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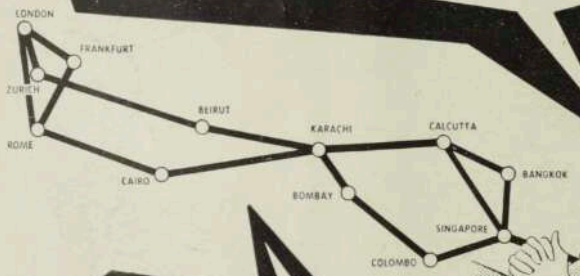
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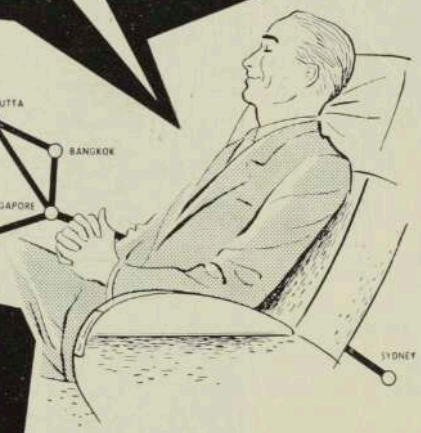
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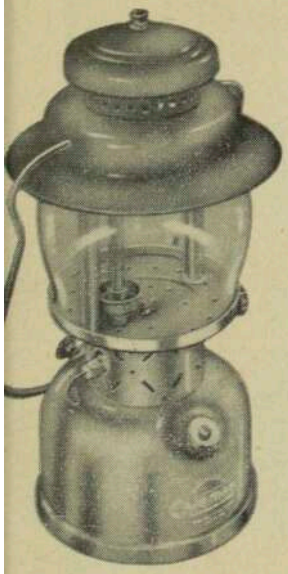
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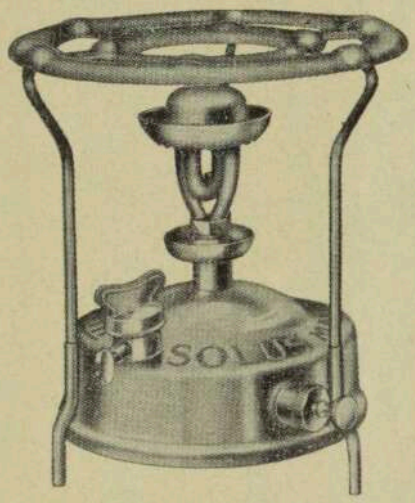
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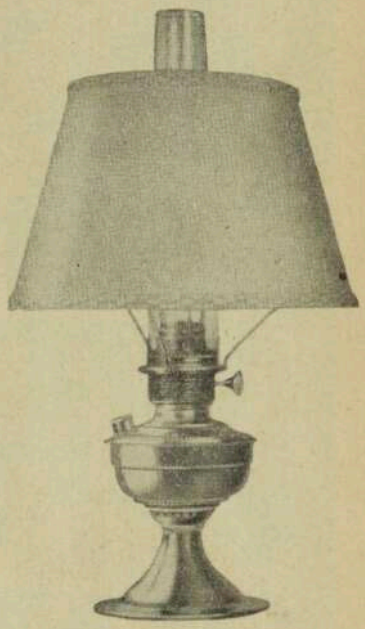
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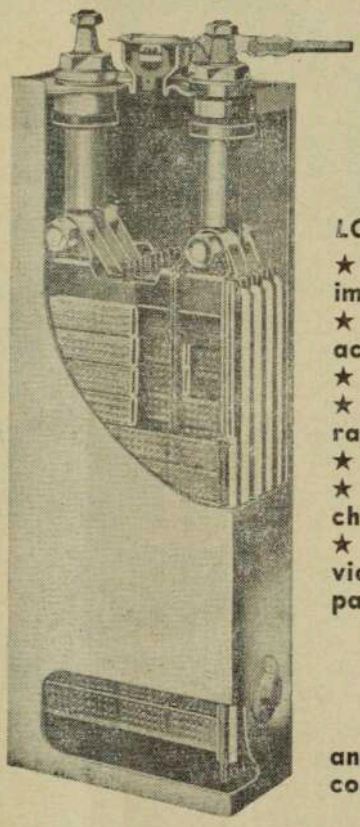
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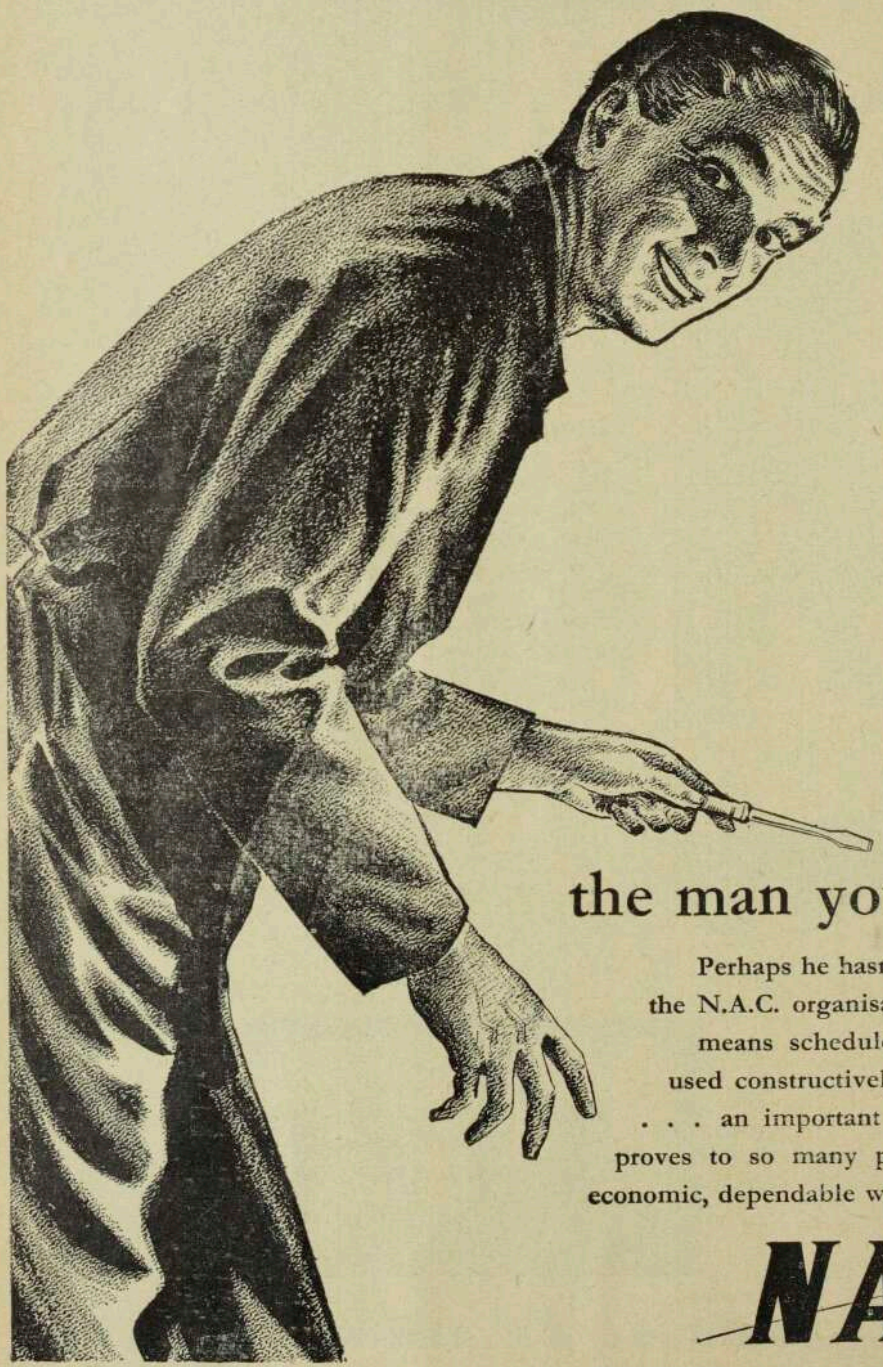
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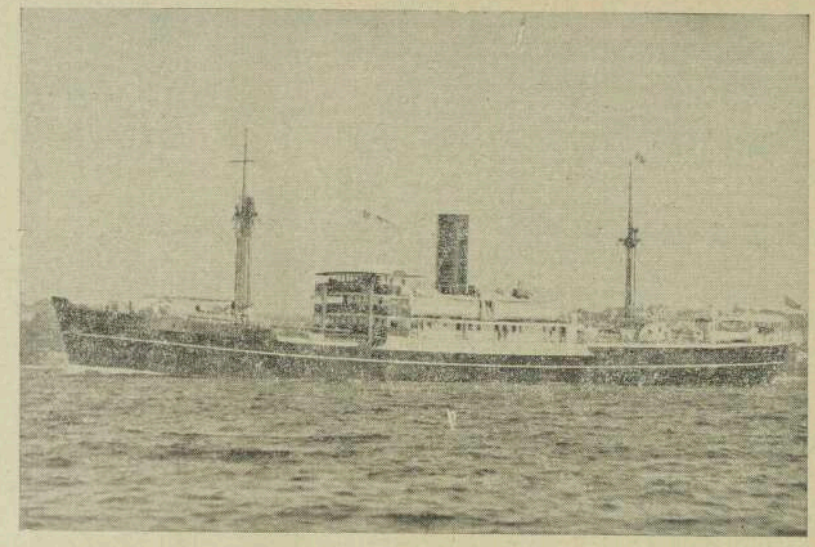


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V Muliama, 8 passengers, leaves ney for P.-N.G. approx. monthly, ports ing with cargoes. Next sailing: Aug. r Pt. Moresby and Samarai.

3 Mangola, cargo only, sails from ney for Brisbane, Cairns, Pt. Moresby, arai, Rabaul, Madang, Lae, Pt. esby, Brisbane, Sydney. Next sailing: . 14.

etails from Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., ridge Street, Sydney.

V Sinkiang: Departs Melbourne Aug. nd Sydney Aug. 10 for Pt. Moresby, arai, Lae, Madang, Rabaul and then ct to Sydney.

V Shansi: Departs Sydney July 17 for bane, Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Sydney.

V Soochow: Departs Sydney Aug. 18 Brisbane, Rabaul, Kavieng, Madang, Sydney.

etails from Swire and Yuill Pty. Ltd., ridge St., Sydney.

Far East-S.W. Pacific-Australia

(Calling S.W. Pacific ports on south-bound journeys only.)

SS Funing: Departs Japan Aug. 7 for Hongkong Aug. 12-15, Rabaul Aug. 25, Madang Aug. 28, Lae Aug. 30, Pt. Moresby Sept. 4, then Sydney Sept. 13 (approx.) and return direct to Japan.

SS Fengning: Departs Japan Aug. 31 for Hongkong Sept. 5-8, Kavieng Sept. 18, Rabaul Sept. 20, Madang Sept. 24, Lae Sept. 26, Pt. Moresby Oct. 1, then Sydney Oct. 10, and return direct to Japan.

Details from New Guinea Australia Line (Swire and Yuill Pty. Ltd., agents), 6 Bridge St., Sydney.

The Australia-West Pacific Line motor vessels Aros, Citos, Delos, and Milos maintain a three-weekly service between Japan and Australia calling at New Guinea ports and Honiara and Vanikoro, BSIP, southbound.

Details from Wilh. Wilhelmsen Agency Pty., Ltd., 63 Pitt St., Sydney, or Islands agents (R. Tebb, Lae; Town Transport, Rabaul; A. Strachan, Madang; BSIP Trading Corp., Honiara).

Sydney-Dutch N.G.

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Details from Royal Interocean Lines, 255 George St., Sydney.

N. Zealand-Fiji-Tonga-Samoa

MV Tofua maintains a service from Auckland to Lautoka, Suva, Nukualofa, Vavau, Niue, Pago Pago, Apia, Suva and return to Auckland. Next sailing from Auckland: Aug. 13 (on her return to Auckland on Sept. 3, she will undergo survey).

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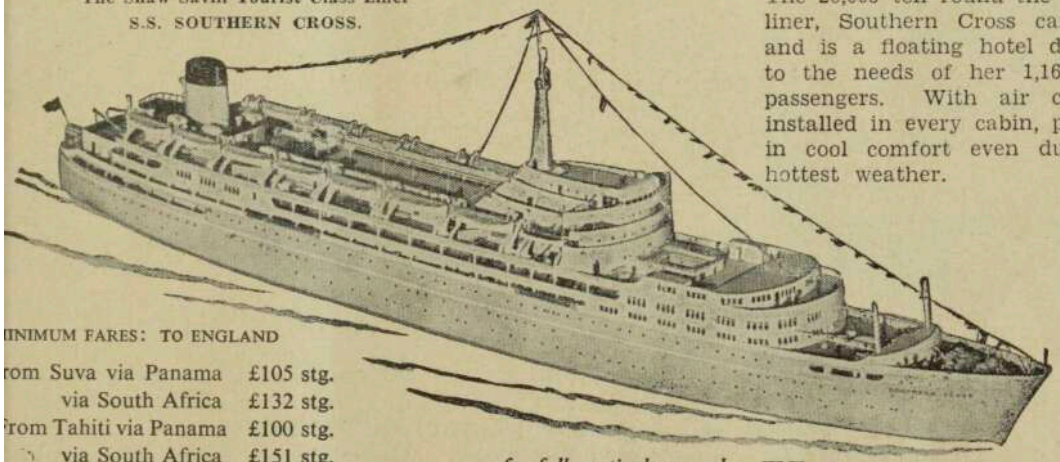
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SUVA	arr/dep	Sydney	Panama	11 Oct.	17 Dec.	31 Jan.
HONOLULU	arr/dep		——	16 Oct.	22 Dec.	5 Feb.
VANCOUVER	arrive	30 July	——	22 Oct.	28 Dec.	11 Feb.
	depart	31 July	11 Sept.	23 Oct.	29 Dec.	12 Feb.
SAN FRANCISCO	arr	2 Aug.	7 Sept.	25 Oct.	31 Dec.	14 Feb.
	depart	3 Aug.	8 Sept.	26 Oct.	1 Jan., '57	15 Feb.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	7 Aug.	16 Sept.	30 Oct.	5 Jan.	19 Feb.
SUVA	arr/dep	14 Aug.	23 Sept.	6 Nov.	12 Jan.	26 Feb.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	17 Aug.	26 Sept.	9 Nov.	15 Jan.	1 Mar.
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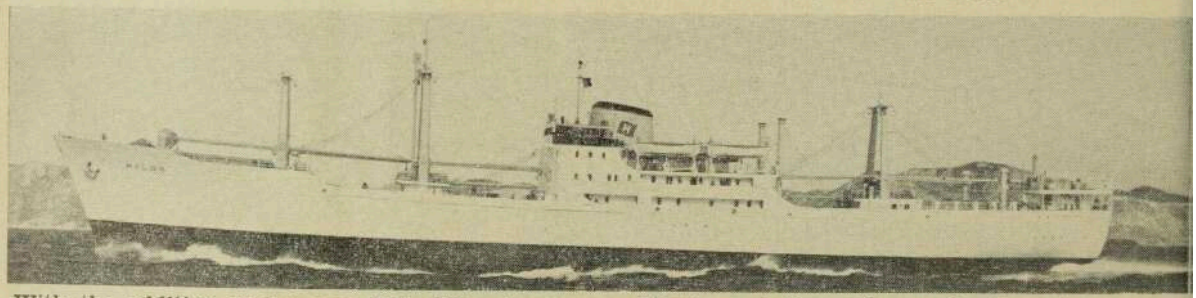
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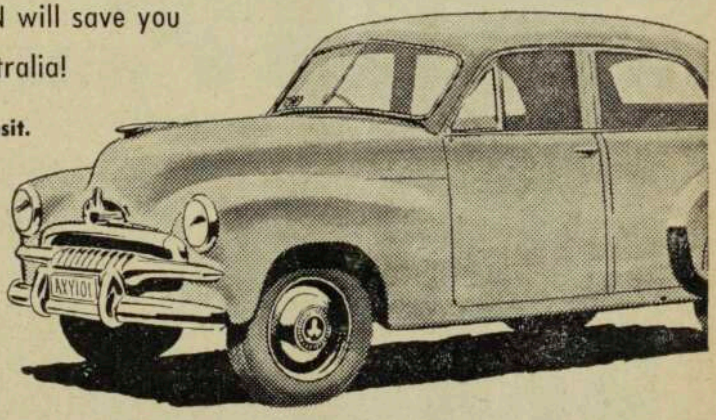
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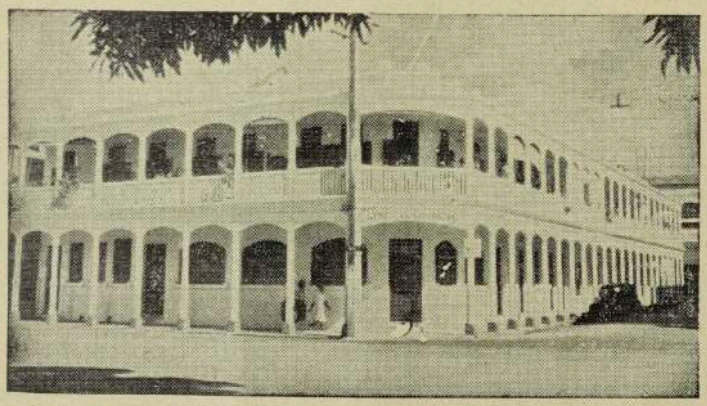
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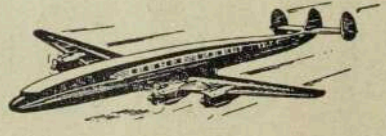
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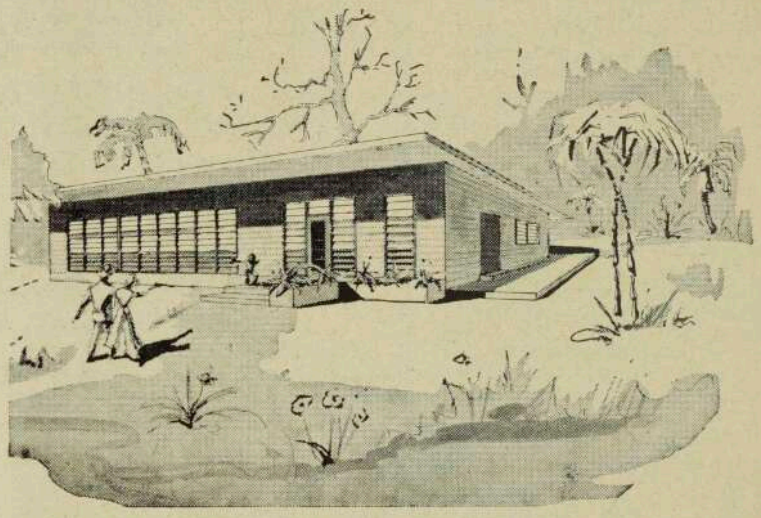
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HE Territories of the South Pacific Islands bristle with problems peculiar to each, in lition to problems which are ly general; but—as was pointed effectively by a special correndent in June PIM—there still io sign that the only co-ordinat- South Pacific authority in exist- e, the South Pacific Commission, done anything worth noting to lement the various recommendas that have gone forward to the Governments, following conntious examination and years of ntific research.

his, of course, is typical of the eaucratic system into which liamentary Government has derated. In ninety per cent. of es, "Ministers of State" are unressive ciphers, undecorative ire-heads, drawing rich emoluts for carrying out the directions little Departmental czars.

he South Pacific Commission is npletely at the mercy of the tem. That means, in turn, that development and implementa- of any over-all policy of South ific Islands administration await pleasure of desk-wallahs in six ional capitals. (One is tempted discuss the character and value desk-wallahs in relation to the x awaiting us in the Pacific nds; but that may be left to tory's verdict on the present tem of Parliamentary Governnt.)

ut conditions in the South ific Islands to-day may not be aside with the comment so ical of the average Australian er—"Oh, well," and a deep sigh. nds conditions, now, are quiet reassuring; but in the fields of ial, political and economic deopment there are factors moving ich, if not recognised and given ention, may lead to the kind of iation that is harassing the onial authorities in Asia, Africa elsewhere.

ONSIDER these figures. Without Borneo and Dutch New Guinea, the land area of the East Indies donesia) is less than 300,000 are miles. That area supports r 80 million people. The land a of the South Pacific Islands, luding the whole of the island New Guinea, is more than 300,000 are miles—about comparable— it supports only 2,000,000 people. our empty archipelagoes are not ng to be occupied by a spill-over m an over-populated Southeast a (which, in turn, will mean a challenge to European occupation of Australia and New Zealand) something rather heroic in the way of statesmanship must be displayed in the administration of the South Pacific Islands.

This has been recognised since the events of 1940-50 let new socio-political forces loose in the world. But the six footling Governments responsible for South Pacific Islands administration (Britain, France, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands) are carrying on administration along much the same lines as those followed in the halcyon years of 1920-1940, and seem incapable of reacting to signs that are plain for all to see.

That is not the fault of the various Governors and Administrators, or of the top men of the South Pacific Commission. The majority of them have enough vision and ability to recognise the needs and possibilities of their areas. The trouble lies in the hopelessly dead wood in the politico-bureaucratic structures in Canberra, Wellington, Washington, London, Paris and The Hague.

Individual bureaucrats—they do not all deserve the contemptuous description of desk-wallah—may try to get something done. But in the present state of world politics and international affairs, it seems hopeless to expect any worth-while degree of co-operation and co-ordination in planning a new kind of South Pacific Islands administration, to take care of new and steadily-developing conditions.

MEANWHILE, the problems grow. The natives of the Islands, and the various implantations of Asians, once they have adopted Western ways of life, are not a bit less intelligent, or politically-conscious, than the Asians, the Arabs and the Africans. The Asians, Polynesians, Melanesians and Micronesians of the South Pacific are not blind to the facts that Africans and Arabs and Indo-Chinese and Indians and Indonesians have been permitted to push their European Administrations around without penalty, and have achieved a large measure of independent government.

No one has explained these phenomena to them, or tried to show them that, in most cases, self-government has come too fast and

Tourism . . .



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gone too far. There has been no clear-cut indication that, as a matter of policy, they are being trained for self-government within a period that will provide for racial backwardness. There has been merely disconnected and rather woolly assurances by high officials that something along these lines is in contemplation.

It is not enough. The great majority of the Islands people—practically 100 per cent.—are politically quiet now, and apparently content; but there is a growing social restlessness, a disposition to look abroad and ask questions.

Unless the Six Nations recognise the danger, and act accordingly, these people soon are going to seek information about "colonialism" from the ever-ready Communist agitators, and then we shall see the beginning of the creeping poison which has destroyed so many happy communities in Asia and Africa.

THE biggest danger in these Islands lies in the mixed communities. Inter-racial feeling is the quickest breeding-ground for socio-political unrest.

Every one of the 14 South Pacific countries is under European occupation; and in every case the relations between the Europeans and the indigenous people are good. Complications begin to enter, moderately, when insufficient provision is made for the care of the part-European communities—who expect—and are generally entitled on their merits to receive—European status in the social and industrial fields.

But serious complications develop when Asiatic immigration takes place, and the growth and development of Asian communities are not controlled or provided for.

The part-European problem is found in all the Territories; and an Asian problem of some degree of seriousness is found in New Guinea, Solomons, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji and French Oceania.

The situation in Fiji is under constant survey, and the French authorities in New Caledonia have been applying themselves rather vigorously lately to a study of their Tonkinese headache there.

But there is no indication that the Six Nations as a whole are aware of how the Europeans' and Islanders' security in the South Seas is menaced by these deeply-planted outposts of Asian settlement.

THE conditions surrounding each implantation are different; but there is need for an over-all study of the future of the Islands races in relation to (a) transfer of European administrative authority from Europeans to Islanders; (b) the control of Asian immigration; (c) the place of the established Asian communities in the future administration of the Islands Territories; (d) the degree and method of protection which must be given to the Islanders by Europeans against Asian aggression.

Unless these things are dealt with through a co-ordinated policy by the Six Nations, while the European authority in the Islands is supreme and unchallenged, there will be trouble.

Perhaps the time has come whe the South Pacific countries shou give some thought and study to th way in which the planned We Indies Federation has developed o of the original West Indies Com mission, which was similar in pu pose and character to the Sou Pacific Commission.

It Mightn't Do For The Duke, Si

BE informal with the Duke, warned Australia's Acting Prime Minister, Sir Arthur Fadden, recently—taking time off from announcing more taxes and further import restrictions to do so.

But Sir Arthur is right; informality is about the only thing that will save the Duke of Edinburgh's 2½ November days in Port Moresby-Lae-Rabaul from being just the usual big run-round.

The programme announced in early June contains the regulation number of official calls, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, native villages, and official dinners. It is what the Duke manages to see and do in the exceedingly limited time between these official duties that will make the visit memorable for the Duke—not a carbon copy of something that has happened to him a thousand times before.

The Duke of Edinburgh has seen Girl Guides everywhere from Nigeria to Nukualofa. And eaten dinner at Government Houses everywhere from Nairobi to Suva. The towns of Moresby, Lae and Rabaul—pleasant as they are—are duplicated scores of times all over the tropical world.

There are also more impressive hydro-electricity schemes than that at Rouna Falls—which as yet has set up no records except in the time that it has taken to build it.

But the Territory of Papua and New Guinea contains some of the few remaining, untouched, areas of the earth. Scientists from all over the world converge upon it to study its bird-life, its natives, its butterflies, its geology, its geography.

In the remoter outposts—at Tari and Mendi in the Southern Highlands; at Menyamya, in the Morobe District; at Telefomin, in the Sepik, and at other places, a handful of young Australians are still on the fringe of contact with a primitive Stone-Age people.

If someone with bold and revolutionary thought had arranged for Prince Phillip to spend his meagre 2½ days in the Territory in one of these places, he might have learned a great deal more about the problems of taming a vast and backward land than he would from a similar period of hand-shaking in the coastal towns, or from reading the reports of UN's Visiting Missions.

This is not an "official" Royal Tour—or so we are informed. It is for the Duke's own purposes, so that h might learn something of the li and problems of our few remainir frontiers.

Yet, in the programme set out f him, we see all the old signs of schedule arranged more for th entertainment and glorification the hosts than for the amuseme of the guest: Boy Scouts ar guards-of-honour and hand-shaki *ad nauseam*, the whole hedg around by a swarm of press r porters and photographers.

The only thing that we do not s on the stereotyped agenda is t presentation of a walking-stick—b it is unlikely that the Duke w be spared even this. On the 1953 Royal Tour he collected about dozen of these tokens of esteer The fact that he is a young ma and does not use a stick should n prevent Papua and New Guinea fro making this conventional gesture

Maurice Scott New Chairma of Burns Philp (SS) Ltd.

THE Hon. H. Maurice Scott, DF MLC, has succeeded his fathe the late Sir Henry Scott, Suva, in the important post chairman of Burns Philp (Sou Sea) Co. Ltd. and he also becom a Director of Queensland Insuran Co. Ltd.

This appointment took effect o July 1, and on July 3 Mr. Scott ar Mr. Maurice Helsen, at Nadi, m Mr. Dan O'Connor and Mr. C. T. Black, of the Sydney headquarte staff, who had arrived to make tour of the BP establishments Fiji, Tonga and Samoa, during Ju and August.

It was announced, at this tim that Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd. ha decided to open a new store an trading-station in the growing tow of Savu Savu, in Vanua Levu.

† A Japanese fishing compar wishes to fish in the waters French Oceania, particularly nor of Tahiti. This has brought for protests in Tahiti—many residen of which had demanded that "safe measures be taken."

† A branch of the Commonweal Bank was opened in Wewak, Ne Guinea, early in June.

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Duke's 2½ Full Days In Papua-New Guinea

HE following programme has been arranged for the Duke of Edinburgh when he pays a short it to Papua-New Guinea on way to Australia in November:

PORT MORESBY, Nov. 12.

7.30 a.m.: Arrive in Port Moresby Royal yacht *Britannia;* will imediately receive official calls, inding one from the Governor-neral, Sir William Slim.
8.30 a.m.: Land; inspect a parade native troops. A tour of Port resby will follow, with visits to mana War Cemetery and Kokoda nument on way to Sogeri.
11 a.m.: Visit Koitaki Rubber ntation.
1.15 p.m.: Inspect Sogeri Educan Centre.
1.50 p.m.: Inspect hydro-elecity scheme at Rouna.
3 p.m.: Return to *Britannia.*
7 p.m.: Dinner at Government use.
8 p.m.: Informal open-air recepn at Government House.

LAE, Nov. 13

8.30 a.m.: Arrive Lae from Port resby by air, inspect guard of nour.
8.45 a.m.: Visit war cemetery.
9.45 a.m.: Visit Butibum village.
10.25 a.m.: Attend Scout, Guide d children's rally at Lae oval.
11.30 a.m.: Leave for Rabaul by .

RABAUL, Nov. 13, 14

2.30 p.m.: Arrive Rabaul.
7 p.m.: Dinner at District Comssioner's residence (where the ke will stay overnight), followed an open-air reception between 0 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.
8 a.m. (14th): Tour of Rabaul d nearby areas by car to meet tive Village Councillors, natives d children.
12 noon: Leave by air for Darwin.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S VISIT

The Governor-General of Aus-alia, Sir William Slim, spent a sy 10 days in Papua-New Guinea tween July 4 and 14.
He visited most of the Territory's ain centres, including the High-nds.
He was last in the Territory in 51; and will be back again in No-mber for the Duke of Edinburgh's sit.

Recent new arrivals in Tonga are pt. and Mrs. Sanders and two ildren. Capt. Sanders takes over om Capt. A. J. Miller as Officer mmanding the Tonga Defence rce.

Oil Search Shares Boom Again

OIL Search shares reached their highest price for a couple of years in July when the 5/- share was up to just over £1. They are the current favourite of oil speculators in Australia and a considerable amount of London buying has helped the current rise.

Oil Search shares went up to over 30/- about 2½ years ago after there were indications of gas pressure in Omati No. 1 hole, then being drilled in the Papuan Gulf Country. This hole was finally abandoned and Oil Search shares slumped.

The present rise is attributed to a reaction of investors against Western Australia oil company shares plus the recent developments at another APC well at Kuru, where a substantial flow of gas, which manifested itself five months ago at about 900 ft, has successfully been sealed off. Another hole will be put down adjacent to the first in the hope of finding out what the gas pressure means. (Was 500 ft early July).

Oil Search holds about a 10 per cent. interest in Australasian Petroleum Co. For years before the oil boom began the shares were well under the par value of 5/-.

Fiji Legco Elections in Mid-August

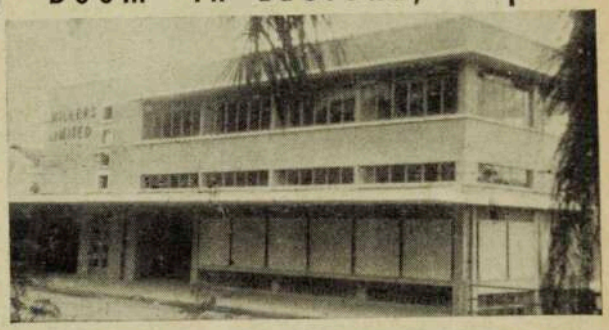
WITH the end of business on June 26, Fiji's present Legislative Council came to the end of its three years in office.

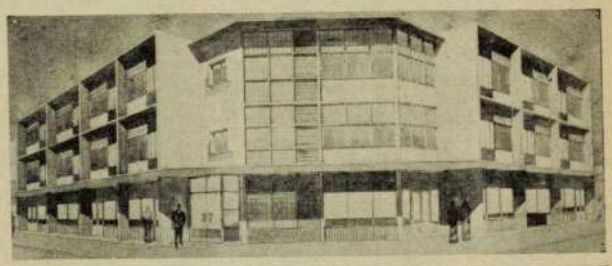
Elections for European and Indian members of the new Council will be held on August 18 in the Southern and Northern Divisions, and between August 11 and 18 in the more scattered Eastern Division.

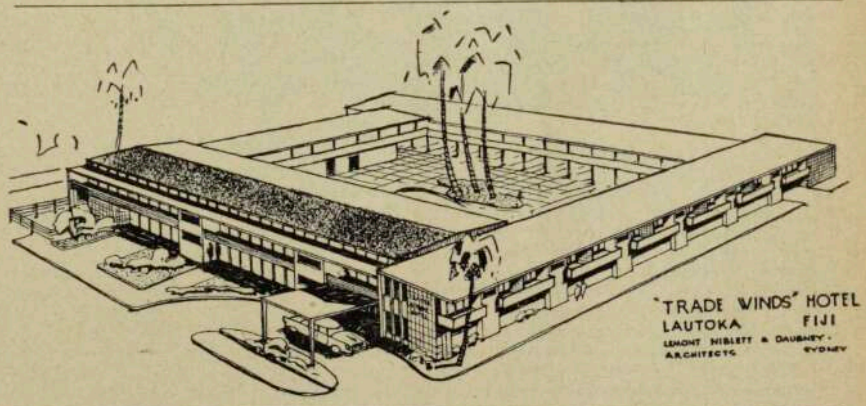
Nominations close July 21.

Building Boom in Lautoka, Fiji

There is building activity all over Fiji and this is particularly so in the town of Lautoka, where much construction is in progress or proposed. Top photograph (by Jack Thornton) shows the spacious premises recently erected for Millers, Ltd. The building contains offices, showrooms and a garage. Centre: Proposed new block of offices to be erected in Lautoka for S. M. Koya. Lower: Architect's drawing of the proposed new Trade Winds Hotel, which also will be erected in Lautoka. Details of this new hotel, to be built for Mr. R. Grayson and associates, appeared in May PIM.

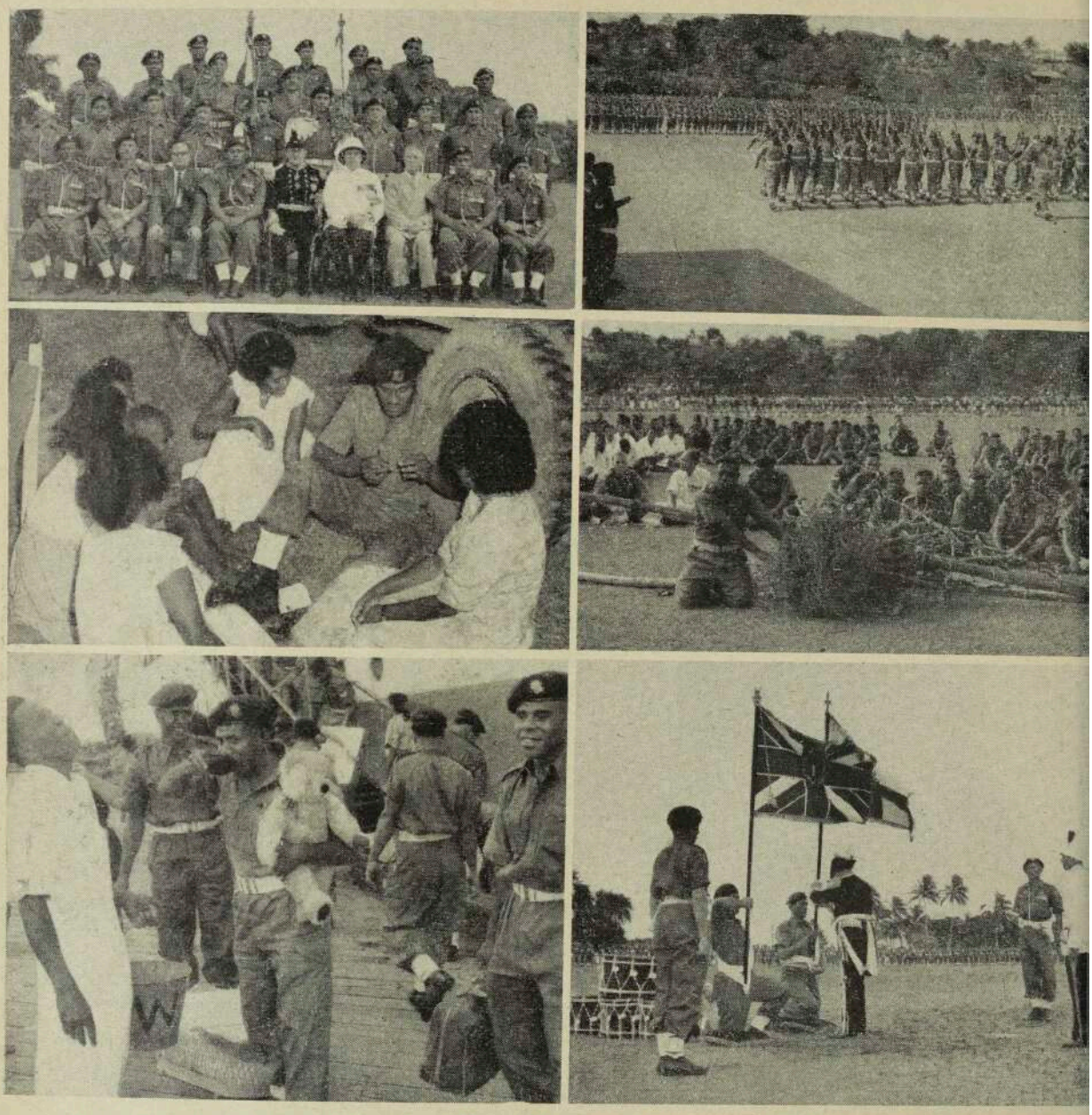






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Fiji's Battalion Returns Home From Fighting Malaya Terrorist



Fiji's 1st Infantry Battalion returned to Fiji on July 18 after three years' service against terrorists in Malaya. The following week was given up to welcome-home festivities in Suva, then the men dispersed to their districts where more enthusiastic welcomes were given.

During the Suva festivities, new colours were presented to the Regiment by the Defence Club, in Suva. Our photographs (left to right, top to bottom) show: (1) A group of 1st Battalion officers and their new Colours, taken with the Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey. Front row: Major J. R. George; Major O. G. R. Edwards, ED; Mr. W. Barton, president Defence Club; Lieut.-Colonel P. K. Ganilau, Commanding Officer; Sir Ronald Garvey, KCMG, KCVO, MBE; Brigadier C. L. Pleasants, CBE, DSO, MC, ED, Colonel of the Fiji Infantry Regiment; Mr. W. E. Goodsir, ex-president Defence Club; Major G. S. Mate, MC, MM; Major H. M. McDonald. (2) March past of the battalion during the parade for the presentation of colours. (3) A member of the battalion tells an admiring circle of relatives just how it was done in Malaya. (4) During the ceremonies at Albert Par a presentation of yaqona root is made the Governor. The men in white are e members of the Battalion who return previously to Fiji. (5) With a large tedd bear in his arms, a Fijian soldier tak time out for a bowl of kava, which w available on the wharf as the men di embarked. (6)Sir Ronald Garvey presen ing the new colours to the 1st Battalio Fiji Infantry Regiment. Bearer of t Queen's Colour (left) is Lieut. N. T. Lal balavu; bearer of Regimental Colou Lieut. P. F. Manueli.

—Photos by Fiji Public Relations Offic

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OUTSIDE AID TO SWEETEN THE NG NATIVE IN TRANSITION

Although a great deal of publicity attended it, it is unlikely that anything concrete will result from the recently released report of the UN Visiting Mission in respect of New Guinea.

SPATE of Australian newspaper editorials followed the release of the report in New York and tone of these varied in flavour n the sentiment that "Australia good reason to be pleased;" to belief that the Mission was be- "patronising."

uch items of the report that e received in Australia from erica were clearly out of context, the vagueness of the language ployed threw Australian editors even more confusion than it sual for them to display over gs New Guinea.

he report said, in part:

The Commonwealth Governt is spending largely of its ney and manpower in New nea but its resources are not unted. The tremendous difficulties ue to geographical features—of ministering NG would challenge nation, even the richest and t technically advanced.

The people of the Highlands cf the interior are impressed with the wealth and the technical know-how of the newcomers, but have no sense of inferiority. They believe, and the mission heard them say so, that in spite of the difference in colour they and the Australians are brothers, and they expect to be treated as brothers.

• **The international community has a special responsibility to help the administering authority in all possible ways to meet this challenging task of absorbing the primitive societies into the modern world without hardship and without unhappiness.**

The third item, above, although couched in the vaguest terms, has stirred the commentators to their greatest efforts. While some interpret it to mean that the United Nations will now weigh in with millions of £'s for "development," others take the view that it is an invitation for the Trusteeship Council to interfere and meddle with what Australia is trying to do in the Territory.

Our own guess is that, whatever the Visiting Mission meant by the words, translated into deeds it will not amount to very much. Further—

• We agree that Australia has a tremendous job and a tremendous burden in the development of New Guinea;

• We agree that if a few gift millions and the necessary labour could be provided for the building of roads bridges, wharves, schools and hospitals, etc., Australia's task could be lessened;

• But we don't agree that outside aid or swift development (meaning native development) *is the sole solution* to the problem.

The Mission is frightened that if the now friendly and co-operative native of the interior is not swiftly shown how to become just as advanced as the European he will sour.

This is as maybe; if anything has been proved by various approaches at colonial rule over the past three hundred years, in the British Commonwealth or out of it, it is that, no matter how the transition from Stone Age to civilisation is accomplished, the victim is likely to be soured in the process, anyhow.

The primitive native of the interior of NG desires, as the mission noted, to advance along the same lines as the European. Unfortunately, there is no known way of administering the required knowledge as one would administer a couple of pills, and therefore to suggest that material aid would more than partly solve the problem is to provide a superficial answer to the difficulties that face Australia in the Territory.

e Pay-Off . . .



As they say in Australia: "Back to the cactus". After all the welcome-home celebrations re over, members of the Fiji Battalion were measured for civilian clothes—and issued with dening tools, seen in bottom right-hand corner. (See photos opposite).

Arakarimoa Disaster

TARAWA TO TARAWA IN 7 MONTHS

SURVIVORS of the headline-making *Arakarimoa* are home at last.

They left Honiara, BSIP, on June 20, to return home aboard the GEIC Government vessel *Nareau*, which had arrived in Honiara to carry the High Commissioner, Mr. John Gutch, on a two months' tour of the GEIC.

The inquiry into the loss of the *Arakarimoa* will begin in Tarawa after the arrival of the Master, Captain Hugill, and other survivors.

The Attorney-General, P. N. Dalton, is accompanying His Excellency on the tour.

(*Arakarimoa* left Tarawa on a 20 miles voyage on December 28; nothing more was heard of her until she appeared off the South Guadalcanal coast 64 days later, on February 28.—See PIM, March, 1956).

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Larsen Tragedy Recalled

RC OF NIUE FOR NZ APPOINTMENT

THE appointment of Mr. J. M. McEwen, Resident Commissioner Niue Island since November, 1953, to the position of Assistant Secretary of the NZ Department of Island Territories recalls the tragic events that led up to his Niue appointment—and the quiet that has apparently descended on the island since.

Mr. McEwen's appointment followed the brutal murder of his predecessor, Mr. C. H. V. Larsen, on August 15, 1953, by three Niueans who had broken out of gaol.

The three murderers, at their trial, alleged that they had been ill-treated and insulted by Larsen and much controversy raged for months in New Zealand newspapers.

It was evident that there was considerable discontent and unrest on the island and that matters had not been helped by mission interference in things political.

The three murderers were condemned to death on Niue, appealed to a higher court in New Zealand and their appeal dismissed.

They were then sent back to Niue for hanging, but before this could be carried out, public pressure in New Zealand had resulted in a stay of execution while the matter was deliberated by the Privy Council. The murderers were then sent to gaol in Western Samoa. The matter was not finally decided until May, 1954, when the death penalty was commuted to life imprisonment. The murderers then went back to gaol in Auckland, where presumably they still are.

Mr. McEwen is a recognised authority on Maori history, genealogies, traditions and customs.

BATTLE FOR W. NEW GUINEA BEGINS — IN SYDNEY

A Lecture on "Indonesia's claims to West New Guinea," by the First Secretary of the Indonesian Embassy, Mr. B. Ubani, at Sydney's University of Technology led to a brawl on July 13. (Six members of the audience tried to assault Mr. Ubani.)

This led, in due course, to much apologising on the part of Mr. Casey, Australian Minister for External Affairs—Mr. Ubani's sacred diplomatic immunity, Australians were given to understand, had been tampered with.

While violence seems uncalled for, it would be more Diplomatic if First Secretaries did not give public lectures on controversial subjects.

MORE TROUBLE FOR SAVOIE

THE French motor-ship *Maria del Mar*, owned by Captain Emile Savoie, broke down off the NSW Central Coast on July 10, and radioed for assistance. This is the third time the vessel has been in trouble in these waters in the last 2 years.

The Sydney tug *Woona* left about 6.30 p.m. and expected to reach the vessel the following dawn.

However, *Maria's* engineer patched up the engine during the night and the vessel limped into Sydney unaided while the tug was still at sea.

The vessel (394 tons) was on her way with general cargo to Sydney from Noumea.

Capt. Savoie lost another of his ships, *Jacques del Mar*, just two years ago on a reef off Lord Hov Island.

Maria del Mar was formerly tl *Margaret-W.*

FF LEADER TO VISIT FRENCH PACIFIC

NOUMEA, June 30.

GENERAL Charles de Gaull Fighting France's war-tin leader, is expected to arrive New Caledonia about September and will probably stay 4 or 5 days

No details have been given as what route the General will tal to go to New Caledonia. Possib he will go there via Tahiti. is not known whether he will vis Australia whilst in the Pacific.

Do You Remember ? *From PIM of 20 Years Ago.*

JULY, 1936—those were the days before A and H Bombs, and the weather appeared to be reasonably normal. Cost of living was good and low, too—but the Pacific was not without its troubles. No fortunes were being made out of copra, although the price was £14 per ton in London, for top grade—a vast improvement on the all-time low prices of a few years before.

Here are some other extracts from our issue of 20 years ago:

Colonel T. W. White, then Australian Minister for Trade and Customs (and now Sir Thomas White, retiring Australian High Commissioner in London) visited Thursday Island and Papua and New Guinea. His visit to NG was made remarkable by the number of protests and petitions that he received from citizens. In Port Moresby the Planters' Association acquainted him with their case for a permanent bounty on rubber; in Rabaul, planters and returned servicemen protested against a new shipping bill and new regulations in relation to trade-stores; at Kavieng, he heard further protests from planters; at Wau the Citizens' Committee protested against the proposed aviation merger.

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Jack Hides, of Papua, who had won fame when he led a patrol into the unknown interior of that Territory, resigned from the Administration to lead an expedition into the Strickland-Purari country in search of gold.

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Jap poachers were busy in the Western Pacific. In New Caledonia, the governor of that Colony instructed a seaplane to pursue shell-poachers who were operating off a NC reef. The plane crashed into the sea near the Japs and the two aviators were rescued by the poachers and taken to the nearest NC port—whereupon the Jap vessel was arrested.

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An extract from an article by Mr. R. W. Robson, PIM's publisher, who apparently had been foolhardy enough to set out from NZ in the "Maui Pomare" on a visit to Westc Samoa (those were the days before lor distance airtravel):

"The 'Maui' being only a little ship, dc everything in a choppy sea except bite h own tail; and the reactions which she c produce in a normal stomach deserve the p of a Milton. If ever I travel on her again will be because I am curious to know whetl the little ship can do again to my inter economy the extraordinary things she achiev in that bitter weather off the coast of . . . Tourists do travel on the 'Maui Pomar but they seem to be mostly hard-bitten Sc from Dunedin way, who can appreciate t 'round-trip reduction' and for whose cast-ir porridge-built interiors, seasickness has terrors."

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"The tin-can mail was delivered Niuaof'ou in the Tongan Group in mid-J for the first time in over a year. T 'Monowai', on a cruise to the Central Paci called at the island to drop the eage awaited letters."

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"The last chapter in a notable effort establish an inter-island seaplane service Fiji is now being written . . . At a spec meeting of shareholders of Fiji Airways, Lt held in Adelaide, SA, it was announced tl liquidation could now be completed. A call 8d per share would be necessary to final matters."

(This Fiji Airways, Ltd., had no relation the existing and successful Fiji Airways. T first-named company was an offshoot of Guin Airways that had so successfully establish aviation in New Guinea. Apparently Fiji w not then ready for air-services however, cause the venture failed. The promoters lieved that official indifference as well as la of public support had caused the failure. had to wait for almost 20 years more befi it had an established internal air service.)

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According to our advertisements you cou in July, 1936, buy a 5-valve, battery-operat "superhet" radio receiver in a walnut cabi for £22/10/-; or a three-stone diamond gagement ring for £11/11/- (larger siz stones, £18/18/-);; or a Chapman Pup engi for £28; or a Mauser magazine .22 rifle £10/10/-; or a 35mm Kodak for the sa price.

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H-Bomb Preparations

June, about 250 British troops began to arrive in Fiji by air. After June 18, they embarked on troopship *Devonshire*, in which Fiji Infantry Regiment had re-ned from service in Malaya.

)fficially, the British troops are take part in exercises in the ith Pacific area."

hey were, of course, en route to ristmas Island, where preliminary parations are being made for the tish H-bomb explosion, scheduled take place next year.

PETITION BEFORE UN

petition from the people of stern Samoa, protesting about projected H-Bomb explosion r Christmas Island, will be con-ered shortly by the Security ncil of the United Nations.

he petition was presented to the Trusteeship Council visiting sion when it was in Western noa recently. Usually such itions have to wait for two nths before coming before the ited Nations. But NZ has told Security Council that it has no ection to an earlier considera-n.

W. SAMOA
HAS PWD TROUBLES

HC Has Busy Time With Petitions

Petitions appear recently to have been a popular means of giving vent to public feeling in Western Samoa. Apart from the petition to the UN Visiting Mission, protesting against H-Bomb explosions in the Pacific, two other petitions have been presented to the High Commissioner.

UNOFFICIAL members of the Council of State, Executive Council and the Legislative Assembly recently petitioned Mr. G. R. Powles to appoint a Commission of Inquiry to investigate various activities of the Public Works Department, which have recently evoked considerable public criticism.

These matters are the recent alleged disposal of a stone-crusher, valued at £7,000, for £10 to private contractors; the alarming situation with regard to the generating and distribution of electricity in Apia, resulting from the inadequacy of the output from Fuluasou Hydro Plant, the breakdown of the diesel generating plants and the delay in bringing into operation the Alaoa Hydro-electric scheme; and the Stores Department's purchase, storage and issue of all stores.

In a circular letter in reply to the signatories of the Petition, the High Commissioner maintained that the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into these matters would be no advantage, as the Public Works Department, following last year's Commission of Inquiry and its recommendations, was already in a state of reorganisation.

The High Commissioner's reply will be further discussed by the Samoan leaders at an early date.

At almost the same time more than 100 members of the staff of the Public Works Department itself signed a petition to the High Commissioner protesting against the appointment of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to the Government, Mr. L. M. Cook, as Acting Director of Works, in the place of the former temporary Head of the Department, Mr. E. E. Hendricksen, who has returned to New Zealand.

They claim that a qualified engineer, Mr. C. L. Green, should be appointed Acting Director of Works and not an office man. (Subsequently, appointment of a Mr. Maclaughlin, AMICE, ex-Colonial Service, Nigeria, as PWD chief was announced).

itione Lave Loses o Jamaican . . .

ITIONE LAVE, of Tonga, lost on points to Jamaican Joe graves in the British npire Heavyweight box-g title at Wembley, Lon-n, on June 26.

The winner is recognised a contender to the world avyweight title, cur-ntly vacant since the re-rement of Rocky arciano.

Commentators say that ere was "not much in e fight" between the ngan and the Jamaican, d right up to the final ll Lave was obviously king for a chance to nd just one more big nch.

Lave lost most of his ints because he had to be arned continually for abbit punching." graves is a dockworker Birkenhead.



An incident in the fight; Bygraves here looks to be getting the worst of it.

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"Tui" Johnson Attacks
Fijian Land Impasse

BOLD PLAN TO MEET FIJI'S UGLIEST DOMESTIC PROBLEM

A move made inconspicuously in June by the most conspicuous non-official European in Fiji, Mr. W. G. Johnson (head of the very large Carpenter organisation in Fiji) has pin-pointed Fiji's most urgent problem; and has placed the responsibility for dealing with this problem squarely upon the door-step of the British administrative authority.

FIJI's most urgent problem, of course, is land ownership in relation to population.

According to British and Fijian interpretation of the Deed of Cession (under which Britain took over Fiji as a Colony in 1874), the land of Fiji belongs irrevocably to the indigenous Fijians—apart from some unimportant alienations.

Since 1874, through the establishment of the sugar industry, a large and growing community of Indians has been established in Fiji. They increasingly outnumber the Fijians—they now total 165,000, as compared with 142,000 Fijians. In contrast with the easy-going Fijians, they are industrious and commercially ambitious. Naturally, they are eager to acquire and work land. Under the present Constitution, there is no land available for them.

UNDER Fijian ownership and occupation, the land is not employed as fully as it might be. Meanwhile, human justice demands that, if they are to be allowed to remain in the Fiji where they have settled and where so many of them now have been born, the Indians shall have the use of some quantity of land. Yet the British administration carries the responsibility of seeing that the original land rights of the Fijians are protected.

Many wise people have tackled this problem, and have confessed themselves defeated. Governor after Governor has studied it—and been very glad to leave it to his successors.

With every year that passes, the situation becomes more acute. The Indians, digging themselves ever deeper into Fiji, make demands which cannot be ignored: If the problem is not solved, it inevitably will lead to a dangerous inter-community struggle.

Onto this stage, which is set in depressing colours—and quite obviously avoided by both European and Fijian leaders—there has stepped Mr. Johnson. None who knows Fiji will fail to admire his courage and commend his enterprise. He has formed and presented a plan for dealing with this ugly problem of land use.

None is better qualified than "Tui" Johnson to attack this problem. Born in the Colony a half-century ago, he has developed a successful merchant and pub man—none knows his country, a the mixed communities there better than he. None has a keen appreciation than he of the urgen of the problem, and of the dange that will attend its non-solution.

IN broad outline, Mr. Johnso plan provides that all the Fiji lands shall be placed under t control of what he calls Authority; that the Fijians shall encouraged and assisted—if n compelled—to make adequate use their lands; that the British Go ernment shall provide the Authori with funds necessary (he estimat the total as from £8,000,000 £12,000,000) to establish a lar community of Fijian farmers a husbandrymen, working on a r producing from their own lanc and that the Authority shall ma all lands surplus to Fijian nee available to non-Fijians, on leasehold basis, rentals to go fina for the benefit of the Fijians.

Details of the plan may criticised or challenged; but it is practical, workmanlike plan, by practical thinker and patriot, a it cannot be ignored.

Unless public opinion in Fiji awakened to the need for actic before the situation becomes wor Mr. Johnson's plan *may* be ignore It is such a thorny problem, d manding so much thankless effo in its treatment, that most men ju naturally run away from it.

Mr. Johnson produced this pl some months ago; and, qui properly, before doing anythi more with it he placed it in t hands of the Governor.

After that, for some reason th has not been explained, it did n come before the public of Fiji a submission to the Legislati Council, so that it might be debat by the Colony's leading men in t senior institution which advises t Governor. Instead, Mr. Johnson w allowed merely to bring it befo the Council on the motion for a journment—which means, of cour that he was given only limited tir for its presentation, and there w no opportunity for formal debat

Mr. Johnson described his pla and Hansard, and the *Fiji Tim* report, indicate that he presented effectively; but neither the time n the circumstances allowed him—a the Council—to do justice to a su ject that is of vital concern to F at the present time—and will be the future. That is unfortunate, f more reasons than one.

FROM the Government's vie point, perhaps, Mr. Johns should be discouraged. The Go ernment probably feels that already has given a lot of thoug to the problems of meeting Indi growth and maintaining commun

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Last Month This Policeman Made Australian News . . .



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We are used to seeing photographs of Sub-Inspector Uraia Moku in the PIM—usually standing out in front of a group of smart Fiji policemen parading in honour of some VIP. However, all Australia was treated to different angles of the Sub-Inspector's face in June when he arrived in the Commonwealth en route to the UK and became the target for newspaper cameramen in four States.

He is on his way to the United Kingdom to do a six months' course at the Police College at Hendon.

Uraia Moku does not confine his activities to being a policeman, however. Before he joined the Fiji Police Force 16 years ago he was a Methodist lay preacher; and he has represented Fiji in New Zealand at cricket.

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THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

re About The
v. Shirley Baker

r. S. J. Campbell, of Tonga h School, Nukualofa, is quite nite:

he yarn, "No Commercial Value" Tropicalities, page 81, of May, it the transportation of the body Rev. Shirley Baker), makes a d story, but is not true.

r. Baker's body was not shipped Nukualofa, nor did he "die in e place far from the islands"; , far from being regarded "as a n in the neck," he is being re-nised as the true maker of ga.

he Rev. Shirley Baker died in pai, on Monday, November 16, , and was buried there on the wing afternoon.

cidentally, the family vault in pai was opened in 1954 to lay est his daughter, Gertrude. I er thought that this event ld have been recorded in PIM, I did not see it.

Can Mail, Plain
in Canoes

he envelope shown below, fore aft views, was posted in Jan-, 1938—if we can believe any of the 24 rubber stamp marks it—in a tin can, from Niuafoou nd, Tonga.

his collector's piece in envelopes sent to us by Mr. C. J. E. nnan, of the International vester Co., Melbourne, following publication of an article on the Can Mailman, which appeared he May PIM.

hree of the rubber stamps on envelope are se of the late rge Quensell; r his signa- (Walt. Geo. nsell), appear letters .C.M.C., which sumably stand Tin Can Canoe l Man. Another mp says, iginal Tin Can oe Mail."

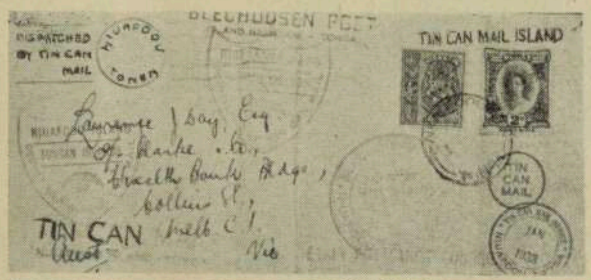
he various ber stamps are half-a-dozen erent langu- s—this, of rse, was the riod when afoou was pro- ng a delicious st for the ld's stamp ectors—and Quensell obvi- y went to a lot of trouble to please the customers.

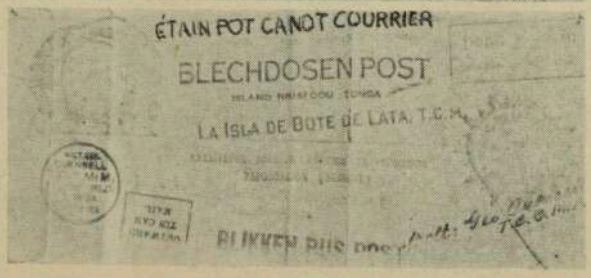
Of course, those people who are on the outside looking in at stamp-collecting find it well nigh impossible to understand the antics entailed in getting first-day covers and other envelopes posted in odd places for no purpose other than to collect them again at the other end. This may be "collecting" in the philatelic world; outside that world it could be regarded as a mild form of lunacy.

In recent years all sorts of peculiar manoeuvres were indulged in in the Tokelaus in order that customers all over the world should get first-day covers from there. Last Christmas, first-day covers were available from the highest point in Australia—up near Mt. Kosciusko. Collectors wrote letters to themselves, a PMG official took them up to Kosciusko, stamped them, put them in the post-box erected for the occasion, opened the box, put the letters in a bag and descended to civilisation to speed the letters on their merry way. Result: Stamp collecting.

Some people drink gin for a hobby. There is no accounting for tastes.

It is quite obvious, from the information we have received lately, that neither Quensell nor Ramsay invented the tin-can mail. The mail was in existence before either reached Niuafoou. Ramsay may have revived it around 1920 and for years swam with it to passing ships. After that Quensell organised a canoe mail and turned it into a commercial proposition—which pleased the stamp-collectors and probably increased the revenue of the Kingdom of Tonga.





Rabaul Needs
Some Footpaths!

There are no good footpaths in Rabaul streets (writes a correspondent) and it is time that the Town Advisory Council—or whoever is responsible—should do something about it. The trouble is, perhaps, that all these Councillors have such nice modern cars that they do not feel the necessity for footpaths!

During ordinary business hours the main street of Rabaul (Mango Avenue) now carries plenty of traffic. At peak times, it is filled with fast-moving motor vehicles of all descriptions—cars, trucks, semi-trailers, heavy earth-moving machinery, and motor cycles weaving in and out.

The peak hour is at lunch hour, or knock-off time, and all drivers are stepping on it! The street is full of moving vehicles and the poor old pedestrian has to walk warily at the side of the road.

If the pedestrian thinks to walk on the "footpath," and so avoid all this traffic, well, he has another think coming! What should be footpath is rough and unformed; does not exist in parts; and at other points has oddments such as motor cycles, or trucks, parked on the fairway.

There are excitement and thrill for a young and active man in dodging all these charging motor vehicles—especially if he has a dash of John Landy and a Swiss chamois in him—but it comes hard, on the aged and rheumaticky blokes. And it is very hard, indeed, upon women with heavy baskets, who have been doing the family shopping, or a woman wheeling a pram.

Enterprise, 50 Years Ago

Now established in London from New Zealand to start a new career connected with West African cocoa, J. Nixonwestwood discloses some affectionate memories of the long decades he spent among the South Pacific Islands.

Away back in 1906, he handled bananas—from Cook Islands to NZ, per the old *Corinna* (ex-Tasmania); then per the *Hauroto* and *Talune*—and later on he sent more bananas to NZ from Fiji per *Navua* and *Atua*.

By 1909, JNW was meeting Papua for the first time, per the old *Moresby*, and one of the first trips of the *Matunga*. Port Moresby was a dry, straggling village, and Burns Philp were represented in an ancient building. Then the BNG Company came in, and conditions "buzzed." The Union Bank opened in opposition to BNSW; some explorers arrived; and Staniforth Smith made his famous exploring trip to the Gulf rivers.

Sir Rupert Clarke established

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Kanosia; and Mr. Nixonwestwood, in 1913-14, helped establish the sawmill at the mouth of Galley Reach.

"The history of that timber enterprise is tragic," comments JNW. "If it had been given half a chance it would have put New Guinea right out in front as a supplier of good timber."

SUVA HAS AN OFFICIAL DROUGHT

ACCORDING to the Fiji official Newsletter, the international definition of a drought is 15 consecutive days without rain.

Suva has one of these May-June, when 22 rainless days were recorded.

This is something of a record for Suva, of course, but no matter what may be the international ruling on the subject, it is scarcely worth counting in most regions of the earth.

¶ During May, New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. produced 1,179 ozs. gold, 1,317 ozs. silver from Golden Ridges Mill; 108 ozs. fine gold from Koranga Alluvials; 188 ozs. fine gold from tributes, and 280,472 super ft. of timber.

HELPING OUT AT GOLD RIDGE

NG Labour at Work in BSIP

TWENTY-FOUR New Guinea natives were flown to Honiara, BSIP, by Qantas charter aircraft in mid-June to work at Gold Ridge.

The boys were taken in by Clutha Development Co., owing to difficulties in recruiting local labour for their prospecting operations into the gold-bearing potential of Gold Ridge, 30 miles from Honiara, where promising lode discoveries were made last year.

Native agitators have delayed the recruiting of local workmen for the project, where the first task being undertaken by the Company is the construction of a road which will enable supplies to be brought to within one hour's walk of the Ridge workings.

Five Santa Anna natives who had been recruited for work on Gold Ridge appeared in Honiara court recently to answer charges of contract breaking.

None of the five had actually been to the Ridge. They were each fined £15 and given seven days to pay.

The New Guinea natives are reported to have settled in quickly their new territory.

LIQUOR PLEBISCITE

Norfolk Is. Retai Old System

IN the excitement of preparati for the Centenary Celebrati in June, the liquor plebisc taken in Norfolk Island in M was almost overlooked.

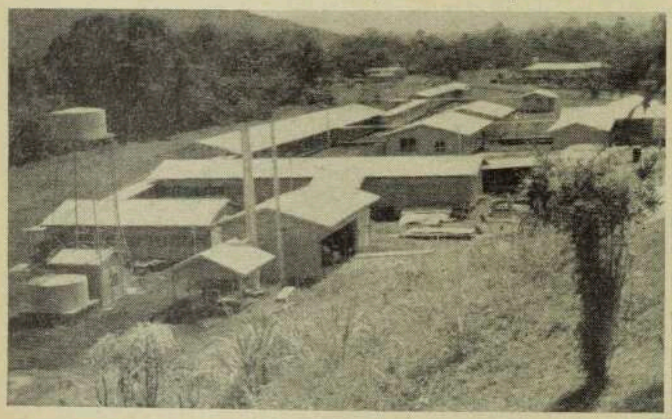
Residents voted about 97 per ce to retain the present system of bu ing liquor through the Admir tration Bond store, plus restric licences to approved guest houses

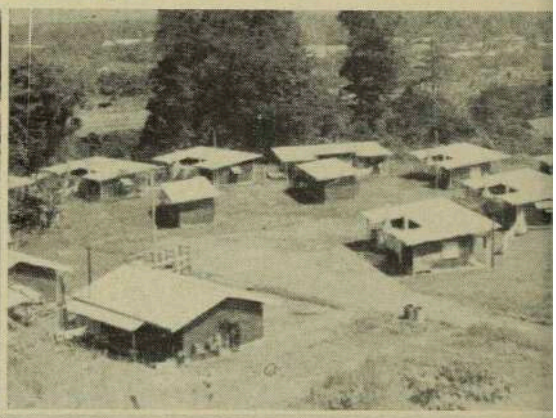
They could have voted for th alternatives to this set-up: (a) fully-licenced hotel only; (b) hotel and restricted licences guest-houses; or (c) the issue liquor on medical permit only.

The Bond is part of Norf Island life now, and apparently Islanders do not see why they sho change it.

Some residents are still hopi however, that the Commonwea Government will aid the island establishing a residential hotel attract tourists.

Lae's New European Hospital is All Ready to Function — Almost

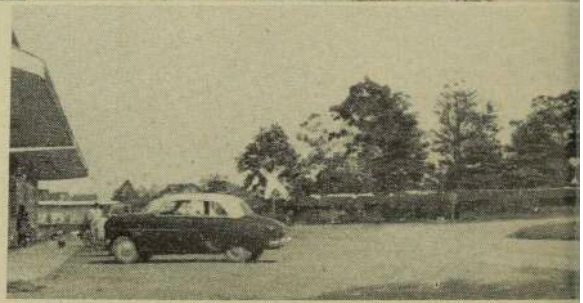




TOP LEFT: Lae's new hospital which the town has waited for for 10 years. It is not functioning yet—a water-purification plant and an air-conditioning plant for the operating theatre is holding up the transfer from the old hospital, of rusted tin and tarred paper (shown between the X's, lower photograph) which has been a disgrace to the district ever since the Army left it behind in 1945.

No reliable estimates of the cost of the new establishment are available; it is rumoured that, fully equipped, the cost will be about £250,000. As the hospital will cater for about 35 patients, this certainly seems excessive. However, no matter what it costs, doubtless staff and patients will feel that it is worth it.

But it is regrettable that a woman was not permitted to run her eye over the plans for the Sisters' quarters before the contractors got busy. PIM was privileged to see through these in June, and although generally excellent it was noticed: (a) cupboards in the kitchen were too far up the wall for the average woman or cookboy; (b) a huge double stainless-steel sink capable of washing dishes for a regiment was installed, but the small domestic electric stove was more suitable for a suburban family of four than for catering for 18 nurses; (c) Lack of storage space in the Sisters' rooms—small wardrobes about 6 ft. x 4 ft. x 2 ft. are built-in, but some



genius has not thought to take the fitment up to the ceiling; abo 24 ft. of cubic space, which would have been suitable for storii cases, etc., is simply built up in the wall and lost.

TOP RIGHT: The native staff quarters for the new hospital.

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...ted Agriculturist ...d Citizen Retires ...om W. Samoa

...E popular General Manager of the New Zealand Reparation Estates in Western Samoa, Mr. ... Eden, OBE, left Apia on re...ient leave for Australia at the ...ning of June.

...r. Eden has been in the service ...he NZRE for 27 years and has ... General Manager since 1935, ...n he succeeded Mr. F. L. A. ...z, now a member of the New ...and Parliament.

...ring his period of service, Mr. ... managed to show good profits, ...radually developing the Estates ...starting new cultivations, mainly ...a and rubber, and also by en...ng the area of grazing lands ...cattle on which the Territory ...ly depends for its supply of ... meat.

...present some 400 acres are be...planted in coffee.

...llowing Mr. Eden's visit to ...idad a few years ago, the ...idad system of propagated root ...ngs for cocoa was introduced ... the famous Lafi 7 clone cocoa ... was discovered which is dis...uished by its high yields and ...unity from the dreaded black ... disease.

...is strain is now extensively used ...he planting of new cocoa areas.

...r. Eden was farewelled by the ...bers of the Planters' Associa... before his departure, by the ... Turf Club, of which he has ... judge for long years, and by ... Apia Rifle Club, of which he ... President.

...r. P. W. H. Kelly has been ...inted General Manager of the ... Zealand Reparation Estates in ...ession to Mr. Eden.

... Eden was awarded the OBE in ... Queen's Birthday Honours List ...me.

Radio Tahiti

...DIO Tahiti appears to have in...reased power within recent ...months and is now very well re...d all over the Eastern Pacific.

...e station now broadcasts a ...on in English at 0745 GMT. A ...day programme, from 2200 to ... GMT, is well received in the ... Islands. The station currently ...ates on 6135 kc/s.

...i has two representatives at ...Duke of Edinburgh's Conference ...Human Problems of Industrial ...munities) which began at ...rd on July 9. They are Mr. ... Potts, manager of the CSR ... mill at Rarawai; and Mr. ...i Kishore, President of the Fiji ...r Workers' Union. Over 300 ...gates will attend.

TWO PARTIES INTERESTED IN RABAUL WATERFRONT SITE

The nationalisation of inter-island shipping during the Ward regime in Papua-New Guinea created almost chaotic conditions and when the embargo on private ownership of local shipping was lifted, a group of Bougainville planters (the Bougainville Co., Ltd.) brought out the steel-hulled "Polurrian" from England. After considerable initial difficulties, a highly efficient service was established with this ship between Rabaul and Buka-Bougainville. They were permitted by the Administration—under what terms of tenure it is not clear—to build an establishment on the Rabaul waterfront. The future of this piece of land on which the Bougainville Company has built was recently considered by the P-NG Land Board and in this connection we have received a long radio from Mr. F. P. Archer, a shareholder in the company. It is not clear to us whether Mr. Archer is speaking officially on behalf of the company, or on his own behalf. However, we print his radiogram, and also extracts from a letter written by Mr. G. A. Clarke, manager of the Rabaul Branch of Burns Philp (NG), Ltd., a subsidiary of which originally held the lease of the land in question. Mr. Clarke's was a circular letter to all known shareholders of the Bougainville Co.

FROM MR. ARCHER, JAME PLANTATION, BOUGAINVILLE:

The Bougainville company, which has been operating the motor-vessel *Polurrian* on the Rabaul-Buka-Bougainville service for the last 4½ years, recently applied for a 10 years renewal of their Rabaul waterfront lease on which the company has its wharf offices, cargo sheds and manager's residence.

The Land Board was then sitting in Rabaul and recommended renewal, but this was refused by the Administrator. The reason given the company was that an objection to the renewal had been lodged by Burns Philp and Co., Port Moresby, which claimed prior rights through a pre-war connection with the land which was then occupied by their subsidiary company. The matter was therefore referred back to the Land Court for further consideration.

If the objection to the renewal of the Bougainville Co.'s lease is upheld, it will involve the company in much trouble and expense, prevent further extension of a valuable service to Bougainville and will mean the alteration of schedules and activities.

When the lease was originally given to the company, the company was promised continuity of tenure unless the Administration itself required to extend its main wharf towards Malaguna, in which event another wharf frontage was to be given the company.

The Bougainville community is seriously concerned at the prospect of interference with the reliable, efficient fortnightly service, Rabaul-Buka-Bougainville-Buin, which has became the life-line for Administration, missions, planters and native alike in this outlying district.

Bishop T. J. Wade, of the Catholic Mission, and the Rev. T. H. Voyce, of the Methodist Mission, have already written the Administrator stating that anything that interfered with the running of the *Polurrian* would seriously affect the welfare of the whole district as no other ship had given similar service in the post-war period.

Canberra has been advised of the circumstances and the Minister for Territories has asked the Administrator for an investigation and a report on the matter.

FROM MR. CLARKE, RABAUL, NEW BRITAIN:

1. Until 1949, the title of Allotment 1, Section 68, was held by New Britain Plantations Ltd., a subsidiary of Burns Philp and Co.

2. In January, 1948, knowing that the lease of above was due to expire the following year, Burns Philp made application for renewal. Application was rejected on the grounds that the "land was required for Administration purposes."

3. At the time that renewal was applied for by Burns Philp, the Bougainville Co. was not in existence; but the allotment was subsequently granted the Bougainville Co. on an annual licence.

4. In September, 1952, the Bougainville Co. applied to the Land Board for a lease to replace their permissive occupancy. Burns Philp opposed this as they considered that they had prior right of renewal of the lease. They were again advised by the Administration that the land was required for Administration purposes.

5. Now that the matter has come up again, Burns Philp's attitude is that if the reason given in 1948 for refusing to renew the lease be considered redundant, the Lands Board should revert to Burns Philp's application for renewal of January 14, 1948.

6. Burns Philp is in need of an area of ground adjacent to the main wharves for storage of island crops, principally cocoabeans.

7. The area in question is sufficient to provide for the needs of the Bougainville Co. as well as to provide Burns Philp with the storage space required.

8. It has been made clear to the Bougainville Company that should Burns Philp's application for title be successful, that that part of the area now occupied by the Bougainville Company will be sub-let to the Bougainville Co.

9. The success of Burns Philp in the application for title would in no way endanger the future of the Bougainville Company or interfere with the operation of the *Polurrian* in maintaining shipping services—which services are patronised by Burns Philp.

10. Burns Philp is not seeking to destroy a soldier-producer company,

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nferred by Mr. Archer. To the trary, Burns Philp is aware that service provided by *Polurrian* an integral part of commercial erprise on Bougainville and that nout it, all commercial interests Bougainville, including those of ns Philp, would be adversely cted. Burns Philp's interests are in conflict with the Bougain- e Co., but policy has been to k in harmony with it.

ALAITAMAN ASSAULTS MISSIONARY

MEMBER of the South Seas Evangelical Mission, Mr. H. J. Waite, was assaulted by a omon Islander at Ari Ari, a dis- t of Malaita, BSIP, on June 4. he assault occurred during the rse of an argument and was nessed by several natives. he native was taken into tody, but has not yet appeared Court. Ir. Waite was taken to the tral Hospital, but after observa- was discharged.

nportant Chinese Families United



e of the biggest wedding celebrations ever by Fiji's Chinese community took place autoka in May, following the marriage of nond Wong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wong to Margaret Young, daughter of Mr. and Young Day. Suva's China Club Band, and majority of members of the China Club elled to Lautoka to attend the celebrations, h lasted two days. Guests received two ations; the first day's festivities were the bride, and the second were for the m. The celebrations took place at the oka Chinese School, and nearly 100 guests esenting all communities attended. This re shows the happy couple cutting the

Photo: Popular Art Photo Studio, Suva.

High Cost of Taxi Riding in P-NG

NEW taxi fares are now in operation in Port Moresby. They cover both metered and unmetered cabs; there is a common flag-fall of 2/-.

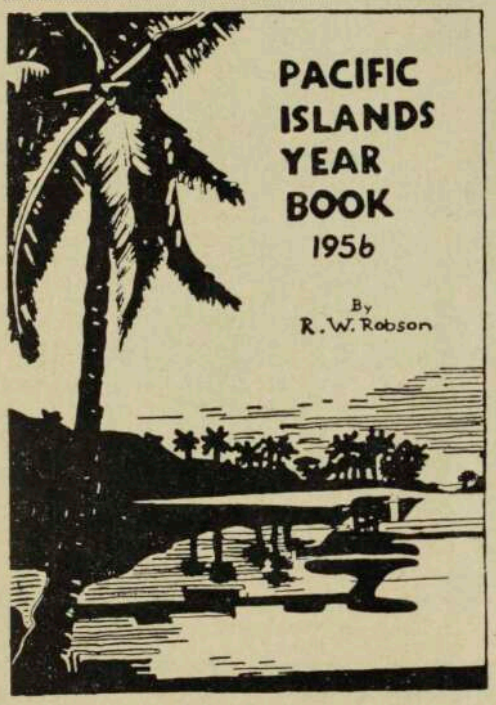
Taxis equipped with meters can charge at the rate of 2/6 a mile within a radius of ten miles from the Port Moresby Post Office. For trips beyond the ten-mile radius, the rate is 2/- a mile, or part of a mile over any distance.

Except where a cab is required to travel more than two miles from the taxi rank to pick up a passenger, the new fares may be charged only for the distance which the passengers actually travel.

In comparison with Australia, or most other Pacific islands, taxi fares in Papua-New Guinea are fantastically high.

The reasons for this are not clear. Centainly maintenance rates are higher, but cars and petrol cost no more, and the wages, etc., of the native drivers employed are just a fraction of wages and commission of Sydney drivers.

In the taxi business, P-NG towns could well take a page out of Suva's book, where all journeys within town limits are a flat rate of 3/6.



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The Seventh Edition of the P.I. Year Book, the South Seas' most valued reference book, was published early in June. Copies are now on sale at all the leading Booksellers in Australia and NZ, and at the main Pacific Islands stores; or copies may be obtained direct from the Publishers.

The 1956 (Seventh) Edition contains 480 pages and numerous maps. In addition to providing authentic information relating to Administrations, Geography, History, Industries, Trade and Commerce (full statistics and lists of main Trading Firms), the new Year Book has a number of Special Sections, such as: Notable Developments in the 1945-56 period; Description of the Airline and Shipping Services in the Pacific; Radio Network in the South Seas; The Islands as a Resort for Tourists; Directory of Pacific Missions; Lists of Public Servants in each Territory; History and Chronology of the Pacific War (1941-45); Islands Port Facilities; General Subject Index and Detailed Index of Place Names in the South Seas, etc.

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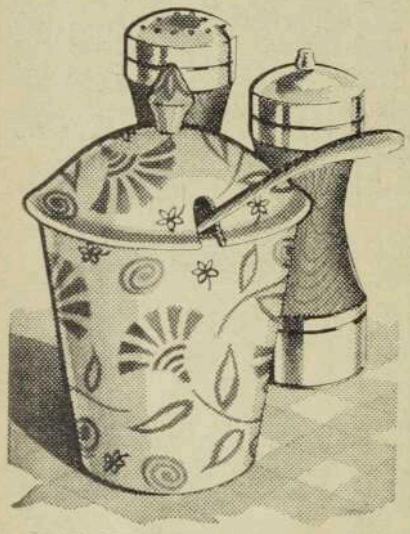
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¶ Air Vice-Marshal R. P. Willock, CB, Civil Aviation Adviser for the UK High Commissioner in Australia visited BSIP in June. While in Honiara he was a guest of the High Commisioner, Mr. John Gutch, and Mrs. Gutch. During his stay he participated in discussions on problems of civil aviation generally.

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A Sorry Story

AT long last the facts concerning the Fall of Rabaul at the time of the Japanese invasion, in January, 1942, have been published in book form by a cove who is well able to tell the story as an eye-witness and participant. *(See "This Month's New Reading," this issue).*

He is David Selby, the O/C of the "Ack-Ack" unit which was stationed up at the old Rabaul vulcanological observatory, above the Ratavul Pass, and consisted of old guns and young gunners.

I have not yet read the book, but from reviews it is apparent the writer has pulled no punches in his revelations of top-brass muddling, and has, at least stirred up the "ashes of the past," which Mr. Chifley was so eager to let lie undisturbed when repeatedly asked for an explanation in the House.

Ten years ago I was hawking much the same story (from the civilian's angle), to publishers in Australia, England and the US, but all in vain; and the MSS still lies in a dusty pigeon-hole—a record of tactical bungling and unpreparedness by the chiefs who were responsible for the defence of Australia's northern ramparts.

Let us hope that Selby's book, *Hell and High Fever*, will have the effect of showing our Service chiefs that what *has* happened *can* happen again unless a lesson is learned from past mistakes.

Only fools make the same mistake twice.

As I write (July 3), the Mi ister for the Army leaves for "extended tour" (lasting fifte days) of P-NG to visit local m itary units—the "gallant S Hundred" of the PIR and also t PNGVR.

One wonders whether *Hell a High Fever* has any connecti with the tour. Or perhaps D Barrett's remarks at the last Leg lative Council meeting on the Ter tory's defence may have had som thing to do with the tour.

Thank You, Sir John

For the past 35 years now have been subjected, almost eve year, to the somewhat heart-brea ing ordeal of receiving hypercritic and adverse reports from t League of Nations, or UNO, on o administration of TNG.

If it was not Mdle. Dannevig cor plaining to the League, it was delegate from some South Amer can republic in UNO measuring t living standard of the TNG-ites wi a New York slide rule.

'Tis a welcome change then read in the Press that the repo of the last UN mission, headed Sir John MacPherson (a form Governor-General of Nigeria tossed us a few bouquets for t work done in TNG over the pa 3½ decades.

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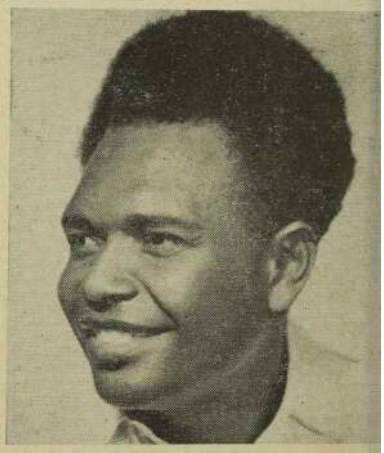
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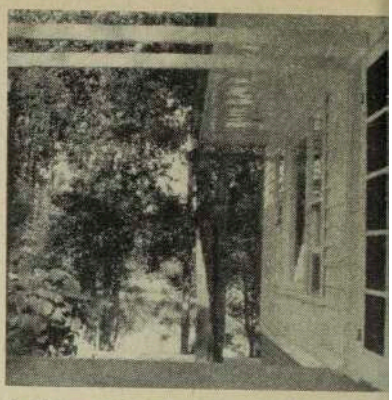
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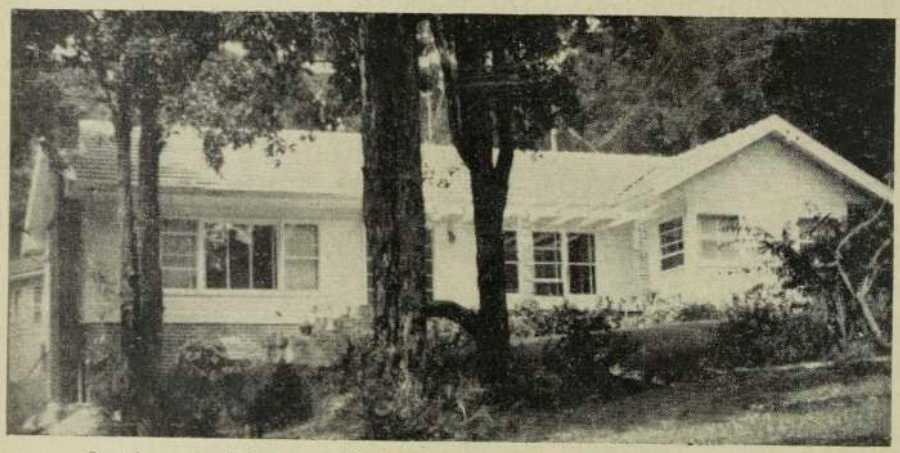
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A glimpse of the Lake, seen through th trees from the terrace, at the front o House No. 1.



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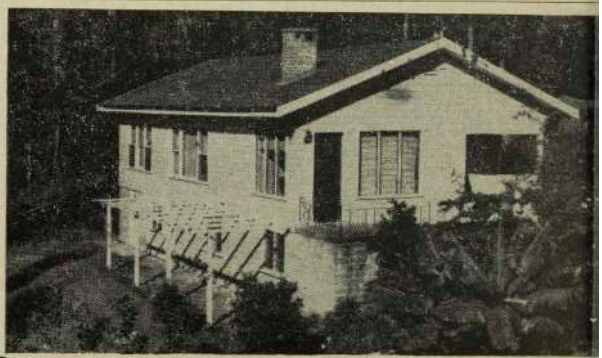
On two blocks of land: One timber house with 3 ft e white, with green tiled roof, Econo-steel frame. Compri Lounge with modern firep built-in bookcases, picture wind with dining-annex leading three double bedrooms, one built-in wardrobe; sun-room; trance hall; green-tiled bathr with shower recess, toilet; modern kitchen with s.s. sink plate electric elevated stove; b in fitments; modern light fitt and venetian blinds through some floor coverings; nume built-in cupboards, etc.; taste decorated. In basement: Work and laundry, tubs, wash machine, shower. Car-port. Ter and pergola in front of house, wide steps leading to gar cemented paths and yards. peak hot water, connected kitchen, bathroom, laundry; a matic pump servicing house 5,000-gal. cement tank, and gal. galvanised tank. Septic t Telephone, with extension to se house. An electrically-driven bench for firewood. Optional chase: Deep-freeze unit in kitc

This property is for private sale, as one unit, for £9,500; or it can be divided into 2 units—viz:—the 3-bedro house (built on 2 sections, and with 2 extra sections, garage, etc.), £6,500; and the 2-bedroom house, built on section, for £3,500. (The two extra sections, on which are garage and dam, officially valued recently at £800)

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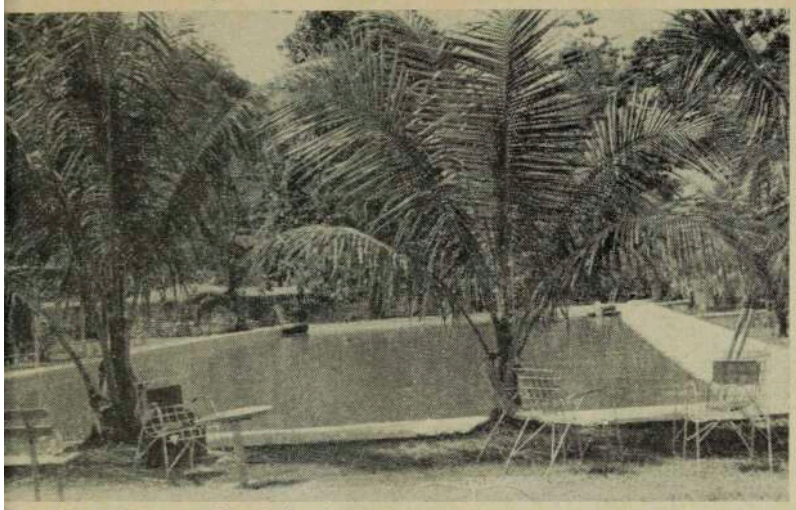
HOUSE NO. 2

A second house, complete, on one section: Timber, on timber frame, with Wunderlich metal-tile roof. Comprising sun-room, large lounge-dining room, stone fireplace, built-in book-cases, picture windows; two large bedrooms, one with built-in wardrobe; modern bathroom, with toilet; large kitchen equipped wih s.s sink; modern slow-combustion range, which supplies continuous hot water to bathroom, kitchen and laundry; back porch; many built-in cupboards; venetian blinds and light fittings; side terrace and steps; stone terrace in front. Cement paths. Laundry with tubs, etc., copper and shower in basement. Also in basement, an area of approx. 30 ft. x 12 ft., with cement floor, lined and ceiled, louvre windows, fireplace, suitable for conversion to holiday flat. Three 1,000-gal. tanks supply house by gravity, with electric motor-pump as booster when required. Septic-tank. Jetty and dinghy.



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r Westernisation. They could then ke it or leave it.

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per War

EITH McCarthy often hits the nail on the head, and his counter-attack on the growing per war in Administrative circles s another well-aimed blow (PIM, ne, p. 138).

There must, of necessity, always a huge over-burden of reports, urns ("Nil returns will be rend-d."), and please-explains so long there are bureaucratic blimps, ditors and statisticians all crying their pound of paper.

The suggestion made by Mr. cCarthy in the Legco to employ re Asian and native clerks is the vious solution, and gives practical tification for the education tem.

The soaring costs of administra-n in P-NG are directly due to employment of highly-paid per-nnel (together with their living quirements), to perform duties able of being carried out by non-ropeans of average IQ.

Here lies the means of cutting sts and handling the work, pro-ling, of course, Public Service sociations and trade union in-ences do not step in with insidi-s agitations for European pay and ditions for non-Europeans.

Comparisons are odious, I know, when this topic crops up, I am minded of the system of non-ropean employment adopted by Germans when they were running New Guinea. All routine clerical work in Government departments and commercial houses was done by *kranis* imported, for the most part, from Amboina, in DEI and more efficient clerks it would have been difficult to find. Sober, industrious, with the happy capacity for taking infinite pains.

While the Ambonese filled the lower income group of white collar workers (clerks, typists, tally-clerks, storemen, etc.), the Chinese comprised the artisan section of the community, with the addition of a few Japanese boat-builders.

But then all that was before the days of pronounced class-consciousness and Jack wasn't so interested then in being better than his master.

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quite happy, both socially and economically.

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Stand On Their Own Feet

It is a peculiar feature of these so-called long-range planning schemes that they invariably become top-heavy through the preponderance of the top brass and tall poppies who take control and emasculate the practical good for which the plannings aim.

Just so with the South Pacific Commission, which opened up with a blare of trumpets, equalled only to the UNO. The SPC has done good by bringing together the varied people of the Pacific and allowing them an opportunity to exchange ideas, and so long as these representatives can hold the reins of procedure all may still be well.

But will the utterances of the conference receive full recognition by the Commission? That is the point. Some intricate, intriguing matter of international politics may queer their pitch. Let's hope that this may not be so. It would be a pleasant change for such an international—or inter-tribal, if you like—gathering to rise above political expediencies and confound the theorists with practical suggestions.

And in this respect I dips my lid to H. E. Maude for his utterances in regard to encouraging more self-reliance amongst the native peoples and less spoon-feeding by ove bounteous governments which ha public funds with which to play.

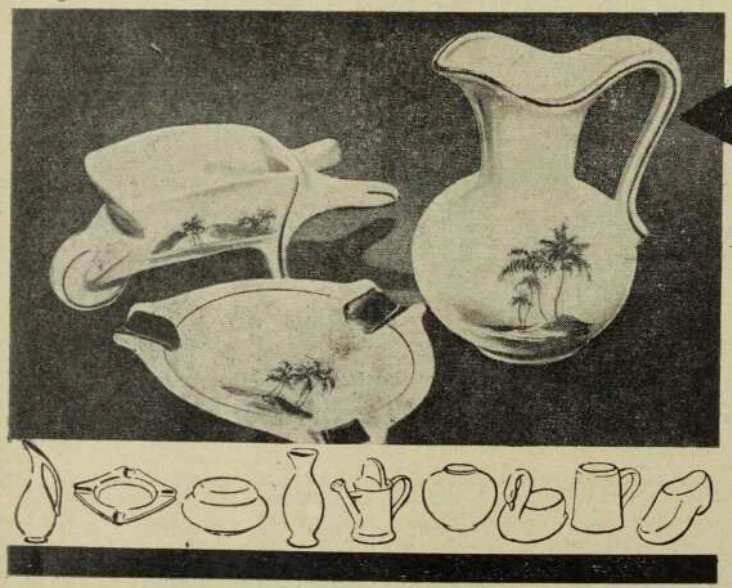
This was reported in PIM, Ma p. 25, when Mr. Maude said: "T much reliance on governme

Guide House Named for Administrator's Wife



On June 2, Sir Beaumont Phillips opened the Rachel Cleland Guide House on the waterfr at Konedobu, a suburb of Port Moresby. The house is painted a gay blue and lined ins with woven native material. —Photo by Papuan Prin

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gencies would do more harm than ood."

When will these Governments ealise that the native peoples are ot mendicants and possess a pride f their own equal to ours—if not rpassing it at times?

This mantle of benevolence which overnment has adopted in P-NG liable to give the indigenes an ltogether wrong idea of the broad rinciples of economics and could repeat could) be an argument in avour of "cargo cult" dissemina- ons.

Don't let us forget that the period uring which the many native co- peratives have been functioning so uccessfully has been a very prosper- u s post-war period, favouring opical productions.

What is going to happen if a recession" sets in and Santa Claus nds himself scraping the bottom f the tin for funds to pay its long ne of retainers?

Island peoples must be taught to houlder their responsibilities as ell as bask in the benefits of Vestern civilisation.

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The modest coconut is being re- iled in a Sydney chain store in l its natural beauty for a bob a me! A recent advertisement says: Just in from the Islands. Big! resh! Coconuts! They'll be rushed 1/- each. Non-stop from tree- p to X's. Guaranteed fresh and ll of milk."

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allots for Missions

From an Old-Timer in TNG mes a letter, dealing more in rrow than in anger with the ctarian competition.

He writes: "I remember reading rticles by you well over 20 years go in the PIM and *Rabaul Times* bout the mission competition for uls, and a pity something was not ne about it then when we had ly a few societies jockeying for aces in the Souls' Stakes.

"You can't do anything with ose societies already established. t any rate I don't think you can, t there are still large areas in NG ntouched by the missions, so what bout the Administration getting acking and divide up the un- uched areas into blocks, let those terested b a l lo t for exclusive ission rights and then slap a few nditions on the permits, same as does for miners and recruiters. hey're all registered companies, yway."



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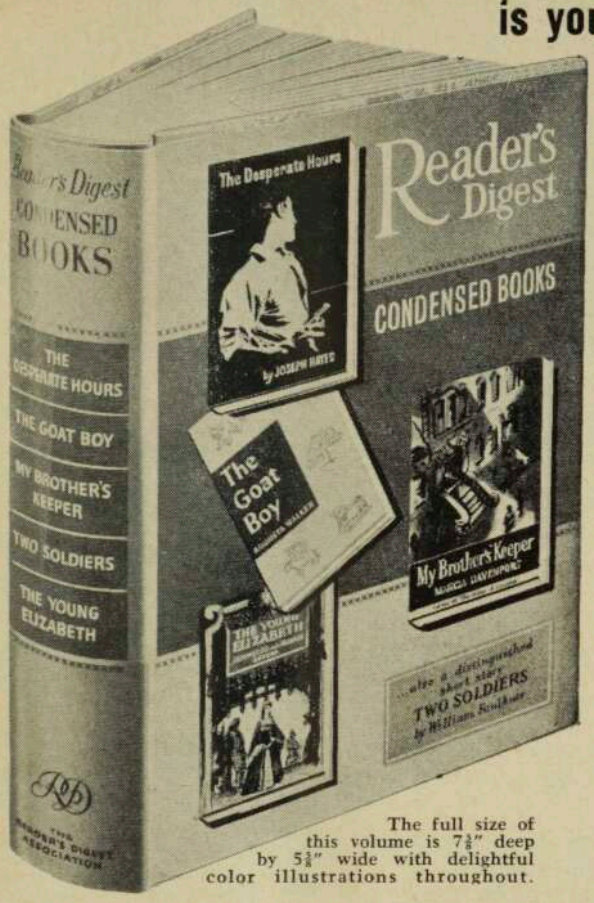
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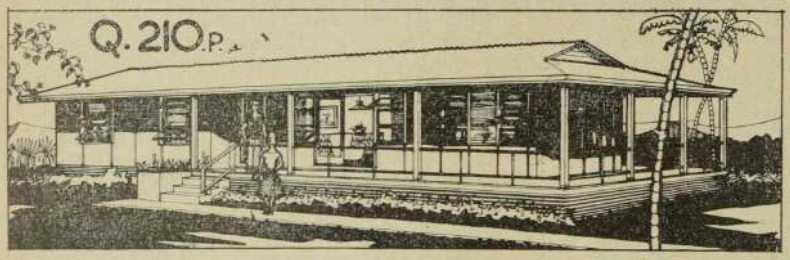
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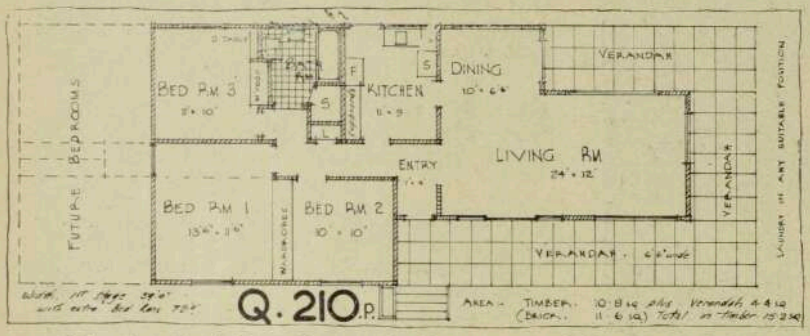
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Norfolk Celebrates Centenary of Pitcairner Occupation

IN his reply to the address o welcome on arrival at Norfol Island for the Centenary celebra tions in June, the Governor-Genera of Australia, Sir William Slim spoke of the forthcoming visit o the Duke of Edinburgh to th Island. He said the Duke was ver keen on the projected visit and ha remarked, when the matter wa referred to him: "Just try and sto me."

On this cheerful note of pleasur to come, the NI celebrations got of to a quick start in spite of the un fortunate illness that had remove Mr. Ray H. H. Nobbs to Green slopes Repatriation Hospital, Bris bane (by special mercy flight) almost on the eve of the festivities Mr. Nobbs, as President of th Norfolk Island Advisory Council, ha helped plan the centenary for th past two years.

His place was taken by Mr Wilfred M. Randall, the Deput President, who ably handled th arduous job imposed on him a short notice.

Fine, bright weather was experi enced for the first day's celebra tions and interest was at its peal for the re-enactment of the origina landing of the Pitcairn Islander 100 years previously.

The costumes of those landin from the boats at the Kingston Jett were replicas of the origina costumes.

After parading before the dais o which were seated His Excellenc and Lady Slim, Minister for Terri tories Paul Hasluck and Mrs Hasluck, other official guests an members of the Advisory Council etc., Sir William unveiled the plaqu commemorating the arrival of th Pitcairners in 1856.

After the procession had visite the Cemetery and Governmen House, all adjourned to All Saint Church for the combined Thanks giving Service—at which th Speaker was the Bishop of Nelson (the Rt. Rev. F. Hulme-Moir), th representative of the Primate o Australia.

Then all went to the "mile long picnic lunch on the Common—a traditional feature of the annua "Bounty Day" celebrations.

A feature of the Celebrations wa the arrival of HMAS *Arunta* (Com mander W. K. Tapp, RAN) with the fleet band. The band was in attendance at all functions until th ship's departure, on June 11, bu left behind eight members of th band to act as an orchestra for th

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Centenary Ball on the 12th, that ended the festivities.

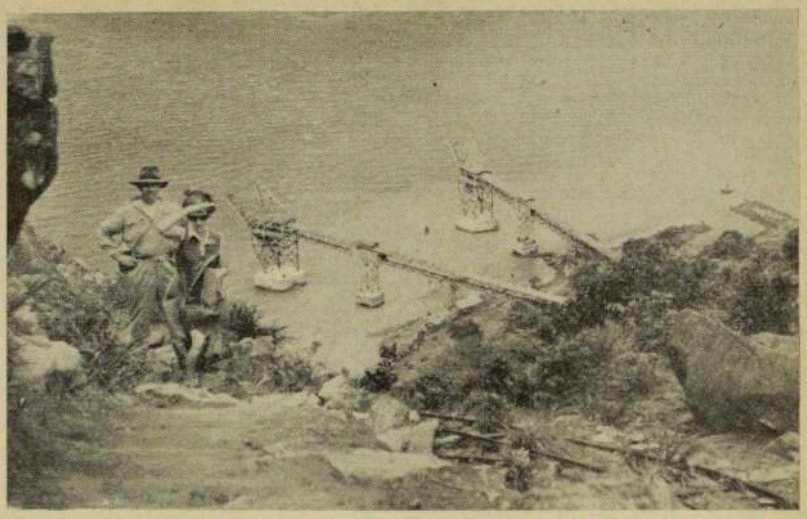
A colourful ceremony was the presenting of a silk flag and carved stand to the people of Norfolk Island by Mr. Hasluck on behalf of the Australian Government.

On the morning of the 12th, the Minister for Territories, on behalf of the Government of Australia, and accompanied by members of the Parliamentary Delegation, attended the Council Chambers and presented to the Advisory Council a magnificent "Speaker's" chair and stool.

The success of the Centenary Celebrations was due to the excellent work of the Centenary Committee over the past two years, and to the last-minute work of the Administrator and his very able official secretary, Mr. C. I. Buffett, who worked day and night on the eve of the Celebrations to make sure all details had been attended to.

Mrs. John Gutch, wife of the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, left Honiara, BSIP on the *Vareau* in June with the HC and his party, who were to make a tour of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. But Mrs. Gutch will leave the ship at Canton Is. and fly to the UK to spend the school-holidays with her children.

Rich Mines Lie Idle in New Caledonia



Dr. John Cumpston, Australian Consul in Noumea, while on a trip to South-Eastern New Caledonia recently visited the former Japanese iron miles at Goro. These very rich concessions are being thoroughly prospected by the French Bureau Miniere. Their future is uncertain as yet. Our photo shows Dr. and Mrs. Cumpston climbing to the mine plateau. Below them is the loading cantilever. This latter and other installations on the mine are in bad condition.
—Photo by F. E. Dunn.

† The US Naval submarine USS *Pomodon* spent two days in Pago Pago in May, having arrived from Tahiti on May 22. The ship carried 7 officers and 74 enlisted men. She left for Fiji on May 24.

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¶ Dr. W. Skiba, who was formerly in charge of the Fiji Geological Survey, and is now lecturing at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London, is currently spending 3 months leave in Fiji.

¶ Makea Nui Teremoana Ariki, paramount Ariki of the Cook Islands, was awarded the CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in May.

¶ Mr. Donald McLoughlan, formerly a barrister practising in Perth, WA, has joined the Colonial Service and has been appointed a magistrate in Fiji.

† The USS *Catfish*, an American submarine, arrived at Papeete on June 23 from Guam, and sailed against on June 26 for San Diego, California.

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FEELING THE BIKINI PULSE

Japs Tell What USA Will Not

ATOMIC test-explosions in the Bikini area and elsewhere are having their repercussions far away.

In recent months, radiation sampling has been introduced at New Zealand's Island meteorological stations at Apia, W. Samoa and Aitutaki, Cook Islands. Rainwater samples are bottled and filed, and lengths of plastic adhesive tape are laid out in the open air to catch dust samples.

The tapes are sent off to Wellington for examination, and if they show radiation the water samples of about the same date are called for.

One rather amusing angle to the series of tests which went on at Bikini through May-June-July was the regular announcements on them by Tokio Radio—although from American official sources few details were released, and then only well after the event.

The Japanese meteorological service has established highly sensitive recording barographs, seismographs and tide recorders at a number of points throughout the country. At successive intervals after a Bikini explosion, the Japanese scientists record the air pressure wave, vibrations through sea and land, and the "tidal" wave—15 to 20 centimetres high at Tokio—caused.

Later, radio-active dust samples reveal the nature of the test bomb.

From the available data, it is possible for the Jap scientists to say whether the bomb was exploded from a tower or dropped from an aircraft, as well as many other details. These are broadcast to the world from Tokio Radio shortly after the event.

The waters west and south of Bikini are very valuable Japanese fishing grounds and fall-out information is vital to fishing operations. During the recent bomb-tests, the Japs sent out a specially equipped research vessel to sample water and air on the fringes of the announced danger area.

Not unnaturally, there is strong opposition in Japan to these bomb tests, which seem to precipitate a lot of radio-active products onto Japan shortly after they take place. Probably partly for this reason the Japanese scientists seem to take delight in letting the world know what the American Atomic Energy Commission will not tell.

Tokio Radio, incidentally, now provides an excellent and interesting news service to the Pacific on short-wave (1800 and 0715 GMT).

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FIJI PIONEER DIES

Active and Useful Life of Sir Alport Barker

ANOTHER link with the early history of Fiji was broken on June 14, when Sir Thomas Alport Barker died in an Auckland hospital, at the age of 82.

Although he was born in Akaroa, New Zealand, he went to Fiji before the turn of the century (as articled clerk to a lawyer), and spent over 60 years of his life in the Colony. For most of that time, he was actively engaged in newspaper production and printing, and during much of his working life he took a prominent part in public affairs.

Sir Alport Barker, only in February last, sold his publishing business (Fiji Times and Herald Ltd), to Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd., of Sydney, and retired to New Zealand, to make his home in Auckland. He then appeared to be in good health.

In two ways, Sir Alport became closely associated with Fiji's early history. Through a series of business transactions, he became interested in the printing industry; later he established a newspaper in Suva, called the *Western Pacific Herald*, in 1901; and in 1918 he merged this with *The Fiji Times*, which he had purchased. *The Fiji Times*, established by Mr. G. L. Griffiths, had been continuously published since its first issue on September 4, 1869; and in its files, between 1869 and 1900, may be found the full story of how Fiji was colonised by Europeans, and became a British Colony in 1874.

Early in the century, Alport Barker married Miss Evelyn May Turner, daughter of a famous pioneer settler, Mr. J. B. Turner. James Burton Turner, who was born in New Zealand in 1849, had wandered around the world in his youth, but in 1869 (the year *The Fiji Times* was established) he settled on a



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rich area beside the Rewa River, and became one of Fiji's most successful planters, and a notable public man.

Sir Alport Barker was an elected member of the Fiji Legislative Council for 25 years, a member of Executive Council for seven years, Mayor of Suva for many years, President of the Suva Chamber of Commerce for four years, President of the Suva Rugby Union for 20 years, Chairman of the Fiji Publicity Board for many years, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Fiji Museum, President of the Fiji Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society, and a Director of W. R. Carpenter & Co. (Fiji) Ltd., Suva Motors Ltd., Fiji Investment Trust Ltd., and Fiji Transport Co. Ltd.

With the active and personal interest he took in the production of a daily newspaper he worked long and hard, even in his advancing years. Nevertheless, he was always available to carry out public duties and to meet residents who continually sought his assistance.

In addition to these activities, Sir Alport was connected with many sporting bodies. He took a keen interest in horse-racing, when meetings were held at Brighton Park up to about 20 years ago.

One of the outstanding events in his political record was his success in getting the Rewa Bridge built, a project for which he battled for many years. The value of the bridge was amply proved when the gold mining industry was established shortly after its completion; and, particularly, during the war.

SIR ALPORT was a fearless critic of Government when he considered it necessary, both in the Legislative Council and through the columns of his newspaper.

When Sir Murchison Fletcher, then Governor of Fiji, sought to impose a completely nominative system on the Legislative Council, Sir Alport and Mr. J. P. Bayly went to London at their own expense to interview the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and, as a result of their efforts, the Governor's plan was amended, to become the system in operation to-day.

To those who knew him intimately, Sir Alport was a very generous man, and a man who disliked any publicity being given his acts of kindness. He was a staunch friend to many of the older residents who needed assistance in their declining years.

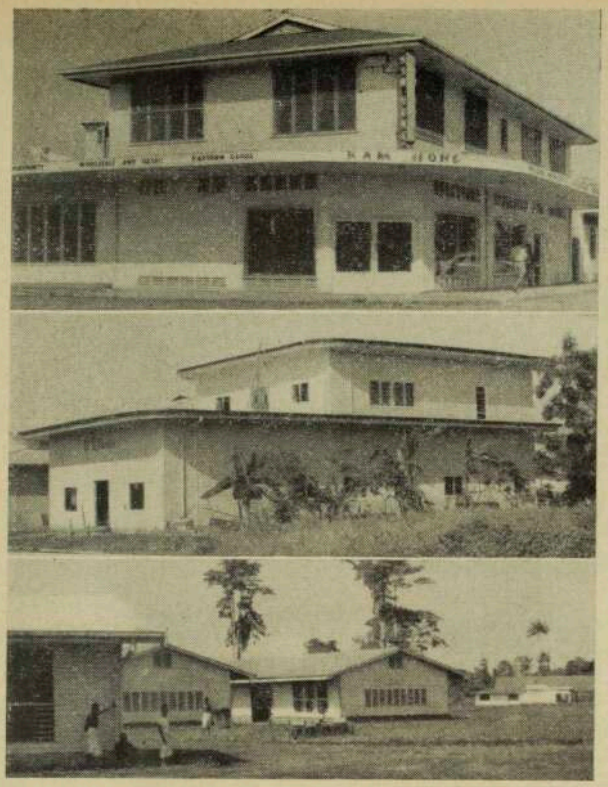
Sir Alport was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1946, and created a Knight on January 1, 1951. He had one daughter (Mrs. M. A. Ryan), a granddaughter (Sabrina), and a grandson (Frank Alport Ryan). Lady Barker died in November, 1951, and a year later Sir Alport married Mrs. May Winifred Watson, of Parnell, Auckland, who survives him.

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Growth of Lae

Many fine new buildings are going up in Lae, New Guinea. The first two top photographs show the type of stores being constructed in the main shopping centre on the Terrace. It will be noted, however, that there is now considerable departure from the old pre-war idea that tropical buildings should be open-air affairs. Whether this is a good or bad thing is a matter for argument.

The lower photograph shows the new Lae technical school which is as yet only partially complete. Students and instructors are doing most of the work themselves. When complete, the school will have accommodation for about 150 boys who will come from all over the district and live in. At present there are 50 boys, accommodated in two dormitory blocks. When the institution is completed it will be used also by Europeans who wish to study technical subjects.



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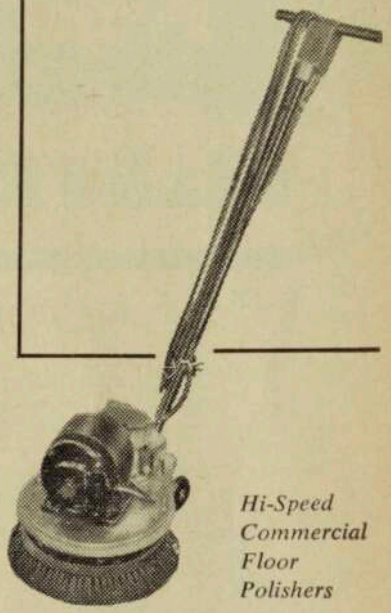
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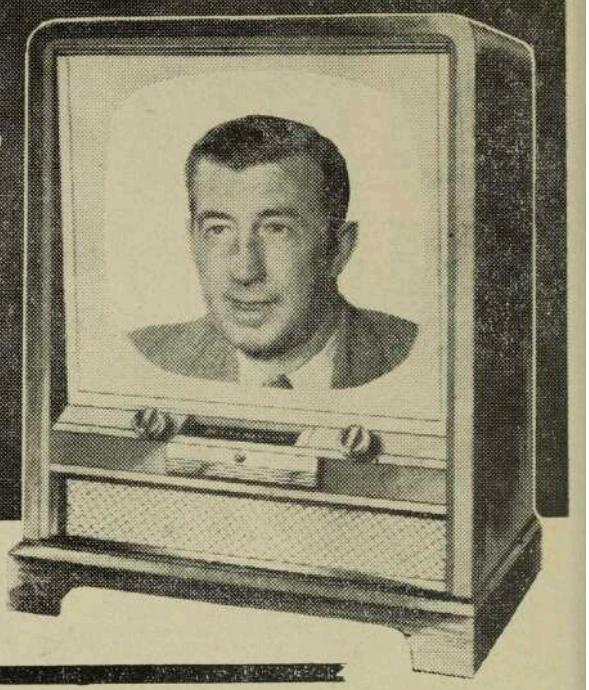
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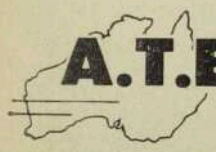
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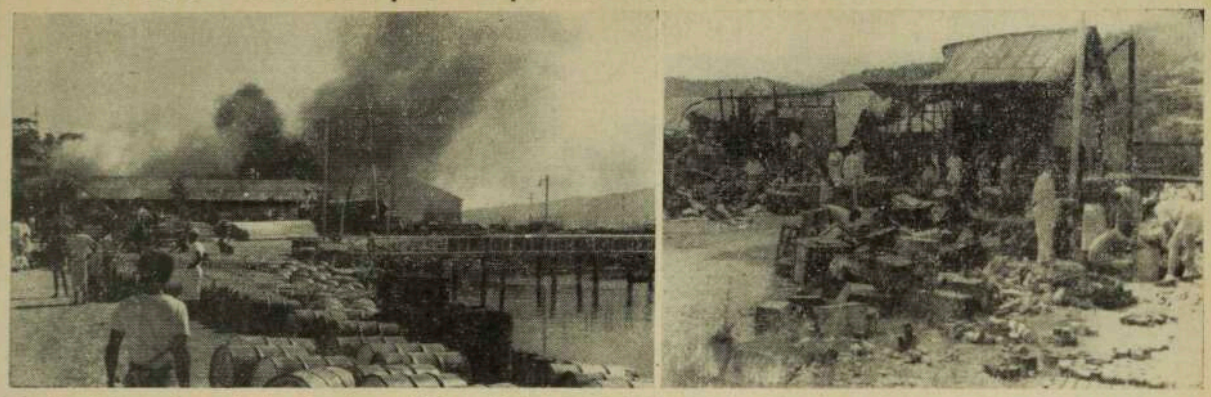
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Firemen could see immediately that there was no chance of saving the building but concentrated on saving those adjacent to it — and in this they were entirely successful. A building less than 30 feet from the Customs shed was scarcely scorched. They also moved 50 drums of petroleum products stacked near the shed.

Our photographs show, left, the shed at height of the blaze; and right, after it was all over, residents inspect the remains.

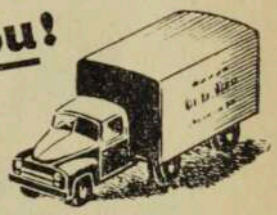
—Photos by Papuan Prints.

Mrs. Harold Short is returning to Papua in August, after a period in Australia for medical treatment. As Lillian Stephens, one of the earliest women graduates of Adelaide University, and among the first Australian women at the Sorbonne, Paris, she held College appointments in Australia and India. In 1926, she married an LMS missionary in Papua. There her linguistic experience was useful in compiling a Vocabulary and Grammar of the main language of Hood Peninsula, and a translation of the New Testament. She will rejoin her husband, who has retired from the mission to a plantation on Paira Point, Beagle Bay, Papua.

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Australia and Her Islands Markets

SALES of confectionery and chocolates in the Pacific Islands are growing, according to Mr. S. E. Tatham, managing director of S. E. Tatham and Co. Pty. Ltd., general exporters and shippers, of Melbourne. But Australia will have to do something about high manufacturing costs if it is not to be priced out of the Pacific Islands markets by cheaper products from UK and other countries.

Mr. Tatham recently returned to Melbourne after visiting Fiji, and is planning to visit Papua and New Guinea shortly.

Mr. Tatham said that the bulk of confectionery imported by Fiji was sold by Indian and Chinese merchants.

The native population, when buying sweets, preferred something that cost straight-out sums like 3d, 6d, 1/- or 2/-. Broken prices such as 7d only tended to confuse them. They also preferred lines that contained a number of pieces—such as caramels—rather than a single bar or slab—they seemed to think they got better value for money that way. Bright colourful packaging invariably proved an attraction—a point Australian manufacturers should bear in mind when catering for this market.

Australia was still the biggest exporter of confectionery to the Islands—but with the Commonwealth's high-price structure, serious competition could develop.

¶ Mr. John Stokie, one of the best known planters in the New Britain area of New Guinea, has sold his plantation interests, and he and his wife left Rabaul by the June *Bulolo* for Australia. It is their intention to settle permanently on a farming property which Mr. Stokie owns near Coffs Harbour, in New South Wales.

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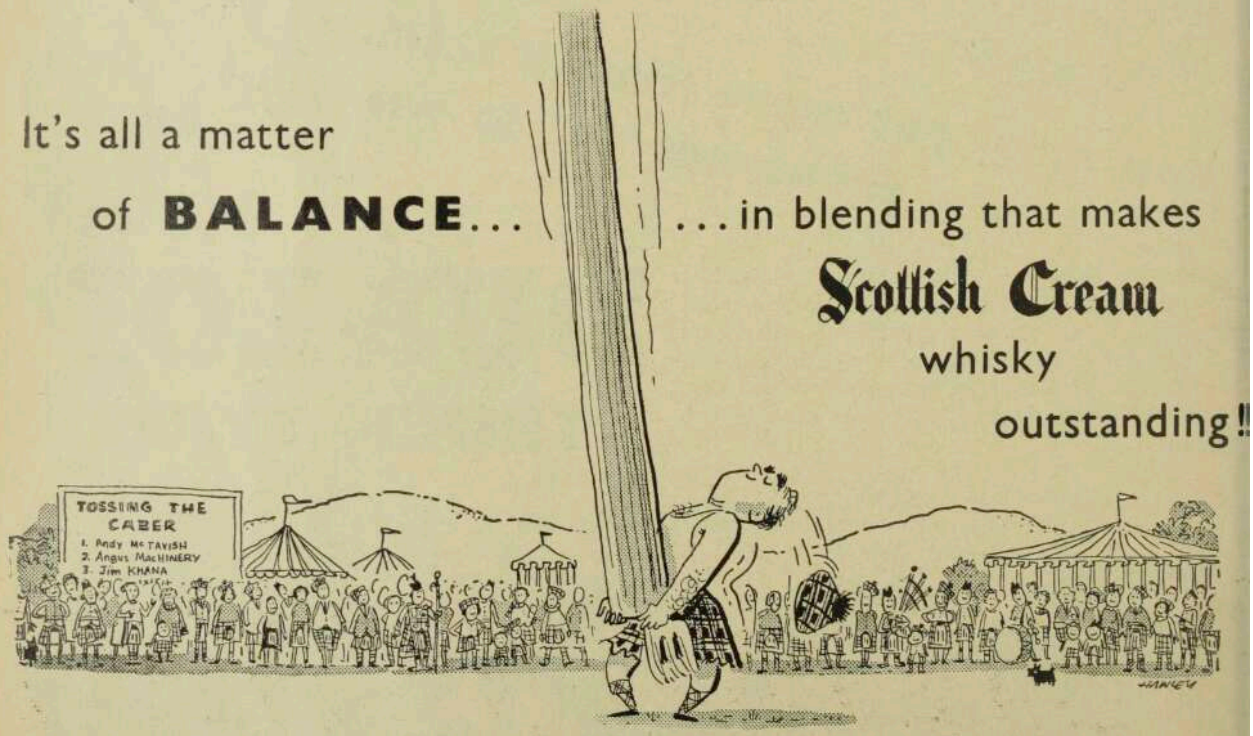
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CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Pukapuka Spends Annual Income In 3 Days

THERE were some raised eyebrows and a good deal of adverse comment in Rarotonga in May over a report from Pupapuka—generally considered as one of the poorer islands of the Cook Group—that over £5,000 had been spent there in connection with the recent London Missionary Society centenary celebrations.

The mission ship *John Williams* departed the island with £800 in cash and a very large quantity of mats, hats, and rolls of sinnet rope aboard. Livestock eaten included 150 pigs and 430 fowls, in addition to much taro and other foodstuffs.

The sum of £5,000 is about equal to the total value of exports for an entire year from the atoll, which has an estimated land area of 1,250 acres and a population of 600—*JPS*.

The following report is from the official "Cook Islands News" of May 15:

For the past 2 years the people of Pukapuka have been preparing for the centenary celebrations. Each member of the LMS Church subscribed £4 and mats, hats and sinnet were made in great quantities. The raising of extra fowls and pigs and the planting of extra taro was also undertaken.

On May 5, the *John Williams VI*, carrying the official visitors, arrived early in the morning to set off a day of excitement and rejoicing for everyone.

Large canoes decorated with palm leaves and manned by native warriors wearing the heathen costumes of their ancestors intercepted the vessel and, with the Chief's canoe in the lead, circled her twice, singing a chant before going alongside.

The Official party was then taken ashore to the very beach where the first early missionaries had landed. Here the party was "attacked" by the Pukapuka warriors, just as the first two pastors of the island, Luka and Maori, had been attacked.

After the "attack," the party proceeded to the various important points, where Luka and Maori were taken in the early days, and finally to the Church grounds where the prayers and speeches of welcome were made. Speakers here included the RA, Mr. Pamatatau, the Rev. Matanle, the Rev. Mr. Thorogood, and the Resident Commissioner, Mr. Nevill.

On Sunday, May 6, special church services were held, with an Uapou in the evening.

Monday, May 7, was the final day of celebrations. The Boys' Brigade and Girl Guides paraded, with Mr. Nevill and Rev. Mr. Thorogood taking the salute. The neatness and impressive marching of both groups was commented on by all.

Next, Tarainga, an orator, with Mr. David Hosking interpreting, impressively read out the history of the gospel in Pukapuka, the taking away of one hundred of the people by the Peruvian slavers to Callao, and the last of all the names of the pastors who have served in Pukapuka from 1857 to 1956.

Following this were demonstrations of coconut husking and wrestling.

Finally, on the programme, was the presentation of gifts, which included £500 in cash to the LMS Board in London; £300 in cash to the LMS Churches in the Cook Islands; 175 mats, 113 hats, 178 sinnet (kawa), 3 wrestling sinnet (kawamalo); 3 wrestling wrappers (talo); 1 wooden drum (nawa); 2 kits; 1 trolling mother-of-pearl fish-hook. About 150 pigs, 430 fowls, 200 coconut crabs, and many kinds of fish, as well as large quantities of taro and taro puddings were prepared during the party's stay.

It has been estimated that total expenses of the celebrations came to over £5,000.

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LEARNING ABOUT FISHING IN NOUMEA

Well-known Sydney Naval architect, Arthur N. Swinfield, will undertake six weeks of lecturing in Noumea, in November-December. Lectures are for junior fisheries officers and are being held under the auspices of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in co-operation with the South Pacific Commission.

Mr. Swinfield's subject will be Boat Building, Boat Maintenance and Working Knowledge of Marine Engines. Quite a subject—but judging by the number of mishaps to small Pacific ships in recent months, a little knowledge along these lines is long overdue.

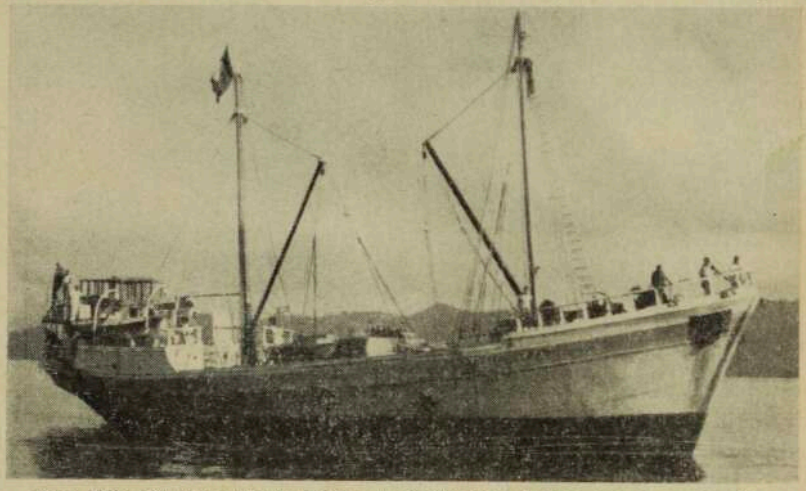
Mr. Swinfield, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Pearling Officer, Mr. E. de B. Norman, designed the standard pearling vessel used in Thursday Island and West Australia. He is also well known in the SW Pacific, where he has done some work for the Western Pacific High Commission. *Rosinante*, the small vessel from the New Hebrides, which made the Australian headlines when she survived a series of gales on the NSW coast a few months ago, is one of his ships.

At the "school" about one-third of the time will be spent on fishing gear and methods, one-quarter on boats, engines and navigation, and the rest on fisheries biology, elementary oceanography, fish preservation, transport and marketing, etc.

JAPS PEARLING FLEET IN ACTION

The Jap pearling-fleet is again operating in North Australian waters this year. One mother-ship and about 21 luggers are engaged—plus one Australian inspection ship.

The Commonwealth has fixed the take of shell at the same level as for 1955—1,000 tons. The Japs are



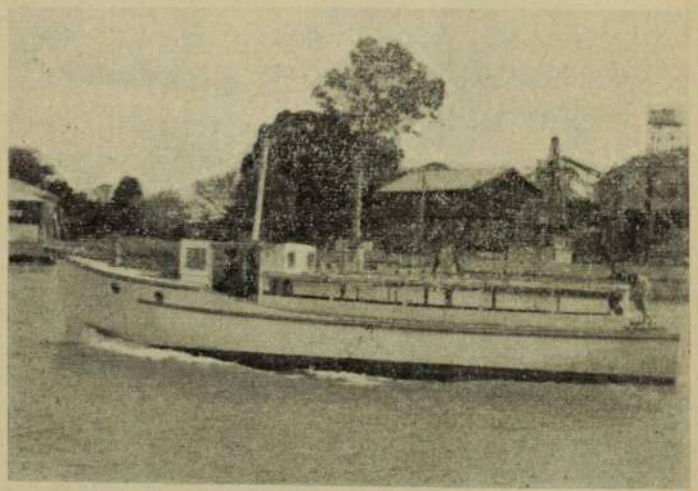
Burns Philp (SS) Co.'s "Vasu" which sank off Niuafo'ou in June (see story page 47). Photo: Jack Thornton.

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PEARLING CASE FOR WORLD COURT

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By the time the case comes up, almost three years will have been spent by officers of the Australian Commonwealth Law Dept. compiling the groundwork for the claim. The claim is regarded as a test case and the decision reached by the Court will be of international importance.

The issue is whether a maritime nation has the right to control the shallow sea bed of its continental shelf outside the three-mile limit as it slopes to the deep water of the ocean.

Australia formally claimed this continental shelf in September, 1953—"up to the 100 fathoms line" which, in some cases, extends to several hundred miles off the coast. The Japanese protested the claim but agreed to take it before the International Court, in the meantime pearling in Australian waters under a system of licencing.

A number of other countries have claimed their continental shelves—notably America. Naturally, their claims would collapse, too, if Japan should win a favourable decision against Australia in the International Court.

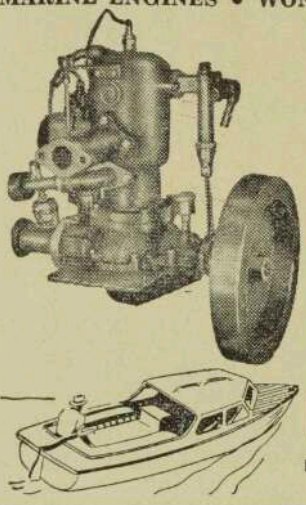
RESURRECTION OF *KORRIGAN*

The yacht *Korrigan*, mentioned in these columns in 1955 and before, was given up as a total wreck by owner Bob Grant after she ran aground on a reef off the west coast of Erromanga, NH, on June 6, 1955. However there was still life in the old girl, and she was subsequently bought by Tanna planter and trader, Mr. Bob Paul.

Paul refloated the yacht with the help of natives after only 10 hours'

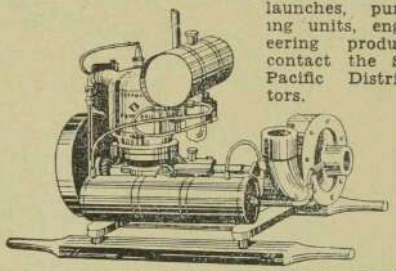
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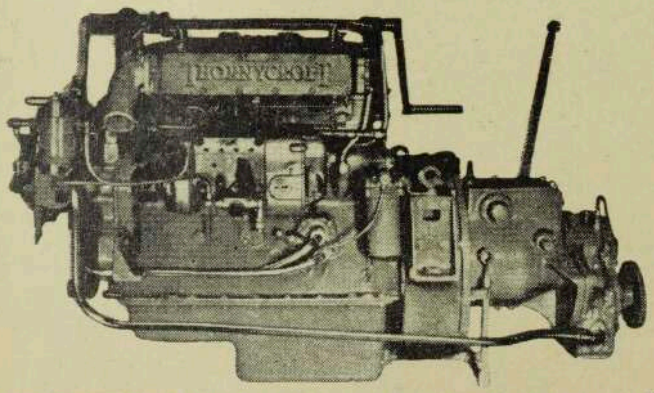
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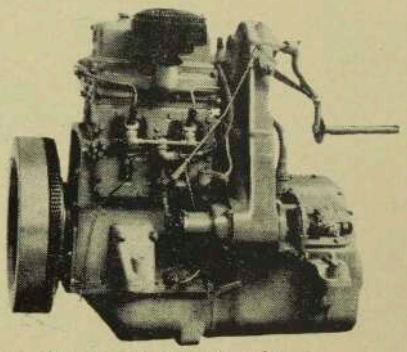
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work. A temporary mast was fitted and *Korrigan* sailed for Tanna, but was dismantled in a storm and drifted for 4½ hours before being taken in tow by the BP ketch *Darnley* and brought in to Erromanga.

She was then towed to Tanna and repaired and renamed *Bula Tale*, meaning "live again." And that is what she is currently doing.

END OF *VASU*, STERN FIRST

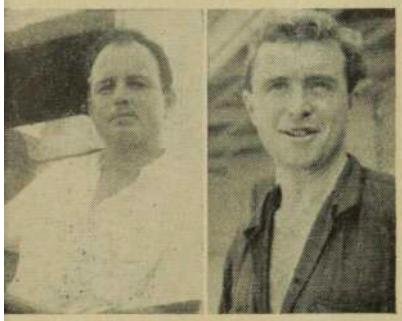
A preliminary inquiry into the foundering of the *Vasu* will be held in Suva early July. (PIM, June).

Vasu, owned by Burns Philp (SS) Company, with 18 crew on board, was on a voyage between Suva and Apia, Western Samoa, with petroleum products, when she began to take in water on June 13. The ship was then about 45 miles SW of Niuafo'ou, in the Tongan Group.

Captain J. Darling and his crew then took to the two ship's boats and a launch. They were located about 16 hours later by the RNZAF Sunderland from Laucala Bay, Fiji; six hours after that the survivors were picked up by RNZN's *Lachlan* and taken to Apia, where they were cared for by the local Red Cross Society and Burns Philp (SS) Company. They returned to Suva by the USS Co.'s *Matua* on June 20.

Captain Darling said that *Vasu* had sprung a leak after passing Niuafo'ou. When he had to stop the engines, the engine room flooded; in spite of anything they could do, the leak increased. *Vasu* had taken 12 hours to go down, stern first. The crew, he said, "had been wonderful."

Vasu was a sister ship to *Nukalau*, which sank off Lord Howe Island about three years ago.



LEFT: Captain V. Ward, master of the GEIC Wholesale Society's ship "Tuvalu" which was in Suva in May; she was due back in that port in July for refit. Captain Ward is an Englishman who arrived in the South Pacific in 1946 to serve as Mate on the LMS mission ship "John Williams V". He joined the GEIC maritime service in 1953. RIGHT: Lieut-Commander Mike Bailes, RN, of the 25-ft. "Jellicle" (smallest yacht to sail from UK to NZ). He left Rarotonga May 22 for Auckland where he proposed to sell his ship—he is a serving member of the Navy and has to be back on duty on August 1. He will return there by more orthodox means.

APIA MAY ENLIST US KNOW-HOW TO GET HARBOUR

A somewhat unusual way of acquiring a deepwater harbour may be taken by Western Samoa in respect of Apia. At present Apia has no "harbour" in the strict sense of the word. Overseas ships lie out in exposed positions near the reef entrance. This arrangement has never been satisfactory, but the cost of constructing anything better has always been considered prohibitive.

Recently Apia was visited by Mr. J P. Daniel, an American harbour expert, and he subsequently submitted a scheme to the Executive Council of the Territory:

That the harbour be constructed by his firm at its own cost, this cost to be recouped by a 20-years lease of the harbour facilities, including about 50 acres of reclaimed land.

This arrangement would be subject to the approval of the New Zealand Government as Administering Authority, as it involves the use of dollar funds.

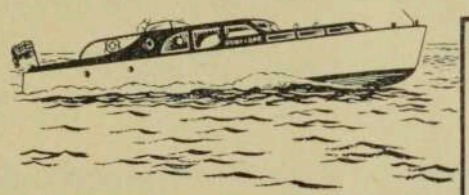
The Executive Council has now asked Mr. Daniel's firm—Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall, of Los Angeles—to submit a firm proposition.

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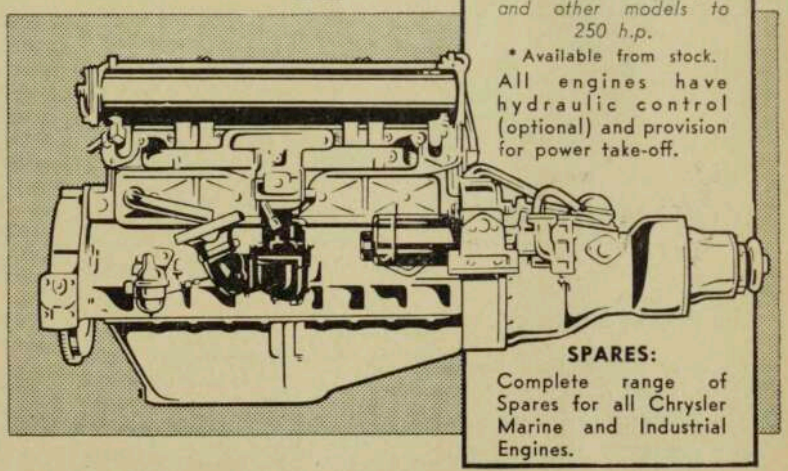
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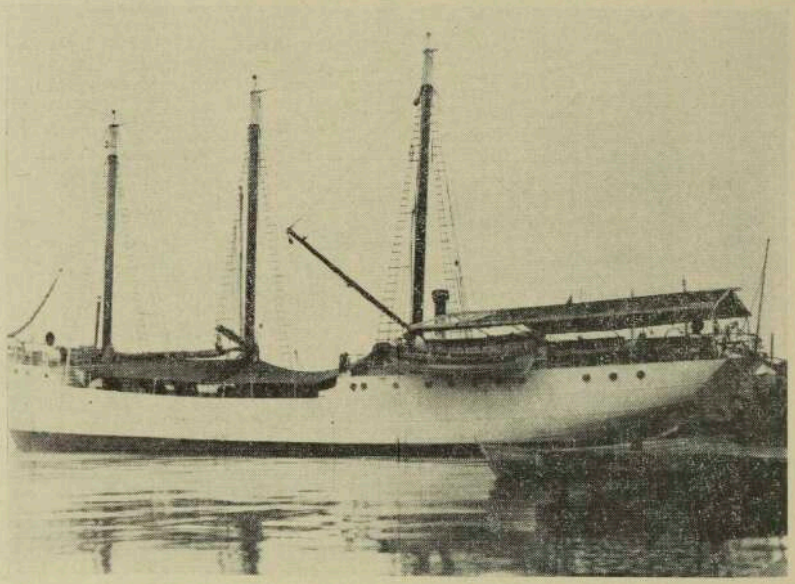
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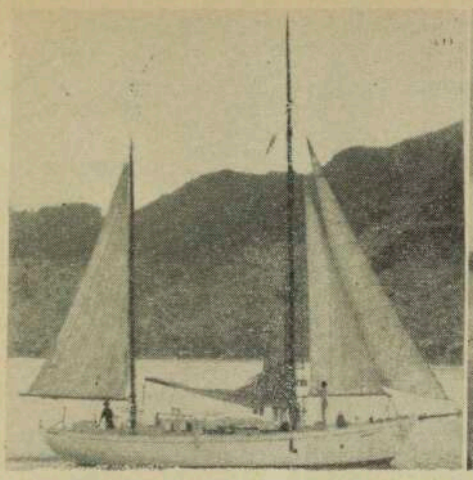
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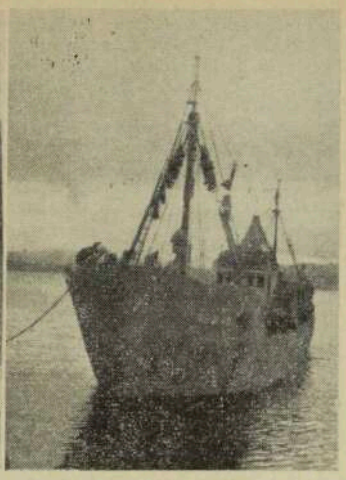
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AT LEFT: Brigadier Miles Smeeton's Hongkong-built yacht "Tsu Hang", mentioned in these notes in May. Photo was taken in Pago Pago shortly after yacht had come in from Fanning; next port of call was to be in Tonga. Smeeton, retired from British Army, was accompanied by wife and 15-year-old daughter. (Photo: Pan American Prints). RIGHT: Japanese fishing vessel "Sasaya Maru" which called Suva late April to drop a crew member suspected of appendicitis. She returned to pick him up a month later. In June, "Tenyo Maru No. 3", a large mother-ship, called to put another sick sailor in Suva hospital. (Photo: Jack Thornton).

"foreign" companies out of the Territory, it certainly is a realistic approach to the ancient problem of getting a safe harbour for Apia and anyone who had ever had anything to do with ships or shipping in Apia will wish the plan success.

SHARK TALES FROM *DOG WATCH*

The 1956 issue of *Dog Watch*, the annual publication of the Ship-lovers' Societies of Australia, is to hand. This, the 13th edition, contains the usual interesting assortment of stories about ships and the men who sailed in them—with the accent on the Southern Hemisphere. There are, again as usual, many illustrations and photographs of ships that at one time or another have made news.

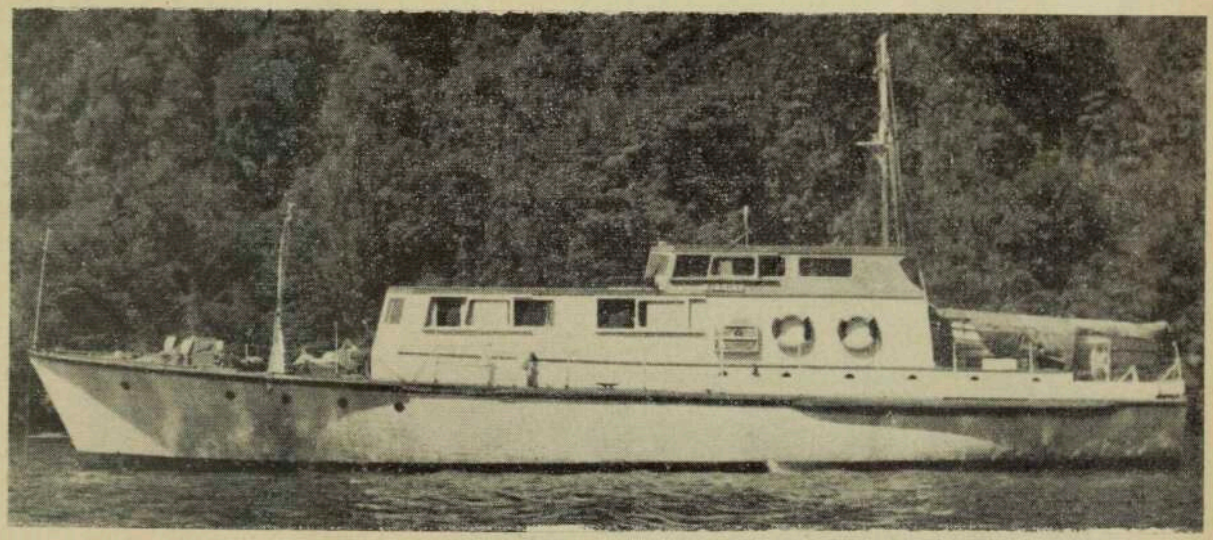
A snippet from this issue of *Dog Watch* seems a fitting companion-piece to that Nordman story of the shark that appeared in June PIM, so we reprint it here:

In 1834, HMS "Pickle" was cruising off the Isle of Pines, New Caledonia, for the purpose of capturing vessels engaged in the slave trade. She gave chase to a large schooner flying the Spanish flag, overhauled her and boarded her. However, there was nothing in the schooner's papers to connect her with the slave trade, although those on board the "Pickle" were still suspicious of her. But

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everything seemed to be in order, so she was allowed to go.

Very soon after, someone on "Pickle" put a line down over her taffrail in the hope of getting something from the sea to add to the menu. The line swayed. It was hauled in and a large shark was heaved aboard. According to custom this was opened up, but instead of the usual collection of fish and oddments they were astonished to find a bundle of papers. These were still legible, and on investigation proved them to be the real papers of the Spanish schooner which had been jettisoned during the chase. The documents stated that she had landed 293 slaves a few hours before she was overhauled. "Pickle" set sail after her immediately, picked her up again after a short time, captured her, and she was condemned on the testimony of the papers.

—H.O'M.

SHADES OF CAPN. SLOCUM

Also received this month, the ninth issue of *The Spray*, the journal of the Slocum Society. Editorial address is c/o USIS, American Embassy, Lima, Peru.

The Spray is devoted to the historical angle of deep-sea cruising, although some items appear concerning current round-the-world amateur sailors. The editor says: "We would like to publish many more technical articles than we have published, but it seemed essential first to clear away the underbrush of history."

In the meantime, it is a neat little publication, full of interest for the cruising yachtsman.

ADDITIONS TO CI FLEET

The *Inspire*, which has been operated in the Cook Islands for several years by Hugh Williams, and has recently been in Auckland for overhaul, returned to Rarotonga, June 11, to join the D. C. Brown fleet. She went into service immediately.

Delivery from Auckland was made by former owner Williams, who later returned to New Zealand to take delivery of the New Zealand coaster *Melva*, which he has purchased. The 243-ton *Melva*—sister ship of the ill-fated Noumea trader *Monique*—was launched in Auckland in 1946. Of composite construction, 103.3 ft x 23.5 ft x 9.5 ft, she was one of a standard type built for war-time use in the Islands.

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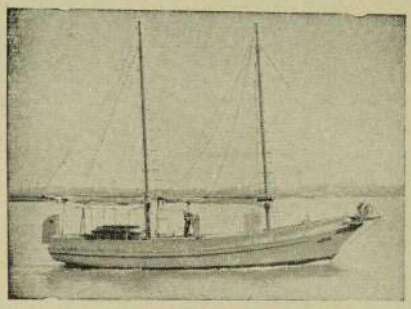
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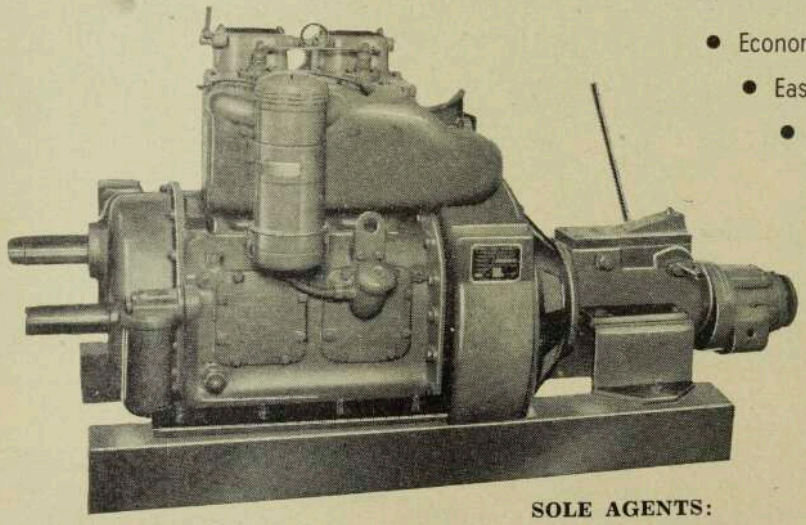
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post-war Island voyages from New Zealand while owned by the Union Manufacturing Co., of Wellington. She has been laid up at that port for a considerable time and will now undergo a complete refit and some accommodation changes to suit her to the Cook Island's trade.

Mr. Williams, who is satisfied that he has a bargain, says that he plans to base his operations on Penrhyn and the Northern Cooks. He has applied for a license to experiment with aqua-lung diving gear in the Penrhyn MOP shell-living operations. No such equipment has been used commercially in the Cooks before.

BACK ON THE JOB

Mr. J. P. Shortall, who has been assisting Mr. Dick Brown during the last few months when he has been acquiring new vessels has now left Rarotonga and returned to civilisation. Until he listens to the next siren call from the sea, therefore, he will again be contributing to these notes.

SCANDAL AT LE HAVRE

Ocean cruising is regarded as a clean sport and it is unusual to encounter a bit of scandal in the small ships news. However, we are indebted to the colourful NZ *Truth* for the final episode in the ill-starred voyage in the 49-ft ketch *Quest III*, which was engaging English newspapers in headline writing a couple of months ago.

The moral in the story is that if you have anything to hide you shouldn't tell anyone that you are going to sail half-across the world with a girl crew.

Quest III was owned and operated by a 29-year-old New Zealander, who said his name was Martin Brent. He bought *Quest* for £600, and out of a tremendous response to an advertisement, chose three adventure-crazy young women to accompany him.

They set off on the first leg, from Hamble, Hampshire, to Le Havre, France, arriving there "a disaster of untidiness and peeling paint," to be met by embarrassing official questions.

The three girls, after exposure to language "more than nautical," and the wild waves, and exhausted from "harsh treatment" en route (they were made to scrub the decks) left him.

Martin Brent, it seems, was really Joseph Sydney Smith, and admitted to a criminal record, involving, among other things, extortion, illegal possession of firearms, receiving stolen property, theft, and corruption of a young girl.

PROMOTION FOR MATSON SKIPPER

Robert A. Eastman, Matson Line captain, well-known in the Pacific and in Australia and New Zealand, has been promoted to that line's luxury flagship *Lurline*, as staff captain. *Lurline* oscillates between US Pacific coast and Honolulu.

Until recently skipper of *Ventura*, Captain Eastman sailed aboard the old *Monterey* under Captain Elias R. Johanson; was later captain of *Marine Phoenix*.

Captain F. H. Hicker replaces him on *Ventura*.

BOOTS, FOR THE USE OF

New Guinea, 600 tons, Swedish-built *Viria*, owned by New Guinea Industries, Lae, was in dock in Newcastle, NSW, for a few minor repairs in June. Some of the ship's plates were replaced—they had been dented by barges landing cargo at a NG port recently.

Viria trades regularly between Australia and NG ports—usually with a cargo of timber southbound and petroleum products on the northbound voyage.

The crew of 16 New Guinea natives felt the arctic temperatures of the current spell of NSW wintry weather during their enforced stay in Newcastle. One sure sign of this, according to their skipper, Captain T. Gillings, was the fact that they were all wearing their issue boots. Normally they go barefooted—or wear sandshoes.

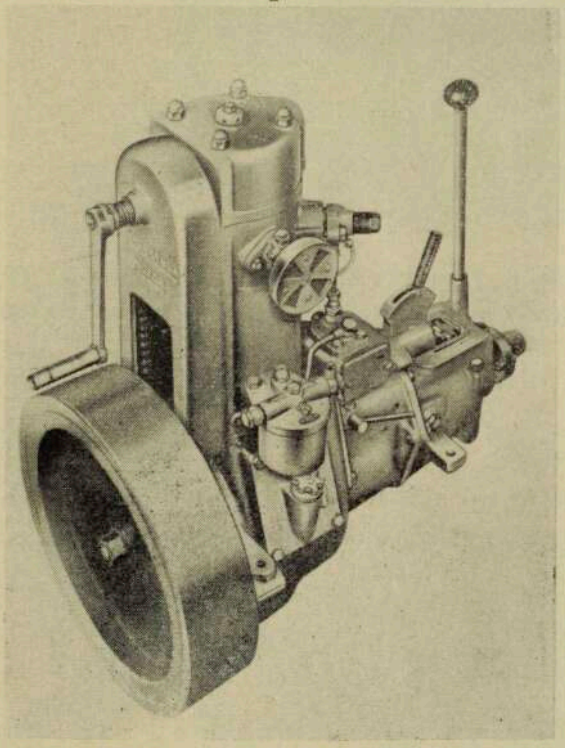
THOSE CONSPICUOUS LANDMARKS

Mariners consulting their volumes of the official *Pacific Islands Pilot* as they approach some off-the-track island anchorage, are apt to find that the "conspicuous palm at the south-western extremity," or the "flag-staff west of the settlement" has long since disappeared.

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Current News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

DEATHS IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Two deaths resulted from a motor accident near Port Moresby on May 26.

A senior officer of the Territory Department of Education, Mr. Harry Buckland, was fatally injured; and another passenger in the car (a small sports model), Mrs. Vera MacDonald, also of the Department of Education, died in hospital several days later.

The driver, James Thain, escaped with slight injuries. He was charged with manslaughter, but later acquitted.

The accident occurred when the car ran off a road and plunged into several feet of water off the main road leading to Port Moresby, about a mile on the town side of Koki.

Mr. Buckland, who was Superintendent of Teacher Training in the Native Division of the Education Department at the time of his death, was well known throughout Papua-New Guinea. He arrived in Papua in 1935 with the Anglican Mission and during the war became the first headmaster at the Sogeri Education Centre.

HEALTH HAZARDS IN THE TERRITORY

Papua-New Guinea Health Director, Dr. John Gunther, believes that the Territory can never hope to develop until all disease among its people is eradicated.

He was speaking at the Academy of Science Symposium on Life in the Tropics in Brisbane, and said that malaria, tuberculosis, tropical ulcers, virus diseases and fevers were holding back progress in the Territory.

Malaria lay like a dead hand on the native people, making them an indolent, undernourished and unhealthy population. If malaria could be controlled, the native population could be doubled in 17 years; infant mortality rate could be halved and expectation of life doubled.

Dr. Gunther estimated that 12 per cent. of coastal natives had tuberculosis but he believed the disease could be beaten in 10 to 15 years.

HOME ON THE RANGE

Mandated Airlines, late in May, flew four charters to Gusap, carrying 14 tons of pickets, barbed and fencing wire which is to be used to fence the first 1,000 acres of the Atkinson family's 20,000-acre pastoral lease.

The family has undertaken to fence 1,000 miles and to install 1,000 head of cattle within two years.

The cattle will be Zebu-Shorthorn cows, and will be mated with Santa Gertrudis bulls. (See PIM, June).

In a Territory where fences are few and far between, the Atkinson fence will be the biggest thing of its kind.

400 CANOES AND 4,000 PEOPLE AT MANUS EXHIBITION

A move is being made to make the Manus Agricultural and Handicraft show an annual event. The first show at Baluan, late May, attracted 4,000 natives from 60 villages. The thousands of exhibits on display covered the whole gamut of the native people's lives.

Just on 400 ocean-going canoes gathered at Baluan for the Show, described later as "an outstanding success."

ANGLICANS WITH WINGS

The Anglican Mission in Papua-



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New Guinea has taken delivery of a new Cessna aircraft—a gift from Anglicans in America.

The Bishop of New Guinea, Bishop Strong, was flown from Dogura to Port Moresby in the new plane to attend the May meeting of the P-NG Legislative Council.

Bishop Strong told PIM that the Mission in the Territory had three qualified pilots to fly the plane, which would be used by himself and Bishop Hand for their work in their separate areas, and also to carry mission medical staff.

A stretcher can be fitted inside the aircraft to carry one patient in cases of medical emergency.

TAIPAN INVASION

A 5 ft 4 in. taipan, Papua's deadliest snake, was killed in Upper Port Road, Port Moresby, on May 31 at the home of a Navy Representative in Moresby, Petty Officer Alan McKoll. The same day, a six-foot taipan was stoned to death about 200 yards away.

Petty Officer McKoll's two young children, one, 4 years old, the other, 18 months, were rushed inside the house when a native servant saw the taipan coming up a flight of steps onto the verandah. The children's father grabbed a shot-gun and killed it.

Petty Officer McKoll said he had killed another taipan in his back-yard about three weeks earlier and he had seen several others.

RABAUL, TOO, HAS HORSE-RACING

At least 18 horses will race in an amateur turf club meeting to be conducted at Vulcan, in Rabaul, on July 3.

Ten of the horses will arrive in Rabaul from Australia shortly before the event. The President of the Club, Mr. Foley, says plans for the meeting are well advanced.

Port Moresby had yet another (the third) successful race meeting on Queen's Birthday holiday.

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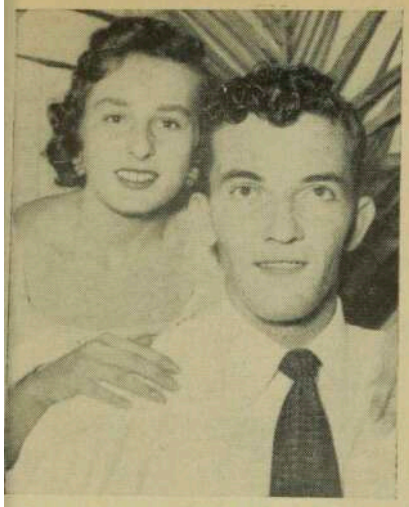
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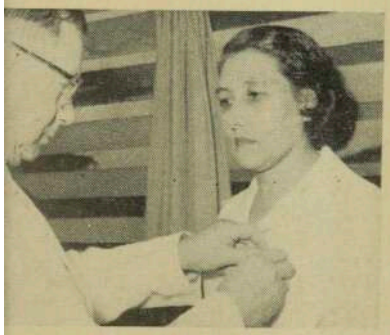
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At a party at Badili, Port Moresby, on June 2, Miss S. Johnstone announced her engagement to Mr. D. Fowler. (Above.)



Acting Administrator R. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson (above), were guests of honour at the Navy Ball, Port Moresby, June 8.



On May 29, Miss Rita Watkins was presented with an award for her long and devoted service to Port Moresby European Hospital. Mr. R. Wilson here presents the medal.

—Photos by Papuan Prints.

rthday celebrations on Ela Beach, ort Moresby, on June 4.

These, however, represented only small portion of the people in the ain centres and in the outposts of e Territory, who saw flags flown, oops march past or the Royal andard unfurled to honour the ficial birthday of Queen Elizabeth.

Brilliant weather in Port Moresby added the final touch towards making the 1956 ceremony among the best on record.

CARING FOR THE AGED

The Chairman of the Lae Town Advisory Council, Mr. G. Whittaker, told a recent Council meeting that he believed a scheme should be established by public subscription and subsidised by the Administration on a pound for pound basis so that a home for elderly people could be set up.

Mr. Whittaker said that he knew of one area of land owned by the Administration near Aiyura which would be ideal for the purpose.

The question of a home for the aged arose during discussions by members on the plight of an elderly European man who is now in hospital in Lae waiting to enter a home in New South Wales, where homes for the aged are already full up.

EDIE CREEK ROAD REOPENED

The Edie Creek Road in the Wau district is open to traffic again after being blocked for nearly two years.

During that time, miners working on the Edie had to have their supplies and mining machinery carried from the Blue Point slip to their workings—a distance of more than four miles.

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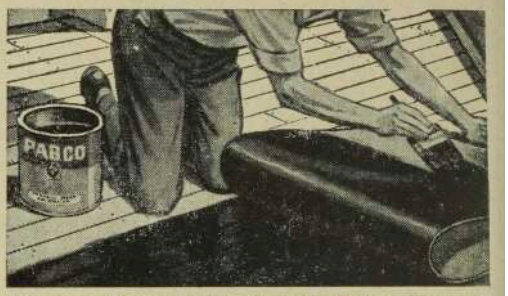
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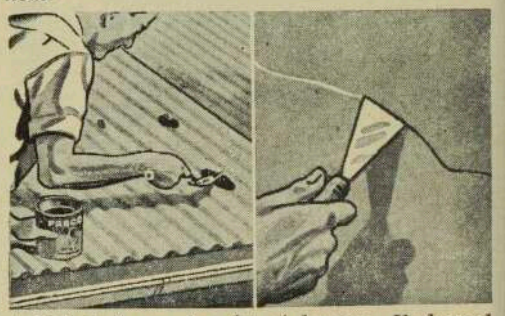
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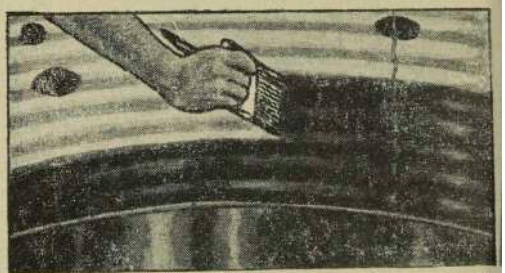


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Port Moresby Arts Theatre presented a successful Revue, "Flying High" on June 13. hown, the Spanish scene.

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3/- A WEEK TWINS

There were big celebrations among orkers on Karulla Plantation, ougainville, recently because of the irth of twins to the wife of one f the native copra-cutters. Cause f the jubilation is a bonus of hree shillings a week from the Adinistration. In native life, twins re not regarded with any parcular joy.

A Health Department official exlained that the bonus was paid to ncourage the mother to care for both the children. Formerly, many native mothers were inclined to care for the stronger of the two babies and allow the weaker to die. The bonus is paid until the children are two years of age.

ARMY ENGINEERS WELCOME TO PRACTISE IN NG

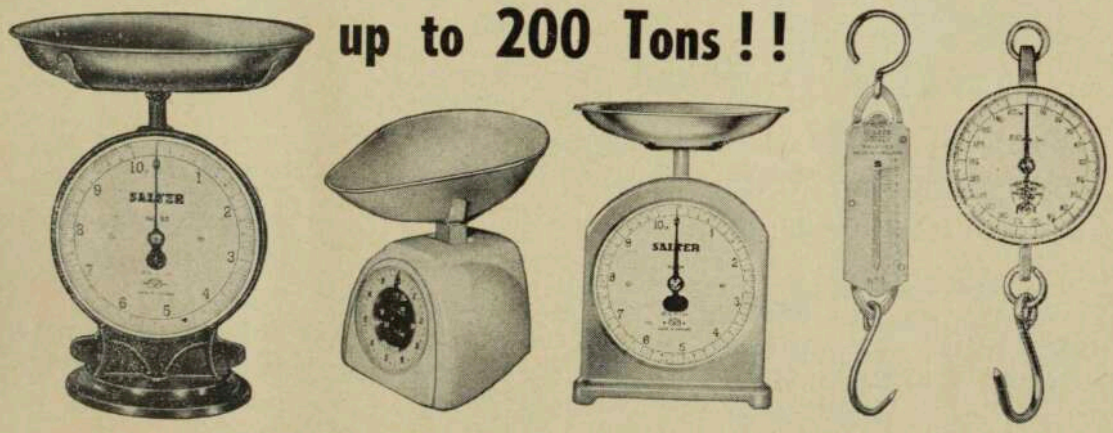
Recently, General McNicoll, of the Australian Army Engineers, said that the Engineers would be available for assisting Governments and shire councils in construction jobs.

This has appealed to the commonsense of the Eastern Highlands District Advisory Council, which points out that if Army engineers need practice, there is no better place than NG for them to get it.

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MELBOURNE GENEROSITY RESULTS IN BAND

Patients at the Roman Catholic Hansenide Colony, 30 miles from Kavieng, New Ireland, will soon have their own brass and string bands, thanks to an appeal made in Melbourne by the proprietors of the Melbourne *Herald*.

The *Herald* asked Melbourne people to send in their unwanted musical instruments and, as a result, the first batch will be on their way soon to Kavieng.

With the violins, guitars, ukeleles, trombones, etc., and other instruments will go simple instructions on how to use them.

A former District Commissioner at Kavieng, Mr. T. Aitchison, suggested the scheme to the Red Cross Society. The Society then approached the *Herald* and the appeal resulted.

There are about 240 patients at the colony.

HANDS OFF BRIDE-PRICE

Three former District Commissioners of the Eastern Highlands, together with a Roman Catholic missionary and an anthropologist, have warned the Administration of the dangers of interfering with the native "bride-price" custom.

At the June meeting of the District Advisory Council, Mr. Ian Downs pointed out that payment was shared by a clan and was not made by the groom. It was received by the woman's clan which divided it to assist the young men to purchase their wives.

Mr. Downs explained also that the

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payment was not for the woman but for the child-bearing capacity of the woman. Children of the marriage entered the clan of the father and obtained the social status according to the laws of descent, inheritance and succession.

Two other former District Commissioners of the area, Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. G. Greathead, supported Mr. Downs.

The missionary, Father Alfons Schaeffer, said the bride price was the main deterrent to divorce, and played an important part in the protection of a marriage. Any interference was a blow to the incentive of native production, hunting and trading. On many occasions, trading between tribes started with the bride payment.



On June 9, Mrs. W. Wyatt, of Port Moresby, opened the Pre-School Centre at Ela Beach, Port Moresby. Shown with her here is Mr. D. Spence. Photo of the Centre appears on page 109.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

PIGS AND PEANUTS

The Eastern Highlands District Advisory Council is recommending that the South Pacific Commission be asked to give assistance towards putting native animal husbandry in the area on sound hygienic lines.

Council members pointed out at their meeting in June that disease was rife among native pigs in the area and could be controlled only if natives fenced pig areas instead of fencing their gardens. This would save timber, keep pigs for vaccination and disease control, prevent crop damage, and provide a basis for improved breeding.

A Roman Catholic missionary on the Council, Father Schaeffer, said Highland natives would be willing to co-operate with the Administration if they were given a lead to do so.

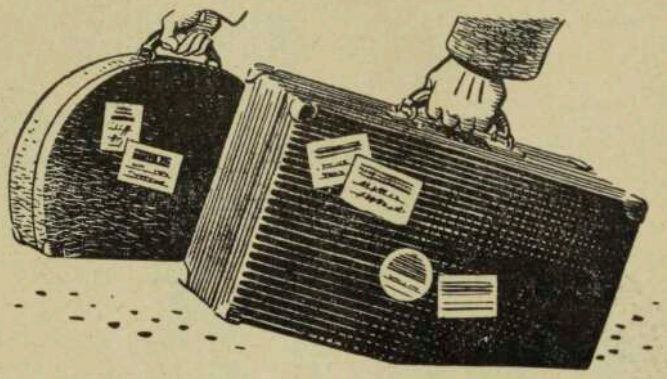
Members pointed out that the pig problem in the Highlands was different from other areas and that the pig population numbered five times the native population, itself very large.

At the same meeting, members decided to ask the Administration to take steps to help the native peanut industry by impressing on growers the need to process their product.

It was pointed out that hundreds of tons of native peanuts were unsaleable, due to the lack of drying and the natives' failure to use good seed.

Members said that whereas there were no peanuts in the area 3 years ago, there were now many tons. However, Department of Agriculture officers were no longer buying the native product and settlers were purchasing inferior peanuts at a loss to themselves to keep faith with the natives.

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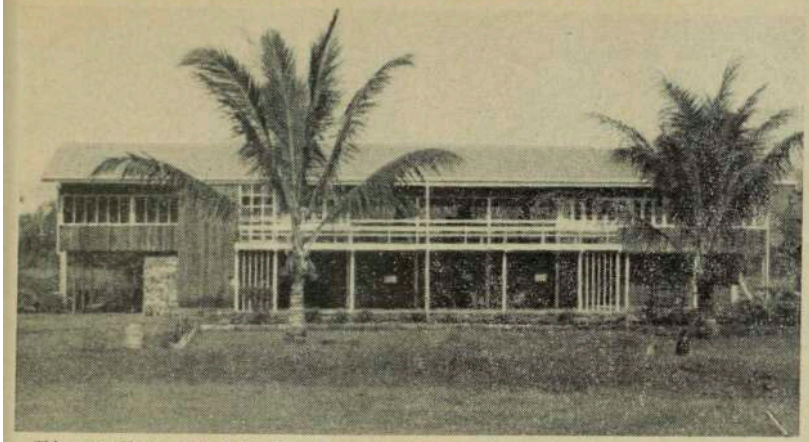
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Mrs. Amy Holt and Mr. Hugh Willis, both of the Dept. of Works, Lae, New Guinea, invited 90 guests to help them celebrate their wedding on June 23. The ceremony took place at the Lutheran church, where Mrs. Holt's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Normoyle, were the witnesses. The party then gathered at the Hotel Cecil for a cold buffet, music and dancing.

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INTEREST IN FIJI'S SWORDFISH

THAT swordfish inhabit Fijian waters has long been known. But we do not know where they are to be found in sufficient numbers to establish deep-sea fishing as a sport, nor the more favourable months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayford, of Midland, Texas, US, concluded in April three months of exploration in Fiji waters under weather conditions which were not favourable for fishing, and the results were disappointing. Off Wakaya, Mrs. Hayford landed a silver marlin of record size; but during the landing deep-sea fishing rules were infringed and a record could not be claimed.

The late Mr. Watson, owner of Wakaya Island, and a man of wide experience in deep-sea fishing in New Zealand and Fiji, several years ago made a report for Government on this subject. According to this report the Hayfords came at the wrong time of the year. The general opinion of fishermen is that swordfish are more plentiful between April and June.

The theory is that during these months they migrate to New Zealand, passing through Fiji—a theory not yet established. If the season stated is correct it would be a suitable time of the year to attract visitors, particularly if the season was found to extend later than June.

The establishment of the sport would add to the variety of Fiji's tourist attractions. But, in the beginning, a subsidy might be necessary to encourage anyone to build and equip a suitable boat for a purely seasonal occupation.

† A Navy ship from Manus with 20 ratings on board arrived at Lae on a four-day visit on June 16. Their object was to collect and transport furniture to Manus, but the opportunity was taken to send a team to play Rugby League against Lae, and a tennis team. Lae won the football but were beaten at tennis

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Foreign Companies in West Samoa

FOUR Samoan members of the Executive Council will hold a public inquiry on July 5, in Apia, Western Samoa, as to whether or not the Tip Top Ice Cream Company of New Zealand will be permitted to operate a factory.

A great deal of local feeling appears to have been generated by the proposal that the company should operate—it is the only firm that has come near to breaking through the embargo on the establishment of "foreign" companies in Western Samoa.

For years all applications by overseas companies for a licence to operate have been turned down "as a matter of policy," and last year the Legislative Assembly passed legislation stipulating that only local companies with local shareholders can operate. However, someone in higher places must have had other thoughts because Tip Top's application was accepted and referred to Executive Council.

Foreign companies are usually welcomed in most Pacific territories, but in Western Samoa, if the application of Tip Top is accepted, it will—according to a correspondent —be regarded as the thin edge of the wedge, "opening the door wide to overseas companies in NZ, Fiji, Australia, Japan and Germany, all eager to establish branches in Samoa. Trade competition is already keen in the Territory and local interests will be unable to compete."

(The Co. withdrew its application following the inquiry.)

Winning Owner and Jockey



Mr. E. Annandale, owner-trainer of Volant, and jockey Iakopo with the Samoa Cup after Volant's win in the Queen's Birthday Meeting at Apia.

Owners race for the love of the sport in Samoa—the winner's share of the stake money for the Cup, one of the most important races in the programme of the Apia Turf Club, was only £30.

—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

† Qantas skipper John William Knowling—a veteran at 44—has reached an all-time high in flying hours for an Australian International pilot. He will log his 20,000th hour somewhere over Canton Island on his next Trans-Pacific crossing. In his 24 years flying he has covered more than 4 million miles—two years, five months, three weeks, one day, eight hours in the air. He began his flying in Melbourne in 1932, using flimsy Gipsy Moths, then flew in the Northern Territory a year. For the next two years he was a flying instructor at Melbourne's Essendon airport, and in 1936 joined Holyman Airways (late ANA), flying DH86's and DC2's and 3's. Twelve years with ANA on domestic routes, then transfer to BCPA in 1948. He became a Qantas skipper when BCPA merged with QEA in 1954.

† Few of the original gold-miners who put New Guinea on the map in the 1920's are still engaged in the industry. Mrs. Doris Booth, MLC, is one, of course. Mr. W. G. (Bill) Royal is another. He was one of the Bix Six at Edie Creek, the richest goldfield ever discovered in the Territory—but that is about 30 years ago now. He and his wife have made at least one effort to live in retirement in Australia, but gave it up and are still located "one hour in from Maprik," in the Sepik District, still working gold. They emerged from their retreat briefly in June, Mrs. Royal to visit friends in Madang and Mr. Royal to visit Lae and Wau, renewing old friendships.

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Ladies Try Their Skill in Apia



After a very successful season on their new range at Fagali'i, the Apia Rifle Club closed with a picnic and novelty shoot for members' wives and women friends. During the season nine members qualified as marksmen and at least five of these riflemen will be sent to NZ next February to compete in the National Championships. Pictured above, during the ladies' shoot (left to right), are: J. Schaafhausen, P. Kwan, Mrs. A. Lee, J. O'Dwyer (club captain), Mrs. P. Kwan, Mr. H. Valentine, Mrs. H. Valentine, Mr. F. Pritchard, Mrs. F. Pritchard, W. Schaafhausen, Mrs. W. Miller.

—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

¶ Miss Kathie Brown, of the Lae Hospital nursing staff, and Mr. Ron Joyce, of Qantas, were married on June 14 in the Catholic Church, Lae. A number of their friends were later entertained at a formal wedding breakfast at the Hotel Cecil.

¶ John Alexander Hawkins, a small gentleman of five weeks, son of Lyle and Alex Hawkins, of Lae, New Guinea, was baptised in the All Saints Church of England on June 24. He wore a christening gown 100 years old, hand-made, and trimmed with hand-made lace, handed down via a great-grandmother. After his chistening, his parents entertained 30 guests at a cocktail party.

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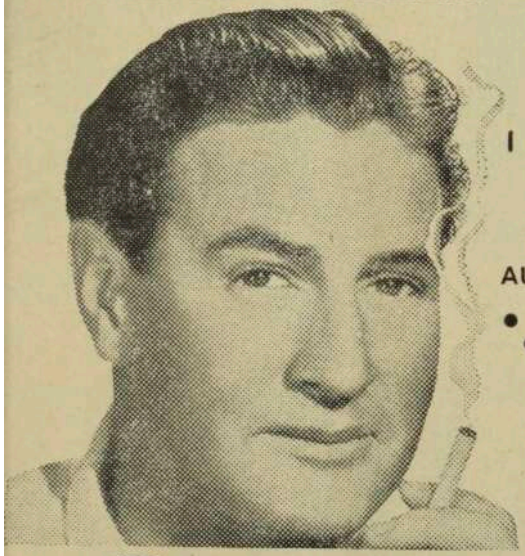
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¶ Miss Pat Spence, resident of NSW, but born in Wau, New Guinea, was visiting her uncle, Mr. Norman Spence, at Lae, in June.

Grog at the Week-End

SUNDAY is still bush-beer day in the Cooks.

Chief Judge R. V. Kay, recently summarising crimes associated with liquor during the 1955 financial year, noted that 223 took place on Sundays, 112 on Saturdays, 54 on Fridays, and the remaining 84 cases spread over the other days of the week.

† The Fijian Development Fund, collected by compulsory contribution from Fijian copra producers, amounted to £F570,081 at March 31, 1956.

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Apia's Expensive Electricity Blackout

From a Special Correspondent

THE years of criticism of the Public Works Department for so long ignored or excused by the Administration were fully justified, when on June 2 almost the whole of Apia, Western Samoa, lost its supply of electric power.

A breakdown of such seriousness occurred that, according to official estimate, at least six weeks would be needed before supplies returned to normal and for a week most of Apia was completely without power.

Nearly all of the 50 Government houses for seconded officers are all-electric, and hundreds of homes around Apia depend on electricity for lighting and various appliances.

The *Tofua* arrived with freezer goods two days before the breakdown occurred and one store alone lost over £100 worth of foodstuffs in their useless refrigerators. An accurate assessment of losses is impossible but it must be over £1,000.

Although the public has long ceased to wonder at the inefficiency of the PWD, this gives little satisfaction to irate citizens as they stumble in the darkness, make do with a new primus, wear clothes they cannot iron, eat rancid butter, drink warm beer and read their rising income tax demands in the fading light.

Another responsibility of the PWD, the water supply, is in a disgraceful state. After every rainstorm in the catchment areas, the water comes out of the tap brown and full of pieces of twigs and leaves, dirt and even small fish. People living on second floors in Apia buildings have a very weak supply and at times get no water at all. In spite of this, reticulation is being steadily extended.

Roads throughout the island are rapidly deteriorating and although it is evident that PWD cannot keep pace with repairs, new roads are being built.

INSTEAD of consolidating what is already there the policy seems to be one of expansion at all costs. The power failure emphasises the already obvious fact that extension has been spread too far and too thinly.

In January of this year, Mr. W. B. King, AMIEE, a registered Civil and Electrical Engineer from New Zealand, presented a report on the Apia Electric Power Supply at the request of the Government.

Among other things he stated: "It is very evident that, although the Government of Samoa has obtained skilled electrical advice very few years on the next step to take in its construction programme, very little has apparently been done in the way of ensuring that the programme has been carried out efficiently.

"It must be emphasised that no man can go to Samoa and by a wave of a wand remove all troubles and weaknesses, when things have been allowed to drift along as best they can. . . . As it is now, the electric supply system is in such a mess that it will take some years of devoted service by any Engineer who may be appointed, to clean it up... One of the worst features is the fact that the Public Works Dept. is apparently the only installation contractor, with no qualified wiremen; and is also the Inspecting Authority with no Inspectors, and I doubt with anyone capable of acting as such."

He suggested engaging as soon as possible an Electrical Engineer, an Electrical Foreman, an Inspector of Wiring, a Junior Electrical Engineer, and two Registered Wiremen.

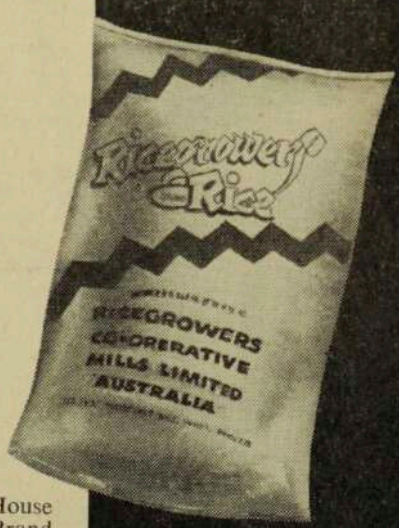
Now 6 months later only two of those positions have been advertised and as yet no appointment has been made.

Plans for future development are very necessary and commendable but the Administration should be aware by now that it cannot push ahead with grandiose schemes without employing men with the necessary know-how.

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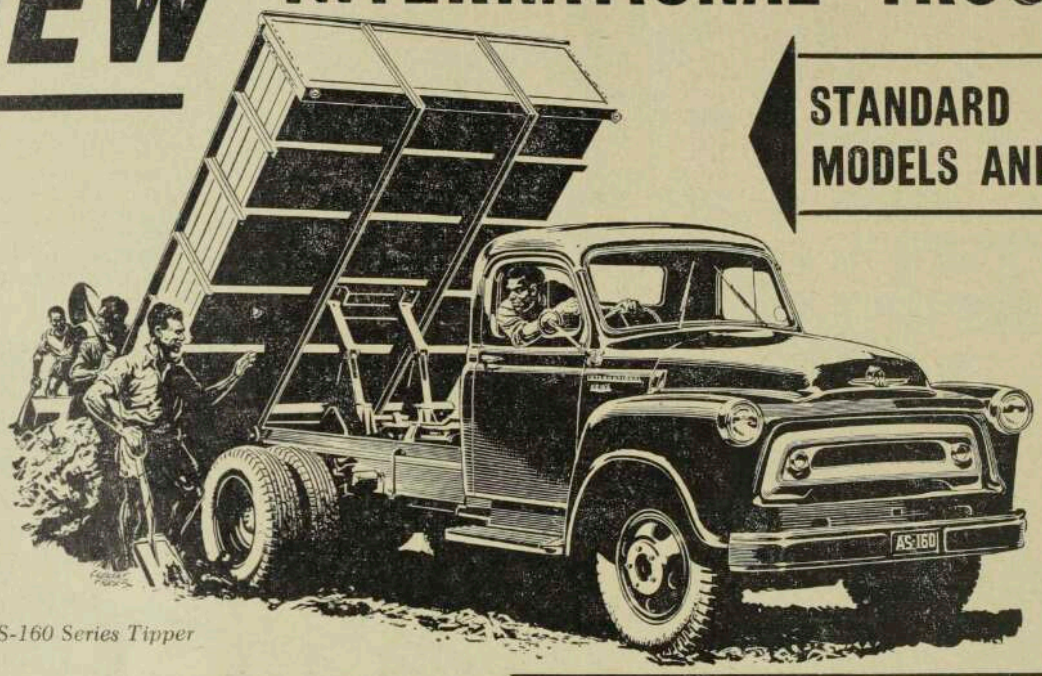
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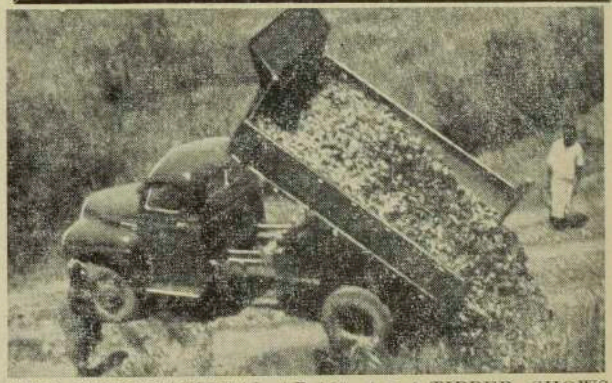
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Shell Industry

INTEREST CENTRES ON LONG-UNFISHED SUWARROW

ALTHOUGH production of mother-of-pearl shell from the Cook Islands is only a small percentage of total world production, increasing interest is being shown, especially by Continental button manufacturers or their suppliers, in Cook Islands shell and in the future outlook for the industry there.

Since the war by far the greater proportion of CI shell has come from the Manihiki lagoon. Penrhyn lagoon has been largely neglected, and Suwarrow lagoon, believed to contain shell in commercial quantities, has not been fished for many years, except for some test diving under special licence in 1953.

The reason for the concentration in Manihiki is that it is a closed lagoon, with few sharks or other predatory fish to endanger the divers, and little weed to hinder operations, and, perhaps primarily, because it is a shallower lagoon in the main, though with deep areas. Thus, while shell supplies have lasted all the best divers have concentrated on Manihiki.

Late last year, due to increasing quantities of shell of less than 4½ inches legal diameter appearing in the Rarotonga export-packing sheds, the Resident Commissioner of the Cook Islands reached the decision that it was time to rest the lagoon.

The decision to close the lagoon, however, for the calendar year 1956 was not made entirely on this account. To ensure a supply of clean shell, free from borer, it is essential that a pearling lagoon be regularly fished to remove the older shell. It was felt that the only way to induce the divers to fish the other two neglected lagoons was by closing Manihiki for a period. It also seemed likely that once the divers had moved to Penrhyn and Suwarrow they might tend to remain there if results were reasonably good—though the yields of clean shell were almost certain to be low for a time.

It now appears that most of the under-sized shell from Manihiki was coming from the areas less than 15 fathoms deep which are reserved to "skin divers"—men using no diving equipment. There are indications that the deeper areas can still yield plenty of good-sized shell. However, it seems unlikely that the lagoon will be reopened even to machine diving during 1956.

The South Pacific Commission's Fisheries Officer, Mr. H. Van Pel, visited Manihiki last year. In a report to the Cook Islands Administration he recommended that a mile-square area covering the deepest part of the lagoon be permanently closed as a breeding

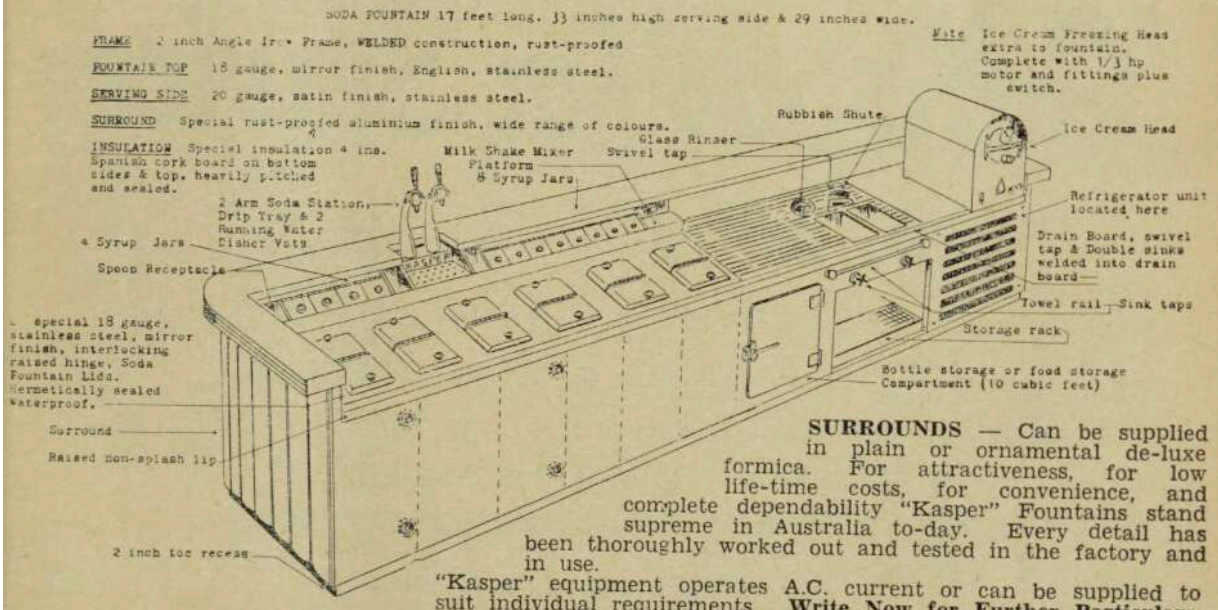
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area, and that the remaining area be divided into two, one area being rested while the other is worked and that the legal shell size be increased to 5 inches.

The Administration felt that there were technical difficulties in defining the borders of this permanently closed area. In May the Resident Commissioner was at Manihiki investigating the matter. The Administration seemed to favour establishing definite marks at two points on the chain of islets surrounding the lagoon. A line drawn between these marks, then round the perimeter of that portion of the lagoon would include the Van Pel area—but it would also include some of the best skin-diving areas nearer the shores, and for that reason might prove unpopular. No doubt this problem will be ironed out.

Meanwhile, as a result of public tenders called in February, Mr. D. C. Brown, of Rarotonga, a leading shell buyer, diving machine operator, and exporter, was awarded in April the sole right to carry out pearling operations at the long-unfished Suwarrow atoll during the period June 1-December 31, 1956. There were a number of applicants but no others had the shipping or diving equipment immediately available to carry out the terms of the licence.

Mr. Brown purchased the Fiji ketch *Taveuni* and the local ketch *Inspire* in April. On May 6, *Taveuni*, with Mr. Brown aboard, cleared Rarotonga for Suwarrow with a cargo of building materials and provisions. Carpenters were landed and the vessel proceeded to Manihiki to take aboard a party of about 70 persons, including 16 women shell-cleaners, also boats and diving equipment. The diving team included most of Manihiki's best divers.

THE Suwarrow licence requires the holder to operate not less than two and not more than four diving machines, and not more than 20 skin-divers. Actually four machines will be in operation.

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Skin-divers generally do not possess their own boats. A boat owner will tend about ten or fifteen skin-divers, taking them out to the area being fished, dropping them at various points with their og floats, and standing by them with coconuts and refreshment during the day. For this service each skin-diver pays the boat owner ten shells per day—about 10 bs of shell.

Apart from some test diving in 953, no serious diving has been ndertaken at Suwarrow for many ears, and there appears to be no ecord of any great quantity of hell ever having been taken from his lagoon.

Mr. Abela Williams, of Manihiki, who has been associated with the MOP industry all his life, said in May that he believed there had ever been more than 20 tons aken in any year. Apart from he 1953 diving, which gave ncouraging results, there has been o serious diving there since 1926. hough sharks are very plentiful he older divers believe that they ill become fewer as diving operaons proceed. They say that sharks ave increased at Penrhyn, a milar open lagoon, since diving as been reduced.

There are high hopes that enrhyn will prove as prolific as anihiki as operations proceed. he fact that some good divers have osen to go to Suwarrow rather an to Penrhyn indicates that ey consider the possibilities good. Divers appear reluctant to work enrhyn. Though this lagoon has allocation of twelve machine ences only two such machines are present in operation. Machine vers cannot be found to man her machines at present. Skinving operations are under way, t also to a limited extent. The achine owners do not expect a eld of much more than one ton r month per machine this year as compared with 3½ to 4 tons r month from Manihiki last ar. But some good shell is being shed—the Penrhyn and Suwarrow ell is generally considered larger d thicker than Manihiki shell. he shell 11 inches in diameter and eighing 5 lbs was fished in Penrhyn ring April. This is a very big ell for the Cook Islands where e average is about 6 inches and lb.

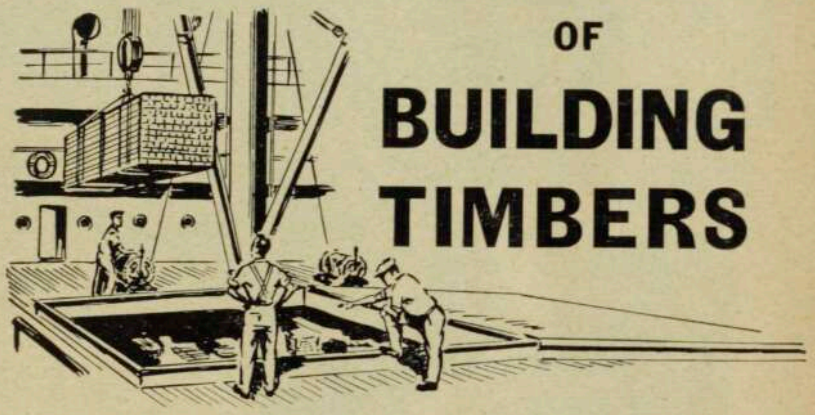
If the Suwarrow operations are ccessful it is assumed that the dministration will re-establish a radio station on the atoll. Meanwhile the only contact with the outside world will be by a monthly visit by one of Mr. Brown's two ships. An Administration inspector is to supervise operations and Mr. Tom Neale, who spent some months alone on the island in 1952-53, has been appointed and was to proceed from Rarotonga in June.

Plans to transfer some hundreds of shells from Manihiki to Puka Puka have been held up pending a suitable shipping opportunity. The tanks and equipment are ready and the operation will be managed by Mr. Ron Powell, of Rarotonga, who has shown considerable interest in development of this and other marine industries in the Cooks. Mr. Brown has now indicated that he will co-operate in any MOP replanting scheme by diverting his ships where necessary, so the Puka Puka transfer should take place this winter.

The Administration is also organising the planting of trochus shell in Aitutaki lagoon. Some hundreds of trochus will be flown from Fiji by a New Zealand Civil Aviation Bureau aircraft when it makes a routine flight along the Coral Route in August-September —the shells could not be prepared in time for the May flight. No harvest could be expected from these shells for many years, but the experiment could be the basis of a valuable fishery eventually.

To sum up, the yield of MOP shell from the Cooks in the next

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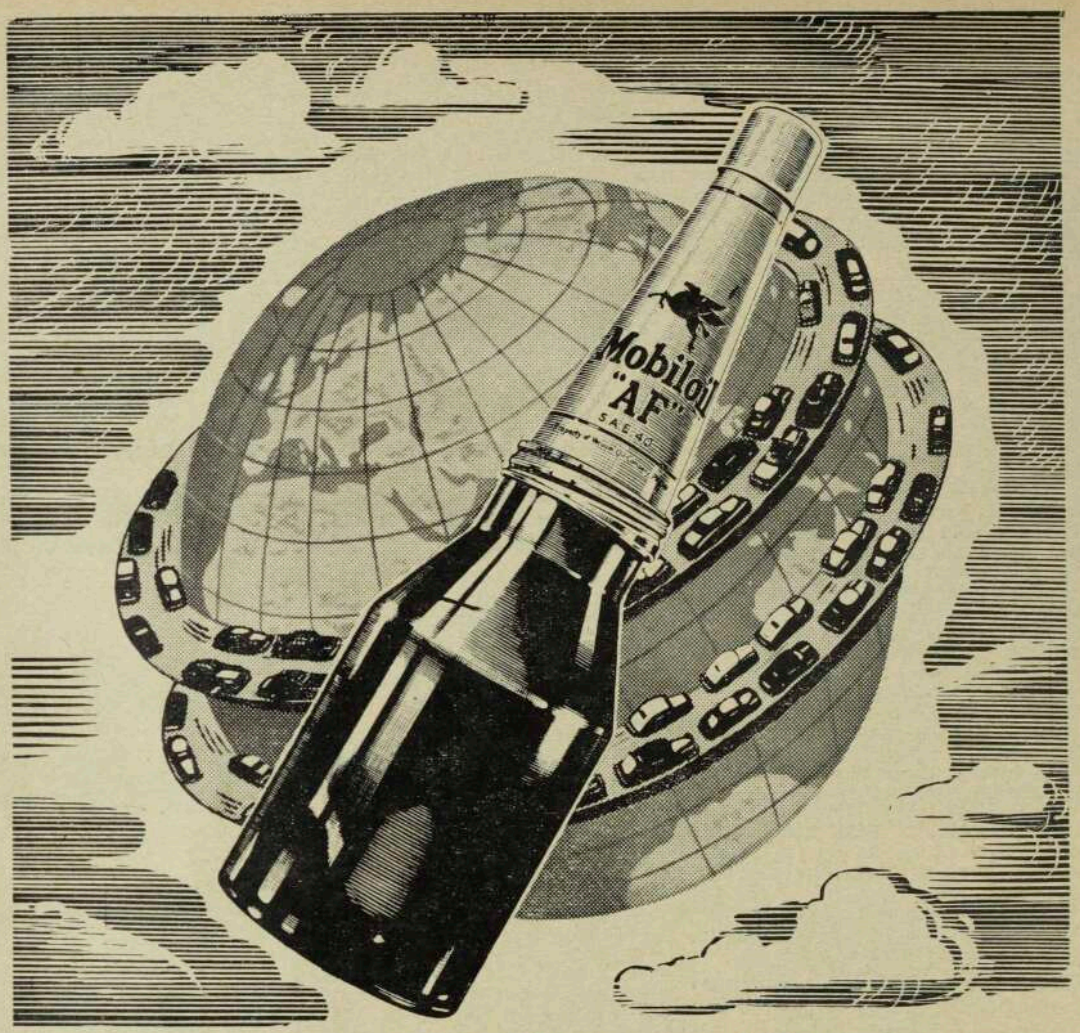
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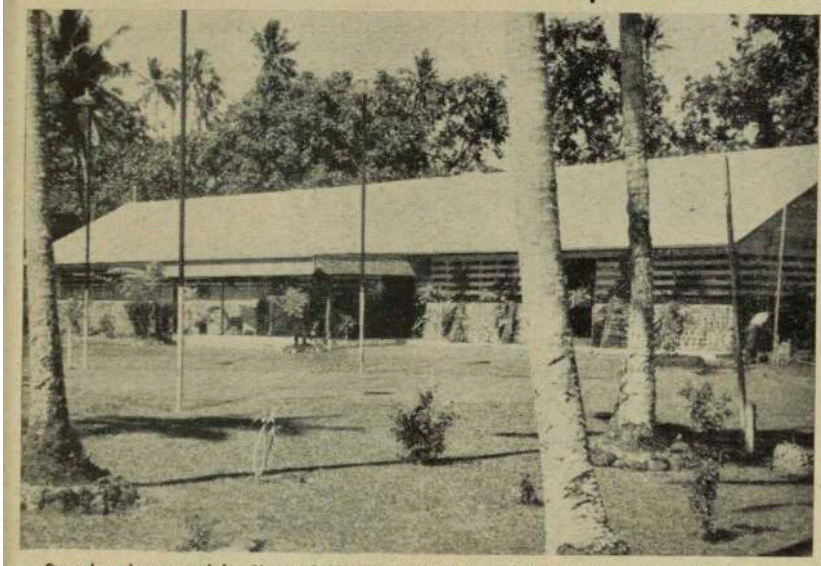
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few years will hinge largely on results at Suwarrow. It will take time to locate the best beds there and to clean the lagoon of old and probably wormy shell. Probably half of Manihiki lagoon will be reopened next year. If the Suwarrow divers do not see definite possibilities there by the end of this year they are likely to quit and return to the surer beds at Manihiki.

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Fighting Yaws in Fiji

THE Fiji Yaws Control Campaign is making excellent progress and it is estimated that at the end of the 3-years campaign, which started in 1954, yaws will have been wiped out in Fiji.

Yaws, in the colony, is confined broadly to Fijians and resident Pacific Islanders and responds rapidly to an injection of penicillin. Because of its wide incidence (close to 50 per cent.), and the debililating effect it has upon the Fijians, a programme of universal injection, under the auspices of WHO-UNICEF, was decided on.

There are now five teams in the field.

There are 3 focal points of the campaign:

- Dr. F. G. Tross, international adviser on yaws, is the centre of the field work in the "pilot area," in the Savusavu district of Vanua Levu;
- Dr. J. M. Whelan, international serologist, has his headquarters in the Central Pathological Laboratory, Suva;
- The Statistical Centre and main store for drugs and equipment, which is the Suva office of Dr. Verrier, Colony Director of the Fiji campaign, and Medical Statistician of Fiji.

Last year, Dr. Verrier represented the South West Pacific region at the World Health Organisation Conference in Nigeria on yaws and similar diseases.

Communications between the various units of the campaign are carried on by radio-telephone, Government launch, UNICEF Land-Rover and Fiji Airways. Air communications are used for the speedy transmission of blood-specimens to Suva.

Surveys took place either in units, like villages, schools, estates, etc., or by way of house-to-house survey, as the situation requires. The head of the household is responsible for the attendance of all the members.

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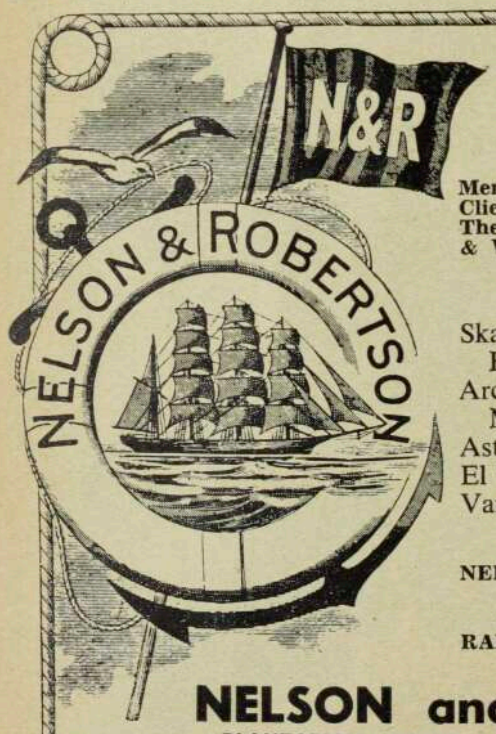


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TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

The Fead Islands Massacre

Mr. Graeme Carson, whose father, the late Lew Carson, acquired the Fead Islands Group from the Expropriation Board, in December, 1926, sends some interesting comments on the article by R. W. Robson, "This N. Britain Mat-Mat Speaks of History" (PIM, April, p. 79). He writes:—

IT may interest Mr. Robson's readers to know more about the massacre of John Coe and others, at the Feads, at the end of the last century.

The Chief to whom Mr. Robson refers was undoubtedly one Sowa, who is well remembered at Feads as a particularly bloodthirsty character. His *forte* was to lead his people out in canoes to attack passing ships, whose crews were killed and vessels looted and sunk.

However, after the massacre of John Coe and others, a punitive expedition was sent out to deal with Sowa. After a pitched battle, he and his children were shot and his house burned over their heads. Sowa, himself, though mortally wounded, was dragged out by his supporters and died shortly afterwards. He was accorded the funeral of his own Shark clan and, bound to two canoe outriggers, was set adrift in the main passage.

To this day his old house site is a *tambu*-ed area and signs of it may be seen in old mangrove floor stumps and fragments of metal and lead shot, melted in the fire that destroyed his family. Until recently, an extremely old native, by name Tekapu, was living at the Mortlocks, who claimed to be one of those who had betrayed Sowa to the German expedition.

There is a legend told by the Nugurias concerning the murder of a European who could well be the John Coe mentioned by Mr. Robson.

The story goes that the plantation manager of that time ordered Sowa to send *meris* to the station to work on the sun-driers. This apparently did not suit Sowa, who announced that he was tired of white masters and would liquidate this one.

The manager, after being warned by a loyal native of this threat, decided to visit Sowa and talk the matter over. This he did the next day, and was cordially received by Sowa and invited to inspect a new canoe which lay on the beach some distance from the village.

As the manager was leaning over to observe the inside, Sowa spun the canoe round, knocked him off his feet and, as he lay on the beach, leaped on him and despatched him with an adze. The body was weighted with stones and thrown in the sea off Point Soma, the usual burial-place for strangers.

Another interesting story concerns a schooner that was driven on the reef at Paite Island. It seems that the crew fled in their whale-boat and finally reached Namatanai.

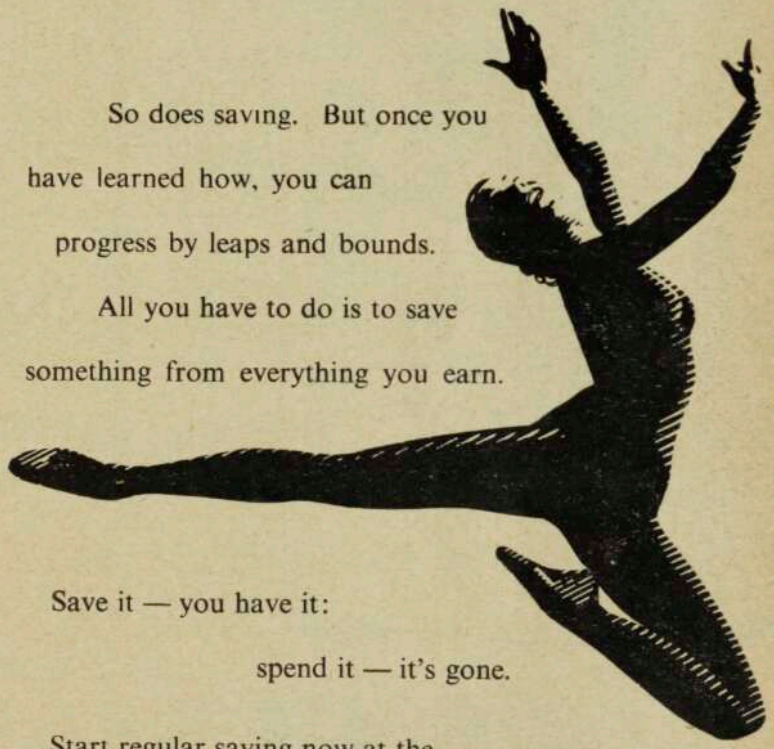
However, two of their number were left behind and were at first cherished by Sowa, who regarded them as amusing servants. He soon tired of them, however, and removed them by the ingenious method of swinging them by the heels against coconut palms. They, too, were thrown off Point Soma.

Part of the loot from this wreck consisted of large tins of meat and a quantity of rice, which, however, the Nugurias threw away, thinking it to be tinned human flesh and dried maggots. Evidence of this survives as battered remains of tins in the mat-mat at the Feads, and the ship's anchor, used to-day as anchor for the marker-buoy in the station passage.

These stories and many others were told to me by the patriarchs of the village, the fathers of some of whom were contemporaries of Sowa. A considerable amount of evidence survives to support these legends.

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A Tribute to the Bamu River Mission

TWENTY YEARS AT THE MISSION IN THE MUD

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ON June 1, 1936, the native peoples of the little-known and then little-traversed Bamu River, in the Western Division of Papua, gave an excited welcome to two young people who went to live among them as missionaries.

Specially novel was the fact that one was the first white woman to live on the Bamu—she is, in fact, still is the only European woman there.

The scene which greeted the just-married Harrie and Eva Standen was anything but encouraging and both wondered, as they climbed through the calf-deep Bamu mud, if they had made a mistake in deciding to work on such a mud flat.

To-day, twenty years later, they realise they made no mistake, however much appearances were against success at the time. Recently one of the "highest in the land" was heard to express in admiration, the thought that one knew as soon as one landed at the mission on the Bamu, that it was a happy place. "You only had to watch the expressions, and the complete confidence of a people in their missionaries and friends could be literally seen and felt."

Eva and Harrie Standen have always had the warmest admiration of all sections of the Papuan Administration for their remarkable work and success among a backward people almost as unsalubrious as their land. Their outstanding success, specially in the fields of education and health and particularly of infant-welfare is recognised by all who have had anything to do with that area.

This year four local student teachers are attending the Short Teacher-Training course at the Administration Training Centre at Popendetta, the remarkable thing about this being that two of the students are from the mid-Bamu River, the first ever to leave the river for further training. More remarkable still is the fact that two are females. It is an unheard of thing for Bamu people to permit their

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girls to leave their river for any other reason than marriage. It is expected the four will return to take up duties at their Mission school. Six years ago two of these students had never spoken an English word.

The Medical work at the main station of the mission is dedicated, as a Memorial centre, to the memory of the late Dr. G. H. Vernon, of Kokoda fame. The Doctor greatly encouraged the Standens in the first extremely difficult days of their work on the river.

The Mission's 40-ft ketch, the *Goodwill*, carries out a unique service to the people of the River. To hundreds of semi-nomads and nomadic children, the ketch is "Our Boat School;" to Bamu mothers who find it hard to travel to the station up-river, it is "Boat Hospital."

Month by month the vessel visits all possible villages, services are held, teachers advised, troubles ironed out, classes held on board and conversational English taught. Infant and Maternal Welfare Clinic is held aboard at all villages, and it is a sight to see the canoes and dinghy coming out loaded with mothers and infants, all ready for the weighing, help and advice that is given. Frequently, when women must go off sago-making, the infants are left in the village to await "Boat Hospital."

Apart from its services to Bamu natives the Mission is a veritable "Home from home" to anyone travelling that way so far off the beaten track. Always a ready meal, a comfortable bed and the welcome-mat out.

More than one hardbitten old-time resident of Papua, with little time for missions in general, has said, in effect, "Standens of the Bamu, well, I dips me lid to them." That speaks volumes.

£5,000 of Pioneer Money For NG Education

A SUM of about £5,000 Australian has been left for the advancement of education in New Guinea, by Mrs. Margaret May Levien (widow of the late Cecil J. Levien), who died in 1954.

Mr. C. J. Levien, who died in 1932, was a District Officer in New Guinea before he left the service and pioneered (through Guinea Gold NL) the Bulolo section of the Morobe goldfield.

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Role of the Bar In Hotel Business

THE Fiji Visitors' Bureau, the local tourist organisation, has decided to ask the Government of the Colony to provide financial assistance to overcome Suva's hotel-accommodation bottleneck.

This seems to end local wishful-thinking that some overseas interests, notably the Matson shipping line, will act as fairy godmothers in the matter and provide Suva with a tourist hotel.

No one seems to have much hope that the new scheme will get much past the asking stage—the Government is traditionally opposed to getting involved in commerce; and on a previous occasion turned down a suggestion that easy loans should be made available for hotel building.

Whatever may be the experience abroad with the accommodation side of the hotel business, all hotel proprietors in this part of the world are convinced that it is the bar trade that makes the profit—and no one has been able to prove them wrong. One reason lately advanced to explain the reluctance of local private enterprise to provide tourist accommodation in Suva, is the growth in the number of licensed clubs in and around the city. It is believed that club licences will continue to be granted freely and that clubs will drain off more and more drinking customers from the hotels.

Half-Century of Condominium Rule Coming Up

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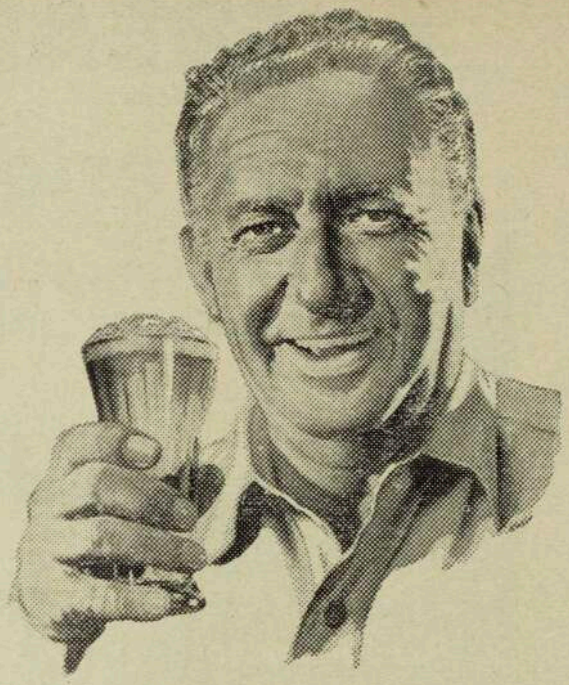
That means that there will be Half-Century celebrations there this year. So far only plans made for this is the issue of new stamps. There will (of course) be two sets, identical in design except for the letters "FR" (Republique Francaise) on one set; and "E II R" on the other. Values, of course, will differ, too—francs on the French set; pence on the British set. Four stamps will go to a set.

A Noumea newspaper suggests the design and printing of the stamps should be given to French technicians, pointing out that every stamp issued in the Condominium to date has been issued from England. The newspaper thinks it is about time that France was "given a go" at producing some stamps. And why not?

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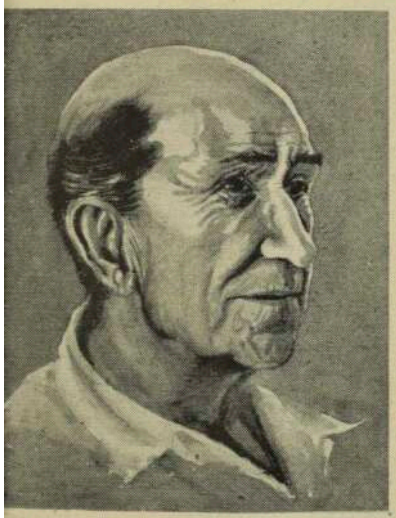
Tropicalities

"COBBY" ROBINSON is one of the best-loved and most respected members of the Norfolk Island community. In the modern Welfare State he would have been written off years ago, but on Norfolk such civilised frailties as retirement and old age are not admitted.

He was born on Guy Fawkes Day in 1875 and christened Enoch Cobcroft Robinson. During the Boer War Cobby went to Sydney and joined up with the mounted Bushmen, but he hurt his legs in an accident and had to stay behind. In 1913 his father died, and Cobby succeeded him as Agent for Burns Philp, until the firm started a branch on the island in 1928.

The Commonwealth took over the island from New South Wales in 1914, and Cobby had the unpopular job as Special Constable when the islanders had to be evicted from the Long-house and the Government houses in Quality Row at Kingston. This was a good thing for the island, as it forced them to live on their neglected properties "up-country", and get them back into production.

Cobby was too old for service in World War I, but in the last war he was in the defence force of the island. In addition to



farming he has had spells at whaling and public works, and all his life he has been active in community affairs, church work, and civic duties.

He served as President of the Executive Council in 1921-22, and again from 1928 to 1933. He was awarded the MBE in 1935. After the Executive Council was replaced by the Advisory Council, Cobby served as President 1936-37 and in 1951-52, when he retired "owing to ill health".

His wife is "Aunt Jemima" (nee Quintal), and they have had three sons and four daughters. Of these children only one married daughter is living on the island at present. Cobby is actively employed nowadays in farming his property. Not all his quiet courtesy, his humour or his gentle kindness can blind one to his faithful diligence and sense of public responsibility. Yet all his wrinkles are from laughing! Salute him, for we shall not see his like again.—BRETT HILDER.

1½-TON CATCH ON 100-LB LINE

THE usual fishing story is about the big one that got away. This is slightly different.

Recently, Arthur Robinson, a keen fisherman of Levuka, Fiji, who prefers live bait and also a float on his line, was fishing off Levuka wharf where he had caught several fair-sized fish. He was using 100-lb breaking-strain nylon.

Then a 24-ft punt with eight passengers and some cargo aboard came along, and despite the yelling of Robinson to keep out a little, and his attempt to get in the line, it fouled the outboard's propellor.

Still yelling out, "Stop your engine—don't break my line," Robinson played the punt like a fish till the line itself stopped the outboard about 50 yards from the wharf.

The fouling by the punt seemed such a deliberate attempt to pass over the line, Robinson got hot under the collar and refused repeated requests by the punt owner for permisison to cut it free. Twenty minutes of abortive struggling followed, then a 20-lb Ogo (barracouda) took the live bait and got well hooked. This so complicated matters that at last the fisherman consented to have the line cut, providing the end of the line with the fish on it was passed to him.

Weight of this "catch" was about 1½ tons—not including the 20-lb fish. Can anyone beat this "record?" —*GANIBULU.*

SHE CUTS THEM TO SIZE OR PUTS THEM TOGETHER

"DID you know we had a Lady Welder here?" asked Dorothy Stewart, of the Hotel Cecil, Lae.

"I did not," I replied, "Never heard of her—what's a member of the aristocracy doing in Lae, anyhow?"

"Not Lady Welder—*a lady welder.* She's out there now, cutting a ship in half."

She waved towards the smallships' wharf across the road, a couple of hundred yards from the hotel and I followed the wave, half expecting to see pieces of ship flying in all directions. I cursed myself because I had failed to follow my instinct and go down to the wharf the previous day—now I was waiting for a Qantas bus, expected momentarily. A photograph of a woman cutting pieces out of a ship would, I think, make a nice decoration for PIM's monthly shipping news—so that all the male beings connected therewith could, metaphorically, put it in their pipes and smoke it.

This particular female technician, I was assured, was completely feminine although doing a man-sized job. She had learnt her trade on the North American Pacific Coast during the war and had been for a time in Rabaul.

Well, thank God, New Guinea is still a free country. The lady welder is accepted there without anyone turning a hair. In Australia she would probably cause 10,000 spine-bashing unionists to go out on strike for poaching on the sacred preserves labelled Men's Work.—JT.

THE NEW GUINEA CLUTCH

RESIDENTS of Papua and New Guinea don't frighten easily and although there has been an appreciable increase in the ranks of non-smokers in Australia since the lung-cancer scare began, more people than ever seem to smoke in the Territory. The old round tin of 50 cigarettes, clutched in the left hand, is still standard equipment—and apparently this habit has gained fame in far-away places.



Mr. J. A. Baker, Lae manager for Burns Philp, says that during his last visit to Sydney he had cause to visit a suburban barber. Of course, he took along his tin of 50 cigarettes and was greeted by the barber with the question, "What part of New Guinea do you come from?"

Naturally surprised by this perspicacity, Mr. Baker asked how the barber knew he came from New Guinea.

"By the New Guinea Clutch," answered the barber, pointing to the cigarette tin still clasped firmly in the Baker hand. "Only New Guinea people cart tins of cigarettes about like that—you don't see it anywhere else in the world."

Maybe the barber was a little astray there—it is certainly more prevalent in New Guinea than elsewhere in the Pacific, but the habit has some followers in other Islands.

UNHAPPY JAPS

WE were privileged, during the month, to be the guests of William Heinemann at a preview, in Sydney, of the film based on the Nevil Shute novel, *A Town Like Alice.* It will be released in Australia for general exhibition within the next two months. (Over)

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This British production, without benefit of technicolour or wide screens, grips the interest throughout the two hours of its screening—proving once more that in the movie-making kingdom, the crown has now passed from the Americans to the British.

It was this film that was banned at the recent Cannes Film Festival, for fear of hurting the feelings of the Japanese. The Japanese occupation of Malaya—which forms the basis of the film—is, as a matter of strict truth, if not exactly played down, then treated entirely without bias or emotion and if anything emerges from the picture it is that even in war there were some human, and even kindly, Japanese.

Readers who liked the book will probably be disappointed that almost the entire film is based on that part of the story which took place in Malaya and that only in the closing episodes does the scene shift to Alice Springs. So, to this extent, it can be said that the film is "not like the book" and does not live up to its title. It will be remembered that the title came from the fact that Jean, the heroine, who had been captured by the Japanese in Malaya, went to Australia after the war, there to meet the Australian POW who had befriended her and to try to create, with a legacy that had been left to her, another town "like Alice."

THE BLESSINGS OF EDUCATION

By DAIKU TAU

WE sat on the cool verandah of Bill's house, our feet on the railing, gazing through the whispering palm fronds to the lagoon where the coastal boat on which we had travelled was anchored.

Little reflections of moonlight came from the wind-ruffled water.

All was peaceful, except for Bill's voice. We were Bill's guests—he did not get too many these days, and was making the best of it. He had been talking for hours, only a murmur being needed from us now and again to show we were not asleep.

He was on education now, having covered a lot of other subjects since we had had *kai*.

"When I came here over 20 years ago there were not many of the local natives who could read and write. A few could read print and some could read and write in the vernacular, but they were very few. Most of their letters were written to ladies who had taken their fancy and for a girl to receive a letter from a man meant an assignation in view. If a girl received a letter from any one other than her husband it meant she had strayed, or was going to. Even the most meaningless scrawls got results.

"But there were many natives around who could do good work and were prepared to. This house was built in the first place by two native carpenters. It has been repaired since, of course, but the original work can still be seen. Those two whale boats in the village were built by old-time natives. But they could not read or write. They could read the large figures on a rule and knew what the tools were for and how to use them. They took a pride in knowing. But what of the younger lads coming on now? They are all crazy on education and where is it leading them?"

We murmured and Bill went on: "Yes, it is progress but is it the right way? The ability to read and write is desirable but so is the ability to work at handicrafts. The foundations appear wrong to me. All these young people want to do when they have left school is to put a pencil behind their ear and get a job in a trade-store. No dirt and no perspiration required. They are lording it over the other uneducated villagers and are heading for trouble. They read all the printed matter that comes into their hands, even the packing from goods from overseas. The printed word means all to them. I have had several here but they all became dissatisfied with the place and left. Not enough night-life.

"I have my boss-boy's son at the moment. The boss-boy gets more pay than many lads in better positions and he has been with me for years and can't read or write. His son, just out of school, has shown himself useful but unreliable. However, I keep him on and hope he will be as good a man as his father. He sends all his money South and gets lottery tickets and Hawaiian shirts and guitars and things. Sends letters everywhere. I get several each day. Beautifully written but meaningless."

Just then a small boy hopped onto the verandah and handed a letter to Bill and disappeared again smartly. Bill opened it and handed the envelope to us. It was addressed in much better handwriting than I had seen for years.

A smothered sort of noise caused us to look at Bill. He was swelling up and getting redder until suddenly he exploded with a roar, and passed over the letter from the boss-boy's son.

It also was beautifully written and the phrasing certainly wasn't meaningless. It read:

Dear Sir,

I would like to owe you 10/- until pay day. I am your obedient servant,

Nesiole R.

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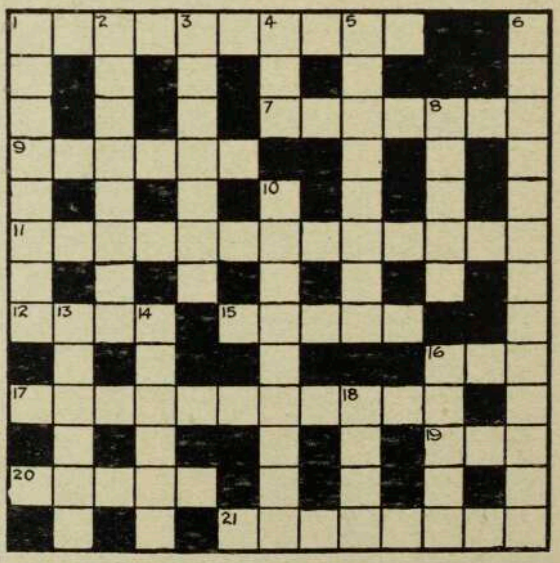
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ACROSS

1.—In which battle did Napoleon defeat the Russians and Austrians in 1805?
7.—What is now used in the treatment of diabetes?
9.—What were held in honour of Bacchus?
11.—Which picture dramatised the story of schoolboy Archer and the stolen postal note?
12.—What is the language of thieves?
15.—What can you have a gaggle of?
16.—What is a long white tight-sleeved vestment?
17.—Which iniquitous tribunal became such a scandal during Charles I reign that it was abolished?
19.—Which prefix means life?
20.—Which bay lies between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick?
21.—What are small back private gates?

DOWN

1.—Who neither affirms nor denies the existence of God?
2.—What is shark skin?
3.—What is another name for typhoid?
4.—What does a ship's passenger wear when leaving Honolulu?
5.—What is another term for topers?
6.—What is an important asset in a firm's balance sheet?
8.—What is the term for the region that is supposed to be the abode of those who have had no opportunity to accept Christ?
10.—What language was created by Zamenhoff of Warsaw?
13.—Which King threw Excalibur into the mere?
14.—What is the shipworm?
16.—Which day is devoted to the growth of trees?
18.—What could be a fastener or a measure of cloth?



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TAKIBAINA—OTHERWISE KNOWN AS FOX

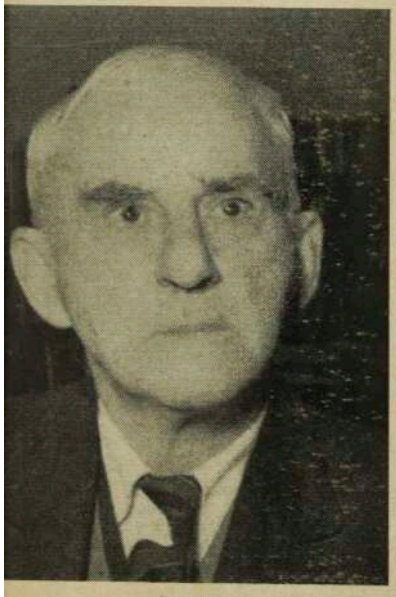
Somewhere on the island of San Cristoval, BSIP, there is—or was—a lonely grave marked with a cross and bearing the name of Charles E. Fox. But the pioneer missionary does not lie beneath the cross; he is at present somewhere on the high seas between Australia and the United Kingdom, having completed 54 years of active missionary work in the Solomons. He plans to return there after his business in England is completed.

DR. CHARLES FOX, MBE—he received the honour in Queen Elizabeth's first Honours List—is a remarkable man; 78 years old and still active, he has been, in his half century in the Protectorate, teacher, language expert, anthropologist, Coast-watcher and native chief—hence the grave with the cross and his name upon it.

His work as a missionary has been associated mainly with native languages; he is the author of *Threshold of the Pacific*, a textbook on anthropology, three dictionaries (Auckland Museum recently published his latest, on Gela Island languages), and various grammars and papers on other Solomon Islands' languages.

His present mission in London is to seek a publisher for two other books, *One Hundred Years of Melanesian Missions;* and his own reminiscences of 54 years in the Solomons.

Dr. Fox's introduction to the Solomons was in 1902, when the Melanesian Mission sent him to Pamua on San Cristoval, to open a school for young native boys. He conducted the school for three years before being sent to Norfolk Island as headmaster of a big mission school there—Norfolk Island then was HQ of the Melanesian Mission. After a year he returned to San Cristoval to take charge of general mission work there. Ten years of teaching followed, then 11 years in the native brotherhood, travelling through the Solomons and New Britain.



Dr. Fox.

When the Japanese entered World War II, Dr. Fox served as a Coast-watcher on Malaita, observing enemy movements and sending out information by native runner until the arrival of American forces several months later.

In later stages of the war he stayed on Gela Island as a guest of the American Seebee Construction Corps. There followed more years of mission work on Malaita, more teaching, and finally return to headquarters on Gela.

Recalling early days in the Solomons recently for PIM, he said that cannibalism was still commonplace when he arrived in BSIP and that in his early years there he had many times been offered human flesh.

So well loved by the natives was he during his stay on San Cristoval that he was permitted the unique distinction of exchanging names with a young chief, and was accepted into the clan.

Under this exchange system his native name became Takibaina, and the chief became Charles Fox. Fox took over the other's debts, among other things. He lived with the chief's brother, while the chief lived in Fox's small European house.

Dr. Fox carried on with his missionary work and, at the same time, was looked upon as the chief of the village.

Later, a writer of a book on the Solomons referred to this incident, stating that Dr. Fox took over the chief's wife and children. However, this is emphatically denied by Dr. Fox.

During the time the exchange of personalities was in operation, the chief died, and a cross was put up over his grave with Fox's name, etc., on it. It was, he says, "rather interesting looking at a grave with one's name over it!"

It was during his stay on San Cristoval that he wrote his first book. He had a fluent command of the native languages, was able to read the natives' innermost thoughts, understand them, and become one of them.

It was a tribute to his popularity and lasting influence that, on returning to S. Cristoval many years later during the birth of Marching Rule, he was able to advise the natives not to join the movement and to have his advice accepted completely.

DR. FOX was on Malaita during the earliest days of Marching Rule, and was able to study its growth, its progress over the years, and its "shaking down" into the more creditable national movement that it is to-day.

He believes that Marching Rule saw its birth towards the end of the American occupation during World War II, when a number of American communists advised the natives to establish several communal farms on South Malaita.

However, this first effort failed, as the farms produced insufficient food, and the natives returned to their own small farms. Despite this setback, Marching Rule, built on a platform of independence for the Melanesians and out with the Europeans, spread rapidly. Membership was one dollar American for adults and five cents for a baby.

"Masinga" was the original native name given to the movement, but nobody knew what it meant, so Europeans changed the name to Marching Rule.

As the movement spread through the Solomons, certain chiefs recruited Marching Rule guards and built stockades round their villages to prevent Europeans from entering. Their policy was passive resistance to the Government, and many hundreds of natives went to gaol for not paying Government taxes.

At first the Government had favoured the movement, as it wished to use Marching Rule as an instrument for self-government, but eventually turned against it when it began to get out of hand.

Marching Rule was eventually forced underground, but to-day its purpose has, according to Dr. Fox, undergone a complete somersault.

During the early years of Marching Rule, there was unveiled hostility towards Europeans, and Dr. Fox was one of the few people who travelled round Malaita in safety. More recently it has become an instrument for instruction and the Government has appointed March-

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GOLD, AND TEA AND BIRD OF PARADISE FEATHERS—

When the Eastern Highlands Put on a Show

THERE were two things about the Eastern Highlands Agricultural Show, held in Goroka, NG, on Queen's Birthday week-end that were unique: (a) The people who attended the show; and (b) the diversity of exhibits.

Possibly, as (c) or as a sub-section to (a), one could say that it was unique, for a third reason—the number of people who, hung around with expensive cameras, exposure metres and tripods, were taking movies or expensive coloured stills of (a).

There was, of course, nothing extraordinary about the Europeans who attended the show, except perhaps in that instead of arriving by bus, as they would have done in countries a little near to the heart of civilisation, they arrived in aircraft from hundreds of miles away. Some came for the whole week-end; some just for the day.

But the native spectators at the Goroka Show were as equally outstanding as the exhibits. Estimates as to how many natives attended vary—probably 10,000 would be a reasonable guess. A sprinkling have adopted the usual New Guinea uniform of lap-lap or mother-hubbard; but the great overwhelming bulk of them were in their normal every-day garb of shells, feathers, bows and arrows, bark and hand-rolled string.

These are the fellows, first discovered in the early 30's, who shortly afterwards murdered a few white men and caused the Highlands area to be declared "uncontrolled" territory and therefore forbidden to Europeans for many years.

European settlement of the Highlands is less than 10 years old—yet here at Goroka, on Queen's Birthday, 1956, thousands of armed warriors mingled with a few hundred unarmed Europeans completely without tension on either side. This is New Guinea fashion, of course. But if it could happen anywhere else, we have yet to hear of that place.

This was the natives' first show and as there is nothing similar in their life, it says something for the persuasive powers of Administrative officers from the sub-districts that they were able to get the idea across at all.

A man has a right to be suspicious when he is told—for no good reason that he can imagine—that it isn't a sing-sing, but to bring in his best pig and his best handiwork, anyhow. He has to go see for himself to believe that the pig is not to be eaten, but simply to be admired. Now he has seen, and the task of the organisers will be that much easier in future years.

On the morning of Show-day, the thousands of native people clustered thickly around the district exhibits—Chimbu, Kainantu and Goroka. As the day wore on, they formed a solid phalanx of brown bodies around the arena, where the young European men of the Highlands ran off the innumerable heats of the motor-bike flag race. It is a safe enough bet that in five years time, the 6th Goroka Show will feature motor-bike flag-races for Chimbus. Certainly the white man may be regarded as completely crazy in many respects, but the exquisite joy of screaming over the turf on a howling motor-bike is not one of them.

In the meantime, even the first show was educational: One Chimbu laid aside his bow and arrows long enough to investigate the side-shows and therein, on hoop-la or chocolate-wheel, won a prize. Verily, the ways of the master are past finding out: A strange-shaped wooden object, punctured by innumerable holes from each of which protruded a little stick!

Should you be visiting the Highlands some time within the next few months and there, at a sing-sing, chance to see a well-undressed Chimbu with a wooden holder for savouries-on-toothpicks snugly incorporated in his head-dress, you may rest assured that this one was a visitor at Goroka's first show.

WOOL, wheat, coffee, tea, gold (in small nuggets), corn, green-peas, pineapples, cabbages, carrots, pumpkins, European pota-



PHOTOGRAPHS: Top left, Mr. H. P. Seale, District Commissioner, Eastern Highlands, with (right) Mr. R. Bunting, MLA, who officially opened the Show. He said that the Highlands district provided a lesson to the world in native and European co-operation. This was due chiefly to the brilliant men who have been District Commissioners of the District—Messrs: J. Taylor, George Greathead and Ian Downs, who were now retired from the service and were settlers in the District; and to the present DC, Mr. Seale. Mr. Bunting said that some people had called this type of settlement exploitation—if that were what it was, then he was proud to be an exploiter and to be associated with the very happy people of the Highlands. Top right, Mr. W. Blackley, who was organising secretary of the Show, looks over the trophies with Mrs. Blackley. Bottom left: Mrs. Dick Bell receives the Qantas Empire Airways trophy for cookery; Right: Mr. Jim Leahy, receiving the President's Trophy (for livestock).

toes, sweet-potatoes, peanuts, watermelons, passionfruit—where else in the world, except the NG Highlands, would you see such diversity of products displayed at the one time

Where else in the world do roses, sweetpeas, zinnias, gladioli, gardenias, asters, orchids, delphiniums, gerberas and carnations flower at one and the same time?

And most of these things come in the Super-Giant size. Passionfruit as big as tea-cups; delphiniums and gladioli feet high. There were, as well, adventures into secondary industry—local meat canned by one of the missions; Tremearne tea—grown and packaged on the estate of Capt. R. H. Gibbes; passionfruit pulp in giant cans, from fruit grown locally, expressed and preserved for shipment to Australia.

So far as Category C is concerned: Certainly nowhere else in the world could there ever have been such a gathering to delight the amateur or professional photographer. The weather was brilliant, the colour fantastic, and everywhere; and although, like every Pacific native, the Highlanders will freeze into immobility at the drop of a hat for any camera-pointer, the natural, unposed picture or movie sequence was there, too, simply by pointing a camera and pushing a button.

For Goroka's guests it was a









PHOTOGRAPHS: Random shots of spectators—Europeans were lost amongst the thousands of native patrons. The photograph top, left, was taken near the Chimbu sub-district exhibit and shows, in the right background, a model of a Chimbu house that formed part of the display. Below: A handsome huntsman, in his best feather head-dress poses outside the exhibit arranged by Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers, of Bulolo. Beautiful examples of New Guinea high-grade veneering timbers were displayed—and breadboards were given free to interested parties.

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happy and carefree week-end, result of long months of hard work by the organising committee. Evenings were well taken care of by a Ball on June 4, and a three-act play on the other two nights.

The inspiration and drive of Mr. Jeff Joynton-Smith had produced a smooth team of players who performed the James Thurber-Elliott Nugent play (*The Male Animal*) of American college life like old troupers and gave their audiences genuine entertainment.

Those taking part were: Marie Bailey, Gloria Zigas, Jeff Joynton-Smith, Anne Brown Beresford, John Martin, Ashley Wakefield, Frederick Perry, Marie Blackley, Maureen Brown Beresford, Fred Seefield, John Martin and Philip Reilly.

SOUTHERN SEAS

Are you among the chosen few,
Who've watched the coast line fade from view,
As some stout ship sailed out to sea
To carry you, as it did me,
Far out across Pacific lanes,
Through waters showered by tropic rains,
For days and days, and miles and miles
To reach, at last the South Sea Isles?

Have you seen, with the rising sun,
A new Marquesan day begun,
Revealing needled crags that soar
To pierce low clouds, and reach for more,
While opalescent waters vie
For recognition with a sky
Whose beauty no one mortal should
Presume to picture though he could?

And have you ever left the crowd
When smoke was thick and talk was loud
Within the cabin of your craft,
To wander to a deck "back aft"
And view a sunset which too soon
Is but a memory; or commune
With countless stars, and waves that toss
Perpetual, "neath the Southern Cross"?

Have you inside Papeete's reef,
Seen colour schemes beyond belief,
Where even natives on the quay
Present a pastel symphony?
Or have you seen a full moon rise
From water's edge, toward Tongan skies
To find a cloud, so black and bold,
And border it with flaming gold?

If you have sailed the Southern Sea
There's nothing need be said by me,
For long as life remains you will
Recall this as your greatest thrill.
But if you still have been denied
The wonders of the isles that hide
In Southern Seas, I say to you:
Set sail . . . and live your life anew!

—DON McDIARMID.

The Battle Was Won On "Wine, and Wine Alone."

TAIPII RESURGENT

By FAE HOKO

IN 1920 I was transferred from the Cie Navale de l'Oceanie's store at Puamau, N. side of Hiva-Oa Island, to manage their main shipping and trading station at Taiohae, Nukuhiva. We had a store at Hatiheu on the north side of the Island and I was obliged to make monthly visits to same to see how things were jogging along.

My trip over to Hatiheu took me through the whole length of Taipii Valley, and I still have a very strong impression of the beautiful sight the valley presented as I reached the crest, just before descending the zig-zag trail that ended on the valley floor close to the beach. Far below was a silvery stream, the Taipii River, meandering on its way to the sea.

Here was Taipii, the prison home of Melville; here was the valley of the once warlike Taipiis who gave so much trouble to Commodore Porter (who in 1813 took possession of Nukuhiva for the United States), even forcing him to make a withdrawal.

I well remember my trips along the valley in those days of the early 1920s.

Once on the farther bank of the river, along which ran the trail up the valley, I would hitch my horse to a handy Fao tree and stroll on downstream to Mataua and his wife, native friends. The latter was the daughter of a Mr. Nicholas, a citizen of Hoboken, NJ, USA. He had deserted from an American whaler at the island of Uapou—thirty miles away—and had later come to Taipii where he had established a trading station and also married a Marquesan woman of the Haapa tribe.

It was quite plain, from her features and very light complexion, that she was a whiteman's child. Her sons still show very strong European characteristics but their children are far more native than otherwise.

After a chat, a smoke and a drinking coconut that one of the sons had prepared for me, I would get on my way again. Not far from the ford, upstream, was the house of Kohoe, the half-caste son of a Chinaman named Ah Yah, then some time dead, but not forgotten, for to-day one finds quite a few of the inhabitants showing signs of Cathay and still bearing his name, though in the slightly altered form of Asha.

Here, in this valley over-run with bush, the "Nonos", a small black insect with a very big bite, were in their element—and so few people to share their bites! To get some protection the few people in the valley used a smudge pot, most often a broken saucepan, in which grated coconut from which the juice had been extracted for culinary purposes, was slowly burned.

I believe that at the time of my first visit there could not have been more than 15 people established in the valley.

> **The Marquesans, handsome hospitable, happy in Nature's abundant supply of all their needs, were wiped out by the Europeans who came among them. The Group was the happy hunting ground for whalers, traders, blackbirders and all the white scum of the South Seas. The men were taught all the vices, from alcoholism to opium-smoking; the women were debauched. European diseases went through the villages like wildfire; in epidemic after epidemic, the natives died in masses.**
>
> **—PACIFIC ISLANDS YEAR BOOK.**
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> **Nine miles in length is the broad valley of Taipi (on Nukuhiva) . . . and in all this extent of marvellously rich land, the one-time fondly cherished abode of the most valiant clan of the Marquesas, of thousands of men and women whose bodies were as beautiful as Greek statues . . .there are now this wretched dozen, too old or too listless to gather their own food.**
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> **—FREDERICK O'BRIEN IN "WHITE SHADOWS IN THE SOUTH SEAS".**

On one of my trips through the valley, and at the invitation of Opu, a grandson of Nicholas, I visited an ancient stone carver's workshop. To get to it one walks about two miles up the valley trail and then, turning sharply to the right, one makes a fairly abrupt and stiff climb for about 1000 yards to the "Tuhuka Tiki Kea's" (stone tiki carver). The name of this place, which is now classed as of "Historic Interest," and so protected from souvenir hunters, is Paeka. I noticed seven stone Tikis there in a more or less completed state, four upright and three prone, of which one of the latter was broken in two, while of the upright ones the head of one was still just a square block.

One got the impression of the workmen having got out in a hurry. It is my opinion, that one of four things happened:

- There had been intertribal warfare (there were very probably several distinct groups living in the valley) and that the possessors of that part of the valley had been overcome.

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• An epidemic, perhaps that terrible one of smallpox brought to these islands by the French warship *Diamant* while on her mission of mercy to bring back natives of different islands groups who had been kidnapped and carried away to slavery in the guano islands of Peru.

• The Missionaries had prevailed upon the natives to give up their so-called "false Gods."

• During the heyday of a German firm in the Marquesas many large tikis were shipped away to Hamburg on sailing ships which loaded copra at Taiohae. In their efforts, perhaps, to manhandle selected specimens in the narrow confines of the vegetation, they may have pushed the three prone ones down to clear a path. (But, that still leaves the one with its head uncarved, and the problem unsolved).

ABOUT 1865 more than four thousand acres in the valley had been acquired from the natives by a Mr. Steward, a Britisher, for the growing of cotton, but due to the natives' lack of interest in hard work for others, his plantations were not a success.

Some years later a Mr. Goupil acquired property just, it seems, for speculation. He sold out in 1915 to a new arrival in the Marquesas, Societe Francais des Iles Marquises, or SFIM as it was called for short. This firm had high hopes of taking the place of the SCO, the German trading firm that had been closed up at the start of the First World War. The SFIM sold out in its turn to a Mr. Negre, the present owner.

Through all these changes of ownership, the whole left side of the valley, facing upstream, has remained very much as it did in Steward's time. In sharp contrast to it now is the right hand side of the valley, owned by the natives. This side is well planted in coconuts and is one of the biggest copra producers in the Marquesas.

IT was in the later 1920s that Taipii began its upward climb from the abyss of desolation. Until that time, all alcoholic liquor had been prohibited to the natives and perhaps the decline had been due, in a measure, to that, for the natives for years had every opportunity to see how gay the whitemen were after a few drinks, and it is certain that most of them managed to scrounge a glass or two on their visits to Taiohae. Quite naturally, as the whiteman's liquor was prohibited, they turned to their "home brew" of coconut toddy and its distillation, at which they were very adept even though they had little equipment but an old

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This Month's New Reading

THIS could be Who-Dunit Month in that we have received three samples of the art—one Australian, one American and one English. The American and the Australian are old friends—none other than Earle Stanley Gardner and Arthur Upfield, shining stars in this particular firmament. The Englishman is a new-comer to us, Leo Bruce.

Death in the Mansion

HAVING satisfactorily disposed of the Vagabond Virgin, Lazy Lover, Dubious Bridegroom, etc., Perry Mason, that extraordinary combination of lawyer and detective who could exist nowhere else but in the USA (and probably only in the imagination of Mr. Gardner), now turns to *The Case of the Negligent Nymph*.

The title bears about as much relation to the story, as did their titles to the other Gardner stories—which is very little. However, this is ESG in a somewhat mellower mood than usual—the theme is not so rabidly Tough American; there is somewhat less trifling with the Law, or screaming about the country in high-powered cars which are standard equipment in most American thrillers.

A large part of the story is devoted to the Court-room proceedings, with Mason defending the Negligent Nymph. This allows the lawyer in him to remain in the ascendant and pure deduction to take the place of strong-arm methods.

It makes a change.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

Death in the Hoo-Jahs

ARTHUR Upfield, although classed as a "mystery" writer, produces stories that are read as much for their authentic Australian background as for the adventures of his unique detective, Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte. Perhaps the secret of this is that he leaves the background to speak for itself and avoids the pitfall of instructing his readers on things Australian. The temptation to do this through the mouths of his characters must be considerable, as the majority of his readers are outside Australia, but the result is a smooth-flowing narrative, product of a master-craftsman.

The scene for Bony's latest escapade (*The Battling Prophet*), shifts to South Australia—not far from Mount Gambier—and concerns the death of Ben Wickham, long-range weather forecaster.

According to the police and the medical profession, Wickham, who was 75, died of alcoholic poisoning—in delirium tremens. According to John Luton, 84, Ben's drinking mate, he did not die of the "hoo-jahs," but was murdered.

Ben had forecast a long drought and, according to Luton: "The farmers didn't do any fallowing last summer and autumn. They didn't sow any crops this winter. So they didn't buy any superphosphate and other manures. They didn't buy any machinery last year and they won't be buying any this year. They sold their stock and sacked their hands. . . And none of them, neither farmers nor graziers, lashed out a lot of money on work and wages and machinery just to watch it burned to dust by the sun. So none of them are in the hands of the banks and financial concerns. Instead of the drought bankrupting 'em, they're all living comfortably on their fat."

The finance companies and the big merchants and the banks were "in it." And, according to Knocker Harris, a mutual friend, so were the "Gov'ments, Federal and State."

Ben and Luton had been periodic boozers throughout their long association—twice, sometimes three times a year, all barriers went down until they drank themselves into the DTs on gin, whisky, rum, or whatever was the selected poison. Their last bender—on gin—had lasted for the three weeks before Ben's death, but according to Luton, who supplies a complete encyclopedia on booze and its effects, Ben had, a few hours before his death, not had gin "hoo-jahs"—someone had slipped him something else.

This is the vital clue.

The reader learns to know these eccentric bush characters with Bony, and follows him to the inevitable solution along the by-ways of Australian small-town life.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 13/3.)

Death of a Mayor

WHEN the Mayor of Oldhaven disappeared off his town's amusement pier and was washed up on the beach a few days later as a bloated corpse, no explanation was quickly forthcoming. The police were pleased to accept the coroner's unadorned verdict, "Found Drowned," and as sunlight on golden sands was the keynote of Oldhaven's tourist publicity, it was considered by the city fathers that the Mayor's corpse on the beach was something best forgotten.

"Nothing empties hotels so quickly," grumbled the Chief Constable, who had an interest in the Aberdare Hotel.

Oldhaven may have got its wish had it not been for the inquisitive nose of Mr. Carolus Deene, a school-

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master who dabbled in amateur detection.

An f.a.q. thriller, gruesome enough in spots to satisfy the most blood-thirsty, and supplying, incidentally, an authentic picture of the unsophisticated delights of the typical English seaside resort.

(Published by Peter Davies. Australian price, 15/6.)

The Landrat Began it

THE insatiable curiosity of the average human being over what goes on in his insides, makes books with a medical background perennially popular. *The Great Temptation*, written by Hans Kades, and translated from German by E. E. Ashton, will appeal to many on that count alone. In addition, it is an interesting psychological study of a man who was tempted, and fell. Unlike a great many modern books, it has a plot.

Gerbrand was a brilliant German medical student when war broke out, with a year to go to qualify. But before this could happen he was pushed into the fighting on the Eastern front and spent years in the confusion of military hospitals and prisoner-of-war camps. Although not "qualified" he became a skilful surgeon.

After the war he returned to a battered Germany. He was penniless, starving, without a job but determined to continue his career.

At this point, an official with the somewhat extraordinary title of Landrat, crosses his path. The Landrat owes his life to Gerbrand, although Gerbrand has forgotten him amongst the thousands of wounded he attended during the war.

Out of gratitude, the Landrat, who believes Gerbrand qualified, offers him an appointment as a surgeon in a hospital. Gerbrand is in no physical or mental shape to withstand the temptation, and accepts.

Gerbrand, of course, carries on his career brilliantly at the hospital, although haunted by the fear of being found out. He makes things even more difficult for himself when he carries out successfully a delicate heart operation that has rarely or never been performed before. This fame-making effort threatens his desire for anonymity but the real crisis comes when his conscience urges him to assist a colleague in trouble while his lesser-self urges him to play it safe.

There is sufficient gore and guts and rotting stomachs and broken-down lungs in this story to satisfy the most biological-minded. But it is not a cheering book. The German taste for starkness in literature—a *soupcon* of shenanigin in the Beer Garden, and lashings of sin and woe and poverty and graft and the cussedness of human-beings generally—presents the Teutons as a melancholy race.

There is, at all events, nothing sweet and delicate about this sort of writing and in that regard it is a change. What is more, Author Kades actually achieves a happy-ending which leads one to suppose that even amongst strong German literary traditionalists, there is a sneaking desire to engage in the Pursuit of Happiness.

(Published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd. Australian price, 16/-.)

The Wild Frontier

SOME Australian reviewers have been more doubtful of Nevil Shute's latest book—*Beyond the Black Stump*—than of most of his other Australian stories. He has not been here long enough, they say; or his characters are exaggerated and not typical of Australia.

So far as we know, there is no rule in story writing to require an author to have his characters "average" or "typical." If they were average they would probably be too dull to be characters, anyhow. Certainly the Regans, from beyond the black stump in Western Australia, are an eccentric mob—but there are plenty of eccentrics in the Australian out-back. If they were average citizens they would be living in one of the inner suburbs of Sydney or Melbourne.

Nonetheless, Mr. Shute has some habits that are infuriating to the Australian reader. It seems incredible that any graduate of the University of Western Australia should not know all there was to know about a "place called Eton," or a "place called Harley Street." He drags in Australian institutions —such as the Flying Doctor service —by the hair of their heads, apparently for the instruction of overseas readers; and in the description of the air journey from Perth to Sydney and then across the Pacific to America becomes so close to being travel-brochure that it does not matter.

Apart from that it is a good Shute story, based on the premise that when A Boy from Alabama meets the Girl from Gundagai, certain things are sure to happen. In this case the boy, Stanton, comes from Oregon and is a geologist with an oil prospecting party; and the girl, Mollie, is one of 11 white Regans (and uncounted part-white Regans) from Laragh Station, 300 miles from Onslow, on the West Australian coast.

The Regans are eccentrics in the grand manner and delightful, meaty characters, but the point Shute tries to make—and makes well in the end—is that they are eccentric because they are pioneers, not pioneers because they are eccentric.

Mollie eventually returns to the small Oregon town of Hazel to get acquainted with Stanton's folks but here she finds that pioneering, although an aura of romance has grown around it, was finished with 80 years ago and the accent now is on respectability and non-deviation from the norm. How the two young people work out their problems against their different backgrounds, forms the climax of Shute's story.

As well it is instructive, entertaining and holds the interest to the last sentence.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

1942—New Britain Expendables

WHEN the Japanese invaded New Britain in January, 1942, there was a force of about 1,400 men at Rabaul to oppose them. Part of this defence consisted of half-a-dozen obsolete Wirraway planes, which the Japanese shot out of the sky with no trouble at all; and an anti-aircraft artillery unit of about 54, in the command of Major David Selby, a barrister in civilian life. They had two old-fashioned 3-in. guns.

The Japanese landed at Rabaul in the dawn of January 23, 1942, and this did not come as a surprise. But the events that followed close upon that landing still remain part of unexplained history. Those were the days when the war was still being fought on wishful-thinking. The garrison troops and the several hundred male civilians left in the town still carried on in the belief that Someone Higher Up had a Plan. When it came to the point, of course, no one had a plan. Within a matter of hours, the Japanese overwhelmed the defenders and the command came for very man to look out for himself.

In this way, troops, civilians, native labourers from other parts of the Territory, and members of the native police-force were simply

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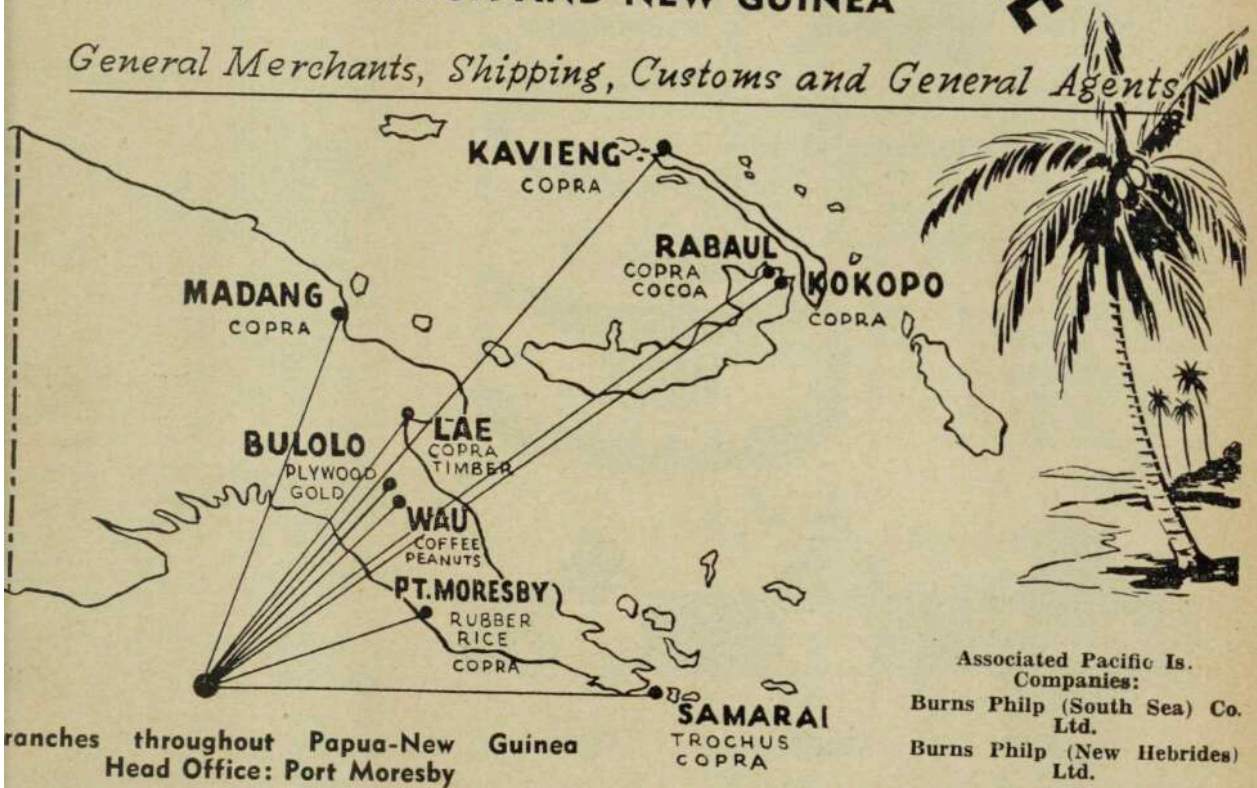
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abandoned to shift for themselves. It was the all-time high in examples of Australian official bungling; criminal negligence would perhaps be a better description.

A large number of the civilians and troops did not leave the town and soon became prisoners of the Japanese. These were shipped away to Japan about June, 1942, in the *Montevideo Maru*, which was sunk with all hands en route. Many of the civilians and several hundreds of the troops took to the New Britain bush, and in this adventure the civilians came out best. Few of those who attempted it perished—but casualties amongst the troops were high due in large degree to their inexperience of New Guinea bush conditions, coupled with malaria. No one at that stage had thought to instruct troops in jungle survival techniques and cases were recorded where men starved simply because they did not recognise native food when they saw it.

Some years ago, Mr. J. K. McCarthy, now a senior officer in the P-NG Administration, but then Assistant District Officer, Talasea, described in a series of articles in PIM, how about 240 troops were rescued by civilians from the north coast of New Britain and taken safely to Australia. The story of how about 130 other troops got away from the south coast in the *Laurabada* (skippered by Mr. Ivan Champion) has been left to the telling of Major Selby, who commanded the Rabaul anti-aircraft battery, in a book recently published.

The heroic but useless sacrifice of the Wirraways; the Tol massacre; the floundering of the ill-prepared troops in the jungle; the ceaseless trek away from the Japs; rain and fever and hunger, sore feet, tropical ulcers and finally apathy—the final stage before death. All but the strongest in spirit and in body soon fell victim of one of these and it fell to the lot of a handful of the hardiest to save the weakest from themselves, as well as from the more usual pitfalls of being fugitive. This is the Major's story; but also there are courage and endurance, and the worst in the Australian character and the best; and humour.

Over-niceness in High Places had failed to make use of native police or labourers in defence of the Territory for fear of offending the League of Nations and some of these loosed on the country in bands became a menace. The villagers themselves, quick to realise that the white men were getting out if they could and leaving the country to the Japs, also became a hazard—and were dealt with summarily by Major Selby and other officers in a manner worthy of the most case-hardened B-4.

Selby's story is a straightforward one of escape and survival; the military reasons as to why they should have been placed in the harrowing position in which they

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ound themselves are touched on directly but briefly, although that hey entertained his reason and intelligence is obvious enough. He llows facts to speak for themselves, nd God knows, they are a sufficiently damning indictment.

The book has been given an attractive dust-jacket and called *Hell nd High Fever*, to appeal to casual eaders, the majority of whom will ind it a well-written, fast moving tory of adventure and survival. For he very small minority, however—hose who were directly affected—t is more than that: A permanent ecord of a phase in Australian istory that too many people are appy to forget.

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eviewed Briefly

THE BLACK PRINCE:—A collection of short stories by Shirley nn Grau, a young woman who has lready gained some fame in the nited States as a writer in this edium. Miss Grau is a Southerner nd most of her stories are about ouisiana and many of them are bout negroes and the so-called egro problem in so far as it applies t these people themselves. The tories are in the contemporary anner and some are inclined to nd on a note of anti-climax, a trait which will irritate some readers who were raised on the O. Henry type of short story. The writer, however, has real talent.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd., Australian price, 15/6.)

THE BUNYIP OF BARNEY'S ELBOW—a second volume of short stories by Brian James. Most of the stories have appeared in Sydney *Bulletin*, and James is a follower of the *Bulletin* tradition in short-story writing. Australian small-town life is the theme—but Australian small-town of last century rather than this; of horses and dogs and flies and heat, where cars and radios and refrigerators and tarred roads are not. Most of the stories, therefore, have the air of period-pieces. There is a foreword by Norman Lindsay, in which he compares James to de Maupassant. Who are we to contradict a Lindsay?

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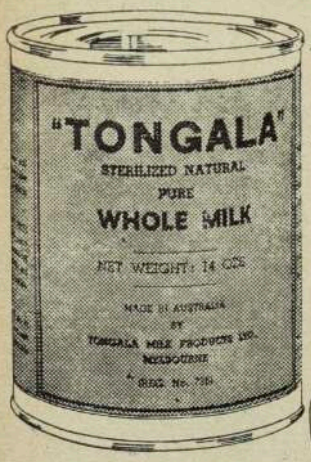
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Takibaina, Otherwise Known as Fox

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ng Rule leaders to positions as presidents and council members on each island. These councils, which are comprised solely of natives, have fixed taxes to be levied on their people, and the money so collected is spent on the establishment and maintenance of schools. The District Commissioner sits in at the council meetings purely in an advisory capacity.

On that recent BSIP *cause celebre*, the Poole murder case, in which his Mission was intimately concerned, Dr. Fox had this to say:

Malaita natives are bitter at the result, as they know that had the accused been a Melanesian, under the circumstances he would have been hung, having no barrister to defend him, and being unable to appeal against his sentence.

Dr. Fox believes that the Solomon Islanders would be happier if a native advocate were placed at their disposal on such occasions. He feels that nothing will come of Malaita bitterness, although it would have been a different story in the old days of cannibalism.

A half-century is a long time in a country barely on the threshold of civilisation. It has been 54 years packed with incidents far beyond the imagination of the most enthusiastic Sunday-newspaper writer—he has seen headless corpses, known cannibals and professional assassins; seen thousands die in introduced epidemics; seen other natives simply lose the will to live. There has been war and peace—and another, closer war, and again peace; and through it all there has been the devoted missionary's service to the natives whom he sees not as fuzzy-wuzzy angels but as human beings with their full share of human cussedness.

Life for the natives and for the missionary has sometimes had its full load of sorrow, trouble and difficulties. Often the difficulties have been leavened by that indispensable piece of equipment, a sense of humour.

Dr. Fox recalls with a twinkle one day when a total of 54 runs were scored off one stroke in a game of cricket.

A match was under way on a patch of hard sand about 20 feet from the surf when one of the batsmen clouted the ball into the water.

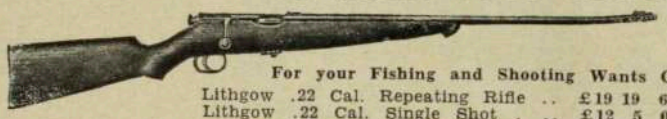
As the batsmen ran, the fielders appealed for "lost ball," but Dr. Fox, who was umpiring, would not allow this as he could still see the ball floating in the sea.

With the batsmen still running, the whole fielding team gathered to throw into the heavy surf the elected member who, on the third attempt managed to reach the ball.

One of Dr. Fox's last public appearances in the Protectorate was on behalf of another sort of Mission when he spoke before the British Solomon Islands Society on "The Solomons 50 Years Ago and How They Have Changed"—an amusing address which captured the complete attention of the audience.

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A Chieftain Comes Home



High Chief Henri Boula, 22, who has spent the last three years in the French Navy (he saw service in France, Tahiti, United States, Saigon) and has now returned to assume his role of High Chieftain on Lifou Island, one of the Loyalty Group. In June he was waiting in Noumea until someone arrived from Lifou to take him back home—that is the custom.

Boula comes from an interesting family that is part Scots. His uncle, Louis Boula, from whom he inherits the title had a Scots grandfather and a part-Scots mother who was educated in Sydney. The district where the Boulas rule is noted for the number of people with European blood—the result of desertions from ships that in the early days called at Lifou for supplies. The district is strongly Protestant — it was a Boula who permitted the first English-trained Samoan evangelists to land and spread the faith.

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Taipii Resurgent

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aucepan or kerosene tin and some amboo piping.

As the flower stalk of the oconut tree had to have a slight liver shaved off it each morning nd evening, to prevent coagulaion, it meant taking up an empty amboo receptacle and bringing the ull one down, distilling it—and so continuous debauch.

It was about 1924 that the law as changed, and the natives llowed to buy wine on a permit ssued by the Administrative fficer. At once two of the old mers of the valley, Hakatao and ohoe, big land owners, got gether and decided that it would e a good idea to buy a few gallons f wine and with it try to get the alf-dozen listless young bucks of ne valley to go to work for them lanting coconuts.

The plan met with immediate ccess, so much so that other ung men from neighbouring alleys, hearing of the good times ne young Taipii bucks were having, rifted into the valley to work for ne two old timers.

Then the Administration officials, eing the amount of work being one and the general change for ne better in the young bucks, were irly liberal with their wine rmits.

I once read in a newspaper that udents in London had shouted, at meeting held by Pussyfoot Johnn: "We won the battle of the mme on rum, and rum alone". think it could be truthfully said at Taipiivai was rejuvenated on ine, and wine alone. Withal, it today one of the most sober d peaceful valleys of the Marsesas.

Later on, people owning land in e valley but living elsewhere, and ose whose forbears had emigrated more populous valleys when the cline in population had set in, arted to come back to their cestral land, and to plant it.

The new arrivals were evidently ry virile and fecund and by the d of 1955, there was a fine althy population of close to 200, ll growing rapidly.

Some years ago a large schoolse had to be built to accomdate the numerous offspring of e hardy settlers. A fine big R.C. urch with belfry, standing on a assive concrete foundation, was ilt entirely by Taipii carpenters d masons, under the supervision Rev. Pere Jean.

Father John also got the young n interested in football and they rned the game so well that in 3 and 1954 they were semialists in the matches for the rquesan Cup, donated years ago Alain Gerbault, the lone French vigator and tennis champion. They put into their sport the same fierce energy that their ancestors put into their man-for-meat hunts.

The Taipiis have not been content to live as their forefathers. One native has a jeep, two others large clinker-built canoes each with 15 hp outboard. There are several motor bikes and numerous push-bikes, while a great-grandson of old Nicholas has built a smart cabin cruiser and engined it himself, plans of same being his own.

Living on the land of Mr. Negre is an energetic Frenchman, Monsieur Offret, who tills a large vegetable garden which supplies the Europeans of the neighbouring valleys and also the trading schooners and visiting yachts. He raises carrots, cabbages, lettuce, beans, tomatoes and other vegetables which will grow well in the virgin soil of the left bank of the river. At the same time he runs a store and small cinema.

Along with all this there are many modern bungalows in the valley as well as good native-material houses. Also there are stores owned by natives.

When I first visited the valley I should say that the production of copra could not have been more than 40 tons per annum. Today it is probably over 200 tons, and like all things Taipiian, increasing rapidly.

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On the opposite side of the valley live the new energetic population who have planted their own land, and all, with their growing families, must cast longing eyes on the uncultivated, sombre bushland of the absent owners. These "Men of Taipii" have already shown that unused bushland can be turned into profitable coconut plantations and food gardens.

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† A daughter was born at the Lae Hospital, NG, on June 23, to Rev. and Mrs. Hartley Hage, of the Lutheran Mission Teachers' Training School, near Finschhafen.

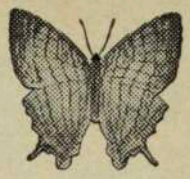
† A Qantas Dakota moved two complete prefabricated houses from Bulolo to Kaiapit, NG, early June. All told, the airlift involved nearly 23,500 lb. One DC3 did the entire job in one day.

Tourism in Noumea



Mrs. Joyce Tyler, formerly of Sydney, in her new uniform as hostess of French Pacific Tours, Noumea, helps Lady Taylor (wife of Sir Gordon Taylor) ashore during the recent visit of "Frigate Bird III" to Noumea.

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NEW CALEDONIAN STORY

That Was the End of a Witch Doctor

A STORY that could be given adequate justice only by the most "popular" of the metropolitan Sunday newspapers emerged from a court case in Noumea in mid-June.

In a village on the NW of the island of New Caledonia lived a witch-doctor named Dole Tein. At the end of 1954 he disappeared suddenly from his usual haunts and although this at first did not raise any comment, as months went on the authorities began to entertain suspicions.

The gendarmerie thereupon put Dole's village on the grill and discovered that the sorcerer was by no means popular in his home town. Everyone, in fact, was agreed that it would be a very good thing if the sorcerer were to disappear but no one was anxious to assist personally in the matter. Finally a young man, named Yova, was made to understand that it was up to him to remove Dole as he alone had the means at his command—to wit, one .22 rifle.

The women of the tribe, particularly, were insistent that the sorcerer be withdrawn from circulation. When called upon to consult him about their various miseries, Dole gave them herbal drinks but insisted on "having his way with them" whether (according to our correspondent, they were 14 or 74.

Yova and his rifle one day found the witch-doctor alone in a plantation—and that was the end of the witch-doctor. Yova called on a friend to help hide the body; they attached a stone to its feet and threw it in a deep hole in the river.

In June, Yova and his friend appeared before a European judge in Noumea to answer for their crime. However, Civilisation tempered justice with mercy and although found guilty, Yova got only five years in gaol; his friend got a suspended sentence of 12 months.

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Letters to the Editor

HARDSHIPS AT PENANG

IN reply to an item in Editors' Mailbag, "In Fiji She Missed Butchers' Shops" (April PIM, page 20), I wish to state that it is apparent that you, yourself, or the other person who wrote it, has never been past Suva, in Fiji—that is if you have even been there at all. Most people think Suva is Fiji.

The people, I must say, did not blush for Mrs. McConochie because they themselves know the hardships that are endured.

It is apparent that you think my wife just a liar who makes up stories to get her name in the newspapers.

As regards amenities, it is quite correct about tinned vegetables, as at Penang fresh vegetables are unobtainable from November to March. No doubt in Suva you can get them but that is 100 miles away over dirt roads. As regards fruit—pawpaws, pineapples and bananas are available sometimes; other fruits we are only able to get on rare occasions. This was due to the very infrequent shipping.

No doubt our New Guinea friend does not read the front pages of PIM, where he would see that New Guinea ports are served by a very regular service, which is shown in the shipping Time Tables.

I could go on for quite a while telling you more about life there, and all of this can be verified if your paper cares to send someone over there in the months mentioned. The winter months in Fiji are all right as local vegetables are obtainable.

I would be very pleased if you would print this as written if you are game enough, and without alteration.

My wife was only talking about Penang, not Fiji in general. You have made everyone in Penang look fools in the eyes of other places in the Pacific.

I am, etc.,

N. C. McCONOCHIE

Morningside,
Brisbane, Qld.,
June 14, 1956.

School Broadcasts for Cook Islands

I WAS grateful for the space given to publicising School Broadcasts in Western Samoa (PIM, April). The editorial note is quite apt, but I should like to point out that one could deduce from your last paragraph that the Cook Islands were apathetic in putting into operation their programme for School Broadcasts.

In actual fact there is no organised machinery for School Broadcasts there. Experiments have been conducted but so far the plant is not sufficiently powerful to be able to give the service that we have developed in Samoa. The cost of setting up a station similar to Samoa would be well beyond the means of Cook Islanders to-day and the present makeshift station is unable to reach schools in the outer Islands during the daytime.

A considerable amount of thought is still going into the project, but it would be quite wrong to blame the present hiatus on the need for "the Divine spark." What is really needed is a much greater sum of money.

Samoa is in a much better position insofar as broadcasts do not have to go beyond Upolu and Savaii. To reach Penrhyn, one of the Northern Cook Islands, from Rarotonga, during school hours, would require more expensive equipment than that of Samoa. We should welcome suggestions.

I am, etc.,

F. R. J. DAVIES,

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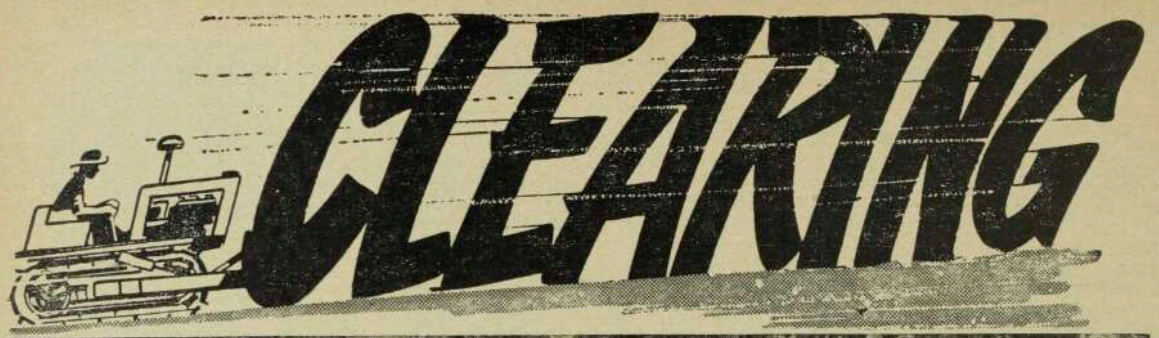
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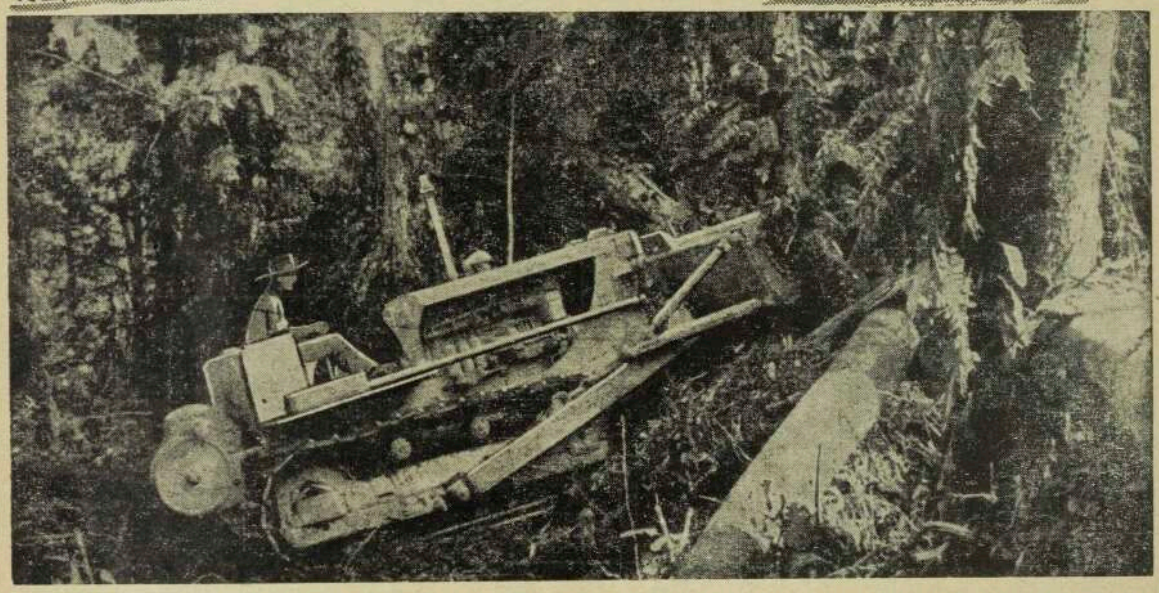
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MOVIE AND TV MOGULS DESCEND ON TAHITI

WHEN Miss Elizabeth Hennings takes off from her home in Naitauba, Lau Islands, Fiji, ese days, it is pretty safe to say at movie cameras are about to ll somewhere in the South Pacific. his was the case when Miss ennings arrived at Tahiti by TEAL oral Route on June 2.

Having made her name some ars back as wardrobe mistress in e London theatrical world, and stume designer for J. Arthur Rank, iss Hennings, on her return to ji, was soon sought after by film agnates making *His Majesty 'Keefe* in Fiji.

Her arrival in Tahiti marks a ate of movie and television tivity in that accepted centre of outh Seas romanticism.

By the same flying-boat from NZ avelled Mr. Harry Owens (of oyal Hawaiians' dance-band fame), th his expert cameraman, Mr. onard Clairmont.

Harry Owens became television nscious some time back and is w busy shooting, for US release, s second series of 13 television ssions entitled, "Polynesian Holi- y."

With five of the present series mpleted — embracing Fiji and moa—he is now in Tahiti organising the remaining seven, to be shot in French Oceania, including the Austral Isles, if transport allows. His visit is, of course, nicely timed to cover the 1956 Bastille Day celebrations, Tahiti's festive highlight.

On the brief stop-over at beautiful Akaiami Islet, Aitutaki, on June 1, a lusty troupe of grass-skirted Aitutaki maidens, organised by TEAL swayed rhythmically in honour of their fleeting Hollywood guests, and movie reels whirred as hips gyrated. All the passengers were delighted.

Also on the same TEAL passenger list were six Italian gentlemen, also Tahiti bound, with unspecified movie aspirations.

Already "on location" in the Tahiti area is a famous film figure, John Huston, who will produce a film, title not stated, starring Gregory Peck.

It is Peck, and others in this team, that are to benefit from Miss Hennings' costuming genius.—GFR.

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† Vaiula Anae Sione, of Falelatai, Western Samoa, was given a 10 years gaol sentence for manslaughter, by Chief Judge Marsack in June. She had hit her husband on the head with an adze while he was asleep in their house on May 15. He had not been killed instantly but had bled to death because of the "long delay in rendering medical assistance."

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The machines, all accompanied by a 5-year guarantee of service, were manufactured by a British firm, which subsequently produced a superior model. Shortly after that, the firm went into liquidation.

It seems unethical that a firm, a British one at that, can foist useless machines onto the buying public and then shrug-off all responsibility, after "guaranteeing" the product for 5 years. Within one year of the grandiose publicity, the firm had suspended production!

A small and reliable but cheap portable sewing-machine would sell like hot cakes in CI. Everybody needs one, but it takes a long time to earn £38.

Must we wait for the ingenious Hun, or the inventive Jap, to produce something our own factories could easily supply, if enterprising enough, for Pacific Islands markets?

—E.G.

STRONGER SEX SURVIVE

A NATIVE canoe which had been given up as lost for more than a week was washed ashore on Tami Island, near Finschhafen, New Guinea, mid-June.

The canoe left Lae, June 7, to go to Busma, mid-way between Lae and Salamaua, with an elderly native man, his wife and a young girl on board.

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ETTER TO THE EDITOR

Native Labour Exchanges Would Assist In P-NG

HE all-important question of native labour was under discussion and Mr. Norman Izod entioned the fact that a labour change had recently been prosed for Rabaul and that he had ggested this many years ago. This what he told us:

ome years before the last war, in the old harai Chamber of Commerce, I emphasised need for some method of classifying native ftsmen and their respective abilities, and gested a Labour Exchange.

placed the details before the Governor he agreed in principle but said that lack unds prevented the Government from getting extra staff needed for the work. That may e been the case, but with so simple a eme as I outlined I failed to see just where the extra work came in. Things have nged very much since then but the argument its formation is stronger than ever.

he position to-day is that experienced ve tradesmen, skippers, engineers, carers, truck drivers, etc., are far more neces- for the progress of the country than ever re. Things may be better when the apticeship training scheme starts turning out ned natives, but that is years away yet. t is needed is some scheme which will rate now and make the best use of the yes who have already had years of exence, and which will be fair and just to loyer and employee alike.

e present hit-or-miss method of finding employees is a curse to the employer and unjust to the native, yet it could be ly rectified.

have known natives who were in charge essels, engines, etc., worth many thousands ounds but who have been at little more cook-boys' pay for years and who do realise that their years of experience en- them to much higher wages. Their lucky loyers are quite content to let matters on, of course, although other employers ld be pleased to double or triple the able native's wages if they knew where to him.

ith the present system, an employer want- an engineer for a decent-sized vessel, has ry out any Smart Alec who speaks good ish and has a fast line of talk, often with trous and expensive results in breakdowns repairs.

should be possible for an employer want- say an engineer, for his vessel, to go Labour Exchange or Labour Office and what suitable boys are available. The r could look up his records and find out, aps, that there were several. He could what vessels they had served on, their acters, their capabilities, the wages they received previously, and the opinion of ious employers. From this the officer could e what wages each lad should be paid inform the prospective employer. He would have particulars of each lad's location.

present, boys like this, after being home a time, are just as likely to go to work plantation-hands or engage in other work others of their village, their experience being a dead loss to the community and to themselves.

To apply the plan for a start, on a small scale, to captains, engineers and two or three other trades, would entail little extra work and expense.

For example, when a captain of a vessel wished to sign off and go home the Labour Exchange officer concerned would give him a book showing his name, village, date of pay-off, reason for pay-off, wages received, particulars possible of his previous employment, character reference from his previous employer, etc., etc. The official would retain a duplicate of this information which would be filed under "Captains".

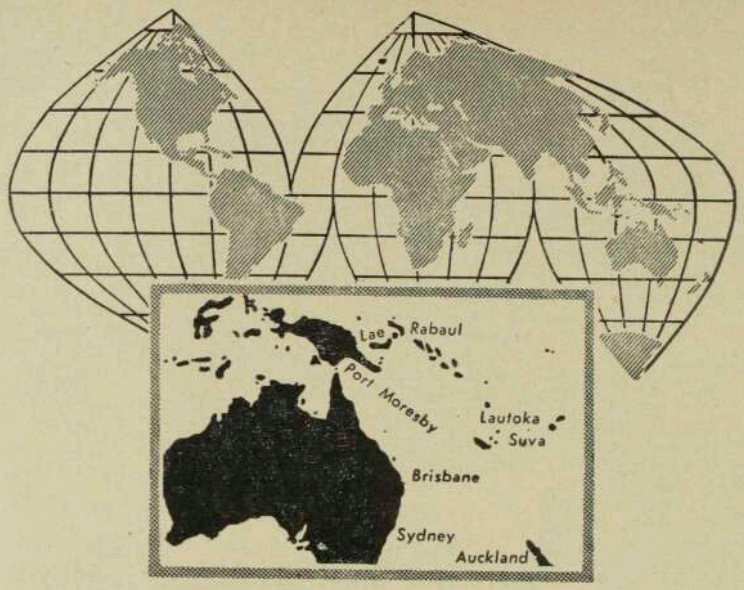
With this information readily available, it would be easy for the employer to choose the men he requires. At the same time, competent natives would benefit and so would the country, by retaining the services of experienced tradesmen.

It would be the responsibility of the Employment Bureau official to keep the information up to date and filed, also to see that the native gets a square deal regarding wages.

I, and others, thought that Mr. Izod's scheme was a good one—one point we all liked was that it could curb the irresponsibility of natives. When they realised the benefits they would accrue they would take a pride in having good records and doing good work.

It would also, after a time, be handy for that awful person, the





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tatistician, as well as to people arting new industries and wishing know what tradesmen were avail- ble and their degree of competence. I have been asked to publicise it nd let the other residents of the untry look it over and make sug- stions. There are probably some eak points in it. If anyone has a tter scheme let's hear of it, and ventually we may get somewhere.

I am, etc.,
JOHN D. WILKINSON.

deia Is.
a Samarai,
apua.

BEAVERS DO FULL-SIZED JOB IN P-NG

EAVER aircraft, although small in size, are by no means puny.

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They recently transported two efabricated houses from Bulolo to enyamya, still one of the most imitive outposts of Morobe dis- ict.

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P-NG's TITLES PROBLEM

Not Nearly Enough Surveyors

From a Special Correspondent

BOUGAINVILLE, Buka, Manus, all Islands east and north of Samarai, New Britain (excluding Rabaul), New Ireland (excluding Kavieng and Namatanai), have not had a surveyor since the War.

The native peoples, especially those of the Gazelle Peninsula, are quickly realising the significance of the fact that our Titles records were almost entirely lost, due to Japanese action. Many know that they can encroach on alienated land merely by moving the cement pegs and concocting a plausible story for the first Cadet Patrol Officer who investigates.

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with those in the Territory.

In Government Gazette No. 27, of June 7, 1956, eight Grade II surveyors were advertised for. It will be interesting to note the results. A qualified surveyor can get hundreds of pounds per annum more in Australia than in New Guinea.

At present, there are only two Grade III men (Rabaul and Lae), four Grade II men (Moresby, Madang, Rabaul and Popendetta), and three assistants (Kavieng, Lae and Rabaul) in the two Territories.

N. CALEDONIA SELLS MINES

Jap Concessions Find Few Buyers

FORMER Japanese mining concessions were put up for sale in New Caledonia on June 15. Only two of the 30 lots offering found buyers; the remaining 28 will be put up for sale again in a couple of months.

One of the buyers was the Nickel Company, which bought a lot, comprising eight nickel mines, for the equivalent of about £70,000 Australian. The second lot, mostly manganese concessions, was purchased by the Lafleur group.

Included in the Nickel Co.'s purchase was a stockpile of 2,600 tons of four per cent. nickel ore. The Japs had mined the nickel in 1941 but before they could ship it some of their compatriots had perpetrated the Pearl Harbour stab-in-the-back.

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Markham V. May Be P-NG's Rice Bowl

RICE gowers in the Markham Valley, Morobe District, New Guinea, are experimenting with irrigation scheme which, if successful, could make the Territory self-supporting in rice.

An experimental initial plot of 17 acres on the property of Mr. Tom Ahy is being developed at present.

Although the rice area of the valley is bounded by three good rivers (the Markham, Erap and Maralumi), crops in the past have been dependent on the rainfall, which has not always been satisfactory.

The present experiment involves the erection of a levee bank around 17 acres, with check-banks built every 90 feet across. Using a water pump installed in Maralumi Creek, it is expected that the water will be kept at a minimum of 6 inches and a maximum of 12 inches in each bay. The soil has already been found to be satisfactory for water-holding qualities.

Several different types of seed for upland rice are to be used in the experiment and if the initial trial area proves successful, further water for other areas can be taken from the Erap.

A minimum of 30,000 acres in the valley could be put under irrigation in this way. This would be more than sufficient to produce the Territory's rice needs.

Last year Papua New Guinea imported £1.4 million pounds worth of rice from Australia.

Polio Scare in New Cal.

TEN cases of polio were reported in New Caledonia in June, two of them fatal. Five of the cases were Europeans and the rest of mixed-blood.

A quantity of Lepine anti-polio vaccine was received from the Pasteur Institute in Paris at the end of June, and parents who wish may have their children vaccinated. Preference will be given to children between six months and two years.

Three injections of the vaccine within 21 days are necessary; it does not become effective for 40 days.

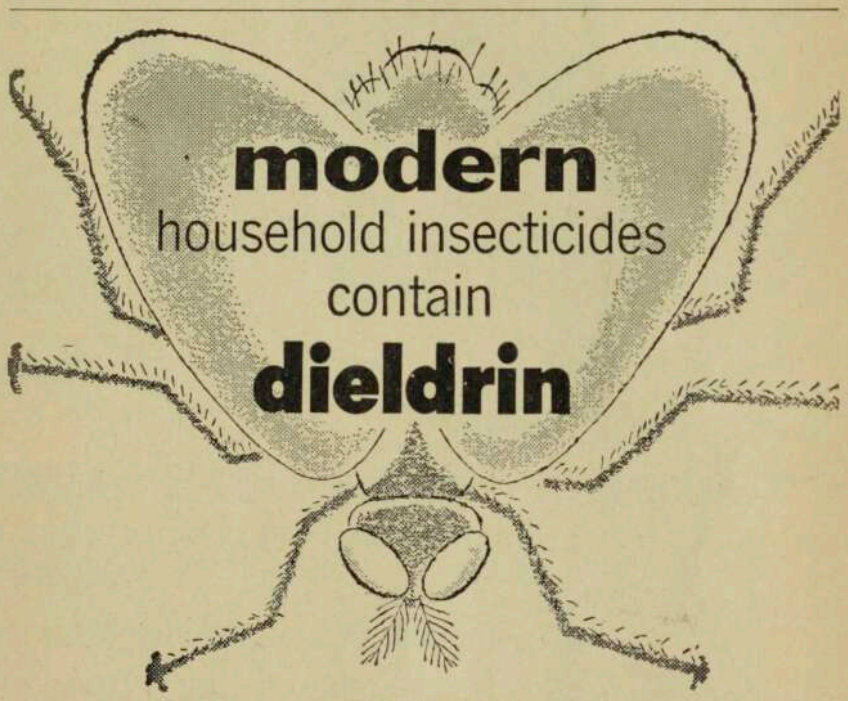
During the June voyage of the *Polynesie*, round-trip passengers were not permitted to land in New Caledonia ports because of the polio scare in New Caledonia.

Crazy Youth Steals Bus, Kills Man

A MAN named Poulin, 21, caused a shocking accident in mid-June when he stole one of Noumea's public buses and hit a motor-scooter, ridden by a young French sailor from the *Tiare*. The victim was decapitated and his head was later found 100 yards from where his body had been dragged by the bus.

Poulin stole the bus about 9 p.m. and with two terrified native passengers in it, drove recklessly across the town towards the beach-side suburb of Anse Vata, pursued by police in a jeep. The bus finally came to rest against a wall; Poulin leapt out and disappeared into the darkness. The police searched for him all night, extending their search the next day far up the island. A sharp-eyed native policeman found him eventually—sitting at ease in Coconut Square in the centre of Noumea.

He was arrested and will shortly be tried on a long list of charges. In 1953, while driving a bus, he ran down and killed an elderly man not far from the spot where the *Tiare* sailor met his end. Poulin was later called up for military service but deserted.



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M BECOMES UNCONTROLLED AREA—FOR SOME NATIVES

Steps are being taken to control e movement of migrant natives the Port Moresby area.

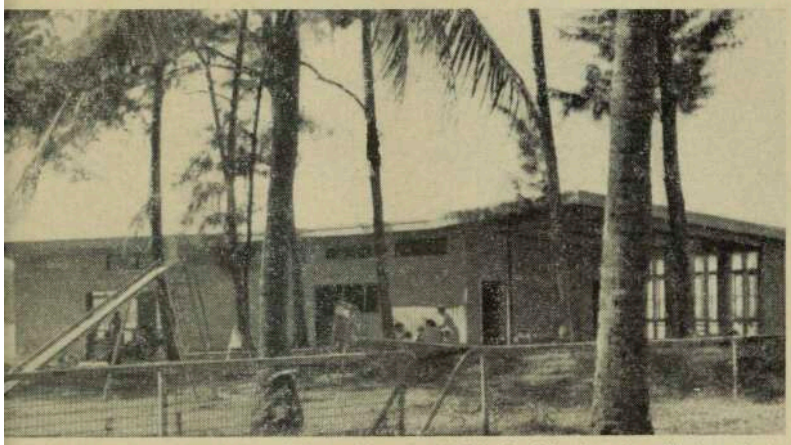
The Director of Native Affairs, r. A. A. Roberts, announced on ne 7, that Port Moresby had been declared as a place in which migrant native people may not reside unless under the immediate control of a non-native.

Mr. Roberts explained that this declaration provided the Administration with authority to deal with vagrants and other migrant natives who were living in unauthorised settlements in and around Port Moresby.

The legislation does, however, make provision for a District Officer to grant a permit to any migrant native to live within the area without being under the immediate control of a non-native.

DON'T GO DOWN THE MINE, DAD—GO TO RABAUL

The Rabaul Town Advisory Council is asking for a minimum of



Port Moresby youngsters moved into this new £6,000 Pre-School centre (kindergarten) at Beach on May 13. (Ela Beach is one of the most pleasant beaches in the whole South ific.) The gaily-painted modern building accommodates 45 children during the morning classes l another 25 will be able to attend during the afternoon. Previously, the 3-to-5 year olds their drawings, sang their songs and played their games in the Moresby Red Cross Hall.

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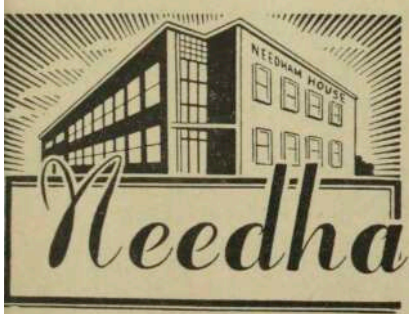
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£20,000 to be made available as a matter of urgency to overcome the town's "dust problem."

Speaking at a council meeting in June, Dr. E. J. Wright said he believed the time had come for the people who had lived in the dust-polluted areas of Rabaul for some time to begin to regard the matter as serious.

He suggested that if "smog" gauges were placed in the bad dust areas, there would be a higher reading than in any large city in the world. The worst areas of these cities record smog deposits of 100 to 200 tons per square mile per month.

Dr. Wright went on to say that in Rabaul, a few degrees from the Equator, there was the spectacle of homes closed and sealed as if they were only a few degrees from the South Pole.

He told the council that two specialists who recently visited the Matupi Farm area told him they considered the dust pollution in some areas to be worse than in a coal mine. (At the same time, one of these experts, at a public meeting in Rabaul, said the dust did no apparent damage to health).

People breathing the smog of Rabaul, Dr. Wilson said, would breathe more dust-laden air into their lungs in ten years than a chain-smoker would inhale tobacco fumes in a hundred years.

Dr. Wright said cancer of the lung had occurrred in Rabaul and added

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at although he could not say de-itely that dust was or was not factor, he was satisfied that dust uld cause attacks of asthma, hay ver, and sinusitis and some re-ratory tract irritations.
The only way to overcome the oblem, he suggested, was to seal roads.

EE WAU, SEE EVERYTHING

The Wau area is becoming a pular tourist attraction to the ny hundreds of Australians mak- the round trip on the various sels going to the Territory.
A party of 38 *Bulolo* passengers y to Wau from Goroka on June and after lunch at the Wau tel, were taken on a brief sight-ing tour. Two smaller parties m the vessel made the trip by and returned the same day to vessel at Lae.
These tours are proving popular h the tourists as they give the portunity of seeing mining, farm-, saw-milling and coffee all in one concentrated area.

ARNING TO SPEAK TO THE NATIVE

More than 50 people, including a mber of women, have enrolled h the Public Service Institute in t Moresby to learn Police Motu l Pidgin English.
Classes in the two languages rted in June, and it is under-od the Institute will start classes pure Motu next year.
The Principal of the Institute, Glastonberry, says applicants the Police Motu and Pidgin sses come from all sections and levels in the P-NG Administra-n. The majority will concentrate one language but some have olled for both classes.
Mr. Glastonberry explained that main purpose of the classes was enable Administration officers to verse more fully with native l servants.
n many spheres, the classes in tu and Pidgin have been hailed "the best thing the Institute has ne."
This is not before time. Police tu, the official language of pua, is rarely heard in Moresby se days. Pidgin is spoken cor-tly only by those people who led in the Territory long before war. All post-war residents sub-ute baby-talk gibberish for both tu and Pidgin and expect the ple to understand. It says a at deal for their intelligence and g-suffering patience that most of m do.)

CHANGE VISITS BETWEEN DUTCH AND AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS

he Commissioner of Police in ch New Guinea, Mr. Van renswaay Classen, believes more ch Police Officers should visit ua-New Guinea to study Terri-tory Police procedures. In turn, Territory Police Officers should visit the Dutch Territory.
Mr. Classen, who paid an official visit to P-NG during June, said he would recommend this to his Gov-ernment.
He said also he would recommend the establishment of a Police band similar to Royal Papua-New Guinea Constabulary band, which he de-scribed as "outstanding."
At present, he added, there are 1,400 native police in Dutch New Guinea, compared with 3,000 in Papua-New Guinea.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO GOROKA

All eight patrol posts in the New Guinea Eastern Highlands are now linked by road to Goroka, follow-ing the opening recently of a new road to Lufa Patrol Post, 50 miles to the south of the town.
The road, which was started in 1954, crosses 23 creeks and two major rivers.
On his first visit by road to Lufa, the District Commissioner, Mr. H. L. Seale, was met by a large crowd of natives, who asked him to have an Administration school established there.

POLICEMAN'S CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

A 6-years-old native child was burned to death in a fire in the Police Barracks in Rabaul, on June 19. The body of the girl was found

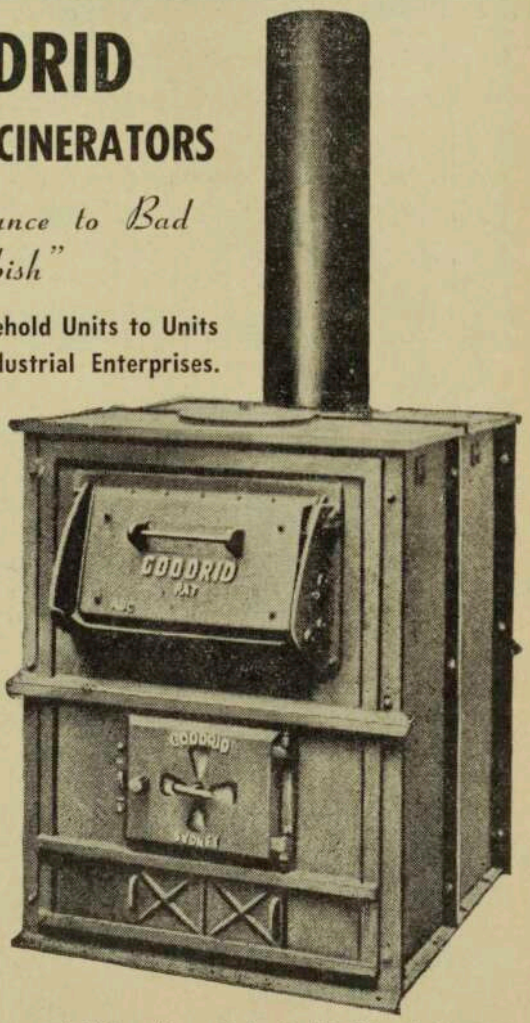
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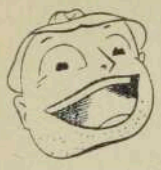
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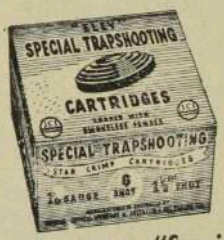
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Enjoying themselves at a Pacific Islands Regiment dance on June 16 are well-known Port resby residents—left to right: Padre Bloxham, Mrs. N. Williams, Lieut. N. Clarke (standing), . N. Clarke and Mrs. Major-Kayler-Thomson.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

ong the smoking ruins of a kunai t assigned to a married native nstable and his family. The fire ke out at about 2 a.m. Brigades hed to the outbreak but because the intense heat could not save building.

During the recent session of the P-NG Legislative Council, the elected member for the New Guinea Islands, Mr. Don Barrett, suggested that native police were so badly housed in Rabaul that it was a wonder the Administration retained the loyalty of these men.

He said it was now ten years since the war, and married constables and their families in Rabaul were still housed in kunai shacks.

He said that private employers would not have been granted an exemption from erecting proper quarters for a period of 10 years.

MORESBY TOPS THE ROAD ACCIDENT POLL

Territory Police officials have nominated Port Moresby as one of the worst motor accident centres in the world. Figures show that there was one accident last year in the town for every 7 vehicles registered. This compares with the NSW figure of one accident for every 20 vehicles registered.

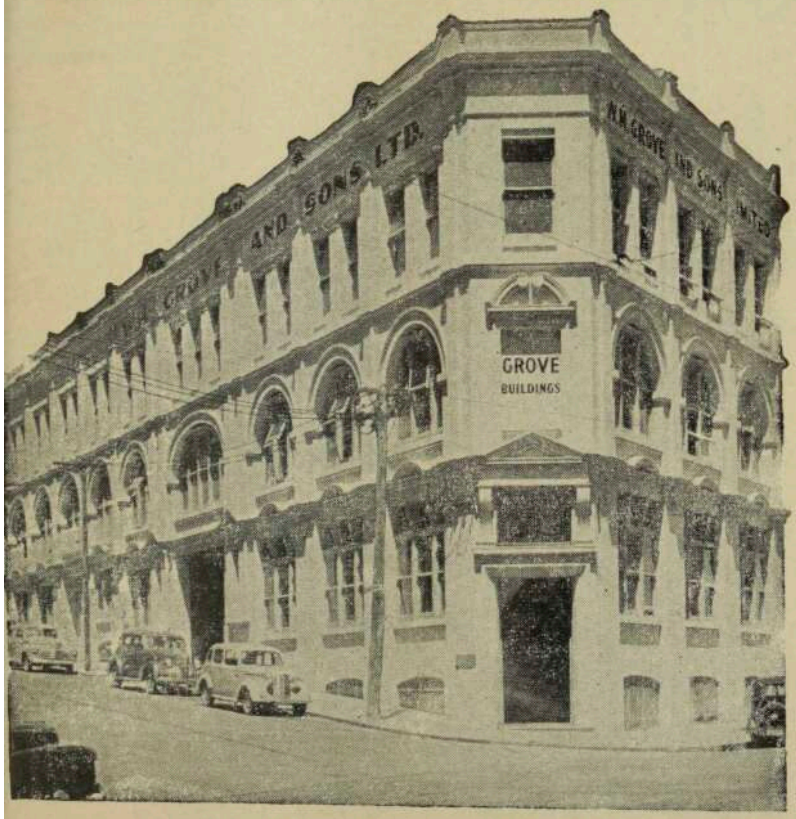
Up to mid-June this year, there have been 170 accidents on Moresby roads, resulting in five deaths.

At present, there are nearly 3,000 registered vehicles in the town with approximately two registered drivers for every vehicle.

Police figures show that, although there are more registered native drivers, Europeans cause, or are involved in, more accidents. The ratio is about 6 to 4.

FINSCHHAFEN-LAE

Meanwhile, work is progressing steadily on the road which will eventually link Finschhafen with Lae, and the survey on the Markham Valley road, which will link



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Lae with the Highlands, is going ahead steadily.

The survey team is now trying to locate a suitable crossing point of the Leron River.

THE 5th CHANCE

Administration and APC field staff are being issued with a small but handy booklet prepared by the Government ecologist, Mr. Ken Slater, dealing with the dangerous snakes of Papua.

A limited number of booklets are also available to the public.

Mr. Slater tells how to identify the five known dangerous snakes of Papua, and what to do in the event of being bitten.

The booklet points out that four of the five species—the Taipan, the Papuan Black, the Papuan Whip Snake and the Small-eyed Snake—all readily avoid men when warned by heavy footsteps. Mr. Slater advises his readers to watch where they walk through the bush; to use a torch at night and to tread heavily through the undergrowth. (Presumably the only action to take when meeting X (or unnamed) fifth snake is evasive.—Ed.)

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ALIVE

Police in Port Moresby, June 16, charged four Papuans under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

The natives had attempted to roast a live pig on the beach at Koki. They were each fined two pounds for the offence.

They claimed that they thought they had killed the pig before attempting to roast it.

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Mr. Bateson Has A Date With the Sun

N the morning of June 8, Mr. Frank Bateson, accountant to the Cook Islands Trading Com-ny, Rarotonga, was missing from s office.

It was thought that only some tural phenomenon could account r this—and it was a correct agnosis.

Mr. Bateson was busily engaged th the 9-in. telescope at his Taku-ine home, recording for posterity e Rarotonga version of the Solar clipse of that day. Perfect "see-g" conditions prevailed and he as satisfied with his morning's servations.

As an astronomer, Mr. Bateson as a considerable reputation. Be-re arriving in Rarotonga ten ars ago he was lecturer in tronomy at Victoria University ollege, Wellington.

As one of the few active tronomers in the vast Pacific lands area, it sometimes happens at his Rarotongan site is an tronomical box-seat, and this cer-inly applied on June 8.

In its 28-day circuit of our planet e moon interposes between us and e sun more frequently than is nerally realised. There are at ast two partial Solar Eclipses ery year. Each is confined to a latively small portion of the earth d the locale is never the same ice in succession.

In this particular instance the tal eclipse took place in a most lated spot, in the great landless uthern Ocean some 1,200 miles uth of Rarotonga.

Thus it was beyond the reach of ll organised expeditions that rmally evolve to cope with such tra terrestrial affairs. In the outer rtial eclipse area, only New Zea-nd and some South Pacific islands re embraced.

And, as it happened, in the land the "Long White Cloud," the oud was pretty black in places, d Carter Observatory, Wellington, as completely blanketed from eful participation.

Should it prove that other eager tronomers in New Zealand were nilarly frustrated by weather con-tions, it could be—now that Apia bservatory is no longer astronomic-ly minded—that this particular lar Eclipse was a purely private fair between the sun, the moon, d Mr. Bateson.—GFR.

¶ Mrs. Flora Stewart, owner of the Hotel Cecil, Lae, New Guinea, is off on her travels again. She left Lae early July to revisit North Queensland, particularly Cooktown, where she was born. She will later, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Leo Bowman, of Port Moresby, go on to New Zealand and Honolulu and be back in Australia in time for the Olympic Games in Mel-boune.

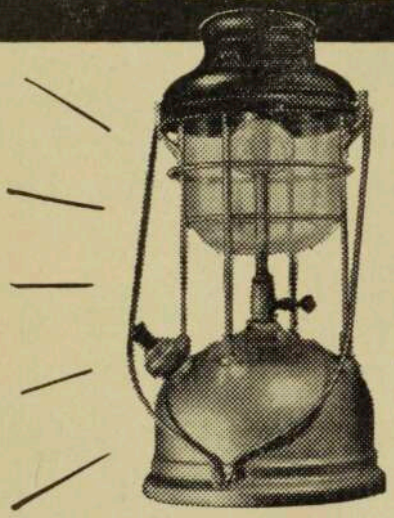
¶ The marriage of Mrs. Betty Watts and Mr. Ken Fisher was celebrated in the Lutheran Church, Lae, on June 2. The bride is the daughter of a well-known Territorian, Mrs. Vernie Thomas.

AN AGRICULTURIST BECOMES RA AT MANGAIA

A NEW Resident Agent has been appointed to Mangaia, one of the Cook Islands. The appointee is Mr. W. L. Tylor, who has had seven years experience with the Department of Agriculture, NZ, as extension officer working amongst Maori farmers.

The appointment, therefore, is in line with the recommendation of the Stace-Belshaw report, published some months ago, that recommended that RA's in the Cooks should have practical training in agriculture.

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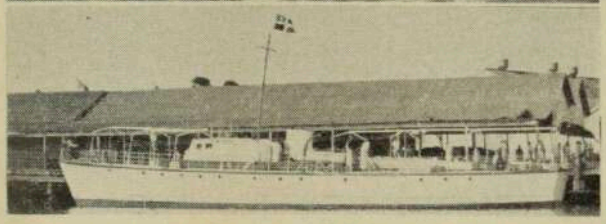
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uch facts take years to reach the niralty, and further years to their place in next additions. the Lord Com- sioners may e to note a new n from Puka- ka, Northern ks (*not* the motu Puka- a): hree flagstaffs e erected in April by the m i n i stration,





)P: The Auckland ter "Wanderer", d and skippered Mr. T. Buchanan h won the 1,300 Auckland - Suva race in May, n in Suva harbour, the race.

WER: The Fairmile , owned by Vice- modore Lawlor, of Royal Akarana Club, Auckland, h acted as escort l for the yachts cipating in the land-Suva ocean Photos: Fiji PRO.

one at the residence of Pilato Ariki, one at the LMS mission, and one at the landing near Yato village. The latter will carry a lantern at night when a ship is loading at the atoll.

AVARUA MAY BE IN IT, TOO

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Rarotonga (for Apia, see above), a survey of that harbour was recently completed as a priority job by the local Survey Department and the plans rushed to Wellington. The harbour had earlier been looked over by a succession of expert advisers, and a few scoops full of shingle were actually removed a year ago. The available equipment was then realised to be inadequate.

CASE OF THE POP-EYED TURTLES

In mid-June a message was received in Madang, NG, from the ADO, at Bogia, that a number of mutilated turtles, with their eyes protruding, had been washed up on a nearby beach. Shortly afterwards it was learned that local natives had found a green plastic dinghy at sea four days previously. Its rowlocks and oars were still in position.

Next, MV *Meklong* had sighted some greenish-grey planking between Awar and the mouth of the Ramu River.

From a study of sailing permits, it was learned that several ships were in that vicinity but had not reported in on the regular radio skeds.

It was thought that all these facts, added up to the possibility of an explosion at sea, so the District Commissioner and the Madang Harbourmaster took off in a Lutheran Mission Cessna aircraft to search the area. They eventually landed at Angoram, on the Sepik River, having established that all local shipping had been accounted for.

It is understood there are several possibilities regarding the ownership of the dinghy but no one can explain the "pop-eyed" turtles although a similar phenomenon w reported from NE Papua in la May-early June (PIM, June). was suggested that atomic-radiatic might be responsible, or a volcan eruption. Hundreds of dying turtl and porpoises were reported fro the D'Entrecasteaux Group.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SHIP ON REEF

The P-NG Administrator's official essel *Laurabada II* ran aground on reef in the Torres Strait on lay 27. She was not damaged and as refloated the following day.

Two Administration vessels and Government trawler from Thursay Island set out for the *Laurada* as soon as she radioed she as aground.

JAPS HAVE MORE TROUBLE WITH NG REEFS

Japanese fishermen were again trouble in NG waters on June when *Koyu Maru*, with a crew of , went up on a reef off the north ast of Bougainville.

The vessel's engine broke down, ils were rigged but strong SE inds blew her onto the reef. The en on board got ashore with a ttle equipment.

They were rescued by Adminisation officials and taken by launch Sohano.

The Japanese Embassy in Canerra was trying to contact another apanese vessel in the vicinity to ick them up.

MARINE BOARD FINDING ON *GABOSO* CAPSIZE

The Report of the Marine Inquiry to the loss of the APC landing arge, *Gaboso*, off the Papuan coast early April, was released in Port oresby late June.

The barge capsized in the Gulf Papua in the early hours of pril 2. There was no loss of life, t the barge was later posted as a azard to shipping.

The Board stated that the cause the loss of the vessel could not e finally established but it was obably due to some portion of the ll failing as a result of pounding hen being driven into a head-sea swell.

Evidence showed that the owners ad found it necessary to weld raps over the original welded ams in two places soon after the *aboso* arrived in Port Moresby om the United Kingdom.

Gaboso had gone into commission November, 1955, and before leavg Port Moresby on her April yage had a slight list to port; this as said to be normal.

At the onset of the voyage the eather was calm but later deriorated and the vessel shipped ater. At midnight, April 1, the ssel was being pounded, and at 50 a.m. suddenly developed a vere list of 20 degrees, which later creased to from 30 to 40 degrees. hortly afterwards, the crew andoned ship.

The vessel was commanded by a ertificated Master, but there was o Certificated Engineer. The Board lt there was some lack of direct and positive action to right the vessel, but it was doubtful if much could have been done once the heavy list to port had been taken, and no blame was attached to the Master or the crew on that account.

However, the Board was of the opinion that the Master was at fault in failing to reduce speed when the vessel started pounding. It also considered that during his watch, the Mate should have acquainted the Master with the fact that the ship was pounding, or alternatively, have ordered the helm and speed to suit the prevailing conditions.

The Board felt that the unseamanlike failure to take steps to reduce pounding could not be viewed without strong disapproval. It accordingly censured the Master, and to a lesser degree, the Mate.

NZ YACHTS IN PAPEETE

Two Auckland yachts arrived in Papeete, Tahiti, in June.

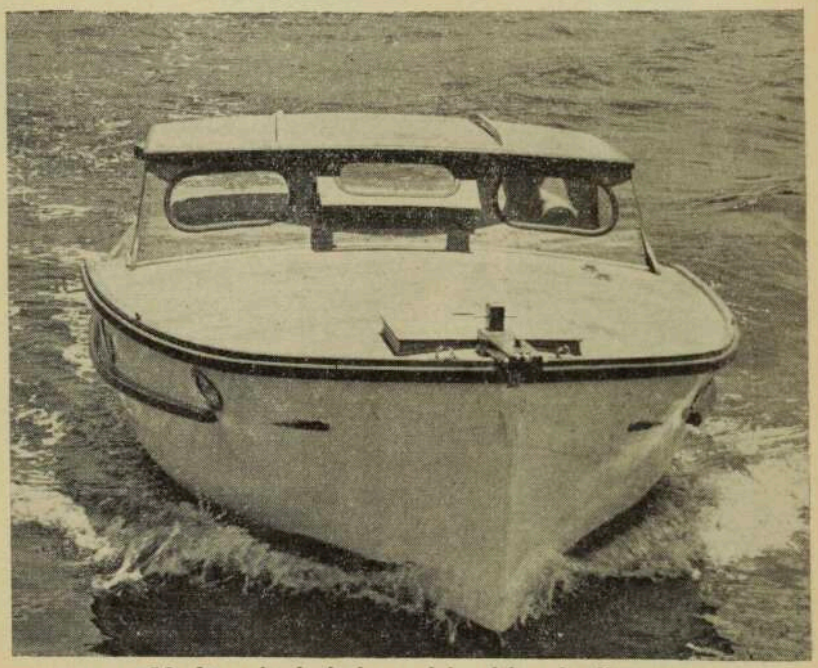
The first, *Manu Moana*, owned and skippered by W. S. Holder, with a crew of three, is a 15 tons sloop with an auxiliary engine.

She left Auckland on May 20 and arrived June 20. Three months will be spent in French Oceania.

Three days later a small ketch, *Hope*, also arrived in Papeete from Auckland. Owner-skipper F. J. Norris had crew of 3; length of vessel is 30 ft; has Regal engine. Port of call between Auckland and Papeete was Raivavae, Austral Group.

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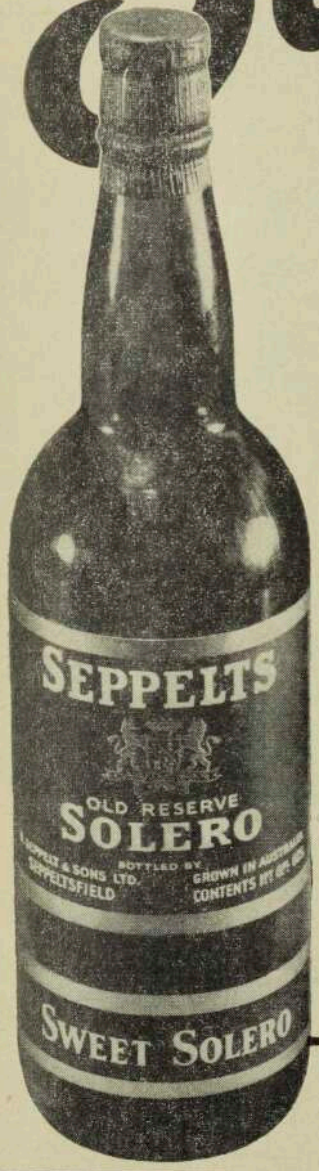
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COOKS VISITORS TO TAHITI FESTIVITIES

Cook Islands residents have been afforded the opportunity of taking "Bastille Day" cruise to Papeete this year. Mr. Dick Brown's *Taveuni* will carry about 30 passengers (£25 cabin return; deck £12/10/- return), plus a cargo of tomatoes and oranges.

Cabin passengers will have the privilege of sleeping aboard the vessel during the time she is in Papeete, if they wish. It is expected that *Taveuni* will take six days to get here from Rarotonga, and four days to return, with the wind behind her.

Latest information was that "bookings are pouring in."

TRANS-PACIFIC YACHT RACE STARTS

The trans-Pacific yacht race from San Padro, on the US Pacific coast,



When Her Majesty's Fiji Navy ship "Viti" made a training cruise to the Lau Islands recently, a call was made at Nabavatu in the Exploring Group, where the Malley family has a plantation. This photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. Malley with some of the officers from the ship, which was in command of Lieutenant C. A. Stinson. (The half-dozen young men standing are presumably part of the Nabavatu welcoming committee).

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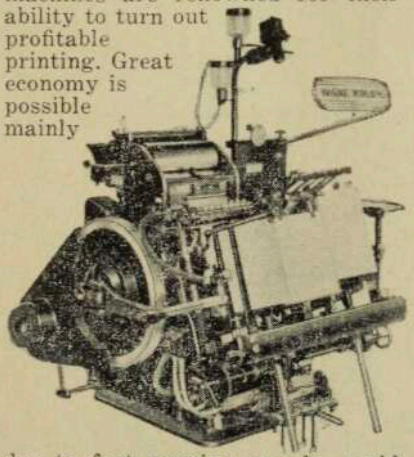
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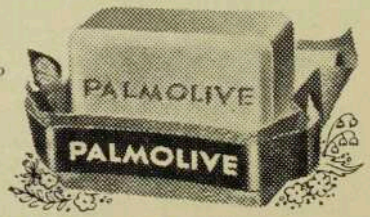
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(First yacht into Papeete on July 8, was *Novia del Mar;* but *Jada*, second in, won race on corrected time).

GHOST LIGHTS TURN OUT TO BE JAP FISHERMEN

The ghost of Penrhyn was laid by the *Charlotte Donald* during her early June voyage in the Cooks.

In May, Rakahanga people reported mysterious lights out at sea from their island and this was attributed by some to the legendary "ghost lights" which have been associated with Penrhyn Island.

The mysterious lights turned out to be a Jap fishing vessel which *Charlotte Donald* sighted close to Rakahanga. Previously the *Tavenui* also sighted Jap ships thereabouts. Apparently this area of the Pacific is now receiving the attentions of these ubiquitous fishermen.

MORE ISLANDS AVAILABLE FOR FIJI TOURISTS

Some young men of Lautoka, Fiji, have gone into the tourist launch business. Their craft is a 32-ft cabin cruiser *called Knuckletoo*—name denoting their community effort.

Their cruising takes the tourist to the Malolo Group, off Nadi Bay, where fishing, swimming and scenery are all reported to be first-class.

The launch, with experienced crew, is available on a daily charter basis—rates are £10 and up, depending on number of passengers.

PHOENIX SAILS WESTWARDS

A friendly cheerio, written from Thursday Island on June 27, by Earle L. Reynolds, of the American yacht *Phoenix,* has been received:

"The *Phoenix* sails to-day for Timor, leaving behind the Pacific after 20 months and 18,000 miles of cruising. So far, our trip has been successful, with no major misadventures but with memories of friends made, places visited and impressions gained.

"Before turning our faces westwards, I wanted to drop this note of thanks to the staff of your magazine for a fine coverage of our yacht while in the Pacific, but more importantly, for providing a medium through which the widely varying events of this vast area can be focussed.

"If all goes well for us, we'll be back in your territory early in 1958, via Panama Canal."

You're welcome, *Phoenix.*

Dr. Reynolds, whom PIM met in Sydney in March with his cruising family after they had crossed the Pacific, is now taking *Phoenix* home to Hiroshima, via East Indies, South Africa, Panama and Honolulu. He says that they hope to be

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a Durban (c/o American Consul, or letters) by mid-October.

IT HAPPENED IN JULY

With interest centred on Christmas Island as a possible atom-bomb testing ground, it is interesting to recall the nautical occasion of what is believed to have been the birth of the first European child on this atoll.

At 9.30 p.m., on July 8, 1908, the Australian 4,221-ton vessel *Aeon* was wrecked on the atoll. It was a very dark night and the Master had reckoned he was 20 miles clear of the island. Fortunately, there were no casualties when this vessel joined the many other wrecks of Wreck Bay. All hands landed safely next morning, including a Mrs. Patrick, wife of a US Naval chaplain, who was a passenger. As early rescue seemed unlikely, the Master, Mate, and Chief Engineer manned the ship's launch and sailed for Fanning Island in mid-September.

On September 22, the vessel *Manuka* called at Fanning, picked up *Aeon's* officers, and diverted to pick up the Christmas castaways. On the night prior to *Manuka's* arrival at Christmas, Mrs. Patrick gave birth to a daughter at the camp on the beach. It would be interesting to know where that child, now a middle-aged woman, is to-day.

AT NEW ZEALAND RATES

When South Pacific Shipping Co., of Suva, last year purchased the 55-ton freighter *Babinda* to replace their lost *Nukualau*, they were all ready to fly a Fijian crew to Sydney to take delivery when the local unions stepped in. The ship had to be manned by an Australian crew.

In New Zealand this crew was paid off and flown home. Then the New Zealand unions decided they would not work the ship if a crew was signed on at Fiji rates—so a New Zealand crew then took over.

Recently, after the vessel had been idle for a while, a Fiji crew arrived on the scene and the vessel sailed for Australia—with the crew at Fiji rates. However, the move had not been overlooked by the New Zealand unions apparently, for waterside workers would not discharge the vessel on her arrival at Wanganui, NZ, when she returned from Australia.

At a conference in Wellington it was announced on July 3 that, as the vessel, though registered in Suva, was operating entirely in the trans-Tasman trade, and had never been near the Islands, New Zealand rates and working conditions must prevail aboard if the ship is to be worked in New Zealand ports.

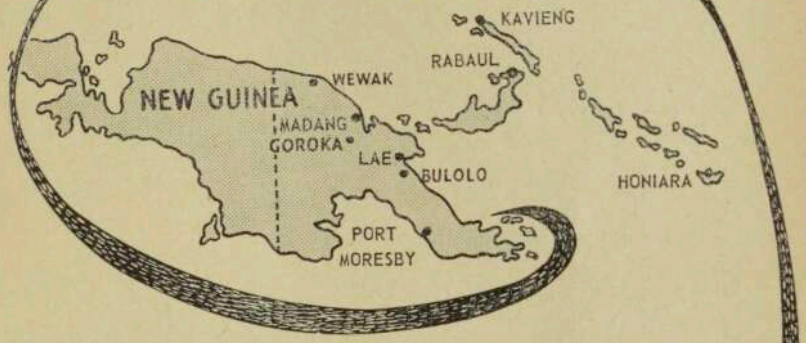
It now appears that the Fiji crew will have the benefit of New Zealand conditions, at least while the vessel trades trans-Tasman. The company has no other vessels and no staffed office in Suva.

NOT GUILTY!

Shipping correspondent Shortall, blamed for a published error in PIM's shipping notes which caused the grinding of a radio transmitting crystal for the *Santa Teretia II* to an incorrect frequency, had a ready answer on returning to Auckland from the outposts in July.

The frequencies published were as given in the official—and much appreciated—letter from the Chief Wireless Officer, Tarawa. The letter, dated October 31 last, said, "A change in frequencies will take place early in the new year, possibly before the end of January,

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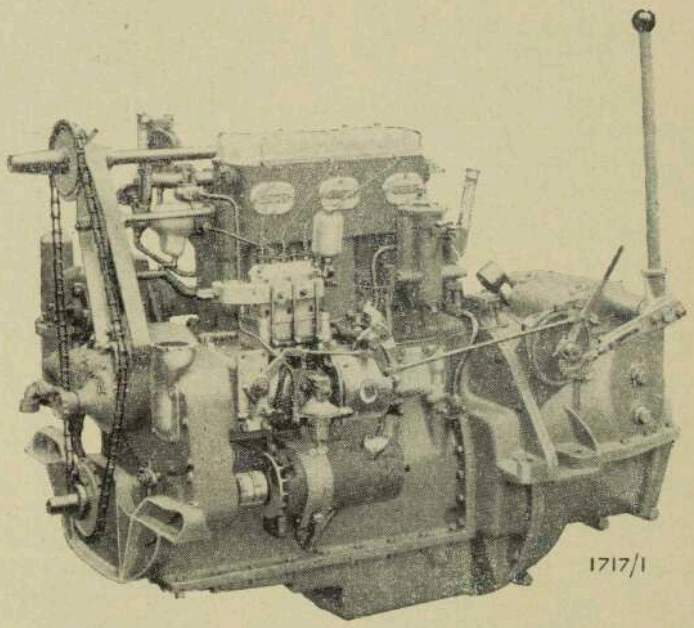
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956." Tarawa, it was stated, would hen transmit on 4413.8 kc/s and isten for ships on 4104.4 kc/s. Evidently there was a hitch—posibly in the arrival of equipment—nd the bone is certainly not being ointed at Tarawa.

Pacific Islands frequency changes re so frequent and numerous that n recent years it has been extremely ifficult to keep track of the situaion. Only through the co-operaion of such men as the Chief Wireess Officer, Tarawa, has it been posible for PIM to keep the Islands autical fraternity reasonably p-to-date on the situation. Therefore, before having crystals ground is always advisable to confirm the requencies with the stations conerned.

JOYITA AUCTIONED

The ill-fated American 70-ton refrigerated vessel *Joyita*, lying at the Fiji Public Works Department's hipyard in Suva since she was towed n late last year with all hands issing, was to be put up for public uction there on July 12.

Government valuation of the essel was fixed at £F3,150, and the urchaser would have to pay 40 er cent. duty on that valuation, lus the price accepted by the onolulu owner, Miss Katherine uomala.

RAROTONGA—WHARF DUES CONTEMPLATED

It is probable that the Union team Ship Co.'s lease of the varua wharf at Rarotonga may ot be renewed when the present 0-year lease expires at the end of 957. The company has had the ease since at least 1920—possibly arlier, and since 1925 has paid 100 per year. They have been reponsible for running repairs.

Through the years, the Union o. has built its own sheds on the harf approaches. In recent months here has been friction with a local hip-owner whose vessels lie alongde.

There is now a move in the Island ouncil to form a Harbour Board, ollect fees on all cargo crossing the harf, and use the funds for mucheed harbour improvement work. he wharf would then come under he direct control of the Harbour oard.

Perishable cargo operations would, aturally, still be given priority, but n other respects all wharf users ould be on an equal footing, with o special privileges to any one ser.

WANTED: A UNION

Back on the Cook Islands run fter her 15-months', £180,000 "last ick" refit, the New Zealand Govrnment vessel *Maui Pomare* shows ew visible changes—and they re mainly in the crew's quarters.

About the only change in the passenger accommodation is an improvement to the ventilation system. Pointing out that the male passengers still have to wait their turn for the single shower-room, a Rarotonga resident aptly remarked that the reason nothing was done to improve the lot of passengers is, of course, because they haven't a Union—which the seamen certainly have.

The vessel has lost half a knot or a knot in speed through the refit. Suspected reason is a change in placement of permanent ballast, putting the vessel more down by the head.

CHARTERED AGAIN

To help out on the Cook Islands fruit trade, Tasman Steamship Co.'s 700-ton refrigerated vessel *Viti* was diverted from the trans-Tasman trade in June.

With a fruit-carrying capacity of about 300 tons, *Viti* was reportedly chartered at £5,000. She carried a small quantity of cargo north, loaded only at Rarotonga, and was back in Auckland and discharged within about 20 days.

The vessel made a number of similar voyages last year while *Maui Pomare* was laid up.

CAPTAIN LANGLEY DELIVERS FOR STEAMIES

The 56-ft copra scow built in Sydney for Steamships Trading Company by Bjarne Halvorsen Ltd. (and now officially christened *Koki*), was due to leave Sydney direct for Port Moresby about July 18.

Captain G. E. Langley, not long back from taking the new *Santa Teretia* to Suva, will be in command for the delivery voyage to Moresby.

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in Australian ship brokerage and building circles.

Apart from the *Koki* (see above) the only activity for the Islands trade currently proceeding in Sydney is the building of a 40-ft towboat by C. A. M. Fisher and Sons, of La Perouse, for the BSIP Government.

This contract has been arranged by the firm of Captain W. L. Kennedy.

It is expected that the job will take about 5 months to complete and the craft will be taken to Honiara by one of the Bank line ships to go into lighterage service.

THE WANDERING *WAIMANA*

In September, 1954, two young men, James Fitzgerald and Raymond Williams, left New Zealand in a 26-ft ketch, the *Waimana*.

Since that time they have visited Sydney, Brisbane, Lord Howe Island, Noumea, the New Hebrides, the Banks Islands and Santa Cruz.

They arrived in Honiara, BSIP, about the middle of June.

Although the ketch has an auxiliary motor, they have travelled under sail. At present they are working in Honiara, but plan to leave in a few weeks, returning to New Zealand via New Georgia and the Queensland Barrier Reef.

A *MELANESIAN* FOR BSIP

A new British Solomon Islands ship which goes under the official title of a Government Scheduled Services Vessel, a long-needed requirement in the Protectorate, was launched in Hongkong in July and is expected to be completed some time in September.

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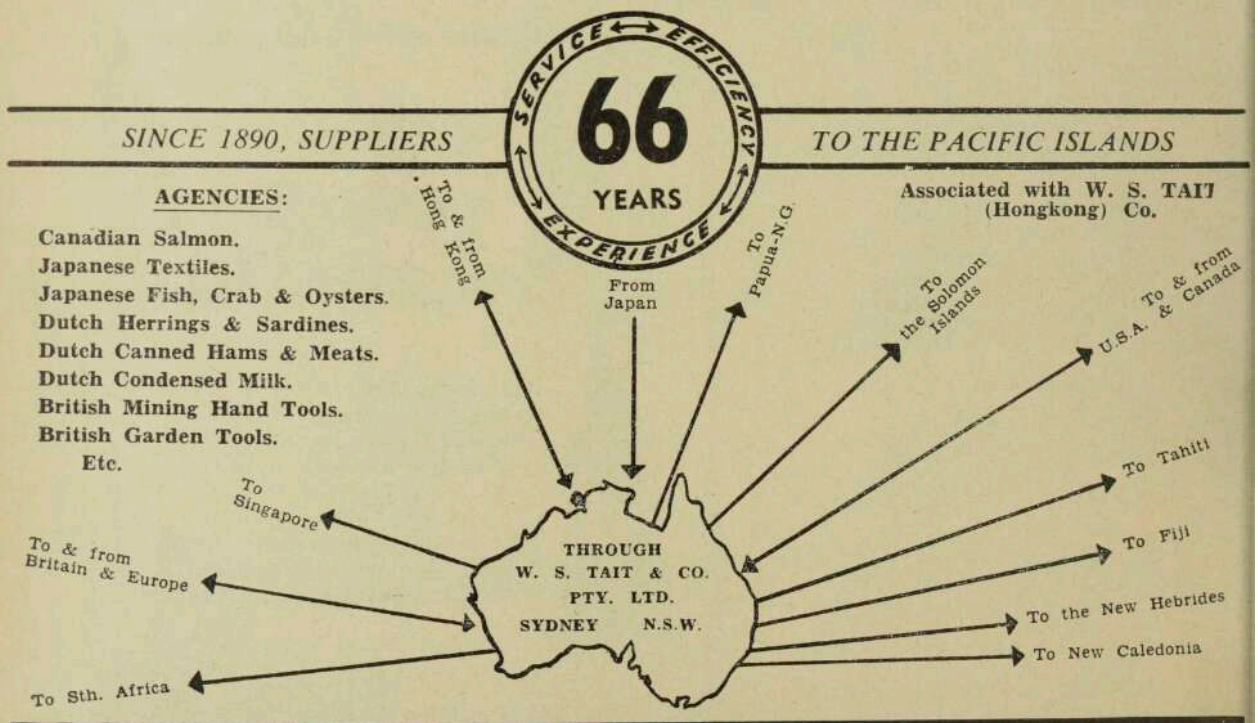
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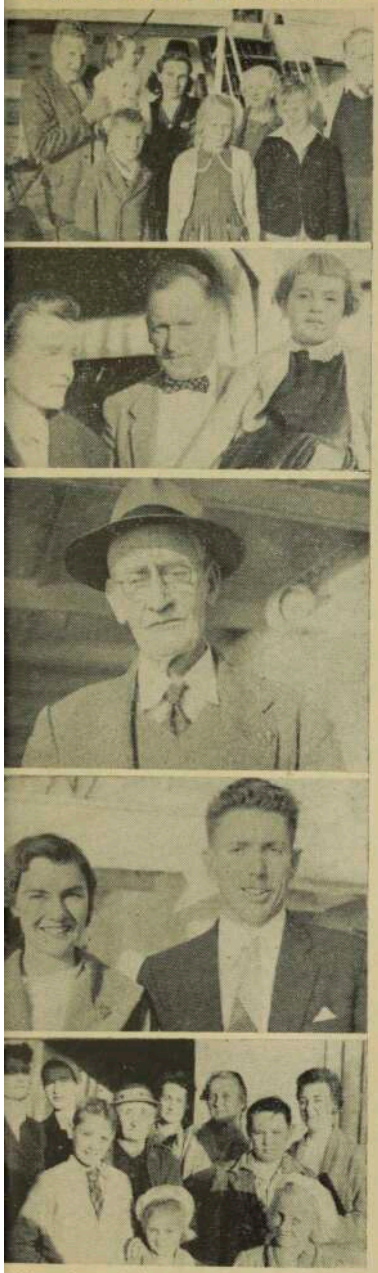
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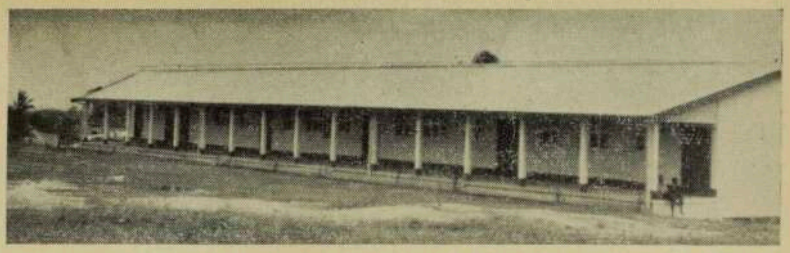
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M.V. Malaita Travellers



ailing from Sydney on the "Malaita" for G on June 20 were (top to bottom):
Mr. and Mrs. P. (Snow) Baker, with their children, Peter, Paul, Marguerite, John Yorie, being seen off by relatives. They e returning to Wewak.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Manson, and their daughter erley. They are returning to Lae, after ve, where Mr. Manson is an Administration cer.
Mr. M. Cameron, a coffee planter at Goroka, has been in Australia on leave.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacobsen returning to Lae r leave. Mr. Jacobsen is on the staff of Department of Agriculture.
Mrs. H. W. Johnson returning after Australian ve to Keravat, New Britain. Among the up farewelling her were several former ific Islands residents.

Suva's New Secondary School



St. Joseph's Secondary School, which was opened by Bishop Foley on April 29. Among those present at the opening were Sir Hugh and Lady Ragg, the Hon. J. Falvey and Mrs. Falvey, the Acting Mayor of Suva, and the Deputy Director of Education. The school, which has four large classrooms, a staff room and an office, is on the site of the old golf links, near the CWM Hospital.—Photo: Jack Thornton.

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AKING RAW MATERIAL
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aua Shell Industry or Rarotonga

ATE in June, the roof went onto a new factory at Tupapa, Rarotonga; and across the island at orangi it was reported that a ture theatre might soon be con-ted into another factory.

The Tupapa factory has been ected by Mr. Joseph M. Finnegan, leading New Zealand manufac-ing jeweller, and it will produce well known New Zealand paua-ell (abilone) jewellery.

Mr. Finnegan found in his Auck-d factory that Cook Islanders oved skilful workers in cutting d carving the shell, as well as wood carving. The difficulty in is to hold skilled workers, so conceived the idea of establish-a factory in the Cook Islands.

About 40 workers will be em-yed and these will have to be ined, then operations will be left der the direct control of a skilled ok Islands foreman.

All the shell will be shipped m New Zealand, together with necessary metal mountings. ese will be silver-plated at Raro-nga and the shell cut, polished d fitted to them. The completed oches, etc., will be marketed in w Zealand.

ome wood carving work and some ther-of-pearl-shell work, using al shell, may also be done.

The Arorangi picture theatre was ently purchased by Mr. Jim gram, together with a store, from Taripo family. Mr. Ingram is partner in the firm of United and Traders Ltd., which also has interest in the Rarotonga cloth-and boot-making factories.

is believed that the Adminis-tration is in the mood to wel-come any and all forms of local dustry in the Cook Islands. A d many people are of the opinion t the encouragement of such in-stries would provide a very im-rtant boost to the territory's nomic difficulties, just as the ablishment of American manu-turing industries in Puerto Rico s lifted the living standards of t formerly destitute territory.

With Cook Islands taxation now der revision the time seems portune to adjust the law so that ns operating in the Cooks will registered there and not in New aland, as at present.

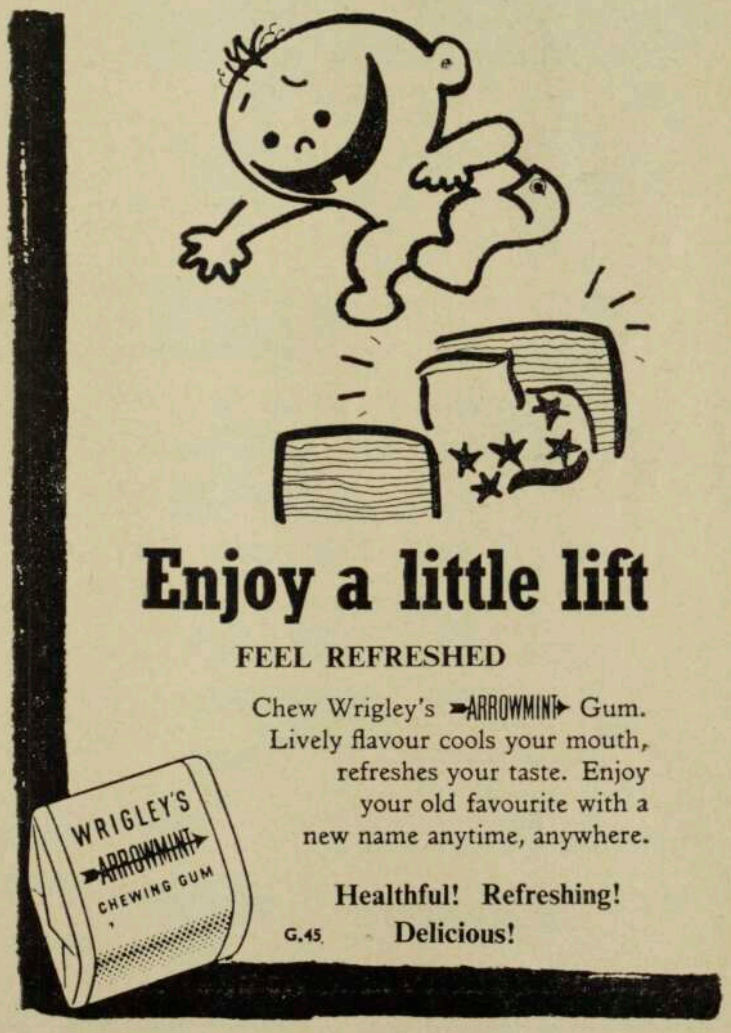
Taxation incentives should then given to such industries, and Cook Islands exchequer would efit directly from the taxation all companies. Such taxes rently go into general New aland revenue and do not con-bute to the finances of the Cooks.

Travellers Return Home in June



Amongst those who sailed on "Shansi" from Sydney for P-NG ports on June 11 were, left, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Cochrane, who were returning to Moresby with their three children. Mr. Cochrane conducts the native sessions over 9PA, and Mrs. Renata Cochrane is well-known as a cookery expert.

Right: District Commissioner L. J. O'Malley, who returned to Kikori, Papua, after leave.



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The Manager of the Fiji Tobacc Co. (Mr. J. W. Ellis) said that th first seeds had been planted an some of the young plants wer already coming through. The plan would be grown by Fijian an Indian farmers under expert super vision.

Mr. Ellis said that tobacco grow ing was a highly technical under taking, and it was also necessary t find the most suitable soil an climate.

Fiji grows tobacco leaf of th cheroot type, and cheroots are mac from it. Cheroot smokers say that a times the local product is quite goo but, probably due to faults in th preparation of the leaf, lacks con sistency.

While cigarette smokers will cer tainly welcome still cheaper cig arettes (prices having already bee lowered by the two companies wh make cigarettes locally from im ported leaf), non-smokers may per haps wonder how the Governmer will make up the loss of duty o imported tobacco, and in what direc tions.—*Suva Correspondent.*

EXCISE—NO TROUBLE AT AL

Fiji now has two cigarette fac tories, both in Suva. One is a sub sidiary of W. D. and H. O. Will which has been producing St brand cigarettes since last yea The other is a subsidiary Carreras Ltd., whose cigarettes fro their Walu Bay factory went on th market in Fiji on May 30 this yea These cigarettes are Crown brand.

Both companies retail their pr duct at 8d. for 10 cigarettes. It emphasised, however, that the lo price does not indicate an inferi product. They are able to sell the at this price because of existin differential between duty and exci duties. Import duty on 10 cigarett imported from the UK is 7½ excise duty on 10 cigarettes is 3d.

Freight and packaging for tropic conditions must also be taken in the cost of the imported article.

The Government will, of cours lose directly in revenue—but doub less the Government considered th when giving the companies per mission to operate in the Colon To counter this loss, the compani

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creating secondary industries
l thus an avenue of employment
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m the company and its employees.
When (or if) the time comes when
Fiji leaf is used in local cig-
ttes, it doubtless will be no in-
erable hurdle for the Govern-
nt to amend the existing excise
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f the Fiji Government is in doubt
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NG will no doubt be happy to
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l no difficulty at all in amend-
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oriously compiled in English and
moan. The presentation copy had
message of appreciation on the
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es of most of the Old Boys, as
ll as those of many associates
d friends of the author.



This photograph shows a crew of local Fiji girls running the fast packing machine in Carreras factory at Walu Bay, Suva. The two cigarette factories in Fiji have given employment to Fijian, Indian and Euronesian girls. (Block loaned by Carreras, Ltd.)

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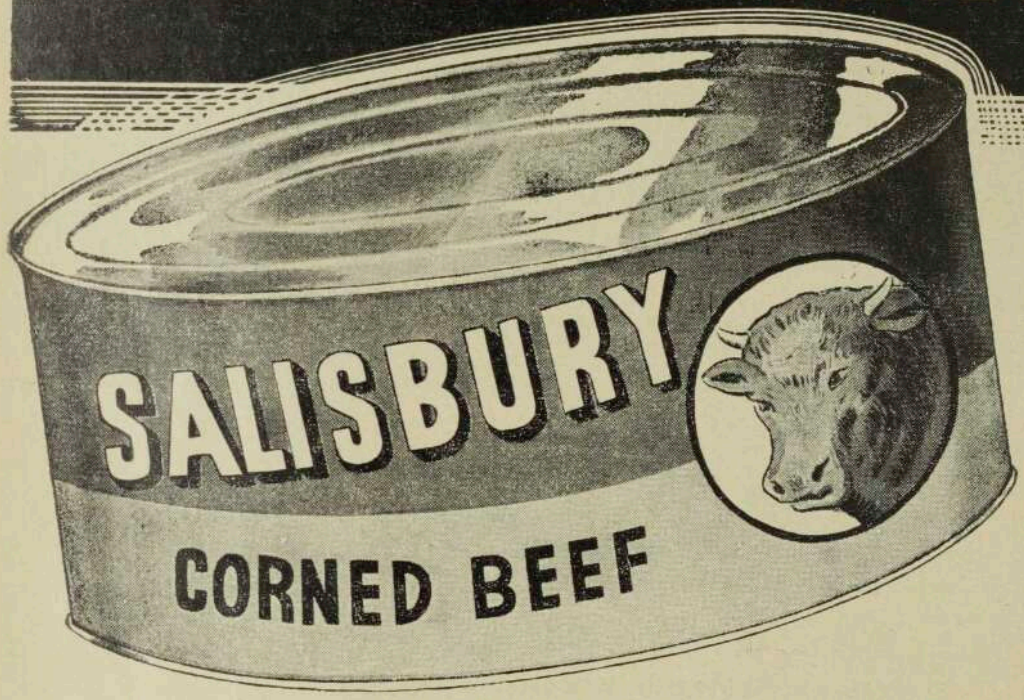
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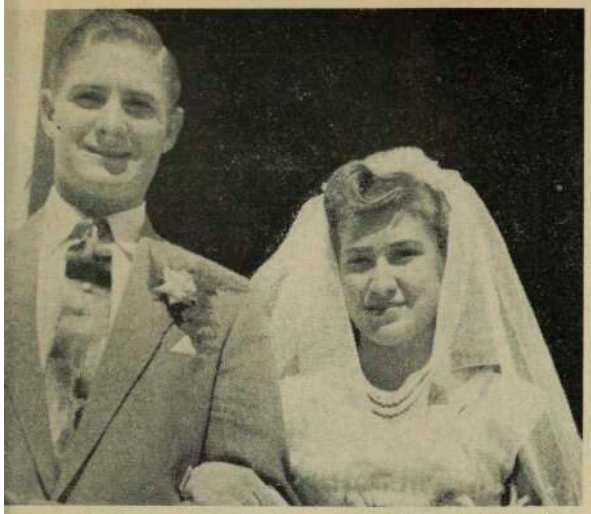
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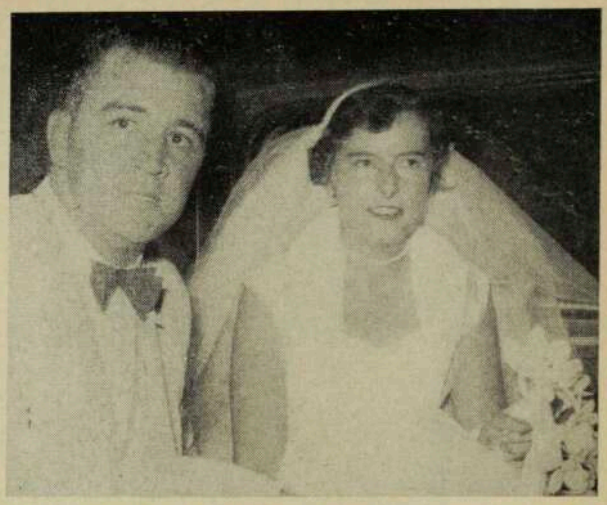
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Weddings in Rarotonga and Port Moresby



AT LEFT: Mr. Norman Allen of the Radio Station staff, Rarotonga, ok Is., and Miss Here Evaroa, of Arorangi, were married at the atangiia LMS Church on May 19. This photo shows the bride and oom leaving the church. Photo: Ronald Powell.



RIGHT: at the Catholic Church, Port Moresby, on June 14, Miss Elizabeth McDonald was married to Mr. Ken Julian, well-known local footballer.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

Miss K. M. Jupp, demographer of e Australian National University Canberra, arrived in W. Samoa June to supervise the taking of e Samoan census on September this year. American Samoa has reed to take its census on the me date.

¶ Well-known Entomologist, Dr. J. L. Gressit, from the Bishop Museum, Hawaii, made a brief visit to the BSIP during June. He arrived in P-NG in March and has been investigating coconut pests in the several Territories.

† The first Apex Club outside of Australia has recently been formed in Port Moresby. About 25 potential members attended the Apex Inaugural dinner in early June. Apex clubs throughout Australia have earned a reputation for community service.

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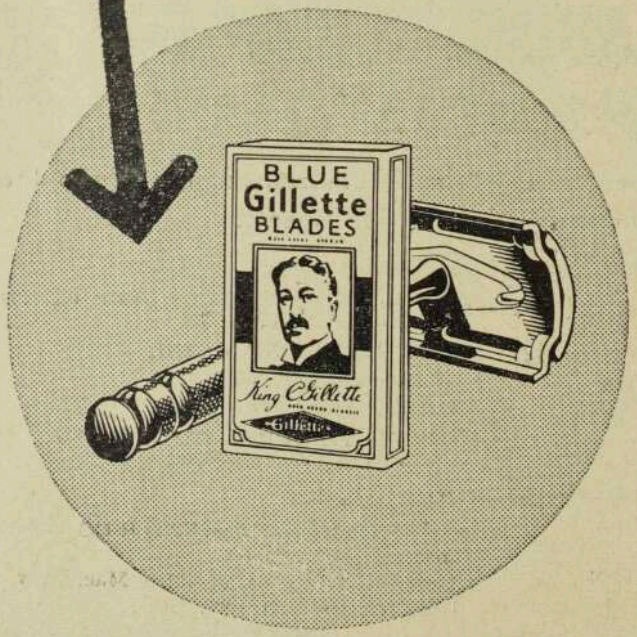
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RESURGENT?

Albert Henry Ends 8 Years Exile

BACK in the Cook Islands aga after eight years absence, M Albert Henry, leader of the Coo Islands Progressive Associatio demonstrated that he is still popular as ever.

He has been in Auckland sin shortly after the industrial disturb ances in Rarotonga in 1948.

At that time a detachment police was flown to Rarotonga restore order when the CIPA su porters clashed with the register waterfront labour union workers.

When originally formed, and aga now, the ideas of the CIPA c incided with those of co-operati societies now widely established ar prospering throughout the Pacif But somewhere along the rou political trouble-makers in Ne Zealand exploited a situation of e treme discontent that existed in th Cooks in immediate post-war yea

To date, through misdirection, ar little official support, all CIP producer co-operative plans ha gone awry, and a substantial su of money contributed by the mar members has been frittered away

But the faith of Henry's su porters has not waned, as wa amply demonstrated in June, whe *umukais* and speeches of welcon were held all round the island ar a substantial contribution to th leader's fare from Auckland co lected.

Persons who should know, est mate that at least 75 per cent. Cook Islanders are still enthusiast supporters not only of Albert Henr but of the CIPA idea.

With a view of introducing th well-proved co-operative societi into the Cooks, the Administratio last year belatedly appointed highly qualified and experience Registrar of Co-operatives, M Noakes, who has done a good de of preparatory publicity work sin his arrival. Unfortunately, he wa at an outer island during M Henry's visit, but Mr. Henry wa well received by senior Administra tion officials in what could be *rapprochement* move.

Though the CIPA news-sheet ha been critical of what it wrong looked on as an Administration co operatives' scheme, there was thoughtful look in Mr. Henry eye when he returned to Aucklan

There appears now to be n reason at all why the CIPA cou not form itself into a series of co operatives under the guiding han of the Registrar of Co-operative That way success is almost certai If Mr. Henry is wise he will l bygones be bygones and throw h clearly powerful influence int

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undly based plans to help his ople help themselves.
Mr. Henry announced on his re- rn that he would be quitting his o, at least temporarily, with a big ickland mail-order house, to re- rn to his home island of Aitutaki, August. He would plant up land th Malayan dwarf coconuts and her produce. Meanwhile he would udy explanatory literature given him by the office of the Registrar Co-operatives to see if their ethods and his coincided.—JPS.

¶ Mr. A. M. Greenwood, new Solicitor-General, Fiji, arrived in Suva with Mrs. Greenwood on June 26. Mr. Greenwood was formerly Registrar of the Supreme Court and Crown Counsel, Uganda.

† Some of the displays that went to make the £1,000,000 French Exhibition, held in conjunction with the Sydney Royal Show, at Easter, were later taken to New Caledonia and figured there in a "Week of the French Empire."

Team that Beat the Fijians at Rugby



A football team from the Public Works Department, Lautoka, Fiji, passed through Nukualofa the "Matua" in mid-June on their way to Samoa and played a Rugby game with a local m representing the Nukualofa Clubs. The local team won 11 to 5. Our photograph shows ning team. —Photo by Hettig.

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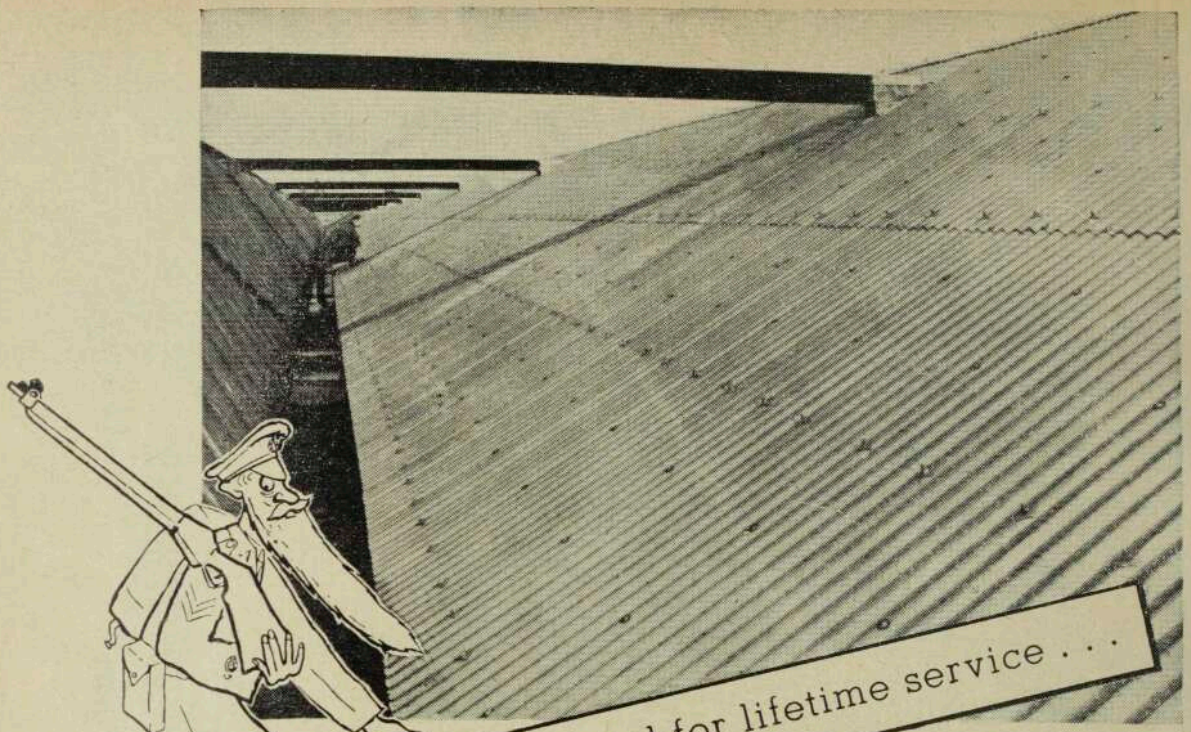
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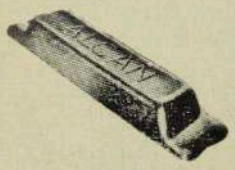
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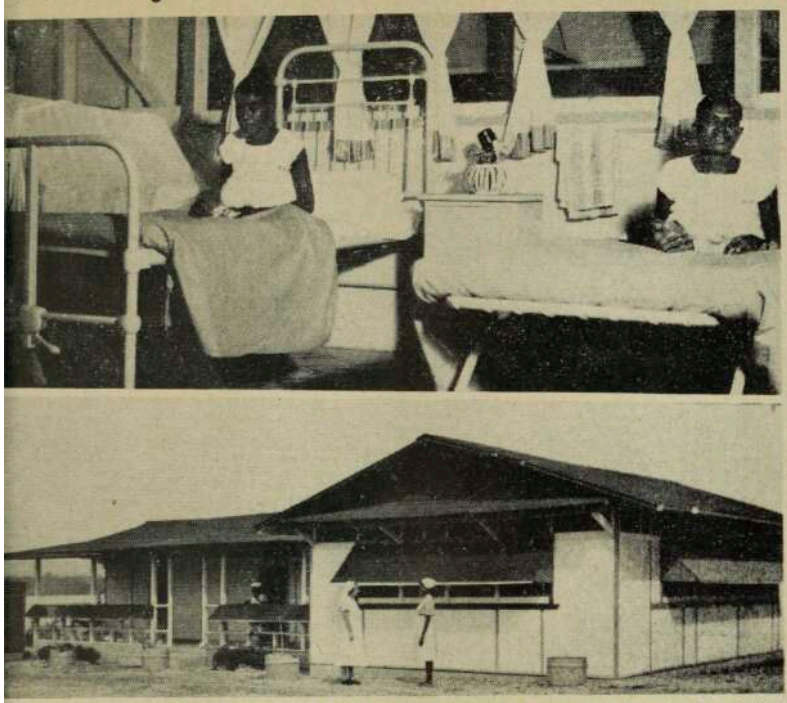
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—Photos by Walter Barker.

No Pineapple Cannery for Lae

THE company that was formed to grow and can pineapples in Lae, New Guinea, has decided not to go on with the project. Reasons for the decision are not known.

Early this year a group of Lae residents decided to exploit the idea of a pineapple cannery. It was believed that New Guinea could produce sufficient pines to make 10,000 tons of canned pineapple per annum. A market for this was said to be assured.

There have been many attempts in the Pacific to establish pineapple canneries but soon or later they appear to come up against insuperable obstacles.

The most successful was that of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, near Nadi, Fiji. This cannery, after functioning for 20 years, was closed down a few months ago. The CSR announced that it was uneconomic; lack of more suitable land to extend the pineapple plantations was one factor in the company's decision.

A census will be taken in New Caledonia at the end of the year. The last was in 1951.

¶ The Governor of Fiji and Lady Garvey paid an official visit to the Island of Rabi, home of the Banaban community (Ocean Islanders), July 2-5.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. John Emery, with their two sons, arrived in Lae, New Guinea, in mid-June to make their home in the Territory again after an absence of almost 20 years. Mrs. Emery was Eileen Wilde, and was born in Kavieng, New Ireland, daughter of a well known Territory pioneer. Mr. Emery was a well-known resident of Morobe; both left the Territory shortly before World War II.

† Many people were awakened in Lae, NG, in the early hours of June 13 by an earth tremor which lasted ten seconds. Vulcanological equipment registered the tremor as Strength 4. It occurred at 3.12 a.m.; there was no damage.

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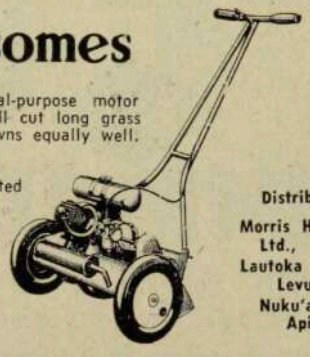
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TRIBUTE TO LILIAN OVERELL

She Wrote About NG Before the Mandate

LILIAN Sarah Overell died Hobart in her 87th year, May 20, 1956, at her residen "Beauregard," Davey Street.

To me, personally, her death a broken link with my Hob childhood, and with the daught of early Tasmanian pioneeri stock, a woman of courage a fortitude, of culture, who was wid travelled and always keenly i terested in women's movements a social services.

However, most will remember h for her book on New Guinea, writt in 1920's, and published by T Bodley Head Publishing Hou London, in 1923, under the title *A Woman's Impressions of Germ New Guinea.*

This is now of historical i portance as it describes a pha about which little is known—t transition period between Germ and Australian Administration.

In 1920, I was at Samarai, livi at "House Platt," a roomy co fortable bungalow on a corner ne "The Monument," when in t beauty of one Samarai mornin came two interesting visitors fro the newly berthed *Morinda.*

Mrs. Baldy, sister of Mrs. Flo Stewart, of Lae, then the ve handsome wife of a Port Moresb Magistrate, came in to tea and garden chat and brought a "touris to call and see my caladiums.

Imagine my surprise when t tourist turned out to be a link wi my early C of E school in Hoba and I was hailed "as an old gi with mutual chatter and queries.

From Samarai, Miss Overell we on to Rabaul, after having had battle royal with the powers-tha be when she had approached t Defence Department (Civil Admi istration had not then begun), f permission to go to The Territory

The Defence Department replie as a Government department woul that "There was no accommodatio for women in Rabaul." They kne little about the spirit and determ ination of Miss Overell! She we and furthermore, she had a pas port fully endorsed to do so.

It was as a guest of the renowne and most hospitable hostess of tho years, Mrs. Parkinson, of Kokop sister of Queen Emma Forsayt that Miss Overell got her i sight into real plantation li and local conditions, and t problems of the Germans, who property was being expropriated. A well, she had a zest for knowledg a fine cultural training, a sense history and a knowledge of the Ge man language. In her book the are fine pen pictures of the Parki

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n household, of the late R. J. H. argett's heroic and kindly per- nality and of many others of out- anding ability and influence in rly Rabaul.

In a very recent letter received st before she died, she was eply concerned about West New uinea, and Indonesia's claim to at area. Although approaching 90, e expressed a wish that she might as a "delegate to the League of ations," where she thought her owledge of German, French and alian would be of service. She was ill a battler!

Her own life had been an ad- nturous one. Born in Launceston, e went with her sisters to Europe be educated; later she joined the ousehold of General Von Jacobe in Veisbaden, where she was head of ur governesses to the young family, ho frequently joined the Kaiser's ildren in play. She returned ventually to open Camelot College, Wahroonga, Sydney. From there ent to Hobart to The Hobart rammar School, ultimately joining r sisters to establish a college at r family home.—*ALICE ALLEN VNES.*

The Suva Bowling Club Open ournament opened on June 23 ith 28 visiting bowlers from Aus- alia and NZ competing, as well as local players.

SUVA OVERCOMES ITS DIAL-PHONE NERVES

PROBABLY the people to suffer most during the introduction of automatic telephones to Suva, were members of the local Fire Brigade. An unfortunate mis-print in the new telephone book gave a private resident the Fire Brigade's number, with the result that every time anyone rang this family, the gong sounded in the Fire Station.

However, the chief engineer of the telephone department reports that the bugs attendant on the change-over to the new system have been ironed out quicker than believed and the margin of errors of telephone users has been less than anticipated.

There had been some speculation as to how Suva's mixed population, many of whom cannot read English, would react to the new medium. Some elderly Indians and elderly Chinese knew enough English to ask the exchange for a number but scarcely enough to read the telephone dial. But even these are learning.

The emergency number, 999, took a beating—some calls on this number were believed to be maliciously made by persons with a misplaced sense of humour. One person continued to dial this number so persistently from a public phone box that the police had time to get there and catch him still at it. He was let off with a caution.

† Advice has been received that during the month of May, 1956, approximately 129 ounces of gold were recovered from approximately 8,500 cubic yards of material treated by Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd.

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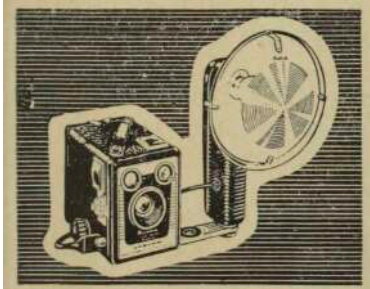
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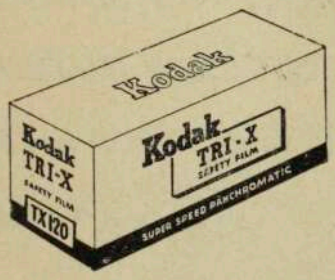
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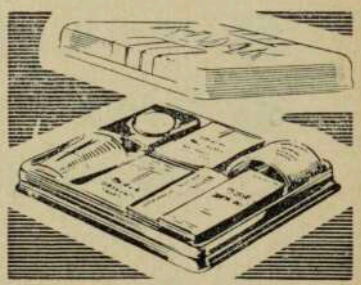
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HAT A 2-DAYS TOURIST CAN DO WITH HALF-TRUTHS AND EXAGGERATION

HE Sydney Bulletin, *in its issue of June 13, published a mis-chievous summary of political id social conditions in Fiji, ritten by someone signing himself CC (NZ). Indications are that he some sort of half-baked journalist, ho spent a few hours in Suva hile a tourist ship was in port. Without knowing anything of ji's history—especially in the last years—he said that Fiji has too uch autocratic rule; that the hite man oppresses the Indian and cploits the Fijian; that the system permitted liquor-drinking is lop-ded and based on racial prejudices; at autocracy and the Government ntrol the local news-stories; that jian ex-servicemen were excluded om Anzac Day reunions; that is racial discrimination and tocratic rule provide a "nursery communism."*

The following is the substance of reply sent to The Bulletin *for ublication by Mr. R. W. Robson:*

AS one who has known Fiji intimately for 25 years, and as Publisher of *Pacific Islands Monthly* and Publisher and part-owner of *The Fiji Times*, I protest strongly against the farrago of nonsense which you have published in your issue of June 13, under heading of "The White Man's Burden."

It is typical of the cunning exaggerations and vicious half-truths which now find their way into print in many newspapers, and which completely misrepresent conditions in countries somewhat off the beaten track. I deal *seriatim* with the absurdities supplied by your contributor.

Colour distinctions in Fiji exist mostly in the minds of a small section of Indians, who suffer a perpetual inferiority complex. The great majority of Europeans, Indians, Fijians, Chinese and part-Europeans dwell quite harmoniously together. I have seen nothing such as your imaginative contributor describes—and I have been living in the midst of them for months.

I know of no hotel bar that is closed to persons of any colour, so long as they have a permit to drink alcohol. There *is* a very serious and increasing liquor problem in Fiji—but it is caused, not as a result of some races being forbidden to drink, but because they *are* allowed to drink.

The permit system was introduced because all races insisted that they should have equality in this respect; and it is now likely to be revised because it has been and is being so gravely abused.

The majority of Indians can hold their liquor quite well; but the majority of Fijians and Fijian-Europeans, definitely cannot. Drunken disorder and noise are increasing, especially at week-ends, and now are so serious that casual visitors are appalled by what they can see and hear, even around so well-conducted a place as the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Of all the Islanders I know—and I know the lot—the Fijian is outstanding as Nature's gentleman; yet there is something in the Fijian make-up which reacts horribly to alcohol—with a few drinks, he becomes a howling and irresponsible savage.

About 25 per cent. of the trained Fijian school-teachers produced at Nasinu College have to be cancelled out as teachers because of drunkenness—a very serious problem to which not enough attention has been given.

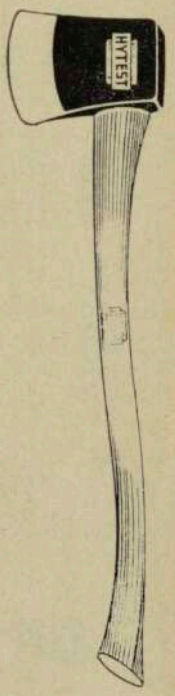
Personally, I would keep liquor away from all Fijians, except in special cases.

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YOUR contributor animadverts on the Fiji political system, under which the British Governor is a complete autocrat, and the average man has no vote. It was discovered, by trial and error, 20 years ago, that any large measure of self-government, based on a common roll, is quite impracticable, so long as the present community set-up remains.

The Fijians, although literate in Fijian, are still mostly ruled and directed in all everyday affairs by their village chiefs, and know nothing and care less about self-government.

The British, under the Deed of Cession, must protect the Fijians' land rights. The Fijians, numbering 140,000, own the land. The Indians, numbering 165,000, own practically no land, and naturally are land-hungry.

What would happen if all the people were given voting rights? Inevitably, the Indians would seize political power; and, inevitably, they would try to share land rights with the Fijians. That, surely, would lead to a struggle between Fijians and Indians.

People say: If they can give increasing self-government to Mauritius (which is so similar to Fiji), why not to Fiji? There is a fundamental difference. In Mauritius (which I visited last year) the non-Indians are a mixture of people from Africa and Asia—there is no indigenous race, with irrevocable land rights, as in Fiji. Until the Fijians change their communal system of life—and they are changing quickly, now—the only kind of Government likely to maintain the present peace and harmony in the Colony is the present system—a wise Governor with unrestricted powers, advised by a Legislative Council that is partly elective partly nominative.

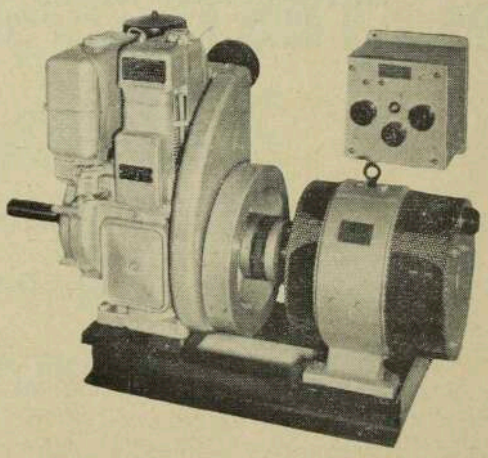
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ERTAIN Indian agitators, strongly anti-European, have been working upon a section of Indian cane-growers, but they ve not achieved much.
The great majority of the Fiji-n and educated Indians are rthy people, good citizens, and trouble-makers; the relations ween them and the British are te good; and they accept the pre-it non-representative administra-n as a necessary stage between old, communal set-up and the ainment of a new system of in-asing self-government, based on ater education and the gradual appearance of racial barriers.
Keep the political agitators and irresponsible, sensation-seeking rnalists out of Fiji, and Fiji will very well indeed, and will con-ue to provide all four races with secure and comfortable home.

The Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald rvey, accompanied by Lady rvey, is to pay a State visit to nga (including outer islands), m July 30 to August 9. In kualofa, capital of Tonga, they ll stay at the British Residency guests of the British Agent and nsul, Mr. C. R. H. Nott. Functions their honour have been arranged Queen Salote.

Major C. A. Swinbourne, of Syd-y, who is known to very many cific Islands residents as the hos-table President of the Pacific lands Society, suffered a heart at-ck at the end of June, and was ken to the Manly District Hospital r special treatment. He is making good recovery, but is instructed to ke life "quietly" in future.

TOURISTS TAKE OVER IN MORESBY

OVER 1,000 tourists from the cruising P and O *Himalaya* descended on Port Moresby *en masse* on June 26.

They were welcomed by Police and Pacific Infantry Regiment Bands on the wharf; and taxis, buses and shops did a roaring trade for the 24 hours that the ship was in port.

The most popular target for amateur photographers was the native policeman on duty at the corner of Musgrave St. At times he was so surrounded by photographers that he must have had extreme difficulty in concentrating on his work.

At night the native community put on a Sing-sing for the visitors; and the Europeans arranged a Ball.

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† A consignment of Aberdeen Angus stud bulls reached Port Moresby late June for the Administration. They went first to Bisinumu and later will go to the Lowlands Livestock Station. The Agriculture Department estimates that there are now about 10,000 head of cattle in Papua-New Guinea. Practically the entire cattle population of the Territory was wiped out during the war. Immediately before it there were about 25,000.

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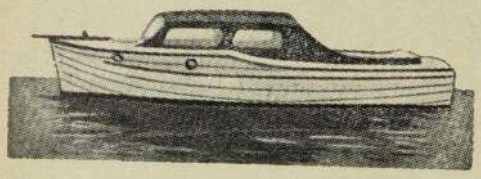
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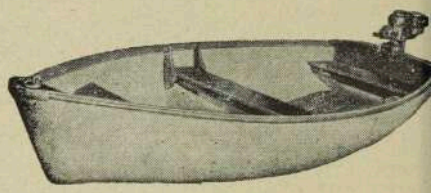


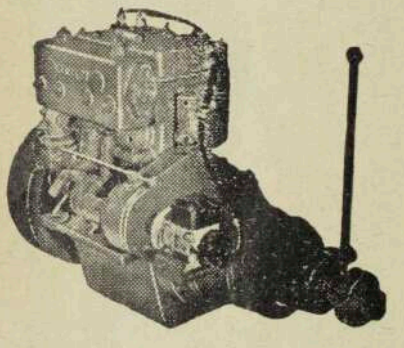
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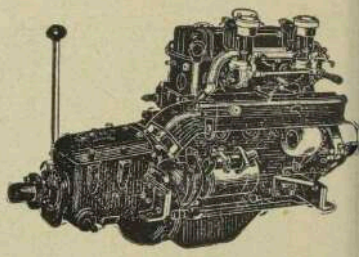


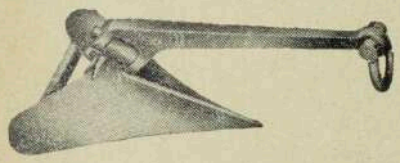
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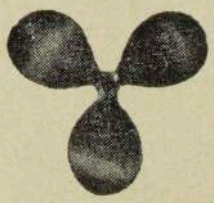
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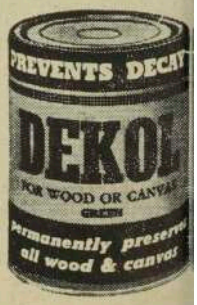


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INISTERIAL SENSITIVITY TO ADVERSE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

By J. P. Shortall, who recently spent 3 months in the Cooks.

ERSONS interested in Cook Islands affairs were treated to an extraordinary display of nisterial sensitivity and anger re-itly, following the appearance of eries of signed articles by a staff iter in the *Auckland Star*.

The articles were factual, well cumented, and in fact were based gely on the recently published ace-Belshaw report on the Cook ands. They were written in mod-ate language with no tendency natever towards sensationalism.

The writer's sin, however, seems have been that he gave publicity some of the darker facets of oks Islands affairs.

To residents of the Cooks, who ree with almost all that was itten, it is a mystery why the inister of Island Territories took y public notice of the articles at l.

Immediately following the appear-ice of the articles a long and stly telegram was despatched to arotonga by the Minister. The ay *Cook Islands Review* was on oint of publication there, and the legram appeared as a special sup-lement occupying almost two of its ages.

The inference to be drawn from is lengthy outburst can only be at (a) the Minister was annoyed at the Stace-Belshaw Report was utspoken where criticism (as well s praise) was called for; and (b) hat he was even more annoyed hat the Report (which was never rinted, but available only in type-ritten form) was given publicity n a leading New Zealand daily ewspaper.

Additional to the lengthy state-ent issued by the Minister—and a ubsequent lengthy statement fol-owing comment on the first by the *uckland Star*, the Minister in-tructed the Administration in Rarotonga to engage a local pro-essional photographer to cover Rarotonga.

This photographer was busy for a week and eventually delivered many dozens of photographs which were rushed off to Wellington by first mail. How they are to be used is not yet clear, but a re-issue of the Department's 1950 illustrated booklet on the Group is thought likely.

The Minister took particular ex-ception to a photo of a Cook Islands house which appeared with one article in the *Star*.

His comments on this photo of a very typical Cook Islands house—hundreds could be found in far worse condition at Rarotonga—surely indicates that he is unaware of just how bad the housing situation is.

The *Star* articles did not imply that the present Government was responsible for all the ills of the Group, but the Minister implied that the Stace-Belshaw Report was now "being used by ill-disposed persons as a weapon to discredit the New Zealand Government in the eyes of the people of the Cook Islands."

ONE aspect of CI affairs that the *Star* writer barely mentioned was the medical situation, by far the worst blot in the Cook Islands record.

While it exists there will be many who agree with the "Star" that the whole of New Zealand's £1-million annual contribution to the Colombo Plan should be diverted to her own Territory.

At the present time there is a mobile mass X-ray survey being carried out in the Cooks. Everyone associated with it is emphatic that it is an utter waste of money unless immediately followed up by the necessary drugs and equipment to treat sufferers so diagnosed.

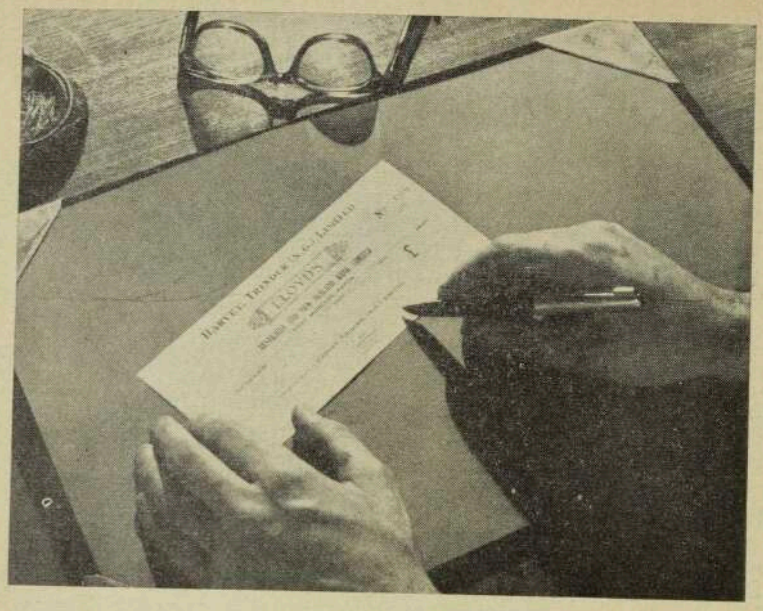
There is no such follow-up and no funds have been made available.

At the present moment there are 90 cases of TB awaiting treatment on Aitutaki alone. Of these, half are dangerous, active cases, living in crowded conditions, inevitably infecting others. There is—or was in June—a waiting list of over 200 cases to enter the only sanatorium, at Rarotonga. Some have waited 2 years. Some have died.

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them at present. So the mass x ray unit goes on its way round th Group telling people they have T —which may worry a few of the to death but will have little oth effect.

The medical department in th Cooks freely admits that when th unit makes its second round in year or so, as it normally shoul few will turn up for X-rays. Wh is the use, if nothing can be don for a cure?

It is also agreed that the housin situation for home treatment satisfactory in only about 2 per cen of all cases diagnosed.

The Minister must be aware o this situation. It has been full surveyed by eminent specialis from New Zealand—but there sharp resentment when such sub jects are brought to the notice o the New Zealand public.

Facing Up To Responsibilitie

On the same subject we hav another opinion, from anothe writer on Islands affairs:

UNLIKE his predecessors, the NZ Minister, Mr. Macdonald, doughty fighter at all times, di not take the *Star's* criticism lyin down. On the contrary, he replie vigorously to his critics, and showe how the NZ Government is facin up to its responsibilities in the Cook Group, although the administratio of the Territory, in any circum stances, is a most uneconomic pro position.

IN the final analysis, the Cook Islanders can enjoy greate prosperity and a higher standar of living only if their products— oranges, tomatoes, some bananas and similar perishable produce—can be conveyed quickly and regularly to market.

That means an expensive ship ping service—so expensive that pri vate enterprise will not provide it without a heavy subsidy. The Cook Islands trade alone is not sufficient to pay for it.

The NZ Government, for many years, has kept the old motorship *Maui Pomare* in this service; and now, rather than face the long de lay and crippling cost of a new ship, contemplates an expensive renovation of the *Maui*.

Cook Islands producers, and local critics and story-hunting journalists all howl about this, and attack the Government. The Minister, quite aptly asks what else the Government can do.

New Zealand already spends on the scattered, lightly-populated archipelago far more than the archipelago is worth, from the NZ taxpayers' point of view.

The same problem crops up in many Pacific Islands administra tions—the British Solomons and the Gilbert and Ellice chain are out standing examples. What is there

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the mere possession of such Terri-
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*The only obvious inference that
be drawn from the divergence
opinion expressed in the two
icles above is that having Islands
ritories is like having children—
h sweet sorrow.—Ed. PIM).*

Mr. R. L. Munro, LLB, of Suva,
been reappointed to the chair-
nship of the Fiji Broadcasting
mmission for a further period of
years. Mr. Munro has given a
at deal of personal time and at-
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ught the organisation very suc-
sfully through its difficult years.

A survey of the soils of Western
moa is at present being under-
ken by Mr. Charles Wright, of the Soil Bureau, of New Zealand. The purpose is to analyse soils in both Upolo and Savaii Islands and prepare a soil map. This will later be followed by a geological survey. The soil map should be of great value to the Agricultural and Lands & Survey Department and also to the Public Works Department in the construction of new roads.

Well-Known Police Inspector Marries



Several hundred guests were present at the reception in the Tivoli Theatre after the recent wedding of Inspector Alfonso Louis Phillip to Miss Rosalina Pouesi held in the Catholic Cathedral, Mulivai, Apia. Pictured above is the bridal group, with Mr. and Mrs. Phillip seated. Standing (left to right): Miss Tina Ripley, Mr. F. Schmidt, Mr. H. A. Levestam, Mr. D. Rasmussen, Miss Veronica Bartley, Miss May Reid. Photo: H. Forsgren.

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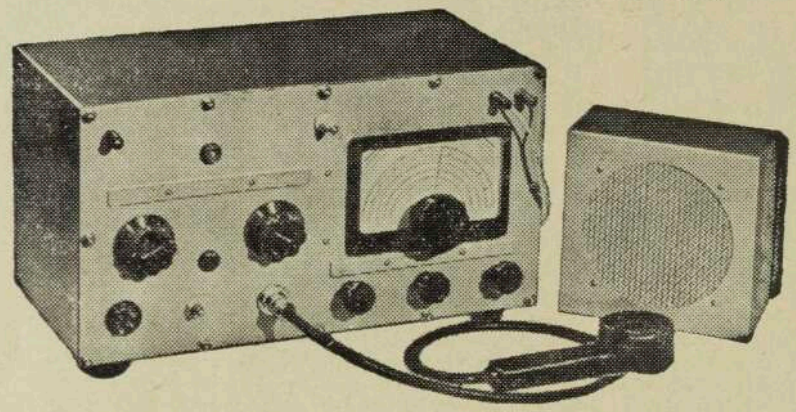
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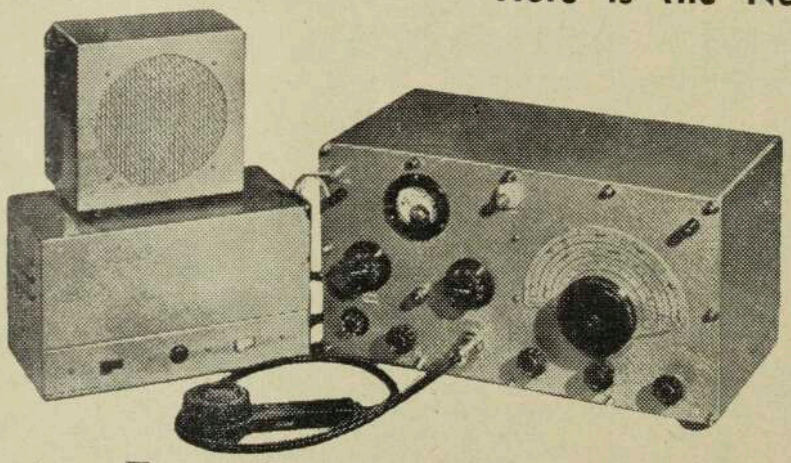


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Bold Plan to Meet Fiji's Ugliest Domestic Problem

(Continued from Page 20)

ance by encouraging private terprise and a wider social and litical outlook among the Fijians. t has made considerable develop- ntal funds available for this rpose. It has created an organ- tion for furthering Fijian in- idual progress, and has appointed ree outstanding leaders among e young Fijians (Ratu Edward kobau, Ratu George Cakobau d Ratu Penaia Ganilau) to the sitions of Developmental Officers. Maybe, the Government feels that has done enough, for the present, this particular field; and it almost ely gets a cold chill at the thought at it may be asked to ask White- ll to provide another £8 millions £12 millions, under Mr. Johnson's an.

But, apart from the merits of Mr. hnson's plan, it would be most wise for the Government of Fiji withhold active encouragement any spontaneous, non-official fort to find a solution of this oblem.

This land difficulty is peculiar to ji, rooted deep in conditions culiar to this Colony; and the ay in which it is handled will ve a vital effect upon the early ture of Fiji. It cannot be solved British officials alone, no matter w sincere, and clever and ex- rienced they may be. A solution n be found only with the co- eration and goodwill of the Fiji- rn communities.

HE Government, instead of merely permitting Mr. Johnson to describe his plan briefly at e end of a Council session, would ve shown a better appreciation of alities if it had insisted on this roposal going forthwith before the ouncil, to become the subject of a ll-dress debate.

All classes in Fiji realise that, un- ss and until there is some sort f adjustment of land usage as be- veen the Fijian and Indian com- unities, there is a danger of a lash. Everyone—including the ighest officials of Government— eem to agree that "something must e done." There is much earnest alk "about it and about"; but, xcept for the framing of a cautious olicy of changing the Fijians' ommunal habits, nothing really has een accomplished.

Meanwhile, there is one inescap- ble and terrifying factor: The ndian population keeps on grow- ng, and the ever-increasing propor- ion of Fiji-born Indians in the ndian community means an ever- harpening demand for a larger hare of Fiji's natural wealth.

Perhaps the contemplation of a ew expenditure of from £8 millions to £12 millions on Fiji *does* hock the Colonial Office. But the lternative is perfectly simple. If the Fiji land problem is not solved reasonably soon, there will be no Colony of Fiji left to shock the British Colonial Office.—R.W.R.

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† A new Catholic church was dedicated at Nassau Island, Northern Cooks, in June. Although Nassau has no permanent population, the island has successive groups of upwards of 100 people from nearby Pukapuka living there. The island is visited by a ship only when cargo offers; it was reported by radio in mid-June that 26 tons of copra were on hand and offers were sought from Rarotonga traders.

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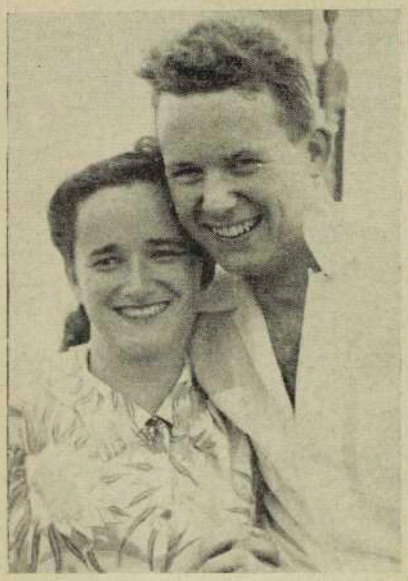
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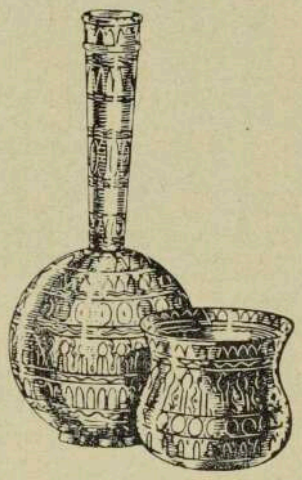
Just back from a world tour with her parents and sister is Miss Jean Watson, of Rarotonga, who has announced her engagement to Mr. John Smith, of Portsmouth, England, at present serving as engineer in the liner "Orion". Mr. Smith will shortly pay off his ship and go to Rarotonga, possibly to join the expanding firm of United Island Traders, of which Miss Watson's father, Mr. William Watson, is head.

NEW GUINEA WOMEN'S CLUB OF SYDNEY

THIRTY-FOUR members of the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney met in the Feminist Club Rooms, 77 King Street, on June 28, for a memorial service t the men who lost their lives on th *Montevideo Maru* in June, 1942. Th service was conducted by Majo Boden.

The annual general meeting o the club will be held in the Kin St. rooms on July 19, at 11 a.m.

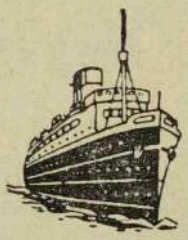
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. ERIC SEAL

Mr. Eric Seal, an old resident of ji, died at Pukekohe, NZ, on May aged 83 years.

He had an adventurous life in the cific. He was born at Melbourne, s father owning three whaling ips. Eric went to sea, trading the Solomons and New Hebrides, d was at one time mate of the *adora*. He first went to Fiji in 92—under the name of Dick aylor—working as an assistant orekeeper at Kadavu. Some time ter, when his father died at bart and a search was made for e son, he was identified as Eric al, his correct name.

After a spell in Australia, Mr. al again returned to Fiji, acquir- g Navoda and Kubulau estates on nua Levu, which he operated suc- ssfully for many years. He was ted for his generosity and during orld War I gave £3,000 to the lgian Relief Fund.

He married a Mrs. Simpson and ere were two children of this arriage, now living in New Zea- nd. Captain Henry Simpson is a epson.

Mr. Seal left Fiji in 1924 to take farming in New Zealand. Since 38, he has lived at Pukekohe in tirement.

MR. JOHN W. RYAN

The death of John W. Ryan curred in the Brisbane General ospital on June 28. He was 70, d a well-known old-time resident both Papua and New Guinea.

He lived in Papua before World ar 1, served throughout that war ith the 11th Light Horse (and ter wrote a book on the Desert ampaign) and after it went to ew Guinea for the Expropriation oard as an Inspector.

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He is survived by his mother, a n, 3 sisters and two brothers. His ife died some years ago.

MR. A. McINTYRE

The death has been reported of Ir. Archie McIntyre, at the Re- atriation Hospital, Sydney, at the arly age of 44.

He was in the Papuan Adminis- ation before World War II. He nlisted in Papua and served over- eas.

He was the son of the late Cap- ain McIntyre, who for many years was wharf superintendent for Burns Philp and Co., in Port Moresby.

MR. LEUNG WAI

The acknowledged leader of the Chinese community of Western Samoa, Mr. Leung Wai, who for many years has played an important part in the Territory's economic life, died suddenly on June 4, aged 71.

He went to Samoa in 1905 as an indentured labourer and worked first for the late H. J. Moors as a laundry-man. He began his meteoric rise to prosperity by running the Matautu Government laundry at Matautu. Later he leased a rubber plantation at Papase'ea and opened a restaurant, butchery and store at Saleufi. He also acquired cocoa and coconut plantations at Alafua and Lata, Savaii.

He helped many of his countrymen to financial independence and was held in great respect and esteem by all sections of the community.

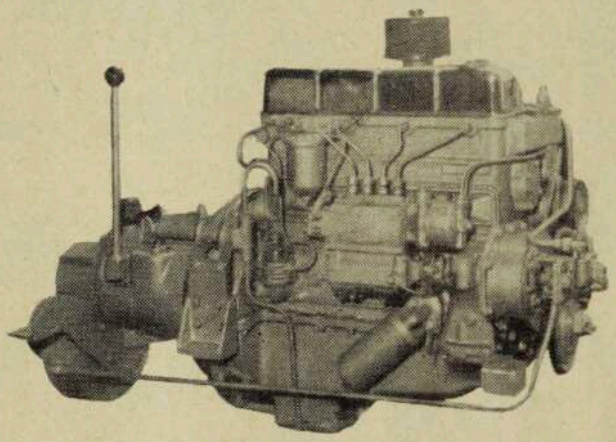
He is survived by his wife, three sons, four daughters and 29 grandchildren.

MR. L. F. D. CARTER

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He was an old soldier of the Firs AIF and a Gallipoli veteran; later in France, he won the Croix d Guerre.

When he was discharged from th Army he went to New Guinea fo the Commonwealth Audit Depart ment, but soon left to engage i private trading; later, in Rabaul, h became local representative f o Vacuum Oil Co. and Sargood Gardiner Ltd. In 1927, he pur chased Tadji Plantation in th Aitape District and while there tried his hand at gold prospecting.

He disposed of his New Guinea interests just before the beginning of World War II, and returned t Australia, where he conducted hotels in Tasmania, Victoria and Queens land.

"Nick" Carter was always in teresting company; he had a re tentive memory and a never-failing fund of New Guinea stories to re late.

He is survived by his wife.

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THE New Guinea-Australia Line's *Shansi* performed a new sort o task in July when she towed the 600 tons *Melinga* from Port Moresby

Shansi arrived in Sydney on July 9, completing the 1,500-mile tow after a fairly smooth trip.

The *Melinga*, which was working under charter to the Australian Petroleum Co., had broken down and Swire and Yuill, Australian agents, contracted for *Shansi* to tow it to Sydney. Tow commenced from Moresby on June 29.

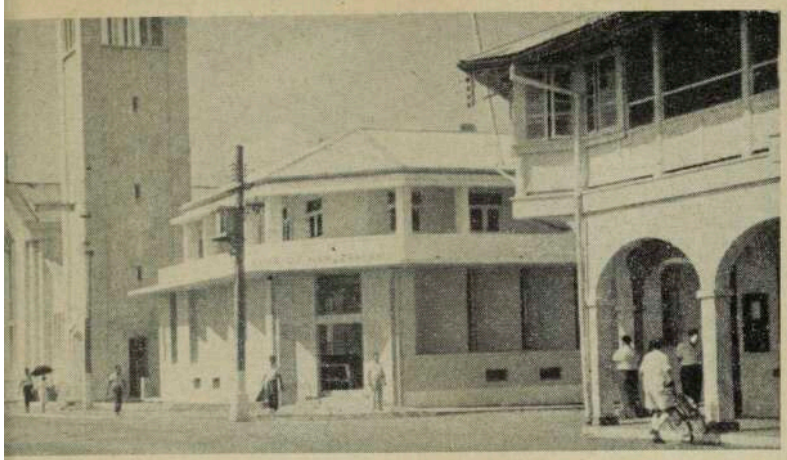
The *Melinga*, formerly owned by the North Coast Steam Navigation Company, and now owned by W Bern Shipping Pty. Ltd., has gone into dock for repairs.

The repairs and refitting will take about six weeks, but no decision has yet been made as to the vessel's future.

¶ Two Federal Cabinet Ministers visited Papua-New Guinea in July They were Interior and Works Min ister Fairhall; and Army Minister Cramer. Both are newcomers to Cabinet.

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The Changing Face of Apia



With the completion of the new Bank of New Zealand building (centre), there will be line of modern concrete buildings along Beach Road, Apia, W. Samoa, including Burns Philp Post Office, the new bank, the Methodist Church and the new Wesley Book Shop. Built on old White Horse Taxi stand, by Australian Les Pearson, who also built the Methodist Church side it, the bank is expected to be completed in August.

—Photo by R. F. Rankin.

Two 16-year-olds, Patrick and hn Poon, landed a 250-lb groper Kavieng, New Ireland, on June It had been lurking in the inity of the Kavieng swimming ol for some months and had aded all efforts to land it.

† New Guinea Gold in May treated nearly 4,000 tons of ore with a return of 1,179 ounces of gold and 1,317 ounces of silver. During the month, more than 280,000 super feet of timber was cut in the Bulolo Valley.

IS IT WORTHWHILE?

Fiji's Record Haul of Rhino Beetles

THE first rhinoceros beetle was found in Fiji, near Suva wharf, in early 1953 (although it is probable that the pest was established there a year or so before) and stern measures were taken then, and since to control the spread of the insect.

Yet, in spite of these efforts—and the expenditure of a considerable amount of money derived from grants and a levy on copra—in one week in June, there was a record find of 76 adult beetles, plus 135 grubs.

Over a year ago the Fiji Coconut Pests and Diseases Board, which is in charge of the anti-rhinoceros beetle campaign, stated in a report that Fiji appeared to be losing the fight against *Oryctes rhinoceros*.

It seems that there has been no development since to make the Board change this view.

¶ Mr. John Price, well-known planter, of Savu Savu, Fiji, recently left by air for England, to revisit relations and places he left 53 years ago. It is probable that he will return by ship, via New Zealand.

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Bigger Education Grants Wanted

NG High School Could Be More Economic

IT could shortly be costing the Papua and New Guinea Administration about £120,000 per annum to send NG children to secondary schools in Australia.

A special sub-committee of the P-NG Public Service Association has now forwarded to Canberra its case for increased allowances. Present allowance is £145 per annum, plus one return air fare.

If Public Servants get the increase for their children, all children going to secondary schools in Australia will likewise benefit.

It is understood that the PSA is asking for an increase of about 33 per cent. in the allowance.

Editorial Note

At the May meeting of the P-NG Legislative Council, the Director of Education said that there were currently 381 European children and 201 Asian children receiving the education grant of £145 per annum; in addition there were 29 children of mixed race who received from £145 to £200 per annum, depending on the private means o their parents.

On these figures, the cost of send ing secondary school children t Australia this year will cost th Administration somewhere abou £89,000, plus cost of air fares. A increase of 33 per cent puts i around £120,000—and each yea brings an increase in the numbe of children receiving the benefit.

The cost of sending children t boarding-school in Australia is tremendous burden on parents nonetheless, it is obvious that th Administration milch-cow will giv only so much in this direction an if too much pressure is put upo if, parents may someday discove that the animal has gone dry.

The alternative to providing thes secondary-education grants, is t build a secondary boarding-schoo in the Territory and this has bee alternatively planned and abandone for the last 10 years.

Most P-NG parents, for reason that are obvious, prefer to sen their children to school in Australi once they are past the primary school stage, and would struggle t do so even if a High School wer provided in the Territory.

There would be many headache for the P-NG Department of Educa tion if it did try to establish a hig school in P-NG—but the saving o £120,000 per year would do some thing to ease the pain.

The average resident of Papua New Guinea finds it exceedingly difficult to make financial end meet and this is mainly because h has been caught up in the post-wa period of boom and inflation tha stems right back to Australia.

Nonetheless there could be some thing prophetic in the plea of Mr J. K. McCarthy at the Legislative Council meeting in Port Moresby recently, for the employment o more natives, Asians and Euronesi ans in the public service of th Territory. The economy of th Territory just could not stand th continued drain of recruiting peopl from Australia, he said.

It is perhaps as good a time a any to reflect that before the wa Papua got along somehow on a Australian grant of about £40,00 and the Mandated Territory go along under its own steam withou any grant at all.

To-day, of course, the Australia Government subsidies Papua-Ne Guinea to the extent of from £5 t £7 million per annum. A great dea of this simply goes on keeping th wheels of administration turnin and not on developmental project that will help the Territory becom self-supporting at any time in th foreseeable future.

It is, for example, now calcu lated that it costs something lik £6,000 to provide an official wit a modest 2-bedroom house.

The obvious counter to the above of course, is that if there were no some allowances made for havin

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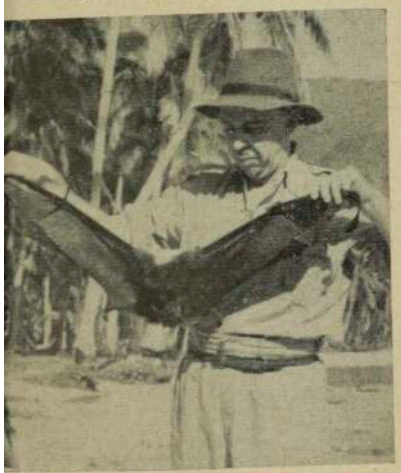
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live in P-NG, no one would go ere at all—they would be much tter off in Australia.

This is perfectly true. But there e already signs in Australia and rerseas that the post-war boom is pering off, and already there is uch talk of man-made (or Gov-nment-made) depressions. And e question arises: Will Australia ways be in the position to keep -NG floating along on a generous bsidy.

The alternative is for someone to nd oil in the Territory. Out of the yalty it would then collect the dministration would easily be able afford to pay £200, or more, for ch secondary education grant.

"Black Bokis" on the Menu



When recently the guest of a New Caledonian st coast land holder, the Australian Consul Noumea, Dr. John Cumpston, sampled for e first time a New Caledonian "national" sh, flying fox, known in other parts of the V Pacific as "black bokis". Dr. Cumpston tes it as "excellent". Cooked in wine as mpled by Dr. Cumpston, the dish is described a mouth waterer. Dr. Cumpston in the cture is seen holding one of these giant uit bats—"roussettes" to give them their ench name.

—Photo by F. E. Dunn.

ecord Numbers Engaged in N. Cal.'s Trochus Fishing

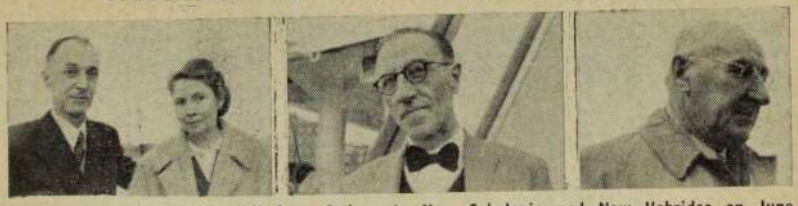
THERE are a record number of people and boats engaged in the trochus industry this year in ew Caledonian waters—over 2,000 ersons and 500 boats.

This reflects the high price cur-ently being paid for this shell.

NC's trochus fishing season lasts nly from May to August.

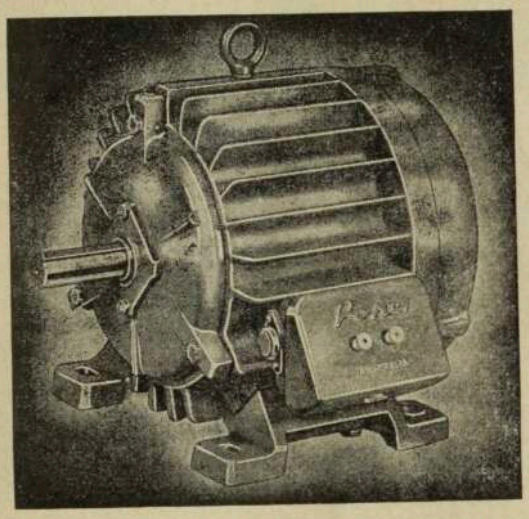
Mr. N. Lamont, at present acting Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fiji (since the retirement of Mr. . E. V. Parham), has been promoted ermanently to the position as of eptember 30.

Travellers to SW Pacific in June



Sailing on the "Polynesie" from Sydney to New Caledonia and New Hebrides on June 8 were the following (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Jean My, returning after Australian leave to Santo, where they have planting interests. Mr. A. Sourden, managing editor of "Le Courier Australien", a French newspaper published in Sydney, who was going to Noumea on a brief business trip. The Rev. Victor W. Coombes, general secretary of the Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions, who will attend a Mission Conference at Vila.

† A record shipment of 1,000 cattle will go from North Queensland to Papua-New Guinea in the next five months. Cost of shipping from Cairns to Lae in four trips by landing-barges will be £30,000.



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At the time there were strong winds and rough seas; but the "Hifofua's" steward Hausia Manoa, dived into the water, swam to one of the lifebelts floating on the surface and took it to the drowning man to whom he managed to secure it. He then swam back to the "Hifofua"; seized hold of a trailing fishing line and hauled himself on to the ship in a state of near exhaustion. The man was brought on board again about 50 minutes later.

At the British Residency, Nukualofa, on Queen's Birthday weekend, the British Consul Mr. C. R. H. Nott, presented the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal and Certificate to Hausia Manoa. Our photograph (by Hettig) was taken as Mr. Nott pinned on the medal. Prince Tugi (centre) looks on.

Not Concerned with Tear-Gas Incident

THE secretary of the Ramakrishna Mission, Fiji, has informed us that the Mission was not involved in the incident reported on Page 158, June PIM.

(The article concerned the breaking-up by the police with tear-gas of a meeting in Nadi, Fiji, when rival Indian political factions clashed).

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NG CIVILIANS LISTED IN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

THE Book of Remembrance, which contains the names of all those New Guinea civilians who lost their lives in the Territory, 1942-45, has recently been completed in Melbourne, and now, beautifully bound in calfskin, is ready to despatch to Rabaul.

In early June, Mrs. Pratt, president of the New Guinea Women's Association of Victoria, entertained 23 members at afternoon tea in order that they might see the book.

A glass-topped cabinet will hold it and it will be available for inspection in the library wing of the New Britain Women's Club, Rabaul. The committee of the NB Club has agreed to act as custodians of the book.

The Book of Remembrance was compiled in conjunction with the Memorial Gates to Queen Elizabeth Park, Rabaul. These were provided by the New Guinea women now living in Australia, and were opened last year.

ETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA BUDGET, 1957

TOTAL expenditure of £14,000,000 is expected in Netherlands New Guinea in 1957.
Revenue will be £7,000,000 (premably mostly from oil) and the mainder will be provided by the etherlands Government.

† Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, KCMG, KBE, who has been studying Parliamentary procedure in the United Kingdom before becoming the first Speaker of Fiji's Legislative Council, returned to the Colony on July 11. He travelled from London by the Canadian Pacific Airlines' Polar route—so probably can be said to have made history by becoming the first Fijian to go to the North Pole.

† Fourteen-year-old Fletcher Christian, descendant of the leader of the *Bounty* mutineers, has received the Royal Humane Society medal at Pitcairn Island. He swam out in heavy surf from the island to rescue two 17-year-old girls who were drowning.

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RFIELDS v. PLANES

ST what kind of airservice the New Hebrides will have to the outside world, or when it will it, is obscure at the present . But it seems reasonably cer- now that they will have one— it could be two.

wo French companies are in- sted in a regional service, mea-Vila-Santo and return. But position at the moment appears e that TAI (Transports Aeriens rcontinentaux, successors to Air nce and already operating the is-Noumea service with DC6B raft) has purchased a DC3 for service but has nowhere to d the plane at Vila.

Vhile Transpac (the small air pany which has successfully blished internal air-services in v Caledonia) has no plane capable doing the job but has tied up landing rights at the airstrip Vila which is privately owned.

Transpac wished to buy a Heron ne for this service, but it is derstood that the particular chine that it had anticipated rchasing in Australia was not ilable.

Whether the company will be able buy a similar plane elsewhere is known. It is understood that New Caledonian General Coun- favours Transpac for the service NH and has guaranteed them the rchase price of the plane.

Who will eventually win out in s battle of Aircraft v. Airfields anyone's guess at the moment. sidents of New Hebrides, who ve been without an air connec- n with Noumea and the rest of e world since Qantas withdrew flying-boats over a year ago, do t care very much which way it es—so long as their air connec- n is restored to them.

A spokesman for Qantas said in dney, on July 10, that that com- ny "has no plans for New ebrides at present."

(Qantas is prevented by the Aus- alian Department of Civil viation from using the airstrips at ila and Santo until they are ought up to Australian CA re- irements for Skymaster aircraft. he French air companies presum- ly do not have to conform to the me standards).

AI TO EXTEND TO AUCKLAND

TAI made a test flight from oumea to Auckland and return ith a DC6B aircraft in May and is hoped that from July this ill be a regular addition to the mpany's established Paris-Noumea ervice.

Negotiations are not yet complete etween France, New Zealand and ustralia over this extension but if they end favourably for TAI the flights will be made fortnightly, carrying the usual 1st and tourist-class passengers. The service will then be Paris-Cairo-Karachi-Saigon - Darwin - Noumea-Auckland and return along the same route.

Nothing further has been heard of a Sydney call by TAI although it is known that the company would like landing rights in that city.

It has been suggested also, that TAI might operate a feeder service from Noumea to French Oceania—but nothing authentic can be learned about this proposal.

BSIP Now Has a Port Authority

THE Port Authority, the BSIP Government's latest brain child, took over in mid-July from the BSI Trading Corporation all lighterage and stevedoring work relating to the port of Honiara.

Over the last five years the Trading Corporation has capably handled this work, and it remains to be seen whether the new authority measures up to the high standard set by the Corporation.

Executive Officer of the Port Authority is Mr. E. Cole, from the Marine Department, who will be assisted by Mr. A. Whiting, an ex-member of the staff of the Trading Corporation.

WEDDING IN FIJI

Elizabeth Hennings to Mac Miller

MISS Elizabeth Hennings, the eldest of the three daughters of Mrs. E. Hennings and the late Mr. Gus Hennings, of Naitauba, Lau Archipelago, Fiji, was married in Suva on July 6 to Mr. Mac Miller, who has been manager of Naitauba Plantation for the past two years. Later, at a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson, the newly-weds were greeted by a number of old personal and family friends, including the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey), and Lady Garvey, Ratu Edward Cakobau and Ratu Penaia Ganilau.

Mr. Miller is a brother of Mr. Roderick Miller, of the Bank of NSW staff, who married Miss Mara Hennings a few years ago. In other words, two Hennings sisters married two Miller brothers. The third sister, Miss Sophie Hennings, is the wife of Mr. Pennington Richards, film director, and lives in London.

Miss Elizabeth Hennings travelled widely before and during World War II, and gained considerable fame as a designer of costumes for film directors—she designed much of the dressing of *His Majesty O'Keefe* when it was filmed in Fiji a few years ago.

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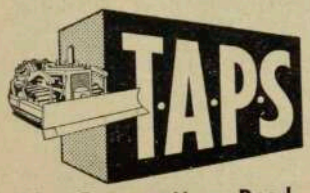
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FIJIAN VC'S BROTHER IN LONDON

THE brother of Corporal Sefana Sukanaivalu, Fiji's only Victo Cross winner, was amongst t VC's and their relatives who recen gathered in London for t centenary celebrations held in co nection with this famous award.

Sukanaivalu was a simple Fijia a cook-boy in a Suva hotel befo he joined the Fiji Military Forc in World War II.

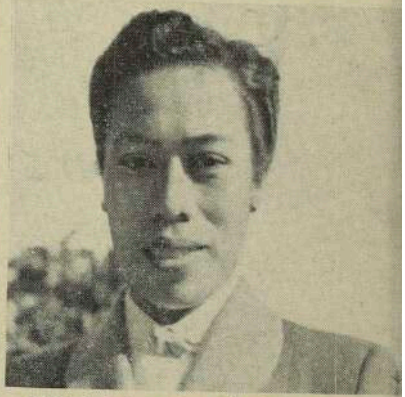
He was sent to Bougainville ar it was during a rearguard action Marawaka that the incident occur that resulted in the VC bei awarded to him, posthumously.

During the rearguard actio Sefanaia crawled forward to resc men who had been wounded whe their platoon was ambushed.

After two wounded men had bee successfully recovered, he volunteere to go further along and try rescue another man in spite of th mortar and machine-gun fire, bu on the way back he himself wa seriously wounded in the groin an thigh and fell to the ground un able to move.

Realising that his men would no leave him as long as they could se he was alive, and, knowing tha they were all in danger of bein killed or captured as long as the remained where they were, he raise himself up in front of the Japanes machine-guns and was riddled wit bullets.

Samoan Nurse Returns Hom To Give Her Services



Saisului Ieriko, above, is the first qualified nurse to return to Samoa under the NZ scholarship system. She has been in New Zealand for over 10 years, arriving with the first group of scholarship students to attend Wairarapa College. She did her nursing training at St. Helen's Hospital in Wellington, and at Wellington Hospital where she passed her State Examinations. After qualifying and serving for a year as staff nurse she returned to St. Helen's again to do a post-graduate course in midwifery. She then went to Otago to complete her Plunket training during the early part of 1956.

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LAE-GOROKA BY ROAD NOW COMMONPLACE

ESTIMATES as to when there will be an all-weather road from Lae to Goroka and other towns n the New Guinea Highlands, vary rom two to five years—but it is ossible that one of these days esidents of the Territory will simply vake up and find that there has een a road there for some time.

In May, a conventional Holden edan—which is a very light 6-ylinder car—made the 246 miles ourney from Lae to Goroka without ny fuss; and in June a light eugeot lorry made the same ourney in 12 hours with equal lack f bally-hoo.

Certainly this is still no expedi-ion for the average suburban Sun-ay-driver to attempt, but when it done now, it is no longer news.

The Holden was taken up to oroka by Mr. J. B. Wilson, who ntends to use the vehicle in Goroka s a taxi—the first in the town nd certainly needed.

Nonchalantly describing the trip, r. Wilson said that the road was ood" for most of the way although e did strike "a little trouble at e Umi River."

The small amount of trouble mounted to water which rose to alf-way up the windscreen of the ar—but some natives helped him pull it out.

Mr. Wilson said he went by road look into the possibilities of a urist coach service from Lae to oroka! He admitted that it would ot be practicable at present.

The Peugeot and its load of antation stores was consigned to planter at Goroka by E. Kriewaldt Co. Ltd., and the 12 hours that e vehicle took to cover the route ust be a record for the journey.

Loyal Service Medals

A NATIVE interpreter who played a major part in the arrest of the 1953 Telefomin murderers wo European Patrol-officers were lled) and later worked unceas-gly at the preliminary hearings the trial, was among four Sepik tives who were awarded the P-NG yal Service Medals during June.

The interpreter, Sume of Fegol-n, was presented with the award Teleformin by the DC, Sepik, Mr. Elliott-Smith.

A similar award was presented to uwiga for outstanding and loyal rvice to the Administrating thority since 1929, the approxi-te date of his joining the New inea Police Force.

Youwiga was on active service dur-g the war, and won the DCM.

Since his discharge, he has been eading figure in the advancement his people, despite the loss of arm and an eye during the war.

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Great interest, not all of it encouraging, was created in the Cook Islands by the visit of two New Zealand business men in June.

First to arrive was Mr. Peter G. Best, of Food Exporters (NZ) Ltd., a company registered in Auckland last November. The firm's immediate interest in the Cooks appears to be in the promotion of a new outlet for fresh tomatoes to southern New Zealand markets.

First shipment of 16,000 cases, to be paid for on a cash basis, was projected for mid-August.

The tomato crop is an expanding and extremely valuable one for these islands. In the 1955-56 financial year the crop brought in £100,000, being the most valuable export.

Until now most of the tomatoes have gone to one very big Auckland firm, who have purchased them on a "consignment" basis, the payout being made on the basis of the price received at auction, less all charges. The idea of an on-the-beach price, prior to shipment, is likely to be very attractive to growers.

Mr. Best was emphatic that his company's interest in the trade would not affect the business of the Auckland firm. His fruit would go to southern New Zealand markets.

However, despite his assurances, there were signs that the other firm and its associated interests in Rarotonga, might actively oppose the entry of any newcomer to the trade.

Aside from the business angle, Mr. Best did not receive a particularly warm welcome from the Administration, probably due to his lack of candour in certain directions. His company has a registered capital of only £5,000.

Additional to the promotion of shipments of fresh tomatoes, Mr. Best showed interest in the processing of citrus juice and other produce. It appeared that another firm might do the actual processing.

Mr. Best appeared to have the blessings of the Department of Island Territories in Wellington, anyhow, as he was allotted a priority seat in the Civil Aviation Department's DC3 when it departed for New Zealand in June.

NEXT to arrive, doing the round trip in *Maui Pomare*, and with the avowed blessing of Island Territories Dept. was a Mr. Wattie of the New Zealand food processing firm of Watties Canneries Ltd. Hastings, also interested in the local processing of fresh produce.

On his return to Auckland, in early July, Mr. Wattie indicated that he had found the situation very promising. Certain aspects would have to be ironed out with the Minister of Island Territories but there appeared to be no reason why a valuable industry, operated in conjunction with the existing fresh-produce export trade, could not be established at Rarotonga though it may take several years to get into operation.

Mr. Wattie expressed particular interest in the pineapple crop, now based mainly on Mangaia and Aitutaki. For a variety of reasons he said it would be best to centre the processing plant at Rarotonga where there is a better—though still far from good—supply of fresh water, much needed for the industry.

Mr. Wattie said that a processing industry would have to be based on the produce which would normally be wasted between fresh fruit shipments to New Zealand.

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all produce otherwise now wasted. Quick-freeze processing as well as canning would be employed. There was a ready market in New Zealand and elsewhere for citrus juice, fruit salad, quick-frozen beans—a crop which could be profitably developed—and other island produce now produced, or which could be produced.

Vailima Party for Commerce Queen



In an effort to raise money to build a girls' High School, supporters of the Roman Catholic Sisters in Apia, Western Samoa, recently held a Queen Carnival. In support of the Commerce Queen, Miss Marie Ah Leong, Mr. R. Carruthers, a local businessman, invited several hundred guests to a function celebrating the opening of his new Vailima home, which has a swimming pool and flood-lit tennis court. Pictured above is the swimming relay team, representing Samoa, which beat teams from the "Tofua" and the "Waihemo" and TEAL combined. Front row (left to right): J. Lee, A. Grey, N. Paul, S. Percival. Back row: P. Paul, R. Berry, T. Dunleavy, J. Cavanagh.

CLUB HOTEL CLOSES IN SUVA

THE old Club Hotel, of Fiji, finally went out of existence on June 30. The real hotel was wrecked in the hurricane of January, 1952 and from then functioned temporarily in what was to have been the palatial South Seas Hotel.

The new hotel, however, never got beyond the ground floor, which houses the bar, which functioned under the City Hotel licence, and a short while ago the owners, Morris Hedstrom Ltd., announced that the project would not be proceeded with as costs made the proposition uneconomic.

It was stated at the time that a more modest establishment was contemplated but apparently this plan, too, has been abandoned as the Club Hotel bar now goes out of existence.

What is to be done with that part of the building that was completed is not known.

Mr. Bill Hayward, the licencee, and his wife will shortly leave Fiji. They will eventually settle in Queensland.

On the final day of the old hotel's official existence, big crowds of friends called in to say farewell in the appropriate manner.

† Surgical treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis in New Guinea natives will be started in July by a West Australian surgical team. The team is going to Port Moresby at the request of the Minister for Territories.

† An invitation to send six Sea Scouts from Fiji to a regatta in Wellington, New Zealand, next January has been accepted. Sea Scouts from all over New Zealand will gather for the event. To help to meet the cost of sending the representatives from Fiji, Sea Scouts in Suva are arranging money-raising drives.

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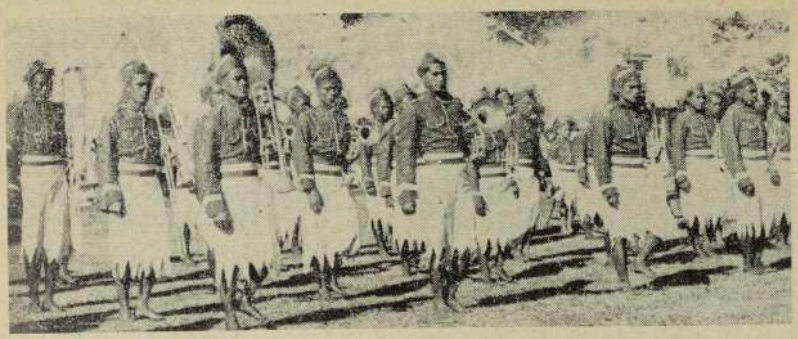
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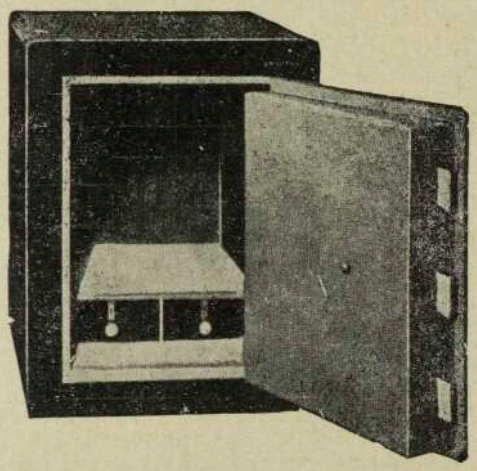
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The Best Band in W. Samoa



The Lelepa Band, of Matautu, Savaii, which won the Band Contest at Apia on June 1. The contest was run in connection with W. Samoan Flag-Raising Day.
—Edwards Photo.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Tom Low, old residents of Fiji, have now settled down in Auckland Province, New Zealand—they have purchased a general store at Awhitu, in the Waiuku district of Auckland. Mr. Low for many years was a staff member and manager of Burns Philp branches in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, etc. His wife, Mrs. Lema Low, is a well-known contributor to PIM.



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A FEW months late but now received, is the "first edition" of *The Beacon*, the magazine of the Rabaul Elementary A and High School.

This rather cumbersome school name hides a very remarkable institution which caters for a large proportion of the education of Rabaul's Chinese community—an educational task of the Administration which tends to be swamped by the publicity that always surrounds "Native education."

The school is co-educational and contains Infant, Primary, Secondary and Commercial Departments—an arrangement that is unusual in any Administration establishment in Papua-New Guinea.

Considerable difficulties have had to be overcome in the last 10 years to bring the school to its present high standard. Conditions were confused when Chinese families began to return to Rabaul after the war and in the midst of their confusion the school was established in old army buildings.

In 1951, it moved to new premises which for the first time included an Assembly Hall, rooms for the staff and facilities for tennis and basketball, and playgrounds for the youngsters.

The school now has a library, Scout and Guide troops; a prefect system and School Houses have become part of the tradition. In short an *esprit de corps* has been created amongst both teachers and students —an essential ingredient for any school that aims higher than to be an establishment simply for acquiring the rudiments of education.

There are 10 teachers on the staff including the headmaster, Mr. A. T Shanley, who is at present on leave in the United Kingdom. All of these believe in the school and have worked enthusiastically beyond the requirements of duty to establish it along its present lines.

But the school is most proud of past and present pupils who are doing well.

Mr. Stephen Cheong, now a teacher at the school, and an old-boy is the first Australian-trained and qualified Chinese teacher with the P-NG Department of Education Miss Ellen 'Tsa, an old-girl of the school, is at present following in his footsteps and attending the Bathurst Teachers' Training College in NSW She will graduate from the College at the end of this year.

Mr. Paul Mow, another ex-pupil graduated recently from Sydney University as a Bachelor of Economics—the first New Guinea Chinese to graduate from an Australian University. Mr. Thomas

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Now, his father, was a teacher at the school until 1952.

Dozens of other students who attended the school have passed on to the Great Public Schools in Australia, or have successfully passed examinations in commercial and other subjects in the Territory. One girl is now training as a nurse at Brisbane General Hospital; one old-boy has entered a Theological College in Sydney to train for the ministry.

The Beacon itself, is a well-produced magazine, quite up to the standard of overseas school journals, full of contributions from pupils and bristling with photographs of well-dressed, bright youngsters who in the years ahead must play an increasingly important part in the affairs of the Territory.

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TAC'S "WASTING MEMBERS' TIME"—E. A. JAMES

PORT MORESBY, in common with all Papua and New Guinea towns, has a nominated body called a Town Advisory Council, whose function is to do what the name implies—i.e., advise the Administrator.

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The Chairman of the Moresby Council, Mr. E. A. James, said at the June meeting that he was debating whether he should resign or not; he no longer felt competent to advise the Administrator and until such time as the Administration revised its ideas of the functions of an Advisory Council he felt that all members were simply wasting their time.

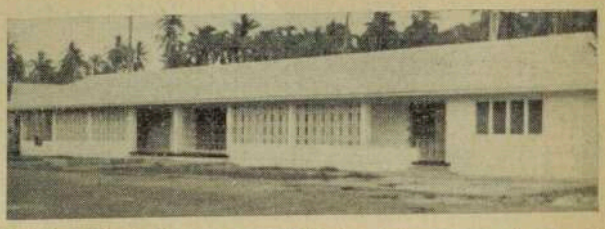
Mr. James' statement followed the receipt of a letter from Acting Administrator Wilson rejecting the Council's request for representation on the Town Planning and Building Boards.

At the present time there are about 50 matters about which the TAC has made recommendations to the Administration, or on which it has requested enlightenment, that have been ignored or remain unanswered by the Administration.

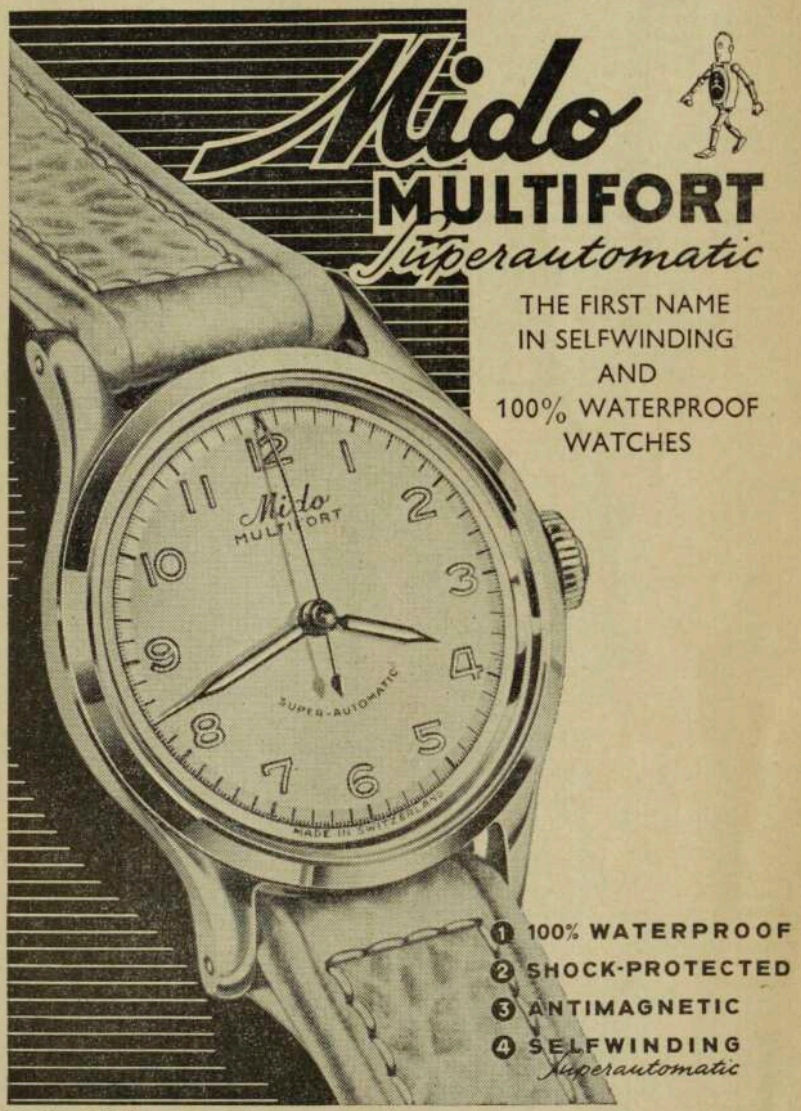
(The whole difficulty might be overcome if the TAC's were simply renamed Councils for Airing Public Opinion; under the present system of bureaucratic rule in P-NG that is all that any of the Councils do.—Ed.)

The Fiji Public Relations Officer (Mr. L. G. Usher), who has been on sick leave for six weeks, following an operation for acute appendicitis, resumed duty in July.

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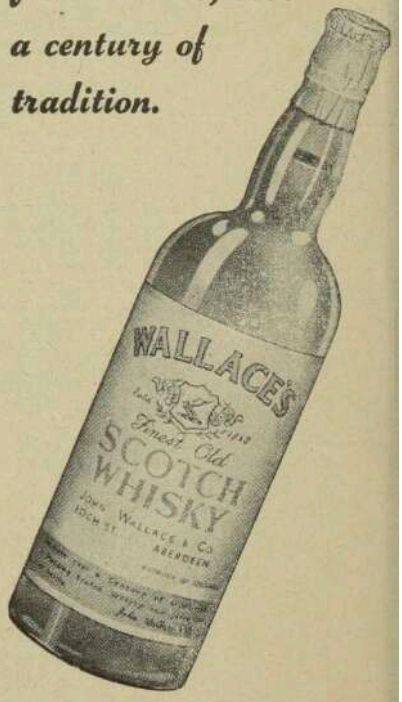
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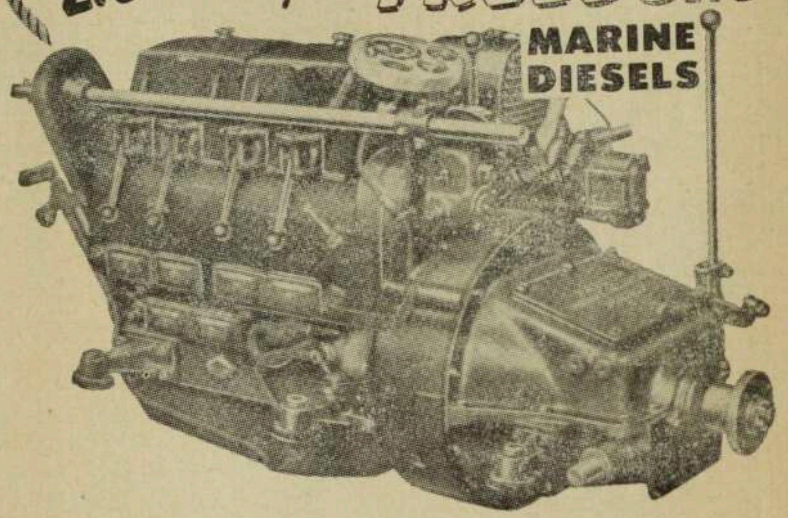
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P.-N.G.: Good grade, £A235, ex wharf Sydney.

W. SAMOA: July 11, £Stg.200, f.o.b. Apia.

COFFEE:—P.-N.G.: Top grades 5/5 lb. in store, Sydney; Fr. Oceania: 75 francs per kilo, unhusked.

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RUBBER:—P.-N.G. price is based on Singapore rate, which on July 11 was: No. 1 RSS, spot, 95 Straits cents (33.63d Aust.) per lb.

VANILLA BEANS: Victor Karp, Tulk & Co., Sydney, reports that early supplies from the new crop are nominally quoted at: C.i.f. Sydney, Tahiti White and Yellow label, processed, standard packs, 64/-, Green, 62/- per lb.

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PEARL SHELL.—Prices between the majority of the Torres Strait producers and Otto Gerdau Co. (USA) for 1956, remain as for 1955, i.e.: Sound grades, £A736; D, £A390; E, £A300; EE, £A225; all f.o.b., Australian ports; mid-1956 quotation by independent pearlers: Sound, £A860-920; D, £A600-650; E, £A400-450; EE, £A275-300. Manihiki: Lagoon closed. Tuamotus: Approx. £A1,300, long ton, for raw shell on beach, Hikueru.

TROCHUS:—One Sydney agent on July 12 quoted: New Hebrides, N.G., and B.S.I. "between £480 and £500 per ton, according to grade"; another quoted £450 to £470.

GREEN SNAIL:—Quote No. 1: SW Pacific, in store Sydney, £460-£480, subject to rejects; quote No. 2: £400.

LONDON AND U.S. PRICES

Copra:—London, July 11, Straits, c.i.f., buyers, £Stg.63; Philippines $U.S.145, c.i.f. Pac. Coast, del. weights.

Coconut Oil:—London, June 16: Ceylon, in bulk, 1% FFA, £Stg.97, c.i.f., per ton; Straits, bulk, 3½% FFA, £Stg.92, c.i.f., per ton.

Cocoa:—London, June 16: Gold Coast July, in bond (buyers) £Stg.204/10/- long ton.

Coffee:—London, June 16: Uganda Robusta, grade 10 (unwashed), June/July shipment, £Stg.250 f.o.b. Mombasa. Santos, extra prime, 498/- per 50 kilos, in bond.

Rubber:—London, June 16: Spot buyers, Stg.23/⅝d.

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Loloma . . .	s25/6	b23/9	b26/-
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA			
Bulolo . . .	b124/-	b47/-	b45/3
N.G.G. Ltd. .	b1/10	s1/9	b2/4
Oil Search .	b3/11	s9/-	b20/7½
Ent. of N.G. .		b3/-	b2/-
Oriomo Oil .	b5/-	s4/6	b8/11
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SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa: B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. **Samoa-London,** basis £100 London: B. £100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. **Samoa-NZ,** basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/-. **Samoa-Fiji,** basis £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

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BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate **Australia-BSI:** 10/- per £100.

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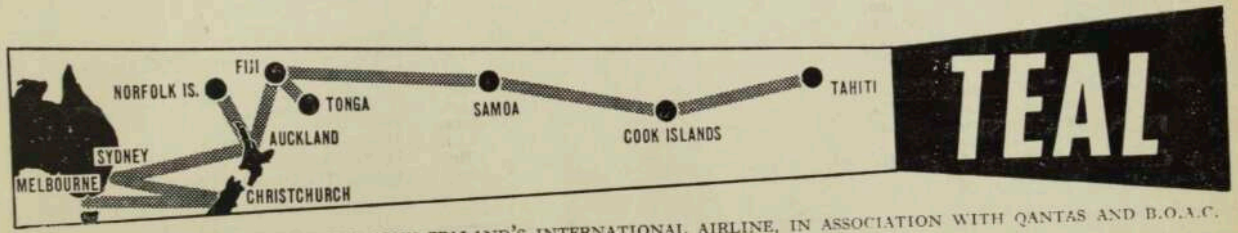
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