."

"I'll write it out for you if you like, if you can understand my pidgin. . ."

"You do that, Barbara, and I'll see what I can make out of it."

Then Sally came in and the talk turned to woman-talk and I went back to my book and my whisky.

* * *

The next day Barbara showed me her story. . .

"One fella mary got three pikanini mary, two, fella i big-fella finish, one fella i baby yet. . .

I said, "Look, Barbara, I'll tell you what. I'll translate it into English as I go, and you tell me if I get it wrong."

Well, then: There once lived a widow-woman who had three girl-children; one of them was still a baby, but the other two were big enough to look after themselves.

It was the custom of the woman to go fishing in a nearby lagoon, and on these occasions she would leave the baby in the care of the two older children. She would walk down the track through the kunai grass to the bank of the lagoon, and then she would sit in the shade of a tree and catch fish with her line of twisted fibre.

Now, one day a certain man came and set fire to the kunai; the woman looked up and saw the smoke and the fire approaching, and then she saw the man.

She was very cross that he should have burnt the kunai, and she spoke to him in anger. This made the man ashamed and he went away, but soon he came upon the carcass of a pig who had been caught in the fire.

Because he was still ashamed he crawled into the belly of the pig and hid.

Presently the woman returned along the track and also found the pig; she put it into her bilum (net bag) and hoisted it on to her back.

Now the man (in the pig) had a knife made from the sharpened bone of a fish, and with this he pricked the woman in the shoulder. She, naturally, cried out in pain, and threw her burden to the ground. She examined her shoulder to see what had bitten her, but, finding nothing, again picked up the bilum and continued on her way.

Agan the man pricked her with his bone knife, and again she cried out and dropped the bilum and its contents. This time the man crawled out of the pig's belly and revealed himself. He asked the woman if she was still cross with him. She was, and she told him so, so he killed her with his bone knife, and skinned her, and then he put her skin on himself (just like clothes).

Then the man went up to the woman's house and he called to the two older children to bring the baby to him. But, in spite of the skin he wore, the girls knew by his voice that it was not their mother; they said to one another, "This man has killed our mother." So they took the baby and ran away to the house of another man.

"Look, Barbara, haven't these people got any names? It's getting a bit confusing. . ."

"Yes, you'll come to that in a minute; that's the way the boy told it."

"Oh. . .!"

Well, the girls told this other man that the first man had killed their mother, so he (the other man) hid them in his house, and when the first man came looking for them, he (the goodie) killed him (the baddie). The name of the man who protected the girls was Guzbal.

"This is where the names co in," said Barbara.

"Well, that's good."

. . . and the names of the gi were Yeoma, the elder, and Mor the younger.

When Guzbal killed the bado the eyes of the dead man fell o and started to roll away. Yeoma once ran forward and picked one eye and held it fast; she call to her sister to catch the other oc but Morla was afraid, and so t eye got away and flew up into coconut palm, where it sat on frond and watched everything th went on. Guzbal and the two sist then cut up the dead man a cooked him and ate him. N Yeoma was pregnant. . .

"How the dickens did t happen."

"Well, I don't know," sa Barbara, "but that's how it is in story."

. . . so Guzbal said to Mor "To-morrow you two must cut fibres of the sago palm and ma a pul-pul (grass skirt) for the ch that Yeoma is about to carry."

Now the eye sitting in the coco palm heard all this, so the next when Yeoma and Morla went do to the sago swamp, it changed form into that of a man, and f lowed them, and caught Morla, a carried her off and put her in canoe and paddled up the ri away, away, *long-way too mu* until he came to a place where th was a little hut on the bank of river. Here he lit a fire, and wh it was burning brightly he Morla down on top of it (just lik piece of firewood). Morla cried in great pain, but the eye-m made her stop there, and she cr out, sitting on top of the fire, many moons.

Now, back in her village, Yeo carried her child, and he wa man-child ond his name was We jimjim. As the years passed—M was still sitting on top of the fi Womjimjim grew big and str and he played with the other b of the village.

One day he fought with anot boy and the other boy was cr and said: "You are too strong. V don't you go and rescue your a Morla from the fire on which has been sitting for many moon

Womjimjim had never heard Morla, so he went to his mot Yeoma, and asked her if it was t Yeoma said, yes, alas, it was true. So Womjimjim went into bush and cut down a garamut and carved the log in the shap a pigeon and got inside, but wood was too heavy and it w not fly. So he found a piece driftwood from the river and d it and carved it and this time w

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THIS MONTH'S NEW READING

"MORE THINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH . . ."

THE spate of religious books continues. Mostly American in origin and usually Roman Catholic; obviously designed as a counter-blast to Communism.

This month's offerings (both published by World Work (1913) Ltd.) are *Stop, Look and Live—A Christopher Thought For Every Day of the Year*, by James Keller; and *Fatima, Pilgrimage to Peace*, by April Oursler Armstrong and Martin F. Armstrong.

About 10 million people are being reached by the Christopher Movement in the USA—through books, magazines, movies, radio and television; how many of these are practising "Christophers" it would be hard to calculate as there are no clubs, dues, meetings or organisation. There is a headquarters in New York—a distribution point for literature, etc.—but essentially the movement is one for the individual who, in his own way, by prayer and work, strives to bring the Christian principles into the fields that touch the lives of all people. This seems fair enough, in an over-organised world.

The book consists of 365 snippets of present-day human behaviour, pointing a moral—one snippet for each day of the year—plus a Bible text and two lines of prayer. It is written in modern idiom and does not bear any resemblance to Texts for To-day, beloved of our great grandmothers. (Australian price, 12/3).

WHILE *Christopher* is unlikely to offend even the most rabid non-conformist, although presented by the Roman Catholic Church, it is perhaps unfortunate that *Fatima* should be reviewed by a congenital (if unpractising) Presbyterian.

Visitations, visions, visits of angels, miracles and un-natural phenomena involving the sun and other celestial bodies are something best believed by those who have been brought up in the Faith. Outsiders—even those most disposed towards admiration of the great Roman church—find these divine manifestations a somewhat unswallowable potion.

If you have been puzzled by the pilgrimages of recent years, when the statue of the Lady of Fatima has been carried from Portugal to the far corners of the world, this book will supply some background.

In 1916, at a time when hitherto Catholic Portugal was going through a phase of anti-clericalism, three children, Lucy, aged nine, and her cousins Francisco, eight, and Jacinta, six, were tending the family sheep on the rocky slope behind Adjustrel, a small hamlet in the parish of Fatima.

Suddenly the form of a young man, "transparent and as brilliant as crystal," appeared to them. He said that he was the Angel of Peace and told them to pray with him. He appeared to them three times in the following year and on May 13, 1917, preceded by flashes of lightning from a clear sky, the Lady made her first visit to the children—standing on top of a thorn bush—and promised to return in each of the next five months.

The last of the appearances was made on October 13, 1917, by which time the story of the manifestations had spread widely and 70,000 people from all over Portugal had joined the children on the rocky slopes of Aljustrel. They saw nothing of the vision—but they saw the children speak with her and they also saw the miracle that had been promised. . . "The sun in the mid-day sky began to tremble and spin, whirling in a frenzy of fire. From it spun a thousand colours. . . It turned on itself, thrilling and twisting, dancing in the sky."

During her visits the Lady gave into the keeping of the children, three secrets—the first, a vision of hell; the second, a prediction of World War II and the rise of Russia.

The children did not tell their secrets. Within two years the two younger children had died as a result of the world influenza epidemic. Lucy, in 1919, entered a religious order. Not until the thirties was the prediction about the coming war made public, by which time events were already shaping themselves and the revelation caused little surprise.

A third prophesy still remains secret. Lucy has written it in a letter which is in the keeping of the Bishop of Leiria. It will be opened in the event of Lucy's death (she is a member of the Carmelite Order in the ancient town of Coimbra) or in 1960, whichever comes first.

Apart from the story of Fatima, the book is an account of the journey to Aljustreal of two Americans. There are incidental close-ups of life in present-day Portugal and a great deal about Aljustrel as it is during the pilgrimage and religious ceremonies that take place there now each year on October 13.

Stripped of its trimmings, the message of Fatima is a crusade for peace and for the Reconversion of Russia. (Australian price, 13/3).

IDRIESS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW GUINEA

ALTHOUGH there is nothing alarmingly profound in *The Vanished People*, by Ion L. Idriess, there is true fascination in the way the author deals with the unsolved, and perhaps unsolvable mystery of the unknown people who left curious rock-paintings in the caves of northern Australia—the sort of thing that the late Sir H. Rider Haggard used to delight in.

There is a peculiar eeriness about places which have known human habitation but have long been desolate, and this spirit pervades those parts of the book dealing with the Kimberleys of north-west Australia.

In the course of adventurous wanderings, the book ranges from the Cape York Peninsula to the swamps of the Fly and Sepik Rivers in New Guinea, and the author's survey of the indigenous peoples of all the areas traversed is at once analytical and sympathetic.

His most vivid travel-pictures concern a journey of 1,000 miles through the "Sea of Swamps" in New Guinea, where his powers of observation and of description are given free rein.

Incidentally, the book is in a sense a pointed retort to those who take the easy line that the mentalities of "primitive" and of "civilised"

All that is Left

This former land-mark is almost gone from Apia waterfront. It is all that remains now of the German warship "Adler" which broke her back on the inner reef 200 yards offshore in the famous hurricane of 1889.

Photo: Jack Thornton.



people are invariably to be found in separate, watertight compartments.
(Published by Angus and Robertson, Sydney. Australian price, 18/-.)

SENTIMENT AND VIVID FORMS OF CRIME

MARY DEASY'S *The Corioli Affair* is listed as a Choice of the Literary Guild of America. This is interesting, if only because it gives rise to some wonder about what literary standards are applied by the Guild when making its selection.

As a story, *The Corioli Affair* is absorbing enough. Laid in the 1880's and set in river-towns of the United States—not the South, but getting down that way—the tale is concerned with Lacey Dereen, an Irish girl who sets up as a schoolteacher and falls in love with the unhappily-married Captain Jed Dayton forthwith.

There seems to be a faint echo of *Jane Eyre* here, but Miss Dereen, not being an uncompromising little Puritan like Miss Eyre, becomes involved in a romance with a tragic ending.

Captain Dayton did not polish off his insufferable wife, but most people thought he did, and the Dayton murder became a *cause celebre* which, to British eyes at least, provides a truly frightening picture of some aspects of American justice in certain circumstances.

Although the author's style is not distinguished, she knows how to tell an emotional story without getting bogged in sentimentality. Whether that warrants a Choice by a Literary Guild is another pair of shoes.
(Published by William Heinemann, London. Australian price, 15/6.)

BEDTIME STORY

BY way of sharp contrast with the Religious works aforesaid, there is little uplift in the next offering (*The Sleeping Tiger*, by Maurice Moiseiwitsch), a study in plain and fancy psychology among the bodgies and widgies of London.

Clive, a successful psychologist, takes into his home a 17-year-old delinquent, Frank, who specialises in robbery, thuggery and has, according to the doctor, a predisposition to murder. The doctor, of course, wishes to prove his theory that no one is naturally vicious—simply the product of early environment and bad handling.

To prove his point, he makes Frank free with his house, his bank account and his beautiful wife, Glenda.

All might have gone according to the rules, had not Glenda had more than her fair share of Biological Urge, and, obviously, been much more in need of psychiatry than Frank.

The climax is decidedly anti: Dr. Clive works a cure in Frank (he had a mother fixation and a father antipathy—or was it the reverse?) but almost succumbs to primordial feelings in himself.

The story has its merits, as a matter of entertainment and if not taken seriously—particularly if you can relish the love passages between the 31-years-old woman and the 17-years-old apprentice.
(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

HALF ROUND THE WORLD IN A JEEP

"HOW stupid can you get?" was the reaction of 400 of the 500 American servicemen stationed on Tereira, in the Azores, when the Carlins waddled ashore there in their amphibious jeep in October, 1950. They were in the process of crossing the Atlantic, on their way around the world.

Although they put up with violent seasickness, incredible discomfort, danger, and frustration all with angelic patience, indifference to their venture, or the injudicious question from a simple realist, "But *why* are you doing this?" was calculated to drive the Carlins to fu

Neither does Ben, in his boo *Half-Safe—Across the Atlantic i Jeep*, get any nearer to explainir it than a quotation from H. Wells: ". . . man is not made simp to go about being safe and comfor able and well-fed and amused."

In 1946, in process of gettii discharged from war service, he sa in a car park in West Bengal, amphibious jeep. He was struck the thought that "with a bit titivating" one could go round t world in such a machine.

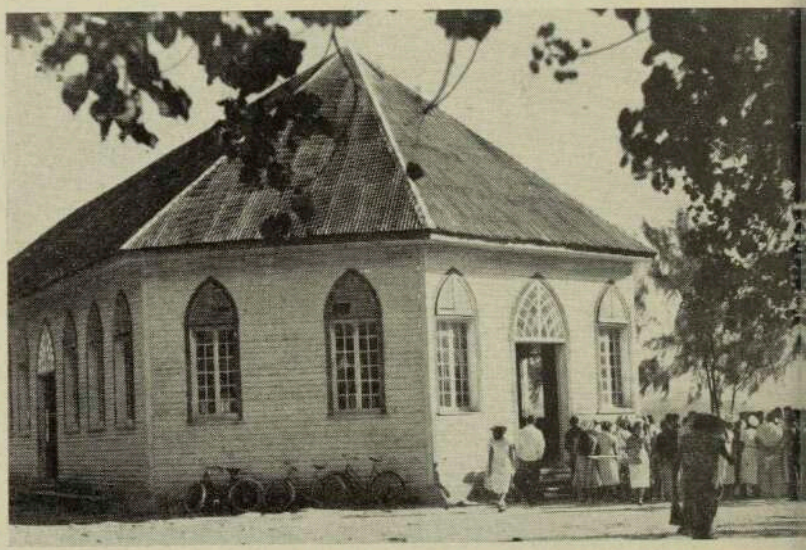
He knew that militarily the vehicles had been a complete failu but was undeterred. Although West Australian, he asked to sent to America instead and the in January, 1947, he managed buy a war surplus amphibious je

His "titivating" took more th three years, during which ti there were many false starts, alar and excursions, weekly battles the doorstep with the financ Wolf, and a marriage between B and Elinore.

Elinone came from Massachuse and her only experience with t sea before she met Ben was on

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A French Oceania Church with a History



SEVENTY-SEVEN years ago the corner-stone of this French Protestant church was laid at Uturoa, Raiatea, French Oceania. On August 8, this year, while this photograph was being taken, it was removed and will eventually become the corner-stone of a new church soon to be built on the same spot.

Writing about the old church, Mr. Charles Brown, Jr., of Uturoa, says:

"The old church, after the laying of the corner-stone on August 30. 1878, was completed, under a contract held by my wife's father, the late Captain Stephen Higgins, of Uturoa, on May 13, 1880, and opened May 30, 1880.

"Captain Higgins, a trader, shipping man, and plantation owner, imported the redwood timber for this church from California; the iron roofing came around Cape Horn England.

"Most of the timber was found, when church was recently taken apart, to be as as the day it was put into the building; when the iron roofing was removed, the u side of the thick, heavy English sheets, w had been laid on redwood shingles, shone the midday sun. This roofing will go bac the new church, as will the old ceilin redwood. While Captain Higgins built church under contract, the actual work done by the native carpenters of that gone day.

"The last Service was held by the Tahitian Pastor Tetuao, who announced the 2,000,000 francs required for the bui of the new church was 'safe in the b

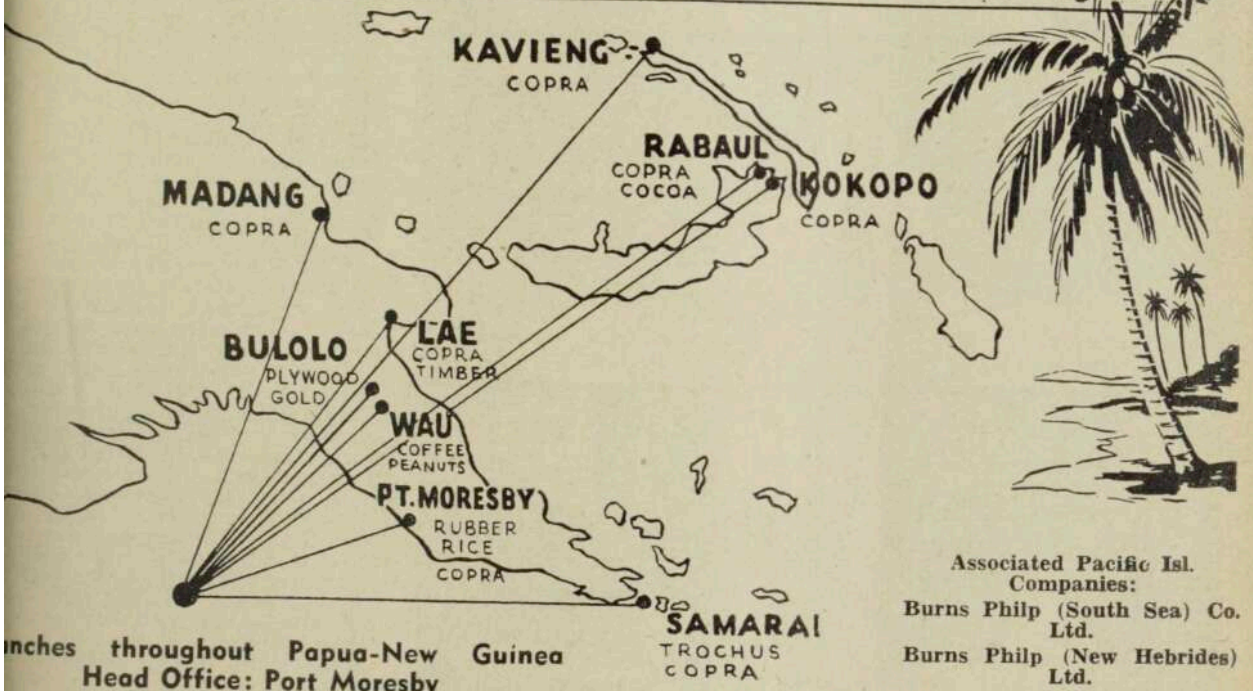
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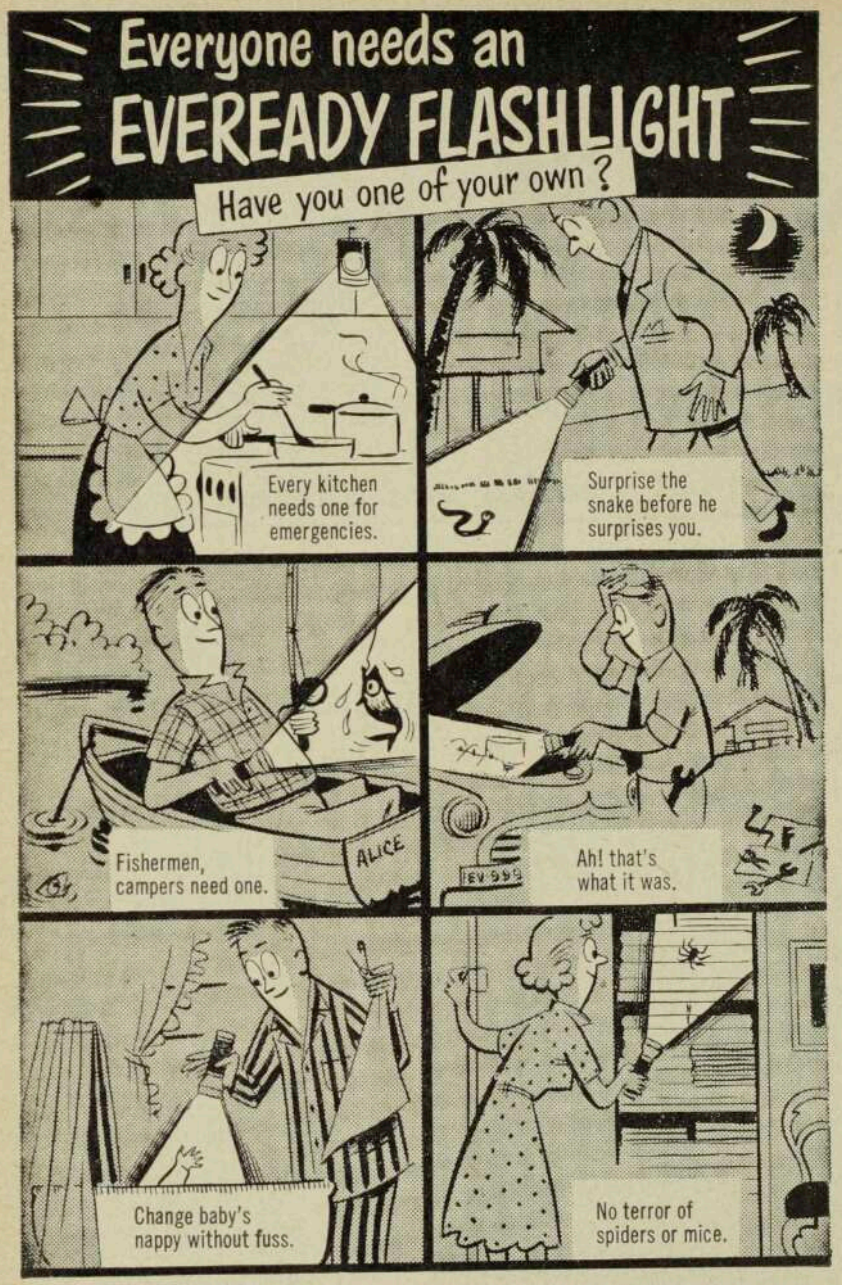
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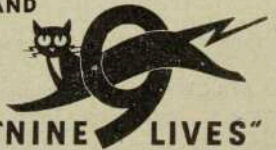
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This Month's New Read

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ocean liner, where she was seasick. This should have wa her. On *Half-Safe* she was almost continually, a pint-pot which to heave was her cons companion.

In fact, Elinore is the most sistently sea-sick sailor we have heard of; when the jeep had cro to the other side of the Atl and had taken to *terra fi* Elinore was even sea-sick crossing the Sahara desert.

Yet, in spite of this, she was to take her turn at the whee keep a diary, to frequently g top, stripped, to keep the aeria in the middle of a full Atlantic while Ben tried to use the radi to fend off the towed auxiliary p tank when they were transfe petrol supplies. And alw according to the photographs— up with a big smile on appro occasions and even after wee sea, bathless, battered and virt foodless, land at some port, he *de vivre* undimmed, and rea cope with any amount of the exhausting hospitality. Eve who at any time has been ren limp and unusable after two *of mal de mer* will take their off to Elinore. Quite a girl.

When *Half-Safe* was acquir was a standard amphibious j that is, it had an open cockpit virtually no freeboard. Carlin a square sheet-metal and pe hen-coop on top of it, install toilet under the co-driver's strapped a belly-tank under and towed another auxiliary tank behind. The finished pr was about 18 ft over-all; and a 5 ft 3 in. beam. Inside, was only a little more room in a standard sedan. The one which corresponded to the back in a car, was five feet long, meant sleeping with legs curle Knees tended to sieze-up after three hours of this, although did not present any great pr as neither voyager got much o tunity to sleep longer than th one stretch.

Preparation of food was easy sisting usually of heating up on the engine. Elinore, for of the time was distinctly terested in any solids with the sible exception of a passing at a biscuit.

The jeep fell victim to a every mishap in the ma blocked feed lines, burnt-out v burst gaskets, wrecked bea fouled-up propellor—and alt none of them would have b major catastrophe on land, middle of the heaving ocean mean hours and sometimes d super-misery while hove-to f pairs.

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In this wise did the couple pro-ress for 32 days across the Atlantic etween Halifax, Nova Scotia, and lores in the Azores; some months awdling through this group and the rim stretch of 23 days of storm and urricane between San Miguel and adeira, finally touching land on e other side of the Atlantic at ap Juby, Spanish Sahara, to-ards the end of February, 1951. Thereupon began the land journey hich, while being less lethal in haracter, still had plenty of roblems. Taking a route through pain and France, with a detour to weden, they finally came to anchor the Strand, London, on August , 1951, first portion of the round-e-world operation complete.

Although there is, in truth, small nse in this crazy adventure it es, at the hands of Ben Carlin, ake a good book. He has a breezy, tural style that is easy to read d, by the very nature of things, tion does not drag. Interpolations fractions of Elinore's diary made interesting variation.

(Published in Australia by Collins and in don by Andre Deutsch, Ltd. Australian price, /-.)

October visitors to Fiji included e Sheikh Mohammad Al Khalifah, cle of the Ruler of Bahrain, who ade a four days' stay.

¶ M. Rene Hoffherr, Governor of New Caledonia and High Commissioner for France in the Pacific, returned to Noumea in October after visiting New Zealand at the invitation of the Dominion Government. At Wellington, M. Hoffherr was the guest of the Governor-General (Sir Willoughby Norrie). Commenting on the goodwill aspect of the visit, a Noumea correspondent says that throughout New Zealand M. Hoffherr was given "a royal reception."

✧ As a practical demonstration of self-help, the students of Rarotonga's recently established—and still under construction—Tereora College expected to export a total of 500 cases of tomatoes to New Zealand from their agricultural plot by the end of the present season.

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Pacific Businessmen Meet



Visiting Fiji businessman, Mr. S. Pratap, recently gave a cocktail party for his business ociates in Apia, Western Samoa. Pictured above in conversation with Mr. Pratap (second m right), are some well-known W. Samoa personalities (left to right): Mr. A. M. Gurau, A, Mr. Fonoti Brown, MLA, Mr. S. Meredith, Mr. H. W. Moors, MLA.
—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. White and family, er four years with the Cook ands Education Department at rotonga, returned to New Zealand the special voyage of *Matua* in vember.

† A New Hebridean patient of the Ducos Leprosy Hospital, Noumea, was drowned in October when a fishing-boat capsized in Noumea Harbour. Two other patients in the boat managed to swim ashore.

New Cook Islands Company

SOME well-known Rarotonga residents are named as shareholders in a new company, Island Merchants, Ltd., Rarotonga, registered in Auckland in October.

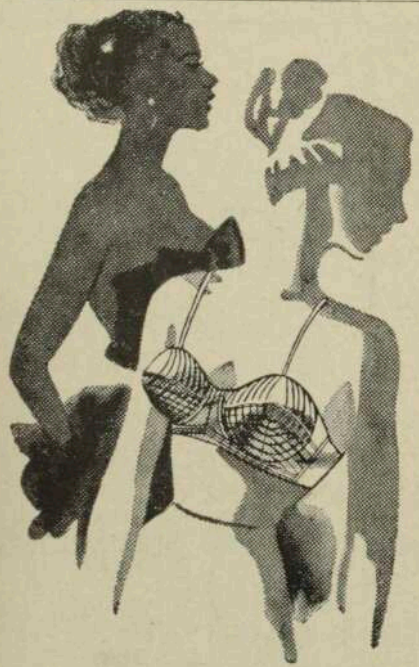
Capital is £12,000 in £1 shares, and shareholders are Mr. D. C. Brown, 4,000 shares; his wife, Mrs. Mata Brown; his brother, A. Brown, and Elsie Hall, 2,000 shares each; Mr. Piri Maoate, 200 shares; Moeroa Maoate, 1,000 shares, and V. Maoate, 800 shares.

Objects are given as: trading and general storekeeping.

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Change of Name, Status for BSI Trade Scheme

THE BSIP Government announced on October 21 that on September 29 the Government Trade Scheme had become incorporated, and will in future be known as the BSI Trading Corporation.

The main effects of the change are that the Corporation is now a legal entity which can sue and be sued, hold land and property, enter into contracts and borrow money in its own name.

The Trade Scheme (known unkindly by local residents as the "Trade Shame") was set up by the Government of BSIP after the war when private enterprise decided not to go back to business in the BSIP under the discouraging conditions then prevailing.

The Trade Scheme provided residents of the Protectorate with their only European retail store, but in the last few years repeated efforts have been made by the Government to sell it—to date without success.

Mr. A. Moyle, formerly an administrative officer with the British Council at Suva, has been appointed managing editor of the *Fiji Times*.

Ratu Dr. J. A. R. Dovi, MBE, MB, ChB, Deputy Secretary for Fijian Affairs since May, 1954, who requested that he be permitted to return to medical work, resumed duty with the Fiji Medical Department on November 1. Ratu Dovi, who is the first Fijian to become a fully qualified doctor, has been succeeded by Mr. A. C. Reid, former Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Dr. Dovi was for several years stationed in BSIP as a medical officer. He is a brother of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna.

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Barbara's Story

(Continued from Page 84)

e got inside it rose and flew away sily.

He steered his wooden bird up ong the course of the great river, d flew on until he came close to e hut where Morla still burned on e fire. When he got close he ckened speed and approached utiously until at last he saw his nt sitting on the fire outside the t.

He called out to her, "Aunt rla, is that you?" and she replied, es, Womjimjim, this is me!" So lifted her off the fire, and since r legs were badly charred, due to rning for so many years, he took me wet clay and plastered it on em, where it soon grew into good althy fresh.

Just then the man (the eye-man) urned from the bush where he d been hunting. When he saw e fire was out and that Womjim- n and Morla were sitting comfort- ly on the little platform outside e hut, he became very cross. wever, before he could speak, mjimjim killed him with one ust of his black-palm spear.

Then Womjimjim made ready the noe and Morla gathered together r belongings. . .

"Where did she get the belong- gs from?"

"Well. . ." said Barbara.

"That's the way it is in the story?"

"Yes."

So that's what happened. Wom- jimjim made ready the canoe and rla gathered up her belongings d they embarked and paddled wn the river until they came once again to their own village. There they found Yeoma, who now had three more children, and they all stopped there and nobody went away any more.

* * *

"Do you think it's a good story?" asked Barbara.

"Well, it's certainly an extra-ordinary story. It's probably—er—symbolic."

"What do you mean—symbolic?"

"Well, to tell the truth, I don't quite know. But it's a nice word, don't you think? By the way, I hope you don't mind me changing your name to Barbara?"

"Of course not," said Barbara.

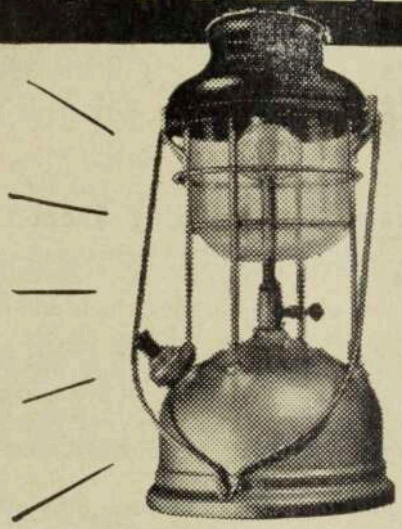
† A bounteous season brought a glut of superb vegetables and fruit to the Noumea market in October—and famine prices to the growers. The producers were not encouraged by the news that the ship *Thorshall* in October brought from the United States, among other goods, 1,390 cases of tinned vegetables.

† A set of identity discs have been found in the stomach contents of a crocodile caught in the Warangoi river area of New Britain recently. Owing to the action of stomach juices, the discs were very worn, but they contained enough information to indicate that they belonged to an American airman.

Solution to Crossquiz from page 78

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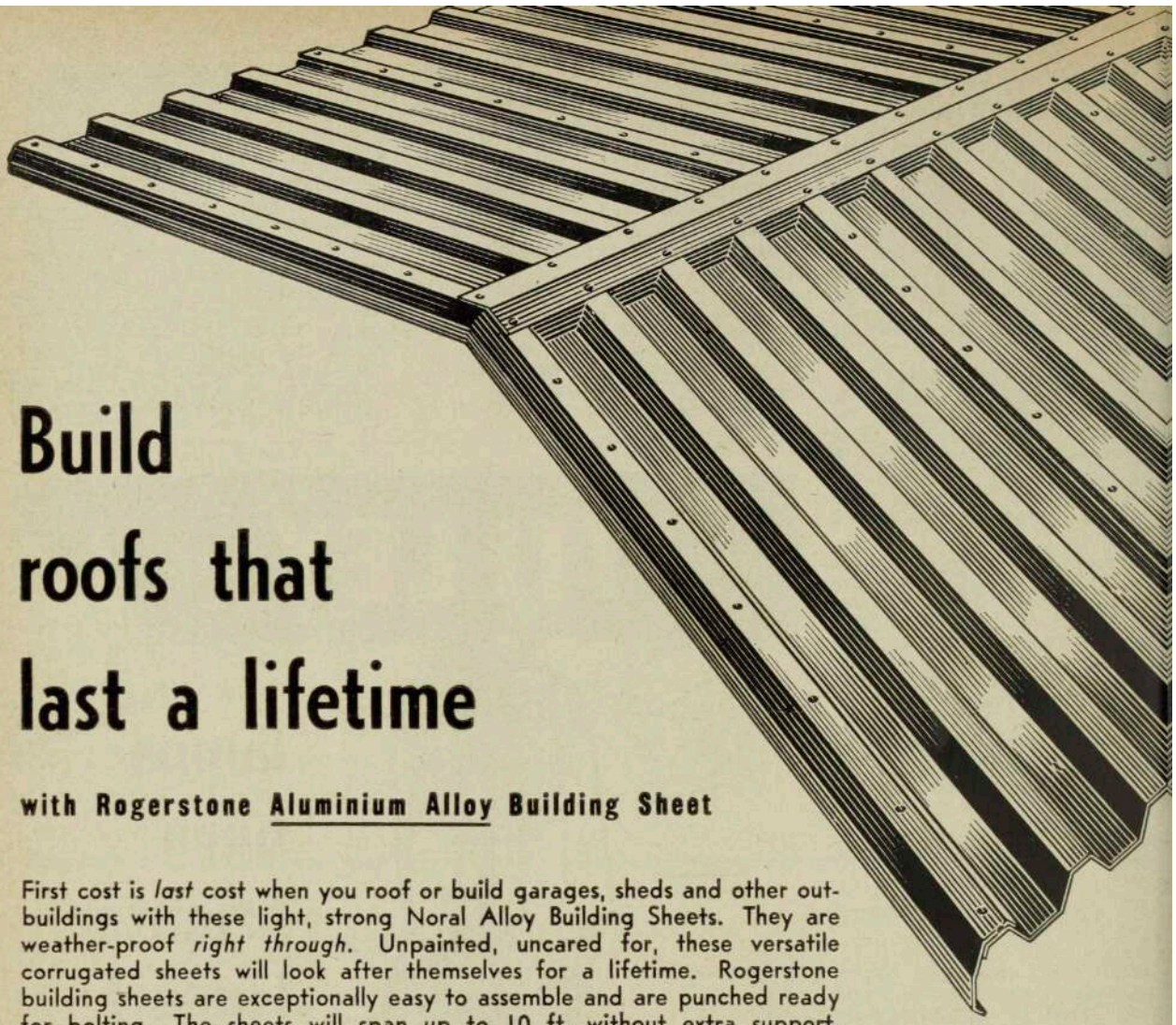
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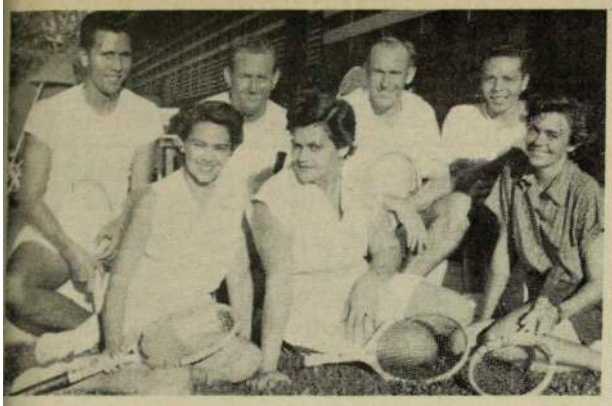
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Another Successful Tennis Season Concluded in Apia





Tennis players enjoyed another season this ear in Apia, Western Samoa. Eight teams ere entered in the inter-club competition hich was divided into A and B grades. ictured at left is the White Horse A team, inners of the A grade competition. Left to right (back row): R. Keil, J. Irvine, R. Banks (Capt.), G. Keil; (front) Miss V. MacDonald, Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. S. Irvine. Also in the team but not pictured, Mrs. E. McLean.

Apia B team (shown right) won the B grade competition. Back row: M. Westerlund (Capt.), A. Lam Sam, Malia Luka, J. Belford, Alesana. Front row: Misses C. King, M. Ah Kuei, F. MacDonald, S. Bryce. Also in the team, but not shown in the picture, were Mr. L. Reed, Mr. Lemisie Laupa, Mrs. P. Reid and Miss R. Pouesi.

Photo: R. F. Rankin.

Noumea's new automatic telehone system, which is costing 3,000,000 Pacific francs (£A300,000), ill probably be in operation in the arly months of 1956.

Mr. Harry Lorimer, officer in harge of Rarotonga power station, s at present on furlough in New ealand.

† Fiji's imports of radio receivers in the first eight months of 1955 totalled 5,903. The year's total is likely to exceed 8,000—equalling the total imports for the last four years.

† With a rainfall total of 22.50 in., September, 1955, was Suva's wettest September since records were started in 1884 (average 8.33 in).

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BSI Govt. Discusses Cocoa With Levers

LEVERS Pacific Plantations have agreed in principle to participate with the BSIP Government in a cocoa-growing scheme.

However, details of organisation and siting of the project have yet to be settled. Representatives of the company and the BSIP Government will meet this month for further discussions.

The fact that Levers and the BSIP government might co-operate in this way was announced about a year ago.

Tikopia Had an Influenza Epidemic

THE severe epidemic that broke out in remote Tikopia (see October PIM) has been diagnosed as influenza.

When the Acting High Commissioner visited Tikopia (which is one of the Polynesian outliers of the Solomons) in early September, he found that 124 of the inhabitants had died in an epidemic. It was not certain whether the disease was malaria or influenza.

Immediate medical aid and other relief was provided. On October 21, the new High Commissioner, Mr. John Gutch, said that the resettl ment of part of the island's ove crowded population elsewhere BSIP is being considered; so a is a plan to provide the island wi radio communication to enable the to obtain assistance in case of nee

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Major Reference Work on N. Caledonia

Father Patrick O'Reilly, who has already done a great deal of research into Pacific literature, recently had published in Paris by the Societe des Oceanistes of the Musee de l'Homme, a 361-page bibliography of New Caledonia. Its somewhat cumbersome French title is "Bibliographie Methodique, Analytique et Critique de la Nouvelle Caledonia."

A review of this work has been supplied to us by C. W. Newbury, of the Department of Pacific History, Australian National University, Canberra.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES, by their very nature, are generally subject to qualifications: indispensable but ry compilations with compre-ensiveness and exactness for their nly virtues.

To trace down and classify over 000 references to New Caledonia, s geography, resources and in-abitants, from earliest discovery to he present day, would have pro-ded a worthy supplement to the io-Bibliography produced two years go. O'Reilly and his many associ-tes have gone further and added short analysis to nearly all works sted.

The result is more than a pioneer-ig work in Pacific bibliography as he author claims. The com-ientaries to the sections on Admin-tration, the penal settlement or arly newspapers, for example, form n excellent and entertaining precis f the historical growth of the olony.

The whole work is divided into irteen sections comprising a useful st of general reference biblio-raphhies, voyages, physical sciences, hnology, history, economic life, edical science, literature, periodicals nd newspapers and a list of carto-raphical sources. Two tables of ames and subject matter and a it of all periodical publications are ppended.

There are not many stones that ave been left unturned in Paris, ondon, Rome, Sydney or Noumea. istorians and anthropoliogists will e grateful.

Work on the new hospital for oniara, BSIP, is progressing satis-ctorily. Isolation block, laundry, tpatients department, dispensary, boratory, X-ray and dental dept. e finished and in use. Work is progress on the operating theatre nd kitchen and these should be nished this year. European staff arters have been completed or e under construction. Foundations r the main wards have been laid.

BSIP is Making Better Copra

BSIP copra planters are now producing about nine times as much first grade copra than they were in 1954.

In 1954, only 2 per cent. of the crop subject to Government inspection was first-grade; 45 per cent. was second-grade; and 94 per cent. third-grade. For the July-September period this year, 19.3 per cent. was first-grade; 9.7 per cent. second-grade; and 71 per cent. third-grade.

Since early this year, there has been a £9 differential in the price paid by the BSIP Copra Board for first and third grades. Price paid for second-grade copra is £4/1/- under first-grade. It is vital that the Solomons, which has only one important export, namely, copra, should acquire and maintain a reputation for a good quality product. The unpopular decision to make a substantial difference in the price between first and third-grades apparently is achieving that purpose. However, with 77 per cent. of copra still classed as third-grade there is yet room for improvement.

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NEWS OF THE SMALLSHIPS

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na fleet, though a Japanese tuna- at skipper indicated in Brisbane October that other fleets are erating in the Coral Sea, lomons, and Gilbert and Ellice as from Japan. (See photo else- ere this issue).

THEY ONLY SEEM BIG:—A New aland oceanographic researcher, k from studies overseas, de- nked sea-sick travellers' tales of gantic waves" of upwards of 100 from trough to crest.

Work carried out by the research p *Discovery II*, equipped with urate measuring devices, showed ently that in very heavy Atlantic ather the highest waves recorded e 42 ft. Estimates of their height e always much greater than ual, and the research showed t waves of 50 ft are extremely e.

ESUMING PATROL:—The tish Solomon Islands Protect- te's 110-ton patrol craft *Betua*, pleting a refit at Sariba, Milne , Papua, returned to Honiara in ober to resume duty. The vessel under command of Captain M. Thorsen, Port Officer, Honiara.

ELPING HAND:—To assist the glican Melanesian Mission in its fund-raising drive to finance a new, 100-tons, *Southern Cross VIII* and another smaller craft, Shaw Savill Co. agreed to throw open their new passenger liner *Southern Cross* for inspection by the public at Melbourne in October. A fee of 1/- per person was charged. *Southern Cross VII*, idle for the past 15 months, still lies in Sydney for sale.

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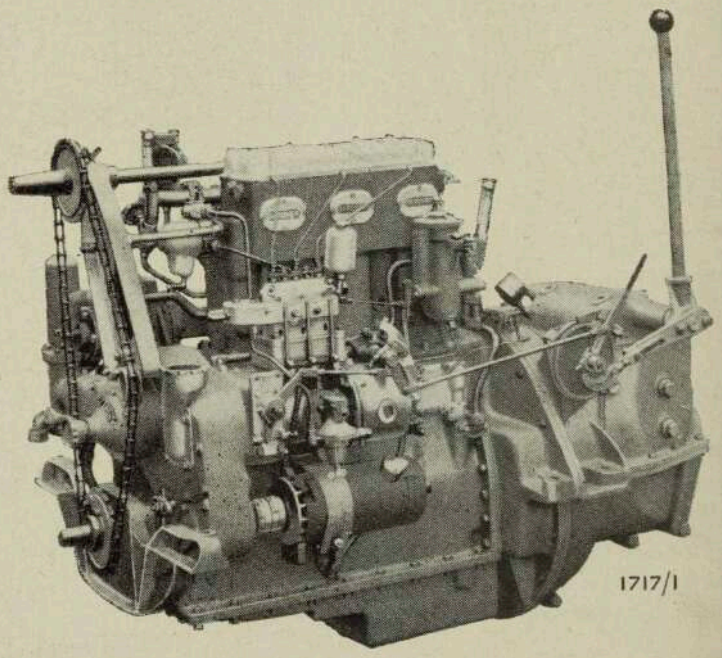
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STILL IN TROUBLE:—The Lord Howe-owned HDML *Flying Cloud* has had a bad year. Commissioned a year ago to carry her owner's cargo from Sydney, engine trouble was experienced on the several voyages made. Then there was rudder trouble, and the vessel was thrown on the beach in a heavy blow in March, with more damage. By September, *Flying Cloud* was ready to be relaunched, when another blow came up, heavy seas sweeping in and throwing the launch off her blocks.. Result: hull again stove in.

FLORENCE IN DISGRACE:—The 95-ton schooner *Florence Robinson*, idle and for sale in Papeete for a long time past, has been removed from her berth, stern to the waterfront road, and moored in "rotten row," at least until she can find a buyer.

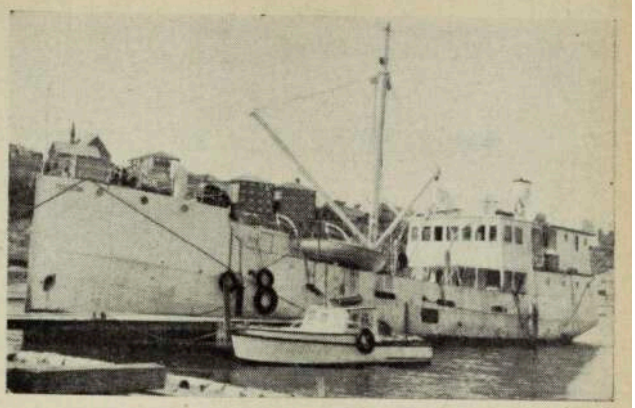
NOUMEA VISITORS:—Refitting in Suva recently were two Noumea vessels—possibly the last two to go there from NC as the new 1,000-ton Noumea slipway will soon be in service. First to arrive in September was *Lorraine*, Agence Reuter's latest acquisition, 209 GT, 94.4 ft x 22 ft x 7.8 ft.

Built in Cornwall in 1944 as a standard-type trawler and named *Maid of Pinto*, she was acquired in Malta by the present owners in 1953. She was one of a very large number of trawlers built in England during the war for the dual purpose of mine-sweeping and other war duties, and as replacements for the depleted fishing fleets. The type was generally unpopular with fishermen and many are still for sale in England.

The other vessel is *Orsom III* which Institut Francais d'Oceanie recently purchased for oceanographic research work. She is also now to be used as a training vessel for New Caledonia boys. Of 75 ft overall she was built in Australia as a purse-seiner, then acquired by Mr. Gubbay, of Santo, as *Bateman's Bay*. He sold her in November, 1954. Her refit should be completed by late December.

TIME FOR PARTING:—The well-remembered ex-naval GPV-type vessel, *Ruena*, one of the first commercial craft to return to the Solomons trade after the war, should be washing the last of Pacific waters from her hull soon. Completely transformed into a hospital vessel for the Andaman Islands administration, she should leave the yard of Storey & Keers, Sydney, late November, and will be delivered by Captain Max Stanton, one of Sydney's—and the Western Pacific's—best known "delivery" specialists.

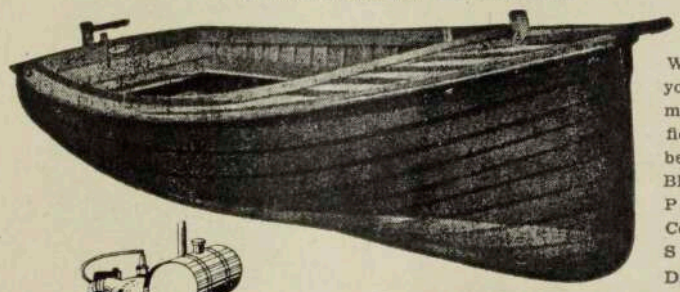
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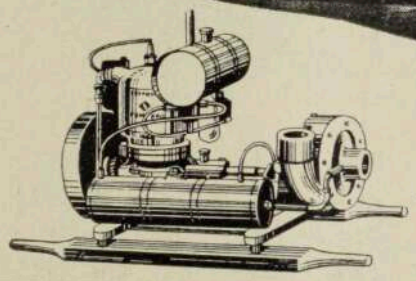


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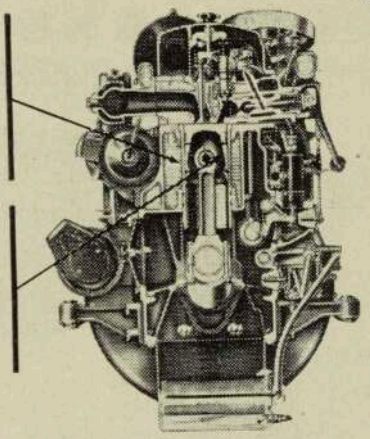
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CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Ta-i-Natoba, well known 44-to 4-years-old auxiliary ketch in Fiji trade, has been sold by own builder Captain A. R. Smith Kadavu buyers. Captain Smith pl to settle at Tabuta, Vanua Le on a plantation formerly owned Captain "Wal" Wilson, ex-harbo master at Levuka.

Ta-i-Natoba, 48.7 ft x 18.5 ft x ft, was built at Kadavu by Capt Smith and "Skipper Harry" Willia who pitsawed the timber. T ketch, which is powered with a hp Gardner diesel, was ba damaged by the seismic wave wh struck Suva Harbour on Septem 14, 1953, but was repaired and rigged.

"POM POM" STRIPPED:—H dictions made in the Cook Isla press that *Maui Pomare* should sume service before Christm appear to have been unc optimistic. A great deal of acc modation had to be stripped ou give access to some 40 deck pla two hull plates, and sundry ot replacements. Auckland tipsters predict February—which will pr ably mean April—as resump date.

ANOTHER NAME-CHANGE:- September we reported that John Harrington, the Cooks' most ahead trader, had purchased visiting Dutch yacht *Seven Seas* use in running his own cargo f Rarotonga to headquarters Aitutaki. The yacht is now ha out at Aitutaki, and the work stripping out below to make room for cargo, and the construc of deck accommodation is nea completion. The yacht left Holl as *Scaldis*, was somewhere rena *Seven Seas*, and will now enter c merce under a Maori name with English translation, *Bird Aitutaki*. Dutchman Boun Mee will retain the command.

HMS *VITI* COMMISSIONE

HMS *Viti*, ex-RNZN's *ML-3555*, safely delivered to Fiji's new n establishment at Bay of Isla Suva, in October, in time for commissioning of the base. Esco north by HMNZS *Kaniere*, SDML was commanded by Li Commander S. B. Brown, with Lieut. C. A. Stinson and six o ranks, and will be the base's sta ship.

The new Volunteer Reserve also known as HMS *Viti*, was o ally commissioned by His Excell the Governor of Fiji, Sir Ro Garvey, KCMG, CVO, MBE, October 21.

In attendance was Rear-Adm J. E. H. McBeath, DSO, DSC, Chief of Naval Staff in New

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and, within whose area of responsibility Fiji lies.

BEARINGS OF TIDINGS:—The sea gave up two bottles with interesting messages in October. The first appeared to be a prank by a Japanese cadet aboard the *Taisei Maru*.

William Muller, of Yepoon, near Rockhampton, Queensland, finder of the bottle, had the Japanese message translated to read, "SOS, Taisea Maru. Help Us. Taisei Maru is ship of Hell."

Queensland Customs Department, examining the message, said that they had no record of a *Taisei Maru* in local waters—but only a few weeks earlier the Japanese training ship *Taisei Maru* had paid a goodwill visit to Sydney and sailed for Japan, so this seemed the likely source of the message.

The next was even more interesting. Found by a school-boy on Wanganui Beach, south of Wanganui, NZ, this bottle contained a message indicating that it had been launched together with 195 others, on April 1, 1903, near Kerguelen Island, south Indian Ocean, by a German Hydrographic Institute expedition lead by Erich von Drygalski. None could say how long this bottle may have lain on the beach, covered by sand, or how many round-the-world voyages in the Roaring Forties' it may have made before its discovery, but the 52-years-old card was despatched to Germany, and schoolboy Roy Bould received the thanks of the German legation in Wellington.

NEW PILOT BOAT:—Named *Pilote-II*, Papeete port authorities have taken delivery of a new 14-tons, 12-knot pilot launch. Built at Westminster, BC, by John Manly & Co., the craft is a standard-type tow-boat, powered with a 200-hp GM diesel, and measures 46 ft x 15 ft x 8 ft deck to keel. It is understood that the launch was delivered as deck cargo.

MANGANESE LOADER:—Lautoka may soon have a conveyor belt system for loading manganese aboard overseas ships. Lautoka Town Council has given approval for Metal Traders Inc. of New York, a firm with the largest interest in this mining in Fiji, to establish the 800-yards long loader. It would be made up of independent sections, each driven by electric motor from power supplied by a portable generator. Each unit would be portable and readily removed from the site when not in use. Loading time for a 10,000-ton vessel would, it is estimated, be reduced from the present three weeks to about ten days. The loader would cost about £20,000.

WRONG BROKER:—Ship-broking is keen in Sydney. The same vessels are often in the hands of a number of brokers. We recently credited Captain Kennedy with the sale of *Norman Flare* to Mr. Oscar Newman, of the New Hebrides. That transaction, we are now advised, was completed by another equally well-known broker, Don Reed, to whom our pardons. Captain Kennedy sold *Babinda* to South Pacific Shipping Co.

BJARNE HALVORSEN EXPANDING:—The well-known Sydney boat-builder Bjarne Halvorsen Ltd., has acquired the nearby old-established yard of W. L. Holmes & Co., McMahon's Point, as a result of expanding business. The Holmes yard has recently been turning out sturdy fishing launches and harbour launches, as well as smaller launches for Island clients.

On October 28, another 56-ft copra scow, named *Kaia*, was despatched from the Bjarne Halvorsen Berry's Bay yard to Steamships Trading Co., Port Moresby. Mr. Halvorsen flew to New Guinea on a business visit several days later.

IMPROVEMENTS AT TAIOHAE:—The residents of the Marquesas are pressing to have the Messageries Maritimes liners load and discharge overseas cargoes at Taiohae, as in pre-war days. About 18 months ago a fine concrete warehouse capable of storing 700-800 tons of copra was completed at the inner end of the small concrete wharf.

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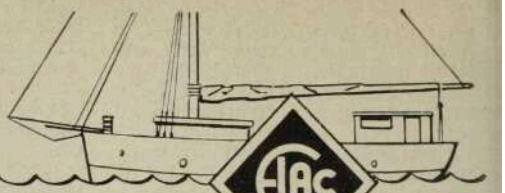
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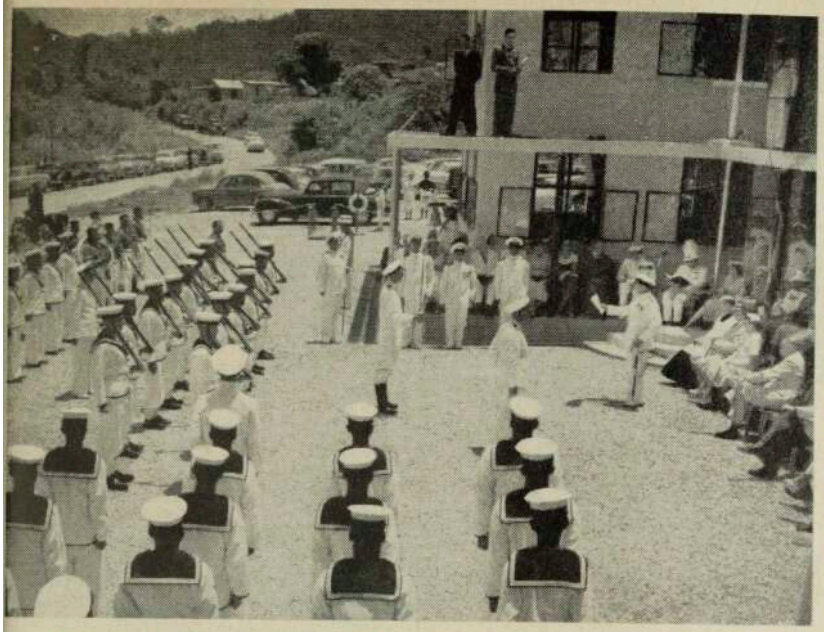
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Fiji's new Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve station, "HMS Viti", at Bay of Islands on Suva harbour, was officially commissioned by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, on October 21.
This Public Relations Office photo shows Commander S. B. Brown, officer in charge of the station, reading the Commissioning Warrant.

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GOING. . . GOING. . . .:—Months ago we referred to a convoy of little ships which would shortly head for the New Hebrides. Each month a check has confirmed that they are still on point of sailing—but early in November the fleet still lay in Sydney Harbour.

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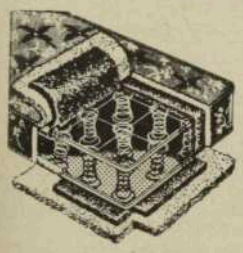
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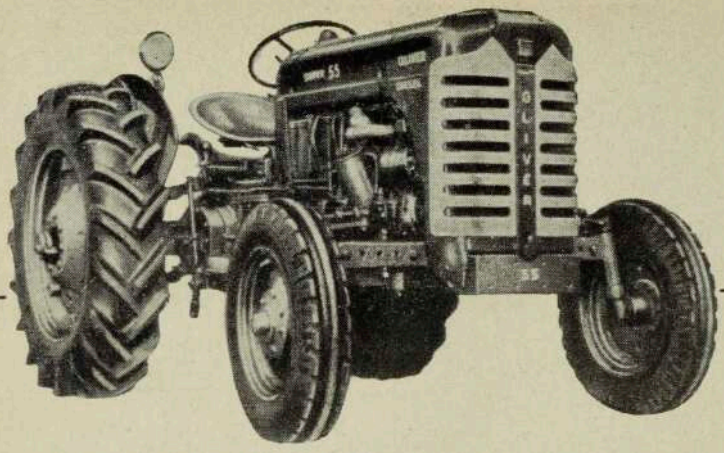
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Full details of *Anaconda* appear in July PIM. Mr. Marinacce's un named barge is of a standard ty formerly in military use but rebu to suit the copra trade. Power by a pair of 32-hp V8 Thornycro diesels, she should carry 60 tons copra. There is a house aft accommodate five.

Both barges have rather low fre board. It is understood that t delay in sailing has been due to t marine authorities viewing the lo open-sea voyage for this type vessel with some disfavo Obviously, with the hurricane seas now here, this disfavour is likely harden. Only alternative would the costly deck-freighting to Vil

KETCH OVERDUE:—Australi newspapers reported on October that a RAAF bomber was o searching for the 11-ton ket *Holydream*, eight days overdue a 72-mile passage from "Longdo Island in the Admiralties to anot unnamed island. The report p sumably meant Longan Island the Ninigos. The ketch had twe persons aboard, including two Eu peans. (Later located by RAAF)..

MADANG EVENT:—For the fi time since the war, a foreign sl is currently undergoing refit in Australian-New Guinea port. T vessel is the 90-ton steel Netherla New Guinea vessel *Cycloop*. Mada Marine Workshops Ltd., one Madang's two slipways, is handl the job. Pending completion o slipway being built at Hollano other Dutch vessels may also co to Madang and other Territ slipways.

News of Cruising Yachts

● **AUCKLAND-SUVA YACHT RACE:** Mooted several years past, the Royal Akarana Y Club of Auckland has now completed p for the first Auckland-Suva yacht race, commence next May 12.

The race, which should prove a pop event, will be raced under International Y Racing Union Rules, plus a comprehensive of rules and safety regulations set out by Club. It is understood that every yacht carry two-way radio.

Equipment may be loaned where not alr installed, and the fleet will be escorted a mother-ship, possibly a RNZN vessel. race will have no time limit. Full details available from the Secretary of the Club Auckland.

Eleven yachts have signified their inten to enter at present, but there will prob be many changes by May. If successful, race is likely to become a biennial event

● **SOLACE,** whose story was told last mo was successfully refloated at Palmerston I on October 1, prepared for sea, and ar at Rarotonga October 12. Commander planned to sail for New Zealand a few later—and return to the Cooks next May

● **SKOAL,** wrecked at Haave Bay, Ua Marquesas, on August 9, is now the proj of the local people. Yachtsmen's friend, McKittrick supplies the full story: The T type ketch had a new 10 hp Coventry installed prior to leaving Panama. She cl

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aiohae for Papeete via islands on August 7, eeting strong headwinds. A few miles off ahuka Is. next day, a chain tie which held th peak and throat blocks of the mainsail ave way, whereupon it was decided to run to Haave Bay for shelter and repairs. ding to 60 fathoms of chain and rope, wner Shakely and companion Linvill went hore to stretch their legs. Shortly there- ter the rope parted and the yacht quickly ounded on a lee shore, but was undamaged. A kedge was run out and progress was ing made in hauling off when the kedge e parted and the yacht again went ashore, now being nightfall. By morning the yacht as broadside on, and a rock had penetrated e hull.

By chance Madame Bazin, wife of the Ad- inistrator, accompanied by other people, just en arrived over from Vaepae to collect birds' gs, and sighted the yacht from the plateau ove the bay. Madame Bazin thereupon sent message to the Administrator and a big ng of men soon arrived.

SKOAL was refloated with the aid of drums, t only after further damage had occurred. e Government cutter towed her round to epae, where John Shakely, surveying the mage, wrote the yacht off by presenting her the people, who will no doubt repair and e her.

The yachtsmen arrived in Papeete aboard hooner **VAITERE** on September 26, where ey expressed their keen appreciation of the ndness and assistance given them by the rquesans, and especially by the Administrator.

● **RAROTONGA SAILING CLUB** held a well- pported annual meeting in October, in eparation for what promises to be a keen ason. Office bearers are: Patron, Resident mmissioner Mr. G. Nevill; Commodore, Official cretary Dare; Vice-Presidents, Mr. McKenzie d Mr. M. Baker; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Donald. Sailing was to commence in vember on Ngatangiia lagoon.

● **VARUA,** William A. Robinson's handsome peete-based yacht, cleared there September 19 for Honolulu, arriving safely on October 5 after a record passage. Mr. Robinson was reported bound for the US to complete work on another book.

● **PHOENIX** of Honolulu, reached Suva from Pago Pago in October and was to clear for New Zealand.

● **MOANA,** of France, visited Rarotonga and Aitutaki in September, clearing from the latter island on September 28 and arriving at Niue October 4 en route to Nukualofa. The five keen spear-fishermen forming her crew caused excitement at Aitutaki when they landed a 450-lb, 8-ft long, 5½-ft girth groper with the aid of the local people who shared the catch.

● **LITTLE BEAR,** of San Francisco, clearing Suva early October met very bad weather on the run to New Zealand, and arrived at Russell 19 days later. Buzz and June Champion hope to remain in New Zealand.

● **NORDLYS,** of San Francisico, after a 7-days stay at Rarotonga, cleared there September 25 for Pago Pago via Aitutaki and Penrhyn. The big schooner carried a special consignment of stores to Penrhyn.

● **RICHARD & JOHN,** bound for Gisborne, NZ, via Papeete, cleared Balboa October 8 after repairing hurricane damage suffered between Kingston and Panama.

● **HAPPY RETURN,** ex-**ELSIE** (**RNLI-648**), which cleared Balboa August 24 for Hokitika, NZ, via Papeete and Auckland, arrived at Papeete October 8 after an uneventful passage.

● **NEW SILVER GULL,** of Sydney, is at present at Balboa. This 43½ ft ketch left Sydney December, 1947, visiting New Zealand, Rarotonga, Papeete, Samoa, Hawaii, British Columbia, and recently coastwise south to the Canal. Mrs. Scott, a registered nurse, and Mr. Scott, an engineer, have employment at the Canal at present, and will later sail for the West Indies. Mr. Scott will also be remembered at Lord Howe, Norfolk, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji and Tasmania, by some old-timers. He



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cruised to those places in the yacht **UTIEKAH** in 1927.

- **NAUTILUS**, a 110 ft motor sailer, other details unknown, cleared Balboa early September for Guam via Micronesian ports.
- **WANDERER III**, in which Eric and Susan Hiscock completed a three-year circumnavigation last July, is to be on display at the National Boat Show, London, in December.
- **WINDJAMMER'S** loss on Easter Island, reported earlier in the year, will be recalled. Owner Peggy Poor, now back in the US, had an interesting article in the July 30 "Saturday Evening Post".

First Gilbertese Settlers in Solomons

IMPLEMENTING a Western Pacific High Commission plan for resettlement of population from the overcrowded Gilbert atolls, the first party of settlers arrived at Gizo on September 26, aboard the ketch *Te Matapula*. These people were from Sydney Island (Phoenix Group) and the Southern Gilberts.

In charge of the new settlement is Mr. R. G. Roberts, who joined *Te Matapula* at Canton Island following furlough in England. Mr. Roberts has now transferred from GEIC Government employment to BSIP Government.

The resettlement is being made under a Colonial Development and Welfare Scheme financial grant. Gizo Island was selected after a Pacific-wide search for a suitable and available island, taking into consideration communication and other problems. The island now selected, a high island, is very different to the dry, comparatively infertile, Gilbert atolls. Representatives of the people who visited Gizo many months ago reported favourably. There will be certai health problems not present in th Gilberts—Gizo is in a malari area.

Results of the first year at Gi will no doubt decide whether th Gilbertese transfer in lar numbers, and the project is bei watched with great interest.

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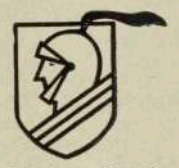
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REELANCE aviation experts are still re-organising New Zealand's airways set-up.
t was suggested in Australia by *Sydney Morning Herald* iation Correspondent recently at in order to continue to exist ofitably, TEAL will have to rge its business with that of New Zealand Government's ite-elephant National Airways rporation.
Failing this it is suggested that AL's Tasman services might be d to private interests—namely, stralian National Airways Pty. d.
New Zealand's National Airways rporation was formed by a cialist government right after war, and has the monopoly of ssenger air services in the minion. Since the National vernment gained power, efforts ve been made to unload the n-profit-making NAC but on ry occasion that it has been ered for sale, the Labour position has stated that when it ain achieves political power, NZ ernal airlines will again be mptly nationalised. Naturally s has had the necessary couraging effect on would-be rchasers.
TEAL for the first time this year owed a profit—of about £75,000 n the Tasman service. This is ributed to the change-over last r from flying-boats to DC6's.
The DC6's were formerly owned the now defunct BCPA and when ntas took over this airline, they re sold cheaply to TEAL. Next r they are due for modification d renewal of air-worthiness tificates—all of which is likely be an expensive operation.
When the time comes for TEAL replace its Tasman aircraft, the ited range of possibilities is ely to make operations unprofi- e unless they are combined with internal services, which in turn poses a problem of airports—rticularly for Wellington which at sent has nothing suitable nearer n 60 miles away. It has been culated, for example, that 1½ itannias would carry all the ilable traffic moving between stralia and New Zealand—but t it is considered unprofitable any airline to own less than ee aircraft of this type.

Mr. J. W. W. Graham has igned his position as Resident ent, Mangaia Island, Cooks. s. Graham has recently been in r health.

LAUTOKA BROADCAST STATION IN 1956

A 2-KILOWATT, £15,000 broadcasting station should be in operation at Lautoka, Fiji, "well before the end of next year," according to a Fiji Broadcasting Commission announcement. Intention to establish the station was announced over a year ago.

The transmitter will be primarily a relay station, programmed from Suva. The connecting link will be by a chain of a very-high-frequency transmitter across Viti Levu's backbone. "VHF" waves behave like light waves, and, like a searchlight beam, may be accurately directed in any desired direction in the form of a sharp beam. A "VHF" link has certain advantages over a land line, which is subject to damage in bad weather and other weaknesses. Such a link between Suva and Lautoka has been in operation for some years as a Post Office telephone circuit. Equipment is being supplied by Pye Radio of England.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Cole have returned to Brisbane after 30 years in Fiji. Mr. Cole recently retired from the post of Director of Lands. Their son, Mr. Rodney Cole, is in the Government service in Fiji.

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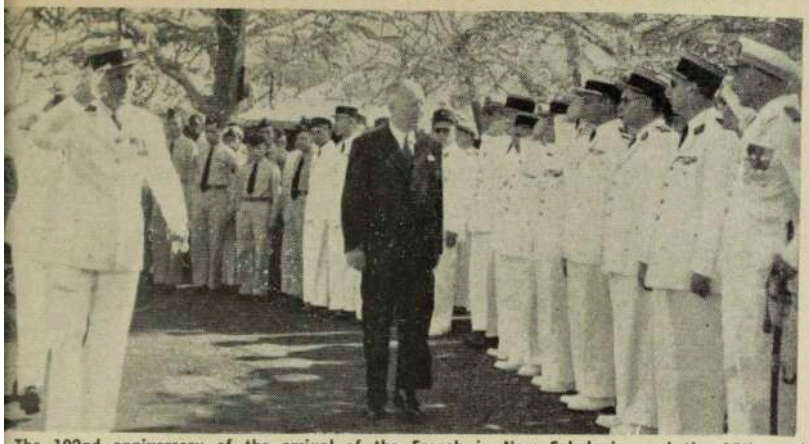
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102 Years in New Caledonia



The 102nd anniversary of the arrival of the French in New Caledonia, and the 15th anniversary of the rallying of the Colony to Free France in the darkest days of World War II, celebrated at Noumea on September 24.
During the festivities, M. Rene Hoffherr, High Commissioner for France in the Pacific, accompanied by Colonel Fray, reviewed officers of the garrison stationed in New Caledonia. photo above).—New Caledonia Information Service Photo.

A number of new government officials have recently arrived in the Solomons. They include Mr. M. Willkie, Development Secretary, WPHC; Mr. F. H. Sims, Senior Auditor; Mr. C. G. Cox, Commissioner of Works; Mr. R. G. Mitchell, Administrative Office.

† TEAL are operating additional flying-boat flights from Suva to Western Samoa and return on December 13, December 23 and February 1, 1956, to cope with heavy bookings at those times. Persons wishing to make the short round-trip should contact TEAL Agencies.

FIJIAN TRIPLETS ARE NO LONGER A RARITY

FIJIAN triplets, not long ago regarded as an extreme rarity, are becoming almost a habit. The third set within a comparatively few months arrived on October 14 at Koromumu Hospital, in the Nodroga Province of Viti Levu.

Each of the two girls and boy weighed between 7 lb and 8 lb.

The father is Napolioni Nakibo and the mother Adi Ema, of Koronasagara, Nadroga.

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AMERICAN INVENTION

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PROCESSING coffee beans for market is likely to be made easier by a simple and recent American invention.

It is called a Cafepro and was developed by two US Government officials, Merriam A. Jones and Edgar de L. Davies, while engaged in Guatemala in an agricultural co-operation project.

They have given the invention to the US Government free of Royalty fees and, it would appear, free to whoever cares to follow the plans and build one for themselves.

PIM has written to the State Department for fuller details.

Meanwhile the device and its functions are described as follows:

The Cafepro simplifies the process of separating the coffee berry's outer pulp or mucilage from the inner beans by eliminating a long fermentation period. Under present methods, the berry's skin is removed by a pulping machine and the mucilage is left to ferment 15 to 50 hours in concrete bins.

The beans are then dried in the sun or in a dryer. Apart from the time factor, there is a danger of over-fermentation which can ruin the beans, since there is no way to separate the partially ripe beans and the overweight and underweight beans, all of which require different fermentation periods.

The Cafepro is a mounted an compartmented trough in which a alkaline solution of wood-ash an lime is used. After three minut of washing in this, the beans com out clean and clear of mucilag Weight loss is three to six per cen less with the Cafepro than with th fermentation process—an importa

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oint where payment is by weight. The statement says that Cafepros, ass-produced in the US, would st about 120 to 171 dollars A67 to £A78) each. Many, in-vidually built, are already in use d have cost about twice the above ure.

It is expected that the Cafepros ll be mass-produced for the Latin-nerican countries with which the S has technical co-operation pro-ammes.

'ORLD COFFEE PRODUCTION WILL RISE IN 1955

RECENT United States Depart-ment of Agriculture Bulletin gives the figures on world coffee oduction in 1954 as compared with e previous year. The figures for rld exports are, of course, short world production by the amounts nsumed in the producer countries.

Quantities given are in bags, each 60 kilos or 132 lb.—See table, top ht.

Decline in total exports was at-buted to consumer resistance to h prices. South America's high-ced coffees were worst hit, con-ners turning to the lower priced fees from other areas which nefitted accordingly.

The US Department of Agricul-e estimates world output in 1955-at a record level of not less than million bags—11 per cent. above t year, and 8 per cent. above rage pre-war level.

Estimates include: Brazil, 21 llion bags; Colombia, 7.2 million; xico, 1.75 million; French West ica, 1.62 million, El Salvador, 1.1 llion; Guatemela 1.1 million, and lonesia, 1.08 million bags.

n Uganda the season opened this r with a Government guaranteed ce of 1/3 per lb for unhulled usta, but after £4,500,000 had been wn from the Coffee Price Assist-e Fund to meet payments fol-ing a drop in world prices, the vernment was forced to reduce guarantee to 9d per lb, which ow being paid.

The Uganda crop this year is mated to reach 63,500 tons, all 7,000 tons of which will be ive produced.

Colombia has concluded a series big coffee barter deals in recent nths. These include six 7,500-ships, four to be built in Ger-ny and two in Spain. Germany also exchange coffee for a fleet buses. Belgium will give barbed e and agricultural implements; tain, fertilisers; Switzerland, elec-machinery.

Colombia, which exported 5.7 llion bags last year, is making an out drive against a parasite, the aga ant, which has done serious nage in certain areas this year. ant strips every leaf from the , killing it.

WHERE THE WORLD'S COFFEE IS PRODUCED

	1953	1954
Total World Production (in bags)	34,700,000	29,100,000
South American total	23,400,000	17,500,000
African total	5,400,000	5,750,000
North American total	5,200,000	4,800,000
Asia-Oceania total	688,000	948,000
India	15,000	172,000

¶ The marriage of Mrs. May Shields to Mr. Don Mackenzie will take place at the Church of England, Madang, New Guinea, on December 24, 1955. Mrs. Shields is a pre-war Territorian, and daughter of Mrs. Lucy Brodie, who also is well-known in the Territory. Mrs. Shields' first husband died in Madang in 1951; there are two small children of that marriage. After the wedding, on December 24, a reception will be given the newly married pair by Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilmore, of the Madang Hotel.

† A new central radio communications station building has been erected alongside the disused airstrip at Betio Islet, Tarawa. Contact with the outside world should be improved from the new site, with its four 60 ft. aerial towers well clear of screening from coconut palms. The new station should be operating early in 1956.

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/AR AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS IN TWO ISLANDS TERRITORIES

IKE Papua-New Guinea, the Cook Islands are making a strong effort to fight tuberosis, the worst killer of all the eases introduced in the last cen- y or so.

ike all Polynesians, Fijians, lanesians and Micronesians, the k Islanders are tragically sustible to tuberculosis, which acnts for at least 30 pc of the Cook nds' mortality rate.

ntil recently, reports a Raroga correspondent, there has been reasonably complete picture of prevalence of TB in the Cooks, it has not been possible to get accurate survey in the outer nds.

o overcome this problem and ease the people's resistance to disease, every person in the up will be X-rayed in the near re. At the same time they will given the Mantoux test. All ons—at least up to the age of whose Mantoux test proves itive will then be vaccinated BCG.

ANY problems have had to be overcome in bringing the mass-miniature X-ray to the Cook Group. It has been necessary to design an X-ray machine which can be taken to pieces and packed into watertight duralumin containers for safe transport over the reefs. One way and another, the equipment will have to withstand some rough treatment.

A generator which produces enough electricity to run the X-ray plant, and at the same time is light enough for easy handling, has been designed and built.

Dr. M. Laing, director of the mass-miniature radiography unit at Wellington, will arrive at Rarotonga in November. Since Dr. Wogan's death last April, Dr. Laing has supervised the assembling of the special equipment, and she will stay in Rarotonga for several weeks to see the launching of the campaign. With her will be Mr. Mahoney, who has been appointed radiographer for the first year of the work.

It will not be possible for the team to visit the outer islands until after the hurricane season, and it is hoped to complete the Rarotonga survey in the interim.

A new ward has been opened at the Rarotonga TB sanatorium, and a total of 64 patients will be accommodated by the end of 1955.

IN Fiji, the annual report of the War Memorial Anti-Tuberculosis Fund states that an average of more than 50 chest X-rays was taken each day in 1954 at the Suva, Tamavua, Lautoka and Labasa Hospitals and by the mobile X-ray unit. Mantoux testing and BCG vaccinations were continued.

In 1949 the people of Fiji (notably the indigenous Fijians) contributed £60,000 to the War Memorial Fund, to which the Government added £20,000. At the end of 1954 the unexpended balance was £62,646.

Expenditure during 1954 totalled £3,219 and commitments amounting to £1,369 were outstanding at the end of the year. Items of expenditure included the building and equipping of TB annexes, improvement and maintenance of mobile X-ray vehicles, expenditure on Tamavua Hospital and amenities for TB wards.

The Trust Fund Board's report states that the trustees "have told the Government that they are willing to contribute towards the cost of a new tuberculosis hospital in the Colony. The offer has been gratefully accepted, but because financial considerations make the Government's general hospital policy uncertain, it has been agreed that for the present no further

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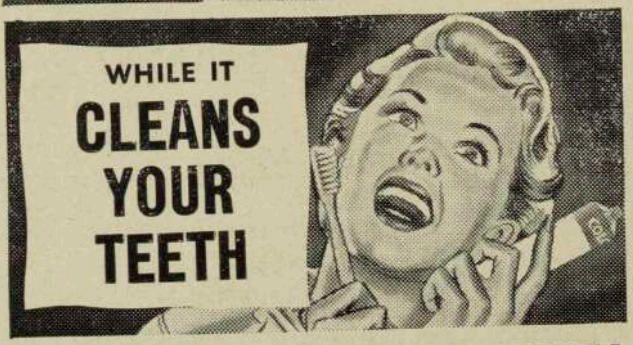


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public appeals will be madi
supplement the War Mem
Anti-Tuberculosis Fund."

The report continues:

"In a recent letter the Col
Secretary said that the desira
of moving the Central Tuberc
Hospital from Tamavua to La
had been appreciated for
time. The converted Army ho
buildings at Tamavua were ne
the end of their useful life,
the drier climate of Lautoka
more favourable to the treat
of tuberculosis.

"The 1955-60 development
gramme therefore included
provision of a new TB hospi
Lautoka. The finance for th
tended development progra
however, would come from s
sources, including, it was H
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dom Colonial Development
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Air Force May Ea
Suva House Short

SOME easing of Suva's acute
ing shortage is hoped for
result of the New Zealand
ernment's decision to
£1,000,000 on the improvemen
extension of the Royal New
land Air Force station at La
Bay, a Suva suburb.

The planned expenditure in
£110,000 on houses at the stati
accommodate married personn

It has become clear that m
men are reluctant to move fro
Dominion to Fiji without
families, and without ad
accommodation at the station,
airmen have to live outside.

At the present time abo
families are living in flats or
in the Suva area. This has no
increased the housing shortag
according to common belief,
affected the level of rents. H
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in these cases, the Air Force
are in a position to pay highe
than most local people—a sit
made to order for some India
European landlords.

¶ The Rev. S. G. Andrews, fo
of Fiji and now general se
of overseas missions fo
Methodist Church in New Z
recently visited mission stat
New Guinea and the Solome
Tari, in the NG Highlano
Andrews was entertained
Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Keight
baptised Barbara Jean, the
second daughter of Mr. an
Keightley, who is the firsti
pean child born at Tari.

¶ Sub-Inspector Krishna N
Indian member of the Fiji
has gone to London for six
training at Hendon Police
to be followed by four mor
New Scotland Yard.

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ANTAS GOES FORWARD

ANTAS Empire Airways major fleet of aircraft now consists of 10 Super Constellations—with r more on order to arrive in 1956 upported by six Skymasters and er smaller units for New Guinea ernal services.

antas route mileage—with ser-es to the UK, USA, Africa, Hong-g, Japan, and Pacific Islands—ounts to a grand total of 62,000. e company employs a staff of ut 5,000—and for every £ re-ed in revenue only 6d is profit. hese and other statistics are set in a beautifully produced book-doing duty as an annual re-t, just issued for the year end-December, 1954—but with some facts and figures interpolated. antas has come a long way e its bush beginnings in 1920—act clearly emphasised by the ent report.

AHITI HAS SOME BIG PLANS

EW Public Works schemes for Tahiti include the construction an international airport at eete, lengthening and widening wharves at that port; and a o electricity scheme involving of the water of Lake Vaihiria he mountains behind Mataiea.

ews of these proposals was ght back to Tahiti recently by politicans Jean Ceran saleny, and L. Legarde, who been visiting Paris.

bservers, noting the time that taking for the Government of Condominium of the New ides to recondition two airstrips e, are sceptical of Papeete eving an international airport n early date.

eanwhile it is reported from olulu that the Matson Co. has n an option on two sites near ete and is "exploring the pos-ty" of building a modern tourist there.

. Randolph Servier, Matson's dent, was then in Paris discuss-ertain aspects. It is reported that Governor Francois Toby, of ch Oceania, in Honolulu en to Papeete from Paris, was in r of developing the tourist in-y in every possible way, due to in present unhappy aspects of ch Oceania's economy, and the aching end of the valuable tea phosphate exports.

other rumour is that "in all ability" the Orient Line will re-ge its service to include ete soon.

At least one of the new Matson trans-Pacific liners will be on the run in time for the Olympic Games traffic to Australia late in 1956.

¶ James A. Michener, American best-seller author, was married in October to Miss Yoriko Sabusawa, American-born Japanese. They arrived in Sydney by air on November 9, in the course of a world honeymoon tour. Michener's first and best-known novel is *Tales of the South Pacific;* his last, *Sayonara,* which was based on the romantic entanglements of US soldiers with Japanese girls. This is Michener's third marriage.

French Company to Build New Ship

THE aged Messageries Martime liner *Eridan* will be retired after her current voyage from France to New Caledonia.

She will eventually be replaced by a ship of the same type as the company's *Caledonien*, but in the meantime a chartered ship will take over. The temporary replacement is the 8,000-tons *Resurgent*, ex *Chang Chow*, which has previously seen service with MM.

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)YITA MYSTERY

Search Abandoned for Missing Vessel

Six weeks after she disappeared on a 280 miles voyage from Apia to the Tokelaus, it seems that *Joyita*, 70 tons, 75 feet, has gone to join the many unsolved mysteries of the sea. No trace of the vessel has been sighted although the sea was calm at the time and although most systematic air searches have been made.

S is usual in these cases there were many conflicting newspaper despatches regarding her. to three weeks after the vessel led from Apia, on the evening Sunday, October 2, it was untain whether there was 24 or 25 sons on board. Confusion was led in the earlier stages by reing to the number of passengers, n persons, including crew, was nded.

report from Apia 19 days after vessel was overdue, and two ks after the air search had been ituted on October 6, stated that *ita* had left Apia towing a freight ge—and added that "many sea- believed that she may have dragged under by the sinking ter, in heavy seas."

far as is known, this was the mention of a barge, and it was ly a very significant feature in puzzle. Apart from an assur- by the RNZAF searchers that weather was, in the main, per- for the search for at least a k—and that there could have no "heavy seas"—it would ly be more likely for *Joyita* to the barge under, than vice a. But late October another report said there had been no e.

e greatest riddle is the complete nce of wreckage or of oil slicks he sea. Pending an inquiry, the dest theory seems to be a en and severe engine or cargo sion, which, blasting downwards, d the vessel so badly that she almost instantly, complete her lashed deck cargo of drums, the hatches still battened , and dragging the barge, if with her.

ng-Commander R. K. Walker e RNZAF said that his Sunderflying-boats, based first on puala, W. Samoa, and later on thala Bay, Fiji, "searched oughly twice, every possible e mile of sea and island where a might have drifted, or been ked, or foundered." At the t flown, he said, the radar ment of the searching aircraft capable of detecting objects as as two inches in diameter on ea. Over 100,000 square miles a were scanned.

wever, it has been frequently d that air searches are not inle. A slight error in navigation, itting one vital "strip" of ocean in the methodical search would cause the speck of evidence to be missed.

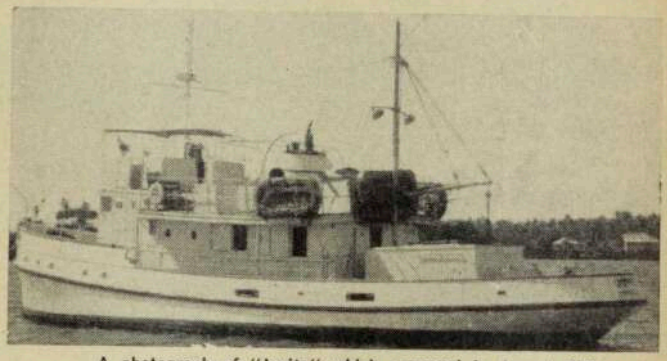
EVEN in a sudden explosion some discharge of oil might be expected, and should have been sighted in the reported flying conditions.

But there again there was confusion in the reports. Our Apia correspondent gave the cargo as general, plus 60 full drums of diesel fuel and a number (unstated) of empty drums.

A NZ Press Association despatched from Apia, on October 2, gave the cargo as 80 empty, sealed, 45-gallon drums, 30 on deck, and 50 in the hold. In addition, the ship was reported to be fuelled for a 3,000-mile voyage. Whether all of this was in the ship's tanks, or some of it in drums, is not clear..

Admiralty life-boat charts show the general drift of a vessel disabled in this area to be westward with a slight southerly tendency. This should mean that if *Joyita* was still afloat and missed in the air search, she should finish up in Fiji, the Ellice, or New Hebrides.

In addition to the RNZAF search, a TEAL flying-boat, bound from Fiji to Samoa diverted to Horne Island on October 15, flying the



A photograph of "Joyita" which appeared in August PIM.

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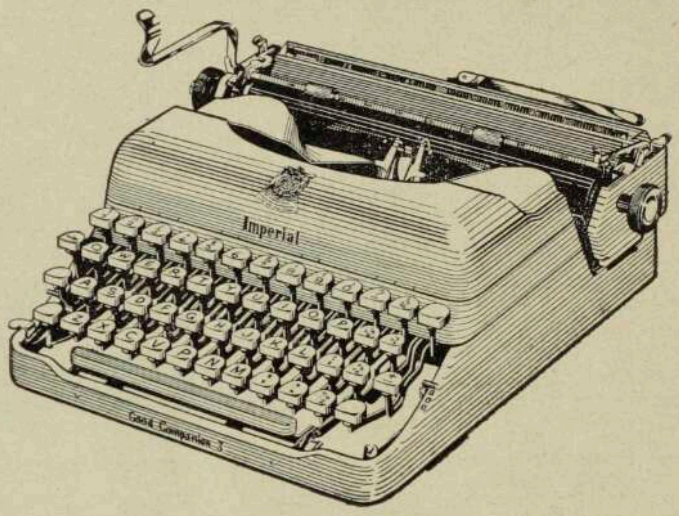
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route at low altitude, and a H Shackleton long-range reconnaiss aircraft which was in the area had good radar gear, made a sea on the Fiji-Canton route. I aircraft on this route also kep sharp look-out, and one reporte light 200 miles from Nadi one ni Next day the RNZAF traced thi a Japanese fishing vessel.

Joyita was delayed at Apia be she left with clutch trouble an was suggested that this had l immobilised her, but as she twin-screw vessel this would sumably not be the case unless clutches failed.

Though carrying radio, the tr mitter was reported out of ac on sailing. One report said Captain Miller had refused assist by the Samoa Radio Departm but as there was to be a r technician of that Departm aboard and bound for the Toke to service the equipment in t islands, it can be assumed tha should have been able to get sig out of *Joyita's* transmitter if necessity had arisen, and the had been available to make rep

With this hope, Apia Radio other island stations mainta radio watch on the ship's kn frequencies, and also broadcas structions regarding signals t made.

On October 12, a searching craft picked up a suspected si but there was no firm evidence it was from the ship and not some overseas source. No further was heard.

This suggests that the dis was sudden and that there wa time for radio tinkering.

IN all, there seems now to been seven Europeans or Europeans and 18 Gilbe Swains Islanders, and Tokel aboard.

The ship's company consist Captain T. H. Miller, of Englan Wales; Mr. "Chuck" Simpso American-Indian, mate; two re crew-men named Tekoka and T respectively; two Swains Islan and eight Tokelauans—makin crew in all.

The passengers were the Tokelau Officer, Mr. R. D. Pe of NZ; Dr. A. D. Parsons, of Ire Mr. H. T. Hodgkinson, of NZ J. Pereira, of Apia, radio mech Mr. J. Wallwork and Mr. Williams, of E. A. Coxon and Apia staff, and a Mr. McCart whom no details are known.

Other passengers included Tokelau men and one woman another report mentioned als three-year-old girls and a child of eleven.

JOYITA'S principal share was a well known I Museum researcher, Miss Luomala of Honolulu, and registered in that port. The

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ad undergone a strict US Coast-uard safety survey in April, 1954.
It is understood that Capt. Miller as, at one time, engaged to Miss uomala.

For technical reasons, the Mate, n American citizen, was registered s skipper in the ship's papers. *oyita* was not licensed to carry any assengers and had no accommoda-on for any. There was bunk accom-odation for nine crew.

The Mate, Charles (or Chuck) impson, has been described as an xtremely strong man physically; enerous and kind-hearted but a rmidable opponent in a fight.

The vessel had lain idle in Apia r some months since making a okelau voyage in April this year.

Joyita was the first fishing ssel to be registered in Apia and aptain Miller had hoped to make success of tuna fishing in that ea, but was in some financial dif-ulties. For several years past, aptain Miller has operated a fish-g business at Canton but this too d met some difficulties and legal oceedings with the Western Pacific gh Commission had been in pro-ess since operations ceased there st year.

Miller is believed to have been at a since a youth, mostly in the erchant Navy, although he served ring World War II in the Royal vy. People who have sailed with n describe him as a splendid sea-an and expert navigator.

The vessel carried a 16-ft work-at with outboard motor, two life-fts—one 10-man and one 16-man n the vessel's upper deck, and fficient life-jackets for this number persons, so in this respect was siderably better found than the jority of Island vessels. Full de-ls of the vessel, which had three arate refrigerated holds, appeared August PIM, page 109.

The vessel was reported to be der charter to the Apia firm of A. Coxon and Co., who apparently ve some arrangement whereby y handle the Tokelau copra and pply trade goods in exchange, der the supervision of the Tokelau icer.

As the vessel is American-owned, is assumed that the Honolulu horities will instigate an inquiry, ditional to any inquiry made by Western Samoan Government.

Aid for P-NG Mining

BILL passed by the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council in October will assist the mining dustry of the Territory.

The bill makes provision for vances for developmental mining a £1 for £1 basis. Borrowers y repay the advances over a g period.

Inter-Island Brawl In Noumea Streets

ANCIENT antagonisms involving New Caledonia's Melanesians and the people of Lifou, in the nearby Loyalty Islands, boiled up in a serious *melee* in Noumea streets in October.

One or two skirmishes had occurred during the festivities on September 24 (the anniversary of the French establishment in New Caledonia). Subsequently what was almost a pitched battle broke out in front of a Noumea cinema.

The police were inadequate to stop the fighting, which ranged up and down the streets, the combatants paying little attention to the traffic. Gendarmerie and troops were called out and gained control before any serious injuries were inflicted.

Nobody knows when this antagonism originated. It probably stems from ancient raids made by the islanders on the New Caledonia mainland.

After the latest outbreak the authorities called a meeting of chiefs and other responsible persons, and a declaration of peace was signed and witnessed.

In a similar conflict several years ago a combatant suffered fatal injuries.

† Mr. Ron Bosley and Mr. Bruce Harding of Lae, NG, shared a £6,000 prize in the NSW State Lottery drawn on November 1.

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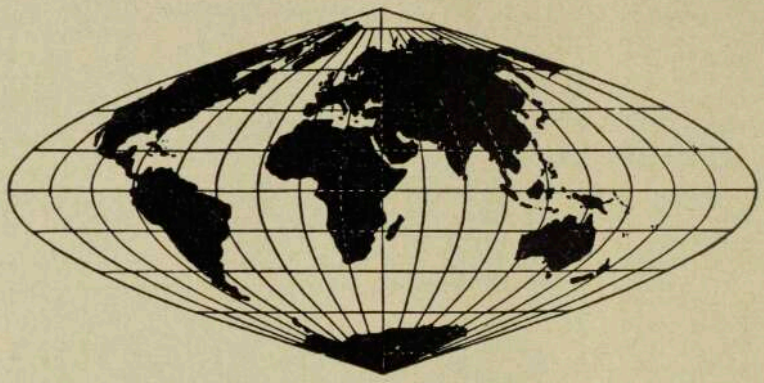
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OCAL INCOME TAX PPROVED N COOK ISLANDS

HE Cook Islands Legislative Council decided on October 19 that New Zealand income tax ould be replaced by local income x of a simple nature and with wer rates.

The Treasurer (Mr. Pitt) said at objections to the present stem were based on the points at the tax was imposed from New aland without consideration for al conditions, and that the ob- tors did not favour income tax a form of taxation.

The second contention, said Mr. tt, was based largely on ignorance the operation of income tax. en Maori Councillors did not ly understand it.

Professor H. Belshaw, one of the o economic advisers to the Cook ands Administration, said that it uld not be wise to omit income from any local system of tation, which would have to be a simplified form and operated a low rate. Future Councils would ve the power to make adjustments the system when the need arose, added.

A clear programme to educate the ori people in the workings of tation, and particularly income was needed, said Professor lshaw.

THE Resident Commissioner (Mr. G. Nevill) said it was good common sense for the people of the Cook Islands to impose their own system of taxation. He added that the report made by Professor Belshaw and Mr. V. D. Stace contained nothing that was not for the good of the Maori people.

During the debate the Maori members from the outer islands relinquished their earlier objections to income tax and joined other members of the Council in approving the Belshaw-Stace report.

Other recommendations approved were:

- That a schedule of local customs duties be instituted to replace the New Zealand customs tariff;
- That export duties remain as at present, but that some consideration be given to using the proceeds of export duties for direct development of the export industries concerned, or for the development of the individual islands producing the exports.

The New Zealand Parliamentary representative, Mr. F. Goetz, MP for Manukau, congratulated the Council on its action. He said that the Dominion Government would not have been happy to see income tax omitted from any local system of taxation. The Prime Minister (Mr. S. G. Holland) had expressed the hope that the Legislative Council would accept the recommendations, and now that this had been done he (Mr. Goetz) thought there would be little difficulty in securing the

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brellas were in order when Brigadier D. leland, Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, ed Port Moresby's new £10,000 Bible House October 15. The House will serve as a bution centre for the 2,000,000 native le of the Territory, who speak 500 known cts. It is the first institution of its kind he SW Pacific. Our photograph shows Canon Arrowsmith, general secretary of the Bible Society, speaking into the microphone, centre, with Brigadier Cleland on his right and the Rev. F. Ure, of the London Missionary Society, on his left. The Rt. Rev. Philip Strong, Bishop of New Guinea, is on the right of the Administrator, and Mrs. Cleland is at the extreme right of the photograph.

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Government's adoption of the Council's decision.

EARLIER the Council had unanimously approved a Select Committee's report on public utilities.

The report recommended that the Island Councils be responsible for the control of water, roads and improvements to harbours and reef passages. Funds are to be raised by the Councils, supplemented by voluntary labour. If outside aid is needed, funds allocated by the Legislative Council from locally raised taxes may be used.

N. Caledonian Trochus is Valuable

THE 1955 New Caledonia trochus fishing season closed on October 31. To the end of September, 520 tons worth 28 million francs (£A144,000) had been exported, and the price recently has been 53,000 Pacific francs per metric ton (about £A380).

This season a marine biologist has been working with the 300-odd boats of the fishing fleet, studying the life cycle, marking certain shells and putting them back in the sea, in a project to ensure the conservation of present resources. Special funds are likely to be allocated this work by the Government.

The total trochus harvest in 1[illegible] was over 800 tons, worth 33 mill[illegible] francs.

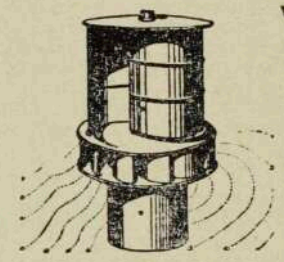
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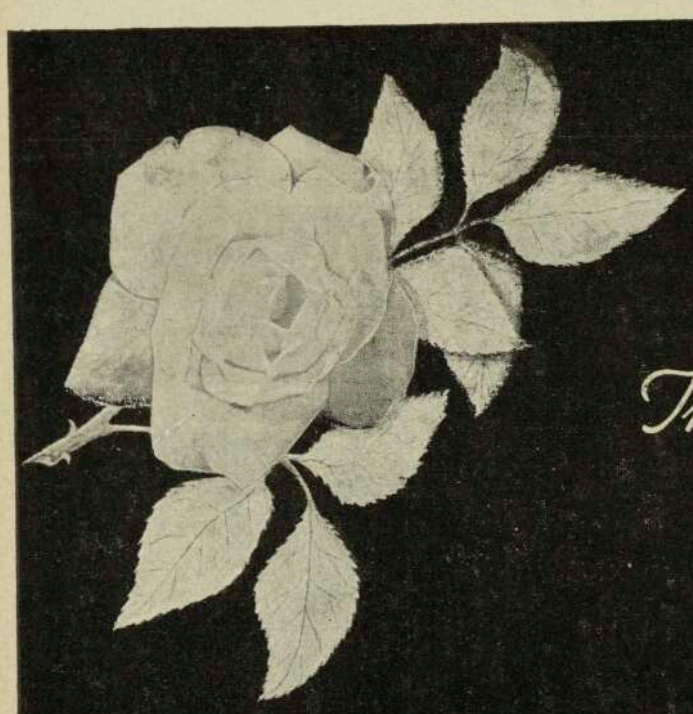
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More Decorations for Fijian Trooops in Malaya

URTHER high awards to men of the Fiji Military Forces in Malaya were announced in tober. They include:

Military Cross.—Lieutenant Livai silivata.

Military Medal.—Corporal Alipate kau.

British Empire Medal.—WO (II) Betham.

Mentioned in Dispatches—Major W. R. Petersen, Staff Sergeant a Vakaciwa, Sergeant Penijamini ku Matelevuka, Corporal Apisai evo.

The Military Cross citation red to Lieutenant Livai's brave, ressive leadership when his toon was ambushed by Com- nist terrorists in Johore last y. It added that his leadership s a factor in the success of the ian battalion in Malaya.

A New Zealand report on Oc- er 25 stated that Lieutenant- lonel H. J. G. Low, who relin- shed command of the Fijian ops to Lieutenant-Colonel Ratu aia Ganilau on October 1, has n appointed Brigade Major of 1st Infantry Brigade, Auckland. lonel Low, who served with the Military Forces on loan from New Zealand Army, visited Fiji October with his wife and their ee children.

n Malaya the Fijian Rugby team tinued its astonishing run of cesses in October. The Fijians t South Johore 70-3, Royal Air ce Seletar and Changi 69-6, al Electrical Mechanical En- ers 49-3 and, starting a northern r, Kedah State 44-6.

VA CITY COUNCIL'S SECOND THOUGHTS

AVING turned down an applica- tion for a bus service through Toorak (Suva's most populous a), the Suva City Council in late ober had second thoughts and ctioned the proposal.

t first the Council had held that Toorak streets were too narrow accommodate big buses comfort- , but then it was realised that if rule was to apply, many other licences ought to be cancelled. es have long been running ough narrower streets than those Toorak, which, whatever may be of its living conditions, is by means the worst maze in ill- nned Suza.

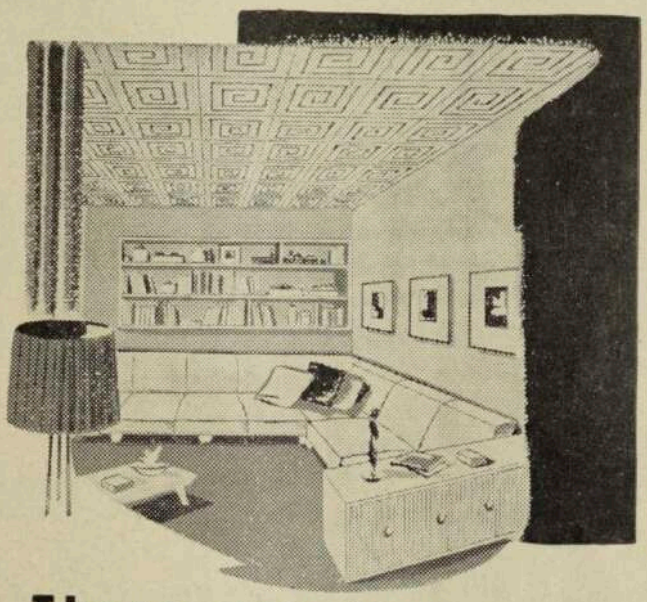
NZ Scholarships for Islands Children

THE New Zealand Scholarship Scheme, introduced for the higher education, in the Dominion, of native students from NZ's Island Territories, is reviewed in the 1954-55 Territories Department Report, just published.

In all, 156 students have been despatched—102 from Western Samoa, 41 from the Cooks, and 13 from Niue. Of these, 67 are still studying, 41 have successfully completed their school courses but are now receiving higher training in New Zealand, and 31 have actually returned to take up suitable positions in their respective Island Groups. The remaining 17 students have fallen by the wayside, some through health reasons, some because they could not make the grade educationally.

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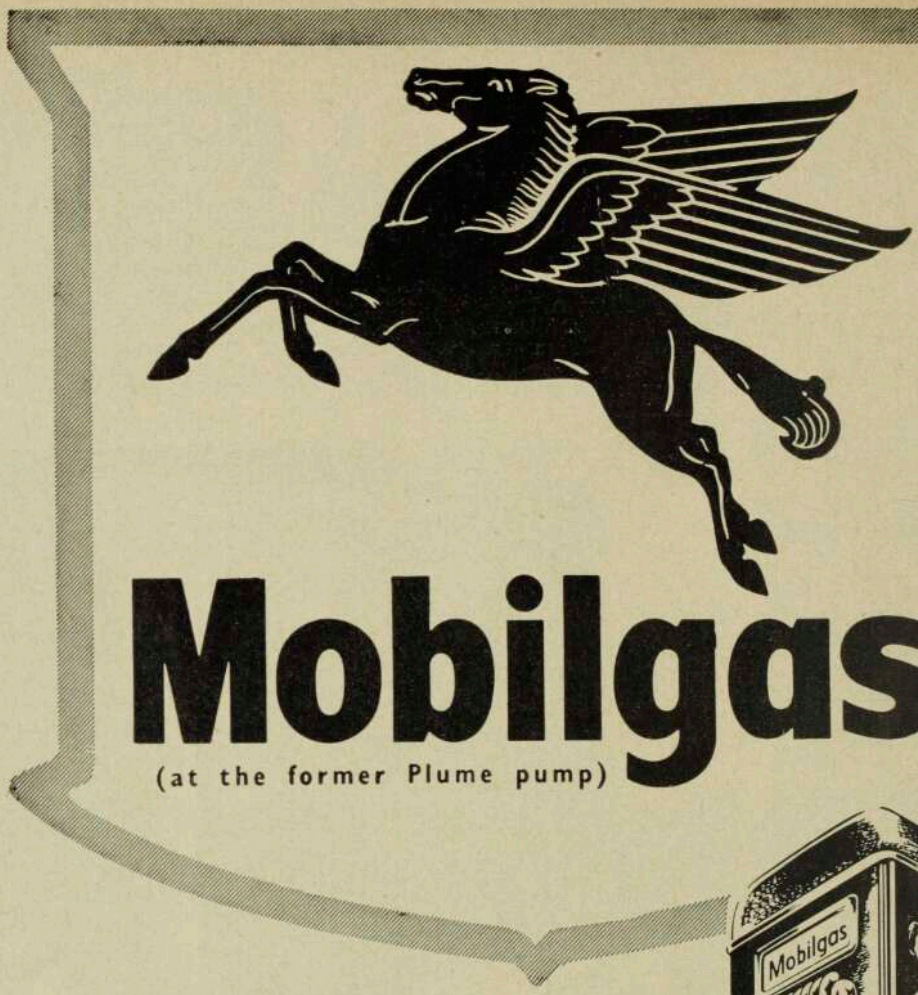
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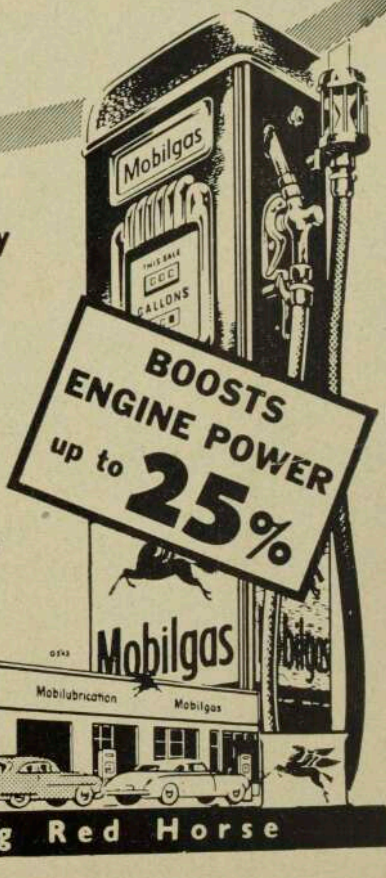


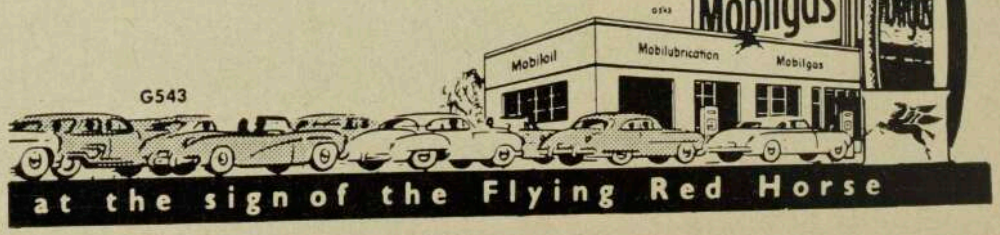
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Legacy has honoured Madang by ding a representative from Aus- lia to its Sepik headquarters to sonally congratulate Mr. and s. Jack Gilmore on their efforts in raising money for Legacy.

Their contributions have made possible the adoption of two Legacy orphans. The Gilmores have been the driving force behind raising money in Madang.

Madang and Bulolo have collected more money for Legacy than any other town in Australia or its Territories.

In thanking the Legacy representative (Dr. Brown), Mrs. Gilmore said Madang people had been most generous, and she felt sure they could be counted on for continued support.



Officers of the Pacific Islands Regiment formed a guard-of-honour when Miss Heather McKay ied Captain E. Boyd, at Taurama Barracks Chapel, Port Moresby, on October 1.
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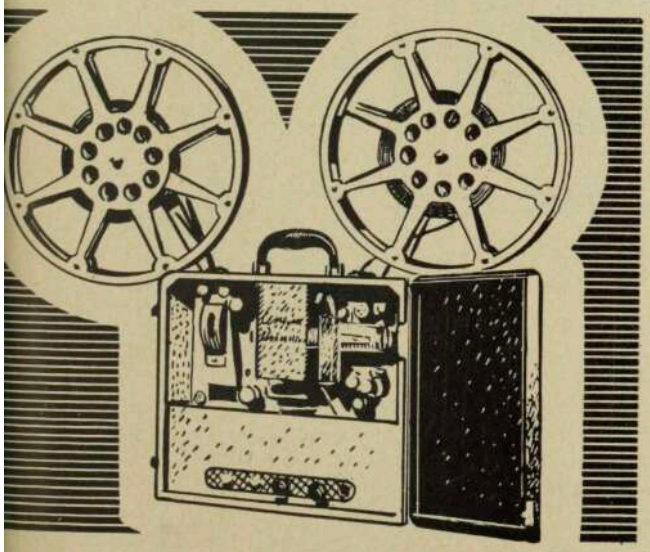
MR. McCOLM SAYS YES, MR. HASLUCK SAYS NO

A Liberal Member of the House of Representatives suggested in October that the time had come to appoint a Lieutenant-Governor for Papua and New Guinea.

The member, Mr. Malcolm, McColm, Queensland, said that the position of Lieutenant-Governor should be separate from that of Administrator, and that such an appointment would free the Administrator for the real work of administration.

The proposal to elevate the head of the P-NG administration to a Governor has been made several times—most recently by Mr. E. A. James, MLC, in the Legislative Council. The proposal has been frowned upon by Territories Minister Hasluck, who says no to a P-NG representative in Canberra, also. He says that Territorians will have to show more interest in P-NG Legco before they can hope to have a representative in Canberra.

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The Supreme Court in Rabau October acquitted a native d charged with manslaughter.

The native, Rayman Martin, charged following a fatal acci on Kokopo Road on August 18 young European schoolboy retur from a picnic on the truck M was driving was killed instantl the accident.

Mr. Justice Kelly, in summin after evidence, said that alth Martin was driving slightly on wrong side of the road, he was isfied it was an error in judgm There was not sufficient evidenc a conviction.

PAPUA TURF CLUB BACK BUSINESS

The first move was taken in Moresby in October towards juvenating the Papua Turf which went out of business 25 ago.

A meeting of seven membe the old-time Club resolved that Papua Turf Club resume its a ities."

The Club has never been banded although its last meeting was conducted in 19 what is now Jackson's Air Moresby international airport.

A provisional committee appointed at the meeting to:—

- Plan future activities.
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- Admit members.
- When thought necesssary another meeting.

The provisional committee sists of the President of the Mr. P. J. McDonald (Chairm Mrs. Ruth Sefton, Mr. E. J. F Mr. E. A. James, Mr. E. T. and Mr. L. A. Willis.

NEW GUINEA WELCOMES CITIZEN

A large crowd attended a mony at Kokopo in Octob which Mrs. Ilsa Randmae, w Dr. George Randmae, beca British subject.

The naturalisation ceremon held at the Kokopo Court H and conducted by the K ADO, Mr. Flower.

Dr. Randmae later entert about 50 guests at the Kokopo

MORESBY SPORTSMEN

"Shocking" was an apt wor this week by the Secretary o Port Moresby Cricket Asso (Mr. Don McCauley) to descril condition of Moresby's main ing Oval, the Ela Beach Oval

He said that its condition a sent gave little encouragem sporting organisations to t publicise the town's progress viting outside sporting tea visit Port Moresby.

Mr. McCauley added: "

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ears to be no excuse for the nner in which the Authorities cerned (a committee of the esby Town Advisory Council) e allowed the Oval to de- orate. If no action is taken representations will be made ave control of the Oval vested in ommittee of the various sport- organisations."

CWA AT WORK IN P-NG

ork started in October on the truction of a Country Women's ciation Rest-house for Mothers Children at Sohano, on Bougain-

mber for the building arrived ntly from Mabiri.

correspondent at Bougainville Chinese women on the Island now beginning to take an in- st in the CWA there.

he Chinese woman is on the mittee at Sohano, while the Sub-branch recently received donation from Mrs. Leslie Lep.

TRAINING PARENTS IN MORESBY

unique offer was made at a School conference in Port sby recently. Mr. Stan Pearsall, he Boroka Committee, offered rganise a "Father's Night" for nale parents of children attend- the Moresby Centres.

. Pearsall said he felt that rs were not closely enough ified with the work of pre- l. They worked on committees ery few had seen a pre-school eration.

. Pearsall said he thought there ld be some form of parent ing, and if this were done, he believed that parents would take more interest in these centres.

Mr. E. A. James, MLC, in his opening address at the Third Annual conference of the Associations in Port Moresby, also mentioned the matter of parent-participation in pre-school activities. He believed that the training of parents was even more important than the training of the children.

P-NG DELEGATES TO SPC CONFERENCE IN SUVA

Approval has been given by the Minister for Territories for the Papua and New Guinea delegation to the forthcoming 3rd South Pacific Conference in Suva, to consist of 8 delegates and 3 advisers.

The conference will take place about March, 1956.

Selection of the P-NG delegates and advisers is expected to be finalised before the end of this year.

HELICOPTER OPERATORS DO WELL

World Wide Air Services—the Company operating commercial helicopters in P-NG—in October announced a £125,000 expansion programme.

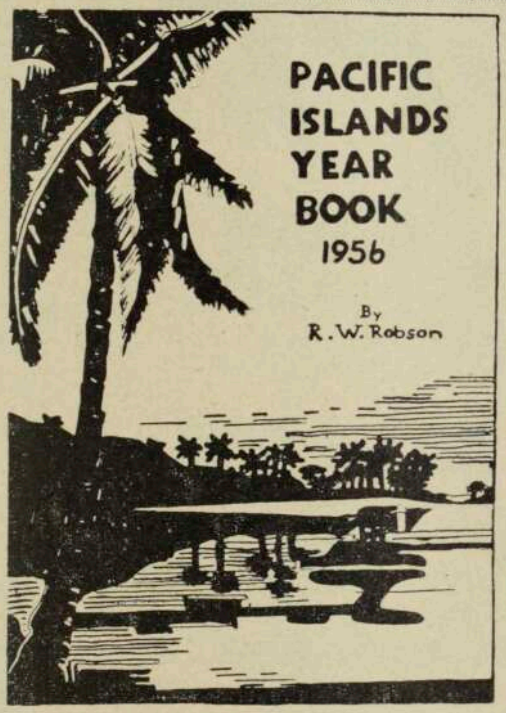
The company will purchase two Catalina flying-boats which will be used mainly for work for Australasian Petroleum Company but will also be available for a limited amount of private charter work.

The Managing Director of World



and Mrs. P. Powell, who were married Roman Catholic Church, Port Moresby, tober 8. The bride was formerly Miss Dade.

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de, Mr. Arni L. Sumarlidason, American resident of Port resby, said this week that the st of the Catalinas would arrive the Territory from the United ites in December. The second ne would follow a few months er.

World Wide Air Service's four icopters are now logging 3,500 ng hours a year in P-NG. The mpany started two years ago der the name of Bahama Heli-pters with a 100 per cent. Ameri- staff. To-day, 80 per cent. of staff are Australians.

ABAUL-KOKOPO SHAKE-UP

severe earth tremor—the most ere for years—rocked the Rabaul kopo area shortly before 7 pm October 10.

he tremor in Rabaul was of ength 5 and lasted about one nute. At Kokopo, it was more ere.

ater, Mr. Arthur Cresswell, of aul, reported the strange nomena of water running into, tead of out of, Sulphur Creek. said that this occurred also in 7 (the year of the disastrous aul eruptions) and indicated t the activity was centred out sea.

remors of lesser intensity were recorded in the Rabaul and topo areas during the early rs of October 11.

he Administration announced r that the tremors originated of Rabaul at an estimated ance of 40 to 50 miles. Land-es blocked the Rabaul-Kokopo l.

BUILDINGS FOR LAE

w people in Lae were sorry hear the announcement in ber by the Morobe District missioner (Mr. H. Niall) that had asked for a new Post e, Courthouse and Police ion for Lae.

r. Niall told a District Ad-y Council meeting that Ad-stration policy had been that l the new Lae Hospital was , other buildings would have ait.

r that reason, they were de-l from the estimates each

WILL THIS HELP?

Another small step apparently directed towards improving Port Moresby's hopelessly poor water supply was announced in the Government Gazette recently.

It is a new by-law written into the Moresby Water Supply Ordinance providing £20 fine for anyone (unauthorised) deliberately interfering with the water supply.

Some people who go without water for days on end in the capital of Papua-New Guinea, say they would willingly give £20 for the chance to get a little water.

† Mr. George Newman, a Brisbane man, has been appointed one of the two Government directors of Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers Ltd. He had been assistant manager of Gibbs, Bright & Co., managing director of Oxley Plywood Co. Ltd., and deputy chairman of the Queensland Plywood Board. CNGT is owned jointly by the Commonwealth Government and Bulolo Gold Dredging.

† The largest single shipment of bananas ever sent from Fiji to New Zealand was loaded on October 27, when the *Navua* took 26,000 cases (previous record 22,000 cases last December). On the same day the *Matua* loaded another 1,000 cases.

† Forty-three European artisans who have been on the "temporary" staff of the P-NG Department of Works for a number of years were rewarded for long service in October by permanent appointment to the Department. It is the first time the Minister for Territories has given approval for the permanent appointment of artisans.

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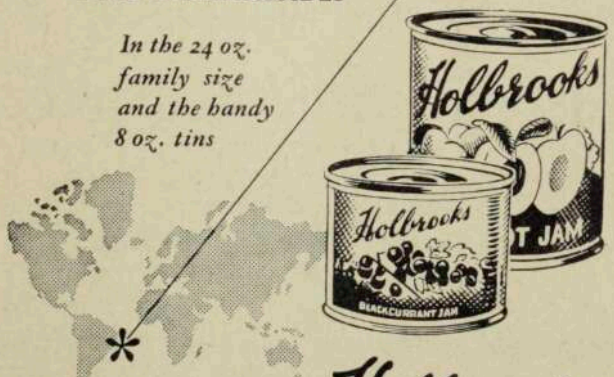
New Insurance Co. for P-NG

Mr. David Killeen, who has been appointed manager of The United Insurance Co., Ltd., P-NG Branch, which has recently opened at Lae. He previously was manager of the company's branch at Rockhampton.

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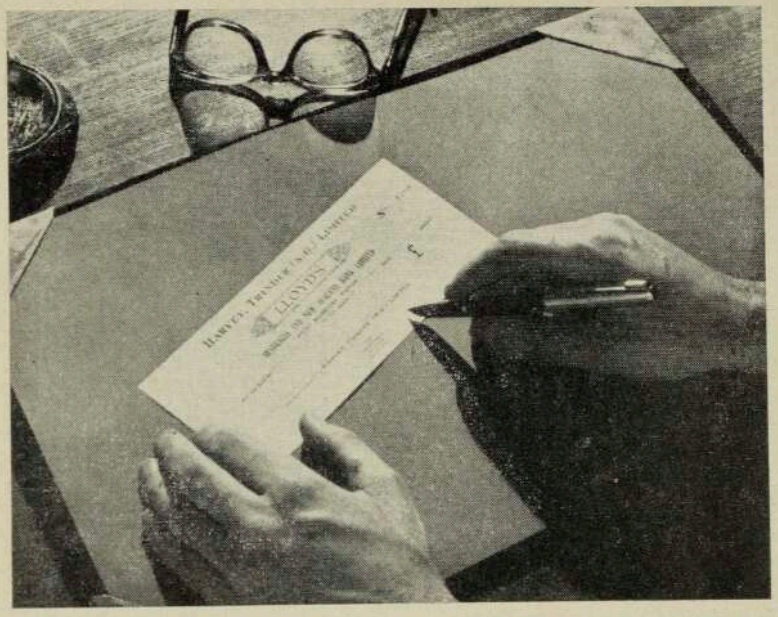
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Air Service

PAA AND SPAA PLA

WHEN Pan American Airw some time ago announced intention to operate an appr mately monthly non-scheduled service through Tafuna Airp Tutuila, Eastern Samoa, it understood that the service w be a diversion from the nor trans-Pacific route, Tafuna b substituted for Canton Island these particular flights.

According to an October nouncement from Honolulu it seems likely that the company instead operate a shuttle Skyma service from Nadi, just as they operate a shuttle service to Auck from Nadi.

The Honolulu report says that US Civil Aeronautics Board authorised the company to ope a scheduled monthly service DC4's.

It appears also that when originally applied for rights to into Tafuna, South Pacific Air of Honolulu, preparing to o mence operations to Tahiti, lo an appeal with the USCAB th PAA's application be granted, they should no longer be perm to also serve Canton Island.

From this is would appear South Pacific Airlines perhaps tended flying from Papeete to ton to land and pick up passe bound to and from Australia New Zealand. The CAB rej this restraining order but will re PAA's operations after one yea also rejected a SPAL applicatio service to Tafuna and favoured of PAA on the grounds that "already held condition authori serve Samoa and could provide service at little or no cost t US Government in the form mail subsidy."

PAA's Sydney office was unab confirm these reports, but said they were outside the Sydney of jurisdiction. They were ab state, however, that in so far a November flight to Tafuna concerned, it was to be a sh flight, Honolulu-Canton-Taf Canton-Honolulu - Canton - Taf Canton-Honolulu.

There has been no recent of South Pacific Airlines i tions. No agent has yet appointed in Papeete. On advice several months ago, whe service was to have commence two flying-boats were still at land, California, undergoing fu modifications in readiness fo Honolulu-Christmas Island-T service. A landing craft was also being prepared at Honolul use at the Christmas Island

It seems unlikely that the Pa service will commence at this of the year—the cooler, drier m

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April to September are the rmal tourist season for South cific areas, with the Hawaii rist season in the other half of e year.

THE LATE R. L. GASKELL

R. Richard Luke Gaskell, whose death in Sydney in late July was reported in the Septem- issue of PIM was not, as stated, r a resident of Kieta, Bougain- le. His son, Mr. G. W. Gaskell, iting from Iwi Plantation, ugainville, says that all his life the islands was spent in BSIP. Mr. Gaskell was born in Liver- ol, England, and served at sea sail. In 1908 he was engaged by rns Philp & Co. in Sydney to ct a marine slipway at kambo, Solomons.

On completion of that job he pur- ased a 40-acre property known Tete on Gela Island, in the adfly Passage at a point shown the charts as Gaskell Point. 1914, Mr. Gaskell married in ney, his wife returning with .

bout 1927, still retaining Tete ntation, the Gaskells shifted oss the Passage to Buena Vista nd, acquiring there the 100- e Vatalau Plantation and an- er, Valula, of 25 acres, previ- ly owned by Burns Philp & Co., aining on those properties until uary, 1943, when the Pacific r forced the family to leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaskell, Snr., did return after the war and lived Sydney, but their two sons are the Solomons—Jack having a wright business at Honiara, and offrey, now managing Iwi Planta- near Kieta, Bougainville, for J. W. Joyce.

orty years ago, Jack, as an in- t, was one of the first white dren to be seen in the Florida of the Solomons, and he was reat curiosity to the natives.

Live Shells Still Hazard

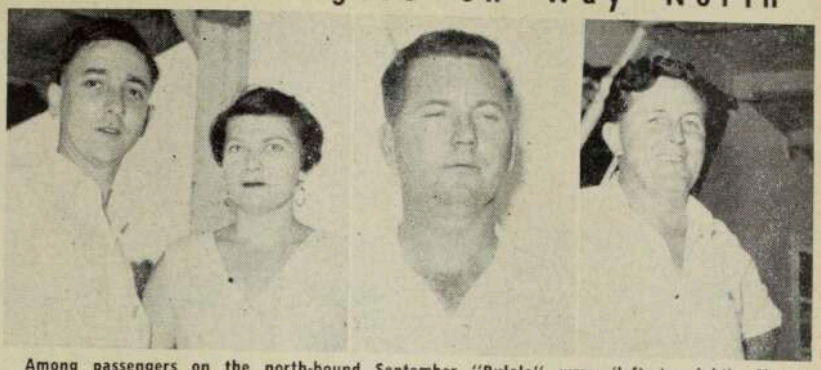
NEXPLODED war-time shells and bombs continue to create a hazard in several Island terri- es.

New Caledonia, three men ing for straying cattle in a re- e near the Dumbea River, ten s from Noumea, recently found e shells, relics of a war-time p.

mebody had the brilliant idea exploding the shells by lighting re round them and, in the sub- ent commotion, shrapnel flew all directions, some fragments owly missing workers in a by property.

he only casualty was one of the e experimenters. When the pnel started to whistle he flung self on the ground. The pnel missed him but a sharp- ted stick penetrated his groin.

Bulolo Passengers on Way North



Among passengers on the north-bound September "Bulolo" were (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Burford, for Port Moresby; Mr. McDougal Clarke, of the Administration Works Department, who had been on Australian leave; and Mr. H. Triggs, who had been holidaying in Australia and the United States.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

† The Reverend Fathers P. Tamatas, A. Tamuka, and W. P. Fingleton, of the Catholic Mission staff, Bougainville, N. Solomons, were visiting Sydney in October.

† Radio Suva has introduced a new weekly news broadcast in Fijian. The programme is from 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm each Thursday from VRH2 on 840 kc/s and VRH4 on 5980 kc/s.

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R. W. Robson's Travel Notes and Comments

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n Alliance with P-NG

NOTHER stop on the Johannesburg-Sydney air route is Cocos Keeling atoll, just south of a. To assist the new Qantas erprise, the Australian Departnt of Territories has taken over administration of the atoll from gapore and the British Colonial ce.

Ir. Hasluck's myrmidons are ut to be established on the same that carries the airfield—the itish-Malayan community at ne islet, across the lagoon, will be in the care of No. 5 of the ous Clunies Ross family, much t has been for a hundred years. he Clunies Ross people derive r wealth from a little copra, from the rich phosphate dets on the nearby Christmas nd atoll, now beng worked by British Phosphate Commission. his Cocos Keeling atoll is now lose alliance with Papua, New nea, and Nauru, which are all er Australian administration.

a Government House reception Singapore in May, I noticed an active young woman in the re of a vivacious group, and d who she was. She was the ning Mrs. Clunies Ross, of Cocos ing—an English girl of good n and education.

remembered, with horror, a lon report which we published ne PIM in 1948, suggesting that e had been a sad muddle in the ies Ross succession, and that heir to the atoll's throne (now ies Ross V) was "missing." e was even reference to some- marriage to "a teashop girl." s all completely untrue—typical ish from London's golden- w journalism. . . The pretty in the Singapore Governor's ingroom showed up so nicely ist Singapore's upper crust that s tempted to go over and reour published apology of 1948.

t An Economic

bone Means

IAT a lucky country Australia s!

had spent an hour in a Lonreading-room, studying the omic set-up of the United Kinganalysing official statistics n show, with tragic clarity, that s UK maintains a high average and volume of exports, the h standard of living must se. They show, also, that that ne is not being maintained, ly because so many of both yer and employed classes have off on an orgy of pleasureing.

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If some lunatic released a virus that would kill sheep like myxamatosis kills rabbits, Australia overnight would find herself approximately in the same economic position as Britain is in to-day.

Ex-Fijians In London

THERE was an old Fiji flavour about a small dinner party I arranged in London. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Hinchey (spending long leave in London) and Mr. and Mrs. Pennington Richards.

John Hinchey now is Treasurer of the Crown Colony of Mauritius, and therefore is next in authority under the Governor. He was for years a prominent officer in the Government of Fiji, and it was in Suva that he met and married a member of the well-known Beddows family; and she, now, as the Treasurer's wife, is a popular young matron in that "other" sugar Colony.

Mrs. Pennington Richards, formerly was "Beau" Hennings, one of the three attractive daughters of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late Mr. Gus Hennings, of Naitauba, Lau Archipelago. After notable service in World War II, she married Penning-

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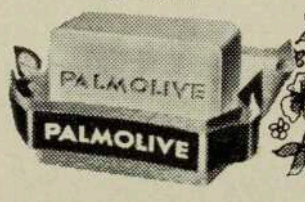
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ton Richards; and if you watch title section of the next first-- English film you patronise you haps will see that the Dir thereof was Pennington Richar he is high up in the picture w He was the only one of the p who did not personally know Fiji people and places under d discussion; but he says he is g to remedy that very soon.

This "White" Australia

AFTER seeing so many Eng speaking countries—inclu England itself!—wherein A ans and Asians are prominen was refreshing to land again in tralia and be free of inter-n quarrels.

I have heard the "White tralia" policy attacked many t —I myself have sometimes critical of it. But one travels learns.

Several times, abroad, people "Cannot you see that a large portion of cheap coloured labo Australia would substantially re your living costs and assist country's development?"

Well, I examined ordinary l costs in every country visited, some had a large communit coloured workers. In South A for example, there are over 8,00 negroes, 1,000,000 "Coloureds" 400,000 Indians in a total of 12,00 But in not one country visi and certainly not in South Afr were living costs any lower th Australia.

Australia has some lively struggles—always "willing," bitter at times—but they are diversions compared with quarrels and hatreds in the ma of countries where there are communities of different races

Some day, perhaps, the peop all races—blacks and whites yellows—will live together peac in one community, and grad coalesce into one race. But th little sign of it, yet. There ar many fundamental differences temper and temperament be racial types.

Words for the Unwary

BEWARE of Johannesburg, a for unwary tourists! S South Pacific folk, goin Europe via Southwest Asia, an wishing to return through America, may decide to travel Europe via Africa and the Q service across the Indian O They go from Europe to Joha burg by BOAC or South A Airways planes, and there tra to Qantas.

This is a word of warnin those who may plan to spend than 24 hours in Jo'burg. Th itself is an unattractive big

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ropean town, built around a series vast mine dumps in the centre an empty, tree-less veldt; and— art from the swarming native life here is little to interest the veller, either in the city or with- hundreds of miles of it.

Certain hotels charge no less than - Stg. for room and breakfast; d they are mostly notable for ir ingenuity in charging also for ry little thing from a phone call a newspaper—and for an over-all bbiness, the result of the all- vading dust.

ravellers should plan a minimum e among these dumps. But, using burg as a centre, they can visit e delightful areas—the great ural game reserves in Transvaal Zululand, the Portuguese town orenzo Marques and the colourful kindly city of Durban, where re is Australian-type surfing, and e of the world's best hotels.

n Durban, where English is pre- inant, the Indian and African ants and shop assistants seem py to see you. In Jo'burg, where Afrikaans' influence is strong, almost aggressive rudeness is mon in stores, hotels and in the ets, and one departs from the leasant place with a strong sense elief.

he trans-Africa traveller should stay a day or two at Livingstone, at the Victoria Falls Hotel, within sound of the Zambesi's great Falls. There is little to do beyond inspecting the Falls, and taking a launch-trip up the Zambesi (watching elephants, baboons, hippopotami, etc., playing around) but the hotel is one of the best holiday resorts in Africa, and the jaded traveller can lie up there in great content.

Hakon Mielche Returns To the Pacific

ALONG the way—in Italy, in September—I came upon the tracks of Hakon Mielche, a famous Danish writer with whom we of the PIM hobnobbed in Sydney over 20 years ago, when he got shipwrecked

Returning After Overseas Leave



Passengers per BP's "Malekula" in October included (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. G. Carter returning to Port Moresby after 12 months in the Far East, the UK and the Continent. Sub-Inspector and Mrs. M. T. Duff, late of Sohano, returning to Lae after leave.



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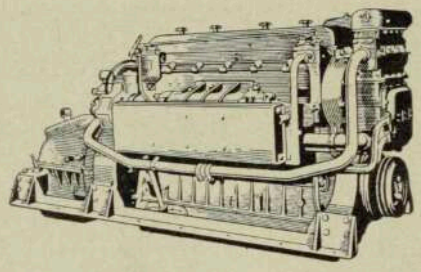
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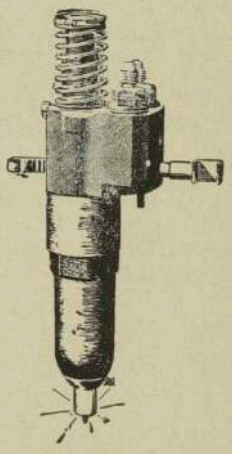


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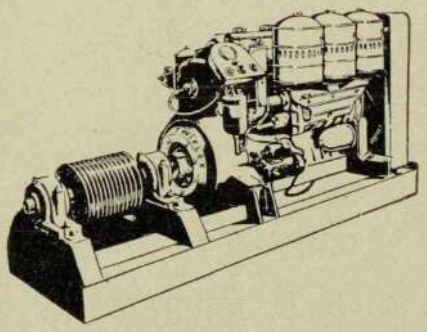
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the Solomons, and wrote and ıstrated some excellent books and ny articles about the Pacific ands.

With his attractive young Mexican-risian wife, he arrived in Sydney a y days after I returned, and already h have had a lot of newspaper d radio publicity.

Nowadays, he wanders the world, ting illustrated articles for an portant group of Scandinavian gazines, and producing numerous vel-books. Many of the latter e gone into English editions, and n warmly praised by reviewers.

ccompanied by Madame, he plans renew his acquaintance with ynesia, and will be seen soon in and Tonga.

frican Coffee Producers Meet

HE London *Public Ledger* reports that at a conference of African coffee producers at Brussels in -September there was a move an African federation.

he conference was convened at suggestion of the Belgian nial Ministry, and countries re-ented were France, Portugal, iopia, Spain, Liberia, and Bel-n. There were observers from ain, the Colombian Coffee Pro-rs' Federation, the Federation Central American, Mexican, and bbean Coffee Planters, and the American Coffee Office.

here was general support for the of an African producers' ration, but there were dif-nces of opinion about the powers a body should have over keting.

epresenting the United King-, a Colonial Office official said his country would not support deration which handled market-but his Government was in-sted in proposals now being ied by the UN Food and cultural Organisation (FAO) some other international es, for an International Coffee ciation which would include umers as well as producers.

ose who supported the idea of rely African federation felt that ould give African producers a er production and distribution nisation, allow them to face ket fluctuations better, and bine their sales campaigns. e would also be collaboration the three South American ee Producers' Federations.

e French delegate, supporting deration, was, like the United gdom delegate, opposed to its ng any control of marketing.

BISHOP KEMPTHORNE AT SYDNEY AND BRISBANE

THE Bishop in Polynesia (the Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, of Suva) preached the synod sermon at the opening of the Queensland Provincial Synod of the Church of England, at Brisbane, on October 18.

Visitors from New Guinea and Fiji attended the opening of the synod, which meets every three years.

On October 9, when preaching at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, Bishop Kempthorne said that education was in the forefront of Church work in the diocese of Polynesia.

Speaking of Fiji, he said that the Indians now exceeded the Fijians in numbers and only about 2 per cent of the Indians were Christians.

"The Church is bringing Indians to Fiji to help in the evangelical work," he said, and continued:

"The French colony of Tahiti has a large Chinese population, and the French authorities are faced with the same problem as we have in Fiji. The future is largely in the hands of the Christians, and the extension of Christianity has been marked by the number of picturesque village churches built in the Islands."

The Bishop said that in Fiji the Indians regarded Christianity as "a Western idea."

Bishop Kempthorne has been Bishop in Polynesia since 1923.

¶ Mr. E. W. Barltrop, Labour Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is scheduled to arrive in Fiji on November 26. He will visit industrial centres, inspect labour conditions and meet union leaders.

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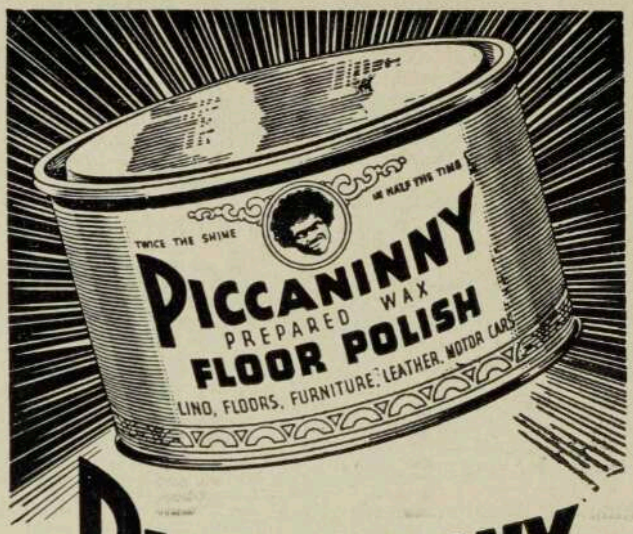
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Administration Aid For P-NG Cattle Indus

A BOOST to the Papua–Guinea cattle industry sh follow the announcement m in Port Moresby, in early Oct that the Administration will up to £55 subsidy on impo bulls, £40 for mature female c and £30 for young beasts.

The subsidy is designed to c freight charges from Australi the Territory.

Prospective importers have a six weeks in which to make their minds as to their req ments. All persons wishing to advantage of the subsidy offer to lodge their applications the Department of Agriculture, Moresby, by November 19.

There are a number of condi attached to the payment of subsidies.

Cattle must be of suitable b for territory conditions and purchase price must be £100 in case of mature bulls, £50 for y bulls, £30 for mature cows an for heifers. Prospective impo must show that they can run cattle efficiently and undertak do so on one property.

In addition:

• Subsidies will be paid onl lots of 50 or more breeding fem of beef breeds; 20 or more bree females of the dairy breeds; on one or more registered where the breeding herd for w they are required is no less the above basic numbers. Mini importations must be intende pasturing on one property onl

• But subsidies will be pai smaller lots where the imp already has herds of, or abov or 20 minimum numbers set above, and pastured on one pro only.

• Subsidies will be restricte stock which has passed the veterinary test required for Territory importations of c and be inspected and approve an Administration officer, or a of the Administration, prio embarkation in Australia.

Importers may bring their o in by air if they wish, but subsidy paid will be the same the beasts were imported by s

Papua and New Guinea large areas suitable for cattle— beef and dairying. Since the however, the initial cost of beasts plus very high freight ch has made it possible for on few private individuals to go the industry. Under the scheme, with an outlay of less £2,000, a man should be ab establish a satisfactory bre herd.

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ench Girl Painted Tahiti r American Pin-Up

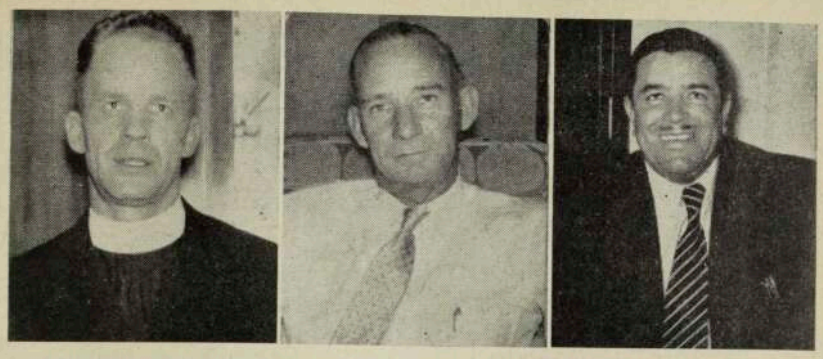
olf Armstrong, reports a Papeete espondent, is in Tahiti after absence of three years. (A tograph of Mr. Armstrong, plus pin-up, plus Papeete model u-Chou Kerimarec in slightly-ped state, decorated PIM's cover November, 1951).

he correspondent states: though the latest Armstrong -up represents an 'American e of beauty', the model for the ting is one of the most utiful French girls in Tahtii. . Mr. Armstrong also plans to e and illustrate a book about iti as seen through an artist's "

he current internationally-ired pin-up will be published he United States next year.

iss Elspeth James of Port esby was married to LAC ham Douglas, RAAF, at Ann Presbyterian Church, Brisbane, October 29.

October Travellers to Papua and New Guinea



Bound for New Guinea in October were (left to right): Rev. Father K. Murphy, MSC, returning to Rossel Island, Papua, per "Malekula". Mr. F. Baichin, of Department of Civil Aviation, returning to Madang following furlough in Australia. Mr. J. W. Ryan, representative for Vincents APC, on a business visit to New Guinea, went north by "Bulolo".

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Profit to June 30, 1955, was £27,609. In 1953-54 it was only £1,896. In 1952-53 it was £14,250.

† A dispensary, which will be staffed by an AMP, has been erected at Oni-I-Lau, Fiji. The first AMP to take up duty there is Uraia Naqasima, who has recently completed a post-graduate course at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital.



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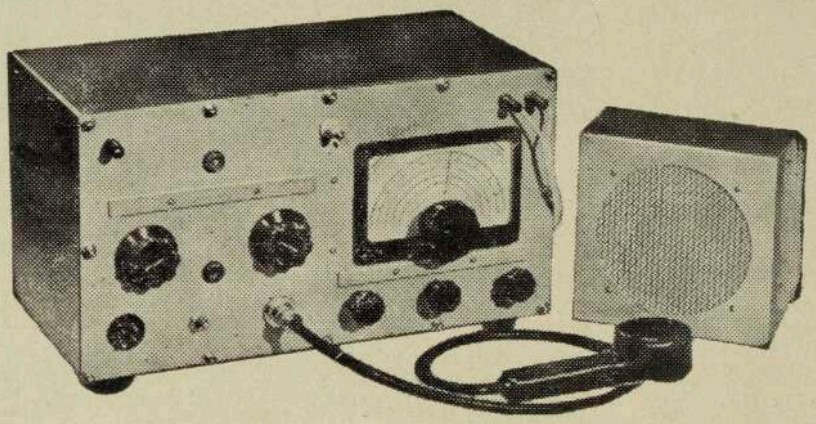
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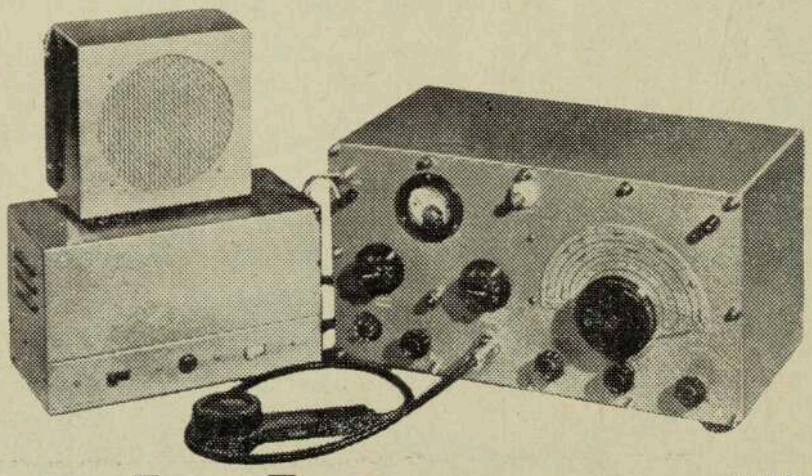


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e story of the Carlin voyage from the
d States to England, just published, is
wed elsewhere in this issue.

e jeep arrived in Melbourne early in
mber, but only to keep a promise of
home for Christmas. Early in the New
they will head back by ship to rejoin the
ed route in India. From there they will
mainly by land skirting the Asiatic con-
t, then to Japan, the Kuriles, etc., to
a during 1956, and so back to New York
whence the voyage officially commenced.

Carlin had scheds with various Hams on
marine section of the route, with very
results once he realised that early troubles
due to a damp deck insulator.

notice that Bud Devine, HC8GI, in the
agos, is active on 20-metre phone, mainly
en 2300-0100Z. An American, we believe
the only HC8 active at the present time.
other lone-handers in French Oceania are
active—Georges, FO8AK, down on Rapa
5 and 14,160 kc/s) and FO8AL on Tubuai
Australs (14,039 kc/s and also 7 mc/s).

from November 1, the 50-54 mc/s band
een closed to VK Hams and replaced by
6-60 mc/s band. It was also announced
October than VK Hams would soon be
tted to establish experimental TV stations
a maximum aerial power of 100 watts.
ercial TV is now expected to be operat-
Sydney and Melbourne by late 1956.

month PIM reported the opening of
new Bringelly Receiving Station near
. As might be expected, there are a
r of Hams on the staff, including at least
x-Islanders—VK2AVW ex-New Guinea, and
ex-Suva. Another non-Ham ex-New
man is Mr. W. Day. Other Hams are
W, VK2PO, and VK2WJ, officer in charge
station who is a keen 6-metre man.

the past four years this column has
at being a clearing house for news con-
g, and of interest to, Pacific Islands'
Each month a good many letters go out
g information, but unfortunately sur-
ly few replies come back. Even more
ingly French Pacific Hams have often
the most co-operative, New Guinea, with
notable exceptions, the least!

ugh the primary interest is undoubtedly
was felt that Pacific Hams would still
erested in knowing something of their
neighbours and would have taken the
unity accorded in sending along group
of local Hams. Not so. So in future
olumn will appear only as and when
ting items are available.

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e High Commissioner for
ern Samoa, the Hon. G. R.
es, CMG, accompanied by Mrs.
es, passed through Sydney in
October on his way home to
from South Africa. During
hy leave, Mr. Powles was in
United States (where he met
bers of the Trusteeship
cil of UNO); in Europe; and
outh Africa.

EXPENSIVE CHANGE-OVER

A NEW crew of 60 for the British Phosphate Commission ship *Triona* was flown into Brisbane from Calcutta in November, in an Indian Airways Skymaster.

Triona's old crew went back to India on the same plane. The crew is changed every year.

New Airline Begins Operations From Port Moresby

A NEW airline, Carsair, began operations in Papua-New Guinea at the end of October and will provide services to some of the less-serviced points.

The Anson aircraft of the company will fly between Port Moresby and Goroka twice weekly; and between Port Moresby and the Trobriand Islands once weekly.

The Managing Director of Carsair, Mr. R. G. Carswell, is a Brisbane aircraft engineer. He said his planes would operate direct from Port Moresby to Goroka, and on the flight to the Trobriands, would call at Milne Bay and Goodenough Island.

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Is Secret of Polio Immunity to be Found in NG Highlands?

If scientists could find why natives of the New Guinea Highlands have such a high immunity to poliomyelitis, the battle against this child-killer might be shortened.

IN a recent survey amongst natives in the Wabag sub-district results showed that 50 per cent. of these people had anti-bodies that gave protection against all three types of polio virus. About 80 per cent. had protection against Type 3 virus, the most prevalent in Australia.

Only about 15 per cent. of inhabitants in Australian capital cities have natural protection against polio.

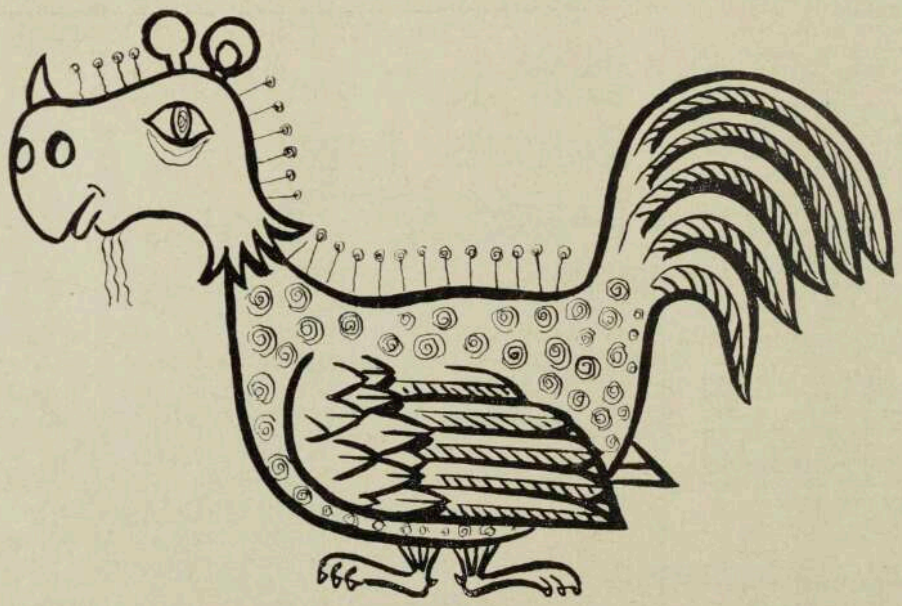
The survey was undertaken by Dr. McIntosh, Professor of Anatomy at Sydney University and Dr. N. G. Stanley, chief of the Institute of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney. The research was done on sera from the blood of Wabag natives. The survey was made possible by a Nuffield Foundation Grant.

The natives surveyed have had little contact with Europeans; the scientists believe that their diet or living habits may give them their immunity. Dr. Stanley said in Sydney in mid-October that w these natives did have polio it not in as virulent a form Europeans suffered.

He said that the results v important but not at this st considered in relation to development of a polio vaccine

It has been suggested, howe that a team of scientists go to NG Highlands to try to find why so high a proportion of inhabitants are immune to disease.

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he Minister Has Plans

ND NOW—PNG'S COPRA INDUSTRY

Papua and New Guinea has another plan—to maintain and develop the coconut planting industry in the Territory. The plan was announced in mid-October from Canberra.

AIN points of the plan were outlined by the Minister for Territories in a press statent. The points are:

- Establishment of new coconut areas on suitable land; the expansion of existing coconut plantations where unplanted land is still available on existing leases;
- Replanting of old and declining areas on existing plantations where land is suitable for coconuts;
- The interplanting of coconuts with cocoa on suitable land where the practice would be advantageous;
- The use of livestock on plantations where suitable;
- Intensified research, experimental and investigational activities.

o encourage new plantings and replanting of declining stands coconuts, the Territory Departit of Agriculture will establish cted seed gardens at strategic nts for distribution of seed nuts planters and native growers.

o encourage improved methods plantation maintenance, demontion plots will be established to w the value of cover cropping to carry out tests on mechanical ss control, surface and deep ivation, control of pests, fertils, and grazing for grass control. estigations will be undertaken mechanical dehuskers and on ous types of copra driers.

he Department of Agriculture intensify investigations into the ctice of intercropping with ba.

he extension services of the artment of Agriculture will enrage native coconut producers to pt a high standard of plantation iene to reduce the dangers of in infestation and to use cover ps to build up soil fertility. The ves will be encouraged to plant e palms for both food and as ash crop. Planting distances be selected so as to enable er management to be undern and in suitable areas to enable rplanting with cocoa later.

atives will be taught the most able methods of preparing copra market and other aspects of nut production by means of ures, simple pamphlets, films, filmstrips, demonstration plots and demonstration driers.

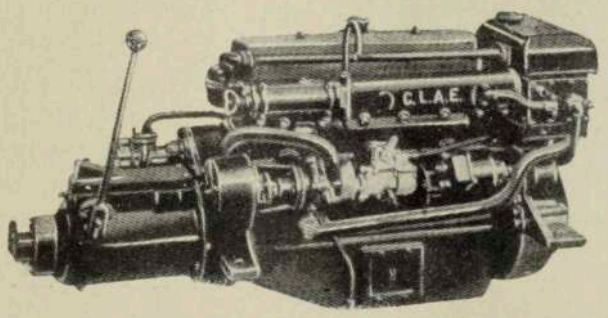
Selected natives will be trained in coconut production techniques such as lining, nursery work, planting out, establishment of cover crops and in the construction and operation of copra driers. These natives will be employed by the Territory Department of Agriculture as Extension Assistants.

Copra inspection staff will be trained in drying methods in order to advise planters on driers and methods of copra drying. Copra grades and the standards required in other countries, particularly consumer countries, will be constantly studied to keep up the quality of Papua and New Guinea copra.

Editorial Note

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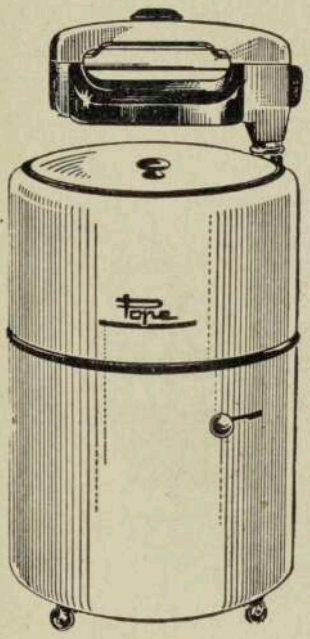
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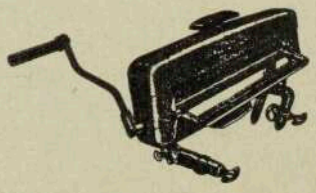


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Agriculture, the Department
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At the time that Mr. Hasluck
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Court in Port Moresby. Accor
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Mr. Henderson gave a dozen
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the men and materials with w
to put them into effect. We w
like to know what Canberra
to do about that—the great
fundamental problem: men.

Proposed RSL for P-NG Nati

AN ex-servicemen's organisa
for natives of Papua and
Guinea was urged by
delegates to the annual Retu
Soldiers, Sailors and Airm
Imperial League congress
Brisbane in late October.

Sponsors of the idea were
R. F. Bunting, MLC, preside
the P-NG branch, and Mr.
Knight, secretary of the
branch who attended the
ference.

Mr. Knight said that thou
of P-NG native ex-servic
proudly wore their cam
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believed that an ex-service
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strengthen the ties between
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

HE REV. FATHER J. M. OREVE

The Rev. Father John M. Oreve, ose death occurred at Sydney ter a long illness, was born in ance in 1882 and went to Fiji ter his ordination as a priest in 07. He was at Suva for much of 37 years of missionary work.

The late Bishop Nicholas pointed Father Oreve his Pro-ar, and, when the Bishop died 1941, Father Oreve was respon-le for the administration of the man Catholic mission in Fiji til the elevation of Bishop Foley. bsequently, Father Oreve was for time at Ba and was temporarily aplain at Makogai. From there Superiors of the Society of ry called him to a post at Syd-, a post which illness prevented n from taking up effectively.

MR. R. H. PHILLIPS

Mr. Richard Henry Phillips, whose th occurred at Sydney on October in his 90th year, went to Fiji m Australia in 1902 and joined Customs Department. He was tioned at Lautoka for many years, d for the last 17 years had been ng in retirement at Mosman.

A keen naturalist, Mr. Phillips s responsible for the fact that British Museum has the largest wn collection of Fijian Lepidoptera. He presented his private collection of moths to the Australian Museum at Sydney.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and two married daughters.

MR. J. H. McDONALD

The death occurred at his home in Burwood, Sydney, on October 31, of Mr. John Hinwood McDonald (usually known as "Jerry") after a long illness. He was 67.

He had a notable military career in War I with the 20th Bn. AIF. He was discharged with the rank of major, a DSO and an MC. He first went to New Guinea in the early twenties for the Expropriation Board and spent several years on plantations. Later he resigned and joined the Administration as Patrol Officer.

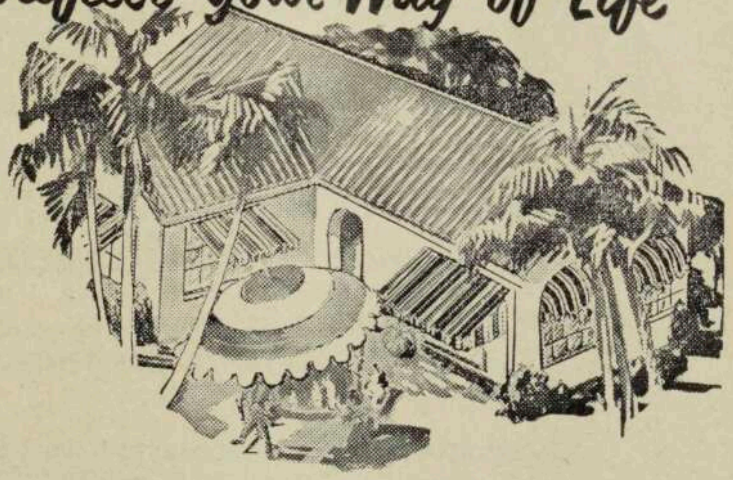
His outstanding qualifications as an organiser and leader gained him rapid promotion and during the years prior to War II he was DO at Manus, Kavieng and other centres on relieving duties. He was DO Kavieng when the Japs arrived there but managed to escape with his party to Australia by schooner. For some time after the War he was Assistant Director of District Services in Moresby before retiring to Sydney. He is sur-



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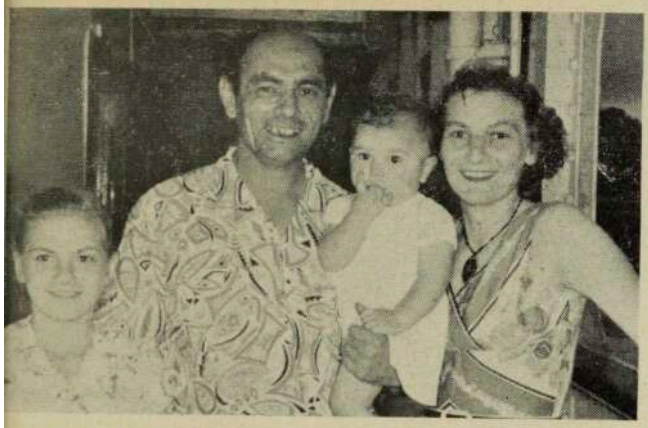
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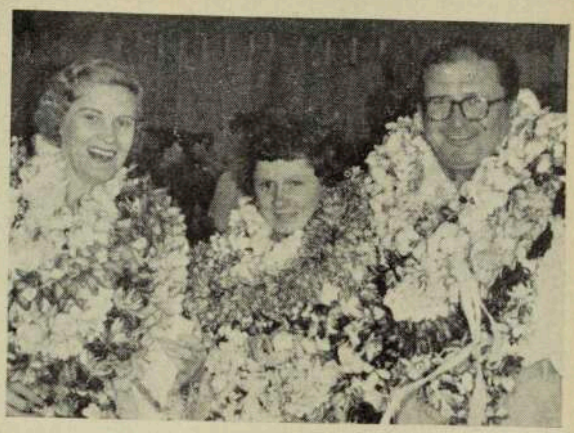
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ravellers in the Eastern Pacific . . .





left: Dr. and Mrs. H. Thieme, with their l son and daughter, recently returned to , W. Samoa, from Dunedin, NZ, where Dr. Thieme has been taking a post-graduate course in Tuberculosis. At right: Beneath many leis, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and daughter Sandra, who were leaving Pago Pago for three months leave in Sydney. Mr. Stewart is Pago manager of Burns Philp (SS), Ltd.
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ed by his second wife and a son his first marriage.

MR. BEN HEAPE

he death occurred suddenly in t Moresby at the end of Sep- ber of Mr. Ben Heape, a popular nber of the community and a keen and active member of the uting movement.
was largely through his efforts t Scouting was reorganised so n in the Territory after the war it was he who led the Papuan ut Contingent to Canberra and er Australian cities during the t of the Queen and the Duke of nburgh. Over 1,000 attended his eral, where European and native uts acted as pall-bearers.
e is survived by his wife and daughters, as well as by the dren of his brother (a New nd planter who died a few years) who were in his care.

SISTER MARY ZITA

ster Mary Zita, of the order of Sacred Heart, died at Yule nd, Papua, in October.
he arrived in the Territory in and spent almost all of her ice in the Mekeo area. She 72.

ATROL-OFFICER J. SHORT

trol Officer John Short died in Moresby Hospital on October 3, r a desperate battle by doctors ave his life.
e became ill about three weeks iously while escorting a New nea Resources Survey Team in ukuku country about 200 miles h-east of Port Moresby. He naged to walk for about a week he trek back to the coast, but collapsed and had to be ied to the Tauri River.
om there, a raft took him to apo, and he was flown from here to Port Moresby by a Papuan Air Transport Anson. An ambulance waiting at Jackson's airstrip rushed him to hospital, but he died at 6.30 pm the following evening.

MRS. E. R. HENDRA

The death occurred at the Rabaul Hospital in early October of the well-known Territory identity, Mrs. Ellen Rebecca Hendra.

Mrs. Hendra arrived in Papua about 30 years ago, but lived most of her Islands life in the Territory in New Guinea.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren.

MR. B. H. MARKS

The death occurred at Melbourne, on October 10, of Mr. B. H. Marks, a son of the late Sir Henry and Lady Marks, of Suva.

Sir Henry went from Melbourne to Fiji in 1881 and established a business. Mr. Ben Marks, one of six children, was born at Suva 61 years ago and, after his father's death, managed the estate in Fiji. In the First World War he left Fiji as a corporal, was commissioned in England and served in the Middle East. In World War II he assisted in the Information Office at Suva.

Mr. Marks was a prominent Mason and member of the Suva Rotary Club. For more than 30 years he was associated with the Fiji Golf Club, Suva, as player, secretary and vice-president.

Mr. Marks is survived by his

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wife (formerly Miss Jeanette Barrett, daughter of Sir James Barrett, of Sydney) and a daughter, Janice. He and Mrs. Marks had left Suva for Melbourne in August.

MR. T. E. PETERSON

Mr. Thomas Ernest Peterson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lavania Smith, at Lami, Suva, on October 2, at the age of 76.

Mr. Peterson's father was a Norwegian sailor who settled first in Samoa and then in Taveuni, where, a few years before Cession (1874), he acquired the land where the family now live.

Mr. Peterson is survived by four sons and 11 daughters. His wife, who predeceased him, was before her marriage Miss Fanny Pickering, of Kasavu Island, Rewa Delta.

The body was flown from Suva to Taveuni to be buried at the Naiselesele estate.

BROTHER CONRAD WEBER

The Catholic Mission in the Gilbert Islands some time ago suffered the loss of one of its founders, Brother Conrad Weber.

Aged 93 at the time of his death, Brother Conrad was born in Alsace and had spent 72 years in the service of the mission in the Gilberts, having arrived with the original group of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1888.

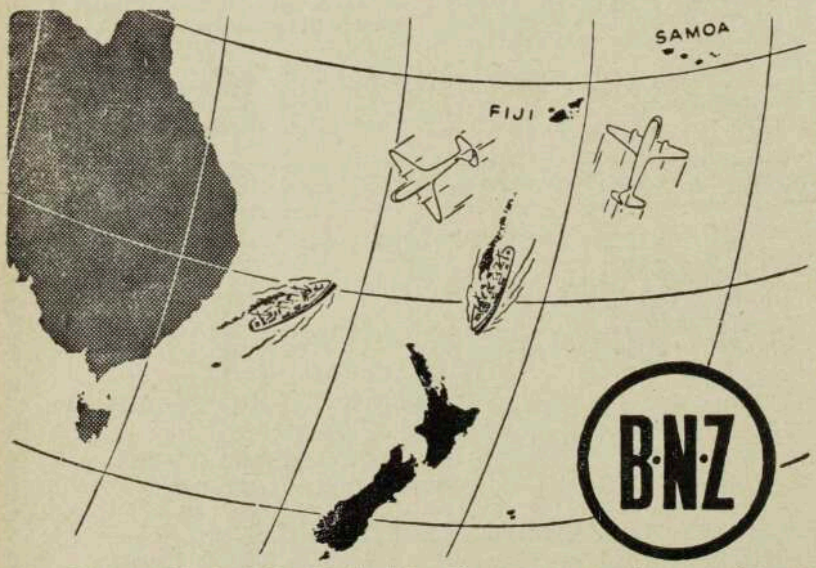
Brother Conrad was known and respected by everyone in the group. An indication of how widely he was known is seen in a report that during his lifetime he baptised 6[illegible] Gilbertese, about 15,000 of w[illegible] are still living.

Distinguished Fijians at Sydney Gathering



Our photo was taken on the occasion of a recent social evening given by the S[illegible] Polynesian Association to welcome two Fijian doctors and their wives. The group show[illegible] to right, standing, Mrs. George Waqasaqa of Sydney, Mrs. Tambua Salato, Mr. Waqasaqa[illegible] Ruth Manulevu, Mr. George Little, Dr. A. Manulevu, Dr. M. Salato, and Mr. George Dei[illegible] In front are Mrs. Deighton and Mrs. Monty Griffin.

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Mrs. Myra Harrington
A Tribute

addition to being well known
n the Cooks, Mrs. Myra Harring-
on, whose death was reported in
October PIM, will also be re-
mbered by the thousands of air
ellers who have passed through
id to and from Rarotonga and
eete in recent years.

ith her assistants, Mrs. Harring-
was host to air travellers during
stay ashore on Akaiami islet,
L'S flying-boat base.

a recent Cook Islands news-
t this tribute was paid to Mrs.
ington:

s. Harrington's father was
McCulloch, who first landed
he Cook Islands at Mangaia
the wrecked ship *Saragossa*
later married Akaiti Wiramu
elia Williams). They settled
in Mauke, where Myra was

ring his life in the Cook Islands,
McCulloch held several Admin-
ion positions as Resident Agent
several in commercial life as
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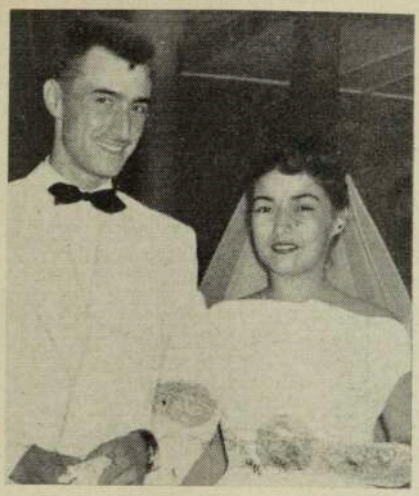
the age of 7 years, Myra was
to the United States, where she
ved her Primary school educa-
During this time her mother
and she returned to the Islands
bout 18 months. Subsequently,
went to secondary school in
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ed and graduated as a nurse.
rning to the Cook Islands she
employed by the local Admin-
ion and was highly regarded
ner efficient work as District
in Rarotonga.

1941, she was placed in charge
e hospital at Atiu where there
no CIMP, and in 1942, she was
ferred to Aitutaki, where she
took charge of the hospital;
t was there that she met and
ied John Harrington.

ough her mother was widely
d to many prominent families
e Cook Group, including the
hein family, Rahui Orometua
Tukua Cameron, and a host of
s. She will be remembered by
e circle of friends for her un-
ded hospitality and her intel-
conversation, as well as by
mothers whose babies she
red.

is survived by her husband,
and five children, John (NZ),
(Tereora), Mary, Jimmie and

Bottin—Pujol Wedding



M. Paul Bottin and his bride, formerly Mlle. Odette Pujol of Vila. Couple journeyed from Noumea to Vila for their wedding on October 22 and returned by "Polynesie" to Noumea.
—Photo by Fung Kuei.

† Two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Champion, arrived in Auckland in the 37-ft ketch Little Bear on November 7. They left San Francisco in 1949 and have been gradually working their way south and west since then. Their route lay via Panama, Hawaii and Fiji.

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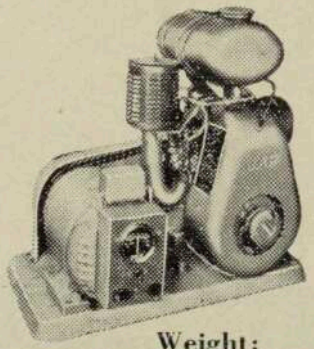
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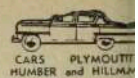
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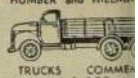
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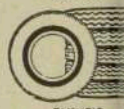

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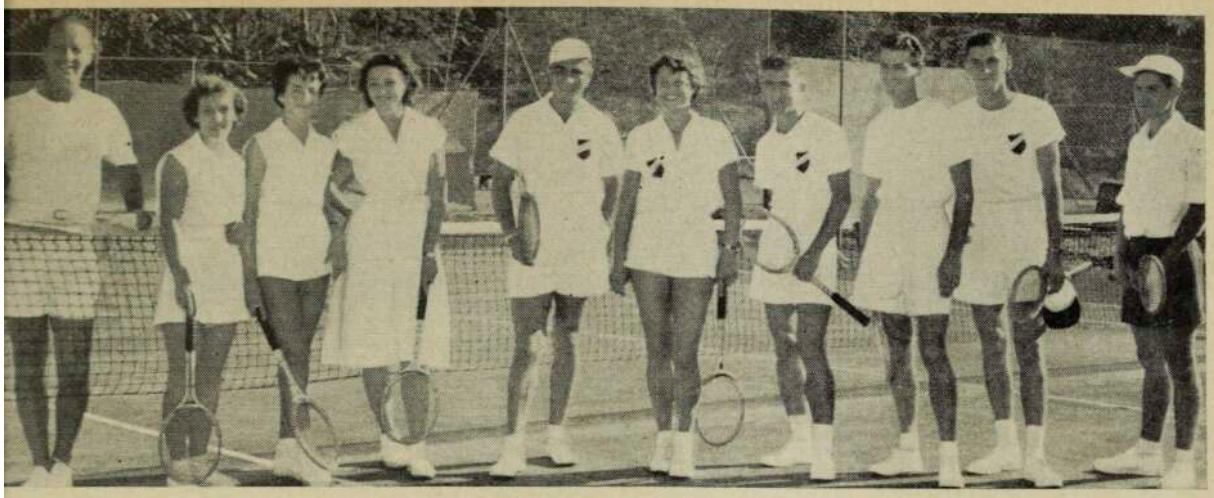
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Vila Defeats Noumea at Tennis

cent matches between tennis teams from ea and Vila, played in Vila, resulted in n for Vila, 8 points to 7.
two teams which took part are (left ht): M. P. Lutgen (V), Mrs. Jamieson (V), Mlle. Bousquet (N), Mlle. B. Briat (V), M. Chapuis (N), Mme. Morault (N), M. Begaud (N), Mr. O. Richards (V), M. Berge (N), M. Steinmetz (N).

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dern Installations Noumea kel Company

rom Our Noumea Correspondent

IE new smelting installations of the Nickel Co. at Noumea, New Caledonia, are well under

ney will be carried out in 4 ons. Section one will be the truction of mechanical devices h will permit the mineral to arried directly from the ships' s to the stocking points, and there direct to the furnaces. e second section will be in ection with the pre-fusion aration of the ore. Three , revolving cylinders of the used in the cement industry be installed. In these cylinders ore will be dried and roasted. e third section is the most rtant. It will be composed of electric furnaces for ting. Each will consume 10,000 watts of electricity. These aces will receive the already ed ore direct from the lving cylinders.

e fourth section comprises a ing installation. Electric arc aces and Robert converters rid the ferro nickel from the ting furnaces of sulphur and on impurities.

e construction of this installa- is well under way and actually be the first section terminated. being pushed ahead as it will used in conjunction with the nt plant.

is hoped to have the four sections completed in three years, by which time it is anticipated that the new Yate dam and hydro-electric scheme, which are being constructed to supply current to the new installations at the smelters, will also be in operation.

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† At the annual meeting of the Lautoka Town Council (Fiji) on November 2, a Fijian was elected Deputy Mayor. He is the Rev. Kolinio Saukuru, and is the first Fijian to hold office as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor under the Local Government (Towns) Ordinance of 1947.

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Drastic Comment on Cooks' Copra

ALTHOUGH copra is the largest source of Cook Islands' income and is capable of expansion at much lower cost than that of citrus production, copra production has been allowed to fall below that of 1930, and "the industry is in a vary bad condition indeed", states the report of Professor S. Belshaw and Mr. V. D. Stace, the economic experts advising the Cook Islands Administration.

Important reforms are needed, states the report, which lists major defects in the industry and adds that the quality of Cook Islands copra "is among the poorest in the Pacific."

The report states that copra-processing is inefficient, purchasing and marketing are poorly organised, plantations are in poor condition, the collection of nuts is far short of potentialities, storage is bad and the copra regulations have not been enforced.

The report recommends, among many other improvements, that a copra marketing board should be established to deal with marketing, while the Agriculture Department should retain the supervision of production and processing.

The experts urge the encouragement of co-operative organisations while allowing traders to m reasonable, but not excess profits.

The system they propose is modification of that in force various British and other Isl territories where copra boards h a monopoly in buying and sel copra. It does not eliminate l traders, but the report gives a c warning: "Should the reorgan tion prove unsuccessful, the alternative, in view, is a comp official marketing agency."

Two Men Killed in Makog Lorry Smash

TWO Fijians suffered fatal juries when a lorry driven H. E. Harman, Public W foreman at the Fiji Leprosy H pital, Makogai, swerved from road and rolled over the two m Osea Drikidau and Kolinio Bol Harman was said to be dri at about 15 miles an hour when fainted at the wheel.

At a preliminary inquiry Levuka on October 11, the Ma trate (Ratu Kamisese Mara) fo that there was not enough evid to support a case.

¶ Mrs. Ruth Kempthorne, wif the Bishop in Polynesia, returne Suva in the Orient liner *Orc* on November 8.

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owing Pineapples r NZ Market

LL reports affirm that there is increasing antagonism of the Administration, at Mangaia, k Islands.

his is based largely on the dling of the island's economy—t—and what the Mangaians, tly or wrongly, consider to be ninistration—or New Zealand ernment—connivance at "ex-tation" of the pineapple growers the sole New Zealand firm dling the marketing.

egotiations reached a climax in form of a pineapple strike in tember. This followed a visit by Minister of Island Territories in , when an assurance was given t the matter in question would investigated.

he pineapple dispute centres on t is claimed to be a completely air price, fixed by Fruit Dis-utors Ltd. with Government roval, on the current season's .

1950-51, growers received a s payment of 17/4 per 1⅛ bushel . From this the Administration ucted 3/6 for the case, 6d. for king, 3d. for inspection, and 7d labour and lighterage in the ling operations at Mangaia—ing 12/6 net to the growers.

ow, in 1955, when costs have in-sed, the price was to remain un-nged at 17/4 gross, but deduc-s now are as follows: case 5/10, king 8d, inspection 6d, labour lighterage 8d and a new local of 3d., making 7/11 in all—and ing the growers only 9/5 per .

he Mangaia loading operations notoriously tricky. The reef is gerous at the best of times, and he weather comes up much fruit be left behind. Such fruit, or t arriving in New Zealand in r condition, is a loss to the wer—unlike citrus and bananas which all loss is accepted by the ernment. The growers are de-ted 6/- per case for unmarket-fruit arriving in New Zealand, sumably to cover freight and dling charges there.

ast April, the Mangaians asked 15/- net. No reply to this de-d had been received when the ister arrived in July, and for and other reasons he was rded a chilly reception. The ister returned to Wellington and months went by, with the crop roaching the harvest. When ning had been heard on the sub-by September, in response to further requests, some residents broke the story to the New Zealand press. The response from New Zealand was immediate—a cold and unqualified "No" to the request for any change in price.

The Mangaians thereupon declared a strike. No ship would be worked. No pineapples would be delivered.

Though it was obvious that it would mean a grievous financial loss, still the people were prepared to face it.

However, by October, when the grimness of the situation was apparent, some of the people were prepared to listen to a new proposition from New Zealand. This was that Fruit Distributors Ltd. would market the pineapples on consignment for open sale without any guarantee of price. Under this scheme the growers still might lose—or they might, if the fruit arrived in good condition, do considerably better than even the 15/- net. With this offer, however, came the intimation that the *Matua* would call at the island on her November Cooks trip, only if a guarantee of 10,000 cases were on hand for shipment.

Debate on this was continuing



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e in October but it seemed that
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accepted. Much will depend on
results of that transaction.
ruit Distributors Ltd., the Well-
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s a marketing system, it is gener-
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lly the best person to represent
producers, even though the
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seas markets.

YHEM OR BASKETBALL?

ngaia Goes a "Feudin"

WIN GOLD reports some tension on the playing fields of Mangaia, Cook Islands:

he prophesied outcome of the
oduction of basketball here has
e to pass. Critics said that the
e could only create bitter inter-
ge rivalry and not the sporting
t of clean competition expected.
has proved only too correct.
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ge team to beat the Tavaenga
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s' names on the Cup, is worse
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s no doubt it was a wise move,
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village rivalry.
angaians are an isolated people,
still retain much of the bitter
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With them, games are tribal
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unseemly. It does not appear
this outlook will be altered
another century at least.
nce, the RA's decision to hold
prize play at a draw; but
ough this assures honour to
teams, the inlanders have
rmined not to play any further
es at all—i.e., have abandoned
sport.
is dismal end has come to all
sh sports introduced here.
Islanders are bad losers and
ant winners, and the sooner
facts of CI life are faced,
better for all concerned.

10th polio victim was admitted
ospital in Suva in November.
case was a 2-years-old Fijian
from Samabula, near Suva.

Housing is Main Problem of Islanders in NZ

UNSCRUPULOUS landlords who allowed Islanders to crowd into small, old houses were responsible for much of the trouble over Islanders' health and housing problems in the Auckland area, said the Newmarket sanitary inspector (Mr. D. J. Lyons) on October 20. Local bodies in New Zealand should have more control over the question of where Islanders live, he added.

Two Islands children had died from infectious diseases in overcrowded conditions, said Mr. Lyons, who commended the Dominion Government's move to restrict the entry of Pacific Islanders unless they have arranged for adequate accommodation.

There are 1,625 Islanders, including 576 children, in the Auckland City area alone.

On October 25 the owner of a five-roomed Newmarket house, with a floor area of 900 sq. ft, was convicted and fined £15 for permitting the building to be so overcrowded as to be dangerous to the health of its occupants. It was stated that six adult Rarotongans and eight children were living in the house.

† There are now 118 Credit Unions with a total membership of 14,521 in Fiji. Savings total £50,085 and loans totalling £92,000 have been made.

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Phenomenal Prices for Pacific Sh

A FEW years ago, when the anese re-entered the shell ing business, there were pr tions that the shell market w be ruined from the point of of Islands producers. Japanese cutting was feared.

This has not been so and p now are fantastically high, cert higher than at any time since fore the war.

One parcel of New Guinea tro changed hands recently for a in the vicinity of £A500 per to store, Sydney. Supplies of tro are very short.

The announcement by the Islands Administration that M hiki lagoon would be closed f rest period of one year, and sibly longer, caused a sudden demand for what was describe the last pearl-shell consignmen come out of the lagoon. There reports in Sydney that this p of black-lip mother-of-pearl cha hands at £A800 per ton, c.i.f. Sy

Manihiki will close on Dece 31, so undoubtedly there wil a little more shell to come there. There will be keen m interest in Penrhyn lagoon now. question is whether the shell prove clean, in the main, or wh there will be much wormy she might be expected after a period of little diving. The Pen exporters will be well advise closely watch the quality of shipments, grading if nece especially in the early stages, o wise the reputation of this la may be established as unfavou in comparison with Manihiki.

There should be plenty of centive for a well supervised sumption of diving operation Suwarrow lagoon, to deter whether MOP is available the payable quantities. With the is at present uninhabited it is po for Japanese poachers to slip that navigable lagoon.

Cook Islands law permits only Islanders, or Europeans reside the Cook Islands, to hold o diving licenses. The lagoons divided into areas, and license allocated on a yearly basis to different areas, some of which be closed for rest periods. Th the first time that the entire M hiki lagoon has been declared c since the war. It has been a mine to the Cooks economy.

The High Commissioner for Western Pacific, Mr. J. G accompanied by Mrs. Gutch an ADC, Captain W. Curtis, Honiara, BSIP, in the MV K on October 25 for a visit to Giz the Western Solomons, Munda the Russell Islands.

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Chocolate Manufacturers Tour NG

THREE representatives of Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Pty., Ltd., toured cocoa-growing areas in ew Guinea in October.

They were cocoa expert D. H. rquhart, Mr. S. L. Hale and the ompany's chairman of directors, r. J. P. D. Lloyd.

On their return to Tasmania, r. Lloyd said that some of the coa grown in the Gazelle Peninla area of New Britain was of cellent quality—although some eeded improvement. He said that many plantations were just ming into bearing there it was portant to improve the average ality of the product so that New uinea would build a reputation r good quality cocoa.

He said that fixed standards of ality for NG cocoa should be rked out as in other producing untries.

His party was impressed with the neral enthusiasm shown in cocoa atters in the Territory, by the rd work being done by the P-NG partment of Agriculture and by e way in which the natives were ing encouraged to plant and proce their cocoa along the correct ies.

Correct fermentation was the crucial aspect of cocoa preparation so far as the manufacturer was concerned and NG was having its difficulties in this direction, just as did other producing countries.

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Improvements to Bananas, Cocoa and Sugar

WEST Indies experts are seeking to produce better bananas, cocoa and sugar.

Banana research is designed to produce suitable export varieties which are resistant to fungus diseases. The susceptible high-quality cultivated trees are being crossed with disease-resistant wild varieties.

Chocolate flavour in cocoa beans depends on a fermentation process. The problem of the changes during fermentation is being studied by a bio-chemist.

The use of sugar by-products is another big question. A new cheap process has been developed by making fructose, which is much cheaper than common sugar and can be safely eaten by diabetics.

PATROLLING IN PAPUA-NG

IMPORTANT patrols are still going on in remoter areas of Papua-New Guinea.

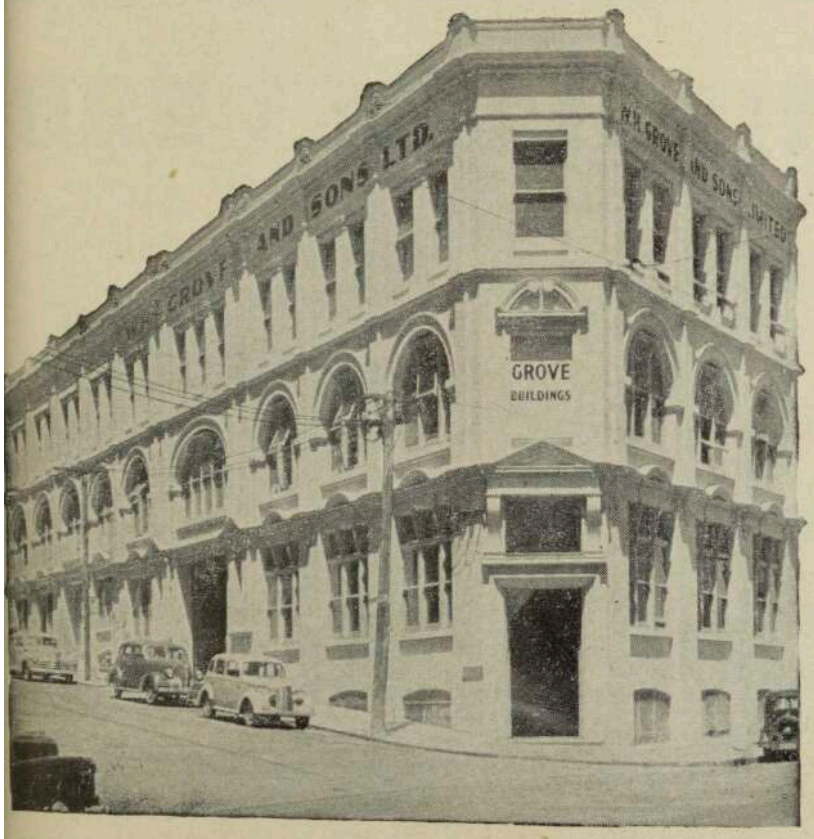
Recently, in the Kainantu sub-district, Eastern Highlands, an extensive patrol to the Lamari river was concluded by ADO H. W. West and Patrol Officer John Colman.

This patrol took over eight weeks, and was through uncontrolled areas. Two main tributaries of the Lamari and Vialala rivers were discovered. The people who live in this area had never previously been contacted.

The N-NG Patrol Officer at Kiunga, Mr. Jack Baker, in October ended a 71-day patrol into the rugged Awin area of the Western District (Papua).

The area he patrolled lies to the north of Kiunga, which itself is only a few miles from the Dutch border and about 500 miles up the Fly River.

† Dudley Church, Suva, the central church of the Indian Methodist Church in Fiji, celebrated its 21st anniversary on November 6. The church is named after Miss Hannah Dudley, who was appointed 58 years ago to work among the Indians in Fiji.



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PACIFIC REVIEW, Nadi, Fiji, about ANNUAL 1955:

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"Even a Ratepayer Can Understand Suva Finances Now"

SUVA'S former Mayor, Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane, had done good work in putting the city's affairs in order, and this process had been continued by Mr. A. D. Leys in his first term as Mayor, said a retiring Councillor, Mr. W. G. Johnson, at a Council meeting in October.

Mr. Johnson added that nowadays the Council's financial situation was stated so clearly every month that "even a ratepayer is able to understand it."

Besides being managing-director of W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji) Ltd., Mr. Johnson is a member of the Legislative Council and chairman of the Suva Chamber of Commerce. He has been a City Councillor for several years.

First Fijian member of the Suva City Council is Ratu Anare Raiwalui, a Government nominee appointed to succeed Mr. R. A. Derrick.

The appointment has been warmly approved by those who have long urged that the Suva Fijians, who include an increasing number of ratepayers, should be brought more closely into touch with civic life.

The new member, who is still a young man, is well known as o ductor of the famous Centen Church Choir. His book of Fi idioms, *Na i Vosavosa e So,* published last year by the Ox University Press for the So Pacific Commission's Literat Bureau.

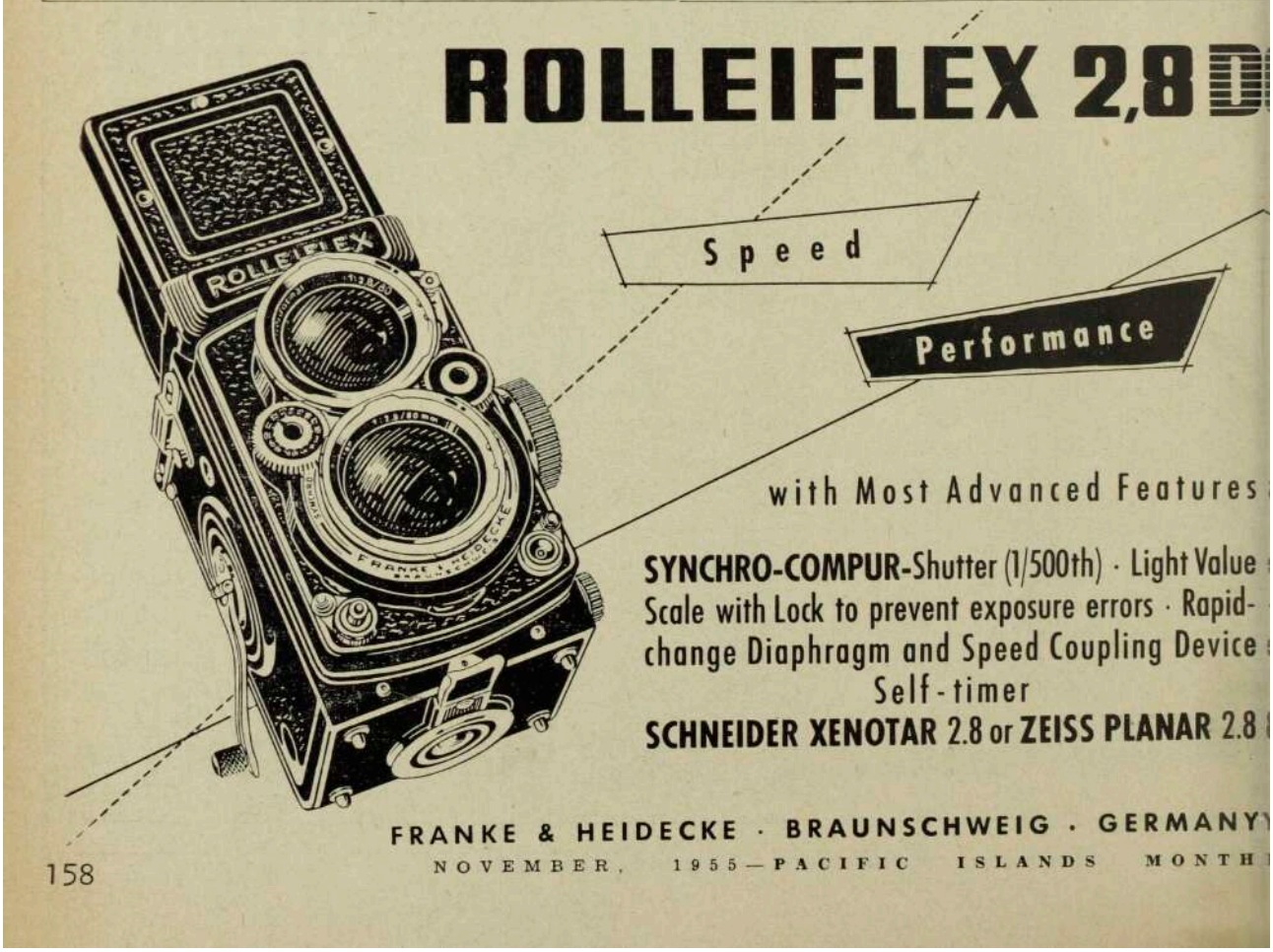
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EIGHTEEN Co-operative Socie managers and five other s members met in conference Tarawa recently, to discuss operative affairs and to underg three weeks training course.

The conference was opened the Acting Resident Commissio Mr. F. N. Pusinelli, MC, the ceedings being recorded and l broadcast by the local r station.

The training course wh followed the opening inclu lectures on such subjects as operative history, principles present-day practice, co-opera and Colony law. Films and strips supplied by the South Pa Commission formed an interes and useful part of the course.

Native co-operatives are prob better established in the Gil and Ellice Islands Colony than any other Pacific area, tho actual trade involved would equal that of the rapidly expan New Guinea co-operative socie



Fijians Throng to Seamanship Classes

TO the end of 1954, 199 students—
183 Fijians and 16 Europeans—
had passed through the Re-
abilitation Nautical Classes con-
ucted by Captain J. Mullins, at
iva, states the annual report of
e Fiji Rehabilitation Board. The
pularity of these classes was un-
ated.

Loans approved by the Board
nce 1945, totalled £326,554;
40,713 had been repaid together
th £24,497 interest. Houses built
bought with rehabilitation funds
mbered 174.

During 1954, 407 applications for
ancial assistance were received,
which 309 were approved and 45
her withdrawn or deferred. Nearly
lf the total consisted of the free
ue of agricultural tools for Fijian
diers returned from Malaya.

The report states that applica-
ns, mainly from Fijian ex-service-
n, for admission to the Nautical
sses showed no sign of diminish-
, and further expenditure from
blic funds on this popular form of
abilitation was well justified.
ere appeared to be a constant de-
nd by local employers for trained
men who passed the subsequent
ard of Trade examinations.

New Caledonia Needs More Police

AS in Australia and New Zealand, the New Caledonia police department is having trouble in keeping up its establishments to full strength.

Our correspondent reports that the normal strength has in the past been about 70 men, but that this is now quite inadequate. The hydro-electric centre of Yate, where a big dam project is under way, will soon have a population of 600 to 800 persons, and various nickel mining centres of population are also increasing rapidly.

There is also an urgent need for a mobile police establishment to control road traffic.

The problem is at present receiving the attention of the Metropolitan government in Paris.

Saunders-Blumer Wedding

Mr. Peter F. V. Saunders, of Kavieng, New Guinea, married Miss Anne Blumer, of Eastwood, Sydney, at King's School Chapel, Parramatta, on November 9. They will leave for Kavieng by air on November 26, after a short holiday on the Blue Mountains, NSW. New Guinea people at the wedding included Mrs. F. V. Saunders (mother of the bridegroom), Mr. and Mrs. Tony Edgell (Pak Plantation, Manus), and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schultz (late of Kavieng, now of Goulburn, NSW).

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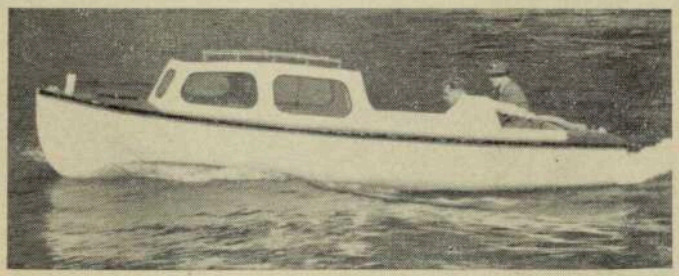
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† Mr. W. G. Bryce, Solicitor-G eral of Fiji, who has been ac as Attorney-General, has acce a transfer on promotion to post of Attorney-General, Gibra It is expected he will leave Fi December to take up his new p

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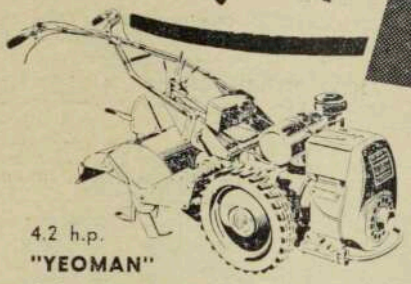
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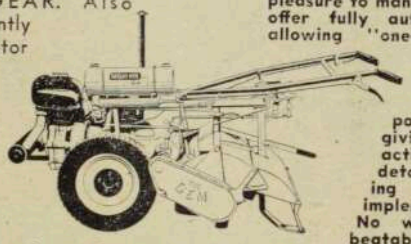
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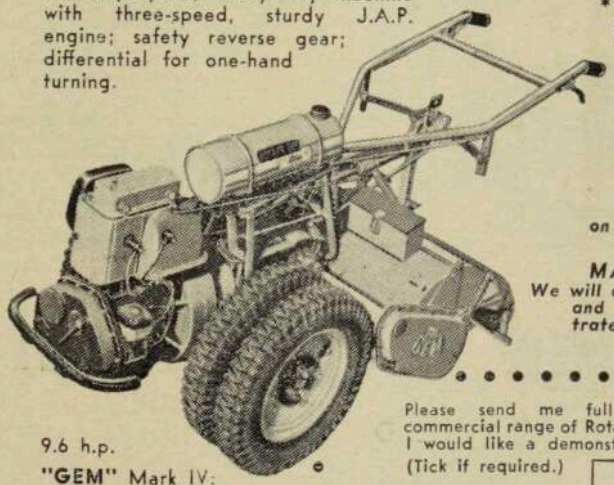
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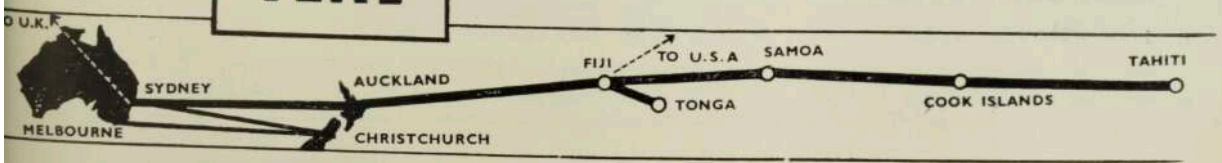
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