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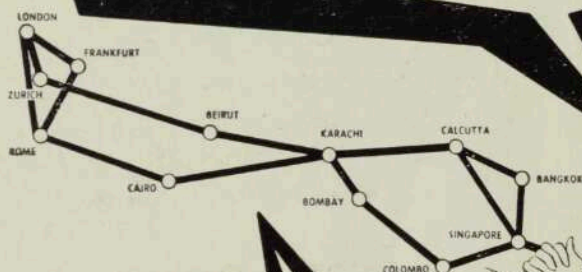
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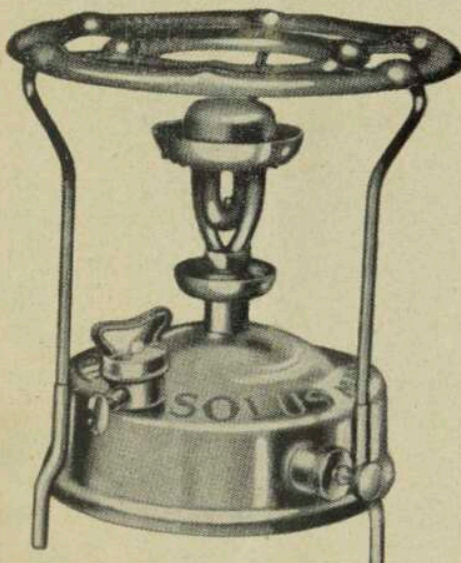
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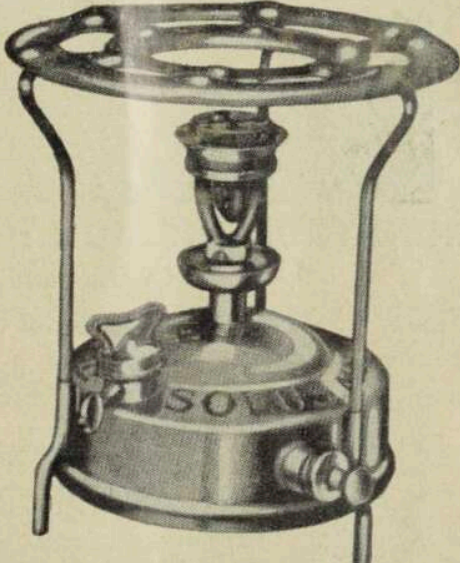
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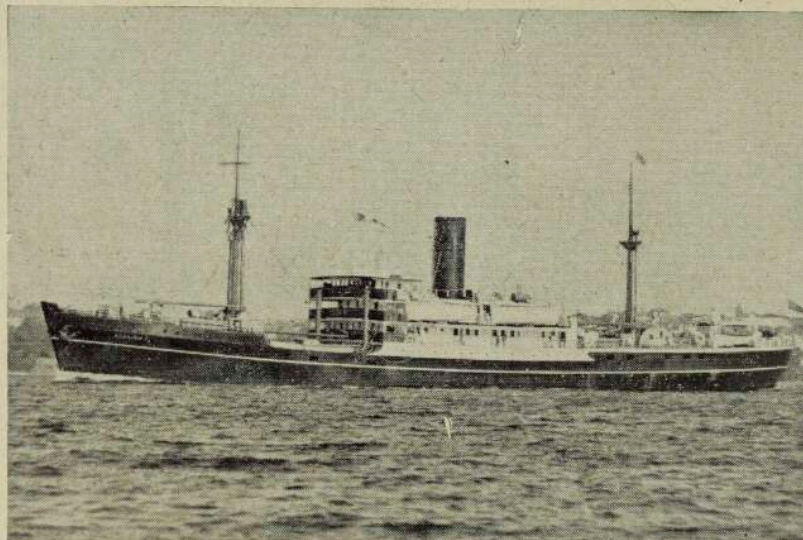
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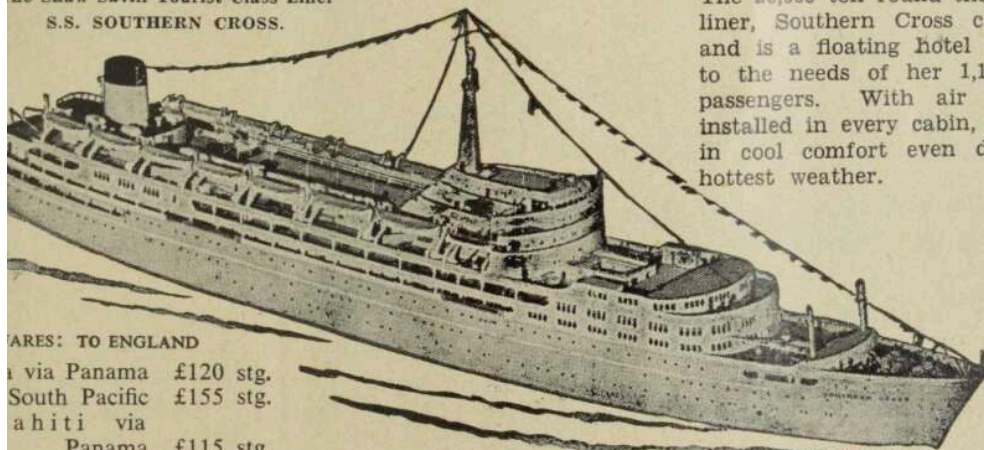
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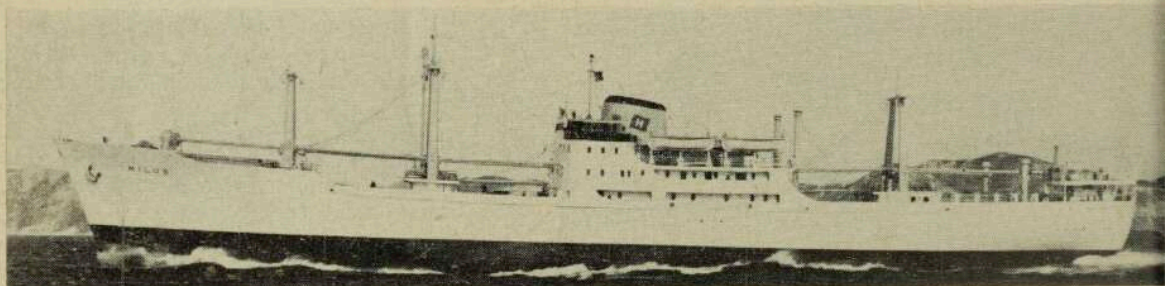
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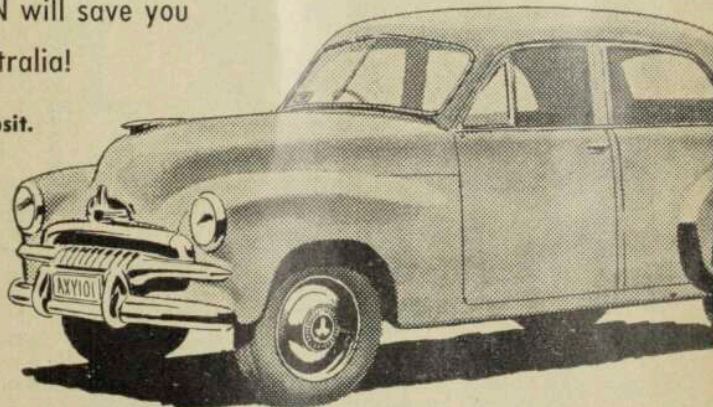
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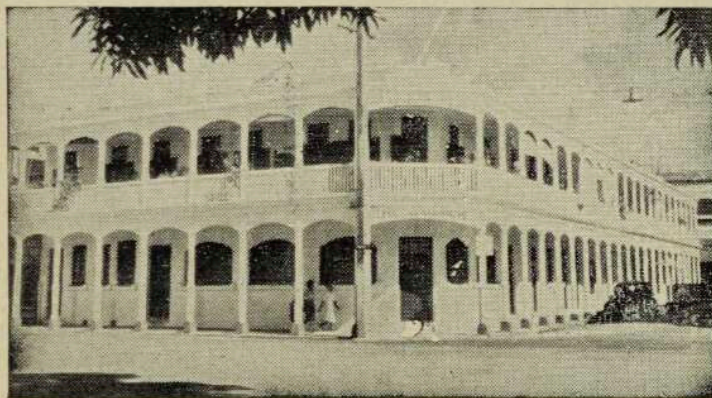
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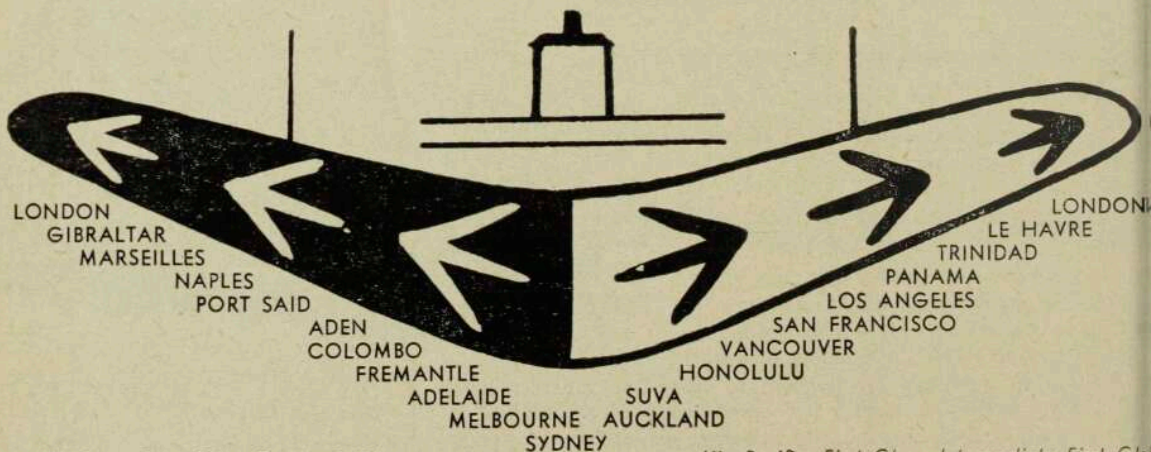
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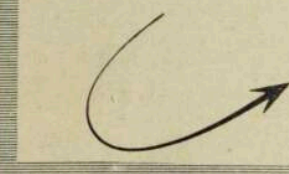
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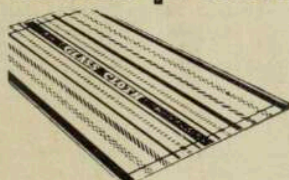
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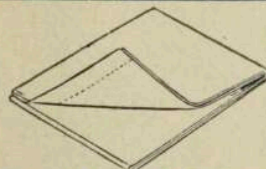
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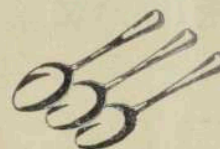
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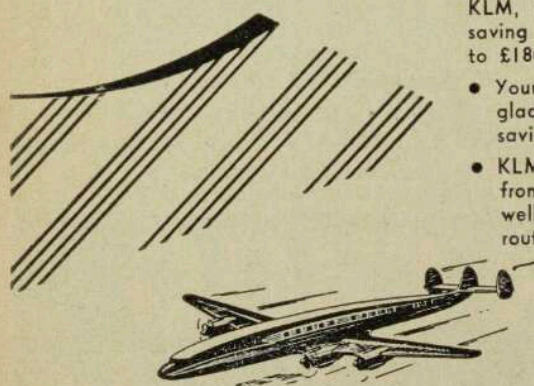
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Leaves Suva Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, Dec. 13, 21, 28. Leaves Papeete Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, Dec. 5, 16, 23, 30.

17. Fiji-Tonga

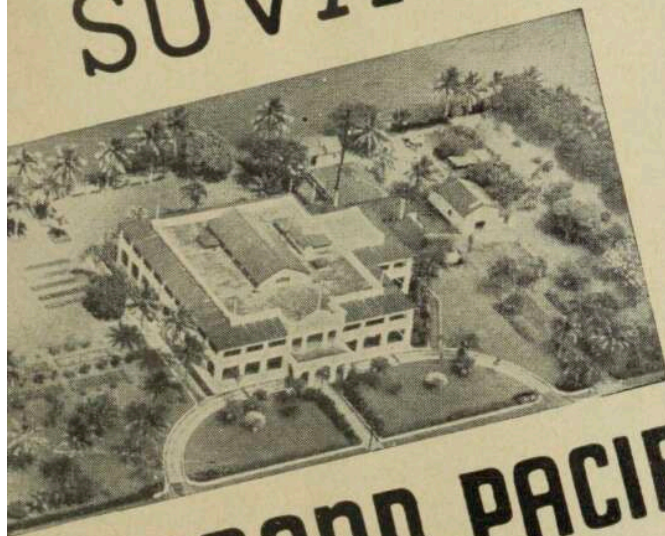
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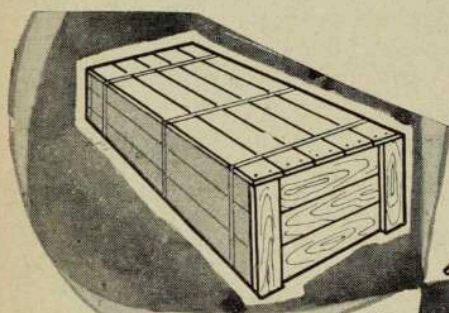
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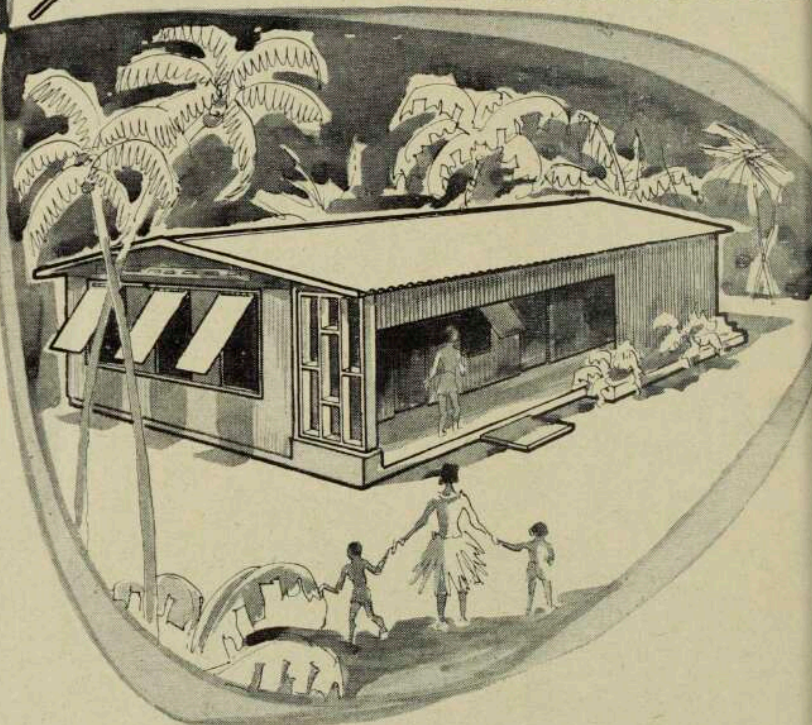
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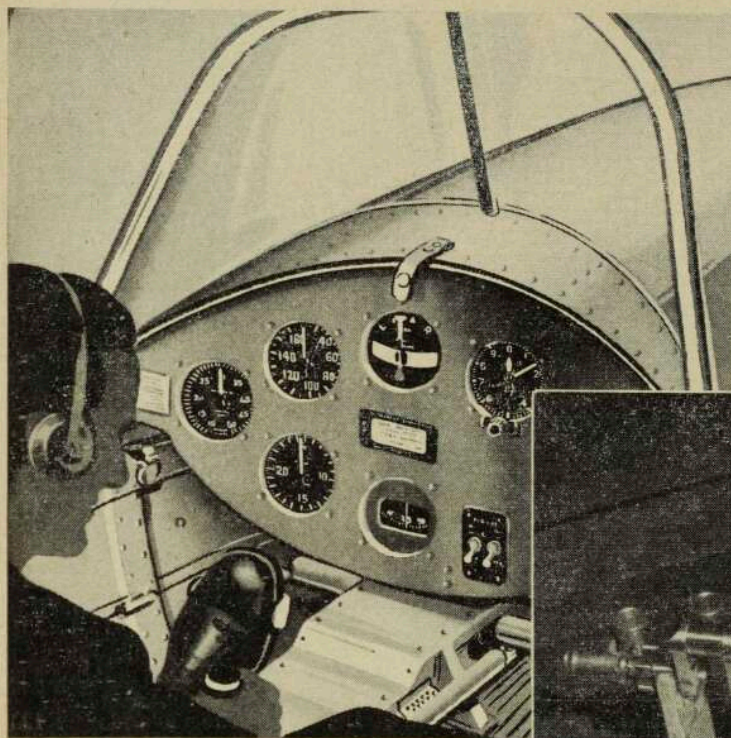
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and shaped by the PRO for
publication. Thus, announcements
about P-NG affairs could be
kept generally under control.
In practice, it proved to be
merely a shelter for high official-
dom. The material that high
officialdom sent out voluntarily
through PRO was almost always of
little interest and—being usually
shaped to meet high officialdom's
approval—rather boring in its
presentation; and, when anything
of real importance aroused the
newspapers to direct inquiry, and
officialdom wanted to avoid the
responsibility of statement or com-
ment, the answer almost always
was "Please see the PRO".

The result has been that the
newspapers generally have progres-
sively ignored P-NG's PRO. They
have accepted the "hand-outs"
without enthusiasm, and used little
of them; and, when there were
developments of real news interests,
they made their own inquiries and
arrangements, in virtual defiance
of the Administration.

This is in sharp contrast with the
Fiji PRO. There, an alert officer
in charge, with a keen appreciation
of what the newspapers want—and
will somehow get, if ingenuity and
thrust will get it—himself takes the
initiative; discusses the matters
under notice with high officials;
and sees to it that the requirements
of both high officialdom and news-
papers are met, as well as is
humanly practicable.

THAT deplorable recent incident
in Papua and New Guinea,
wherein high officialdom, with a
degree of savagery and stupidity
almost unbelievable, sent a
female member of the public ser-
vice to gaol in Port Moresby,
because she passed on to a news-
paper some relatively unimportant
information gained by her in the
course of her duties, gives the
measure of P-NG's failure in regard
to public relations. Furthermore,
it is an example of what the
people there can expect under the
Nazi-like dictatorship that has
been fastened upon Papua and New
Guinea by Australian Minister Paul
Hasluck.

Not only does high officialdom,
under pressure from Canberra, try
to conceal the actual conditions
ruling in Papua and New Guinea
... it has shown that, like the
Nazi or Red Commissars, it will
punish, with extreme brutality, any
person (even a white woman clerk of
unblemished character) who has the



"Come on—it's Viliame's pay-day."

The Government will amend Fiji's liquor laws to make the drinking of beer open to all Races
without control by permit.—News item.

temerity to break its petty laws. The Robertson incident justifies every word we have published in recent issues about Hasluck dictatorship in P-NG.

One is tempted to comment at length. But the subject has been dealt with already in an article in this issue, by Mr. Stuart Inder. We subscribed to every word that Mr. Inder has written.

A POINT which none has brought up, but which has a direct bearing upon this P-NG incident, and upon the whole subject of public relations generally, is the deterioration of the newspaper press, in the past couple of decades.

It is something under which all public men, and all administrators in responsible jobs, suffer acutely. Journalistic responsibility for accurate and balanced presentation of the facts is almost a thing of the past. Seventy per cent. of big newspapers to-day unhesitatingly sacrifice the truth for the headline. They may not deliberately publish untruths; but, by giving only half the story, or laying the emphasis upon the wrong angle, they do so distort the truth that actually it no longer fulfils the newspaper's primary obligation—that is, to give the public the whole truth, and only the truth.

More and more, public men and public hold the newspaper press in contempt.

The truly dreadful newspapers of today are the logical result of the wholesale adoption, in the past quarter-century, of the Hearst school of journalism. In the view of the Hearst reporter and editor, nothing matters much so long as the newspaper can produce a screeching headline, embellished with legs of an undressed woman or the contorted features of a notorious criminal.

Pacific Islands administrators have suffered a great deal under this irresponsible journalism. For one competent and balanced writer who goes through the Islands—such a man as Osmar White, of Melbourne *Herald*, for example—there are a dozen so-called journalists who seek only the exciting and sensational, and play it up without regard for truth or its implications.

In 25 years, the *Pacific Islands Monthly* has directed attention to scores—perhaps hundreds—of such “cock-eyed stories”, which give a completely wrong impression of Islands conditions; but nothing thereby has been achieved. The plague becomes steadily worse. These yelping, irresponsible newspaper hoodlums would not be turned loose periodically on the Islands if they were not sent along by their equally irresponsible editors and publishers.

PROBABLY, it was in order to protect themselves against this recurrent nuisance that P-NG high officialdom tried to channel

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Another “BP & CO.” Cannon

Memories were stirred for Mr. R. Hosking of the Cook Islands by that article about ancient cannon in the April issue of PIM. (It was alleged that some of these ancient pieces were stamped, or had cast into them, the letters “B.P. & Co.” and the question was asked whether they had been used by Burns Philp in their early operations in the Pacific. The Big Firm's Mr. J. Mitchell answered with some heat that they emphatically were not, and he suggested that some prankster had chiselled the “& Co.”—the “B.P.” representing the insignia of some Continental royalty).

Mr. Hosking goes on: “Probably the ‘& Co.’ on the ancient gun was carved with a chisel, by the founders and not by a mischievous person”, as Mr. Mitchell speculates.

everything through a Public Relations Office, and refused to deal with news-gathering organisations, whether good, bad or indifferent. That was wrong, because it was regarded by the news-gatherers only as a challenge. Inevitably, it made worse the conditions which high officialdom was trying to remove altogether.

“Modern journalism”, like Muscovite Communism, however much we hate it and despise it, is here to stay, and we have got to live with it. The more we ignore it, the worse it becomes. The gaoling of the woman clerk in Port Moresby is the logical outcome of high officialdom's short-sighted unimaginative approach to the problem of public relations—just as the present paralysis of Anglo-American-French diplomacy in the Middle East today is the result of the West's total failure to cope with the deplorable and despised methods of the Communist bloc.

If the Papua and New Guinea Administration wishes to hold its own with the newspapers, high officialdom must accept today's conditions, and meet the reporters with something of the reporters' skill and cynicism—as high officialdom does in Fiji, for example.

High officialdom will only make the P-NG picture uglier, and open the way for more “Robertson incidents”, if it hides its head away behind official barriers, and tries to persuade itself that thereby it can keep P-NG hidden away from the world. Modern journalism is not a pretty thing—but, like most evils of that kind, it must be recognised, and accepted as inevitable—and dealt with accordingly.—
R.W.R.

If Mrs. Baldwin's gun also the ‘& Co.’ it may tally with following: During the defence Mafeking, when we of the prison were in some slight difficulty someone discovered that a ing-post in the Baralong Station a gun given by Sir Charles long before. It was planted side down, but when removed cleaned up, it was a blood- to the one that appeared in April photograph. It was 1770, cast in iron and—this point—on the breech beautifully scrolled and engraved not cast, ‘B.P. & Co.’ They became much admired—and in our extremity, very useful.

Some Ideas About Museums and Native Arts

Some interesting comments Tolala's plea for the preservation of native customs in P-NG PIM, page 35) comes from K. McCarthy of Port Moresby a revolutionary idea for a for the proposed Port M Museum—when it finally tuates. He asks:

Instead of the uninspiring and wall-board beloved of Territory architecture, why build the museum to the of a Papuan “House Dobu New Guinea “Haus Tam Why not, indeed. If any doubts about the special nature of a Haus Tambai should look up the illustration of the Maprik in PIM's Quarter-Century July 1955.

The only thing against, course, is that native material not particularly enduring fibro and wall-board unforgotten. Mr. McCarthy suggests frame and special tiles to simulate thatch. There may idea there—and if it were it would give the Territory museum that was worth looking as well as looking into.

Mr. McCarthy goes on that Tolala will be pleased that about three years ago he (McCarthy) was D.C., a competition for the best weapons, etc., was started at the Tolai and some amazing specimens of the old arts of light. As a result of the interest in native arts, Mr. was presented with the figure a dog carved in stone—it was that these figures were used a particularly malevolent sorcery in cannibal days but specimens had been destroyed the early part of this century. Mr. McCarthy's stone dog

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LOURFUL CEREMONIES WHEN FIJI INSTALS ITS FIRST SPEAKER

SIR LALA SUKUNA drew up another "first" when he was the first Speaker of the Legislative Council on September 4. (He was the first university graduate; first cricketer; first, and no doubt last, to join the French Legion and win the Médaille Militaire; first Fijian to be a District Officer, first to be a Department; first to be a Lieut.-Colonel, and the first to be a knight).

At the opening ceremony he was dressed as Speaker before a group of smartly frocked men in uniform, the Mayor in robes and chain, the Bishop of Polynesia and the Roman Catholic Bishop.

Standing on the dais beside the Governor was the Kalaniwoalu, Speaker of the House of Parliament, standing six feet tall and very portly.

In the tradition of the office, he wore evening dress, except for the place of trousers he wore a silk sulu.

On his chest were the insignia of his orders and medals won in France in 1918. Among them the Médaille Militaire which he won at Verdun when he was with the French Foreign

Legion when he was in England and found that the British Army had no place for one Fijian.

Later, Fiji sent a Fijian Corps and Sir Lala was transferred to that.

(The writer has been a photographer of Sir Lala taken in France, and wearing what appeared to be a turban and he asked him if he had turned "kia India." Sir Lala said the turban was necessary to prevent the rain in the Fijians' hair turning to ice. The cold winter in France must have been a real hardship to the Fijians).

The Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, said the appointment of a Speaker was surely a signpost on the road to political progress for its signified that Fiji's feet were firmly set on the forward path which had been paved down the centuries since the time, some 600 years ago, when the office of Speaker was first created in the House of Commons.

He said that Ratu Sir Lala had attended a course on parliamentary procedure in the House of Commons and had thus added a knowledge of the traditions and fashions of the Mother of Parliaments to his wide experience of the deliberations of a Colonial Legislature.

The Governor said that the

Speaker would preside in his absence, but the Governor would continue to be the President of the Council and it was his intention to attend each year at the Budget Session to deliver an address on the State of the Colony's affairs.

Tributes to Sir Lala were made by several members of the Council.

—Fiji Correspondent.

Duke's Visit to P-NG and Norfolk Is.

THE Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Papua and New Guinea is now less than a month off. His itinerary is as follows:

NOVEMBER 10: Arrives Port Moresby in Royal Yacht *Britannia*. Inspects Scouts, Guides, etc., at Ela Beach Oval; visits Koitaki Rubber Plantation and Bomana war cemetery. Reception at Government House at night. Night will be spent on board *Britannia*.

NOVEMBER 11: Flies to Lae. Visits War Cemetery; flies to Bulolo, where he spends the night.

NOVEMBER 12: Visits plywood mill, gold dredges; returns to Lae by road. Rest of day in Lae; an informal reception will be given by District Commissioner at the Residency that evening. Duke will spend night at Residency.

NOVEMBER 13: Flies to Rabaul where he visits local points of interest, including Native Village Councils. An informal reception at night. Spends night at Residency.

NOVEMBER 14: Flies to Manus, where he inspects PIR, and the Naval establishment at Lombrum. Sees display by native war canoes and in the p.m. flies to Darwin.

The Duke's visit to Norfolk Island will be made as a side-trip from New Zealand.

DECEMBER 15: Arrives Norfolk Island from New Zealand, attends reception at Government House, where he will spend the night.

DECEMBER 16: Attends Divine Service. Returns to New Zealand by air.

Your Photographs Could Earn You £30

In PIM's current year (August, 1956, to July, 1957) we will award £15 for the best news photograph; and another £15 for the best cover-picture published in the magazine during the period.

Anyone may enter, amateur or professional, and there is no limit to the entries; or any special procedure. All photographs published during that period will be considered for the award at the end of the year—and anything published will, of course, be paid for at normal publication rates at the time of publication.

(For full particulars see page 61, September, 1956, issue.)



Governor of Fiji with the Speaker of the Legislative Council, Sir Lala Sukuna, about the Guard of Honour drawn up for the opening of the new Council.

Photo: Fiji Public Relations Office.

Moresby's Three-Wise-Monkey Complex

SEEING THE NEWS THROUGH THE PRO'S ISSUE SPECTACLES

BY STUART INDER*

In Papua-New Guinea it makes an Administration PRO news-release when the handicrafts section teaches 12 more native women to make baskets; it is not news when a Police Commissioner is suspended, then demoted; or when a Naval vessel sets off to arrest a Jap ship and makes a fool of itself.

ROBERTSON
CASE

Supreme Court Halves Severe Sentence

THE sentence of three months imposed by Magistrate O'Driscoll on Miss Patricia Robertson in August, was reduced by half by the Supreme Court in Port Moresby on September 25. (PIM September, page 19).

Miss Robertson was released from Bomana Gaol on October 10.

The Chief Justice, Sir Beaumont Phillips, found that in passing sentence, Mr. O'Driscoll had been "swayed excessively by a desire to deter other offenders, and did not take sufficiently into account her previous good character."

He said, however, that he agreed with the Magistrate that the offence was a serious one. (Miss Robertson was charged with disclosing the details of an Administration telegram to a newspaper).

He said that had only a fine been imposed, the possible assistance given her by the newspaper for which she was part-time correspondent, would have made her punishment negligible.

Sentence Fixed on Ability to Pay

The layman's reading of the above observation of the Judge seems to suggest that if a person is taken before a court for an offence for which a fine is usually considered adequate, and if it is suspected that some remote relation, friend or outsider, will assist in the paying of it, or if, indeed, the accused's financial position is such that a fine can easily be met, then a gaol sentence must be imposed.

In other words, the punishment for any specific offence is not apportioned in relation to the seriousness of the offence, but only on the accused's ability to pay.

FOR a continuous record of mishandling, general abuse and petty bias in its "public relations", the Papua-New Guinea Administration must now be due for some kind of Loyal Service Medal.

There is never a month that passes when there is not cause for complaint about censorship or parochial stupidity in P-NG's official news releases, a state of affairs calculated to give the Territory just the kind of bad press it works so hard to avoid.

The latest burst of bad publicity follows the gaoling of a Port Moresby teletype operator, Miss Pat Robertson, for three months. (This sentence was later cut by half). (PIM Sept., page 19).

Miss Robertson had for nine months operated a teletype service from the Administration HQ to the Port Moresby Post Office, handling hundreds of confidential messages. In the last few months she also acted, openly, as a correspondent for the Sydney Sun, and became a keen amateur journalist.

• In August, after sitting on it for three days, the Administration officially released a brief story of some native murders in the Sepik, and Miss Robertson sent it to the newspaper. The next day, some more details of the murders arrived by wire, and Miss Robertson reported some of these, too, without awaiting an official release.

She was suspended from duty, charged departmentally, sacked with a loss of about £200 in leave money, and finally brought before the Port Moresby court on a criminal charge of having disclosed the contents of a telegram.

She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months gaol.

An appeal on the severity of the sentence could not be heard because of a legal difficulty. The Administration found it had the authority to iron this difficulty out, and three weeks after Miss Robertson first went to jail, the appeal was heard and her sentence halved.

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The appeal Judge found magistrate had been excessively swayed by a desire to deter offenders, and had not taken account Miss Robertson's character and the punishment already given her by the her job.

• On the strength of a picture, one might think Miss Robertson had been swayed but had deserved what she got. But in P-NG these days there is always a story behind a story, and this can change the perspective. The Robertson case she looked at against the background of P-NG's extraordinary record to public relations.

IDEALLY, the task of a public relations organisation to help the public, through the Press, to get the straight facts on any matter it wants to know—briefly, to help mirror the picture of what is happening.

If what is happening is bad, then that is the reflection will ultimately be seen, minor blemishes.

Basically, the work that has been done in P-NG is good. Administration seeks to mirror to reflect something more than good, something surprisingly, has no blemishes.

One may hear through Administration news releases of native co-operatives in the Eay district; but not of unrest in local native communities in Rabaul, or of a protest from unhappy uprooted from their home Madang.

One may hear of progress made on the hydro-electric near Moresby; but not of indignant protests about power in the Highlands, agricultural upsets in the district.

It is news when the Administrator opens a new Scout is not news when he has to the Territory's policy against of his own indignant Commissioners at a vital conference.

But there are times when news, or something like it, goes out. When that happens whether it is a ship in trouble or a patrol attack—top priority release usually goes not public but to Canberra, no how hard the reporters around.

Canberra must know first, must know most, for press then it can feel it has secrets.

And if a story looks like out of hand, a personal attack from the top is always good try. In the Teleformin murder 1953, Press representatives

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L HONOUR
SATISFIED

French, British and
Australians Celebrate

Baths Free For All— To Ignore

waited—but in vain—for the Indian Plunge, when the Sea Baths were, for the time, opened for all races on 1.

erly the baths were for the use of Europeans but had been a source of Indian on for at least 20 years and longer. In spite of Indian e, they were kept exclusively an but baths for the Indians built alongside—and have been boycotted by the (PIM September, page 4).

ge of heart of Suva City has been brought about by the fact that the baths pay. The date for the all-ther was set for October 1. ding to our spy, on October ically no one used the baths only no Indians were there. couple of young Fijians ed themselves, with pleasure. the weary Town Council is ing what to do with the swimming baths.

proposal (not yet official) has ade that it be taken over exclusive use of Europeans!

SW PACIFIC TERRITORIES ENTER MIDDLE-AGE

That leaven of French is probably the cause of the festivities that will mark the New Hebrides Condominium's 50th birthday on October 20; while Papua, which had a similar anniversary in September, flew a few flags and called it a day.

THE New Hebrides celebrates the 50th anniversary of joint Anglo-French Condominium government this month.

The Convention that set up the joint government was signed on October 20—and as this conveniently falls on a Saturday this year, the Condominium is planning a week-end of festivities.

The date also allows certain British, French and Australian VIP's—including Australia's Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul Hasluck—who will be attending the current session of the South Pacific Commission in Noumea, to make a short visit to the Hebrides.

Some of the official guests will go to Vila from Noumea on the *Polynesie*; others will fly by special TAI air service. Mr. Hasluck will be accompanied by Mrs. Hasluck and a member of his Department. Dr. John Cumpston, Australian Consul in Noumea, is also expected to be with the official party.

Oct. 18—"Polynesie", with officials, sails for Port Vila (New Hebrides). Aboard will be the Governor of Fiji (Sir Ronald Garvey) and the British High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and many high French officials. All 34 cabins are booked—no room for reporters.

Oct. 19—"Polynesie" arrives Port Vila, 6 p.m.

Oct. 20—Official celebrations in Port Vila. Oct. 21 (evening)—"Polynesie" departs for Santo.

Oct. 22 (early)—Arrives Santo. Jubilee celebrations.

Oct. 23 (evening)—Depart from Santo.

Oct. 24—Visit to Pentecost.

Oct. 25—Arrive and depart Port Vila.

Oct. 26—Return to Noumea.

Although the British part of the administration of the New Hebrides comes under the jurisdiction of the Western Pacific High Commission and has nothing to do with Australia officially, Australia has a big stake in the country through the land that was given to the Commonwealth by the late Sir James Burns. British residents in the Hebrides have more ties with Australia than with the UK and the only large firm that operates in opposition to large French commercial interests, is, of course, an Australian one—Burns Philp and Co. Ltd.

As well as social activities planned for October, the Condominium has issued special postage stamps to mark the event.

50 Years Australian

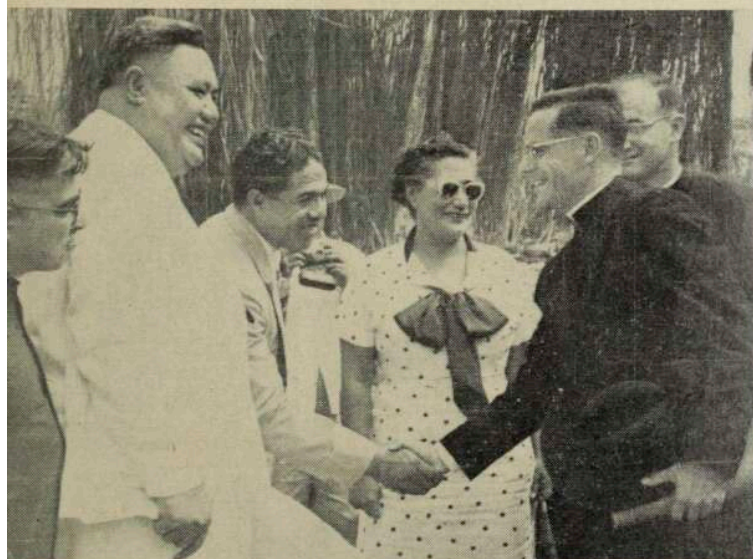
PAPUA marked up 50 years as an Australian Territory on September 1, 1956—but a correspondent reports that apart from flying a few flags, little else was done to mark the occasion.

- There was no Ministerial visit.
- No postage-stamps, either.

From Canberra, Mr. Hasluck said that after 50 years Australia could record that the foundations of Papua had been truly laid, that her policies for the advancement of Papuans had been consistently followed and that Australia's effort was yielding remarkable results.

Papua had a holiday on September 15. But that was not to mark Jubilee Day. That is a reminder that on September 4, 1888, Dr. William MacGregor (later Sir William) proclaimed annexation of "British New Guinea" by Britain. (September 1, 1906, was when Australia took over from Britain and renamed the Territory, "Fapua").

New Bishop Returns to Samoa



Returning to Apia, Western Samoa, after his ordination in the United States, the new Catholic Bishop of Samoa, the Most Rev. George H. Pearce, SM, DD, was greeted by hundreds of Catholics at the Apia airport on September 6. Pictured above are (left to right): Father Jepson, the Hon. the Hon. Malietoa, Mrs. Tamasese and Bishop Pearce.

Photo: R. F. Rankin.

Learning by
Doing

GOVERNOR SAYS FIJIANS TO BE EDUCATED TO DRINK BEER

The decision of the Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, to allow Fijians freedom to drink beer, thus doing away with the permit system for beer, has raised mixed opinions even among Fijians.

"IT has taken me almost four years to face the position squarely and to realise that there is only one solution to our liquor problem and that is by educating our people to a proper sense of responsibility in the consumption of alcoholic liquor." With these words the Governor announced his decision at the September meeting of Fiji Legislative Council.

The Governor later set up a committee, headed by the Director of Agriculture, to:

Consider whether, in implementing the decision to permit all races to drink beer while retaining the existing restrictions on the drinking of spirits, any special measures are desirable and practicable to ensure that the change in the law in respect of beer will not lead to a material increase in the illicit drinking of spirits; and in particular to consider whether such measures should include provision that the sale of beer in licensed premises for consumption on the premises by natives or Indians should only be lawful where the beer is consumed in special beer parlours in which beer alone is served.

The Fiji elders, never very receptive to any change, are frankly sceptical of the new freedom.

They say that it will greatly increase drinking by young Fijians, but are more concerned about the economic repercussions than the actual consumption of liquor.

They say that in Suva where many Fijians are employed in the Public Works Department and various industries, their weekly wage envelope on Friday nights will go largely for beer, not only for themselves but for hangers-on not in employment who will be able to rely on a fellow-villager or friend for free drinks on pay night—while the wives and families suffer.

That is perhaps the worst danger which may have to be met, and how any committee is going to do anything about that is not clear.

The Governor pointed out that "control" has failed. There is no doubt that this is true. Fijians who want liquor seem to be able to get it with or without permit.

Others make do with methylated spirits.

It is therefore argued that it would be better for them to have free access to beer, an overdose

of which would at the worst only make them sick, and not fighting drunk as in the case of methylated spirits or adulterated whisky, gin or rum, where part of the real spirit is removed and replaced with water, and methylated spirits added to make up the strength.

It is a good argument but the question as to whether the average Fijian labourer can afford to take his pay envelope into an hotel on a Friday night is still another question. And a rather disturbing one.—*Fiji Correspondent.*

(It is an interesting argument that one becomes merely "drunk" on beer and "fighting drunk" on spirits—but it is a theory that still has to be proved. Individuals react to intoxicants in a usually fixed, and individual, pattern. Some become happy, some morose, some abusive, some want to fight. We

would like to see the statistics prove that there are fewer fighting beer drunks than there are fighting whisky drunks; conversely, more happy beer drunks than there are happy whisky drunks.—Ed.).

Suwarrow Result Disappoint

SHELL divers working Suwarrow lagoon under contract to the licensee, Mr. D. Brown, of Rarotonga, are finding the going far from easy. No patches of shell have yet been found in depths easily accessible to the skin-divers.

When *Inspire* called in September it was found that the combined efforts of the four suit-diving teams and about 20 skin-divers, had accumulated 11 tons of shell in four months since their arrival. About 80 people were landed in May, but some departed after the two subsequent shipments and 53 now remain.

† West Australian war veterans have contributed £320 to an appeal to the Papua-New Guinea ex-servicemen's president, R. Bunting, for financial aid in erecting huts or clubs for native ex-servicemen in the Territory.

Do You Remember ? From PIM of 20 Years Ago.

IN October issue of 1936, the PIM was full of stories of Japanese sam-pans and poachers who were systematically raiding the trochus beds of the SW Pacific. But nothing much else was ruffling the waters of the pellucid Pacific—even copra was considered to be doing very nicely, for the moment; and gold mining was still booming in New Guinea.

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

Copra prices were high and the outlook good, we reported. This was due (in part) to an agreement between Britain and Norway on Antarctic whaling. The negotiations were protracted because "Norway wanted figures limited to those of 1935-36 whereas Britain sought exceptions in favour of the Unilever and Salvesen companies—famous as friends of copra producers!" (Copra price was £15 per ton, c.i.f. London, for top grade).

"It was announced in Noumea that an official mission, sent by the French Government, arrived in Papeete on September 26 to investigate a series of events known locally as the 'Kong Ah Scandals'."

Swarms of Japanese sampans were reported poaching in Australia, New Guinea, Solomons, New Caledonian and Fiji waters. In the Feak Islands (NG), Japs had fired on natives when

discovered taking shell; in Fiji a Jap ran aground at the mouth of the Labasa River; it was towed off by two local boats and under a form of arrest—but the Japs on lines securing them to the other vessel got away.

In Fiji the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. decided to go into the pineapple business. The company, we said, had been investigating the industry for months, and sure to make a success of it. They did—for 20 years; earlier this year (1956) stopped canning, and there are now no apple canneries in Fiji.

On the Rai Coast of New Guinea, A. District Officer Nurton had been attacked by natives . . . the men grabbed him while women hacked at him with knives. result of his wounds, one of his legs later to be amputated. About the same time in the Wewak District, a patrol under Officer G. W. L. Townsend arrested two men for the murder of recruiter C. A. Gough weeks earlier.

The Samoan Planters' Association, C. of Commerce and other organisation individuals had forwarded a strong protest to the New Zealand Government against threatened deportation from Western Samoa Chinese and Melanesian plantation workers. (There were only about 75 Melanesians in the Territory at the time—from NG and BS; they had been there from 30 to 40 years married Samoans and had no ties with homeland).

VENUE - EXPENDITURE GAP WIDENS

OR changes in income taxation procedure will come into operation in the British Solomon Islands Territory on January 1, 1957. A high loss of revenue arising from them will have to be made up in other directions, the amendments designed "to relieve the tax burden on residents of the Territory."

Outline of the new concessions given by the High Commissioner, Mr. John Gutch, at the meeting of the BSIP Advisory Committee in Honiara on October 11.

The concessions are:
A reduction in the basic rate of tax by 6d in the £1.
An increase in the Personal Allowance of £100.
An increase of £75 in the Education allowance for each child being educated overseas subject to limitation of total eligibility.
An increase to £2,000 in the minimum figure of chargeable income at which surtax becomes payable.

The business of the meeting was the consideration of the draft Budget for 1957.

Outlining the requirements of the Government in the year ahead, Mr. Gutch said:

It will be evident from these figures that the gap between income and recurrent expenditure is widening significantly. This must be a cause for concern, particularly at a time when it is clear that owing to the economic difficulties of the United Kingdom, the best for increased assistance may be the least, unlikely to be received.

My advisers have therefore considered the situation most carefully.

We have reached the conclusion that this trend was inevitable, and that it is likely to continue for some years if the requirements of the Territory are not met.

One of the main reasons for it is the fact that departmental staffs are now being built up to an adequate strength and standard and they are to do their work properly, they must be given the facilities for that purpose."

B. B. Perriman, a director of the Carpenter and Co. Ltd., left the Territory on October 6 for a business trip to New Guinea. He is expected to return to Sydney about November 11.

Superintendents—Going and Coming



Superintendent and Mrs. A. D. Buchanan, who returned to NZ at the end of September after three years in Samoa. During Superintendent Buchanan's term of office there has been considerable improvement in Western Samoa Police pay rates.

Photo: R. F. Rankin.



After a two months' visit to New Zealand to study NZ Police methods, Mr. Alf Phillips returned to Samoa by air on September 6, 1956, to succeed Superintendent Buchanan.

Photo: Edwards Studio.

Suva's GPH to Close —Temporarily

SUVA's Grand Pacific Hotel will be closed to guests for a month, January 7-February 7, while contractors carry out reconstruction work.

Although this period, in the middle of Fiji's "hurricane season", can be regarded as the off-period, nonetheless the closing of Suva's chief hotel will cause no little inconvenience to the travelling public—even if acknowledged to be a necessary evil.

There are very few days of the year when Fiji's hotels are not bursting at the seams. Frequently, Americans travelling south to escape their winter, step off the trans-Pacific planes in the so-called off-season to spend some days in Fiji.

IN JUBILEE YEAR

N. Hebrides Has Manganese 'Rush'

THE prospect of manganese mining, which has been successfully carried out in Fiji for a number of years, is currently exciting interest in the New Hebrides where a private Anglo-French syndicate is finding some opposition to its aspirations in the claims of a large mining company.

Precise details are sketchy but it appears that the syndicate of local residents (Syndicate Minier Jubilee) has found interesting deposits of manganese on Efate. The Societe des Phosphates de l'Océanie, which works the phosphate on Makatea, has certain mining rights in the New Hebrides, however, and it is believed that the interests of the syndicate and the company may clash.

It is understood that the manganese is on native land and that the natives support the claim of the syndicate.

Why the phosphate company should have rights in the Hebrides is not clear—except that much of the formation is upthrust coral and it may have been considered that phosphate was likely to be present. Probably the company's "rights" go back some distance into history. New mining regulations are expected to be issued soon by the Condominium government.

The helicopter of the New Caledonia Nickel Company has been shipped to Vila to be used in aerial prospecting for manganese. Whether or not this company represents a third interested party, or whether they are operating for the phosphate company, is not clear.

A mining industry would be of considerable benefit to the New Hebrides, whether it concerned manganese, phosphate or any other mineral.

A Start on Papeete Airport?

MAYOR ALFRED POROI, returning to Papeete from France recently, reported that the Metropolitan Government will make funds available this financial year for a start on the long-awaited land airport for Papeete, and for the construction of bulk oil tanks.

The new Director of Agriculture, Tonga, Mr. E. Lawrence, O.B.E., arrived in Tonga by the August *Tofoa* to start his service. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lawrence.

Cook Is. Vessel

Stolen

PETROL SHORTAGE DELAYS SEARCH FOR MISSING "INSPIRE"

Messages from the Cook Islands on October 8 indicate that an RNZAF Sunderland was unable to undertake search for the stolen vessel *Inspire* because there was no petrol at Aitutaki for refuelling; and there was no petrol at Aitutaki because *Inspire* was loaded with petrol for that destination when she disappeared on October 6.

THE twin screw auxiliary trading ketch *Inspire* is registered in the name of Mr. R. P. Archer, a retired American resident in Rarotonga, but operated by Mr. D. C. Brown.

When stolen from Avarua, Rarotonga, she was fully provisioned and fuelled, and was loaded with a general cargo and with aviation gasoline urgently required at Aitutaki for the TEAL Coral Route Service. She was to have sailed the following day.

The mooring lines were cut and the vessel left the harbour under one motor. It was believed that four men were aboard, though to October 12, details reaching PIM were sketchy.

It is not known whether the men are members of the normal crew, or other persons.

Inspire was purchased from Mr. Hugh Williams in June. She has lately been skippered by Mr. Jack Lyons, a former AB in the Union Steam Ship Co.'s trans-Pacific

freighter *Waitemata*. There has been a Rarotongan engineer and two crew members.

An aviation gasoline crisis at Aitutaki has been in sight for several weeks past. The vessel *Melva* purchased by Mr. Hugh Williams following his sale of the *Inspire*, was to load a cargo of aviation gasoline at Wellington, NZ, as soon as she had been readied for her new Islands trade. This work had taken longer than anticipated and *Melva* was still undergoing survey in Wellington up to October 10.

Maui Pomare, a passenger vessel, is not permitted to carry aviation gasoline from New Zealand; *Waitemata* on her north-bound October trans-Pacific voyage made a late departure and was diverted this time via Fiji to load sugar for Canada, and was already running behind schedule when she sailed and put back again with engine trouble early October; *Viti* could not clear Auckland on her charter

voyage to the Cooks until at October 25.

With *Inspire's* small aviation gasoline cargo now missing could mean difficulties for TEAL Coral Route service.

As none of the men bell aboard *Inspire* understand celestial navigation, there seems to be more than a possibility of the vessel ending her voyage on some remote

Big Plantation Deal Rumoured In B.

THERE are rumours in British Solomon Islands negotiations are proceeding between Lever's Pacific Plantations Ltd., and Fairymead Sugar Company, for the acquisition of latter's Solomons property, for a figure in the vicinity of £250,000.

Fairymead's Yandina produces something like 3,000 tons of copra per year. In addition has valuable assets in the way of wharves, ships, etc.

The story of Fairymead in Solomons is involved with history of the Young family, Bundaberg, Queensland, and South Seas Evangelical Mission.

The family had sugar interests around Bundaberg at the time coloured Islands labour was imported to work in the cane. Some members of the Young family conducted religious classes for these natives and when they repatriated to the Solomons, were responsible for the formation of South Seas Evangelical Mission, which went too. From the Mission came the Yandina plantation, which retained the name "Company" although the plantations produced coconuts, never sugar.

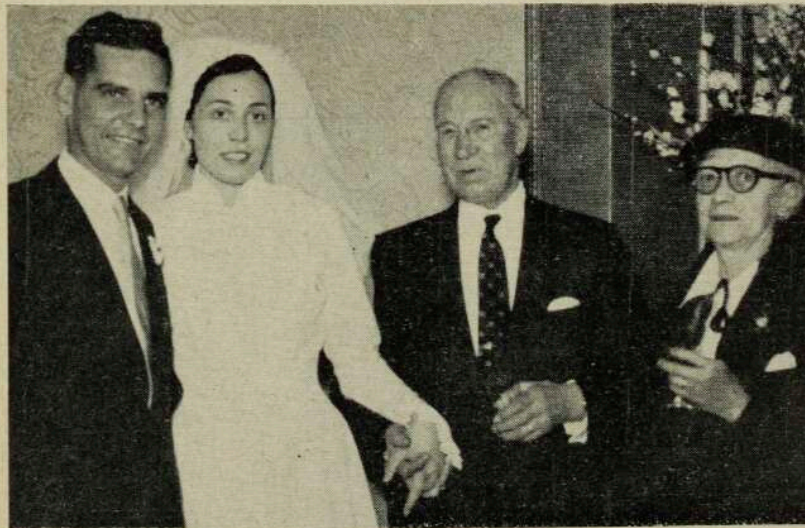
About five years ago it was expected that the Fairymead company would set up a commercial enterprise in BSIP in opposition to the Government Scheme. But the company did not go ahead with the project, preferring instead to expand sugar interests in Queensland.

Presumably, if it comes to an agreement with Levers over BSIP properties, proceeds will be devoted to the same purpose.

† Japan, which takes almost entire output of Makatea phosphate rock, produced 1,000 million tons of finished phosphate in the year ended 1931, and has an expanding trade in superphosphate.

† Captain Max Stanton, known as a delivery Master of Pacific Islands vessels, has been delivering a tug from European yard to Algeria.

French-Australian Wedding in Sydney



Mr. Robert Laubreaux, who is now stationed in Noumea as representative of the Queensland Insurance Co., was married in Sydney on September 25 to Miss Carmel Crothers. In our photograph, taken at the reception at the Carlton Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Laubreaux are shown with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pelletier, aunt and uncle of the bridegroom.

—Photo by Leicagraph.

INDUSTRY
1957Planters' Conference
Suggested in Suva

discussing the Fiji copra industry recently, the *Fiji Times* said that the whole of the issues surrounding coconut processing and marketing should be discussed, in the light of the changing end of the British Empire of Food copra-buying.

MOF Contract, which now covers copra production in all countries in the South Pacific, expires at the end of 1957. In 1956, the planters were getting quite a few pence per ton, above the world price for their product).

Position in Fiji, as described in a newspaper, is of interest to planters all over the South Pacific.

It was pointed out that, if the planter were selling his copra in the world market, he now would be getting about £72 Fijian, or 100 pence per ton, for his copra, compared with £72, or 100 pence per ton, for his copra, under present conditions in Fiji:

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shrinkage	15
and bagging	3
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transport to Fiji port	30
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leaves the Fiji planter a profit of only £15 per ton, after paying Fiji taxation and living costs. On a small plantation, doing 5 tons per month, it is not enough.

Fiji Times strongly recommends planters in that country to stick to the foregoing figures closely. It is imperative, if the coconut planter is to survive, after the end of open-market selling, that he should make a profit of more than £15 per ton.

Probably, it will not be possible to reduce the £15 profit, after insurance and shrinkage, and the other items—especially transport costs—should be

the whole marketing outlook, as at December 31, 1957, is affected by the following factors:

The world market still is dominated largely by Unilever; and it takes the fullest advantage of the fact that many oils, hitherto regarded as rivals of coconut oil, can be reconditioned in

such a way that they can be used as edible oils instead of coconut oil.

• There are crushing mills in Rabaul and Suva and it is held by many that, for convenience and as a matter of local economy, it is better to sell to the crushers than to the open market.

• It is generally believed that Unilever, as a matter of policy, does not favour the establishment of local crushing mills, and that this makes it difficult to market coconut oil overseas—but this, of course, depends on the influence which Unilever exerts over world markets generally.

• By far the greater part of the world's copra is produced in Indonesia, Malaya and Philippines—the South Pacific's modest production can have no effect on world prices, one way or the other—unless perhaps it secures a reputation for outstanding quality.

In its article, the *Fiji Times* urged that steps be taken to bring all the coconut planters of the South Pacific Territories together, in conference, to consider any steps which may be taken, by joint action, to protect the industry, after the expiry of the MOF contract.

† Pastor Bonzon of the Protestant Evangelical Mission of Paris visited Tahiti recently in connection with the unveiling of a memorial at Point Venus commemorating the landing of the first Protestant missionaries.

ANOTHER TO
SAMOAFiji Loses Two
Valuable Officials

RECENTLY when Mr. B. V. Parham, Deputy Director of Agriculture, accepted the post of Director of Agriculture in Western Samoa, Fiji lost a valuable officer.

It is now to lose another to the same quarter with the pending retirement of Dr. R. W. D. Maxwell, Deputy Director of Medical Services, who has accepted the post of Deputy Director of Health and Superintendent of Apia Hospital in Western Samoa.

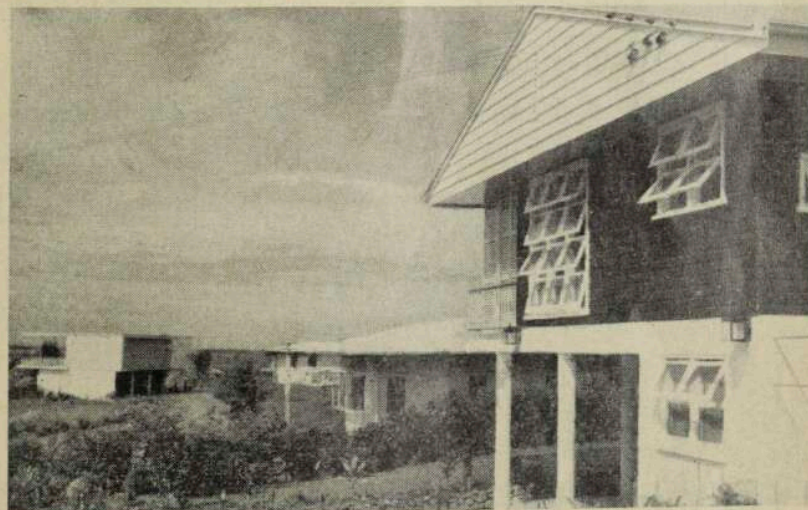
Dr. Maxwell was born in Fiji and has served in many districts and at all the main hospitals in the Colony, and has been Deputy Director of Medical Services since 1952.

He is at present acting as Director of Medical Services and Inspector-General of the South Pacific Health Service.

As a practitioner he specialised in nose and throat ailments and in this work built up a considerable reputation.

While the Unified Colonial Service may have its good points as far as the Civil Service is concerned it has not always worked favourably for Fiji; many of its best men, finding that promotion was dependent upon accepting transfers to other and more distant Colonies, have preferred to resign and seek

The Islands Bungalow . . . in 1956



This is a far cry from the old "Island bungalow", with the dark central rooms, many verandahs and propped-up shutters. Old-timers will tell you that the old bungalow was more comfortable to live in—but modern Suva prefers this type of house. They are some of the homes in the Muanikau residential area; built on rising land, they look out over the entrance to Laucala Bay.

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Mr. Tauraa is attached to
partment of Agriculture.

Fiji Resident Marries in Sydney



A wedding of interest to Fiji people took place on May 12 at Sacred Heart Church, Randwick, Sydney, when Hugh Richard Aspinall, of Nananu i Ra, Fiji, was married to Miss Betty Williams, of Lithgow, NSW. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. H. Aspinall, of Samoa, and was formerly well known in shipping circles in Honiara and Fiji. The bridesmaids were all sisters of the bride. The bestman and groomsmen are sons of Mr. Fred and Mrs. Iserline Gosnell, both formerly well known in Rotuma and Fiji. The reception took place at The Espanade, Bondi Beach, and was attended by many members of the Polynesian Association. The bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Norman McDonald, and Mr. McDonald flew over from Nadi for the wedding.

† Australia's pearling industry produced 1,301 tons of shell, valued at £776,894, in the 1955 season, an in-

crease of 15 per cent. in output. A Japanese fleet gathered 740 tons of shell.

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† Captain Cook handed each member of the crew of the *Resolution* a lemon—and defeated scurvy. Official correspondence on this phase of the famous explorer's work was included in an exhibition that Britain's Maritime Museum at Greenwich arranged in his honour.



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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

Warning

To PHD

The PHD of P-NG has often complained of the shortage of medicos on its staff. Such shortage would have been far greater had the department not been able to obtain the services of many European medicos, who were not permitted to practise in Australia, and P-NG was fortunate, for many of these Continental doctors were highly-qualified.

Now, however, NSW is experiencing a shortage in this same professional field and there are indications that the ban on European doctors is to be lifted in that State.

This will mean that some of P-NG's medicos will be toying with the idea of packing up their stethoscopes and heading south to participate in more congenial conditions generally — and particularly in a greater freedom from officialdom.

On the Silver

Screen

In Parliament last month Minister Hasluck, in reply to a question, said the News and Information Bureau would make documentary films about the government's work in P-NG. There was a need, he added, to present the government's policy in P-NG in a suitable form, both for

those who wanted to understand and for those who were disposed to criticise."

We can now be prepared to see on the screen one day all the high-lights of administrative achievement and most—if not all—will be those attained during the post-War II periods.

It could be a most illuminating documentary illustration of the great changes that have been thrust upon the P-NG since 1946 according to the desires of the government. And, here, I would like to refer to a letter which took my fancy recently, uttered by Padre C. A. O. (who is usually referred to as "Major-General the Reverend") an ABC talk referring to the "good" people of the Territory, wondering how they can be helped.

"Is it," he asked, "what we want, or what we want to do? And he has something there that not we emphasise our good to justify having done whether those receiving our help really want them or not?"

We have now the prospect of an all-in effort to record in film the progress and advancement brought about by government amongst the P-NG natives. It will be of interest to see whether credit is also given to those other main civilising influences, i.e., the Missions and the Enterprise, which in pioneering laid the foundation upon which the government has in recent years reared its Temple of Accomplishment.

Let us hope the Ministers will not grab all the glory for themselves of administration officers who have been working since 1946. Let us hope that the first contacted wildest savages in the world brought them into a primitive submission be given some credit for the work done three score years before.

If the documentary starts in 1946, then it's just so much wash and not worthy of a Minister's stature who prides himself on his historical accuracy.

What of the

Pioneers?

Some considerable time ago the Minister made his statement in the House (referred to as the Writer Olaf Ruhen took up cudgels for P-NG pioneers) in a letter to the "SMH", followed by articles by that paper's Senior Correspondent on the Territory which he blithely recorded

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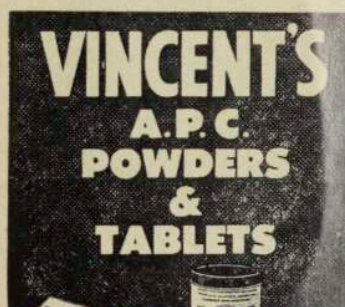
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there was much rejoicing in anthropological circles. Then an argument arose that they had already been found before, and I think the name that so-popular Sepik priest, F. Kirschbaum, was mentioned as discoverer.

With Father Gusinde's announcement, all we need now is CSIRO to get cracking with to see whether a high percentage of Vitamin T is obtainable from Rhinoceros beetles and Ceylon Weevils and, if positive, then demand should go a long way towards exterminating this planters' pest.

The collecting of the raw material for happiness would at least make the planters happy.

NG's Volcanoes

Could Help

While on the subject of resources and potential new industries, it could add to the Territory's list let me mention Perlite. This material obtained from volcanoes, a kind of lava when crushed and quickly heated to more than 1500 degrees expands to form light-weight, combustible particles of cellular structure that, combined with plaster, is revolutionising the plastering industry because of its fire-resisting qualities.

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Perlite was on show during the recent Building Exhibition in Sydney. There's plenty of material available in P-NG.

Any enterprising company promoters in the audience?

Cause and Effect?

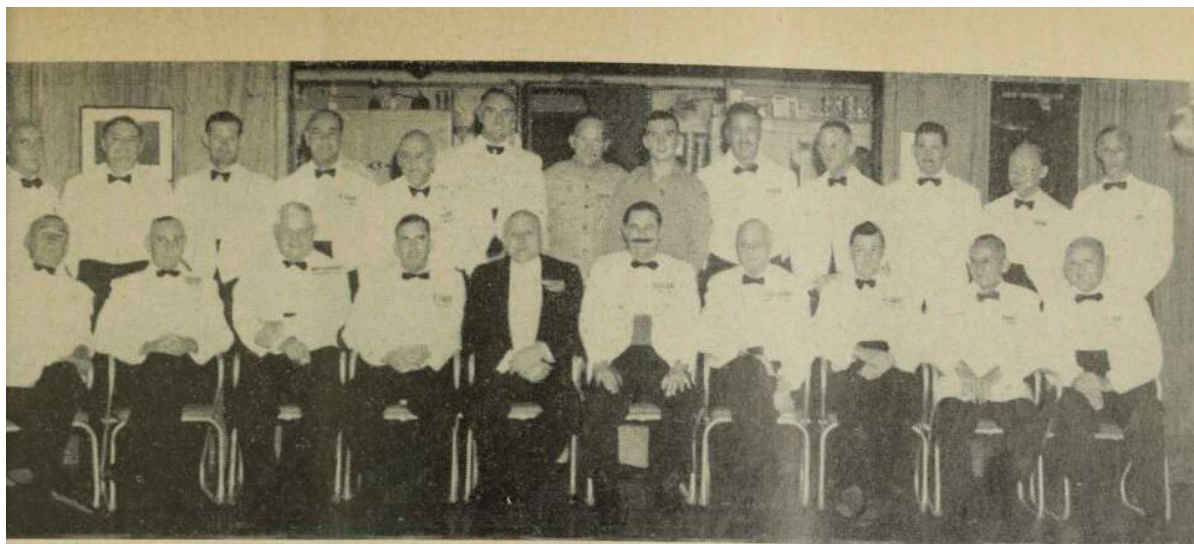
Complaints were made last month by the Milne Bay District Advisory Council that the Copra Inspector was "wasting" rejecting large quantities of copra which was later accepted and passed in Moresby. (See elsewhere in this issue).

His action was having an adverse effect upon the district economy, so it was claimed. A local business man stated the main cause of rejection was uncured copra.

At the beginning of this month a fire destroyed a quantity of copra on a lighter at Brothers' Balmain wharf, Sydney, and a company spokesman stated spontaneous combustion was probably the cause.

I know not whether there is a connection between these incidents. There could be. The point at issue is who is

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at the New Guinea Club in Rabaul.

The function was so successful that another
dinner was held in 1955, when it was decided
to make it an annual event—to be held on the
first Saturday each September.

About 30 of them gathered at the New Guinea
Club on Saturday, Sept. 1 this year, with Lieut.-
Col. J. W. Richards, secretary of the Imperial
Service Club in Sydney, as the guest of honour.

Major Don Barrett, and Mr. Keith Cummings,
president of the New Guinea Club, main movers
in organising the dinner, gave a hearty wel-
come to the guests.

Lieut.-Col. Richards, on his return to Sydney,
said the dinner was an outstanding success,
with speeches "delightfully short".

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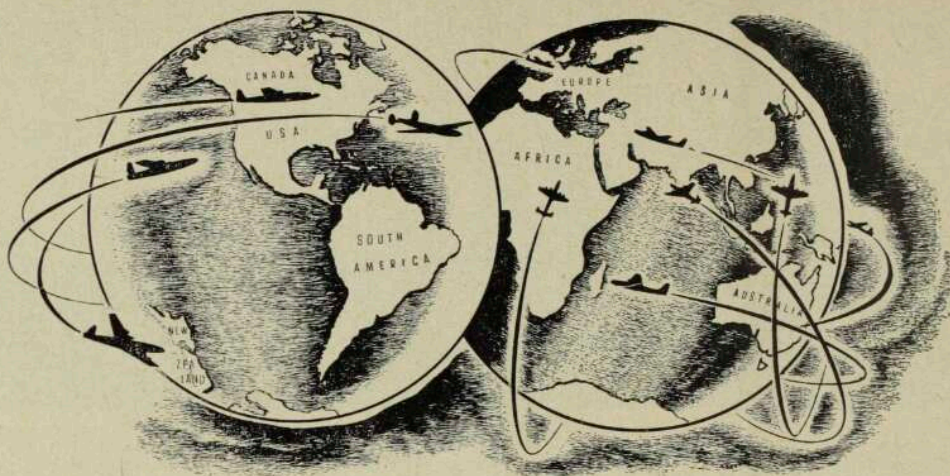
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RABAU	A. Hopper
BULOLO	A. Carter.
GOROKA	V. Cox.

Insurances at Lloyds and Companies

Col. Richards was guest of the New Club during his fortnight in the Territory. His hosts made certain that his stay was a comfortable one.

In Rabaul he was taken to the war at Bitapaka. From Rabaul he went where he was guest of local business- men. L. E. Ashton. Then followed two Bulolo, where he was able to look new plywood mill, nursery and digging

Col. Richards also visited Wau and before going on to Pt. Moresby as guest of J. McInnes for four days before returning to Sydney.

He thought it was a wonderful trip, and as the Territory is concerned I think it a great future," he told PIM.

A photograph was taken at the dinner;

Row (left to right): Lieut. D. Campbell, G. Kent, F/Lieut. A. N. Holland, Lieut. Drken, Sqd.-Ldr. D. M. Lees, Lieut. F. Maj. S. Snow, Lieut. R. Hershey (US), R. S. McKay, Lieut. L. H. Corbett, J. C. MacMillan, Capt. S. Smith, M. Garrett.

Row (left to right): Lieut. A. L. Corbett, Cmdr. F. A. Rhoades, DSC, Capt. Hammer, DCM, MM, Lieut. K. E. Cum- lieut.-Col. J. W. Richards, MC, Maj. ett, Capt. N. C. Barry, Lieut. A. E. n, Maj. H. Lyons, Fl/Lieut. A. N.

as it should be done? The Samarai or the bloke in my?

There was talk at the meeting of Samarai inspector setting a standard. Is this possible? It is either cured or it is cured. I don't see where there are any half-way measures.

planters' best solution to the problem is for them to produce

and ship the best quality copra. The slap-happy standard of "that's good enough" wants to be avoided where copra is concerned.

Companies spend hundreds of thousands of pounds in bringing coconut plantations into production; best-selected nuts, well planted, well maintained and then let carelessness come into the picture when the matter of curing comes along.

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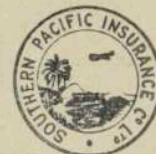
I had often wondered who originated the idea of replacing the old-time hair-bleacher, *kabang*, with the more compact peroxide (PIM August, p. 81), and that it was Lil. Bennet-Miller is in character with the Territory's No. 1 Glamour Girl, whose personality and chic grooming were known, in pre-war days, from Wanimo to Kieta.

The news that she is writing a book may cause some consternation in some quarters, but there is no doubt that there will be many buyers of it when it appears, particularly by those who may have high-hatted the lady at some time or other;

I hope she does not omit that delightful incident when she was hostess to a party in Rabaul, thrown by an Australian G-G's

ADC, who was staying at Government House.

Undoubtedly the book will be a best-seller. There are some people who probably would like to buy up the whole edition. (Over)



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A La Mode

From an August issue of the "Rabaul News" (the local Pidgin Press of the Dept. of Education), I see where a meeting was held in Moresby when Mr. Keith McCarthy, who shepherded the P-NG delegates to the SP Conference, advocated the adoption of the lava lava (not the lap lap) for standard wear by the natives of P-NG, especially for State occasions.

He explained how Fijians and other islanders had adopted the *sulu* in preference to English clothing, and how much more suitable it was in every way. Natives attending the meeting favoured the suggestion of adopting what they called the "pocket," or "Solomon" lava lava.

Here's hoping the idea is adopted generally throughout the Territory. A native retains far more dignity in this dress than masquerading in European clothing, in which he so often looks so self-conscious and ridiculous.

Apropos of forcing our clothing onto the indigenes I see a par. written by a Sydney Columnist describing how the Administrator's chauffeur—"a dazzling Fuzzy," who drives bare-footed, has been told that when the Duke arrives he must wear shoes when he drives

His Royal Highness about in a newly-purchased limousine.

Just how stupid can we get? I do hope the Duke asks for him to be relieved of this Gilbertian pomposity.

A Lass in

The Boob

Territorial European woman in gaol? (PIM Sept., p. 19). Certainly a rarity.

I knew of only one case which occurred in Rabaul in the German days. The wife of a German planter (and, incidentally, a niece of Queen Emma) took a buggy whip to a visiting Naval officer who had made over-zealous amorous advances to her younger sister, following a dance at Government House.

Despite personal appeals to the Kaiser, the lady was sentenced to a short period of house detention—served in a Rabaul bungalow—as the "insult" to the Imperial Navy could not be overlooked! It was not long before War I.

There were no boobs for Europeans of either sex in Rabaul in those days. Any offenders were given the office to leave the country or, failing that, the males were appointed honorary road-masters for an appropriate period. At that

time, before race equality reared head, it was against government policy to degrade white people putting them in the boob in native country.

Governor of N. C. Goes to Paris

THE French High Commissioner in the Pacific and Governor of New Caledonia, M. A. H. Grimald, left Noumea for Paris on September 22.

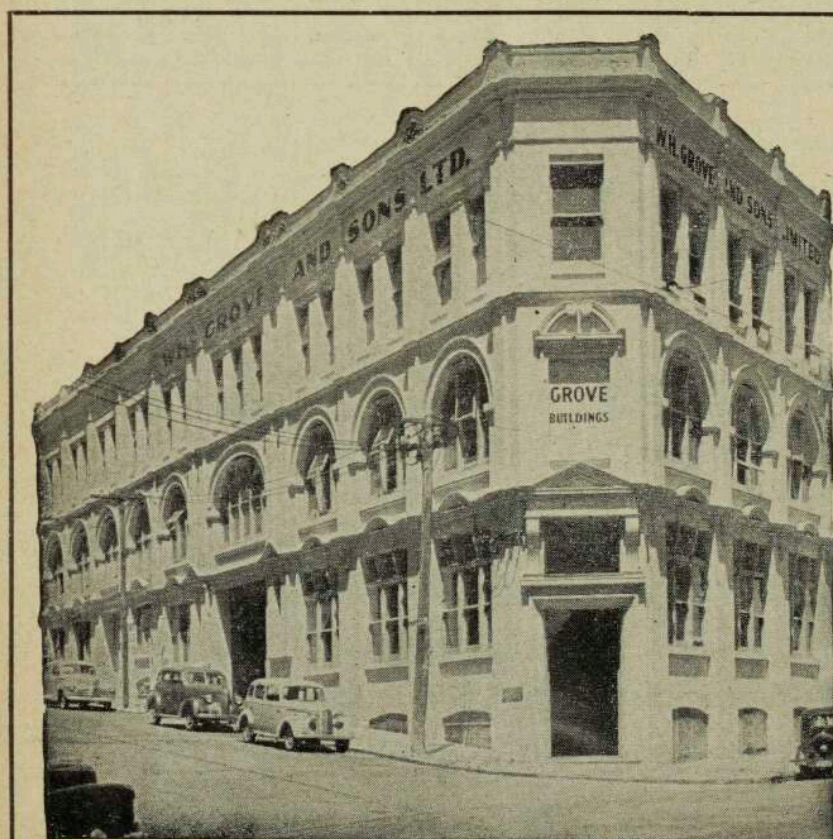
He had been summoned for consultation with the French Minister of Colonies.

He returned to Noumea by on October 11.

JUBILEE OF BISHOP AUI

THE Golden Jubilee of Roman Catholic Bishop Aui's ordination was celebrated at Tanagai Mission, Guadalcanal, August 29.

The evening opened with address to the Bishop by the native schoolchildren, and continued with songs and dances by people from widely scattered villages, performances by one of Protectorate's unique bamboo bands and a guitar band.



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Company Wins Damages in Government

NS-OCEANIC AIRWAYS LTD. won its claim against the Commonwealth of Australia for damage to one of its Solent boats in Hamilton Reach, the River, about 11.45 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 1951. (PIM p. 23).

The flying-boat was on a flight from Moresby to Sydney, via Melbourne. It collided with a dredge in the river.

Justice Williams awarded the plaintiff company £31,000 with costs. The parties had previously agreed, in the event of the High Court finding for the plaintiff, that the award should be £31,000.

Justice Williams found that the accident was caused by negligence in the laying and control of the flare path on the river.

In the application of Mr. H. J. Pennington, for the Commonwealth, Mr Justice Williams granted an injunction of 21 days, and then, if an appeal is entered, until the determination of the appeal.

The case could still go to the High Court, and in the event of an unfavourable decision, either party could go on to the Privy Council.

ing Trans-Pacific Travel Easier

DISCUSSIONS were proceeding in October between the Orient and Matson shipping companies whether there would be interchange of tickets between the two travellers on their Pacific routes. An announcement was made at the end of the month.

It was announced recently that the companies would make 10 trips across the Pacific next year instead of six as at present.

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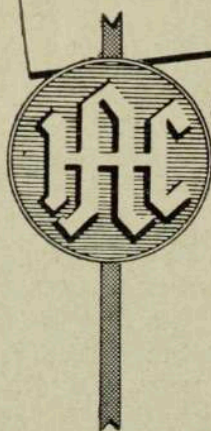
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Treasurer Seeks More Revenue :: Segregation Problem at Kokopo :: Grounds for Appeal in Golf-Links Murder Case

Everything in Papua-New Guinea is on the up-and-up: Exports (according to Minister Hasluck); Australian grant (according to Federal Treasurer Fadden); and cost of running the Territory (according to P-NG Treasurer H. H. Reeve). Cost of residing in the Territory will go up also—Territorians will, in the next financial year, have to pay more for a variety of necessities including postage-stamps and beer.

TREASURER Reeve lugubriously announced these probable measures-in-store at the opening of the P-NG Legislative Council which met in Port Moresby for the Budget Session on September 24.

Postage and telephone charges up this month—to bring the Territory into line with Australia.

A. James, Member for Papua, who opposed the principle of "bringing the Territory into line with Australia," said in debate that if the Territory were burdened with Australian postal and rates, they should have mainland facilities—which they have not. That they were likely to have less than more as he had noticed that the service to Popondetta where second class matter went by air—goes by ship to Samarai and from there to Port Moresby. It now takes from two to three instead of hours, as formerly.)

He estimated that as well as the Australian grant of £9,250,000 (September PIM), the Territory will provide a further £4,250,000 in internal revenue. It is still too rough, so Mr. Reeve gave out that he is looking about for ways by which he can gather a little more into the coffers.

And club licences, motor registration, probate and succession duties, excise, export duties and so on will all probably go up. Utilities cost the Administration much more than it did last year.

Reeve's Budget allocated £3 million for capital works; every Administration department, except Treasury, has got a bigger allocation than last year; and he anticipated that 10 per cent of the Territory's total of £14,000,000 will go on service salaries.

This year's Budget—like the year of every preceding year—was an "all-time high."

WHAT HAS ITS SEGREGATION PROBLEM

the world has been taking academic interest in the States race-segregation laws, particularly as it applies to calling

out the Army to enforce the right of Southern negroes to attend the same schools as white children, Kokopo in New Britain, has been having some segregation troubles of its own.

Kokopo has a primary school which to date has been attended by about 22 European children. Next year about 10 Chinese children will reach school age, and if some educational facilities are not provided for them locally they will have to travel the 20 miles to Rabaul each day. Some months ago a Chinese member of the local Town Advisory Council suggested that an Asiatic school be provided for the children in Kokopo.

In answer the Administration said that segregation in schools was not the policy of the Government and that ultimately it was expected that at primary level, European, Asian, and native children would be educated together.

The Kokopo Parents' and Citizens' Association's view is that no matter what is idealistically desirable in the

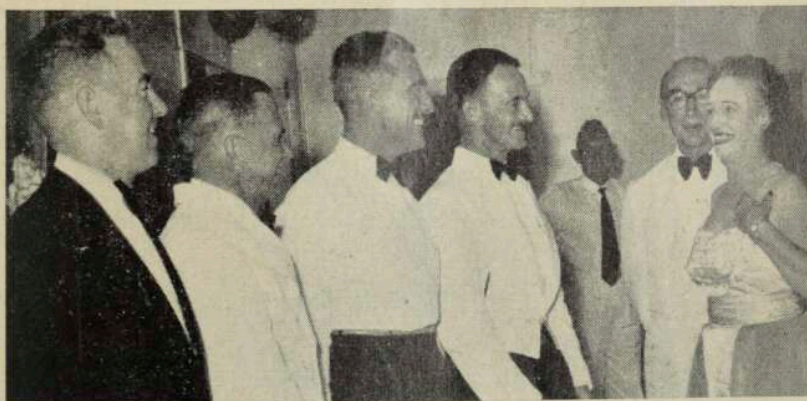
long term, their viewpoint, as of now, is that mixed schools are not practical or successful.

The P and C Assn. has not elaborated on that statement and the ball is still being tossed around between the different parties concerned.

The question of so-called segregation is, of course, bigger than the Territory; and, so it seems, bigger than the United States at the present time.

World opinion, of course, would likely be flat-footed in opposition to that of the Kokopo P and C Assn., who may be considered as fruitlessly trying to stem an overwhelming tidal wave with something about the size of a cricket bat. But the Kokopo citizens are regarding their problem from where they stand at the present and leaving the ideals of the future right out of it.

The Kokopo situation cannot be adequately compared with the situation in the American South, either. A large part of America's stock-in-trade is its emphasis on



Officials of Qantas Social Club, Lae, NG, claim that their ball held several weeks ago was the biggest ever held in Lae. Over 450 people attended, some travelling 2,000 miles from Sydney to be there. Two plane loads from Port Moresby arrived to attend the function, held in Lae RSL club. Shown here: Morobe District Commissioner and Mrs. H. L. R. Niall (extreme right) were greeted on

arrival by (left to right): Mr. Les Ellison, Qantas welfare officer who with his wife, were Sydney representatives at the ball; Capt. R. O. Mant, Acting-Area Manager for New Guinea; Mr. Pat Berg, area traffic superintendent and vice-president of the Qantas Social Club; Mr. Don McCredie, chief traffic officer, and president of the Qantas Social Club. Photo: By courtesy Qantas.

the "American way of life"—and the fact that everyone, white, negro, Japanese, Filipino is "American" first and has, whatever the colour, the same sort of background.

But no matter what the idealists may dream, Papua-New Guinea has not, as yet, got a "way of life" that embraces all residents. The emphasis there is on the particular "community" to which one belongs, each of which has its own cultural background. There are, therefore, practical difficulties as well as prejudice, to be considered in any scheme for educating the children of these communities together.

It is interesting to note that this particular rabbit was started on its journey by an Asian whose own particular solution to the problem was that *an Asian school be provided.*

PRODUCERS FIND COPRA GRADING PAINFUL

Introduction of copra inspection is having expected repercussions in the Territory.

Grading that was causing dissatisfaction in Milne Bay district was aired at the meeting of Legislative Council in September by Mr. B. Fairfax-Ross, who said that the industry in that area had been thrown into confusion by the sudden application of inspection. As a result about 20 per cent. of copra was rejected; and 28 per cent. down-graded.

One lot of copra that had been rejected in Samarai was sent to Port Moresby, where it was re-examined and where no grounds for rejection could be found.

He said that inspectors had been appointed from the ranks of ex-plantation managers and assistants

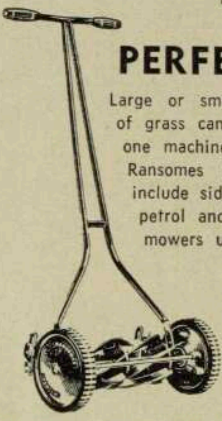
and that they were in no sense "experts". If these inspectors—had no more knowledge of what constituted top-grade copra than the average grower—misdirected their crusading zeal they cost planters many hundreds of pounds.

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More pictures from Qantas Ball: Above, some of the young people who attended.

At left, top: Mr. John Lloyd, chief traffic officer, Port Moresby, and Mrs. Lloyd. Lower:

Mr. Don McCredie chats with Mr. Kevin Williams, senior traffic officer, and Miss Monica McCabe, both of Port Moresby.

—Photos by Qantas.

in the meeting, Mr. Fairfax- as answered by Director of pure Dwyer, who defended irector at Samarai. Although yer did not leave the position ch clearer, he indicated that ics entered into it as 10/- a ton premium lost a loss to the export income Territory of £50,000." He at there were no facilities arai for reconditioning copra, inspector had no alternative return rejected copra to its or dump it in the sea. r in the month, Mr. Dwyer de an official statement on grading. He said that in down-grading was due to ate sorting by producers— grade was mixed with top and the inspectors had no but to classify it in the grade.

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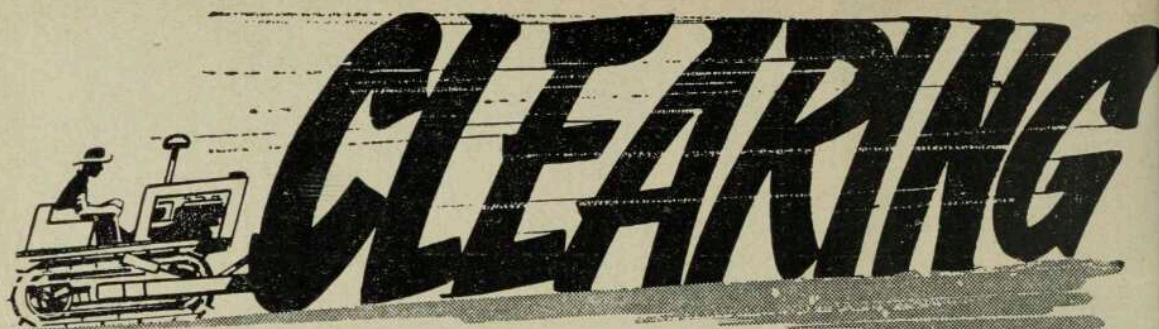
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FORTUNES "BELOW HIGH WATER MARK"

It is understood that the right to salvage about 50,000 tons of sunken shipping in Rabaul harbour will go to the Japanese firm which sent two men to survey the field a couple of months ago—providing entry permits for the team are forthcoming from the Australian Government, and that ownership of the wrecks is established.

There seems to be some doubt about the latter, and currently tenders are being called by the Administration for the right to salvage wrecks "below high water mark" in 11 Territory ports, including Rabaul. Tenders, on a royalty basis, close on November 30.

About 50,000 tons in Rabaul (See above) belong to one firm, it is

understood; the question of ownership of another 50,000 tons of sunken shipping is apparently in doubt.

No official announcement of intention has been made by anyone,

as yet—the war salvage business one in which participants are more than ordinarily reticent. But a green-light for Japanese operations has been given by the State branch of the RSL which announced at

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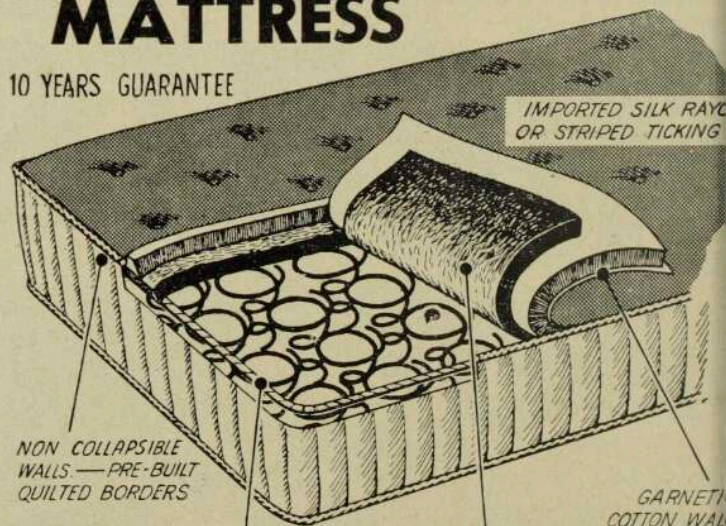
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THREE GENERATIONS: Andrea Louise Plant, centre foreground, third-generation Territorian, in Port Moresby on September 14, is held by her mother Ivane, wife of Mr. Harry Plant, on the left, Mrs. Ivan Champion, mother of Ivane, grandmother of Andrea. On right, Mrs. Ivane, mother of Mrs. Ivan Champion, grandmother of Mrs. Plant, and great-grandmother of Mrs. Plant. —Photo by Papuan Prints.

on for double murder at its Sydney sessions, which open on November. Chief Justice of P-NG, Sir John Phillips, sitting without a jury found Smith guilty of having murdered Adele Woo and Leo

Wattemeno at Rabaul. On July 30 he recorded the death sentence.

Smith bases his appeal on the following grounds.—

• There was no evidence to support the conviction.

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Ratu K. K. T. Mara, District Officer Maritime, delivered schedules over a wide area—from Kadavu to Lau. Then he had to cover his tracks again to pick-up the forms.

Tabulation of the census data will be done in Australia by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, with modern tabulating equipment. Thus all schedules had to be completed in English so that they could be dealt with by the Australian staff.

The Western Samoa census was taken on September 25. An army of 370 enumerators, most of them school-teachers, delivered the schedules and picked them up later.

The Commissioner for Census, Miss K. Jupp, forecast before the

census was taken that the population would exceed 100,000.

† The budget of Tahiti for 1956 has been balanced at 388 million Pafrancs (more than £A2 million). This is about half the budget of New Caledonia.

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Gaulle Rings Tocsin —But Against Whom?

Cryptic remarks made by General Charles de Gaulle in speeches during his visit to Noumea last month were interpreted in some French papers as a warning that "Australian imperialism" represented a threat to New Caledonia.

ETHER the leader of French resistance in World War II actually intended to sound the alarm against an aggressive, pre-emptive Australia is open to doubt. No matter how such a conclusion of their country would shock Australians, that was the impression he conveyed to many in the audience.

General de Gaulle told members of the elected New Caledonia Assembly that they must never forget they were part of France. They must conduct themselves in any way which might discourage the country. New Caledonia was the centre of a part of the world militarily and politically, and soon be one of the most important in the world. New Guinea, he asserted, was inevitably the subject of plans, or at least the thoughts, of other Powers. The important were his words at marking his departure. New Guinea should look to the future and necessary give aid to France, and France in return would use the means of defence of New Guinea by establishing an air, and military base. Coming to a soldier, his actual words—"Caledonia should aid France in any way possible"—made many think just what was implied.



NOTE: General de Gaulle meets Nurse Gertrude, who as a member of the French nursing service ranks as a Major. She was recently awarded the Legion of Honour.

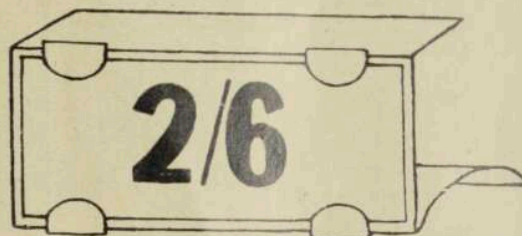
PIM's Noumea correspondent wrote: "One could not help thinking that the General had Australia in mind when he spoke of dangers

to New Caledonia. The French Press is speaking freely of Australian imperialism and news sheets in Noumea more than once have hinted at it".

ADDRESSING ex-servicemen of two world wars, General de Gaulle said he had complete confidence that "France generous" would surmount her present difficulties. Two phrases he used were: "France lives and will find a new grandeur. The future belongs to France."

It was important, he said, that the returned soldiers should think of de Gaulle and that de Gaulle should think of them. He spoke of an early turning point in French affairs, then asked: "And who will give the signal?". The crowd of war veterans

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Caledonians coming to blows over
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 thousand soldiers.

The saddest thing about this
 enormous lie, said M. Lenormand,
 was that much of it was believed.
 He offered as proof the fact that in-
 structions received from France for
 the de Gaulle visit embraced the
 possibility of an assassination.

An additional charge made by M.
 Lenormand was that a plot was

afoot to devalue the Pacific franc.
 He asserted that among those in the
 plot were commercial and mining
 heads of New Caledonia.

A remarkable speech greeted
 General de Gaulle at one native
 centre during his New Caledonia
 tour. It was made by a native
 Grand Chief, Vincent Bouquet. He



IN NOUMEA: General de Gaulle shakes hands with M. Henri Sautot,
 first French Colonial Governor to rally to Free France in 1940.
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said the natives of New Caledonia were grateful to France for the recent interest shown in their evolution. Rights they acquired recently were obtained without dispute or bloodshed. Although the present concessions guaranteed the future, the natives expected more. He hoped their evolution would be rapid enough to enable their children to enjoy the happiness and freedom of real citizens of the French Republic.

TAHITI residents were assembled in thousands at daybreak on August 30, and ships in port were dressed in bunting, to welcome General de Gaulle and his wife when they arrived aboard the Messageries Maritimes liner *Caledonien* for a 2½-day visit.

Governor Toby and military and civilian leaders greeted the visitors at the gangway at 7 a.m. The General's crowded itinerary included a ceremony at the Bougainville Monument commemorating French Oceania's rallying to the call of de Gaulle and the Free France Movement in the war years. He also found time to pay a brief visit by Catalina aircraft to the Leeward Islands.

Among the many Tahiti residents General de Gaulle met was one of the colony's most honoured war

veterans, Nurse Maadi Gobrait, who served with the forces of three Allied Nations during World War II. While in Paris recently, Nurse Gobrait, who carries the rank of major in the French Army Nursing Service, was awarded the Legion of Honour decoration.

Forty-eight hours behind schedule, the *Caledonien* brought General de Gaulle into Noumea Harbour at 2.30 p.m. on September 11. Thus, 16 years after his famous call to arms to those who refused to submit to the Germans, he came to visit the first important group of French to rally to him.

Prominent among those who

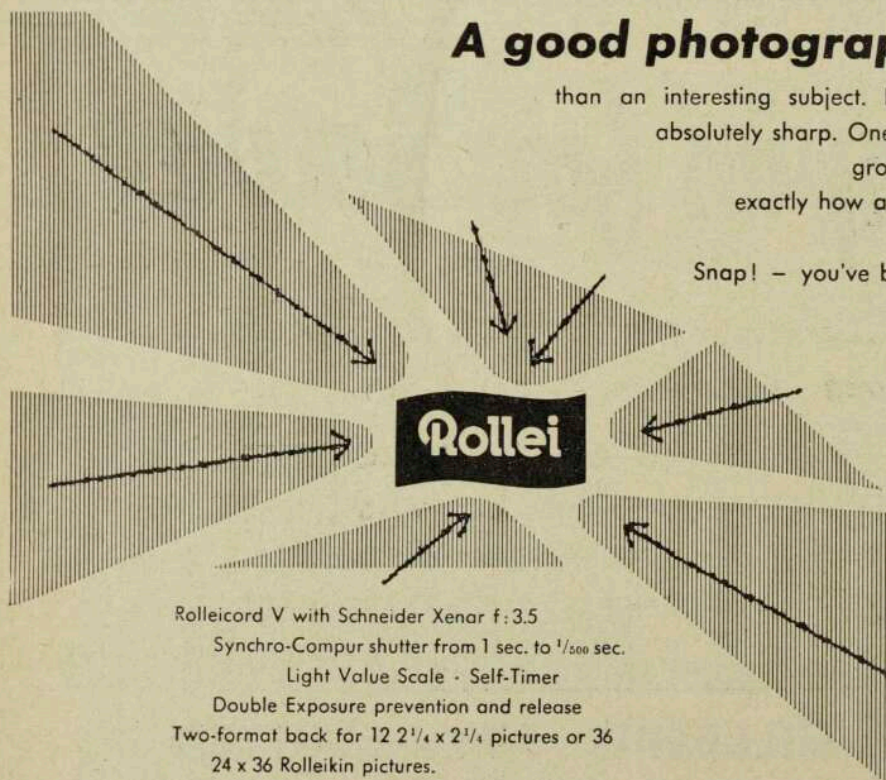


IN THE HEBRIDES: On September 10, during his visit to General de Gaulle spent an hour on Fila Island. He is shown with the Chief of the island.

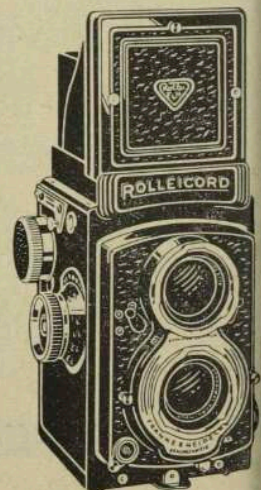
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Thorby, has recently been under-
going a special instruction course
in coffee-processing in Noumea, in
anticipation of an approaching
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† The Rev. R. L. Challis of the
Pacific Islanders' Congregational
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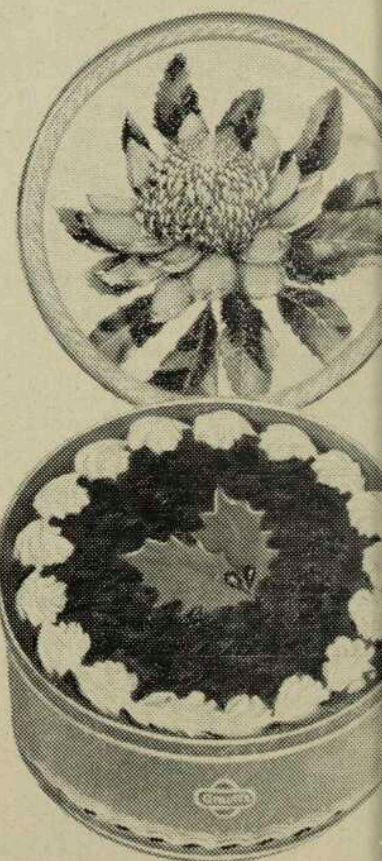
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Photo: R. F. Rankin.

Parisian Chef Plans A Coral Paradise Plus

FAMOUS Parisian chef Raymond Oliver, at present in New Caledonia, plans to erect a bungalow type of hotel for tourists on Ile des Pins, a coral "paradise" about 25 miles from the colony's southern extremity. Tourists would be flown to the island by New Caledonia's internal air service TRANSPAC, using Dragon Rapide aircraft.

M. Oliver hopes to obtain Government aid to carry out the project. He will need it. His plan is estimated to call for an investment of 900 million Metropolitan francs.

† Sir Gordon Taylor took his Bermuda flying-boat *Frigate Bird III* to Papeete on a passenger flight from Sydney early in September.

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UNIONS DIFFER OVER THE COOK ISLANDS' FIGHT AGAINST TB

BY W. H. PERCIVAL

An article by Mr. J. P. Shortall, which was published in the July issue of PIM and headed "Ministerial Sensitivity to Press Newspaper Publicity" contains some inaccuracies, over-statements in the latter half dealing with the TB campaign in Cook Islands.

The primary objects of the mass picture X-ray survey are to obtain an accurate figure of TB incidence in the Cook Islands, which in the past has only been estimated at, and concurrently, to start a programme of Mantoux testing and BCG vaccination. The detection of negative reactors is, as far as possible, the non-appearance of new cases.

The secondary object of the campaign, which cannot be carried out until the first is completed, is the treatment of new cases as they are thus discovered.

The July article stated that there is no such follow-up and funds have been made available."

In the current financial year is being used for the purchase of drugs and for treatment of TB cases—more than one and a half times the amount during the previous year. Further funds will no doubt be required should the necessity arise.

The follow-up programme was started into operation last November when the mobile X-ray team arrived in the Cooks, and has gone on continuously since then.

In early February, when the results of the new cases came in, the Health Department placed additional orders for drugs, which are now being received. A further wing was added to Rarotonga's sanatorium last year bringing the capacity to 64 by December. Additional TB cases were admitted to the hospital, and this practice continues. The remainder of the active cases are being put on home treatment.

Where domiciliary treatment can be started it is necessary, in the light of cases, to educate the patients in the need for isolation, rest, cleanliness, etc. This is understood and co-operation is obtained the treatment can go ahead. This is being done and a small number of patients have commenced home-treatment at Aitutaki. It is expected that Mangaia will follow in a few weeks time.

The July article went on to say—"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 two years. Some have died. But even if they could get into the sanatorium there would

be no medical supplies to treat them at present."

It is true that there were 90 TB cases at Aitutaki in June. But only 34 of these were awaiting home-treatment—39 were suspects only who were due for further checks, and 5 were ex-sanatorium patients. That makes a total of 78. The remaining 12 were found to be non-tuberculous. Shortly after Mr. Shortall's article was written some of the cases were placed on home-treatment.

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me-treatment, thus ensuring maximum use of beds available. June the number of people admitted to the sanatorium 0, not over 200 as stated.

By August 27 the figure was 47. The number of patients, i.e., on waiting lists, was 364 up to 27.

6 of the 143 on the waiting list died at home, and 7 have died at the sanatorium. Most of those who died had not been in the islands for 2 years as implied in the article. They were mainly old cases when discovered and could be done to help them. Statement that drugs were available at the sanatorium at the time is completely untrue.

mass X-ray unit goes on tour round the Group," said the article, "telling the people have TB—which may worry them of them to death but will have little other effect."

statement is a misleading one, implying that the people are told that they have TB and then abandoned. What happens is that, in the islands, the people are given results only when the final results are sent out together with treatment, so that home-treatment can be started as soon as conditions are reasonably satisfactory. People are also advised,

both in Rarotonga and the outer islands, about what they can do to help their own recovery.

Talks were given at all Rarotongan villages by the CMO, Dr. T. T. Romans, and in the outer islands by CIMP's, outlining the nature of TB, the purpose of the Mass X-ray survey, and how they could help themselves while awaiting drug treatment.

This advice frequently arrests the progress of the disease, and was the basis of all TB treatment before such drugs became available.

"The medical department in the Cooks freely admits that when the unit makes its second round in a year or so few will turn up for X-rays," said the July article.

This is not the official opinion of the CI Health Department and can only reflect unofficial and personal views.

"It is also agreed that the housing situation for home-treatment is satisfactory in only about 2 per cent. of all cases diagnosed."

The 2 per cent. can only be a guess, and although the statement is generally true initially conditions are voluntarily improved in all cases where treatment begins.

The general implication of the July article seems to be that huge Sanatoria should be built to house all cases and suspects who are found during the survey. This

scheme is regarded by responsible authorities as "fantastic." There would be a huge capital cost, extra staff would have to be obtained and trained, the annual maintenance expenditure that would follow would be enormous. And both buildings and staff would quickly become redundant.

In view of these facts the follow-up programme must consist of home-treatment, aided by education and the best possible use of the available sanatorium accommodation.

EDITORIAL NOTE

THE reader has now been presented with two versions of the TB problem as it applies to the Cook Islands and may take his

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choice. The only comment PIM would like to make is:

● When the founder of this publication first visited the Cook Islands in 1913, tuberculosis was regarded as the scourge of the group and its incidence and spread were attributed in large measure to unsatisfactory housing. (Which was a point made 43 years later by Mr. Shortall).

● In respect of the limited resources of the Cook Group, the large-scale provision of TB institutions may be regarded as "fantastic" — nonetheless we take leave to doubt the efficacy of home-treatment upon which the Cook Islands seem to rely in the fight against the disease and in this connection sought expert advice, thus:

It is compulsory in New South Wales for everyone over 14 to be X-rayed for TB every two years. The TB Division of the Department of Health and the Anti-TB Association of NSW conduct surveys regularly within boundaries allotted to them under the Health Act.

A doctor in the Health Department said that since the surveys were instituted in 1953 many new cases of tuberculosis had been discovered. A few years ago, the Department found difficulty in placing all these new patients in suitable institutions. But now the position was completely reversed, and there were ample beds throughout the State.

The doctor said that the Department preferred to treat patients in institutions rather than in the home.

"We think every patient should be in an institution for a certain period," she said.

"We always think institution care is better than domiciliary (home) care."

If New South Welshmen cannot be regarded as making a satisfactory job of home-nursing their TB cases, it is scarcely likely that

Cook Islands Maoris will make better fist of it. However, home treatment is better than no treatment, and if that is all that can be done in CI there is no more to be said on the subject.

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an life a few weeks ago unidentified concrete brick e about 50 yards from Point atre and there were various as to its eventual function: Port Authority's little huts; traffic control post, were ideas until the building resented a blank wall inset vres high above road level. at time we knew: Honiara ave its first public lavatory. ount there are statistics in some obscure corner detail the incidence of lavatories per head of on in the world's capitals. here are, Honiara, with its population of several is, and its one incomplete avatory, must be very near om of the list.

tion seems to have received gely little official attention otectorate, with the result oniaara contains some breeding grounds for a s epidemic.

Cruz, for example, has become a vast open air fly-ridden and foul. Most rvants' quarters adjacent to a dwellings in Honiara are ided with toilet facilities, bush and shore must be

ir traveller to the BSIP oilet facilities behind at even Honiara offers nothing airport hut. Honiara's with a seating capacity of undreds, has no toilet in t.

sly the major problem is sanitation to the larger opulation. We hear a lot bal tambus against the use ts, but certain native ties out of Honiara seem to fairly rigid system of control, which includes an sewage disposal and the of natives in other Pacific s seem to have been lly overcome.

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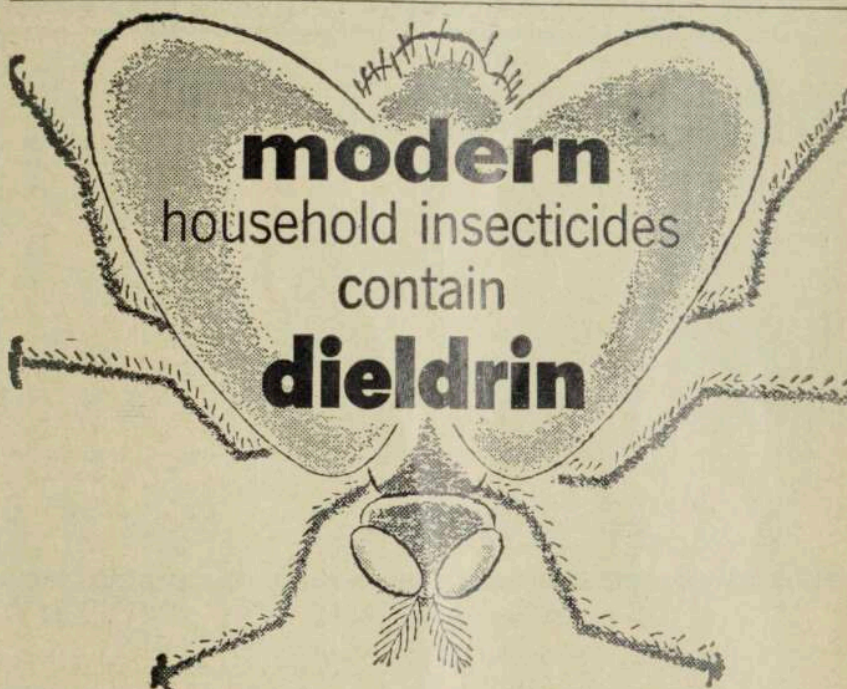
latrine in Honiara, but this was closed because it was abused. Although it may be a long, and often frustrating task, it would surely be better from a public health standpoint to persevere, with a strong programme of teaching people the benefits of good sanitation rather than let one or two setbacks write finish to the scheme.—Honiara Correspondent.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lahmert and family arrived in Nukualofa from Dunedin, NZ, recently. Mr. Lahmert is to be officer in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department in Tonga.

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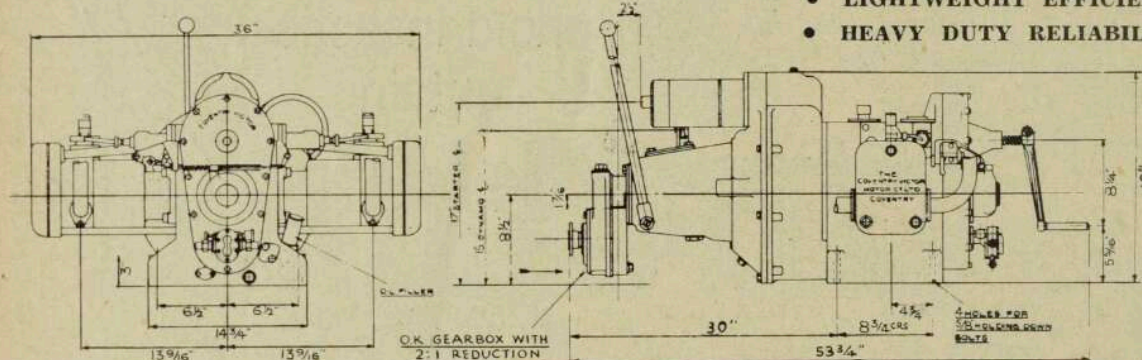
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HAPPENED IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER of 1876 saw the wreck of the brig *Stranger*, Captain Garth, Auckland for on Blunt Island, off Kadavu. Laded with stores and a complement of horses for the Engineers at Suva, the vessel left Auckland, September 16, made an uneventful run until, without warning she crashed onto the reef at 3 a.m., October 22, in a heavy south-easterly and rough

weather. Stranding took place at high tide and after some heavy weather the brig was soon left high and dry, and all hands, including the captain's wife and children, landed at daybreak. Some of the horses had already leapt from the ship but others were killed on the reef or later died. The vessel, which was owned by McEwen & Co., Melbourne, suffered a total loss though much cargo and equipment was salvaged. Earlier Captain Garth had lost the vessel *Nilandum*, well-known in Suva

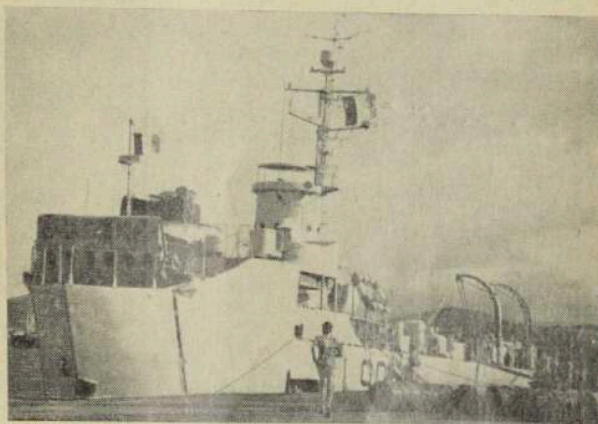
at the time, in a hurricane at New Caledonia.

COSTLY BURN

Mere mention of a ship-fire in French Oceania will usually raise a laugh in shipping circles—but there were no laughs connected with the *Benecia* singeing at the Papeete wharf in July. The vessel was not insured, our correspondent

The tank landing ship 9019 of the French Navy arrived at Noumea August 31. Carrying material from Saigon for the naval base at Noumea amounting to some 700 tons, the vessel after discharging will return to Saigon. The 9019 carries a total crew of 53. During the voyage down a breakdown of one of the engines caused the vessel to seek repairing facilities in Rabaul, N.G.

—Photo by F. E. Dunn.



reports, and repairs will cost in excess of PF2,000,000 (£A14,250).

JOYITA TRACES SOUGHT

On behalf of relatives of some of the 25 persons lost from *Joyita* a year ago, the New Zealand Government has notified all Islands Administrations from French Oceania westward that a reward of £100 will be paid to any person producing clear evidence of the fate of any of the missing.

It is thought there might be traces of some of the missing on some isolated beach or island. For legal reasons proof of death, or otherwise, is sought. However, one imagines that if any clues were

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in existence, they would have been reported before this — with or without the incentive of the princely £100.

MESSAGE FROM THE SEA

There is an element of excitement in a bottled message from the sea, but there was sadness too, in one picked up on a beach near Waipu, NZ, in September, by a 13-year-old school-girl.

Gunner Morris Nelson Palmer, off to the war, had tossed it from an unnamed troopship near Norfolk Island on March 25, 1943. Addressed to his mother, it was found less than seven miles from her home. But Gunner Palmer was killed at Rimini, Italy, in September, 1944, and a brother to whom the message was also addressed, was killed in a motor accident more recently.

SOON TO SAIL

In Auckland on business in mid-September, Mr. Hugh Williams reported that his 243-ton *Melva* to be registered in Suva, should clear Wellington early October with a cargo of aviation gasoline for Aitutaki.

The recently acquired vessel, now white with green trimmings, has a new bridge above the former wheel-house, which becomes the skipper's cabin. The chief engineer moves into the former skipper's cabin, making further accommodation available for cabin passengers in the Cooks interisland trade.

Among plans for turning an honest penny: a 16 mm. movie plant for use in the hold, which will serve as a theatre when empty, and a collection of Bible-story films which are expected to prove a major drawcard.

CLOSE SHAVE

The 40-ton MV *Nicole*, of

Papeete, came close to grief when she struck a reef Tikehau lagoon, but slid over little damage.

Our records show that *Nicole* owned by Edgar Bambridge.

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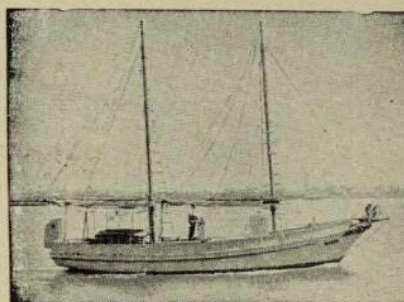
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The former US Navy net-layer "Sea Maria Ines", shows her distinctive South Pacific. The yacht "Meridian" of Annapolis, now at Papeete. Photos: Oscar Nordman.

... resumed command of Hedstrom & Co.'s 260-ton interisland vessel *Altair* in per.

... years ago in the UK he Irish sweep, purchased the *Simballa* and sailed to New. He sold her there in 1952 and the Fiji merchant fleet. ... are whispers in Auckland captain Arnot might now be ag a book on his interesting many ships. He was in before going to Fiji.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE? The authorities in Papeete lately been surveying MV ... one-time US Navy aft, identical to *Manu'a* sed on Pago Pago, with a purchase. The 252-ton was acquired in Honolulu 7 years ago by Societe active Tuamotu-Gambier. could presumably replace *rahena*, 532-tons, sold by l Government to M. Andre some years ago. The ment has not owned a of this size since. believe that *Tuamotu* and *Tele* (now also for sale), only YMS-type (yard mine) craft in use as trading in the South Pacific, though ch Navy have two of these

wooden diagonal-planked 124-ft. craft in service—*Tiare* and *Lotus*, based on Noumea and Papeete respectively. They are each powered with two 400 h.p. GM 268-A diesels.

MELANESIAN'S CREW DEPARTS

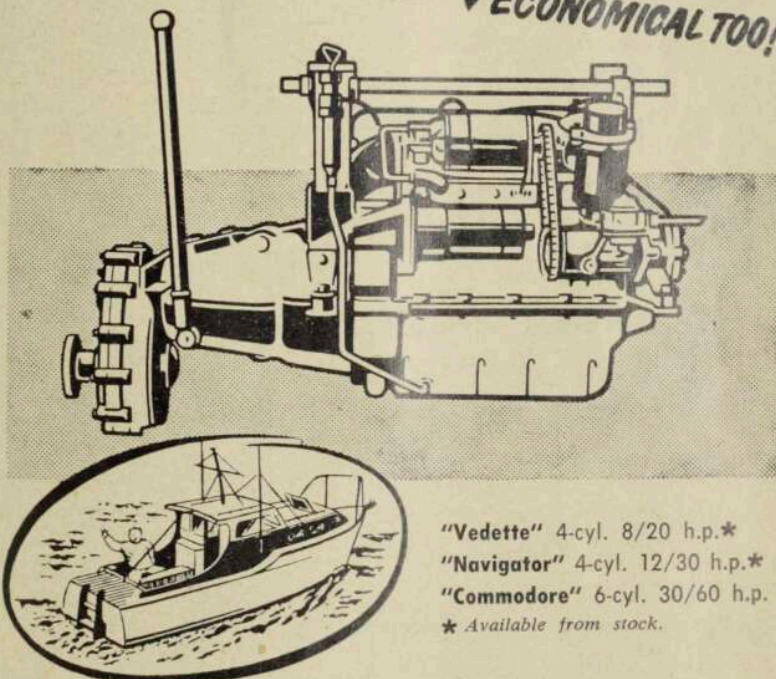
Sixteen members of the Solomon Islands crew who are to sail the new Government vessel *Melanesian* from Hongkong, left Honiara by Qantas charter plane early September.

The party, under Captain Thorsen, flew via Darwin, Biak, and Manila to Hongkong. *Melanesian* was launched by Mrs. R. J. Minnitt, wife of the Chief Secretary, last July.

Further technical details of the ship are to hand by courtesy of the Marine Superintendent. Dimensions of the steel vessel are 118 ft. o.a. x 105 ft. b.p. x 26 ft. moulded breadth x 9½ ft. depth of hold x 8 ft. loaded draught. She had a deadweight capacity of 130 tons, a single hold with a 19 ft. x 3 ft. 10 in. hatch. The main motors are twin handed Gardner 8L3's each of 144 bhp at 900 rpm, with 3 : 1 reduction gear. The motors have fresh-water cooling and air starting. The auxiliaries are a pair of Gardner 4LW's, each driving a 20 kw 220 v. dc. generator. These are arranged for hand or electric starting. (Over)

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A group of Tahitians who passed through Sydney in August, on their way to Venice to pick up the phosphate company of Makatea. With them, second from right, standing, is Henri Helme, skipper of well-known small islands vessel, "Maria del Mar". They were all visitors at a Polynesian Association function when this photograph was taken. They entertained other members with songs and dances.

Photo: Bayside Studio.

The vessel has a raked stem and a stern. She is equipped with a radio installation for high and medium-frequency

operation. The ship's builders, as mentioned in July, were Hong-Kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., Hongkong.

ON THE SPUD RUN

Last June a small 876-ton wooden vessel, American owned but flying the quartered red-white-and-blue flag of Panama, arrived in New Zealand with a cargo of American potatoes. A former US Navy net-layer, she then bore the name *Maria Ines*.

In September the same vessel, with another valuable cargo of US potatoes to relieve the current NZ potato famine, and with 8,000 cases of tomatoes from Rarotonga, dropped in to Wellington flaunting the name *Sea Pearl*.

Formerly owned by Far Eastern Steam Ship Co., the vessel had changed hands between trips and is now owned in New York by Victor International Corp., still flying the Panamanian "flag of convenience."

The refrigerated craft was seeking an outward cargo, and late September seemed likely to be seen in the Islands again.

Southbound, *Sea Pearl*, which was earlier running frozen meat cargos from Hawaii to the US, called at Papeete for bunkers. Rarotonga authorities learned she was south-bound, contacted the owners, and arranged the much appreciated tomato shipment. The vessel was loaded in under 5 hours at the Avarua roadstead.

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evidently high enough to warrant a vessel of this size making the long voyage.

Sea Pearl, built by Everett Pacific Co. in 1944, has twin diesel-electric drive to a single shaft. The motors are Busch-Sulzer. Captain R. L. Deskin is in command, and Mr. Les Ellis, well-known in Tonga, who joined the vessel last voyage, is Second Mate.

EQUAPAC INTERLUDE

South from Honolulu as one of the vessels engaged in Operation Equapac ocean-current survey, as detailed last month, US Fish & Wildlife's industrious research vessel *Hugh M. Smith* made a scheduled call at Papeete, September 11-15.

FURTHER ORDER

Next year should see an event of considerable maritime interest. Probably for the first time ever, the merchant flag of the Kingdom of Tonga will be seen in the Northern Hemisphere, and more than a few well-seasoned merchant navy officers, pacing their bridges, will be excused if they have to repair to the chart room to consult *What Ship Is That?* for probably very few seamen could describe this flag which will fly from the stern of probably two new Tongan ships.

The flag is three-quarters red, with a red cross superimposed on the white upper quarter adjoining

the staff. When the Queen is aboard the ship also flies the Tongan Royal Standard

Reading clockwise from the upper quarters adjoining the staff, this flag is quartered as follows: Yellow, on which are three white stars, red, on which is a golden crown; yellow plain; blue with a white bird. Superimposed at centre is a 6-pointed white star with a

red cross superimposed there. The descriptions are worth nothing as very frequently Queen Salu does travel in one or other of 1 vessels.

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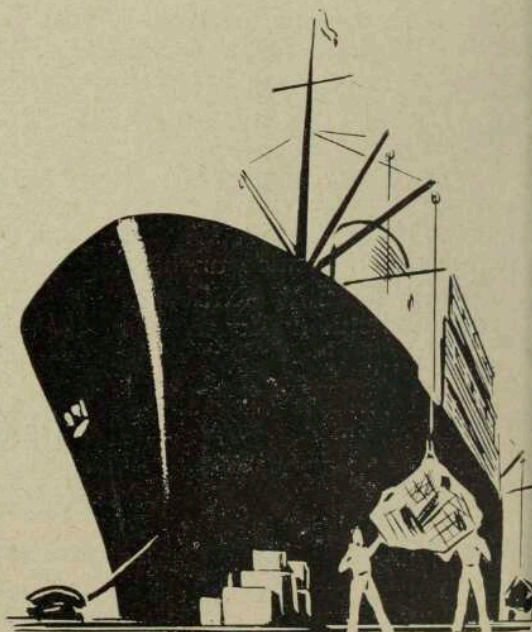


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Auckland in September that a 134-ft. tug-cum-general purpose vessel has also been ordered in England. The two present ketches built in Auckland and Suva respectively, and no Tongan government vessel—or vessel flying Tongan flag, so far as we know—has ever been seen beyond the Pacific.

PROFIT NOT IMPORTANT

The 134-ft. steel two-masted diary passenger schooner *Te Vega*, Liberian flag, but American owned, has now completed over a year of regular passenger voyages between Honolulu and Papeete, via ports if required.

Beautifully equipped for the comfort of passengers, but actually giving little patronage—possibly to fares which range from \$1,275 each way—the 242 spoon-bowed counter-sterned vessel has maintained a regular schedule.

Some have expressed surprise that the vessel can show sufficient profit to keep operating but it is stated in Papeete that she is something of a hobby for a long shareholder who uses her as a means of maintaining his income in a certain taxation bracket, *Te Vega* being merely a sideline, not a business.

Whatever the truth, *Te Vega* does make a regular connection along the neglected sea-route, and will call

at the Marquesas or the Line Islands when required. She is easily the most graceful and attractive vessel operating in South Pacific commerce to-day and many will hope that operations will prosper and extend.

In August *Te Vega* made a special run from Papeete to the Marquesas and return with Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Crane, former sole owners. Present owners are Darr Lines of Honolulu, of which Captain Omer Darr, master of *Te Vega*, is visible head.

WHICH WERE HIS SHIPS?

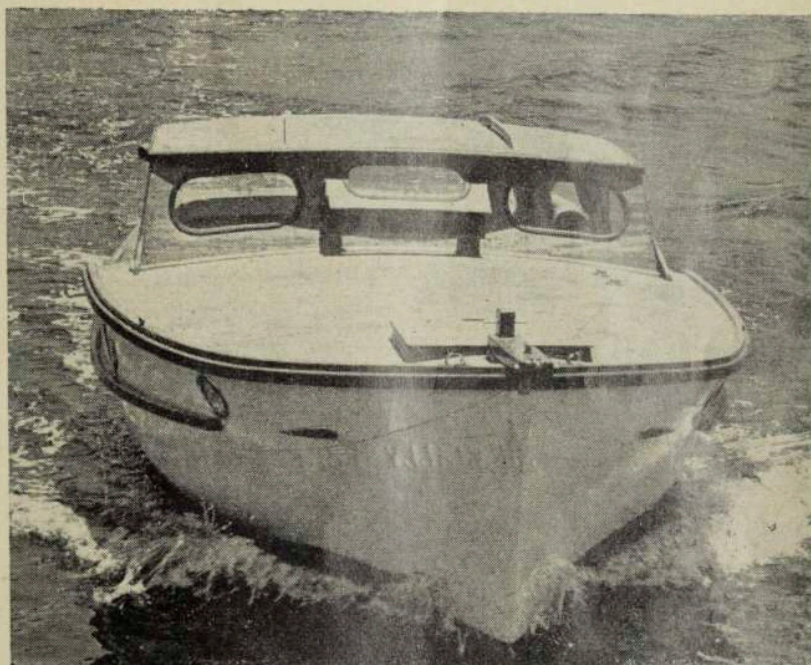
Mr. Ralph Chapman, of 30 Beekman Place, New York, former resident of Tahiti and a reader of

PIM, seeks information on his grandfather, Captain James Hewson, who spent most of his life sailing and trading in the Pacific, married a Miss Vahineura a Fanaue, of Hitiaa, Tahiti, at one time commanded the barquentine *Tropic Bird* of San Francisco, and eventually settled in California with his family.

Specifically Mr. Chapman seeks information on other vessels commanded by his grandfather. Mr. Chapman himself went to Tahiti as a child of four in 1911 and remained there until 1923, when he was offered a job by an American visitor; he has been in the latter's employ ever since.

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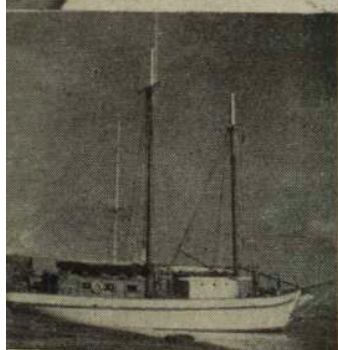
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September Travellers to Papua-New Guinea . . .



A. G. Daw, Mrs. Daw, daughter Susan, Christopher and Johnathon, returned to Papua, aboard September "Malekula" after four months furlough in Adelaide. Daw is secretary of the NG Anglican

resident Mrs. D. Marchant had completed 2 months leave in Australia when she returned to P-NG during September. Her

husband is employed by the Department of Works at Madang; they have been living in the Territory since 1946.

Mrs. Gordon Smith (centre), wife of Mendi District Patrol Officer, her mother, Mrs. A. J. Hoile, of Wau, and three-year-old son Christopher, aboard "Malekula" after four months leave in Sydney. Mr. and Mrs. Hoile have been residents of P-NG for 28 years.

Mrs. K. Muntz travelled to Dogura, via Samarai, to visit her daughter Sister Faith at the Dogura Community House—a boarding school for native girls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Osborne. Mrs. Osborne was Dr. Pamela Blackall and will begin medical practice in Wau. Mr. Osborne owns "Kulang" coffee plantation outside Wau.

Rev. Father E. A. Tremblay, for many years stationed in the Pacific, and author of a couple of books on life in those islands since his arrival, as recalled to the United States several years ago, has been transferred to the Pacific. He is now assistant Pastor, St. Theresa's

Church, Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaiian Islands — and with hopes of eventually returning to end his days in Tonga.

† Privately owned licensed radio receivers increased from 1,205 to 2,000 during the last financial

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JARVIS: As with Palmyra, but with the addition of seismographic and meteorological observations.

JOHNSTON: Equipment already in operation at this US Airforce base, will record tidal data, long-period (5-15 minute) ocean waves.

CANTON: Scripps will maintain equipment for tidal and long-period wave measurements. The work will be carried out by existing aviation staff.

GUAM: As with Canton, plus sea temperatures and samples.

KOROR: As with Guam.

WAKE: As with Guam.

TRUK: It is hoped that a station will be established here to maintain observations as with Guam.

YAP, MIDWAY, and ENIWE-

TOK: Already have tide gauges installed.

All the above will be American-controlled, and there may be American assistance with bases at the following places also:

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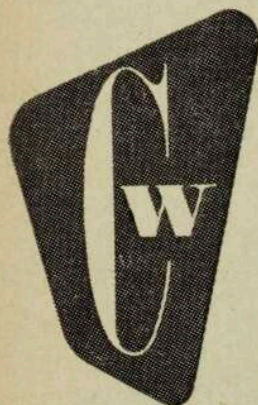
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stations, but the nature of the variations is not yet fixed. In most cases the IGY observations will be merely additional to the astronomical observations which are already made.

temperatures will be taken at depths of 1,000 feet once each by means of boats.

Results of the tidal measurements will be of particular interest. Observations have already shown for reasons not completely understood there are regular oscillations of the sea level with periods of 5 minutes.

Foaming At The (er) Mouth Help Sugar

PLAINTS in England that synthetic detergents might seriously affect public health led to a report by a special committee which should be sent to sugar producers, if not growers.

The report indirectly suggested a return to sugar in the manufacture of detergents which would not pollute the rivers and waterways. It also pointed out the accumulations of foam that have become a nuisance since the popularity of synthetic detergents has waned. But it did NOT recommend a return to soap.

Difficulties at the works included foaming to such an extent that caused nuisance and in some cases could endanger public health, the committee reported.

The foaming retarded purification processes and gave rise to more pollution than usual in the rivers, with possible adverse effects on the amenities of rivers which it was discharged, interfering with their ability to support fish and plant life and their use as a source of drinking water.

The committee said there had been no evidence so far of ill-effects from detergent residues in drinking water or crockery drained dry without rinsing but it emphasised the question of human ingestion over a lengthy period needed further study.

The recommendations included: manufacturers of household synthetic detergents should investigate the feasibility of producing washing products based on sugar which can be readily eliminated or eliminated and will not cause persistent foaming.

The *International Sugar Journal* quickly pointed out that, while the reports based on sugar were not specifically mentioned in the report, it must undoubtedly figure prominently in the investigations the committee recommended. They are easily digested by both

animals and humans, and present activated-sludge methods at sewage works will almost certainly handle them without difficulty," the *Journal* said.

"In addition, they are poor to moderate foamers. Thus the major disadvantages of present detergents are eliminated by the sugar-based products, which have excellent detergent and emulsifying properties and are comparable in production costs."

† Vasiti Yalayala, a 15-years-old Fijian schoolgirl from Lautoka, arrived in Sydney early this month to attend Burwood Domestic Home Science School. She was brought to Australia by Mrs. Eileen Meyer, of Strathfield, Sydney, who met her when she was a nursing sister at

the Lautoka Methodist Mission School. Mrs. Meyer hopes Vasiti will matriculate, and eventually become a nurse or a physiotherapist. Vasiti plays basketball, will join a tennis club, and will take up golf.

‡ Maui Pomare's September cargo from Auckland to Rarotonga included a consignment of kauri and punga tree-fern logs for the manufacture of polished inlaid wooden ornaments and curios at the new Finnegan paua-shell processing factory.

¶ The founder of the Societe Tiebaghi, Mr. Emile Chalas, died in Paris, on June 27, 1956. The Societe Tiebaghi operates the world's richest chrome mine in Northern New Caledonia, at Paagoumene.

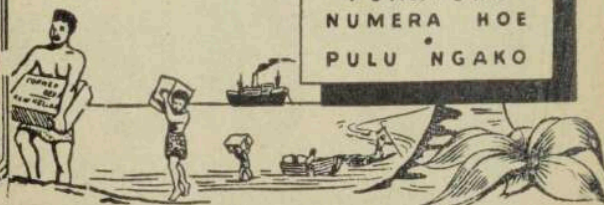
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French Could Tap New Wealth Now Untouched

TH Australia and New Caledonia could get a much-needed "shot in the arm" if a proposal that French colonial organisations build a big steelworks alongside the splendid undeveloped deep-water harbour at Port Stephens, north of New South Wales, is adopted.

Australia's present steelmaking industry, though highly efficient, is not with its present output enough to satisfy the country's hunger for steel with the result that she has to import annually steel products worth £A44 million.

Reserves of iron ore, great as they are, are limited and here New Caledonia could come to Australia's steelmasters, Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd., as millions of tons untouched potentially rich mines lying idle.

Japanese showed great interest in New Caledonia's iron ore about 1935 and by 1939 had secured large concessions, which they were working extensively. Then World War II.

What has happened since—or failed to happen—is graphically illustrated in a photograph in *PIM*'s July issue. It depicts Dr. John Cumpston, Australian Consul in Noumea, inspecting the former Japanese iron mine at Goro during a recent trip to south-eastern New Caledonia.

With Mrs. Cumpston he is climbing to the mine plateau. In the background is the loading cantilever, now in bad condition from disuse and neglect, stretching out its skeleton arms to wealth untouched.

Areas such as these, it is true, are being thoroughly prospected by the French Bureau Minière but their future is still indefinite.

Apparently the proposal that French organisations consider establishing a big steel plant at Port Stephens—they already have built steelworks in other countries—is still in the exploratory stage.

What details are available so far were revealed by NSW Mines Minister, Roger Nott, in Sydney recently. He said he had discussed the proposal with the French Embassy's Commercial Consul (M. Miot) but was not at liberty to disclose the names of the French interests concerned.

Emphasising the suitability of Port Stephens, Mr. Nott pointed out that its deep-water harbour lay

close to substantial coal and limestone deposits.

Though the works proposed would compete with the BHP steel undertakings at Newcastle and Port Kembla, the Minister said, he favoured the plan.

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8,000 people and need 30,000 tons of coal a week. That would absorb about 2,000 Australian mineworkers and help solve the surplus labour problem which mechanisation and a static demand for coal had created.

Americans Interested, Too

Mr. Nott reported later (Oct. 3) that American interests as well as French were interested in the possibilities of a Port Stephens steel industry. He said both were "nibbling". It was estimated that it would cost £100 million to set up the establishment. A canal 6 miles long, to link Port Stephens with Newcastle harbour, would be part of the set-up.

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A NEW administrative building was officially opened at Arutunga, Aitutaki, early in September. The building houses offices for the resident agent, post office, radio station, court room, and police station, and is a notable contribution—together with a new hospital, doctor's house, dental clinic, pump-house, gaol, and laundry opened some time ago—to tidying up a very down-at-heel village.

The official opening was performed by the Resident Commissioner, Mr. G. Nevill, who with Mrs. Nevill and the Hon. Makea Nui Teremoana Ariki, C B E, leading Ariki of the Cook Islands, flew across from Rarotonga by Civil Aviation Bureau aircraft for the occasion.

† A record number of motor vehicles entered New Caledonia in the first half of the current year. The total was 538—nearly 90 a month. Their total value was about 93 million francs. France sent 426, the United States 70, England 16. Germany, Japan, and Australia sent the rest.

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VS from Wellington, in August, that the Cook Islands budget for 1956-57 has been cut by 10 per cent. This will cause perplexity in that country, in the light of the recommendations of the Belshaw-Stace Plan for economic development last year and of the Minister of Islands Territories' statement published in the May Cook Islands Review, one paragraph of which read:

As a result of the Government's prompt and positive action, many of the recommendations of the report had reached the stage where they could be implemented. (Note the word "could"). The (Auckland) articles were therefore uncertain in that they created doubt in the people in the Cook Islands as to the motives of the Government at the very time when it is important to have their confidence.

The Minister was referring to a number of articles summarising the Belshaw-Stace Plan report.

It is true that several appointments have been made in line with the Belshaw-Stace recommendations. The report made it clear (a) that certain of its recommendations were urgent; (b) that the Government must be prepared to spend more money in the Group period before it could ever hope to balance its budget at some future time (if

only if the public disclosure of the Belshaw-Stace report created doubt in the Cooks, the cutting of the budget by £55,000 will create a good deal more doubt on intentions. At the very least one should have been told that the reasons for the cut would have been carefully explained to the Cook Islands people by the Minister over Radio New Zealand, and by every other means. It is not a word on the subject heard from Radio New Zealand (last up to time of writing); perhaps only by chance, the statement was made available to the press as the Minister left to attend the Conference in London.

There may be excellent reasons for the cut in funds but surely the people were entitled to hear them.

The 1956-57 vote is £329,000. The expenditure last year was £324,000. In the very fields where it had been expected that the grant would be increased—the subsidies covering health, education, etc.—the grant is reduced

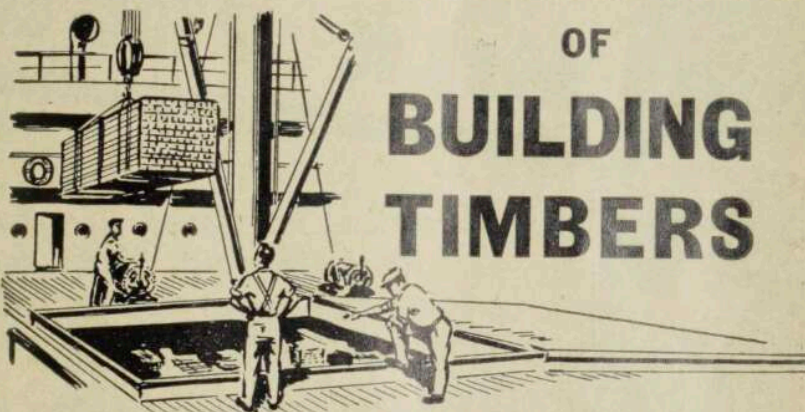
by £20,000. About £21,000 less will be paid in advances to citrus growers this year than last, confirming that there have been second thoughts on the Citrus Scheme as originally envisaged.

What the actual estimates for the 1956-57 year were is not known but it was stated in Rarotonga in July that these had been cut by £120,000. The estimates almost always substantially exceed the actual expenditure, which is usually limited by shipping, available manpower and other local factors, but it does appear that the plan was to spend substantially more than was spent last year; so the cut of £55,000 may represent a greater reduction than might appear on the surface.—JPS.

† Messrs. W. G. Johnson, chairman and managing director of W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji) Ltd., and H. E. Snell, chairman and managing director of Morris Hedstrom Ltd., members of the board of W. R. Carpenter and Co. Ltd., returned to Suva in the first week in October after having attended the annual meeting of WRC in Sydney on September 28. Mr. Johnson also visited Canberra and Tasmania.

† Dr. M. F. Barnett, head of the New Zealand Meteorological Service, in the course of a tour of Pacific Islands weather stations under his control—with particular emphasis on International Geophysical Year projects—recently visited the Cook Islands.

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These events showed that a colony had arisen in the world with a mind and an individuality of its own, a country later than Australia had successfully exorcised the memories of its past. The simple-hearted, courageous ex-Governor Henri de la Moignon, in his book, *Grandeur et décadence du Gaullisme dans le Pacifique*, which was published in France after the war's end, outlined the new outlook of a country facing up to itself, and at the same time ready to demand, within the framework of the French Union, a more liberal form of self-government.

The island's new sense of a

worthier destiny was again stressed by the celebrations in 1953 of the centenary of French occupation.

A Centenary Committee in Paris then set about sponsoring a number of important publications which since that year have been issued from time to time by the Paris press. Jean Mariotti's, *Nouvelle Caledonie*, the book of the Centenary year, has been followed by Pere Patrick O'Reilly's two indispensable volumes of biographical and bibliographical researches to which *PIM* has already drawn attention, and by Yves Person's *La Nouvelle Caledonie et l'Europe*, which I have not yet read, though I am told it is very good.

The latest of these centenary publications to reach Sydney is the *Geographie de la Nouvelle Caledonie*, published in Paris last year, the Noumea price of which is 360 SP francs.

It is the work of Dr. J. P. Faive, with the collaboration of Professor J. Poirier, of the Ecole National of Overseas France, and Pierre

Routhier, a lecturer at the Sorbonne, who was formerly head of a geological mission to New Caledonia (1946-49). It is likely to be a standard work on the island for many years, since the only geographies issued in the past are inadequate and long outdated.

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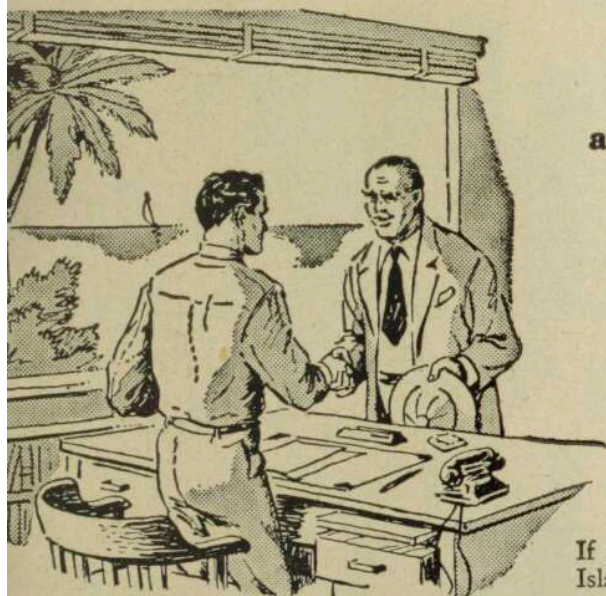
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authoritatively of the geological build-up of an island now known to be one of the most mineralogically rich in the world, a fact that must make it the envy of other Pacific areas; it gives a good idea of the flora and fauna, unique to an unusual degree, as every naturalist who has visited the country has reported; and it contributes a valuable historical review of what has taken place historically from the days of Captain Cook and the French explorers down to the present day.

In these chapters space is found for an appreciation of the work of the pioneers; Paddon, the first trader and cattle-man, and Higginson and Lucien Bernheim, early "kings" respectively of nickel and chrome; also of the most notable of the Governors, Guillaud in early days; Paul Feillet, in whose day penal transportation made way for Asiatic labour; and Joseph Guyon, whose energetic schemes in the later 1920's were unhappily frustrated by the self-interest, timidity, and *laissez-faire* attitude of an all too isolated community.

Such unhappy tendencies are still at work, yet New Caledonia is a more alive place to-day than it was before the war, as its mining potentialities in particular are becoming realised—and mechanised, thanks to the chronic shortage of labour.

One therefore turns with special interest to the remaining sections of this useful book, those which cover mineral resources, and lesser resources which come under the heading of agriculture, cattle raising, and fisheries—activities, these last, with which the prosperity of the native Melanesian population as well as of the "colons" is closely bound up.

As well as illustrations of mines, and Noumea, and the Tontouta air-field, there are useful diagrams

showing imports and exports, rise and fall and rise again of the population since transportation ended in 1897, weather charts, and in an appendix, lists showing of put over the years of nickel, chrome, iron, cobalt, manganese, copper, lead and zinc, gold and coal, though the two last-named never amount to very much.

Here are statistics of value to the business world.

Such matters apart, one is glad to find the authors, in the chapters

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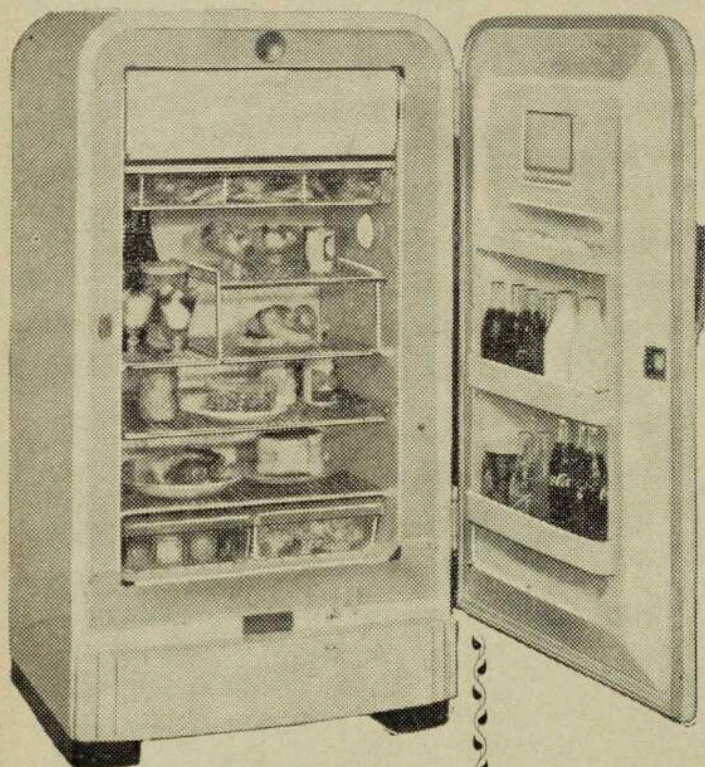
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Tropicalities

TRANSLATES POPULAR BOOKS INTO FIJIAN

the few Fijians who have translated books from English to Fijian, Ratu Luke Vuidreketi, of the Rewa district, is probably the able translator, and is certainly the most prolific.

Ratu Luke started translating in 1940, and has since translated *Gulliver's Travels in Lilliput*, Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Books*, J. K. Rowling's *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, M. Yahub Khan's *Golden Rule of Islam*, and *The Elusive Pimpernel* and *I will Repay*.

Part from the works translated by the Methodist Mission, these are the only books available in the Fijian language, Ratu Luke told me. He is now translating *The Boy by Lloyd C. Douglas*.

Discussing difficulties of translating, Ratu Luke said: "The main problem is that we haven't got the words in the Fijian language which English is so deep, wide and But in the Fijian translation Fijians can understand something deeper than English-speaking people in the English language. Fijian words convey more to the Fijian mind than the English words convey to English people."

It may be said by some people that Fijian minds are limited by environment, but the Fijian can still understand what he reads, especially

Christian teachings and principles, because they suit his life and environment which is related to Christianity, and is more suited than the Western environment.

"Fijian life is simple, and so a Fijian's mind is receptive. He is more ready to accept and apply Christian teachings in his life than is the advanced European. Fijians are not politically-minded. They don't know about party politics and don't want to know."

It was mainly due to this assessment of his own people that Ratu Luke decided to translate *The Robe* which he is translating in weekly instalments of about 2,000 words published in a Fijian-language newspaper. About two-thirds of *The Robe* have now been published in this way, and it will eventually appear in book form. He is already planning to translate Lloyd C. Douglas' sequel, *The Big Fisherman*.

Ratu Luke Vuidreketi was educated entirely in Fiji, and spent two years at Queen Victoria School. He served in the Solomons and the Philippines during World War II, and attended the Victory Parade in London. He is 40, married, with three children.—JACK THORNTON.

CONVERSATION A LA MODE

WAITING on Madang airstrip for Qantas plane to Wewak, I wandered into a hangar, sat down on an empty case, and lit a cigarette (probably breaking several regulations. It's amazing how many regulations there are in the flying business since DCA bought into the game).

At the back of the shed, punctuated by the occasional tap of a hammer on metal, I could hear a couple of voices in conversation. Presently they grew louder—they had walked over closer to where I was sitting:

"No, honest, Bill, if it wasn't for that damn car, I'd get married to-morrow. But, look, I've paid a deposit on the damn thing. Mind you, I like a car, and these new Holdens are really good. If I could afford both . . . but that's the way it is. It's just a toss-up whether I take the car or get married."

"Hey, Jim, are you really dinkum?"

"What d'you mean am I really dinkum? Of course I'm dinkum!"

"You are? Right! Well I'll make you a proposition—and I'm dinkum

too. I've got a new Holden—brand new and paid for—it came off the *Malekula* last night. I've got a wife too—I've only had her six months. Well, you take over the wife and I'll toss the car in buckshee. Now don't say that's not fair enough!"

At this point my plane touched down, and I had to leave rather hurriedly.—PETER ENGLAND.

It's a School, Of Course



This sign is at the entrance to the public school in the district of Punaauia, Tahiti. The property was given to the French Government about 80 years ago by a Frenchman named Souvy on the understanding it would always be used for a school and would carry the sign: $2 + 2 = 4$.

Photo: Oscar Nordman.

THE PHILIPPINES, TOO, HAD A FRAUDULENT FALLS

THE Western Samoan Stamp purporting to picture the Aleisa Falls, but displaying in actual fact the Malifa Falls, (PIM August) recalls a similar case of some years ago.

This was in 1932 when a Philippines postage-stamp featured what was supposed to be the 200-foot high Pagsanjan Falls on the island of Luzon.

However, a keen-eyed Chicago collector, noticing the similarity of this waterfall with one in the Yosemite Valley, in California, USA, discovered that in reality it was a picture of the 350-foot high Vernal Falls at Yosemite.

It seems that the stamp designer was initially unable to find a suitable picture of the Philippines landmark and thought no-one would notice if he substituted the similar (in appearance) American counterpart.—K.N.

THAT OLD FISH POISONING AGAIN

AN old question was raised again recently at Pukapuka in the Cook Islands—"Is the flesh of certain sharks poisonous?"

Among the fish caught on June 6 by the Resident Agent and a party of deep-sea fishermen was



Ratu Luke Vuidreketi.



LEN STEPHENS, of Santo, in the New Hebrides, is the most handsome member of a family noted for manly sons and lovely daughters. Their virility and beauty come from the adventurous T. C. Stephens, of Portsmouth, and his wife, Sela Tobou, of Tonga, who established their family at Uralapa Island off South Santo in 1914, after may hectic incidents.

They were forced off the volcanic island of Ambrym by the eruptions of 1913-14, and Leonard was born while they were camping at Sasun Bay on the near-by coast of Malekula.

He was the sixth child in this family of nine, whose descendants in the northern islands of the New Hebrides are numerous. In 1937 Len started to clear his share of the family estate on the South Coast of Santo, in Baldwin Cove, and he now produces both copra and cocoa from his plantation there.

When the Japanese war started, he enlisted in the New Hebrides Defence Force as a sergeant. When the Japanese occupied Bougainville Len was asked to transfer to the AIF for the dangerous mission in charge of Levers' vessel "Ruana", which ran stores up to the troops and coastwatchers in the Solomons. They called at parts of the Bougainville coast south of Kietia, steaming by night and hiding by day from the Japanese planes.

Among the passengers they collected were Dr. Kroening and his wife from the Kietia district, who were on their way to Australia for internment. They were at Tulagi during the voyage south, while daily air raids were being experienced.

After the war Len married Eileen Hildebrand, a deaconess of the Presbyterian Mission in the New Hebrides, who happily is not the severe or sanctimonious person one might expect from that somewhat mediaeval title.—**BRETT HILDER.**

a 12 ft. black shark. The people of Pukapuka do not eat shark meat, but many of the fishing party were from the lower islands of the Cook Group where shark meat is eaten, so it was decided to bring the 300-lb. fish ashore for consumption.

The fish was cut up and eaten and the scraps were thrown to the pigs. A few days later 16 pigs had died, but the human shark-eaters were not affected.

It is reported from Mauke Island, in the lower Cooks, that there is a species of shark there that, if eaten, will cause the consumers to feel sick for several days afterwards.

Local lore has it that the way to decide whether or not the

shark flesh is poisonous is to observe whether flies settle on it. If the flies are attracted by the meat it is wholesome, but if they avoid it the meat is unsafe to eat.—**W. H. PERCIVAL.**

THE LOAFERS!

CORRESPONDENT Nordman, of Papeete, his memory stirred by the recent visit of some Samoans to Tahiti, recalls an occasion when he was serving in Matson Line ships on the trans-Pacific run.

Strolling along the beach road at Pago Pago with a group of passengers, the party passed similar groups of Samoans. Each Samoan group was heard to make a remark as they passed.

"What did they say?" said one wealthy American tourist to Nordman.

"Oh, take no notice of them", said Nordman. They're talking about you people. They said 'The loafers!'"

"Well gahdam, whaddayaknow!" said the tourist in some disgust.

But Nordman was having his laugh. He knew of course that the polite Samoans were murmuring their greeting of "Tolofa" as they passed on their way.

LAW STRIKES THE COOKS
IN the Cook Islands, where many people consider themselves more or less exempt from the fine points of such New Zealand law as do apply there, there seemed to be signs of a tightening up in September.

First indication was a warning from the Police Department in local press that cyclists must keep to the left—an utterly unheard-of thing in Rarotonga, where cyclists, pedestrian, and even motor merely watch to see what the motorist is approaching plans to do, then the opposite.

A stickler for the left-hand rule is considered some sort of crank and a source of amusement.

The other legal event of the month was the fining of a number of persons, apparently bakers, (1) failure to keep floors clean, (2) keep trays clean, (3) keep dough tub and lid clean, (4) provide employees with aprons. One can imagine the wave of shocked indignation that swept over the Bakers' Union on the morning that that piece of news broke!

† Two Japanese ships discharged at Noumea, a total of 6,500 tons of coke for the Societe Nickel. The vessels then loaded nickel ore in Japan at coastal mining centres.

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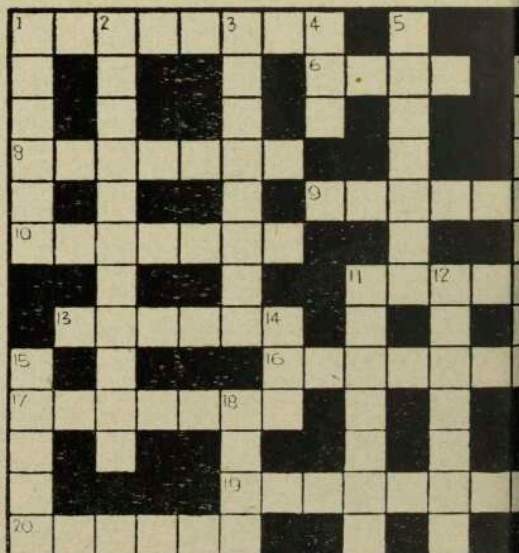
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ACROSS

- 1.—Who was lost at sea whilst searching for Nobile?
- 6.—Who was chess champion of the world 1935-37?
- 8.—Which Greek poet is believed by some to be the inventor of tragedy?
- 9.—Who was eleven times premier of France?
- 10.—What is the largest British possession in West Africa?
- 11.—What is a small three-cornered cape?
- 13.—What is the term for legal infancy?
- 16.—What were the lists for in mediaeval England?
- 17.—In which George Bernard Shaw play is the main character the wife of a parson?
- 19.—What is the US term for what the English call biscuits?
- 20.—The British Isles is considered to be part of which continent?

DOWN

- 1.—What is the capital of Texas?
- 2.—What type of "railroad" was used to help negro slaves to escape to Canada?
- 3.—What is the term for making metal prior to drilling or cutting?
- 4.—Which prefix means new?
- 5.—What is the official language spoken in Kenya and Tanganyika?
- 7.—Which American poet is also noted for his biography of Lincoln?
- 11.—What small commercial vessel peculiar to the Mediterranean?
- 12.—What is a piece of incombustible raked out of a furnace?
- 14.—What is the seventh letter of the O alphabet?
- 15.—What type of angle is less than a right angle?
- 18.—What is the plural of die?



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LA PLUME DE MA TANTE

By SIR GEORGE JOY, KBE, CMG.

NOT think why Cook named this area the New Hebrides. The only affinity with Scotland I could see was that in my time it was choc-a-bloc with Presbyterian missionaries of the fire and one breed.

These gentlemen I had the respect for the work they accomplished and I invariably attended their annual Synod. I do I remember at a gathering at the British Residency one of these gentlemen was drinking his ginger beer and I a soda, my small son, who had been making himself a nuisance with the contents of an ashtray, drank.

The archetype of John Knox at the table remarked, "What an infant child,"—but I took a dim view of his IQ.

The degree of harmony at the time this Anglo-French Administration depended to a large extent on the political atmosphere in London and Paris. I must explain that in this lotus land there was two of everything, just as in Noah's ark, forgetting, of course, two species, two official seals and two commissioners.

The atmosphere was bright when one another "Mon cher collègue." A discord reduced it to "colleague," but if things were middling we descended to "ami." Nevertheless I recollect on one occasion when I was

particularly depressed my colleague in true Latin style threw his arms around my neck and embraced me on both cheeks with "Mon tres cher collègue."

This was when the pound sterling came unshackled from the franc!

The Convention provided that the British and French Residents were of equal status and importance and any deviation in this respect was the subject of report to London and Paris. Now appointments in the French Colonial Service are graded, and it so happened that on one occasion the French Resident was a "Gouverneur de troisième classe" (the correct translation is "Governor Class III" and not, repeat not, "Third class Governor.")

This was awkward, for such a Governor was entitled to a salute of 15 guns when disembarking from a warship while under the Protocol the two Residents, being of equal status, were entitled to only 11. On disembarking from the next warship, the visits of which were fairly frequent, my colleague received his 15 guns and in accordance with Protocol I duly reported it to the Secretary of State and Paris was doubtless informed of this breach of the Convention.

Now, on British warships it is easy to know when to remain standing at the salute when the guns are blazing and when to sit down (though standing up in a launch in a rough sea requires some agility) because a

bugler announces the beginning of a salute and its termination. But with the French Navy things are different. They blow a whistle and if (as one hopes) one is far enough away to prevent damage to the ear drums, it is difficult to know when the salute has finished and when to sit down; while to go on standing at the salute as if hoping for more would make one feel ridiculous.

For this good reason I used to count the number of guns before re-

Vive Les Nouvelles Hebrides!

THIS month the New Hebrides celebrates 50 years of Anglo-French Condominium Government. In its way, this story by a former British administrator, is a fitting tribute to the pleasant relations that have always existed there between the two communities. Serious commentators on the political scene are apt to wring their hands over the New Hebrides—one at the end of last year, we remember, called it a "blot on the free world." But the people who live there would not change its unconventional mode of plural government or freedom from orthodoxy if they could.

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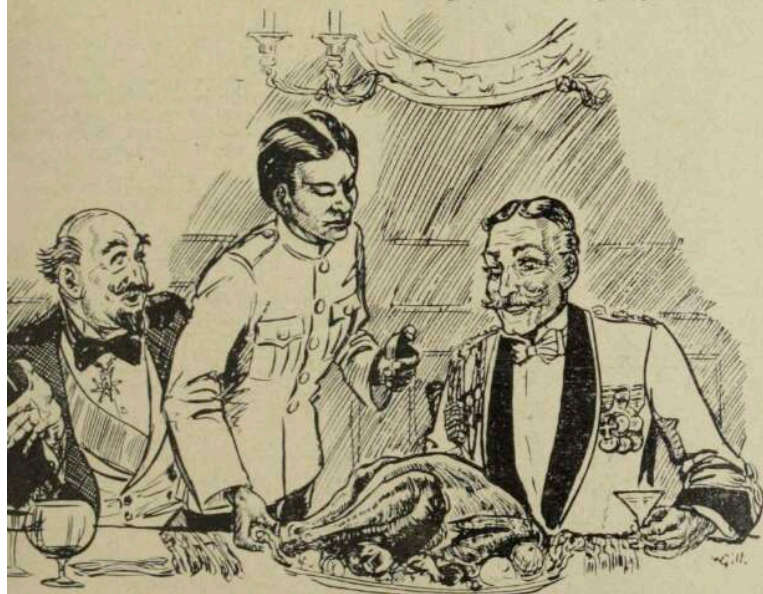
The author was British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides for a number of years, and later Governor of St. Helena for seven years. He retired in 1953.

suming my seat. Shortly after I had reported to the Secretary of State that my colleague had been honoured with a salute of 15 guns, another French warship paid a visit. On disembarking from this vessel at the conclusion of my official visit, I stood at the salute in my launch and counted 11 guns and then sat down but to my surprise the guns went on booming so up I got again. There were 15!

After due reflection I considered it unnecessary to worry the Secretary of State with an account of such tact on the part of the French Naval authorities to the British Representative.

WE entertained the local community, and of course ourselves, a great deal, but I never attempted to surpass the magnificent banquets of my French colleague. These highly official affairs were accompanied by many ravishing courses and the most elegant of wines of which I could never satisfy myself adequately as I had invariably to make a speech. The piece-de-resistance was a huge turkey which was brought to the

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ely, Monsieur, you understand . . . it is what you call 'stuffed.'"

YOUNG FIJI PUTS ON ITS BOXING GLOVES . . .

ALTHOUGH Dr. Edith Summerskill, British MP, has gone on record (in a book and in the House of Commons) to say that boxing is a brutal sport, no one in Fiji seems prepared to take much notice of the lady's dire predictions.

Amateur boxing and boxing clubs flourish and every would-be champ from five years to 25 is catered for. Much of this enthusiasm for

the Noble Art has been generated by Mr. Harry Charman, a corporal in the RNZAF at Lauthala Bay and local secretary of the YMCA.

He began his All Races Amateur Boxing Club in Suva in 1953 and just recently, in premises behind the old Club Hotel, loaned by Morris Hedstrom Ltd, 90 young men between 15 and 25 enrolled with the hope of becoming the

current champion in their class.

About the same time, 32 junior members of the same club (the ages range from five and up) took on a series of matches for the entertainment of their parents and friends.

As the name of club suggests, membership is open to boys in all Fiji communities. Each member must produce a medical certificate stating his fitness to undergo training from one of the honorary Medical Officers.

The doctors do a thorough examination of the boys and in this way have incidentally paved the way for treatment of some medical defect that might otherwise have escaped notice.

Before each bout, contestants line up again, stripped to the shorts, for a final medical check. Everything is according to Hoyle at the Club. Even five-year-olds, Peter Griffiths and Miles Hammett, who caused some amusement when they appeared in the ring in full equipment, knew how to do the correct thing according to the book—marching to the centre of the ring, shaking hands and then going back to their corners to await the time-keeper, Mr. V. Storck, saying "Seconds away, first round time."

At the end of each round the winner went solemnly back to their corner to sit on boxes marked "Gordon Gin" (stools would have been big for them) and listen to the advice of their seconds.

So, even if that good social worker, Dr. Summerskill, believes that everything is better settled by negotiation, most of Fiji still lieves in the old tag *Mens sana in corpore sano*, and that the noble art of self-defence helps towards that desirable end.



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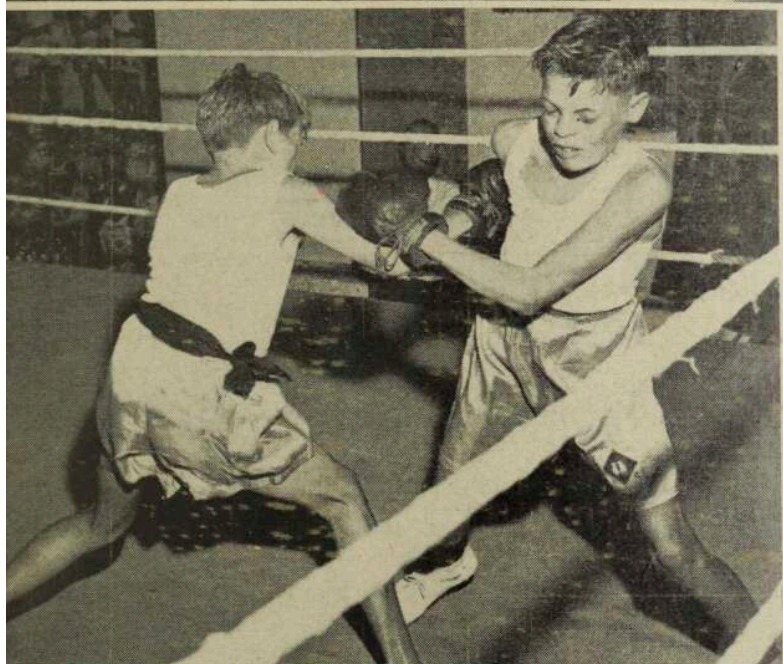
On your left, in the blue silk drawers, is guard and 16-oz gloves, Peter Griffiths, son of Fiji's Accountant-General; on your right, similarly equipped, Miles Hammett, son of Fiji's Acting Chief Justice. The 3-round bout between these 5-years-old giants resulted in points win for Master Hammett.

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Paul Figgess receives the Charman Trophy from Lady Ragg on behalf of his brother who was judged the "most scientific boxer." There are four Fighting Figgesses in the family—sons of the Rector of Suva, the Rev. H. Figgess. Harry Charman shown right.

Don't look now . . . Robin Storck is one from Paul Figgess.

A photograph taken earlier this year at the Fiji Amateur Boxing Championships were the title holders—representing slightly serious boxing than that indulged in by the small fry—are shown with Mr. Charman. Back row shows: S. Bennion, middleweight; Tagicabau, heavyweight; M. Evans, middleweight; M. Evans, middleweight. Front row: Kato, flyweight; T. Curtis, bantamweight; Tora, featherweight; T. Schuster, welterweight; Laisiasai, lightweight; and M. Evans, welterweight. These young men represented the boxing clubs: Charman's Amateur Boxing Club, Public Works Department Club, Fiji Military Forces Club, and Raivolita Amateur Boxing Club.—All photos by Stinsons.



Your World of Stamps—III

MORE ABOUT EQUIPMENT

A Column for New Stamp Collectors, Conducted by K.N.

YOU will, of course, need an album in which to display your collection. There are dozens of varieties, of all shapes and sizes and types, but at the beginning, even an exercise book (with hard cover) will do until you get going properly. You can duly graduate to the fixed or loose-leaf variety of album.

Loose-leaf albums are easy to manipulate, and they enable pages to be handled individually—an advantage for displays or when being shown to your friends.

Never paste your stamps onto the pages of your album! It has been done by some thoughtless folk. Always use stamp hinges, which are quite cheap to buy in packets. Keep them in an airtight tin or drawer so that they won't be affected by weather conditions. They should be bent over before being fastened to the back of the stamp, near the centre.

You should always keep your albums, stamps and accessories in a convenient and safe place. This makes for easy access and neatness. Albums should be placed in dust-proof cupboards or drawers, where they won't experience damp, hot or sticky weather.

One of your first needs will be a small magnifying glass. This will enable you to examine your stamps at close quarters. You never know, you may find some unusual error or flaw through the magnifying glass, and as a result, you may come into possession of a valuable stamp. Who knows!

Some Interesting Recent Issues

• There has been a lot of comment in Britain in connection with the proposal to print pictorial stamps for the UK. Low-value British stamps since 1840 have always portrayed Royal personages, but it is felt that the many historic, architectural and scenic landmarks would not now be out of place.

Australia and New Zealand have already displayed English features on past stamps. The Cenotaph, in Whitehall, appeared on an Australian issue, while the Dominion has given us pictures of Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Peter Pan and Eros Statues, in addition to several of the huge lions on the Nelson Monument, in London, and the notable St. Paul's Cathedral.

• Collectors have welcomed the new portrait of Her Majesty as

used on recent stamps from Fiji. It is a change from the ordinary styling, being an actual reproduction of a £2,000 painting executed by the Italian painter, Signor Pietro Annigoni. It was originally painted for the Fishmongers Company in Britain.

• You may have read about a 1955 stamp printed by Hungary on aluminium-surfaced paper as a means of publicising a Light Metal Industries' Congress at Budapest, but did you know that shortly after the 1st World War, Latvia, now part of Russia, printed stamps on the back of old Germany Army maps?

The Latvian authorities had also to use cigarette paper and then old exercise book paper on which to print much-needed stamps. Even Bolshevik banknotes were converted into suitable size for stamp printing.

Book Tells Story of BSIP Stamps

A BOOK published this month brings the story of the postage stamps and postal history of the British Solomon Island Protectorate up-to-date, including the current issue.

Author H. G. D. Gisburn, in the historical outline, quotes from original documents. He describes postal markings of the remoter islands, gives details of mail-carrying ships and aircraft, lists American and other war-time FPO's which operated at Guadalcanal and other islands.

Copies are available through J. Sanders (Philatelist) Ltd., 7 Commercial Road, Southampton, England. Price is 19/6, plus 1/- postage.

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Even Primitive Papuans
Had a Public Relations Department

TELLING THE WORLD THAT THE HARVEST IS IN

By Basil Hall

BACK in 1939, in company with Resident Magistrate S.M. Chance, I saw in a village beside the Kemp Welsh river in Papua, this 60 ft. bamboo erection — as striking in its way as the TV masts that have sprung up around our capital cities.

The idea is as old as time. In 1450 BC, Egyptian masons hewed the 70 ft. obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle from the living rock, and did so to the glory of a reigning king, and for the appeasement of whatever divinity they worshipped. In that they are not alone and ancient Egypt and Papua are alike in this: that earth's fertility has counted most.

Unmentioned in polite society but looming large in the affairs of primitives, the fertility of gardens is only slightly less important than family fecundity. Both spell the well-being of tribe or clan, the bare bones of the matter being that an assured supply of warriors or food stuffs is a question of survival.

The Papuan male will help to clean a patch of bush for planting, but thereafter it is the women who do the garden work. Such an arrangement is considered a fair division of the household chores, and it is only when the crops have reached maturity that all hands come together again.

Harvesting is a joint and several job, which takes place about the time of the full moon. In preparation for what is the climax of the year, the men shed their air of care-free indolence, and cut the heaviest bamboos they can find in the gullies, and lug them up a 1-in-3 grade to their village on some razor-backed spur.

Why they go to all this trouble, cannot be explained in terms of common understanding. The Papuan native does it because he has always done it, and the mast he fashions is, in some obscure way, an expression of gratitude for a food supply that will keep him in the montns to come.

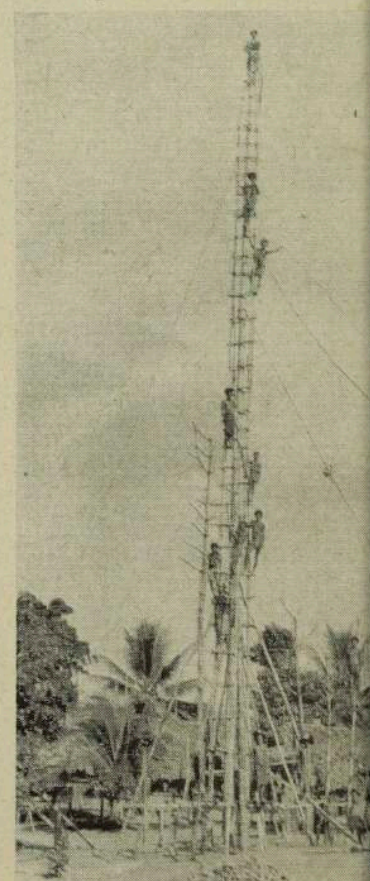
Harvest festivals are not unknown in our culture, but it is difficult to think of a reason which prompts a small community to erect a centerpiece as high as this. Inquiries along the Kemp Welsh meet with a blank stare. The native doesn't know why he builds his own version of a TV mast, or why he festoons it with his choicest yams, sweet potatoes, sprouting

coconuts or other produce from garden plots.

There is one clue, however, during the course of the harvest celebrations, it is customary some leather-lunged individual climb to the top of the mast, and in tones that carry far at night broadcast the glad tidings of bountiful year.

But let there be no mistake, is not the honest husbandm speaking. It is the marriage broker, for, since it is the women who do the gardening work, the result prove that they are good workers and will make good wives. The bride price paid for them, therefore, enrich the village another way.

How much taller the Papuan could raise their masts is a matter of speculation. In theory, there seems nothing to prevent their attaining the mystical figure of 300 feet, which is said to have been the height of the Tower of Babel.



Becke, 1855-1913

THE WRITER WHO LIVED HIS OWN PACIFIC ROMANCES

By H. E. Maude

publication last year in Australia of a new edition of *By Reef and Palm* (the first 1916) has revived interest in the works of Louis Becke. It is, appropriately enough, on the centenary of his birth, and at a time when his books are rapidly becoming prized collectors' pieces. (Reviewed in PIM Sept., 1955).

Though no longer a popular best-seller throughout the English-speaking world, as he was in the late 19th century, Louis Becke still remains the true island author of those actually live and work in the Pacific Seas.

The literary world may find it difficult to read the pages of *By Reef and Palm* or Stevenson; but in a trader's home or the cabin of a copra schooner, the only book one will likely find is *By Reef and Palm*. It is, of course, a much-read Becke. At least that has been my experience.

For this reason, I think, is that Louis Becke really knew his Pacific from the inside, as no other author ever has. He writes, therefore, from the knowledge of personal experiences and not from the hearsay of others. He has heard by him in his travels—and his local colour characterisation bears an authenticity readily apparent to those living in the area.

Becke's future biographer is to have a heavy weather in writing a coherent story out of the often mutually conflicting accounts of his life and adventures in his books and newspaper interviews. It was not that he suffered from failing memory, for he had a remarkably good one, but that he was a born romancer could not forbear exercising his talent for picturesque invention when giving a supposedly true account of himself.

However, since his death patient care by A. T. Saunders, Basil Black and others has given us a reasonably clear picture of the landmarks in a life eventful to need no embroidering.

The author is well-known in the Pacific, where he has lived on over 20 islands in the course of his work as a British Colonial official, and as a member of the staff of the South Pacific Commission. He has now been appointed to the Australian National University as Senior Research Fellow in Pacific History.

One thing this reconstruction shows beyond doubt is that the biographical introduction to *By Reef and Palm* by the Earl of Pembroke, usually quoted as our most reliable source of information about Louis Becke, is in fact as good a piece of fiction as any of the other stories in the book.

Unfortunately, it has been reprinted in the new edition as it stands; and thus perpetuates a fraud, though an unintentional one as far as the Earl is concerned—he merely reproduced information provided by Becke himself.

GEORGE LEWIS BECKE (he adopted the name Louis as an Europeanised version of "Lui", by which he was known to the natives), was born on June 18, 1855, at Port Macquarie, NSW, where his father was Police Magistrate.

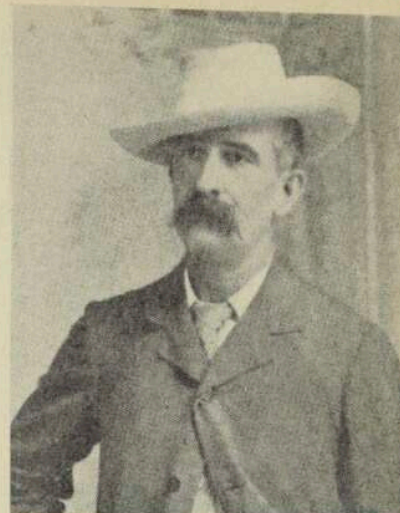
In 1868, when his family moved to Sydney, he attended the well-known Fort Street school, and in March, 1872, when not turned 17, he sailed for the islands as a stowaway on the barque *Rotumah*, bound for Samoa.

In Apia he was befriended by Mrs. Mary McFarland, the daughter of John C. Williams, then British Consul, and given a job as bookkeeper in the McFarland and Williams trade store.

The following year he became supercargo on a decrepit and unseaworthy 60-ton ketch, the *E. A. Williams*, with instructions to deliver her to the famous, or infamous, Bully Hayes in Mili Lagoon, one of the Marshall Islands. (When last in Apia, Hayes had undertaken to try to sell the ketch to the King of Arno, a neighbouring island. The whole business was a rather shady one and resulted in Consul Williams being censured by Commodore Goodenough).

Leaving Apia on December 3, 1873, the *E. A. Williams* was duly delivered to Hayes, who took such a fancy to Louis Becke that he offered him the position of supercargo on his own brig, the *Leonora*, one of the finest and best-kept ships in the South Seas.

Thus began Becke's relationship with Bully Hayes, the theme of so many of his stories. It lasted, not for the years Becke was wont to make out, but for just 8½ months—two trading in Micronesia on the *Leonora*, until she was wrecked at



Louis Becke.

Kusaie on March 15, 1874; and 6½ months on the island, from which he was removed, at the request of the King, by HMS *Rosario*; while Hayes escaped in a 14-foot dinghy.

It seems probable that Becke returned to Sydney soon after this episode, joining in the Palmer River gold rush and later becoming a clerk in the Townsville branch of the Australian Joint Stock Bank. How long he remained in Australia we do not know, but certainly by 1880 he was back in the islands, for on April 11 he landed on Nanumanga, in the Ellice Group, trading for Messrs. Tom de Wolf, of Liverpool, and about a year later he removed to Nukufetau, where he set up as an independent trader.

Leaving the Ellice, Becke was wrecked on Beru, in the Gilberts, in August, 1881, losing everything he possessed. After some months on the island he obtained a passage to Sydney on the *George Noble*, but seems to have sailed again almost immediately for New Britain where he claimed to have had some connection with the ill-fated colonisation scheme organised by the Marquis de Rays.

In November, 1882, he was certainly located at Majuro, in the Marshalls, and probably remained in the Micronesian islands until his marriage at Sydney, in 1886, to Miss Bessie May Maunsell, the daughter of Colonel Maunsell, a retired British officer residing at Port Macquarie.

For the next eight years we have only the plentiful, though scattered, details contained in his books; but his dates are few and unreliable and it is impossible to separate fact from fiction even in his professedly autobiographical articles.

It is clear that he roamed over much of the Central and Eastern Pacific, from the Carolines to the

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This Month's New Reading:—

FROM MELBOURNE TO THE YALU RIVER WITH THE GENERAL

TO residents of the South-West Pacific who saw out the war in that area and beyond, this is the most important book since Eric Feldt gave us *The Coastwatchers*.

MacArthur: 1941-1951, has as co-authors Major-General Charles A. Willoughby, who was MacArthur's own chief of intelligence in the period covered, and John Chamberlain. It follows General Douglas MacArthur's campaigns from the escape from Corregidor until his dismissal by Truman because of a conflict of views as to how the war in Korea should be run.

The book is, in a sense, a paradox in that it is frankly eulogistic and yet is in no sense a biography. It is no intimate portrait of MacArthur, the man; the authors (although one of them was in close contact with MacArthur throughout the period under review) seem never to get near him, so far as this book is concerned, anyway, with the result that he remains throughout a remote spirit rather than a human being.

We learn belatedly, that he liked viewing Western movies with his son Arthur; and that although during active campaigning in the Pacific he insisted that his "presence" at the scene of battle comforted his troops, with the occupation of Japan he assumed completely the reverse attitude and removed himself to an ivory-tower from which his "presence" was permitted to percolate to the Japanese only through a process of invisible diffusion. (Probably there was method in this madness: the Japanese were conditioned to worshipping without seeing.)

But if there are few other details of his personal life, nothing is lacking in the behind-the-scenes history of his campaigns that carried him from Melbourne to New Guinea, up through the Philippines and on to Tokio. Dozens of pieces missing from the jig-saw of the Pacific war are now for the first time filled in; mysteries of the time, in respect of tactics and policy, are now explained.

IN its earlier sections, the story is as much Australia's as America's—a somewhat revolutionary approach from American writers who are apt to regard the Australian part in the Pacific war as that of minor importance.

When MacArthur arrived in Australia in early 1942, he was, as one of those close to him put it with untypical American understatement, "extremely disappointed in what he found."

He had not wanted to leave the Philippines but was influenced by reports that a great American army was being prepared for him in Australia. He was not long waiting for disillusionment on this score: Australia's crack fighting men were still in the Middle East; one American infantry division had arrived in Melbourne virtually unequipped and half-trained. Australia's airforce consisted of a few Gypsy Moth and Wirraway planes and Australia momentarily expected an invasion—Australian grand strategy was to destroy everything north of Brisbane and, by the grace of God, make a stand there.

But, while "practically every able-bodied Australian thought only to die with his boots on at the Brisbane Line", MacArthur swallowed his disappointment and went onto the offensive. The Japs, he decided, would be stopped not at Brisbane but in the Owen Stanley Ranges behind Moresby; America, preoccupied with the war in Europe, could not be depended on for quick supply of war material, so Australia must fill the gap—and this Australia did once the Americans had slashed through Australian red tape and Australian love of sitting in committees, talking.

Australia had an effective working force, when military requirements were met, of about 2½ million, yet in the most critical period of the war she was supplying 70 per cent. of all requirements of the United States forces in the South Pacific as well as supplying her own forces and civilian population. Credit for this achievement is given to "Australian Supply Council, Prime Minister Curtin, American Lend-Lease Administration and to MacArthur himself whose skilful diplomacy solved many wrangles between various Ministries."

In the field full credit is given to the Australian part in the campaign that pushed the Jap back or bypassed him, and much is made of what are called MacArthur's cloak-and-dagger men—the men of the Allied Intelligence Bureau whom Eric Feldt has already immortalised in *The Coastwatchers*. There is as well—for the first time for public perusal so far as we know—a full account of operations Jaywick (which was successful) and Rimau (which was not) designed to spread fear and havoc in Japanese-occupied Singapore Harbour.

New Guinea had a special interest in these two operations as one of the officers concerned was Captain R. Page, DSO, son of the late Government Secretary of New

Guinea, Mr. H. H. Page, and M. Page, now of Sydney.

On the first raid limpet mines personally placed on the hulls of ships by the three officers of expedition operating from camouflaged (Lyon, Davidson and Page) accounted for 40,000 tons of shipping and created panic beyond the fondest expectations.

Some time later a second expedition was undertaken but this time the party was discovered before it could do its work. Three officers died fighting; other members were executed by Japanese and nine were unaccounted for.

If the General is presented in relation to his Pacific campaign as a Colossus bestriding the whole of the Pacific, he is, however, a Colossus not without his frustrations.

If MacArthur had had his way he would have gone on to the Netherlands Indies after Borneo in which event the post-war history of Australia's near-north might have been somewhat different. MacArthur himself recorded:

I had planned to move immediately on Java with the Australian troops and rest of the Dutch Government under Van Mook who would have rapidly brought law and order to the island. For some reason never understood, this proposed movement was peremptorily called off and forbidden in Washington. This was one of the mistakes of the war and ultimately resulted in the chaotic conditions which followed in part of Indonesia. It completely violated basic principle of American foreign policy: support the orderly development of dependent areas towards self-government.

In support of MacArthur's attitude towards the Dutch Indies, the authors publish a letter from Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich, of the Royal Netherlands Navy, written at Batavia, in October 1945 to MacArthur. A damning indictment of Allied—and particularly British—muddled thinking and action in those grim months when we stab the Dutch in the back.

When the MacArthur story ends the Japanese and Korean phases of necessity become more entangled in American politics, although less interesting for that. Whether or not the reader can, like the author, subscribe to the idea of MacArthur as some sort of demi-god, he cannot fail to be impressed by the scope of this book, pulling together as it does the tremendous amount of apparently unrelated detail that went to make up World War II in the Pacific theatre.

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She Crossed the Ruddy Ocean

THE classic remark attributed to Sir John Hunt (or someone) when asked why he wanted to climb Mt. Everest was: "It's the same sort of reasoning

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be applied to people who sail the Atlantic (or the Pacific) long-handed in small boats: The ocean is indubitably there—why not sail it?

There are, of course, more personal or egotistical reasons for the marine adventures; sometimes a desire to prove something, to some one, if only to oneself. Ann Davidson writes in *My Ship is So Small*: "If I could navigate a ship across the ocean on my own, it might be that I would be well on the way to learning how to live."

Whether or not she achieved the objective we cannot say—we reported her in June PIM as having quit the sea and living in California—but the story she writes of her adventures in 23-ft *Felicity Ann* is amusing, entertaining—and a lot more.

There have been hundreds of books written about small-boat voyages, almost completely concerned with battles against the sea. Ann Davidson had plenty of that; in addition she admits she was scared stiff, knew little about sailing, is always delightfully surprised when she surmounts the myriads of trials attendant upon being alone in a small boat, on the mighty ocean, or when she actually arrives at the point at which she had been aiming.

But Ann Davidson is so obviously a well-co-ordinated young woman that the adventure remains a venture, without the appellation hare-brained.

Although Ann is long on courage and endurance she is short on data and it takes some calculation to arrive at the fact that she left Plymouth (probably) about mid-May 1952, made a leisurely voyage down the French, Spanish and African coasts to the Canary Islands and did not leave the land for the long voyage across the Atlantic to Dominica in the West Indies until (approximately) November 20.

Her voyages are punctuated by meetings with delightful people in port—not the least of which is Georges, a Dutchman who speaks English and French with equal accomplishment. Georges and his friend were cruising, also, but had been seven months in Douarney—going to sea was crazy, they had. The best part of cruising was in port, talking about it. A sentiment which will be heartily endorsed by thousands whose sense of adventure does not lie with sea or ships.

It was latish November, 1952, when Ann and *Felicity Ann* finally dragged themselves adrift from Palmas for the 3,000-mile voyage across The Ocean. She had expected steady Trade Winds and encountered a series of near hurricanes she hoped, under favourable

ances, to do the job in 30 and in fact took something 5. It was a period of misery, real endurance and great ness. A period when nothing according to the book. . . . January 14 she wrote in her log: ew up worse than ever during night with very bad squalls some shocking knockdown I lay on the cabin-sole, ed there by a couple of sail- . . . and fretted about the session strain on the mast. It hardly possible that such a ship can take such a pasting. I seem to get less and less o bad weather. Now, morn- is as bad as ever. I cannot o look out at the fury of the

storms and the winds blew t on January 18, she was able ord: "We cannot make it dark . . . but anyhow, we crossed the ruddy ocean"— gh adverse winds, more , kept *Felicity Ann* from for five more days, when at she tied up off the jetty in Rupert Bay, Dominica. Ocean crossed, the next 10 s, before journey's end at New are occupied by recupera- and cruising in the West Indies,

and through the inland waterways of the American eastern seaboard.

Ann Davidson is a skilled writer and has two other books to her credit. One, *Last Voyage*, tells the story of an exploit that ended in the death of her husband and was, in part, responsible for the voyage of *Felicity Ann* as a vindication of that disastrous earlier escapade.

As Ann tells it, Frank, her husband, was mad about boats and it

was his ambition to sail around the world. With this in view they bought a 70-ft. fishing ketch and reconditioned her. But the job was too big for their purses, they got into debt and with the sheriff on the way to nail a writ on the mast, they ran away to sea, heading for the West Indies, knowing that they were only postponing the inevitable.

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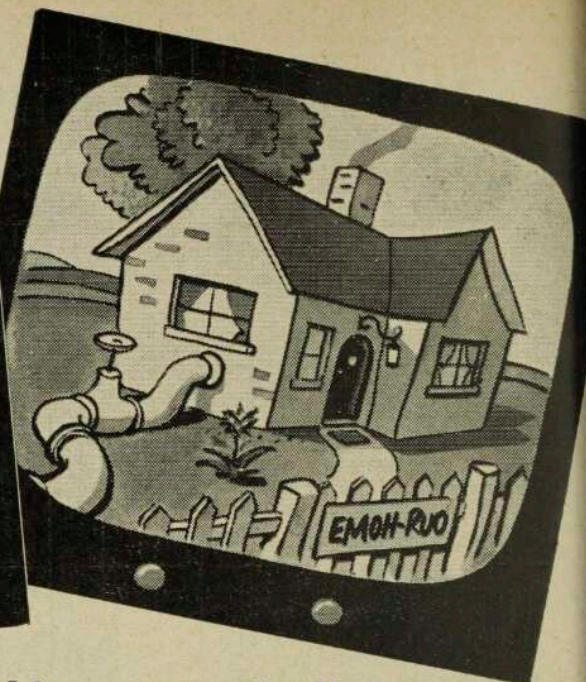
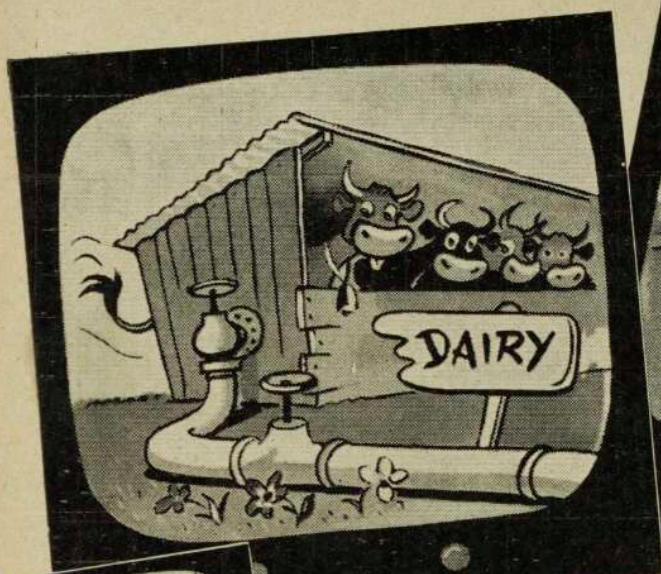
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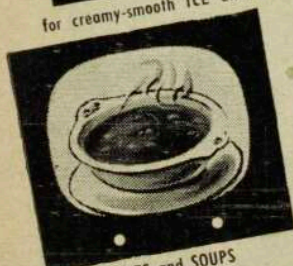
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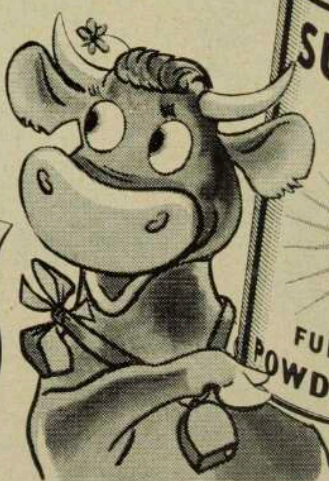
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Having written one book about the evils and perils that resulted from Australia's unfortunate early convict system, Mr. Clune seems fated, as in a recurring nightmare, to go on saying the same old things, in book after book.

The abuses that attended the transportation system were probably real enough but one could become more worked up about them if Mr. Clune did not so obviously subscribe to the traditional Australian belief that all cops are low lots and deserve what they get, anyway.

So far as Captain Melville is concerned: His real name was Francis McNeish McNeil McCallum. He arrived in Hobart on a convict transport in 1838 and thereafter, until he was found strangled in his cell in Melbourne gaol in 1857 contrived to be a pain in the neck to all concerned.

Mr. Clune tells the story of those

19 years in 216 pages that contribute nothing new to history.

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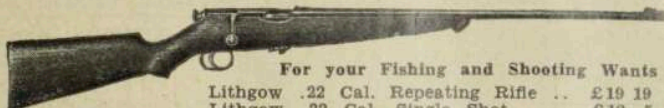
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on bringing wife Charlotte back to live at the family house that trouble really begins.

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It ends, as it begins, in court—but with a surprising and unexpected twist that will probably send most readers back to read the middle section again, very carefully.

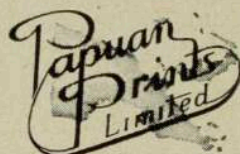
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The Dimly Seen— In 14 Parts

THE author, who is an American, does not rely on the slick or pointed ending dear to the transatlantic short story, but prefers to build up a situation to the point where what has been only dimly seen suddenly becomes crystallised. So we are instructed about Elizabeth de Vegh with her 14 short stories gathered together in a volume called *A Case of Eye Shadow*.

The trouble is that, for some people, these stories don't suddenly become crystallised—possibly due to the witless nature of the reader rather than to lack of genius on Miss de Vegh's part, and these more-to-be-pitied-than-censured individuals are apt to find themselves at the end still

floundering away, out in space. Of course, you may not be (we are) an inveterate reader; jacket-flaps; but when the publishers have obviously brought the biggest literary guns to bear on writing of the blurb on the jacket flap, and erudite phrases ("moment of illumination is of



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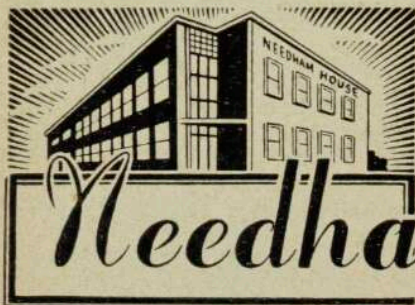
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Ledyard's Tonga

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and to Tonga to work in a
tal went Dr. Farquhar—sur-
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then gave up the job in
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and their Tongans is told
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er wrote his piece about the
-day life of the Tongans there
een no authentic account of
people.

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statistics of Queen Salote, and
e entire Royal family; human
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e Haamonga; tourist notes
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Friendly Island is helped along
he obvious fact that both
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hat so much in a book about
South Seas (and elsewhere)
ds upon the attitude of mind
e writer.

ards the end of this book
is an amusing and lively de-
on of what things were like
e old Vavau Hospital—not in
new edifice that has just
ly risen to replace it.
au Hospital—like all Tongan
als of that period—was run
-style. If the patient had a
e took it along; if not, he
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t moved in, so did his entire
t, who cooked and generally
for him. If an operation had
performed, the entire village
ed around the broken win-
of the operating theatre to
proceedings with a com-
ry of appropriate remarks.
ves flitted in and out of the

theatre up to the moment the
anaesthetic was administered, and
when the offending piece of tissue—
such as an appendix—was re-
moved, an assistant displayed it
ceremoniously to the appreciative
audience, in a kidney-dish or some
clinical piece of equipment.

As author Ledyard describes it,
it is all part of the amusing Tongan
pattern. At the hands of another
writer it could become a damning
indictment of the backwardness of
a primitive Polynesian Kingdom.

It is all in the eyes of the be-
holder—but as Patricia beholds it,
it makes a pleasant story.

(Published by Peter Davies, Ltd., Australian
price, 18/9.)

† Mlle. Solange Coulon was married
to Mr. Lucien Jacob, son of
Noumea's Port Captain, Constant
Jacob, and Madame Jacob at
Noumea Cathedral on August 13.
The bride's father, Mr. Michel
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‡ The Principal of the Teachers'
Training College, Tonga, Mr. E. A.
Crane, M.A. completed his term of
service with the Tongan Govern-
ment, and proceeded on leave in
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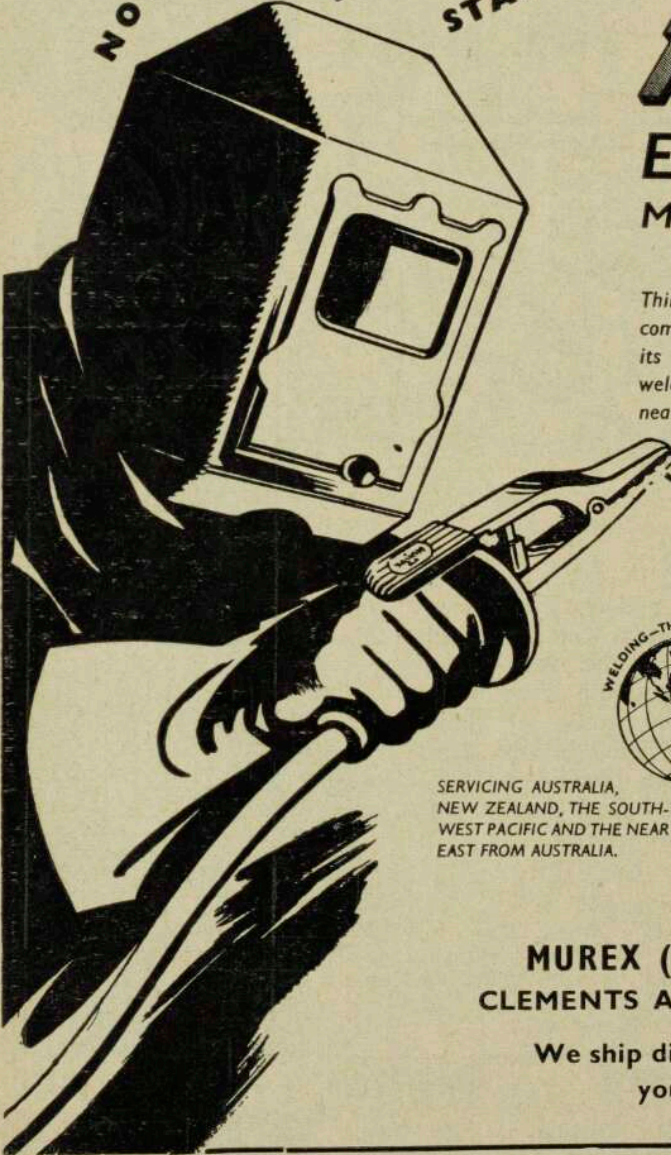


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La Plume de Ma Tante

(Continued from Page 83)

by the major-domo and placed
nt of me to admire. This I
suitable terms for all to hear.
was then taken out of sight,
l up and served—at least so
gined. But as this ceremony
place on many occasions, I
to wonder where my colleague
ed such beautiful birds. It
crossed my mind that of late it
een a bit mothly, so I enquired
table companion on the next
on as to what province of
e bred these rare birds.

looked at me in astonishment
aid, "Surely, M. le Resident,
understand that it is only 'un
onie.' It is what you call

RE was one French High
mmissioner who disposed of
complaints submitted by the
settlers on his rare visits to
by the remark "Je m'occupe

was an easy let-out and the
was mollified that His Ex-
y would at least look into the
But on one of the plan-
the French proprietor was
and H.E. interviewed the
s wife and enquired if she
ny complaints to make. The
replied that they were well

content and as far as she knew
there was nothing they wanted.
This unusual reply surprised His
Excellency and he pressed Madame
to say whether she was entirely
happy with affairs. "Oui, Monsieur,"
she replied, "Je suis tres heureux
mais malheureusement je n'ai pas
de fils." Instantly and from habit
His Excellency replied "Je m'occupe
de ca."

The majority of the members of
the British and French communities
could speak one another's language
in some degree but misunderstand-
ings were frequent. I recollect
that in the French magazine
Illustration there appeared a picture
of Winston Churchill in the regalia
of an Elder Brother of Trinity
House. When a member of the
French colony enquired what Chur-
chill represented, his British coun-
terpart translated it as "le frere
aine de la trinite," to which the
astonished Frenchman could only
reply "Mon Dieu! Mon Dieu!"

During my tenure of office I
served with a score or more of
French colleagues, acting and sub-
stantive. The French changed their
administrators frequently. Many of
their families were engaged in the
wine industry of France and had
vineyards, and I learnt much about

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wine, especially the greatest wine of all.

One of my colleagues whose family were vintners in the Champagne district had a brand of that wine called "Plume" and of course he obtained his supplies from that source. I had never heard of this brand, but in France, as in Scotland, there are many excellent types of the national beverage which are not officially branded or advertised, but which are nevertheless superb.

He explained that a true champagne is demi-sec, that triple-sec showed a perverted taste, while the tongue-twisting "gout American" was just a horror.

"Plume" was made from specially selected grapes in small quantities and distributed principally among the family. My colleague was a bachelor, and an aunt looked after his welfare and that of the French Residency.

Art may have beguiled auntie's age, for she was certainly a beautiful, charming and fascinating woman and it intrigued me to hear him call her "ma chérie" or "mon petit chou," though a term of endearment that likens one to a cabbage seems odd to me. Certainly there have never been aunts in my family that could hold a candle to her.

We had been discussing the Condominium Budget which required

our joint signatures before it could be implemented. The drafts which required the prior approval of our respective Governments had been despatched months ago and had already received the approval of the French authorities. We both awaited the approval of the British Govern-

ment with considerable anxiety; the financial year was running, and left little time for any spend-spree.

While I was soothing my colleague with suitable phrases (which I not believe) that approval could be expected at any moment, the

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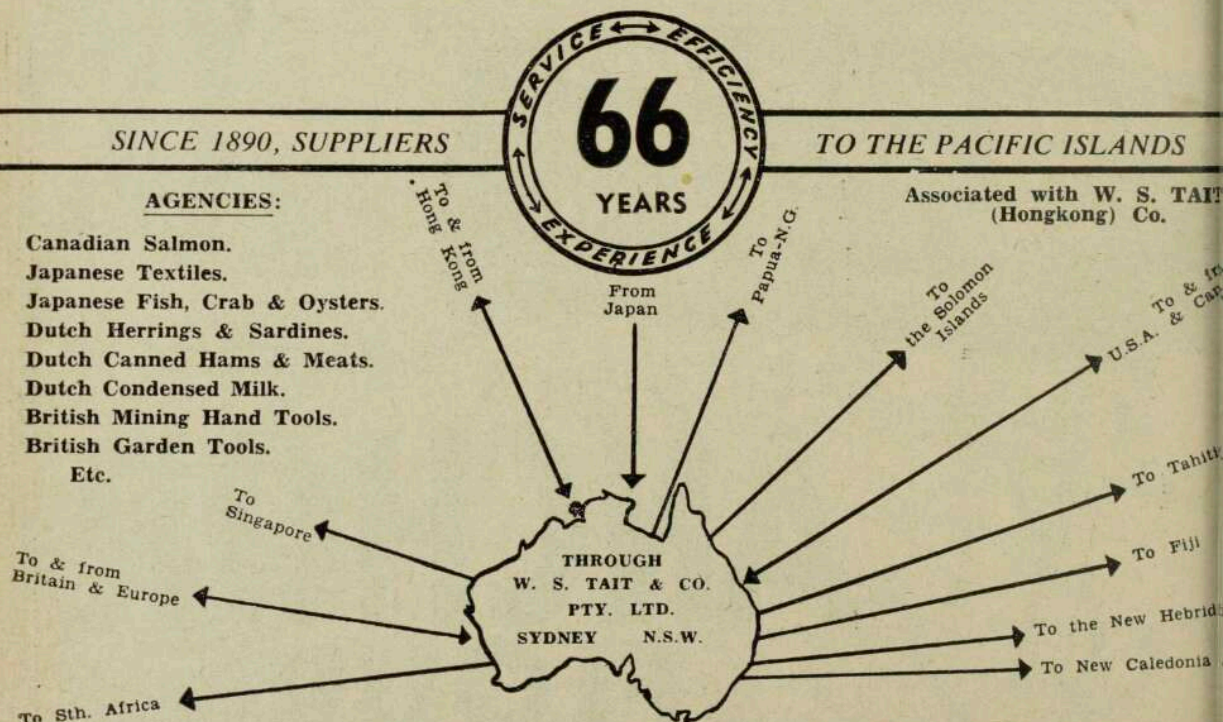
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on his desk rang and he
ed the receiver to me. It was
assistant who informed me that
gram had arrived from Suva to
ie Budget with minor amend-
had been approved. This un-
ed climax threw my colleague
ecstasies of delight. He all but
ced me, called me a prophet
pening the door of his office
outed to auntie to bring a
"Bien frappe."
r the ceremony of opening
cork should be drawn as
y as possible, not a pop but
a ping, and that to be
d if expertly done) he raised
lass and said "Monsieur le
nt de Sa Majeste Britannique,
mes felicitations, et main-
nous allons signer notre
t avec 'La Plume de ma
"

ext day, as was gossiped, the
minium Treasurer queried the
ticity of our signatures, there
very excuse for it.
doubt many of you have heard
B.B.C. the weekly programme
"Those were the Days." Can
hat the Eastern and Western
tions at Geneva have
ted to settle their differences
ard liquor such as vodka and
d have forgotten the ancient
of the Persian poet when he

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G Calls For More Hands

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guinea public service is for
ore hands and still more
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asluck announces that this
al year 454 officers are to be
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NIGHT PARKING CAUSES SUVA CONTROVERSY

The decision of the Suva City Council that cars parked at night should have parking lights gave rise to considerable controversy. The Council has now decided that cars parked in streets illuminated by street lights need not have parking lights, provided they have reflectors at the rear and red tape on the rear bumper.

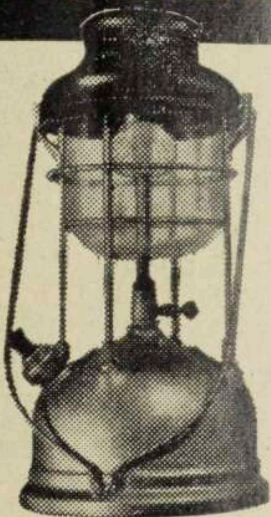
It was considered that such an amendment was more satisfactory than declaring special areas exempt from the regulation.

Most motorists seem to be in agreement with the alteration that will mean that in the outer areas where there is no street lighting vehicles must have parking lights.

Many bus and taxi owners are in the habit of leaving their vehicles on the side of the road, and in future unless they keep their parking lights on all night they will have to find other places to park them. (Or they could do what is sometimes done in Sydney where cars have increased faster than domestic garages to house them—hang a hurricane lantern on the back bumper-bar when parked for the night.—Ed.)

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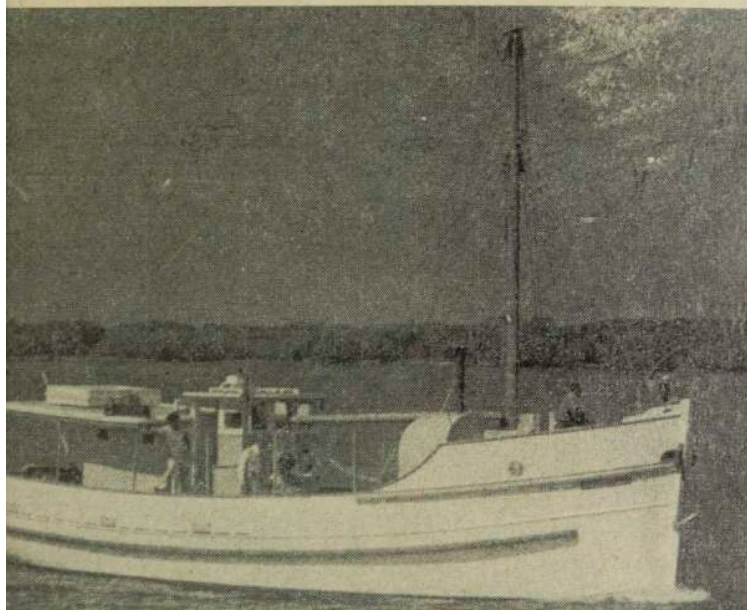
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AT TECHNICAL HITCH! slight technical hitch, amusing to use a BBC term, there was a all but those concerned, when the



"deley", the new Melanesian Mission's 52 ft. Islands ship, at Ballina, NSW. (PIM Aug. She left Ballina under command of Captain G. E. Langby, for delivery voyage September and safely Honiara, BSIP, September 9.

Cook Islands ketch *Taveuni* made a recreation cruise to Papeete with passengers in July.

Taveuni's owner is apt to be slightly indifferent to red tape and doing things according to the book, and there was a time when you could load tomatoes in the Cooks and take as many to Tahiti as you wished. But not to-day.

There was consternation in Papeete when *Taveuni* arrived with a load far in excess of that for which permits had been issued, but eventually, with the aid of local people, the matter was sorted out—though the local market was flooded.

Then came time to depart—and as fuel oil was cheaper in Papeete than Rarotonga, Mr. Brown ordered

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Then further panic. The men though presented in Auckland not to hand. So out went the cargo—or much of it—again. Now the passengers, momentarily expecting to depart, had spent their remaining francs; were destitute.

Finally the problem was sorted out, the cargo was loaded, *Taveuni* was despatched with haste by her agents a week before schedule.

Tahiti officialdom is said to be hoping not to sight *Taveuni* in the foreseeable future. But tourists from Rarotonga, franc-problems forgotten, mainly to have voted the well worth while.

OPERATION TAN GLOVE

Operation Tan Glove is a code name affixed to a circling flight which began September 23 by a specially equipped KC97 Stratofreighter of the US Air Force.

With special equipment on the aircraft will zig-zag round the world pin-pointing the latitude of the magnetic equator.

The flight will have no commercial interest, but is mainly associated with the intended launching of earth satellites of Operation Vanguard, an International Geophysical Year project. So the equipment in the satellite will be magnetically controlled. But "Tan Glove?"

VUNIWAI STRANDING

Finding that he had shown no judgment in laying too much course, the Fiji Marine suspended the ticket of the *Vuniwai* in September. The vessel stranded on Kaba Point 4 a.m., August 22, bound from Makogai.

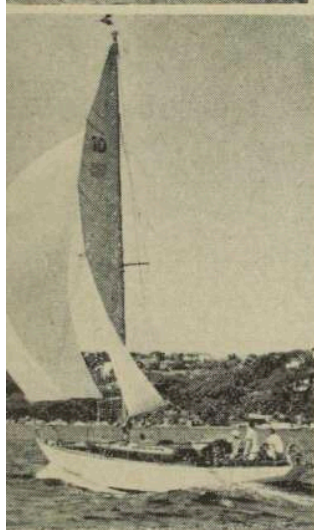
Two PWD tugs and the *Shell-40* hauled her off on August 31.

Vuniwai is a trim little Medical Department vessel, rigged, launched 1951, and a well-scarred about the belly of earlier reef-crawling ventures.

An enquiry into the stranding of the auxiliary ketch *Kuinivua* in June was held at the same time. The Board found that the stranding near Wakaya Island was due to error of judgment on the part of the master, Emosi Tubuasuka. He was censured and cautioned.

NEWS OF CRUISING YACHTS

• *Tzu Hang*, 45-ft Honolulu



o of the Los Angeles-Papeete Race
"Celebes", upper, and "Quest", at
Photos: Oscar Nordman).
"Malohi" (incorrectly spelled
September PIM, p. 110) owned by
lly, Sydney, returned home after
s cruise to Noumea, Suva, etc.,
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New Zealand coast for some
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September 25.

erhak II, Israeli flag, with
Havkins lone-handing, ar-
uva mid-September from
Moorea, Pago Pago. Next
oumea, Sydney.

e of Auckland, returning
Island cruise, grounded off
nai harbour, north of Auck-
September 9. Weather was

good and the yacht was hauled off
by a launch after all gear had been
landed on the beach. Damage was
suffered to keel and rudder but the
yacht reached home.

- *Solace* of England cleared Auck-
land for Rarotonga, Palmerston
Island, and return on August 15.
Solace will cruise the NZ coast
during the coming summer, before
continuing westbound for England.
With Commander Clark was Stanley
Mathurin, and a Palmerston Is-
lander returning home.

- *Tahiti* of Honolulu, with owner
Lorrin Smith and companion Ted
Grant, sailed from Auckland for
Papeete and Honolulu on September
1, after a long spell in port. The
yacht was completely refitted.

- *Scolopax*, 38½ ft ketch, cleared

Falmouth, England, for the Pacific
"in search of an isolated island"
late September. Aboard are Brian
and Rosamund Elverson and baby
Rupert.

- *Dwen Wyn* of the US left
Papeete mid-August on the return
run to Honolulu.

- *Viveka*, one of the Los Angeles-
Papeete Race entrants, cleared
Papeete again, August 26, for Los
Angeles.

- *Quest*, another race entrant,
was to sail from Papeete under an
engaged crew in September. Owner
Dr. Howard Murphy and his wife
flew to Honolulu.

- *Manu Moana* of Auckland, con-
tinuing her Island cruise, departed
Papeete for Bora Bora and Pago
Pago late August.

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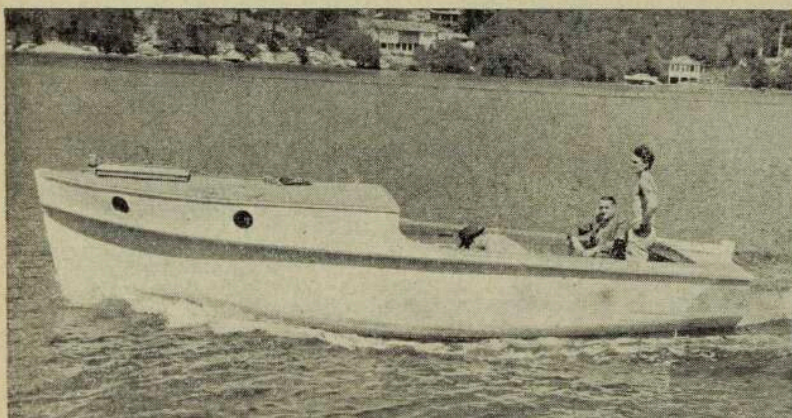
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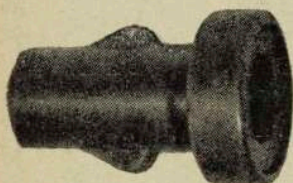
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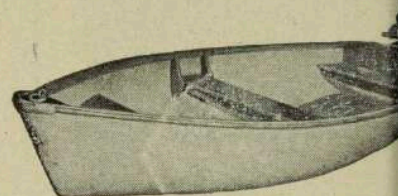
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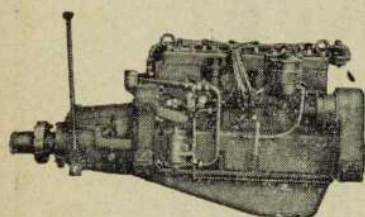
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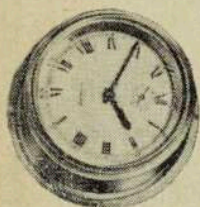
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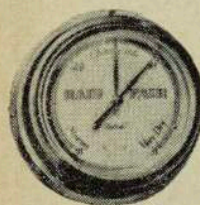
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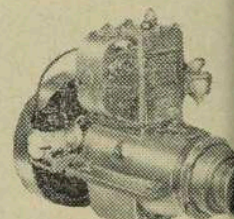
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aihoa of Auckland arrived at
via the Cooks September
as were to leave there October
cruise French Oceania waters.
eridian, 44 ft cutter of An-
s, Md., with Mr. and Mrs.
d Stafford aboard, arrived
e August 31 from Takaroa.
acht will remain at Papeete
ne time.

Takai, with Connie Hitchcock
ompanions, left Honolulu in
for Kauai thence San
sco. The yacht made Hono-
days out of Papeete.

olo of Sydney, last reported in
e, was reported in Honolulu
ust.

oenir, US flag, continuing
umnavigation, was reported
from Jakarta for Cocos in

White Hart, 44 ft Canadian
arrived Rarotonga August 21
departed September 5 for Pago

American Samoa, on a
y cruise from British Colum-
New Zealand. Built in the
Indies to Alden design, she
en used by the owner-skipper,
ay J. Reeves, as a salmon
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ed for the cruise now being
aken by Captain Reeves, his
nd three-year-old son.

same: Frank Nolan may, says
ra, get "official recognition"
s part as a "Ham" radio
or in saving Danny Weil,
man-Ham, off Papua on Sep-

tember 17. Nolan is a member of
PMG staff, Port Moresby; what
form the "recognition" would take
is not stated. Fearing cost of sal-
vage, Weil battled for days with a
storm between BSIP and Moresby
before calling for aid. When he
did, Hams all over the world offered
financial assistance. A Department
of Civil Aviation launch battled with
the sea for 10 hours to rescue Weil,
who was 30 miles off Port Moresby.
But so far we have heard of no
claim for salvage. Mobile Ham Weil
has called at numerous off-the-trail
places in the Pacific and set up in
business—to the delight of other
Hams whose hobby is collecting
cards from other stations
contacted.

• Varua, Mr. William A. Robin-
son's yacht, reached Honiara, BSIP,
on its private scientific expedition,
on September 11.

SWAPPING AND BUYING

Mr. Freddy Kay returned to
Sydney from the Solomons in the
September *Tulagi*, having disposed
recently of the *Loma* to Mr. Ernie
Palmer of BSIP who will use her
for recruiting, etc.

Mr. Kay went originally to the
BSIP in *Quest* which he exchanged
with Mr. Georgetti for *Loma*.

It is understood that he is now
looking around for another vessel
and while in Rabaul inspected
Kathleen which originally went to
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but which is now owned by Chinese interests.

ANOTHER HITCH.

In the paragraph regarding the cruising yacht *Solace*, page 106, September PIM, one of our linotype operators dropped out a line which made nonsense of the item in question. It read: "... Tuatai Marsters of Palmerston will return to the Cooks in the trading vessel *Inspire*." It should have read: "... Tuatai Marsters of Palmerston will return home with the yacht. His companion, Kori Marsters, earlier returned to the Cooks in the trading Ketch *Inspire*."

Inspire, of course returned to the Cooks months ago.

REPORT No. 1 ON ARAKARIMOA

Sometime between December 29, 1955, and February 28, 1956, a Commission of Inquiry was held into the disappearance of the *Arakarimoa*. The report has just been released—although *Arakarimoa* subsequently turned up, of course, in southern Guadalcanal, 64 days and 1,000 miles from where she disappeared on a 19-mile voyage between Tarawa and Maiana (See March PIM); and although two other inquiries have been held, one in Honiara, which was inconclusive, and one in Tarawa in August, the findings of which have not yet been made public.

The extraordinary attitude of the

authorities over the whole *Arakarimoa* incident is highlighted by the fact that this preliminary report—made when the vessel was presumed lost—has only now been released.

The report says in part:

"*Arakarimoa*" disappeared because she went to sea with her main engine faulty and her

auxiliary not working, without her transmitter, and with insufficient charts.

Previous to her sailing on her last voyage the vessel has been laid up because of burned-out bearing and other defects. A bearing also burned out, melting and clogging the reverse shaft.

An engineer reported that he believed the vessel had burned out because the reverse shaft had not been properly fitted in.

The auxiliary charging engine was not working.

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hus, if the batteries were flat, and the charging engine was not working, the engine could not be restarted if it had to stop.

Mechanical Engineer of the Colony said in an inquiry that he had advised the manager of the Tangitang Co-operative Society, owner of the "Arakarimoa", that the vessel should not leave the lagoon until the auxiliary engine was repaired.

Commissioners said that had "Arakarimoa" sailed with either her radio transmitter or engine aboard she would, in the event of trouble, either have given warning or she would have been able to make use for some other down-wind island such as Ocean or Nauru.

Commissioners were of the opinion that the manager of the Tangitang Co-operative Society was morally to blame for permitting the vessel to sail when he was fully aware that temporary repairs only had been made; the generator was not working; and knowing that the mechanical engineer had recommended against sailing outside the Tarawa lagoon.

dealing with searches made for "Arakarimoa" the Commissioners commented: "The lack of outside assistance would have been advisable immediately it was known that the search had proved fruitless". The search made a search for "Arakarimoa" on September 31.

INEXCUSABLE TRAGEDY OF ARAKARIMOA

An extraordinary case of the "Arakarimoa" and the equally extraordinary dilatoriness of the authorities over the whole matter has been the subject of an article in the July issue of the *Nautical Magazine*, which has been publishing in Glasgow for over 100 years, some scathing comments were said about the whole case—both in an article by a Mr. Wharton and in editorial comments.

It was called a "tragedy so stark and terrible that it might have been straight from the dark pages of the nautical annals of two centuries instead of out of the records of 1936 when more than a thousand life-saving devices are at the beck and call of every ship."

It again: "Only the most casual search was made for her when she was reported missing. The search lasted exactly one day and the ship was then written off as lost. . . . Although the RNZAF stands by 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at Suva, no such occurrence."

Editorially, the journal demanded to know whether there was no law of the sea that applied to such cases; or could they continue to make voyages placing human lives in jeopardy from the moment they set off until they anchored in the port of call. The journal listed other tragedies in the Pacific in the last three years and cites the case of the *Joyita* which was permitted to leave Apia port in unseaworthy condition "because she was registered in Honolulu."

They call this "arrant nonsense" and unseaworthy ships were to try to leave New York or London or

Cape Town she would be stopped at once, regardless of her port of registration, they say—yet in the Pacific, unseaworthy ships were allowed to put to sea with defective radio and carrying passengers and with an "equal chance of getting to their port of destination or going to the bottom of the sea."

STILL TIED UP

Stranded, but not in the usual sense, is the 495-ton refrigerated twin-screw ex-yacht *Rican Star*—ex *Samana Queen*, ex *Elena*, ex *Lynx*, ex *Ramona*, ex *Dolphin*, Costa Rican flag, tied to a Sydney wharf.

This is the little vessel which called at Suva south-bound for

Sydney with a cargo of dynamite last year.

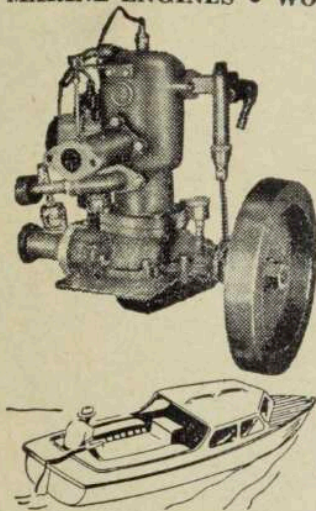
An engine breakdown, and a subsequent demand by the Australian navigation authorities for a hull survey, decided the owners in Canada to repatriate the crew and put the vessel up for sale—another incident in what has evidently been a very chequered career, if the list of names is an indication.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Seamen interested in what goes on in the maritime world beyond the Pacific Islands area will find plenty of interest in the BBC Merchant Navy Programme, Thursdays 1745 GMT, repeated Mondays following at 0715 GMT.

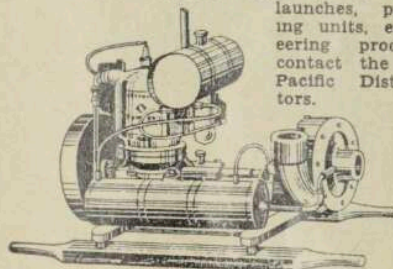
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ONE TYPEWRITER COMING UP?

IN June PIM we had a little fun
with our chief shipping corres-
pondent, J. P. Shortall, currently
of Auckland, NZ, suggesting that the
reason why a Cook Islands ship had
got confused with one in the New
Hebrides was that he had an "un-
educated" typewriter which couldn't
spell. (June PIM, p. 93).

We have now had a note from
Richard Gordon McCloskey, sec-
retary of the Slocum Society (C/-
USIS-American Embassy, Lima,
Peru) as follows:

"Jim Shortall has been a most
useful and co-operative correspon-
dent. We think so highly of him
that we are soliciting contributions
from all New Zealanders in Peru to
buy him a literate typewriter. We
have unearthed several New
Zealanders who, upon being dunned,
immediately denied being New
Zealanders—an act that immediately
proved to our satisfaction that they
were New Zealanders. Say not the
struggle nought availeth. We are
continuing it and hope to report
success soon."

aground on a reef east of Normanby
Island, Papua, on August 6 was not
the total wreck at first feared.

She was patched up sufficiently to
get her to Samarai where she is
currently undergoing repairs at Mr.
H. (Bunny) Barrow's Sariba slipway.

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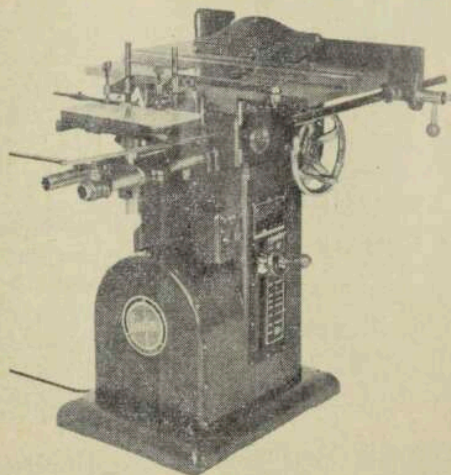
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It aims at the general improvement of the Criminal Investigation Department which has been taken away from the control of the Senior Superintendent Southern District and has been set up as a separate department under a senior superintendent who will be responsible direct to the Commissioner.

In addition special training courses in criminal investigation have been set up. Linked with the CID is a fingerprint expert recently appointed. He has had considerable experience in New Zealand and already his services have had good results.

Eight Land Rovers, a personnel-carrier and 12 motor cycles have arrived to strengthen the Force. Some of the Land Rovers have radio equipment.

A motor cycle patrol will operate on Viti Levu country roads to supervise traffic. No longer will it be a case of out of town out of sight.

An officer formerly stationed in Suva who has completed a traffic

training course in England will train the new patrols when he arrives in the Colony shortly.

† Mr. Ronald Powell, with assistants and equipment, left Rarotonga aboard *Charlotte Donald* early September to transfer live mother-of-pearl shells from Manihiki atoll to Pukapuka, as an

experimental scheme to establish shell in Pukapuka lagoon.

The *Maria del Mar* is scheduled to sail for Wallis and Futu islands towards end of October. These islands have been without shipping communication with New Caledonia for seven months. Essential commodities are in short supply.

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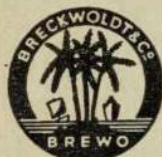
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The Life and Writings of Louis Becke

(Continued from Page 87)

otus, and was in turn super-
resident trader and labour
ter; and it is probable that
helped to smuggle arms and
munition to the Mataafa faction
moa.

the details still remain
filled in, for we have no
imporaneous records as exist
the period 1880-82 in his letters
mother (now in the Mitchell
ty).

1894, Louis Becke left the
lands for good, after a more
less continuous residence of
years, and settled down in
y where he was introduced
the author Ernest Favenc to J.
Archibald, founder and editor of
Sydney *Bulletin*.

ening to his stories of Islands
Archibald asked him to write
of them down for publication
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Becke, who was broke and in
alth at the time, had com-

Challis the Doubter, soon
ed by the other stories
ned in *By Reef and Palm*.

h the publication of this first
ion in book form the same
(which was also the year of
son's death), Becke's fame
writer was made and for the
two decades a constant stream
vels, short stories, sketches
articles appear from his pen
gh not necessarily under his
, not only in the *Bulletin* but
ere he could sell them.

of his books were written in
oration with Walter Jeffery
editor of the *Town and
ry Journal*, to whose expert
nce may be attributed their
r historical accuracy and
sustained plots.

1897 Becke left for England,
ng just in time to assist in
ng De Rougemont's fabrica-
in the *Wide World Magazine*;
he continued to live in
ad, Ireland and France
e one of his daughters was
ed) until 1909, when he again
ed to Australia.

t the call of the islands was
strong is shown by his
ued efforts to get back: as
ger of a trading company,
collector for Burroughs,
ome and Company, and
, as leader of a scientific
tion under the sponsorship
veral British and German
d societies.

nothing came of any of
projects—except a brief visit
va in 1908 and a longer one
y Zealand. His last 18 months
spent in Sydney, partly in a
hospital and partly at the
Hotel where he died on
ary 18, 1913, seated in his

chair with a half-completed manu-
script in his hand.

He had been ill for many years
and looked an old and weary man,
though in actual fact he was only
58.

Opinions will probably always
differ as to the value of Louis
Becke's work; in the heyday of his
popularity he was generally
preferred by the reading public to
Stevenson, at least in Australia
and New Zealand, while at the
same time was ignored or
condemned by most literary critics.

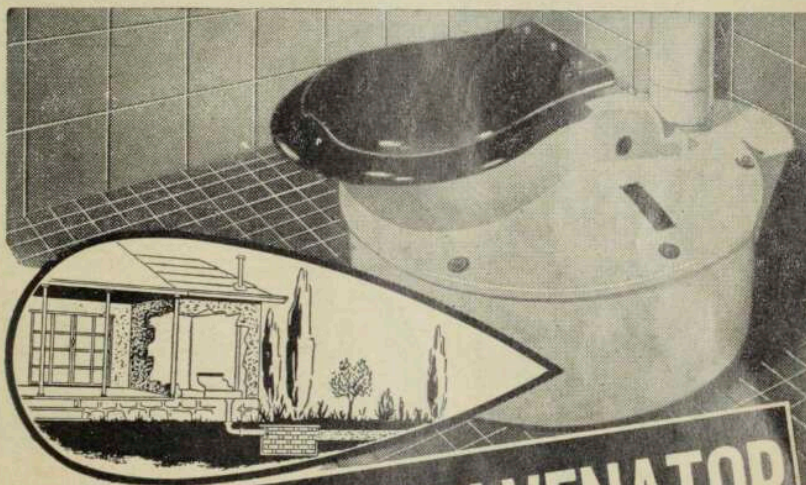
The passage of time will almost
certainly prove both sides to have
been wrong. Louis Becke is not a
great author: he lacks the polish
of a literary craftsman and he

wrote too much, too hurriedly (34
books in 19 years, with innumerable
other items), in order to keep his
head financially above water.

Admitting all this, however, one
must also acknowledge that Becke
is a natural story-teller who
returned to civilisation after nearly
a quarter of a century of
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say, and authentic local colour.

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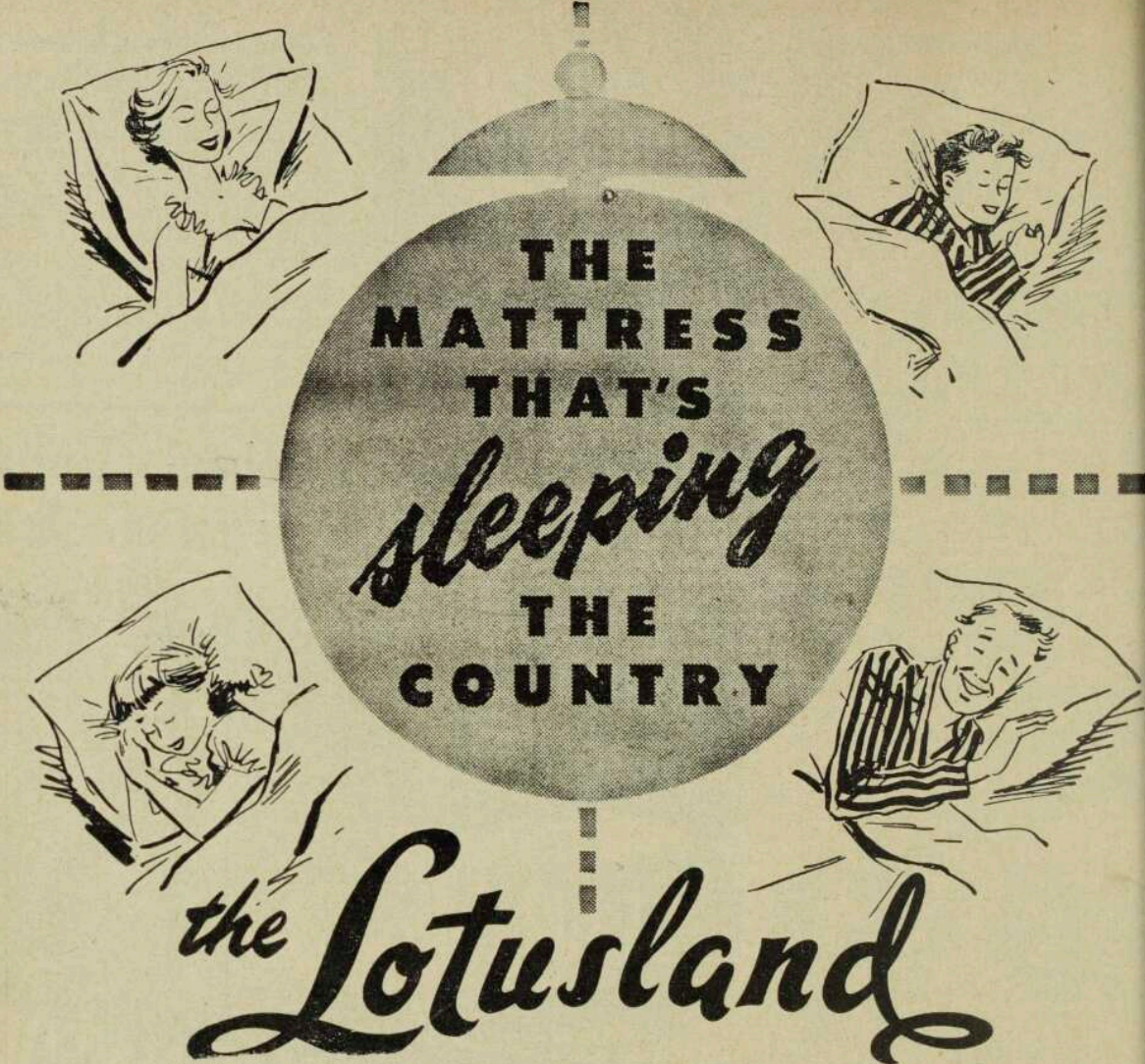
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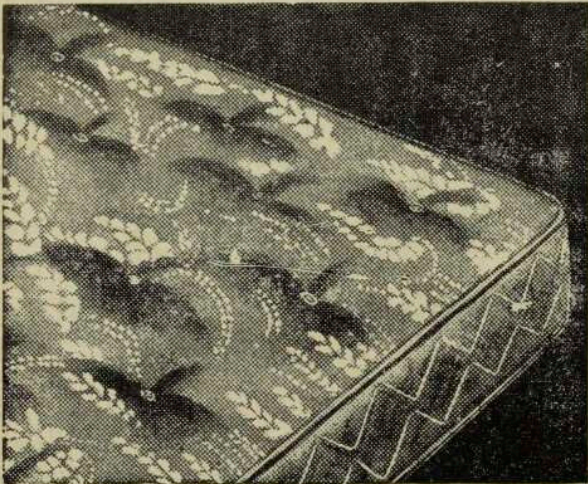
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e is little in the way of
logical analysis; we see what
characters do, but gain scarcely
sight into their feelings and
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Becke's best books are
held to be his first three
ons of short stories, *By Reef*
ilm, *Pacific Tales* and *The*
of the Tide, and his
ive study *Wild Life in*
n Seas.
his later work, some

unfortunately can be classed as
“pot boilers” although still very
readable, particularly by those
fortunate enough to know the
localities where the action takes
place.

It is to be hoped that Angus and
Robertson, or some other enter-
prising publisher, will now follow
up *By Reef and Palm* with a
definitive edition of all Becke's
major works; but with introduction
less misleading than that provided
by the Earl of Pembroke.

Copra Production Up in Fr. Oceania

STATISTICS recently published
in Papeete show that copra
production for French Oceania
in 1955 (21,250 long tons) was
slightly above the annual average
of the past ten years. The 1955
yield was 21,550 long tons

The crop, which is sold on the
free market, averaged about
£Stg.59/15/0 per long ton, f.o.b.
Papeete, in 1955. This compares un-
favourably with the negotiated
British MOF price of £Stg. 65 paid
to British Pacific producers in the
same period. The actual total 1955
earnings were 228,166,000 Pacific
Francs.

† Miss Mary Ruaine, of the Cook
Islands, is the first student from
New Zealand's Island Territories to
qualify as a trained domestic
science instructress. She went to
NZ in 1949 and attended New
Plymouth Girls' High School; later
to Auckland Training College where
she passed her examination. In
Wellington, where she served her
probationary years, she was
regarded as one of the best
probationary assistants in her year.
She has now returned to the Cook
Islands.

† The Imperial Rugby Club of Fiji
was making a short tour of the
Auckland Province in September-
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Australian and His Samoan Bride



Mr. Gordon Bowman, of Sydney, and Miss Telesia Salanoa, of Falefa, Western Samoa, who were married in Apia. The couple have now returned to live in Australia thereby causing the Sydney evening Press to break out in its usual rash of literary goose-pimples. Bride was described as a "Royal Samoan princess". Pagan wedding ceremonies were hinted-at, in front page stories.

Photo: R. F. Rankin.

† Mr. Harry Duane, one time of Niue, returned to Auckland per *Waitomo* in September after spending several months in Tahiti.

Three Australian tourists figured in an accident in New Caledonia end of September. Driving a miniature 2 HP car the tourists were crossing a bridge on an East coast road when a truck rounding a corner ran into the back of the small car pushing it into the river. Fortunately the river was not very

deep at the point. The people were admitted to the pital at Noumea. Most injury was a broken rib.

† Mr. Patrick W. H. Kelly has appointed General Manager of Zealand Reparation Estates, W Samoa.

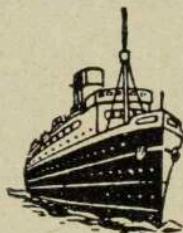
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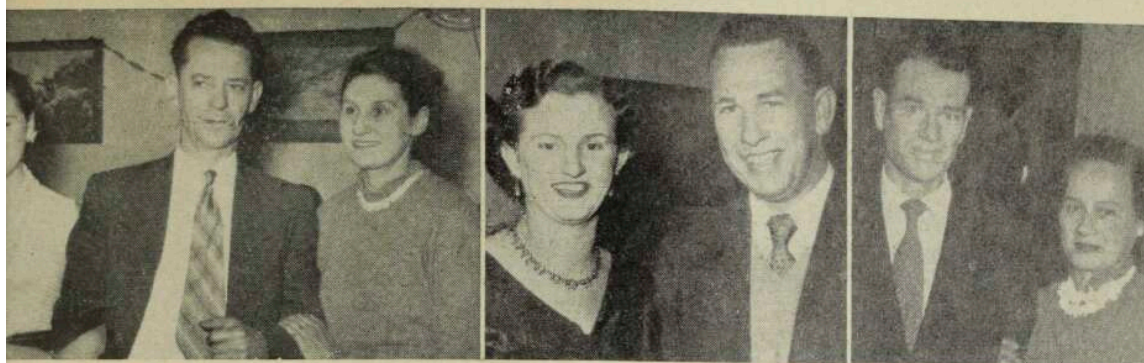
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Iney Polynesian Association Meeting . . .



visitors to the Polynesian Association were (left to right): M. and Madame [unclear], and daughter Annik, formerly of [unclear] and Mrs. Ray Thompson, formerly residents of Suva. Mr. and Mrs. [unclear] of King's Cross, Sydney. Mrs. [unclear] formerly Miss Anna Lawrence, of [unclear] Samoa.

—Photos by Brayside Studios.

FICALS

ening of Munda and Henderson

On September a large party of civil aviation officials visited the Solomons. DCA experts from Moresby and Melbourne accompanied by two officials of the Ministry of Transport and Aviation, London.

The programme included visits of Munda and Henderson airfields as well as landing points along the Honiara air route.

The Government can put Henderson into service as a replacement for Barakoma's restricted airfield open Henderson to DC3 was the basis of the visit held in Honiara.

The question is an old one, and the case of Munda is tied in with questions of land acquisition, but it seems to be little more than regarding the structural of both strips.

The Operations department spent several days in examining the airfield.

The opening of Munda and Henderson will not mean any change of service to and from the Protectorate, either in the aircraft operating or in the routes, but obviously will stand a better chance of improved inter-Pacific routes as improved airfields are developed.

—Honiara Correspondent.

H. Woodward, a New Stipendiary Magistrate, in Western Samoa in for a term of duty.

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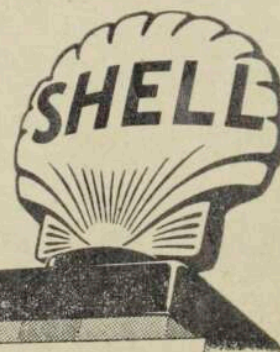
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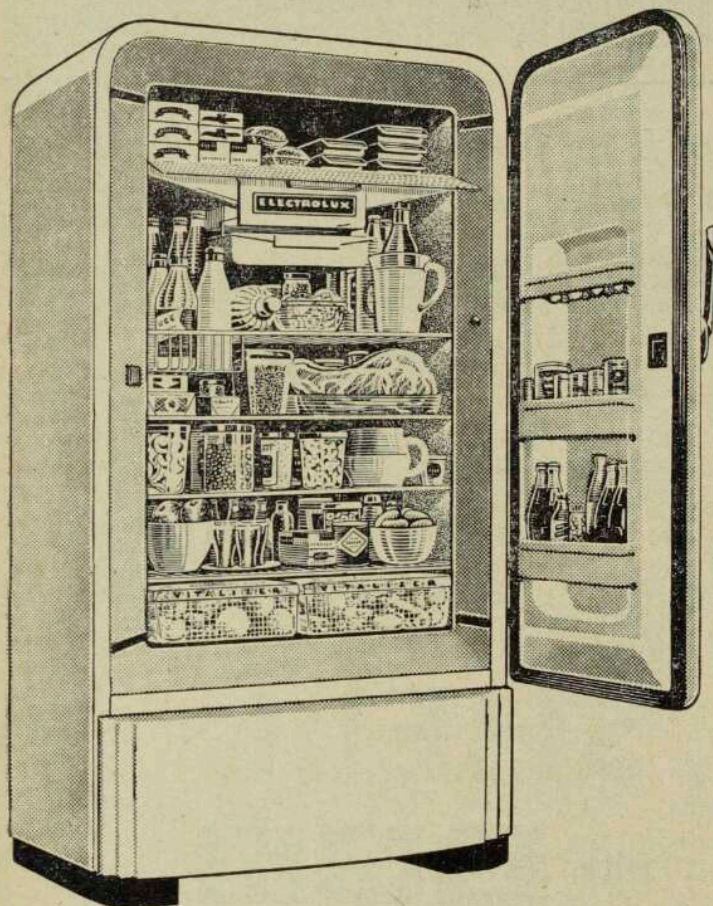
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Sh-and-carry grocery—a new type of retail business for Fiji—was opened recently on Hill Road by Morris Hedstrom, Ltd.

Photo: Fiji Public Relations Office.

Fiji Director of Education, W. Lewis-Jones, visited New Caledonia in October for talks with French Department officials.

During September nearly 70,000 bags of cement were landed in Noumea from France and Japan. Most of it is for the Yate hydro-electric scheme.



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BUILDING TONGA THROUGH ITS WOMEN

"KOE Langa Fonua a e Fefine Tonga" is the name of the Tongan women's organisation inaugurated by Queen Salote three years ago. It has now a membership of several hundred.

Active branches are meeting regularly in villages throughout Tongatapu and in Vava'u. The parent branch is in Nuku'alofa, to which village representatives come each quarter.

Her Majesty is the President of the organisation, the principal aims of which are the building up of Tonga through its women. Towards this end a higher standard of living conditions in the home, vegetable and flower gardens are encouraged.

An annual Show of the Tongan women's arts, crafts, needlework, crochet, tatting, knitting, flowers, vegetables and livestock is held. Prizes are awarded in all sections to the best entries. A beautifully polished tortoise-shell shield is awarded annually to the best-kept village.

The Langa Fonua, as it is commonly called, is affiliated with the Pan-Pacific Women's Association, whose Nuku'alofa branch is responsible for publishing a small

magazine for distribution among the members of Langa Fonua.

Current enthusiasm for members is to improve the diet of their families towards more healthful living. Mrs. L. Protheroe regularly visits meetings in the villages giving cookery demonstrations and helpful advice on the better use of indigenous foods

† The Italian Paneuropa Co., film unit, lately "shooting" television shorts in Tahiti, will move on to Fiji, thence Vila Noumea, and possibly New Zealand. The unit is under the charge of Signor Colonna, with Signor d'Amico as Director of Production.

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REPARATION ESTATES MAKE HANDSOME PROFITS FOR WESTERN SAMOANS

ZEALAND Reparation estates, Western Samoa, which during the Depression years regarded as something of a bone, have in recent years entered the Big Business class. Estimated profit for the financial year ending March 31, 1956, is £158,247, as compared with £158,247 the previous year, according to the Department of Island Affairs Report for the 1955-56 year published.

Profits from the Estates, which are the largest employers of labour in Western Samoa, go to Samoan development and welfare.

Production figures and values for the year with those of the previous year are as follows:

Cocoa: 1,859 tons worth £110,841 (1955-56 worth £126,468).

Coconut oil: 466 tons worth £106,064 (1955-56 worth £130,248).

Coconut husk: 239,080 sq. ft. worth £7,598 (1955-56 worth £7,598).

Cattle: 1,837 slaughtered, worth £29,376 (1955-56 worth £29,376).

There is an active coconut replanting project in hand. At

50 acres more land was cleared, bringing the total of unbearing coconut areas

to 150 acres. At Vailele 200 acres have been replanted in the

10 years. Further extension is halted by the needs of

grazing. Cattle cannot be on newly planted areas as

they destroy the young palms. There are in hand for further

planting of new coconut plantations: 100 acres at Afia, 50 acres

and 100 acres at Vaipapa. These will be planted this year.

Reports say that the cocoa price fell from £5385 per ton in

1955, to £5'90 by March this year at the end of the year under

review. The by-product, cocoa husk, used in the manufacture of

paper, fell from £65 to £30 in the period. (Not much of this latter product from

sources).

100 acres of land, partly cleared and rubber trees, at Tafaigata, are cleared and is being

used in a leguminous crop prior to planting cocoa. At

10 acres of virgin land was cleared for cocoa. About 100

new plantings came into this area, increasing

the production of that particular plantation from 86½ to 120 tons in the

year under review.

Production of the famous cocoa clone has been speeded

the establishment of a new and another clone,

obtained from Fiji in

1954, and originally from Trinidad, is well established.

The increased world price for

rubber was taken advantage of by opening for tapping about one third of a 710-acre young rubber plantation at Magia. Planted 8 years ago, only selected trees were tapped and only three tons of rubber produced and sold to a New Zealand rubber company.

Timber operations were hampered by wet weather and mechanical breakdowns of equipment.

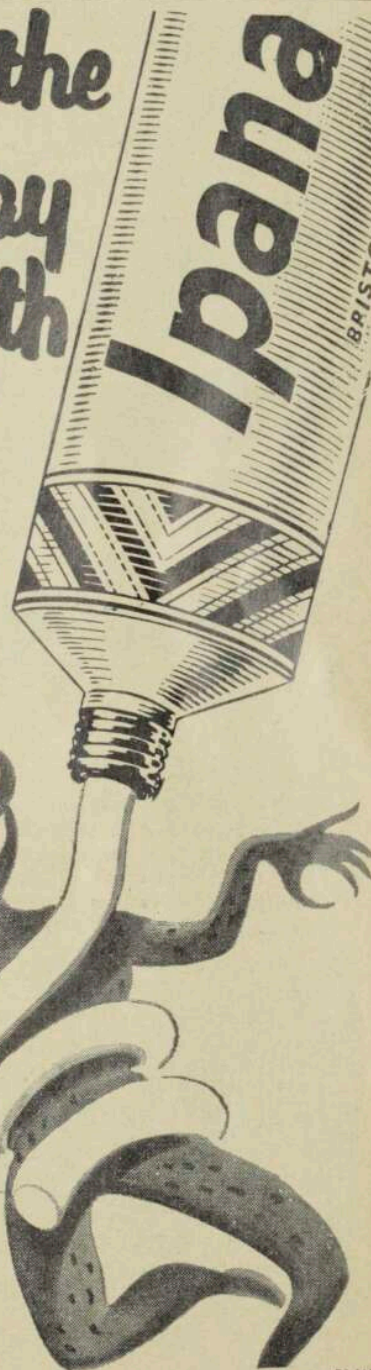
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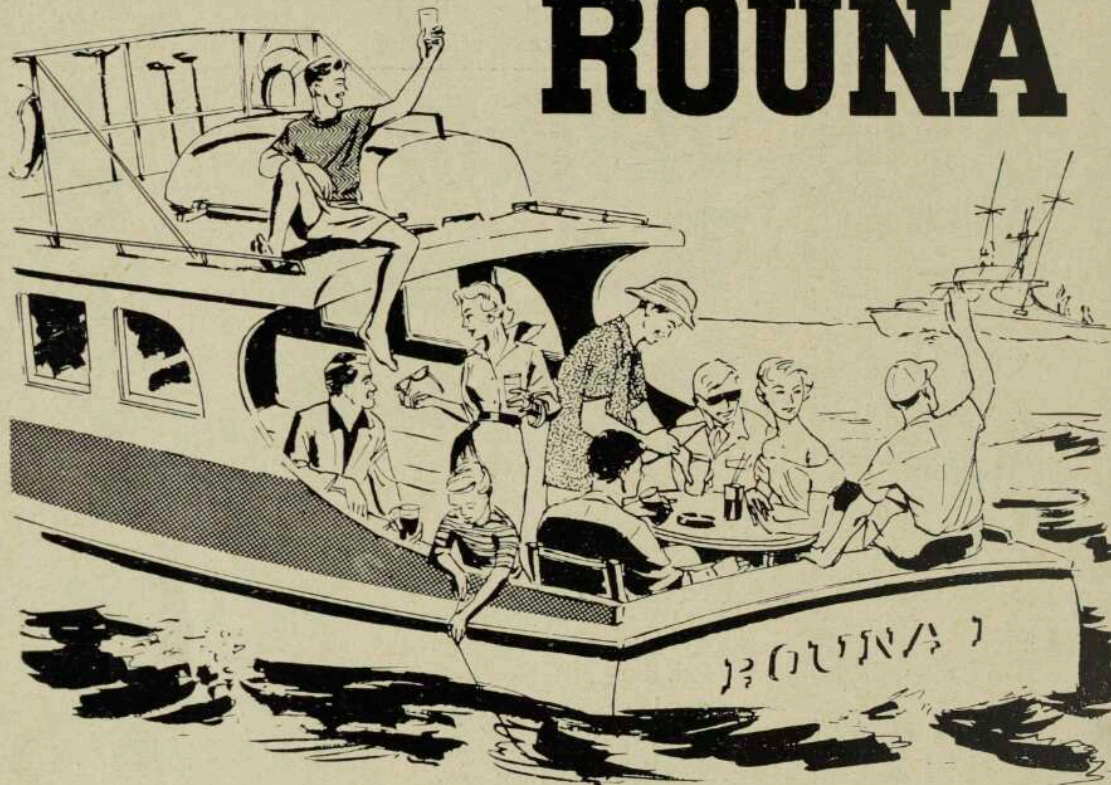
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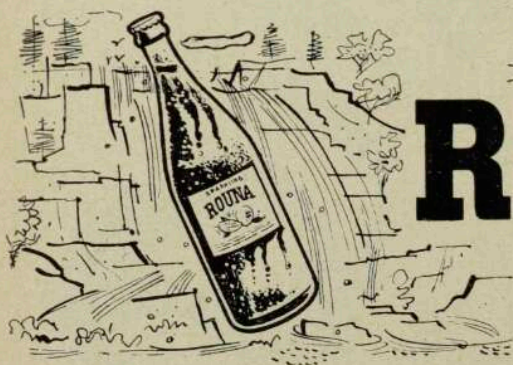


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11,140 head, of which 1,837 slaughtered for meat. Estates now have 144 acres, made up as follows: At Mato 38 acres of Liberian, to first bearing about now; Mega 25 acres of Liberian, during this 1956-57 season; at three acres of Liberian and es of Arabian; at Aigalle-tai es of Liberian; at Faleata es of Arabian; at Vailele s of Liberian. Machinery order from England to n time to process the first rop expected about August. opment plans for the include experimentation to pastures on the 3,000 acres sa grazing lands, and the ion of survey of another es of bush-land on the boundaries of this holding, ne building of an access ough the area. Cross- of four pure-bred Zebu ported from Fiji, with the d cows is progressing. The herd now numbers 2,500. Hereford and 400 head of ereford cross-breeds.

Magia estate adjoining ua now comprises 710 acres er, 400 acres of cocoa, and of coffee, the latter not yet ng. Last year 60 acres of as cleared here for cocoa acres for coffee. fibre industry will shortly blished, provision for the y machinery being provided he 1953-57 estimates.

Only a Minor 'Little India'

Little Indias have sprung up oughout the world, is cted in an interesting ublished recently by *The*

of course, started the on to Fiji—where over people of Indian descent er cent. of the population)

also was the magnet which d Indians to countries such tius (352,405 or 67 per cent.) e islands of the British n.

Indians in Fiji have become rmers, merchants, doctors, and dentists; but those in s are still mostly plantation or labourers in sugar fac- Despite this, they are well- d politically.

British Caribbean, too, the mostly descendants of ed labourers on the cane- hold increasing power in ritories.

aya the 691,431 Indians (12 . of total population) con- he third largest community Federation. The innume- er Indian communities in- Singapore, 91,029 (8 per eylon 969,726 (12 per cent):

Union of South Africa, 366,664 (3 per cent.) — mostly in Natal; Kenya, 127,000 (2 per cent); Trinidad and Tobago, 250,000 (36 per cent.); British Guiana, 216,000 (46 per cent).

The emigration of Indians has been going on for at least 1,500 years and today more than 4,000,000 people of Indian descent live outside the Indian sub-continent, of whom about three-quarters are in countries of the British Commonwealth.

In the United Kingdom itself there is estimated to be (including students) about 75,000 Indians and 35,000 Pakistanis.

The Times was wrong in one respect, however. It said: Indians first went to Fiji in 1800. If they

had they would likely have ended in the cooking-ovens. It was over 75 years later that they first arrived in Fiji.

† Though French Oceania's Department of Agriculture announced in November, 1952, that it planned to develop cinchona plantations for an export trade in quinine, recent inquiries indicate that there are no signs of such an industry developing yet.

† Due to the illness of one of the German fight-promoters, contest between Kitone Lava, Tongan heavyweight, and Gunter Nurnberg, of Germany, scheduled to take place in Germany on September 28, was indefinitely postponed.

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It is therefore interesting that the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation has seen fit to warn against undue optimism about the fish.

In an article headed, *Destroying a Myth About Tilapia*, in a recent United States *Commercial Fisheries Review* issue, the FAO statement says, in part:

"Since the end of the war, the world has become conscious of the 'wonder fish' *tilapia mossambica*. It has been talked about so much some people are beginning to believe that if there is anything a fish can do the *tilapia mossambica* can do it. . . but, unfortunately, it cannot support its reputation and is quite unsuitable as the mainstay of a serious fish-culture industry. It is a useful odd-job fish, a pleasant and

dramatic introduction to fish farming for the inexperienced worker; it is more of a toy fish than a wonder fish."

The article notes the fish's hardiness and its quick growth (about 5 oz in 10 months) but says this yield is low compared with that of most other fish used in fish-culture industries.

"Certainly it grows very quickly to an edible size but then its growth slows down very much," it says. "A good yield can only be obtained after very heavy stocking of a pond."

The statement warns that ponds must be watched closely to see that they do not become stocked; otherwise none of the fish will reach a useful size.

It points out that there are 100 varieties of *tilapia* and varieties other than *mossambica* may have a much greater future. Two of these, *tilapia melanogaster* and *tilapia macrochir*, having different feeding habits, may usefully be raised together in ponds. Eating different food they can be more heavily stocked and yield

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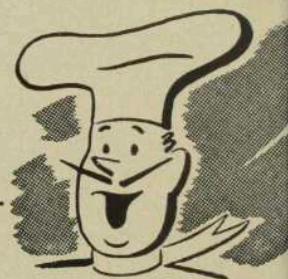
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The conviction was against the evidence and the weight of the evidence.

The verdict of "guilty" was one of no reasonable jury, properly considered, could have reached.

The trial judge erred in law in

admitting certain verbal admissions and a confession, allegedly made which were not free and voluntary and ought to have been excluded from the evidence, and in having regard to

the repudiation of the admissions and confessions on oath, and the whole of the evidence, including the lack of corroborative evidence implicating the judge should have acquitted himself that it was unsafe to find a conviction and should have directed an acquittal.

The judge asks for an order that the conviction and sentence be quashed, and further order as the court seems fit.

ALIEN FILMS ON P-N-G

A photographic team from the Australian News and Information Bureau reached Port Moresby late last week to begin shooting the first series of films dealing with the Territory. This is part of a

project that is said to be going to take a year.

An official of the Bureau, Mr. Maslyn Williams, toured P-N-G recently gathering material for the films. At least five films, and possibly more, will be made.

BULOLO GETS FIRST CHURCH

A big crowd early September attended the dedication of Bulolo's first church. It is an Anglican Church, called All Saints, and was built by voluntary labour.

It was dedicated by the Bishop of New Guinea, Bishop Strong, assisted by Bishop Hand. It is built in the form of a Cross; church and furnishings are of local timbers.

NATIVES LEARN HOW TO FISH

About 20 native students from all parts of Papua-New Guinea were at Manu Manu, on the Papuan Coast, in September attending the first Fisheries Training School conducted in the Territory.

Four of the students will be chosen at the end of the course to go to Noumea, where the South Pacific Commission is organising a Fisheries School. (See PIM July page 45).

P-N-G NATIVES HAVE BENEFIT OF SPECIALIST TREATMENT

One of Australia's leading heart surgeons, Mr. C. J. O. Brown of Melbourne arrived in Port Moresby

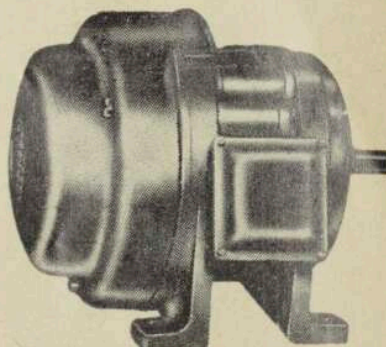
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early September to perform a series of operations at the Elia Native Hospital over the next five weeks.

Dr. Brown brought with him an anaesthetist and six nurses.

Another prominent Australian surgeon who returned recently from Perth operated on about 40 patients at the Hospital.

BRIEFS

Due to increased shipping between Australia and P-N-G, Australian copra millers are getting more for Territory copra—£83/£83, and £82/7/6 for the grades.

Group Captain Brian W. formerly chief test pilot for the Havilland Aircraft Co., Sydney, has become a pilot with Gibbes' Airways. Before taking up duties in the Territory, he will ferry out to Sweden another Junkers for the Gibbes fleet.

Mr. Jerry Pentland, veteran of both World Wars (the First and the AFC and the Second World War) has been visiting "Mulloway" property of ex-Territorian C. "Blue" Allen on the North Coast of NSW. Rumour is that Mr. Pentland is thinking of disposing of his interests in the NG Highlands. He will join other ex-Territorians who have established themselves in the Territory of NSW.

Rabaul's record dry season. Only 10 points of rain fell in August 1954, of the average four-odd inches. The dry weather continued in September) resulted in a number of bush and grass fires at the same time. Port Moresby brigades and volunteers were forming their dry season duties around the sprawling town at the time.

The late W. A. Freeman who died on April 2 this year at 82, left an estate valued at £640,000. He was a widower without children but left an exception of £1,000 to charity, the rest to relatives. (He was by profession a solicitor but had been interested in Malayan tin mining later, in gold in NG through Development Ltd.)

The band of the Royal Constabulary — 38 members — led by Inspector D. Crawley in charge, will visit Port Moresby by October. They will play (band music) at the O.C. Games in Melbourne. This is the band's fourth visit to Australia, the last was for the Royal Victoria 1954.

Port Moresby's new and needed European Hospital is valued at £410,000. It will be built by the Watkins, New Guinea Limited, Cairns. The new native Hospital



MORESBY BRIDES: At left, Mr. and Misses after their wedding, September 1, at St. John's Catholic Church; bride was Miss G. Brown. Centre, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown wedding, on September 1, at St. John's; bride was formerly Miss E. Well. Right, Mr. and Mrs. R. Unger wedding, on September 1, at St. John's; bride was formerly Miss T. Curtis who were married August 24 at St. John's.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

under construction alongside of the proposed European is being built by E. S. Sons, Pty., Ltd.

announced in Port Moresby October that Secondary School will in 1957 be the same as—that is, £145 per year, plus air fare. (However, Mr. Man, who led a Public Association delegation to see the Minister in Canberra about the matter, said that the Minister had agreed to an increase in advance.)

THE ITEMS FROM LAE

men, all employed by Burns & Company, Lae, were when their car which was going along Markham Road on November 17, struck a tree.

Robert McGill suffered a fracture of the ribs. Mr. Muigg, the driver, lacerations, to knee and general shock. Mr. Newton, lacerations to the face. Mr. Ray Taylor, most unfortunate passenger; pinned in the car, suffered a fracture of the left upper leg, fractured multiple abrasion, and shock. He was admitted to hospital in a serious condition, and it may be some time before he is fit to go to hospital for treatment.

Lovers of Lae were grateful to the Lae Parents' and Citizens' Association, who were responsible for the concert. Isador Goodman, the pianist, to the town to play on November 25. The concert was held at the RSL Hall. Pianos in Lae, because of the habit of going out

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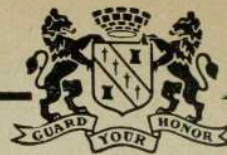
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ing a tour of New Guinea,
had been arranged by the
ne Sun-Pictorial and
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Annual Boxing Champion-
are to be conducted in
Hall on November 13 and
e of the organisers, Mr. A.
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om anyone in New Guinea
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these championships.

Johns (NG) Ltd., of Port
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continue for 11 miles up the
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Chivasing.

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lished a small camp, and work
will commence almost immediately.
It is expected that this first section
will be completed within the next
six months.

The Works Department are also
to commence a further section
which will take the road, when
completed, as far as the Learon
River. It begins to look as though
the long talked of Road to the
Highlands is on its way.

† A Field Day was held at Tali-
Camp, Tongatabu, on August 27, to
mark the completion of training of
the intake of recruits. Queen Salote
accompanied by T.R.H. Prince
Tu'ipelihaake and Princess Melenaite
were met at the Camp by the Com-
mander of the Tongan Defence
Force, Captain L. J. Sanders, and
Mrs. Sanders. After the Royal
Salute, Her Majesty inspected the
troops on parade, and addressed
them from the saluting base. The
recruits then gave a display of
bayonet fighting, arms drill on the
march, and a demonstration of a
6-pounder gun going into action and
out of action. Guests were later
entertained at refreshments by Cap-
tain and Mrs. Sanders.

† Mr. W. L. Salthouse, formerly of
Lae, has been appointed manager
of a new branch of the Common-
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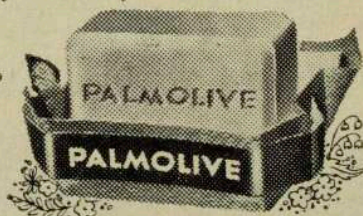
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The Ministry of Works, employer, admitted liability for the accident, which occurred while Leaso was assisting to refuel a grader. He suffered severe injury to the left side of his face when the drum burst. His left eye was damaged and a collarbone broken. Later his left eye was removed in hospital, and the right eye also deteriorated, due to sympathetic inflammation from the other. It was stated that he probably lose the sight of his right eye also.

Counsel for the defendant claimed that the defendant should not be held liable for the deterioration of the right eye because this was due to an unreasonable refusal of the plaintiff to have the left eye removed. The first advised to do so by a doctor.

The judge, in awarding damages, said that as a not well-educated Samoan living in a foreign country and with no relatives there, Leaso's refusal to have his eye removed was understandable. But the judge was satisfied that Leaso had clearly warned of the danger of his refusal to the removal of his eye was, from the standpoint of an average man, unreasonable. The defendant was, therefore, not liable for the condition of Leaso's eye.

He added: "Giving the material general damages the best consideration I can, I come to the conclusion that a proper sum to award is £4,000."

TONGA FOR THE TONGANS

LAND leased to aliens—those non-Tongans—will in due time revert to Tongan owners. When such leases expire, with the exception of land leased to Christian missions and town business sites.

This is in line with the policy in many Pacific Territories to return One or two large properties to Tongans by Europeans have recently returned to Tongan ownership on expiration, of the lease.

† A large gathering of family and friends met in Papeete on September 12, to celebrate the birthday of one of Papeete's settlers, Mr. Francois Vernau.

Samoa Export Values Up

Export values, but not quantities, rose slightly in Western Samoa last financial year, according to the annual report recently published in Wellington.

For 1955, with those of 1954 in comparison, were as follows: Earnings from the three main crops, copra, cocoa, and bananas £20,340 (£2,192,224).

17,178 tons (13,664 tons) its highest level for some time, rising in value to £1,078,739, though in 1952 the value of the copra crop was slightly higher, though lower tonnage.

However, though up in 1955, reaching 3,041 tons (2,719 tons), was down in value to £937,681. Considering that the predictions of a poor year due to persistent bad weather were not as bad as they have been, due to new areas being brought into production.

Banana harvest rose slightly to 446,325 tons (276,135 tons) and should give Fijian growers something to think about. Values were not so good as in 1954, the yield was £463,035, representing a value on a basis of £1/8/0 (£1/17/0).

LAU COPRA EARNINGS HIGHER

Laos' three Tokelau atolls produced 219 tons of copra in the financial year, according to the recently published. Net amount to £NZ12,303 or average of £NZ56/5/- per ton. Production was 206 tons in the financial year but yielded only £40 or an average of £40 per ton.

1950-51 Tokelau production averaged 231 tons per annum, average price has been £40, so the latest results are

MONS' TROCHUS

Exports were up but quantities in the 1955 British Trochus harvest, according to figures now available, 7 tons in 1954 the exports 47 tons in 1955, but while the price per ton averaged £A.259 in 1954, it averaged £A.259 last year.

Snail, too, was up in value £1.183 to £A.226 but the price fell from 79 to 45 tons. The season was poor from a point of view.

Tungi, after spending some time in Auckland on Tonga business, returned to a per October sailing of

Arrest in "Waitomo" Murder at Papeete

A SHIP'S donkeyman, Henry Erskine, 49, was arrested on board the *Waitomo* at Wellington, NZ. This following the return to New Zealand of a police officer and a doctor, who flew to Papeete by RNZAF flying-boat from Suva to exhume and examine the body of a former seaman of the *Waitomo*.

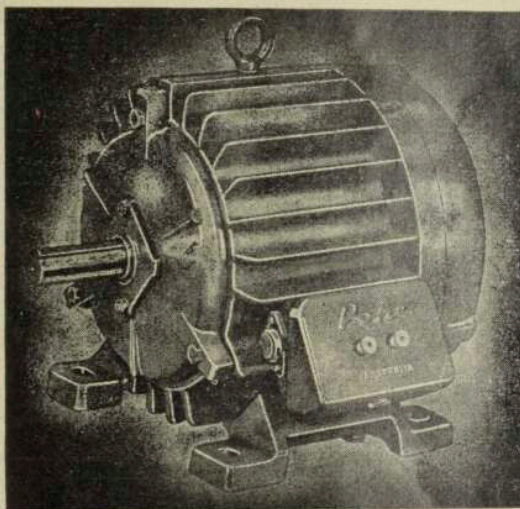
Erskine has been charged with the murder of Canadian seaman Victor August Kure aboard the vessel at Papeete on August 20.

Following a severe fire which broke out aboard the *Union*

Company's trans-Pacific freighter on that night, Kure's body, allegedly strangled, was found in the donkeyman's cabin.

† An American fisheries publication confirms that Japanese fishing vessels of a Pago Pago-based fleet, have been fishing in the Cook Islands and eastward this winter, and have been bringing in record catches.

† Government administrative officers throughout Fiji were called to a conference in Suva late in August to discuss matters connected with the work of district commissioners and district officers. One such conference is held every year.



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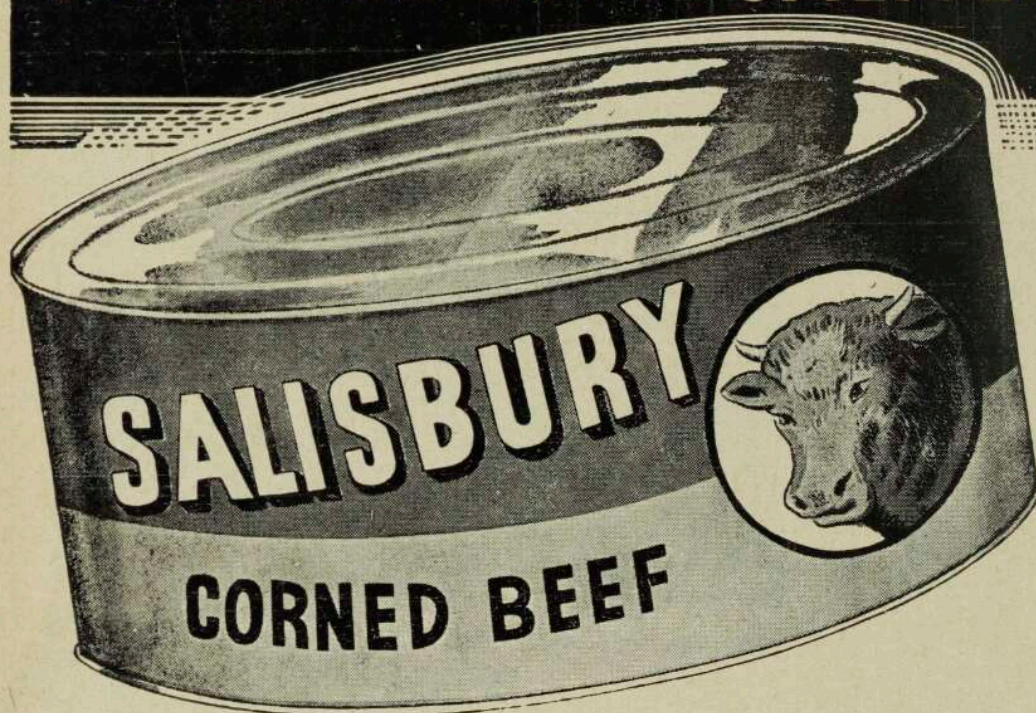
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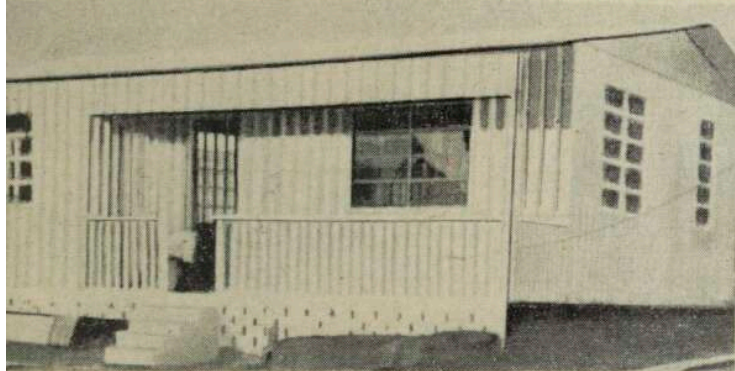
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The operations are proving of great value to the economics of the

Island but it is a pity that the government didn't realise this and build the plant so that the profits as well as wages would remain on the Island—it would have been better than doling out a few thousand pounds every year on doubtful agricultural and forestry schemes.

Mr. Carty Christian passed away

in his sleep this morning and accorded a very well attended funeral. Possessing a very likable nature and a beautiful voice "he" will be much missed on the Island.

The death has occurred of William Hyder, resident dentist Norfolk Island for many years also of late years dispenser at Public Hospital.—NI Correspondent

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GOLD DREDGING, LTD.—The yield for the quarter ended August 31, 8,838 ounces from 2,112,000 yards. at 35 US dollars an ounce was (about £A138,440). dividend No. 34 of 25 cents (currency) per fully paid share was on October 11, payable to share- in the company's books at usiness on October 24. Payment y office will be made in Australian the rate of exchange ruling on Dividend payable to non-residents ill be subject to Canadian absentee per cent.

Penneys.—Total sales of the Penneys' year exceeded £6,000,000, lifting sales of the Coles-Penneys chain to £43,000,000. Penneys' turnover was the chairman of G. J. Coles and (Mr. G. J. Coles), at the annual Melbourne. G. J. Coles took over July 2 in a share-exchange and worth more than £4,000,000. s said that Penneys' self-service ly foodstuffs) would provide Coles uable proving ground for develop- stralia of new ideas of merchandis- pidly gaining ground overseas.

PLANTATIONS, LTD.—New Guinea , Ltd., is getting £190,000 for its Dylup Plantations, Ltd. Dylup ered 317,997 10/- ordinary shares subscription. New Guinea residents 0,000 shares. Dylup estimates that 10 per cent. p.a. from profits an 20 per cent. p.a.

SE OF NEW GUINEA GOLD AND DEVELOPMENT, NL.—August red 16 tons of development ore for gold bullion. reported early this month that operations to determine depth of overlay and basic strata were in uppliers of drilling equipment in ent one of their senior technicians e company.

ment has intimated that the work the International Boundary as re- the company, is to be carried out s arrangements with the Dutch are completed.

e labour line has been co-operative the area is inhabited by some es, the company is now operating olice patrol protection. This et the company has overcome one or problems associated with oil in this area, in that friendly have been established with local

ed that further evidence will soon ing as a result of geophysical, r, core drilling and arial surveys gress.

LS, LTD.—Mr. M. M. Brodie, of been re-elected to the board of .td., Sydney, and will continue to company's important Pacific Islands he net profit for the year ended

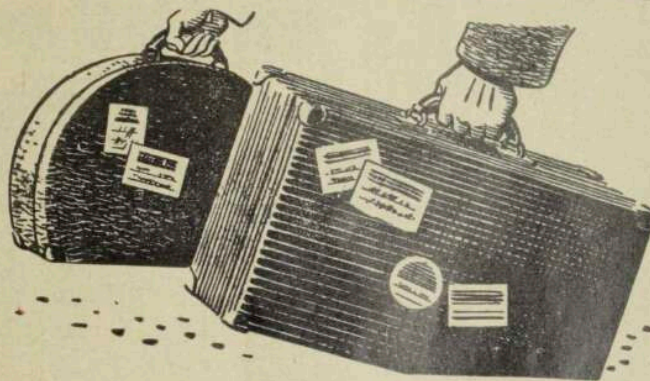
June 30 was £62,153, after providing for taxation and contingents, and writing off £19,236 depreciation. The directors recom- mended that the profit be dealt with as follows: (1) A final dividend of 6½ per cent. be declared, payable on October 9, 1956, on stock units issued before that date. With the interim distribution of 6½ per cent. the full year's dividend was 12½ per cent. and absorbed £37,500; (2) The balance of £24,653 be added to the balance brought forward of £72,677, leaving the final amount carried forward at £97,330.

NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS, LTD.—August re-

turn: Golden Ridges Mill treated 3,454 tons for 1,181 fine oz gold, and 1,471 oz silver. Golden Ridges Alluvials produced 26 oz and tributes 173 oz.

NORFOLK ISLAND AND BYRON WHALING CO., LTD.—The public issue of 417,497 £1 shares in Norfolk Island and Byron Bay Whaling Co., Ltd., opened and closed on September 12, underwriters report.

OIL.—There have been interesting develop- ments in the major oil prospecting companies in recent weeks. A Sydney financial expert tipped that shareholders, who had already



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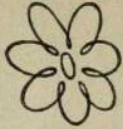
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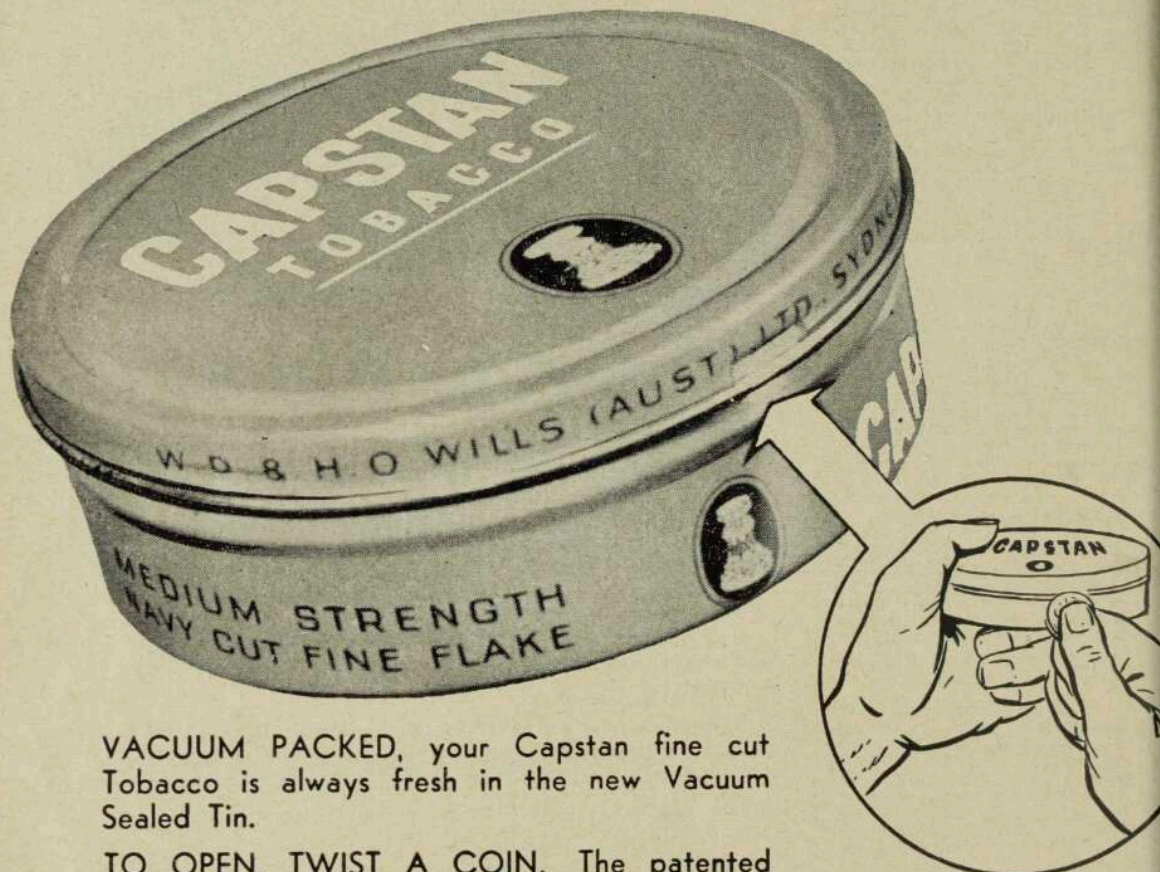
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heavy exploratory bill, would be pip into their pockets again. g to one rumour in Sydney late in Oil Search will make a new capital e Christmas. Market observers place rements at £600,000, and probably

ill the market will stand up will n overseas buyers, who have shown bottomless purse this year. Hopes oil in Papua are probably higher before. They are pinned immediately press of Kuru No. 2 and the Barikewa

d Freney Oilfields NL., has reached reement with Papuan Apinaipi Co., Ltd., to join in the New search. Freney will sell its National plant for fully paid shares, and will 1,000,000 contributing shares in inaipi.

e Graham, MP, chairman of Papuan aid that the joint venture would project to be developed on a large. Associated Freney would be ense the plant, pending its delivery, the Sisters Terrace, Western Aus-

Apinaipi will close its issue of /- shares on October 31, and possibly

a Minister for Territories, Mr. Paul vealed early in September that four ting companies in Papua and New old spend a further £4,000,000 in for oil in the current financial year. bring the total expenditure by the to £22,000,000.

anies held more than 45,000 square d in the Territory.

* * * DEVELOPMENT, LTD.—The company ommonwealth-New Guinea Timbers, w a satisfactory profit for the year , the Placer Development chairman Banks) said at the annual meeting. ter allowing for the initial expense the introduction of marine and

waterproof grades of plywood. The net profit of Clutha Development, Ltd., was £A8,350, representing net earnings from the open cut coal mine at Foybrook, NSW, less the prospect ing expenditure incurred in Australia and the Pacific Islands. Since May 1, 1956, coal production from Foybrook open cut had continued at a higher than previous average rate because of increased coal consumption during the Australian winter.

"This wholly-owned subsidiary's prospecting activities include drilling and analysis of a sand deposit containing rutile and having an area of 5,000 acres at Harrington," he said, "the continuation of diamond drilling on a copper property in North Queensland, and, on Guadalcanal in the British Solomon Islands, surface examination of a gold mine prospect."

Mr. Banks said that audited accounts for the year ended May 31, 1956, were not yet available. The production figures for the year showed a decline of 695,345 dollars in the gross value of production, when compared with the previous year—1,404,690 dollars against 2,100,035 dollars. The progressive reduction in dredging activities had been anticipated and indicated in previous reports.

Dredge No. 7 capsized and sank in May. A satisfactory insurance settlement had been negotiated. It was expected that Dredge No. 4, having exhausted its reserves, would be finally closed down during the current year. Sluicing of bench gravels above river level should continue to be mined at a profit for some years.

Minister for Territories said early in September that the output of Commonwealth-New Guinea Timbers, Ltd., was now about 32,000,000 square feet of plywood, for which there were markets in Australia, America, and the Territory itself.

* * * SANDY CREEK GOLD SLUICING, LTD.—Net profit for the year to March 31 was £1,879. Director's report said that difficulty of securing suitable European staff had continued to be a problem. At the beginning of the financial year on April 1, 1955, the company

was left without any European plant operator and not being able to engage any replacements was forced to temporarily suspend mining, from April 1 to June 30, 1955. During the year 36,380 cubic yards of material were treated for the recovery of 479 oz of gold which realised £6,298.

* * * STEAMSHIPS TRADING CO., LTD.—Net profit of Steamships Trading Co., Ltd., rose by £9,147 to £163,874 for the year to July 31. Dividends are steady at 12½ per cent. on ordinary shares, and 10 per cent. on preferences, and absorb £86,250. (Over)

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A Sydney financial expert commented that the link should yield substantial advantages by way of dividend, besides improving access to financing facilities.

Mr. R. Symonds and family have sold their interests in Associated Securities. Mr. Symonds has resigned from the Associated board and Mr. C. W. Fletcher has been appointed.

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KOITAKI PARA RUBBER ESTATES, LTD.—This Papuan company is lifting the dividend from 30 to 35 per cent. for the year ended June 30. Final dividend is 20 per cent.

Net profit is £39,405, an increase of £11,796 or 43 per cent. In the previous year profit rose from £1,896 to £27,609. Result, disclosed in a preliminary statement, is equal to an earning rate of 52.5 per cent. on capital.

† An exceptionally hot summer in Japan has seriously damaged the culture-pearl industry at Mie, where about three million oysters, worth \$500,000, have been killed by the warm sea temperatures.

† The United States Agriculture Department estimates the 1955-56 world cocoa bean production at 1,801,479,000 lbs, compared with 1,812,844,000 lbs produced in the 1954-55 year.

THE LOGIC OF THE BUREAUCRACY

A SYDNEY MORNING HERALD leading article, entitled "New Guinea Needs Men" brought a timely letter, for publication on October 9, signed "Retired Papuan Officer".

He pointed out that, while retired Commonwealth officials have had a percentage increase of about 70, in their pensions, to provide for the every-growing cost of living, the percentage increase given to retired Territories officials is about 40—and this on allowances based on

the cost of living of 20 or 30 ago.

"With this example of Government parsimony and inequity, is it likely that the young man will readily take career in the Territory?" "Retired Papuan Officer".

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† Mrs. Francis Saville, one missionary of Mailu Is., Papua in WA on September 5.

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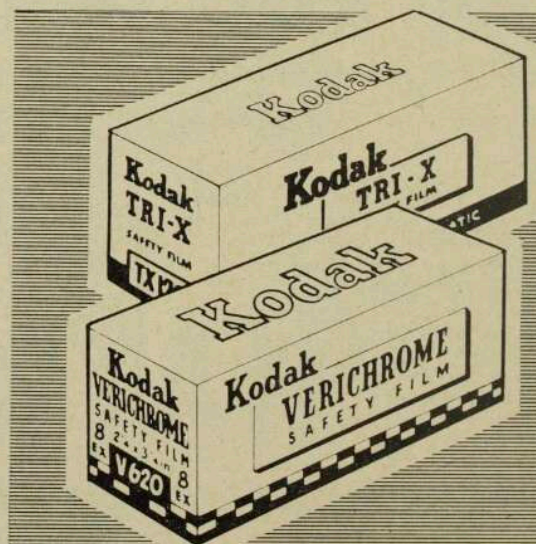
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A Peep at Things to Come

Giant American B.47 Stratojet
bombers will attempt a non-stop
Pacific flight in November. It is
planned to refuel the bombers in
mid-air somewhere in mid-Pacific.
A force of US Thunderjet fighters
is expected to make a non-stop,
5,000 miles flight from Japan to
Australia about the same time.

RAF Bomber command chief, Air
Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst,
who was in Australia with the
Vulcan jet bomber in September,
suggested that the RAF might try
to do better—a non-stop, 9,000
miles flight from London to Darwin
without refueling. But that was
before the Vulcan crashed on its
return to London after its
Australian visit. (Sir Harry
Broadhurst was one of the two

pilots who escaped by using an
ejector seat. Four others were
killed in the crash which destroyed
the Vulcan).

Super-Constellations for NG

Towards the end of 1959 Papua-
New Guinea might see new
aircraft on the Sydney service to
replace the Skymasters which have
done mighty service for the last
five years.

When it was announced in
Canberra last month that Qantas
would buy seven Boeing jets it
was stated that the Super
Constellations would be diverted to
other suitable routes.

If Super Constellations are used
on the NG-service the air ports at
Port Moresby and Lae will have
to be brought up to standard.

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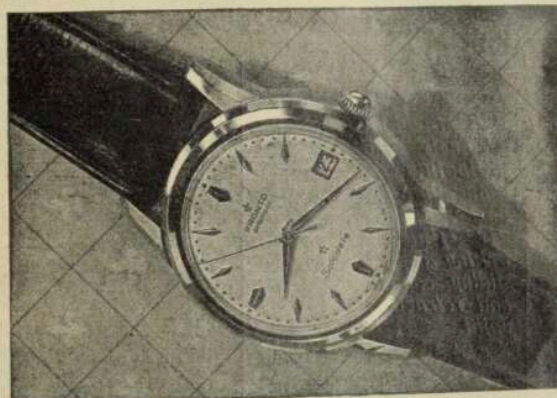
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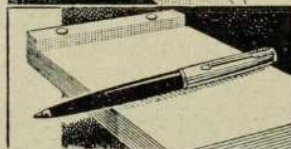
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presents no trouble in the Port Moresby, which is being brought up to the standard. But it is a matter as far as Lae is concerned.

present airport at Lae is passable for Skymasters, but ways cannot be extended. The long-proposed airport, if it is presumed, will be built before Lae can accommodate Super-Constellations.

TRANSPAC a Year Old

Caledonia's internal air-TRANSPAC, has completed a year of operations, having carried 5,057 passengers and 80,000 pounds of freight—mostly with one small de Havilland Rapide.

Company now operates two aircraft and is buying two more. The first, a de Havilland Rapide, is being put in service, the other for spare parts.

Strip Beside Papeete Lagoon

in Sydney in October after a quick visit to New Zealand, and Tahiti, Mons. F. F. representative of the French airline, TAI (Transaériens Intercontinentaux) said he was more than ever convinced that Tahiti could be an important station on the airway between Asia, Australia and South America. (See September).

course", said M. Bouchet in October 8, "plans cannot be put forward until this very necessary airport is constructed."

is a difficulty here the 9,000 feet strip has to be constructed in the lagoon at low tide on land mostly reclaimed from the sea. It is estimated that the cost will be about £2,000,000; the necessity of it is apparent to all, and I think a favourable decision about it will be taken.

uchet said that he now is in agreement with the Australian and New Zealand Governments the possibility of granting TAI landing rights for a weekly service with 3 aircraft. Contingent on landing-rights, the French probably will come into the Pacific with a weekly service through Jakarta (Indonesia), or Sydney or Brisbane (Australia), Noumea (New Caledonia) and Auckland (New Zealand).

service directly connecting the Pacific and New Caledonia and New Zealand would be considered as extremely useful by the South Pacific institutions.

£500 Damages Against Fiji-Indian MLC

SOON after re-election to the Fiji Legislative Council, Mr. Ayodhya Prasad, found himself the defendant in a breach of promise suit in which a widow named Rajpati sued him for £4,000.

The widow alleged that three weeks after Ayodhya Prasad's wife committed suicide he and she lived together as man and wife, and that relying on a promise of marriage she allowed him to seduce her.

She claimed £576 paid to enable defendant to go to India, £424 spent on him in Fiji and India, and £2,000 paid to him for the return of freehold land which he had allegedly persuaded her to transfer to him without any consideration upon trust for her in the basis of a promise of marriage.

A political undercurrent was noticeable when one witness admitted that he had opposed defendant in the recent elections. The same witness was also asked whether it was true that he was the cog which started the wheels moving in the Police Inquiry Commission, but was not required to answer after the presiding judge (Mr. Justice Hammett) queried the relevance of the question.

During the hearing plaintiff's counsel, Mr. A. D. Patel, conceded that the claim for the return of the £2,000 could not succeed.

The outcome was an award of £500 damages and costs in favour of the widow.

¶ A son was born on September 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thomas, Madang, NG.

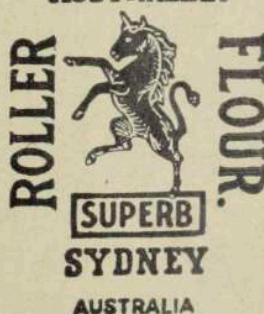
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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. A. H. BALDWIN

Mr. Archibald Herbert Baldwin, member of a well-known Port Moresby family, died suddenly in Moresby on September 20, aged 53.

He was the son of the late Charles R. and Mrs. Baldwin, who went first to the Territory in the 1890's. Mr. Baldwin, Snr. was a master-mariner, but later entered business on his own account in Port Moresby and became one of the Territory's best-known citizens.

Mr. Archie Baldwin was born in Sydney and went to school there, but otherwise lived all of his life in Papua. At the time of his death he was in charge of native labour for APC, a position he had held since 1937. During World War II he served with the rank of Lt.-Colonel in ANGAU, where he was in charge of all native labour. He was twice Mentioned in Dispatches. He was, for one period since the war, President of the Port Moresby RSL.

He is survived by his wife—who was formerly Miss Mary Grahams-law, also of a well-known Port Moresby family—and by three sons and a daughter. His son Kenneth is a Port Moresby dentist; John and Derrick are officials in the Customs Department. His daughter Dallis is the wife of Sub-Inspector Max Corlis.

Mr. Baldwin was held in high regard by European residents of the Territory and by the natives amongst whom he worked for a large part of his life. About 800 natives attended his funeral and

later held an independent service for him amongst themselves.

MR. DENIS MURRAY

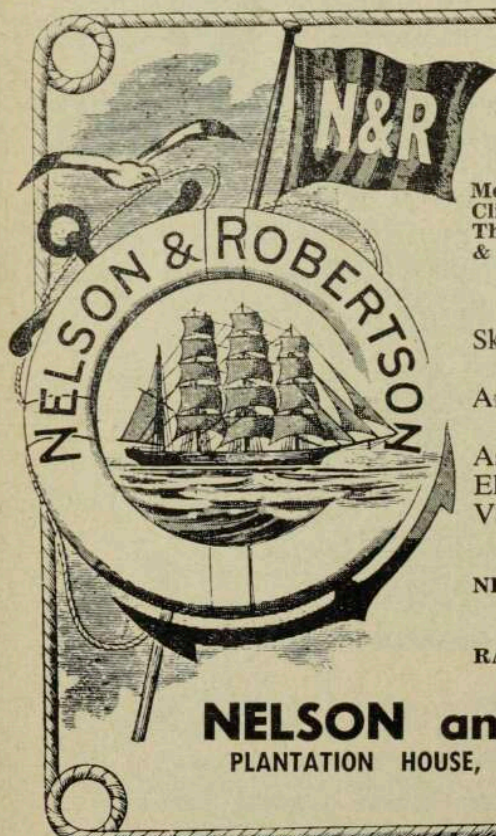
The death occurred in Sydney October 5, of Denis Murray, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Le Murray, of Manly, and formerly of Papua.

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Addis married Miss Shepherd,
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He had nine children,
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WILLIAM MCBIRNEY

William McBirney, a well-
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McBirney is survived by his
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BLANCHE JOHNSON

f Fiji's oldest European
Mrs. Blanche Johnson,
Mr. J. T. Johnson, died
on October 1, at 85.

d been in ill-health for a
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her latter years, Mrs.
was an active social worker
a, being particularly

interested in the Red Cross and
the Cottage Home.

She is survived by a son, Mr. C.
A. Johnson, of Sydney, a sister,
Mrs. Ruby Browne, of Suva, and
two half-sisters, Mrs. G. Crabbe, of
Vatukoula, and Mrs. M. Wisdom,
of Suva. Her second son, Jack, was
killed in the 1939-45 War.

MRS. FLORENCE HATHAWAY

The death occurred at Lindfield,
Sydney, on September 23, of Mrs.
Florence Amelia Hathaway, widow
of the late Mr. George Hathaway,
who was for many years a sawmiller
in Fiji.

Mrs. Hathaway was an English-
woman and met her husband when
he was serving in the army during

World War I. They married in
England and she went back with
him to Fiji in 1919.

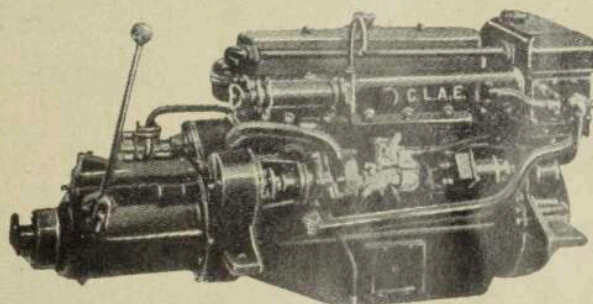
Mrs. Hathaway is survived by
her daughter, Mrs. Albert Baglee,
now of Wau, New Guinea, where Mr.
Baglee is an Administration school-
teacher, and by four grandchildren.
Mr. and Mrs. Baglee formerly
lived in Fiji, where Mr. Baglee was
a teacher with the Seventh Day
Adventist Mission.

MR. C. F. SOLLITT

Mr. Charles Frederick Sollitt,
who was a member of the clerical
section of the Colonial Sugar
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years, died in Sydney on August
10.

He was born in Leicester, UK,

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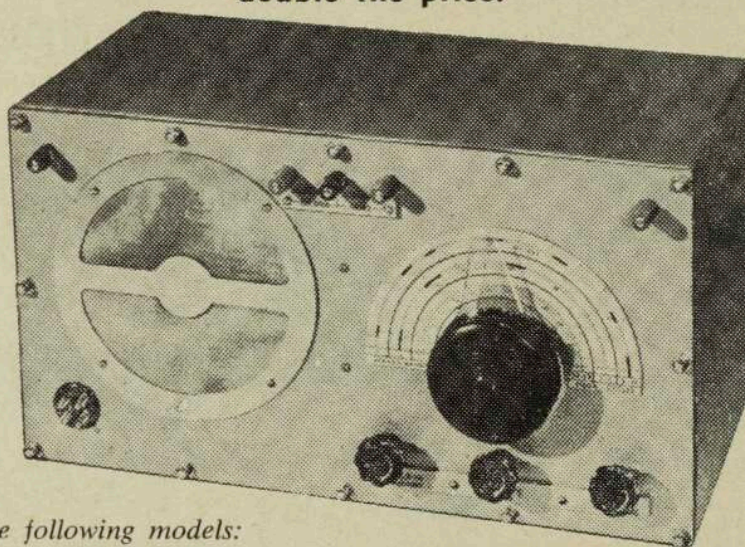
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ter married Miss Daisy a well-know Rewa River who survives him. A son, lives in Sydney; and Aylene (Mrs. Steele) lives urn, NSW.

S MINNIE WALSH
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d been in ill-health for years and in recent years n an inmate of the g Repatriation Hospital. s the half-sister of Mrs. ter, now of Inverell, NSW, erly of Suva, where her was on the staff of the ept.

ALFRED LABORDE
ath occurred in the New on September 22 of M. aborde, well-know planter gnised as the model of chener's French planter in the South Pacific."

s born in New Caledonia 00, went to sea in the Service, and later served French army during the war as a "mitrailleur", or gunner. He first went to Hebrides in 1926, under I scheme, working for the e Cotonnaire at Norsup on

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ory described some of the oubles, which resulted in the Tonkinese being sent Indo-China.
15 years at Turtle Bay,



M. Alfred Laborde.

Laborde found himself in financial difficulties, mainly owing to shortage of labour. Although he had often been at loggerheads with the French administration, and with his fellow planters on Santo, he had their sympathy during his last twelve months of ill-health prior to his death.

He is survived by a son, Gerald, who is with the large trading firm "Barrau" at Santo.

† Colonel G. P. Sanders, of the New Zealand Military Forces, arrived in Fiji early October to succeed Colonel T. C. Campbell as commander of the Fiji Military Forces.

† Tahiti's coffee production is increasing. From 34 tons in 1954 it rose to 176 tons, worth 15 million francs (£100,000), in 1955. Its copra, which is about stable, brought 288 million francs for 22,000 tons last year.

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Seeing the News Through the PRO's Issue Spectacle

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asked to refrain from printing of the more sordid details.

But just in case they broke word, the sordid details were pencilled out of the news-right there in front of them.

A request might be made for Press not to use some reference made at an Advisory Committee Meeting. But just in case minutes of that meeting become available, anyhow.

Just recently there was a request for the Press to refrain from mentioning the proposed of Dutch Army officers to It was a "Federal Government request", and the catchword "security".

LIKE all systems with an ulterior motive, the system of P-NG occasionally breaks.

News gets out that could only come from a Government (so much of it comes through a channel) and a witch-hunt.

It is an extraordinary comment on NG Government to say the term "witch-hunt" is in general throughout the Administration it has one clear meaning where—that pressure is exerted from the top to get news "leak".

This constant battle of wits nerves has an effect in the run. It affects reporters spend too much time pitting energy and skill against a machine, in an effort to get information that should be available.

It affects honest Administration officials, who are slowly conditioned to believe that they are entitled to nothing, and there is only one correct point of view and one vital role in the Administration's.

And what is of vital significance it affects the public of P-NG Australia by allowing them to learn little of what is really on in P-NG in the inner sphere of day-to-day Administration. It keeps them unaware of the real and dark tendency towards over-Government in P-NG that will one day be an acute embarrassment to Australia.

WHY does it all go on?

In the simplest terms Moresby is frightened. Canberra, and Canberra is frightened of the United Kingdom Trusteeship Council.

Canberra may talk big in defence whenever UN criticism is directed at P-NG, but meanwhile it encourages the constant effort of the Administration to suppress anything that might be construed as giving UN members an opportunity for criticism.

Canberra and Moresby believe it their divine task to keep P-NG from harm, to defend it at all times, with what means.

Means of news suppression used so effective that it is censor facts that could have possible bearing on any-thing.

The awful truth is that such lack of independent public opinion in P-NG, that most people will not protest when they are protesting; fail to see what is going on. The isolated raised the voice in the jungles of Moresby.

It can happen that a doctor who has demonstrated his moral tendencies before whose welfare he was called to safeguard, can secretly make the choice of taking the craft out of the country on a criminal charge. (He is a plane).

A foolish and over-zealous teletypist who made an error must always regret, can be dealt with a virtual fine of ten before the criminal is a burst of publicity, and with a record.

The legality of the position is in question, and the Administration will stick to it steadfastly. If Robertson, they will say, was because she broke a trust, she did it, with fair British

know they are on safe ground here.

In the moral ground they try to find things a little more sound, for instance, any-thing the temerity to suggest that if public relations in Moresby were managed differently could never have been any-thing for a typist to hand out

ould, perhaps, anyone have the right to suggest that if the case had occurred in any background but the question of news suppression, Miss Robertson would have got quite as far as the dock.

are disturbing suggestions.

BULK OIL FOR TAHITI

A Norwegian tanker *Fossvik*, chartered to the Standard Oil Co., of New York, left Papeete on August 6, with first consignment of 1,600 bulk gasoline for the new terminal. In the past all petroleum products have been shipped by drum and can.

A. Jonas, a representative of Standard Vacuum, travelled on the tanker and a special ceremony was held in the ship to inaugurate the event, which means cheaper gasoline for

local agents for Standard Oil are Comagnie Francaise des Phosphates de l'Oceanie.

Braidner-Taverner Wedding

On August 11, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Suva, Miss Jean Winifred Taverner, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. Taverner, of Suva, was married to Robert William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Braidner, of Brisbane and London. The bride was attended by her niece, Miss Raewyn McEwan, and bestman was Mr. Stan Porteous. The couple will make their home in Suva.

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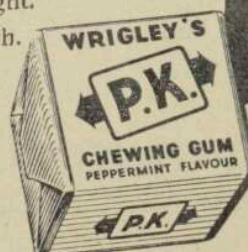
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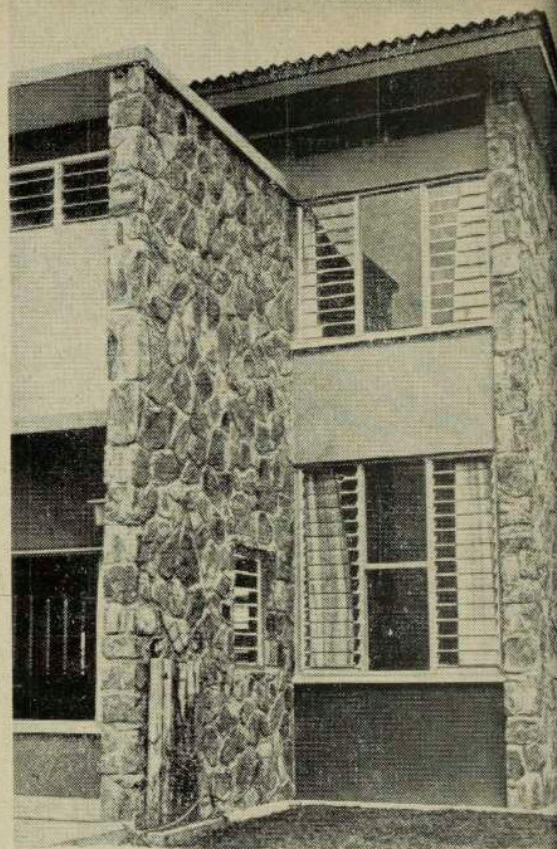
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Editors' Mailbag

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the Port Moresby museum it is built. He adds that he believes that the cult of the hat is having a renaissance againville (this was a tall like contrivance which was a child's head when he was young and remained there is teens. It had the effect of pressing the head into a narrow shape—evidently con- a mark of beauty amongst againville natives.) McCarthy says that he does consider it too late to en- the old ways, but that it is vital to have the natives the movement. To this has attended meetings at villages around Port and spoken over the air number of occasions.

Motel for

Californian named Frank Morrow, who gives his address as Morrow's Nut House California, P.O. Box 388), to say he is interested in a site for a motel or hotel of the islands around

readers jump to con- it might be as well to

point out that a nut-house in America is a totally different institution to what is meant by the term in Austral-English. It is a shop where nuts and dried fruits, etc., are sold.

Anyway, if any Fiji resident can help Mr. Morrow to his motel or hotel, doubtless he would be obliged.

Information Sought About Fishes

A world-wide study of the *Istiophoridae*—that family of fish which includes the marlin, the sailfish and the spearfish—has been launched by a group at Miami University's Marine Laboratory, in Coral Gables, Florida.

Group member John K. Howard, whose particular task is to try to outline the presently-known distribution of these fish, says that he turns to each issue of PIM for assistance.

He writes: "From time to time items appear in the *Pacific Islands Monthly* regarding the taking of marlin or sailfish, which information I could obtain in no other way. In addition, it is true that the Japanese type of long-line fishing almost always produces *Istiophorids* as a by-product. I am therefore continually trying to follow the Japanese long-line fishing or its equivalent by other peoples.

"In almost every issue of PIM is some notation of such fishing, and

some of them mention the catching of marlin."

He begs that anyone with data on the distribution of such fishes should communicate with him at Miami University.

Sir Alport Barker's Library for Fiji

FOR some time before his death, earlier this year, Sir Alport Barker considered presenting his fine collection of books to the Government of Fiji, but he laid it down as a condition that the books should be adequately housed.

While waiting for some finality in regard to a home for the library his death occurred, but Lady Barker has now carried out his wishes and has presented the books to the Government of Fiji.

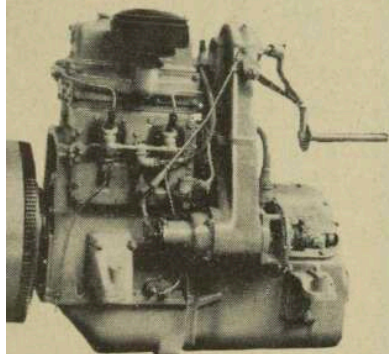
Plans are being considered for the building of a concrete extension to the Museum to house the books. The only fault with this proposal is that the Museum, situated in the Botanical Gardens, is rather out of the way for people wishing to use the books.

It is proposed to add official reference documents to the collection and to invite owners of books, documents or photographs to donate them to the Sir Alport Barker Reference Library, as it will be known.

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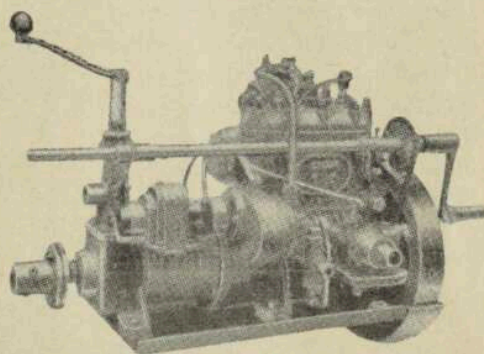
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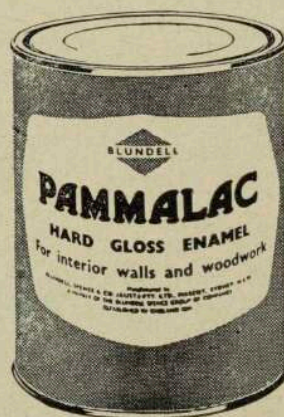
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IT was unfortunate that the formal act of self-government in Western Samoa — namely, swearing-in of the new Executive Council, at Tiafau (Mulinu'u), traditional seat of Samoan administration, on Friday, September 14 should have taken place in an atmosphere of bitterness and ill-will caused by a debate in the Legislative Assembly.

THE session began on August 1 and in September, just prior to the inauguration of the Executive Council of 12 members. Mr. A. M. Gurau, an elected member of the Assembly, moved: "That this Assembly records its deep concern at the manner in which the affairs of the Territory are at present being conducted, and considers that Government Policy should be in full accordance with the wishes of the people." (This was later amended by the insertion of the words "implementation of administration of" before "Government Policy.")

Mr. Gurau said he was not attacking Government policy; but he insisted that the Government failed to implement and carry out that policy, as adopted by the people's representatives in the Assembly.

He then gave a number of examples of how, in his opinion, policy and principles had been regarded. He ranged over a wide field, dealing with the incorporation of companies, introduction of overseas capital, control and administration of public works, disposal of land, high-handed action by officials.

As this attack proceeded, it aroused strong resentment among members supporting the Government. There were frequent interjections. It was seen that Government Secretary (Mr. T. Smith), the Attorney-General (W. E. Wilson) and the Finance Secretary (Mr. L. M. Cook) were eager to challenge the more serious allegations.

Government supporters early insisted that this was a no-confidence motion and that, if it were carried, it would have serious repercussions throughout the public service, at a time when a far-reaching transfer to self-government was mandated peace and harmony.

Mr. Gurau denied it was a confidence motion—he argued he had a perfect right to put in criticism what he claimed were g

in both judgment and
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Betham alleged that there
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ed that Administration had
avely at fault; but that there
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and fog the issues by "the
technicalities, ridicule and
nable schoolmarm methods".
P. L. M. Morgan was Mr.
s third European supporter.
was scathing in his criticism
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they had had a party system,
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s have occurred". It said
e voters of Samoa, in the

next election, would give the right
answer to "the hysterical bleatings
by the disciples of Gurauism".

It would appear that, when the
Assembly assembled on September
17, feathers already were ruffled
and teeth were bared; and there
were more savage exchanges between
Honourable Members.

Nothing much that was new was
contributed. It was noted that
speeches of moderation, deprecating
all this heat and intolerance just
when a new administrative system
was coming in, were made by most
of the native Samoan members, and
by Mr. H. W. Moors.

Mr. Gurau expressed resentment
at the "vicious and poisonous
attacks" made upon him by the

local newspaper. He claimed that
he had acted entirely within his
rights in directing public attention
to administrative shortcomings.

The motion was lost by 11 votes
to 6—Messrs. Betham, Gurau,
Morgan, Talamaivao, Toomata, and
Tufuga being for it, and Messrs.
Plowman, Lealaialoto, Leiataua,
Tuatagaloa, Tofacono, Tualaualei,
Tu'u, Smith, Cook, Wilson and
Lamble against. Abstentions: Messrs.
Malietoa, Moors, Fonoti and
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dred Europeans now left in Western
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absurd, impractical, ridiculous and an affront to ministers of religion, was how Bishop P. N. W. Strong described the controversial Native Marriage Bill which made a brief appearance in the Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea during the September meeting. After the Bishop had had something to say about it, debate was adjourned for the next meeting.

It has been "on the stocks" some time, and was expected to use some mission fireworks but it did—although it has its own Mission Conference.

What the missions wanted, in relation to marriages in New Guinea, was brought into line with what they appear to have at Papua is to be brought with New Guinea.

20 years ago it was in New Guinea (then, administered as a separate territory) that natives could not marry according to European law. Christian ceremonies denied them, if this were wished, but the marriages were registered. The reason was that they were said

not to understand the implications and obligations of the European form of marriage—and

that there had been cases of natives who already had several wives going through another ceremony according to our custom.

In Papua, however there was no such restriction and some time ago, following a Mission conference, it was suggested that the legal restriction now be removed from NG natives also, so that they might marry (and register) their unions in the Christian and legal manner.

In now trying to give the two Territories a uniform law for native marriages, the legal architects have introduced an offending (to the missionaries) clause which says that before two natives marry and have

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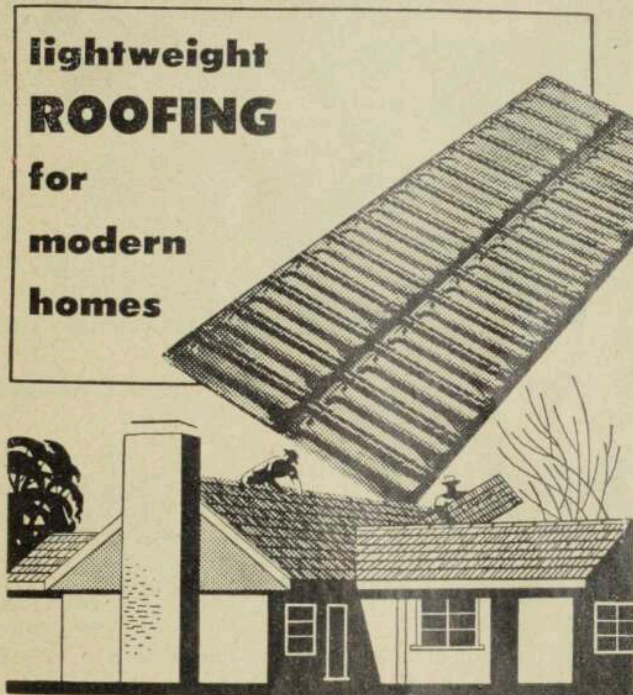
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their marriage registered they first obtain the consent of the District Commissioner who make sure that they know obligations and that there just impediments to the union. powers of discretion were for in Papua, left to Minister religion, who in the Territory of course, missionaries.

It is this whittling down church authority to which Strong takes strong exception said that ministers of were "bound in conscience" that the prospective partners understood the true of what they contemplated—the Bill became law by other missionaries would be sidered no longer competent carry out these obligations—in his opinion, they were far competent to do so that District Commissioner.

The Bishop said also the proposal was racial discrimination.

The Church's insistence regarding marriage as a closed-shop in which they can tie the right kind of well-known, and their hosts the new Bill can be understood the same time, the Administrator legal talent no doubt will protect itself from trouble future. If there is legal marriage there also has to be marriage for legal divorce. Some nations just as capable of assuming Christian obligations as European; but with marriage veneer of Christianity is still thin.

SAMOAN WILL TAKE ENGLISH BRIDE

BECAUSE a young Samoan the advice of his (NZ) master and chose to deal people rather than pills", become the first of his to qualify as a radiographer in Zealand. And last May he married an English girl.

He is Fiaola Siatuu, aged radiographer at Auckland Hospital. He qualified in April and received his certificate at a function in Auckland last month. When he returns to Apia he expects to work in the modern X-ray department of the public hospital.

Fiaola won a Samoan Government scholarship to continue education in New Zealand. At Northland College, Kaikohe, he could not decide whether to become a chemist or a radiographer. The headmaster offered advice.

When he returns to Apia he will take back more than his certificate—he will take his bride. She is formerly Miss Patricia Higgins, an English radiographer at Lane Hospital, Auckland. They began training together, and were married last May.

LUXIE

oute To C. H. Luxmoore

By TOLALA

An old soldier typified the belief that "they just" it was Captain C. H. who passed on to his rest Queensland, late August. (September page 155). Many st War Diggers will turn empty glass, after drinking ast to this old campaigner. et "Luxie" when he came e Exproboard in Rabaul and even then—thirty-five—he seemed to be the ired Indian Army Officer: ng voice, up - brushed and dynamic in every i thought.

s of experience with stock land stood him in good supervising the live-stock German plantations and of observation were later s a Board Plantation In- then he covered many and was an energetic mem- staff. Later, on resigning board, he acted as inspec- time for a commercial and then took up land at

well-known in New Guinea pular wife who, for many the chatelaine of the Hotel," and was known the Territory for her hospitality and organising many of the social func- there. She now lives at Queensland.

leaves two sons and a the daughter is the wife C. Archer, the present ator of the Northern Both well-known to old s.

a Henry Luxmoore was angalore, India, the eldest onel C. P. Luxmoore, late ourable East India Com- a veteran of the Indian ad said to be the last of Mutiny Veterans when 1936, at the age of nearly

was educated in England to a Military College to m for the Army, but a osition took him to Aus- "colonial experience", and g Downs on the Burdekin Queensland he gained a knowledge in cattle and

was a pioneer settler at at Bowen and Hughen- en War I broke out he ith the 15th Bn. AIF as was an original Anzac, is captaincy, was seriously nd returned to Australia,

HEAVY AIR TRAFFIC THROUGH FIJI

FIJI'S international airport, at Nadi, is now very busy, and will continue so until the end of the year.

but re-enlisted and saw service in France.

After War I he served a term as Supervisor of Beerburum R. S. Settlement in Queensland for the Repatriation Department; thence to New Guinea in 1921.

For the past three years he has been a very sick man. His sight had failed and he was confined to hospital. He was 86 at his death.

The Olympic Games traffic will swell the normal trans-Pacific services by over 150 more air movements and, added to that, is the giant airlift of "Operation Deepfreeze".

The latter is being handled mainly by the United States Air Force and the planes route from Nadi to Harewood, in the South Island of New Zealand, and thence to the ice plateaus of the Antarctic Circle. There, near the South Pole, observations and operations in connection with the Geophysical Year will be undertaken.

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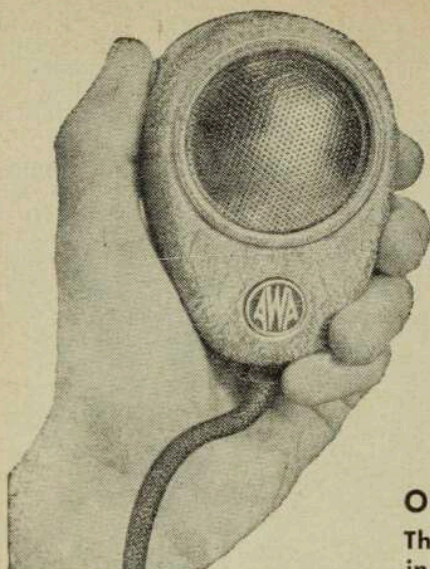
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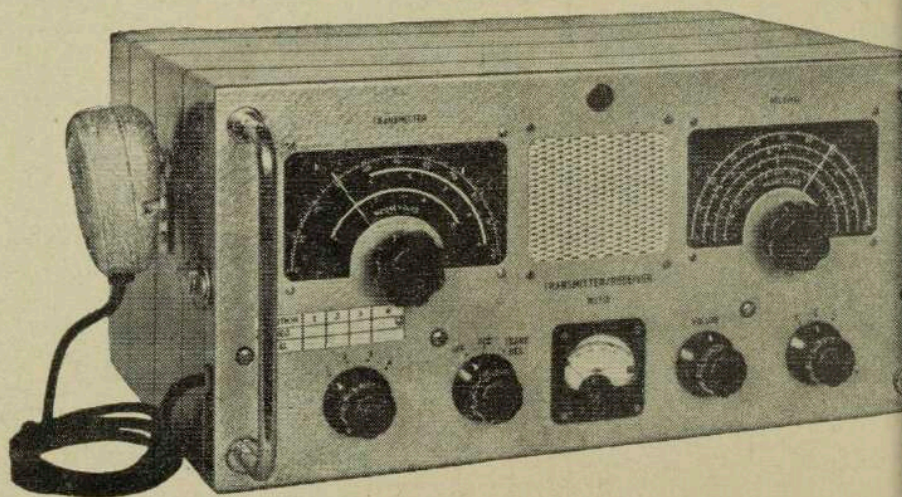
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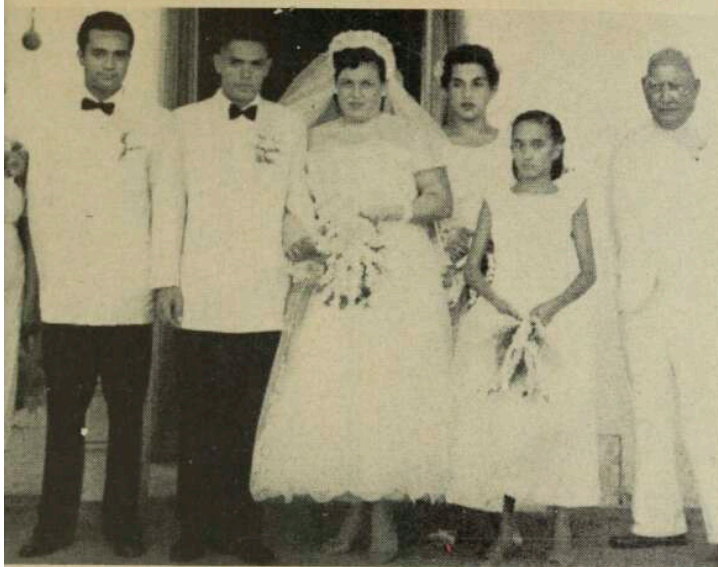
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n-Bartley Wedding in W. Samoa



ding took place at Apia, Western Samoa, on September 20, of Miss Veronica Emma Bartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartley, of Malifa, Apia, and Mr. Patrick Ulu Ryan, son of Mr. Papali'i Ulu, of Lalovaea, Apia, and Mrs. Ryan. Many guests were present at the residence of the bride's parents. Our photograph shows (left to right) Mr. s. Bartley, Mr. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Miss C. Ripley, Miss F. Rassmussen, and Mr. F. Rankin. Photo: R. F. Rankin.

gh Commissioner of the Pacific. Mr. John Gutch, arrived back at Honiara on August 24, after a two months tour of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

Measles Quarantines CI Passengers

PASSENGERS arriving at Rarotonga, Cook Is., per *Maui Pomare* in September found themselves in quarantine for a week, due to an outbreak of measles in Auckland prior to the ship's departure.

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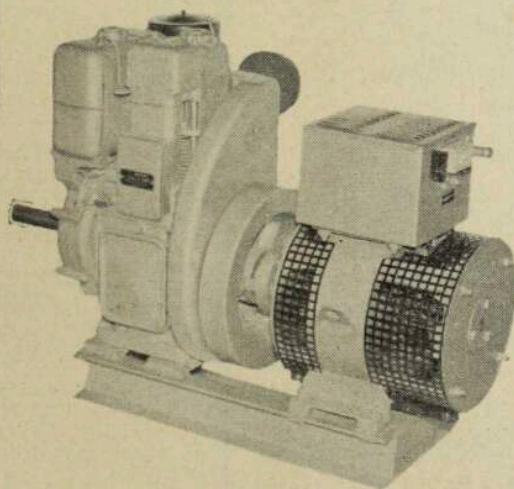
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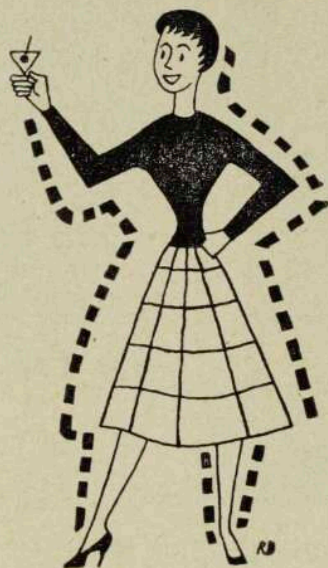
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BILL MONEY GOES FINISH

Big Six Reduced To One In

IT is 30 years since phenacrich gold was found in Creek in New Guinea, the original Big Six who srich then, only one now in New Guinea. He is Mr (Bill) Royal, who is still gold, "one hour's walk from in the Sepik District.

Until last month there w of the Big Six still in the T. The other was Bill Money. September he left Lae, prob good, and now is an im Greenslopes Repatriation I Brisbane.

Money once was wealth gold the syndicate won Creek and later from pr plantations. Now he is health, and has no money. Territorian has put it, "Some louse has got it fro in fact, more than one lo was always good for a lo many people who have had from him 'to get starte conveniently forgotten to back. And, of course, h bothered with legal docum any other written proof."

With his partner, Reynolds, Money owned a v plantation on Siassi Island; they sold to the Lutheran shortly before the Second War, and Reynolds died Sadakan death march. Mo had interests in other pla on the New Guinea main trading stations and schoor these too have now all got

In New Guinea, people : glibly about the Big Six— few present generation Ter know who they were, precisely what they achie

Even old-timers are vagu to what happened to the dozen men who were once amongst the most fortunate Guinea. One thing is certa ever—none of the Six are the millionaire class, althou are comfortable. A quick revealed the following info —perhaps some reader can it:

- Bill Money: Now in slopes.
- Bill Royal: Still at M
- Dick Glasson: Resid Nambucca Heads, NSW, w has an interest in prop fishing boats.
- Frank Chisholm: Die

in Australia, but little known about him.

Sloane: Last heard of some running a poultry farm bane.

Royal: Living in Mel-
An old Territorian re-
"he probably is the best
lot." He is a brother of
his contribution to the
was financial; he did not
work on the claims at Edie

early 20's Shark-Eye Park
rich gold 3,000 feet up in
mountains at Koranga
the following years many
s followed him in, over
ains from Salamaua, and
ound the area now known
But not all were fortunate
gst these were Bill Royal
riends Glasson, Chisholm
y.

not until 1926 that Royal
ea of going further afield,
ng what was known as
to its source—he had
ound tantalising colours
er reaches.

he rose about 4,000 feet
t is, at an elevation of
which in those latitudes
eans perpetual rain and

decided that Glasson
company Royal in his at-
scale the hitherto un-
heights; Money and
would stay behind to
ores. And it was Royal
Glasson and the car-
made camp one night,
alone impatiently, broke
the top, tried a dish in
Edie—and rushed back
yelling: "Gold! Gold!"

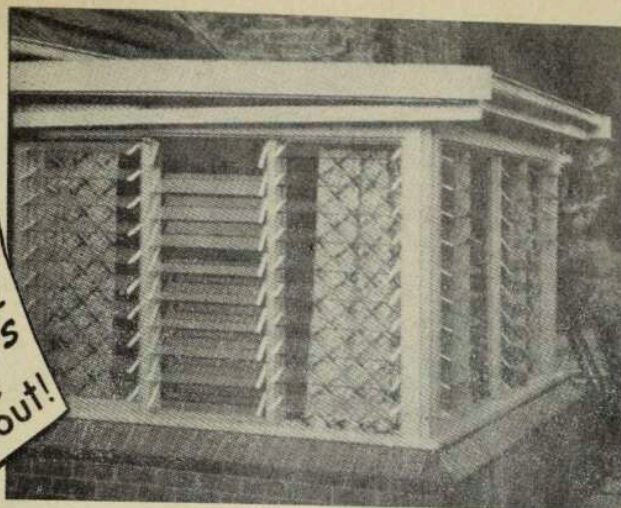
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ng are believed to have
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100 to 200 ounces per
sluice-box was common-

those days was worth
per ounce—and all Edie
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Dutch, Indonesian Go To UNO

THERE have been increasingly lively developments in relation to (a) the deplorable economic conditions in Indonesia (b) the demand of Indonesian Western New Guinea be taken by the Dutch and given to Indonesians.

The following is a summary of what has been happening in different spheres. This is of significance to the South Sea Islanders, because if Indonesia, dominated by Reds, is admitted to Western New Guinea, it will be tantamount to opening the South Sea north-west frontier to the swarms of Asia (most of which is either Red or Pink).

Sharp Dutch Reply to Indonesian Impudence

The Government of the Netherlands, on October 10, 1956, issued this very frank statement:

"The Indonesian Government maintains the fiction that the sovereignty of the Netherlands New Guinea belongs to the Indonesian Republic. It continues to take administrative measures with regard to the territory of the Netherlands Realm."

"Indonesia, in 1955, for the first time in view of the general election, assigned the territory of the Netherlands New Guinea to Indonesian electoral districts. Furthermore, in 1956 three Indonesians were appointed members of the Indonesian Parliament to represent that territory. And some time ago, by Indonesian law, the province of 'West Irian' was instituted, which meant that the complete territory of the Netherlands New Guinea came to long to this province."

"This has been followed by reports about the appointment of the installation of an Indonesian governor of the province of Irian."

"To avoid any misunderstanding, the Netherlands Government finds it fit to state explicitly that it does not accept any Indonesian measures with regard to the territory of the Netherlands New Guinea and all their implications. However, it will not be accepted as a precedent, recognised by the Netherlands Government."

"It is generally known that at the time of the transfer of sovereignty over Indonesia, the Netherlands New Guinea was not included in this transfer. Since then, the situation has changed. Since the change has taken place, the situation is different."

"The Netherlands Government reserves all rights to continue to administer the territory of the Netherlands New Guinea."

mutual realisation of all such
dan measures, as soon as
ould lead directly or in-
to Indonesian interference
progress of affairs in Nether-
ew Guinea.

Another Appeal to UNO

concerted move, on October
nations of the Asian-African
asked the United Nations
ate the question of the
p of Western New Guinea.
ations are: Afghanistan,
Burma, India, Cambodia,
a, Ceylon, Irak, Jordan,
Arabia, Labanon, Syria,
emen and Pakistan.

has given no reply.

claim has been before the
assembly on two previous
s, but UNO has taken no

The Western Powers take
v that there is no ground
r—ethnological, historical,
e or political—for removing
backward Melanesians from
of the Dutch and handing
er to the Indonesians.

rmore, such a move would
ave threat to the South

Certain Asiatic nations—
y China and Japan—are
at the huge island of New
be opened to their surplus
on; and the weak and un-
ple Indonesians probably
ccumb to such a demand.)

Soekarno Junketing While Repudiation Proceeds

Rabble-rouser Soekarno, President
of Indonesia, has been touring the
Communist countries in recent
weeks, undergoing lavish feting,
making "brotherhood" speeches to
wildly-cheering Russian and Chinese
Reds, and apparently enjoying
himself very much.

Meanwhile the Indonesian
Government, at home in Jakarta,
has entered into far-reaching com-
mercial treaties with the Soviet
countries, under which the latter
will make huge loans and provide
vast public facilities. This is part
of its efforts to get itself out of
serious economic troubles caused by
political inefficiency and adminis-
trative corruption.

Meanwhile, also, the Netherlands
Government has given UNO details
of the act of repudiation carried out
recently by the Indonesian Govern-
ment, when it announced flatly
that it would not pay to the Nether-
lands the sum of 650 million guilders
(about £75 millions Australian)
which it officially accepted, only
recently, as the amount justly due
by Indonesia for vast assets taken
over from the Dutch when
Indonesia assumed sovereignty.

The Dutch have pointed out that,
when the figure of 650 million
guilders finally was agreed upon,
the Dutch abandoned claims to a

further 2,000 million guilders which
represented the original amount
regarded as due by the Indonesians
for property seized.

An Indignant British General

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aily Telegraph in September, antly denied a Dutch Paritary Commission report that itish left the Dutch "in the in Indonesia after the se capitulation.

General says "the report o me as a complete surprise" t seems very ungrateful in of the heavy casualties we d fighting the Indonesians e Dutch". (See page 88, for l MacArthur's views).

General, like Colonel Blimp, ive in a world of his own. esertion of the Dutch by and America in 1945-46, en human and international demanded that the Western immediately restore the to Indonesia (in the same at the British were restored apore, Burma and Hong- was one of the factors which ited so much to the loss of prestige throughout the

use of our betrayal of the a weak and undependable tration has supplanted the n the East Indies—and the f the European countries of th Pacific are in consequence to Asian aggression and ion.

Indonesians themselves are ace—in a military sense, e contemptible. The danger,

Apia Teacher Weds



Well-known Apia school teacher and sportsman, Mr. W. B. Philpott, recently married a former nursing sister at Apia Hospital, Miss C. Bowden. A large number of guests were entertained after the wedding at the Alcazar. Pictured here with the bride and groom, seated, are (left to right): Miss M. Howes, Mr. R. Banks, Mrs. Banks (matron of honour), Mr. H. A. Levestam (best man). Photo: R. F. Rankin.

from our viewpoint, is that they million or so Asians on the Asian provide no barrier against the 1,200 mainland.

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Another Murder the Cooks

A WEEK after a coroner's inquest had failed to find the cause of the death last December of a Rarotonga woman, a man arrested in mid-September for the murder of another Rarotonga woman. The two cases were in no way connected.

It will be recalled that the Rarotonga police investigated the death of the woman at Rarotonga last December while a Union Steam Ship trans-Pacific freighter was discharging cargo at the island.

A police officer later flew to Canada to interview crew-members and another officer carried out investigations in Rarotonga as requested by the local police.

No arrest was made, but statements alleged to have been dictated to the police by witnesses were later repudiated when the witnesses were asked to identify certain seamen on the ship's deck to Rarotonga.

It then appeared that the statements had not been signed by the witnesses and that nothing could be done.

In September the Coroner ruled that there was no satisfactory evidence to indicate how the deceased came to be drowned and added:

"This death, and the circumstances, or alleged circumstances surrounding it, have not caused great concern to the authorities and to many responsible people. Those who know the truth—and there may be some persons who do—but failed to tell the truth, must live with them to their own disadvantage and reproach of this Court and the responsible members of the community, for their actions. Several who have made statements voluntarily to the Police, have later retracted them, saying their first full statements were false. Therefore, either their original statements were plainlies, or their later statements are plainlies. In some countries it is a criminal offence to make false statements to the Police. The Administration is recommended to consider this aspect very fully and carefully."

The other murder took place on September 10. Mrs. Moerou Browne, 27, mother of four children, was found shot to death at Nikao, Rarotonga. A police hunt was quickly organised and two hours later Kurariki, 26, labourer, was arrested and charged with murder. The woman's husband was on a business visit to Fenrhyn Island at the time. Mrs. Browne was the daughter of Mr. Fred Stowell, a well-known local resident.

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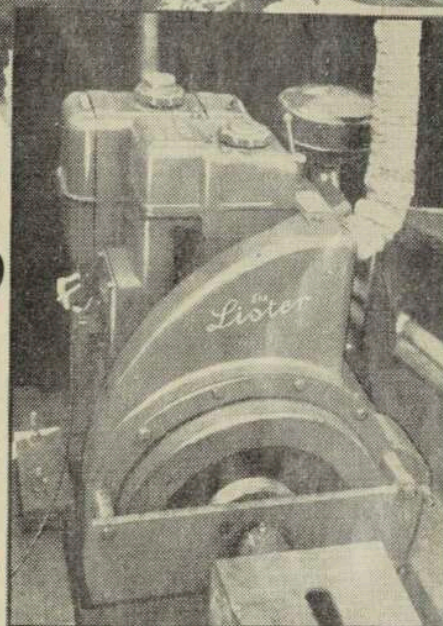
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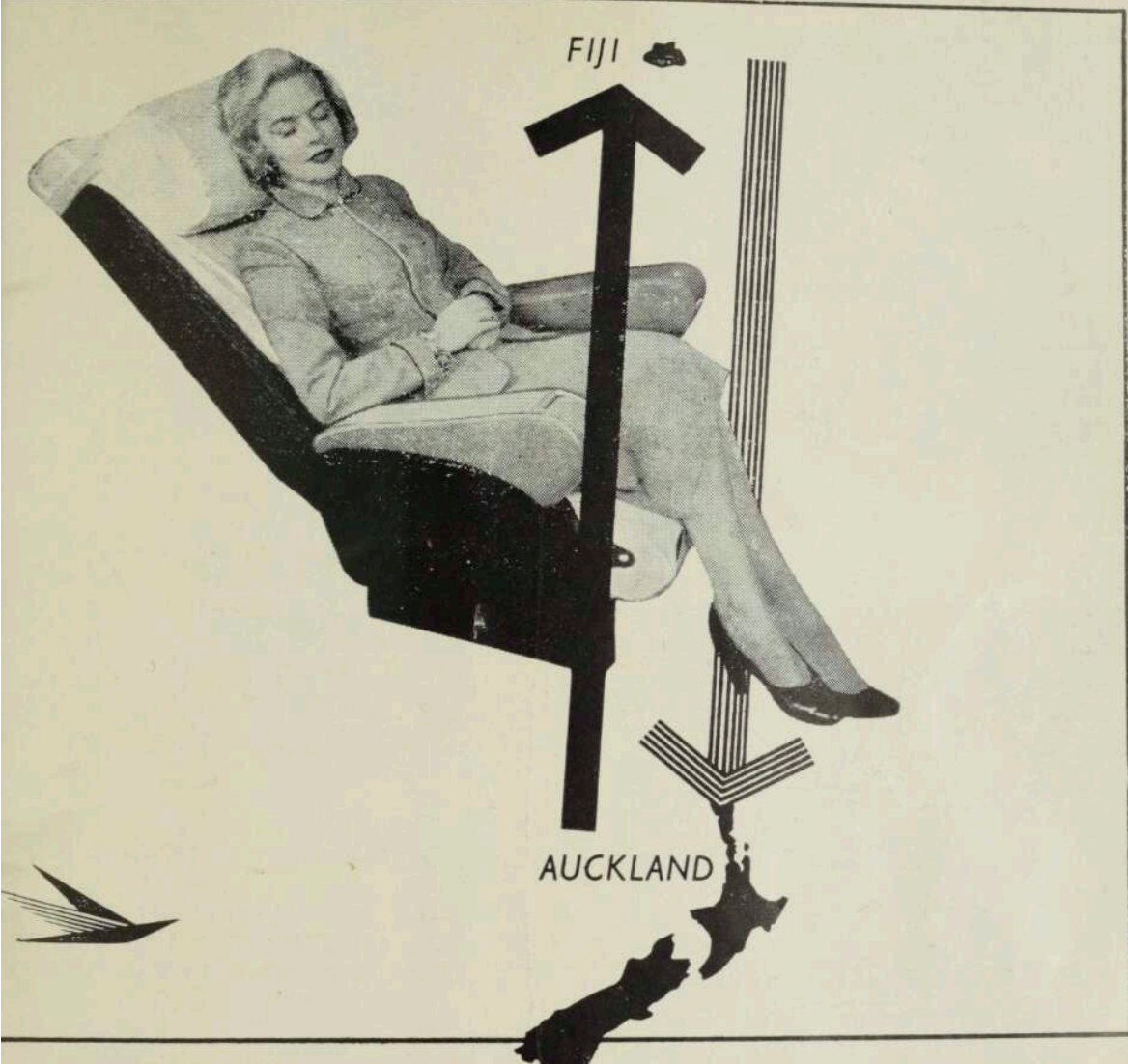
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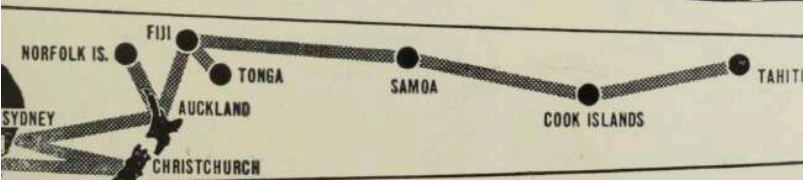
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